## VERMONT

In Vermont, the Fair Market Rent (FMR) for a two-bedroom apartment is $\$ 1,165$. In order to afford this level of rent and utilities - without paying more than $30 \%$ of income on housing - a household must earn \$3,882 monthly or $\$ 46,585$ annually. Assuming a 40-hour work week, 52 weeks per year, this level of income translates into an hourly Housing Wage of:

## $\$ 22.40$

## PER HOUR <br> STATE HOUSING WAGE

## FACTS ABOUT VERMONT:

| STATE FACTS |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Minimum Wage | $\mathbf{\$ 1 0 . 5 0}$ |
| Average Renter Wage | $\mathbf{\$ 1 2 . 8 5}$ |
| 2-Bedroom Housing Wage | $\mathbf{\$ 2 2 . 4 0}$ |
| Number of Renter Households | $\mathbf{7 5 , 2 0 3}$ |
| Percent Renters | $\mathbf{2 9 \%}$ |

Work Hours Per Week At
Minimum Wage To Afford a 2-Bedroom
Rental Home (at FMR)



[^0]| FY18 HOUSING WAGE |  | HOUSING COSTS |  |  | AREA MEDIAN INCOME (AMI) |  |  |  | RENTERS |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Hourly wage necessary to afford 2 BR $\mathrm{FMR}^{2}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \mathrm{BR} \\ & \text { FMR } \end{aligned}$ | Annual income needed to afford $2 B R ~ F M R$ | Full-time jobs at minimum wage needed to afford $2 B R$ MR $^{3}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Annual } \\ \text { AM14 } \end{gathered}$ | Monthly rent affordable at AMI ${ }^{5}$ | $\begin{gathered} 30 \% \\ \text { of AMI } \end{gathered}$ | Monthly rent affordable at 30\% of AMI | Renter households $(2012-2016)$ | \% of total households $(2012-2016)$ | Estimated hourly mean renter wage (2018) | $\begin{gathered} \text { Monthly } \\ \text { rent } \\ \text { affordable } \\ \text { at mean } \\ \text { renter wage } \end{gathered}$ | Full-time jobs at mean renter wage needed to afford 2 BR FMR |
| Vermont | \$22.40 | \$1,165 | \$46,585 | 2.1 | \$76,843 | \$1,921 | \$23,053 | \$576 | 75,203 | 29\% | \$12.85 | \$668 | 1.7 |
| Combined Nonmetro Areas | \$19.18 | \$997 | \$39,896 | 1.8 | \$68,916 | \$1,723 | \$20,675 | \$517 | 46,914 | 27\% | \$12.01 | \$624 | 1.6 |
| Metropolitan Areas |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Burlington-South Burlington MSA | \$27.73 | \$1,442 | \$57,680 | 2.6 | \$93,000 | \$2,325 | \$27,900 | \$698 | 28,289 | 34\% | \$14.10 | \$733 | 2.0 |
| Counties |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Addison County | \$19.63 | \$1,021 | \$40,840 | 1.9 | \$75,800 | \$1,895 | \$22,740 | \$569 | 3,858 | 27\% | \$14.20 | \$738 | 1.4 |
| Bennington County | \$19.31 | \$1,004 | \$40,160 | 1.8 | \$64,200 | \$1,605 | \$19,260 | \$482 | 4,167 | 27\% | \$12.49 | \$650 | 1.5 |
| Caledonia County | \$17.37 | \$903 | \$36,120 | 1.7 | \$60,400 | \$1,510 | \$18,120 | \$453 | 3,082 | 25\% | \$12.21 | \$635 | 1.4 |
| Essex County | \$15.27 | \$794 | \$31,760 | 1.5 | \$48,400 | \$1,210 | \$14,520 | \$363 | 545 | 20\% | \$11.43 | \$595 | 1.3 |
| Lamoille County | \$19.48 | \$1,013 | \$40,520 | 1.9 | \$68,300 | \$1,708 | \$20,490 | \$512 | 2,910 | 28\% | \$10.42 | \$542 | 1.9 |
| Orange County | \$18.79 | \$977 | \$39,080 | 1.8 | \$68,800 | \$1,720 | \$20,640 | \$516 | 2,497 | 20\% | \$11.59 | \$603 | 1.6 |
| Orleans County | \$15.21 | \$791 | \$31,640 | 1.4 | \$57,600 | \$1,440 | \$17,280 | \$432 | 2,460 | 22\% | \$9.76 | \$507 | 1.6 |
| Rutland County | \$17.87 | \$929 | \$37,160 | 1.7 | \$66,400 | \$1,660 | \$19,920 | \$498 | 7,551 | 30\% | \$10.75 | \$559 | 1.7 |
| Washington County | \$20.46 | \$1,064 | \$42,560 | 1.9 | \$77,700 | \$1,943 | \$23,310 | \$583 | 6,651 | 27\% | \$12.68 | \$659 | 1.6 |
| Windham County | \$20.21 | \$1,051 | \$42,040 | 1.9 | \$67,900 | \$1,698 | \$20,370 | \$509 | 6,135 | 32\% | \$12.49 | \$649 | 1.6 |
| Windsor County | \$20.65 | \$1,074 | \$42,960 | 2.0 | \$74,500 | \$1,863 | \$22,350 | \$559 | 7,058 | 29\% | \$12.24 | \$636 | 1.7 |

## BURLINGTON-SOUTH BURLINGTON, VT MSA

## CHITTENDEN COUNTY

Bolton town, Buels gore, Burlington city, Charlotte town, Colchester town, Essex town, Hinesburg town, Huntington town, Jericho town, Milton town, Richmond town, Shelburne town,
South Burlington city, St. George town, Underhill town, Westford town, Williston town, Winooski city
FRANKLIN COUNTY
Bakersfield town, Berkshire town, Enosburg town, Fairfax town, Fairfield town, Fletcher town, Franklin town, Gedroyimandakontldieghgateoown, Richford town, Sheldon town, St. Albans city, St. Albans town, Swanton town
GRAND ISLE COUNTY
Alburg town, Grand Isle town, Isle La Motte town, North Hero town, South Hero town

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## MOST EXPENSIVE JURISDICTIONS

| Metropolitan Areas | Housing Wage for Two-Bedroom FMR ${ }^{1}$ | Metropolitan Counties ${ }^{2}$ | Housing Wage for Two-Bedroom FMR |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| San Francisco, CA HMFA ${ }^{3}$ | \$60.02 | Marin County, CA | \$60.02 |
| San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA HMFA | \$48.50 | San Francisco County, CA | \$60.02 |
| Oakland-Fremont, CA HMFA | \$44.79 | San Mateo County, CA | \$60.02 |
| Honolulu, HI MSA ${ }^{4}$ | \$39.06 | Santa Clara County, CA | \$48.50 |
| Stamford-Norwalk, CT HMFA | \$38.19 | Alameda County, CA | \$44.79 |
| Santa Cruz-Watsonville, CA MSA | \$37.79 | Contra Costa County, CA | \$44.79 |
| Santa Maria-Santa Barbara, CA MSA | \$36.87 | Honolulu County, HI | \$39.06 |
| Nassau-Suffolk, NY HMFA | \$36.12 | Santa Cruz County, CA | \$37.79 |
| Seattle-Bellevue, WA HMFA | \$36.12 | Santa Barbara County, CA | \$36.87 |
| Santa Ana-Anaheim-Irvine, CA HMFA | \$36.08 | Nassau County, NY | \$36.12 |
| State Nonmetropolitan Areas (Combined) | Housing Wage for Two-Bedroom FMR | Nonmetropolitan Counties (or County-Equivalents) | Housing Wage for Two-Bedroom FMR |
| Hawaii | \$26.41 | Pitkin County, CO | \$33.40 |
| Alaska | \$23.55 | Aleutians West Census Area, AK | \$31.31 |
| Massachusetts | \$22.90 | Nantucket County, MA | \$30.23 |
| Connecticut | \$21.00 | Dukes County, MA | \$29.44 |
| New Hampshire | \$20.37 | Nome Census Area, AK | \$29.25 |
| Mermont | \$19.18 | Monroe County, FL | \$29.12 |
| Colorado | \$18.77 | Kauai County, HI | \$29.06 |
| Maryland | \$18.53 | Bethel Census Area, AK | \$28.48 |
| California | \$18.36 | Denali Borough, AK | \$28.04 |
| Nevada | \$17.35 | Eagle County, CO | \$28.00 |
| 1 FMR = Fair Market Rent. <br> 2 Excludes metropolitan counties in New England. <br> 3 HMFA = HUD Metro FMR Area. This term indicates that a is required by OMB to alter the names of the metropolita <br> 4 MSA = Metropolitan Statistical Area. Geographic entities urban core of 50,000 or more in population. | rtion of an Office of Manageme eographic entities it derives fro fined by OMB for use by the fed | udget (OMB)-defined core-based statistical area As when the geographies are not the same as atistical agencies in collecting, tabulating, and | ea to which the FMRs apply. HUD he OMB. <br> tatistics. An MSA contains an |

## STATES RANKED BY TWO-BEDROOM HOUSING WAGE

States are ranked from most expensive to least expensive.

| Rank | State ${ }^{1}$ | Housing Wage for Two-Bedroom FMR ${ }^{2}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Hawaii | \$36.13 |
| 3 | California | \$32.68 |
| 4 | New York | \$30.03 |
| 5 | Maryland | \$29.04 |
| 6 | Massachusetts | \$28.64 |
| 7 | New Jersey | \$28.17 |
| 8 | Washington | \$26.87 |
| 9 | Connecticut | \$24.90 |
| 10 | Alaska | \$24.80 |
| 11 | Colorado | \$23.93 |
| 12 | Virginia | \$23.69 |
| 13-120 | Vermont | \$22.40" |
| 14 | New Hampshire | \$22.32 |
| 15 | Delaware | \$21.85 |
| 16 | Florida | \$21.50 |
| 17 | Oregon | \$21.26 |
| 18 | Illinois | \$20.34 |
| 19 | Rhode Island | \$19.96 |
| 20 | Pennsylvania | \$19.53 |
| 21 | Texas | \$19.32 |
| 22 | Minnesota | \$18.82 |
| 23 | Maine | \$18.73 |
| 24 | Nevada | \$18.59 |
| 25 | Arizona | \$18.46 |
| 26 | Utah | \$17.77 |
| 27 | Georgia | \$17.53 |
| 28 | Michigan | \$16.85 |


| Rank | State ${ }^{1}$ | Housing Wage for <br> Two-Bedroom FMR |
| :---: | :--- | :---: |
| 29 | Louisiana | $\$ 16.63$ |
| 30 | Wisconsin | $\$ 16.52$ |
| 31 | Wyoming | $\$ 16.46$ |
| 32 | North Dakota | $\$ 16.44$ |
| 33 | South Carolina | $\$ 16.38$ |
| 34 | North Carolina | $\$ 16.35$ |
| 35 | Montana | $\$ 16.13$ |
| 36 | New Mexico | $\$ 15.89$ |
| 37 | Tennessee | $\$ 15.74$ |
| 38 | Kansas | $\$ 15.67$ |
| 39 | Nebraska | $\$ 15.66$ |
| 40 | Indiana | $\$ 15.56$ |
| 41 | Missouri | $\$ 15.46$ |
| 42 | Idaho | $\$ 15.44$ |
| 43 | Oklahoma | $\$ 15.41$ |
| 44 | Ohio | $\$ 15.25$ |
| 45 | lowa | $\$ 15.01$ |
| 46 | Alabama | $\$ 14.65$ |
| 47 | Mississippi | $\$ 14.51$ |
| 48 | Kentucky | $\$ 14.40$ |
| 49 | South Dakota | $\$ 14.33$ |
| 50 | West Virginia | $\$ 14.10$ |
| 51 | Arkansas | $\$ 13.84$ |
| 2 | District of Columbia | $\$ 34.48$ |
| 52 | Puerto Rico | $\$ 9.24$ |
| 1 Includes District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. |  |  |
| 2 FMR Fair Market Rent. |  |  |

## OUTof REACH

STATES WITH THE LARGEST SHORTFALL BETWEEN AVERAGE ReNTER WAGE AND TWO-BEDROOM HOUSING WAGE, 2018


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## OUTofREACH

HOUSING WAGE AND MEDIAN WAGES FOR OCCUPATIONS WITH HIGHEST PROJECTED GROWTH


Source: Housing wages are derived from HUD fair market rents. Employment projections from BLS Employment Projections Program. Occupational wages from May 2017 National Occupation Employment and Wage Estitmates, Occupational Employment Statistics, BLS. Adjusted to 2018 dollars. O2018 National Low Income Housing Coaltion
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OUTof REACH
CHANGES IN FUNDING LEVELS FOR KEY HUD PROGRAMS (FY10 ENACTED TO FY18 ENACTED)



[^0]:    MSA = Metropolitan Statistical Area; HMFA = HUD Metro FMR Area.

    * Ranked from Highest to Lowest 2-Bedroom Housing Wage. Includes District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

[^1]:    1: $B R=$ Bedroom
    2: FMR = Fiscal Year 2018 Fair Market Rent.
    3: This calculation uses the higher of the state or federal minimum wage. Local minimum wages are not used. See Appendix B
    : AMI = Fiscal Year 2018 Area Median Income
    5: "Affordable" rents represent the generally accepted standard of spending not more than $30 \%$ of gross income on gross housing costs.

