



WHO CAN'T AFFORD A MODEST APARTMENT IN CONNECTICUT?

The 2009 “Out of Reach” report finds that you need to earn \$44,938 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 695 occupations in the state. Connecticut residents in 329 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	Food Preparation Workers	Psychiatric Aides
Animal Control Workers	Grounds Maintenance Workers	Radio and TV Announcers
Audio and Video Technicians	Hairdressers and Cosmetologists	Rehabilitation Counselors
Automotive Service Technicians	Hazardous Material Removal Workers	Reporters and Correspondents
Bakers	Home Appliance Repairers	Retail Salespersons
Barbers	Hotel Desk Clerks	Roofers
Bookkeeping Clerks	Insurance Claims Clerks	Secretaries
Building Cleaning Workers	Janitors	Security Guards
Bus Drivers	Legal Secretaries	Shipping and Receiving Clerks
Butchers	Machinists	Social Service Specialists
Cashiers	Maids	Substance Abuse Counselors
Child Care Workers	Medical Assistants	Tailors and Dressmakers
Computer Operators	Medical Secretaries	Tax Preparers
Construction Workers	Mental Health Counselors	Taxi Drivers
Crossing Guards	Motion Picture Projectionists	Teacher Assistants
Court and Municipal Clerks	Nursing Aides	Telephone Operators
Customer Service Representatives	Office and Payroll Clerks	Tellers
Dental Assistants	Painters	Travel Agents
Dental Laboratory Technicians	Personal and Home Health Aides	Truck Drivers
Desktop Publishers	Pest Control Workers	Veterinary Technicians
Dry-Cleaning Workers	Pharmacy Technicians	Waiters and Waitresses
EMTs and Paramedics	Police and Ambulance Dispatchers	Welders
Farm Workers	Pre-School Teachers	Word Processors

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