

# 2017 Housing Facts and Affordability Index for Somerset County



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## Homeownership Affordability Index

	<u>Year</u>	<u>Index</u>	<u>Median Home Price<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>Median Income<sup>2</sup></u>	<u>Income Needed to Afford Median Home Price</u>	<u>Home Price Affordable to Median Income</u>
Somerset County	2013	1.45	\$88,000	\$37,821	\$26,092	\$127,557
	2014	1.69	\$82,500	\$40,491	\$23,978	\$139,316
	2015	1.72	\$84,000	\$41,630	\$24,192	\$144,550
	2016	1.55	\$95,000	\$42,979	\$27,690	\$147,455
	2017	1.35	\$109,750	\$43,851	\$32,489	\$148,130
Ripley		0.76	\$170,000	\$38,984	\$51,269	\$129,266
Embden		0.86	\$189,375	\$45,932	\$53,468	\$162,683
Mercer		0.87	\$155,750	\$39,934	\$45,904	\$135,494
Maine		0.93	\$197,000	\$53,190	\$57,089	\$183,546
Skowhegan		1.21	\$103,500	\$38,200	\$31,499	\$125,517
Palmyra		1.25	\$122,000	\$45,037	\$36,067	\$152,344
Solon		1.26	\$109,500	\$41,452	\$32,863	\$138,119
Canaan		1.27	\$140,950	\$52,054	\$40,935	\$179,235
Harmony		1.28	\$80,000	\$31,319	\$24,425	\$102,582
Jackman		1.30	\$114,000	\$43,654	\$33,669	\$147,807
Smithfield		1.34	\$154,200	\$60,493	\$45,237	\$206,204
Somerset County		1.35	\$109,750	\$43,851	\$32,489	\$148,130
Norridgewock		1.37	\$115,000	\$45,687	\$33,396	\$157,326
Fairfield		1.40	\$118,250	\$51,813	\$36,884	\$166,115
Hartland		1.44	\$71,750	\$32,010	\$22,257	\$103,189
St. Albans		1.49	\$120,000	\$52,552	\$35,242	\$178,943
Anson		1.55	\$71,500	\$34,610	\$22,324	\$110,852
Bingham		1.72	\$72,250	\$38,799	\$22,563	\$124,242
Cornville		1.80	\$94,000	\$48,940	\$27,242	\$168,871
Pittsfield		1.93	\$87,250	\$51,009	\$26,484	\$168,046
Madison		1.93	\$69,900	\$41,536	\$21,475	\$135,196

The Homeownership Affordability Index is the ratio of Home Price Affordable at Median Income to Median Home Price. An index of less than 1 means the area is generally unaffordable - i.e., a household earning area median income could not cover the payment on a median priced home (30 year mortgage, taxes and insurance) using no more than 28% of gross income.

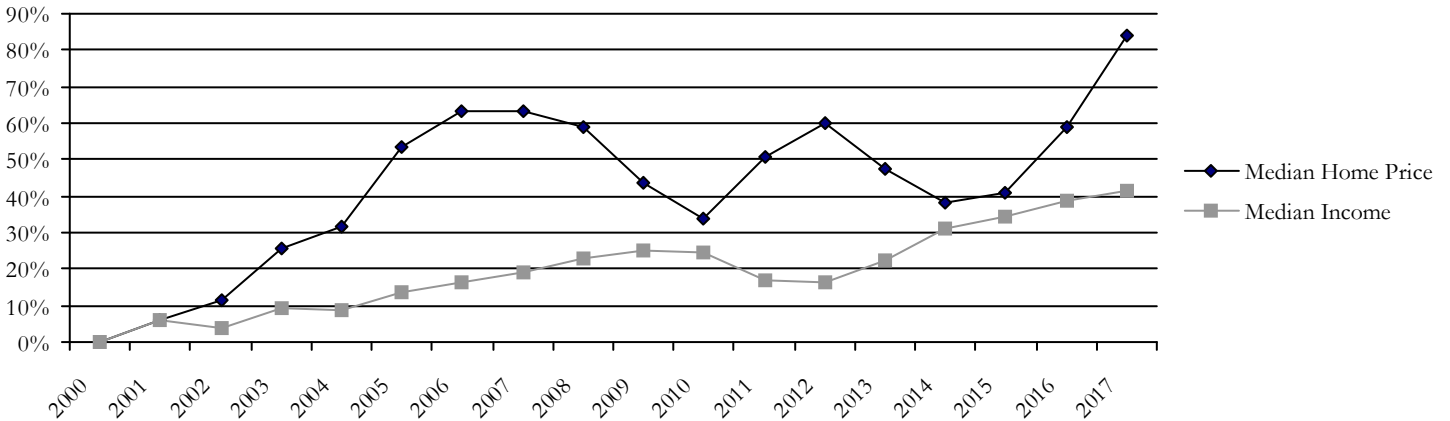
## Households Unable to Afford Median Home

<u>Location</u>	Households Unable to Afford <u>Median Home</u>		Total <u>Households</u>	Median <u>Home Price</u> <sup>1</sup>	Income Needed to Afford <u>Median Home</u>	
	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>			<u>Annual</u>	<u>Hourly</u>
Ripley	65.9%	139	211	\$170,000	\$51,269	\$24.65
Mercer	58.3%	178	305	\$155,750	\$45,904	\$22.07
Embden	55.6%	274	492	\$189,375	\$53,468	\$25.71
Maine	54.1%	305,534	565,115	\$197,000	\$57,089	\$27.45
Skowhegan	43.6%	1,588	3,639	\$103,500	\$31,499	\$15.14
Palmyra	40.7%	354	870	\$122,000	\$36,067	\$17.34
Solon	39.5%	187	474	\$109,500	\$32,863	\$15.80
Canaan	38.6%	344	889	\$140,950	\$40,935	\$19.68
Jackman	38.2%	182	476	\$114,000	\$33,669	\$16.19
Somerset County	37.7%	8,172	21,691	\$109,750	\$32,489	\$15.62
Harmony	36.5%	133	363	\$80,000	\$24,425	\$11.74
St. Albans	35.9%	300	835	\$120,000	\$35,242	\$16.94
Norridgewock	35.5%	476	1,342	\$115,000	\$33,396	\$16.06
Hartland	35.2%	260	740	\$71,750	\$22,257	\$10.70
Fairfield	34.4%	947	2,751	\$118,250	\$36,884	\$17.73
Bingham	32.8%	135	411	\$72,250	\$22,563	\$10.85
Smithfield	32.6%	145	445	\$154,200	\$45,237	\$21.75
Anson	31.3%	325	1,037	\$71,500	\$22,324	\$10.73
Cornville	24.2%	126	523	\$94,000	\$27,242	\$13.10
Pittsfield	24.0%	380	1,586	\$87,250	\$26,484	\$12.73
Madison	20.6%	385	1,870	\$69,900	\$21,475	\$10.32

## Unattainable Homes as a Percentage of Homes Sold

<u>Location</u>	<u>Percentage of Unattainable Homes</u>	<u>Affordable Homes Sold</u>	<u>Unattainable Homes Sold</u>
Mercer	80.0%	2	8
Ripley	63.6%	4	7
Maine	53.9%	9,513	11,139
Embden	51.9%	13	14
Harmony	40.0%	6	4
Solon	38.5%	8	5
Cornville	35.3%	11	6
Skowhegan	35.1%	50	27
Hartland	33.3%	14	7
Palmyra	29.2%	17	7
Somerset County	26.7%	481	175
Jackman	21.4%	11	3
Anson	20.8%	19	5
Madison	17.2%	53	11
Norridgewock	17.1%	29	6
Fairfield	14.9%	57	10
Pittsfield	14.0%	43	7
St. Albans	12.0%	22	3
Smithfield	8.7%	21	2
Bingham	7.1%	13	1
Canaan	6.9%	27	2

## Relative Increases in Income and Home Price <sup>3</sup>



## Rental Affordability Index

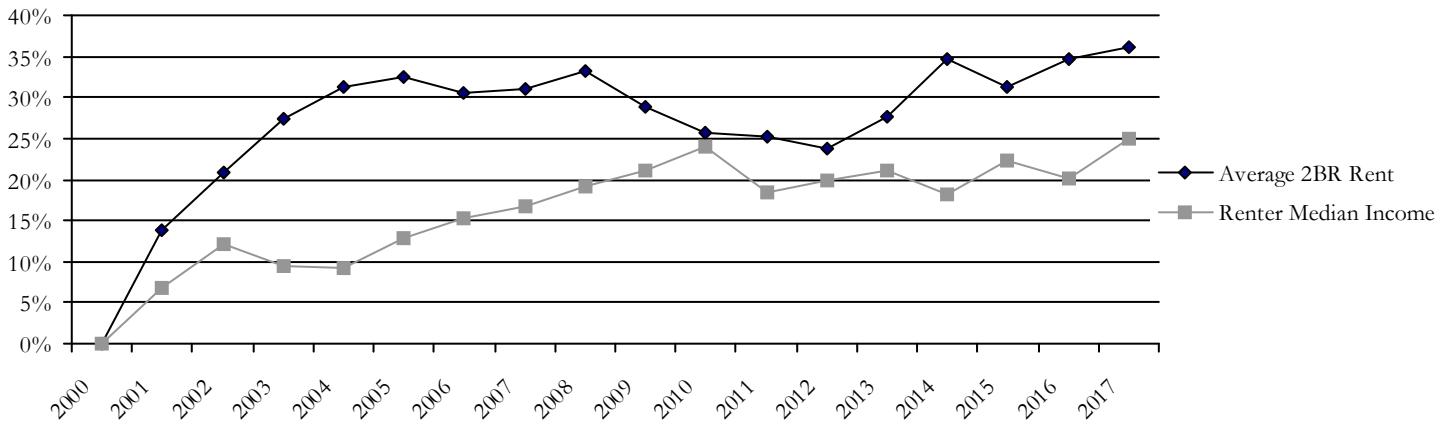
	<u>Year</u>	<u>Index</u>	<u>Average 2 BR Rent (with utilities)<sup>4</sup></u>	<u>Renter Household Median Income<sup>2</sup></u>	<u>Income Needed to Afford Average 2 BR Rent</u>	<u>2 BR Rent Affordable to Median Income</u>
Somerset County	2013	0.77	\$724	\$22,446	\$28,966	\$561
	2014	0.81	\$719	\$23,180	\$28,750	\$580
	2015	0.83	\$753	\$24,949	\$30,101	\$624
	2016	0.77	\$820	\$25,351	\$32,784	\$634
	2017	0.77	\$854	\$26,371	\$34,172	\$659
Bingham		0.52	\$987	\$20,369	\$39,480	\$509
Skowhegan		0.64	\$905	\$23,042	\$36,218	\$576
Mercer		0.65	\$775	\$19,999	\$31,000	\$500
Somerset County		0.77	\$854	\$26,371	\$34,172	\$659
Hartland		0.77	\$659	\$20,325	\$26,360	\$508
Maine		0.88	\$880	\$30,804	\$35,181	\$770
Pittsfield		1.13	\$747	\$33,896	\$29,899	\$847
Fairfield		1.16	\$692	\$32,177	\$27,667	\$804
Madison		1.34	\$555	\$29,708	\$22,200	\$743

The Rental Affordability Index is the ratio of 2-Bedroom Rent Affordable at Median Renter Income to Average 2-Bedroom Rent. An index of less than 1 means the area is generally unaffordable – i.e., a renter household earning area median renter income could not cover the cost of an average 2-bedroom apartment (including utilities) using no more than 30% of gross income.

## Renter Households Unable to Afford Average 2 Bedroom Rent

<u>Location</u>	<u>Households Unable to Afford Average 2 BR Rent</u>		<u>Total Renter Households</u>	<u>Average 2 BR Rent (with utilities)<sup>4</sup></u>	<u>Income Needed to Afford Average 2 BR Rent</u>	
	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>			<u>Annual</u>	<u>Hourly</u>
Mercer	75.7%	28	37	\$775	\$31,000	\$14.90
Bingham	74.3%	81	109	\$987	\$39,480	\$18.98
Skowhegan	67.2%	945	1,406	\$905	\$36,218	\$17.41
Hartland	64.5%	109	169	\$659	\$26,360	\$12.67
Somerset County	61.2%	3,099	5,060	\$854	\$34,172	\$16.43
Maine	55.9%	90,353	161,746	\$880	\$35,181	\$16.91
Pittsfield	43.8%	196	447	\$747	\$29,899	\$14.37
Fairfield	43.8%	319	729	\$692	\$27,667	\$13.30
Madison	35.6%	172	483	\$555	\$22,200	\$10.67

## Relative Increases in Renter Income and Average 2BR Rent<sup>3</sup>



## Demographics

	% Change 1990-2017	1990	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Population	2.0%	49,767	51,767	51,765	51,517	50,663	50,786
Households	17.2%	18,513	21,886	21,946	21,894	21,579	21,691

## Endnotes

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<sup>2</sup>Source: Claritas

<sup>3</sup>The Y axis is an index defined as the ratio of the annual value to the year 2000 value.

<sup>4</sup>Source: MaineHousing Quarterly Rent Survey. All rent data reported adjusted to include the cost of utilities (heat, hot water, and electricity).