



Low unemployment numbers and the record-breaking stock market overshadow the harsh realities facing many working families, who are struggling just to keep a roof over their heads. While overall incomes have increased in recent years, wages have barely budged for people stuck in low-wage jobs.

Ohio Housing Wage:

2 BR = \$15.73/hr

3 BR = \$20.72/hr

Most Common Ohio Jobs and Median Hourly Wages:

1. Food Prep, Fast Food \$9.31
2. Retail Salespersons \$11.06
3. Registered Nurses \$30.87
4. Cashiers \$9.71
5. Laborers/Freight Movers \$13.67
6. Office Clerks \$15.74
7. Customer Service Reps \$16.18
8. Waiters/Waitresses \$9.37
9. Janitors/Cleaners \$12.03
10. Stock Clerks \$11.96

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics Survey, May 2018

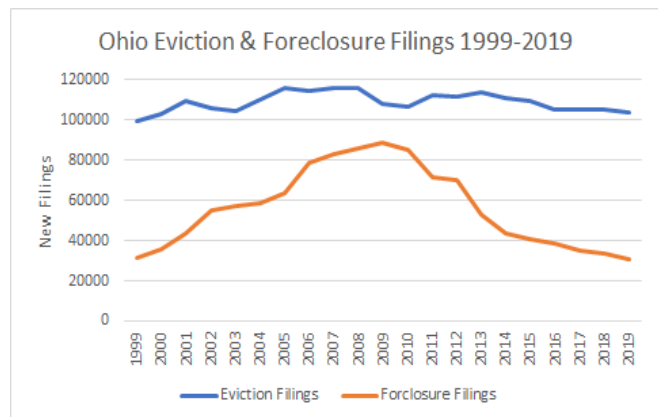
Ohio workers need to earn at least \$15.73/hour full-time to afford a basic two-bedroom apartment, but only three of the 10 occupations with the most employees actually pay that much. **Nearly 400,000 Ohio households now spend over half their income on rent, putting them at high risk of eviction.**

While the number of foreclosure filings in Ohio has decreased dramatically since the Great Recession, eviction filings have held steady at over 100,000 annually, barely changing from year to year. The graph below highlights how Ohio’s renters continue to struggle with eviction despite improving economic indicators.

The high rent – low wage gap explains why we’re seeing more children and families showing up at homeless shelters. **Over 70,000 Ohioans experienced homelessness in a single year. That includes 21,000 children and 3,000 babies under age one – a**

population that has increased 53 percent in five years.

Eviction prevention efforts combined with robust housing and homelessness policies are critical. Housing is foundational: children need a safe, stable home in order to thrive. **Education, healthcare and business leaders must also prioritize housing in order for the next generation to grow up healthy and succeed in school, and for their parents to recover and stay employed.**



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