



WHO CAN'T AFFORD A MODEST APARTMENT IN CONNECTICUT?

The 2008 “Out of Reach” report finds that you need to earn \$43,911 annually in order to afford a Connecticut apartment at a “Fair Market Rent” determined by HUD, using the federal affordability standard of spending no more than 30% of income on housing costs.

The Connecticut Department of Labor reports the average wages for 678 occupations in the state. Connecticut residents in 325 of these occupations – nearly half – do not earn enough on average to afford a modest two-bedroom apartment. A sampling of these occupations appears below.

Ambulance Drivers	Grounds Maintenance Workers	Protective Service Workers
Animal Control Workers	Hairdressers and Cosmetologists	Psychiatric Aides
Audio and Video Technicians	Hazardous Material Removal Workers	Radio and TV Announcers
Automotive Service Technicians	Home Appliance Repairers	Rehabilitation Counselors
Bakers	Home Health Aides	Reporters and Correspondents
Barbers	Hotel Desk Clerks	Retail Salespersons
Bookkeeping Clerks	Insurance Claims Clerks	Roofers
Building Cleaning Workers	Janitors	Secretaries
Bus Drivers	Law Clerks	Security & Fire Alarm Installers
Butchers	Legal Secretaries	Security Guards
Cashiers	Machinists	Shipping and Receiving Clerks
Chefs and Head Cooks	Maids	Social Service Specialists
Child Care Workers	Medical Technicians	Substance Abuse Counselors
Computer Operators	Medical Assistants	Tailors and Dressmakers
Construction Workers	Medical Secretaries	Tax Preparers
Crossing Guards	Mental Health Counselors	Taxi Drivers
Court and Municipal Clerks	Motion Picture Projectionists	Teacher Assistants
Customer Service Representatives	Nursing Aides	Telephone Operators
Dental Assistants	Office and Payroll Clerks	Tellers
Dental Laboratory Technicians	Painters	Travel Agents
Desktop Publishers	Personal and Home Health Aides	Truck Drivers
Dry-Cleaning Workers	Pest Control Workers	Veterinary Technicians
EMTs and Paramedics	Pharmacy Technicians	Waiters and Waitresses
Farm Workers	Police and Ambulance Dispatchers	Welders
Food Preparation Workers	Pre-School Teachers	Word Processors

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