Rent Affordability in Flathead County

Having a place to call home is at the center of our lives and the foundation of our communities. Yet many families across Montana face unaffordable levels of rent and struggle to make ends meet. This fact sheet presents a snapshot of housing affordability in Flathead County. Montana should invest in policy solutions that ensure every Montanan has a home.

### Indicator Flathead County (Margin of Error) Montana (Margin of Error)

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Data source information is available at http://montanabudget.org/housing_methology

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FLATHEAD COUNTY FAMILIES LIVING IN POVERTY CANNOT AFFORD RENT

Rent that a low-income family can afford without spending more than 30% of their income.

Fair Market Rent, 2017

- **Flathead County**: $747
- **Montana**: $775

Affordable Rent

- **Flathead County**: $446
- **Montana**: $469

Affordable Housing Supply

- **Flathead County**: 14%
- **Montana**: 17%

Housing Cost Burden

- **Flathead County**: 85.5% (82.0% - 89.0%)
- **Montana**: 73.9% (72.9% - 74.80%)


A minimum wage worker in **Flathead County** needs to work **71 hours per week** to afford a two-bedroom home at **fair market rent**.

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FLATHEAD COUNTY POPULATION: 94,696

- **Median Household Income**: $48,407
- **Median Age**: 42.1
- **Average Household Size**: 2.49
- **Gender**: 49.9%/50.1%