



Housing Orange County

- **Population**¹: Orange County is the 2nd largest county in the State and the 5th largest in the nation.
- **Poverty**²: 1 in 10 Orange County residents live below the poverty line (\$18,100 for a family of 4).
- **Homelessness**³: There are over 23,000 homeless people in Orange County. Of these:
 - ✓ 54% are employed.
 - ✓ 16,000 are families with children.
- **Median Family Income**⁴: \$75,600
- **Jobs to Housing Ratio**⁵: 3.35 to 1. National standard for a healthy ratio is 1.5 to 1
- **Median Home Sales Price** (includes single family homes, townhouses and condos):
 - \$360,000 for all homes⁶
 - \$501,000 for new homes⁷
- **Affordability**⁸: 70% of Orange County residents are unable to afford a median priced home.
- **Average Monthly Rent**⁹: \$1,206
- **Housing Wage** (minimum income needed to pay Fair Market Rent)¹⁰:
 - 1 Bedroom: \$17.96/hour
 - 2 Bedroom: \$22.21/hour
 - 3 Bedroom: \$30.90/hour
- **Top Job Growth Professions and their median hourly wage**: The top three growing industries for Orange County based on industry projections and within those industries, the occupations likely to have the most job gains:¹¹

Services 1997-2004 projected growth 25.9%

Security Guards.....	\$8.60/hour
Janitors and Cleaners (except maids and housekeeping cleaners) ..	\$7.45/hour
Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers.....	\$8.06/hour

Manufacturing 1997-2004 projected growth 18.3%

Team Assemblers.....	\$8.77/hour
Assemblers and Fabricators.....	\$6.84/hour
Production Workers.....	\$8.96/hour

Retail Trade projected growth 11.2%

Retail Salesperson.....	\$8.59/hour
Cashiers.....	\$7.95/hour

¹ Community Indicators, 2002

² Community Indicators, 2002

³ Homeless/Formerly Homeless Survey, 2002

⁴ HUD Area Median Income, 2002

⁵ Community Indicators, 2002

⁶ DataQuick Information Systems, July 2002

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⁸ Community Indicators, 2002

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¹⁰ Out of Reach 2002, National Low Income Housing Coalition

¹¹ State of California County Snapshots, 2001