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Worth County Housing Profile

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Housing Access

In 2022, there were 3,486 housing units in Worth County. Of this total, 2,466 were owner-occupied, 724 were renter-occupied, and 296 were vacant. Fewer housing units were counted in Worth County in the 1940 Decennial Census than in the most recent American Community Survey estimate. The median year for which housing was built in Worth County is 1951. In Worth County, a majority of owner-occupied housing is of 1-unit structures. For renter-occupied housing, there is more housing of 1-unit structures than any other type. Seasonally vacant housing units were 25.0% of all vacant units.

Housing Characteristics, 2018-2022¹

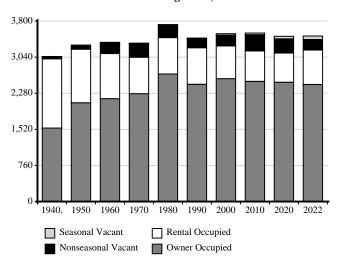
	Estimate	MOE
Total Housing Units	3,486	+/- 29
Vacant Units	296 (8.5%)	+/- 89 (2.6%)
Occupied Units	3,190 (91.5%)	+/- 92 (2.6%)
Owner-Occupied Units	2,466 (77.3%)	+/- 95 (2.7%)
Renter-Occupied Units	724 (22.7%)	+/- 93 (2.7%)
Median ^a Value ^b	\$130,600	+/- \$11,784
Median ^a Rent ^c	\$685	+/- \$73
Avg Household Size - Owner ^d	2.38	+/-0.09
Avg Household Size - Renter ^e	2	+/-0.2

^aMedian is the middle value of a distribution ^bMedian value of owner-occupied units, ^cMedian gross rent of renter-occupied units, ^dOwner-occupied units, ^eRenter-occupied units

Median^a Year Built by Tenure, 2018-2022¹

	Estimate	MOE
Median Year Built	1951	+/-4
Owner Occupied	1949	+/-5
Renter Occupied	1954	+/-6

Number of Housing Units, 1940-2022^{1,2}



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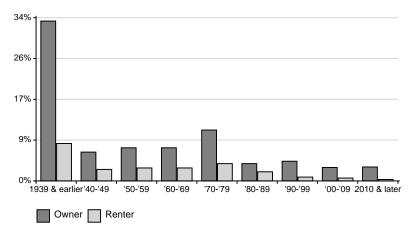
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Occupied Housing Units By Structure Type, 2018-2022¹

	Number		Percent	(%)
	Estimate	MOE	Estimate	MOE
Occupied Units	3,190	+/-92	NA	NA
Owner Occupied	2,466	+/-95	100.0	NA
1-Unit ^a	2,418	+/-96	98.1	+/-1.0
2 to 4 Unit	0	+/-21	0.0	+/-0.9
5 or More Units	0	+/-30	0.0	+/-1.2
Mobile Home	48	+/-25	1.9	+/-1.0
Boat, RV, Van etc.	0	+/-15	0.0	+/-0.6
Renter Occupied	724	+/-93	100.0	NA
1-Unit ^a	403	+/-76	55.7	+/-7.6
2 to 4 Unit	171	+/-50	23.6	+/-6.2
5 or More Units	150	+/-44	20.7	+/-5.4
Mobile Home	0	+/-15	0.0	+/-2.1
Boat, RV, Van etc.	0	+/-15	0.0	+/-2.1

^aIncludes Unattached and Attached Units

Percent of Housing Units by Year Built and by Tenure, 2018-2022¹



Housing Units by Number of Bedrooms and Tenure, 2018-2022¹

	Numl	Number		(%)
	Estimate	MOE	Estimate	MOE
Occupied Units	3,190	+/-92	NA	NA
Owner Occupied	2,466	+/-95	100.0	NA
1 Bedroom ^a	48	+/-21	1.9	+/-0.8
2 Bedrooms	445	+/-74	18.0	+/-2.9
3 Bedrooms	1,242	+/-113	50.4	+/-4.2
4 or More	731	+/-102	29.6	+/-4.0
Renter Occupied	724	+/-93	100.0	NA
No Bedroom	11	+/-11	1.5	+/-1.5
1 Bedroom	147	+/-39	20.3	+/-4.7
2 Bedrooms	273	+/-69	37.7	+/-8.2
3 Bedrooms	190	+/-58	26.2	+/-7.3
4 or More	103	+/-37	14.2	+/-4.8

^aIncludes No Bedroom Units (e.g. studio apartments)

Status of Vacant Housing Units, 2018-2022¹

	Num	ber	Percer	nt (%)
	Est	MOE	Est	MOE
Total Vacant Units	296	+/-89	NA	NA
For Rent	8	+/-9	2.7	+/-2.9
Rented, Not Occupied	0	+/-15	0.0	+/-5.1
For Sale	18	+/-20	6.1	+/-6.5
Sold, Not Occupied	17	+/-18	5.7	+/-5.8
Seasonal ^a	74	+/-49	25.0	+/-14.7
For Migrant Workers	0	+/-15	0.0	+/-5.1
Other	179	+/-78	60.5	+/-19.1

^aFor Seasonal, Recreational, or Occasional Use

Authorized Housing Construction Permits in Worth County, 1995-2021³

-	Single Family	Duplex	Tri/Four-plex	Multi-Family		Per Unit V	aluation ⁺
Permit Year	Units	Units	Units	Units	Total Units	Single Family	Multi-Family
1995-1999	20	0	0	1	21	\$95,950	\$740,000
2000-2004	36	0	1	0	37	\$105,449	\$0
2005-2009	14	2	0	0	16	\$182,857	\$0
2010-2014	16	0	0	0	16	\$155,000	\$0
2015-2019	17	1	0	0	18	\$153,793	\$0
2020	3	1	0	0	4	\$163,333	\$0
2021	5	0	0	0	5	\$280,000	\$0

Housing Affordability

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The median value of owner-occupied housing in Worth County was \$130,600 in 2018-2022. Median rent was \$685. In 2022, 5 permits for housing construction were authorized in Worth County. In 2018-2022, the median household income for owner-occupied housing was higher than the median household income for renter-occupied units. It was estimated that 12.9% of owners and 22.8% of renters spent more than 30% of their household income on monthly owner or renter costs. Among owner-occupied units, more householders were age 45 to 64 than any other age group. For renter-occupied units, the most common age was under 35.

HUD Income Limits, 2022⁴

	2 Person Family	4 Person Family
Extemely Low Income	\$19,400	\$27,750
Very Low Income	\$32,350	\$40,400
Low Income	\$51,750	\$64,650

Percent of Households Spending 30% or More of Household Income on Monthly Owner or Renter Costs, 2018-2022¹

	Estimate	MOE
Owner Occupied Units	12.9%	NA
Renter Occupied Units	22.8%	NA

Median^a Household Income by Tenure 2018-2022¹

	Estimate	MOE
Median Household Income	\$69,897	+/-\$4,976
Owner Occupied	\$81,071	+/-\$3,704
Renter Occupied	\$42,059	+/-\$7,287
Median Family Income	\$87,750	+/-\$5,959

^aMedian is the middle value of a distribution

Housing Values for Owner Occupied Housing Units with Mortgage and without Mortgage, 2018-2022¹

	Num	Number		t (%)
Owner Occupied Units	Estimate	MOE	Estimate	MOE
With Mortgage	1,318	+/-96	100.0	NA
Less than \$50,000	38	+/-18	2.9	+/-1.3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	412	+/-70	31.3	+/-4.7
\$100,000 to \$299,999	796	+/-92	60.4	+/-5
\$300,000 to \$499,999	51	+/-23	3.9	+/-1.8
\$500,000 and above	21	+/-29	1.6	+/-2.2
Without Mortgage	1,148	+/-88	100.0	NA
Less than \$50,000	109	+/-38	9.5	+/-3.2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	261	+/-58	22.7	+/-5
\$100,000 to \$299,999	618	+/-104	53.9	+/-8.9
\$300,000 to \$499,999	128	+/-50	11.1	+/-4
\$500,000 and above	32	+/-20	2.8	+/-1.7

Monthly Housing Costs of Owner Occupied Units with Mortgage, without Mortgage and Renters, 2018-2022

	Nun	ber	Percer	nt (%)
Occupied Units	Estimate	MOE	Estimate	MOE
Owner with Mortgage	1,318	+/-96	100.0	NA
Less than \$399	0	+/-21	0	+/-1.6
Between \$400 to \$599	0	+/-15	0	+/-1.9
Between \$600 to \$799	73	+/-29	5.5	+/-2.2
Between \$800 to \$999	150	+/-50	11.4	+/-3.6
Between \$1,000 to \$1,499	286	+/-76	21.7	+/-5.3
Between \$1,500 to \$1,999	582	+/-89	44.2	+/-6.2
Between \$2,000 to \$2,499	119	+/-44	9	+/-3.3
\$2,500 and above	80	+/-44	6.1	+/-3.3
Owner without Mortgage	1,148	+/-88	100.0	NA
Less than \$200	26	+/-18	2.3	+/-1.5
Between \$200 and \$399	318	+/-68	27.7	+/-5.7
Between \$400 and \$599	431	+/-71	37.5	+/-5.6
Between \$600 and \$999	306	+/-64	26.7	+/-5.5
\$1,000 and above	67	+/-29	5.9	+/-2.5
Renter	724	+/-93	100.0	NA
Less than \$300	72	+/-30	9.9	+/-4
Between \$300 and \$499	89	+/-27	12.3	+/-3.7
Between \$500 and \$799	237	+/-62	32.7	+/-7.2
Between \$800 and \$999	111	+/-47	15.3	+/-5.9
Between \$1,000 and \$1,499	111	+/-46	15.3	+/-5.9
\$1,500 and above	17	+/-29	2.4	+/-4.0

Households and Families by Type by Tenure, 2018-2022¹

	Number		Percen	t (%)
	Estimate	MOE I	Estimate	MOE
Total Households	3,190	+/-92	100.0	NA
Living Alone	909	+/-110	28.5	+/-3.3
Owner Occuppied	2,466	+/-95	100.0	NA
Family Households	1,792	+/-106	72.7	+/-3.3
Married-couple	1,600	+/-101	64.9	+/-3.2
Married-couple w/ Children ^a	607	+/-70	24.6	+/-2.7
Female Householder ^b	91	+/-33	3.7	+/-1.3
Female HH w/ Children a,b	48	+/-26	1.9	+/-1.1
Male Householder ^b	101	+/-46	4.1	+/-1.9
Male HH w/ Children a,b	25	+/-17	1.0	+/-0.7
Nonfamily Households ^c	674	+/-101	27.3	+/- 4.0
Renter Occuppied	724	+/-93	100.0	NA
Family Households	337	+/-80	46.5	+/-9.3
Married-couple	144	+/-45	19.9	+/-5.7
Married-couple w/ Children ^a	77	+/-39	10.6	+/-5.2
Female Householder ^b	125	+/-60	17.3	+/-8.0
Female HH w/ Children a,b	73	+/-39	10.1	+/-5.2
Male Householder ^b	68	+/-37	9.4	+/-5.0
Male HH w/ Children ^{a,b}	57	+/-32	7.9	+/-4.3
Nonfamily Households ^c	387	+/-70	53.5	+/- 6.8

^a with Own Children, ^b No Spouse Present,

Opportunity Zones & New Market Tax Credit Eligible Areas in Worth County^{5,6}

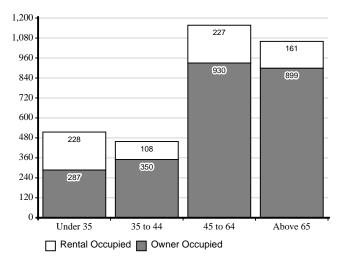
Opportunity Zones	1
New Market Tax Credit Areas	0

Place of Work and Travel Time to Work, 2018-2022¹

	Number		Percen	Percent (%)	
	Estimate	MOE	Est	MOE	
Workers 16 years & over	3,906	+/-163	NA	NA	
Worked in state ^a	3,520	+/-193	90.1	+/-2.8	
Worked in county ^a	1,678	+/-154	43	+/-3.3	
Worked outside county ^a	1,842	+/-143	47.2	+/-3.2	
Worked outside state ^a	386	+/-107	9.9	+/-2.8	
Travel Time to Work					
Less than 14 minutes	1,098	+/-126	28.1	+/-3.0	
15 to 29 minutes	1,598	+/-203	40.9	+/-4.9	
30 to 44 minutes	855	+/-133	21.9	+/-3.3	
More than 45 minutes	355	+/-91	9.1	+/-2.3	

^aof residence

Householder Age by Tenure, 2018-2022¹



Information in this document was derived from:

- ¹ U.S. Census Bureau; American Community Survey, 5-year Estimates (2018-2022)
- ² U.S. Census Bureau; Decennial Census (1940-2020)
- ³ U.S. Census Bureau; Building Permits Survey
- ⁴ Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); Income Limits
- ⁵ Internal Revenue Service (IRS) & U.S. Department of the Treasury, CDFI Fund; Qualified Opportunity Zones (QOZs)
- ⁶ U.S. Department of the Treasury, CDFI Fund; New Market Tax Credit (NMTC) Program
- ⁺ Values not adjusted for inflation

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