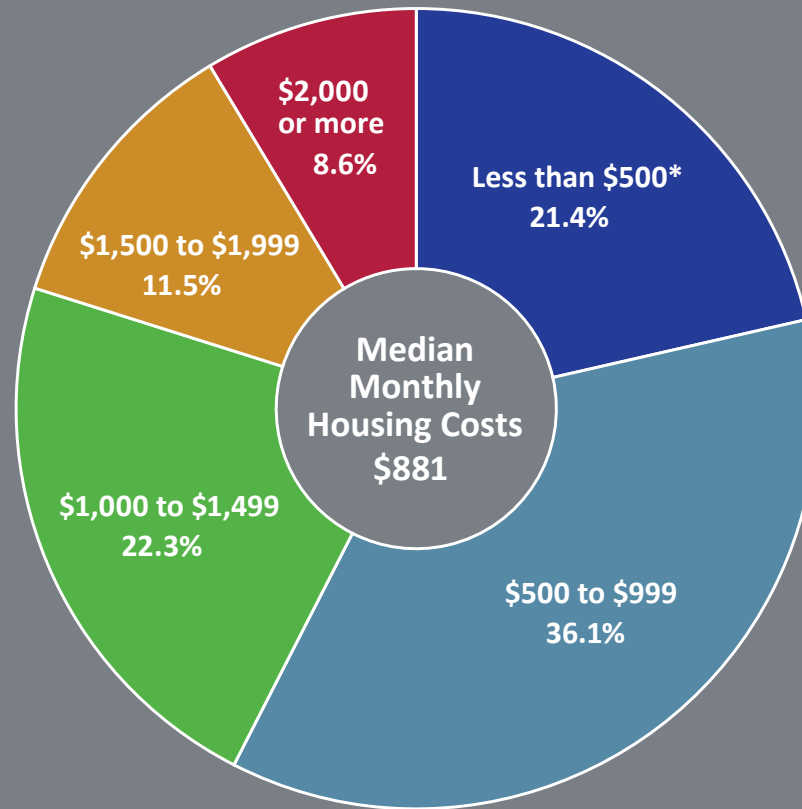


# SECTION 11: HOUSING

Housing starts, sales, and renovations; rising home ownership; and a stable rental and leasing market are key indicators of community health.

## Monthly Housing Costs for Households in the Region



*\*includes households with no cash rent*

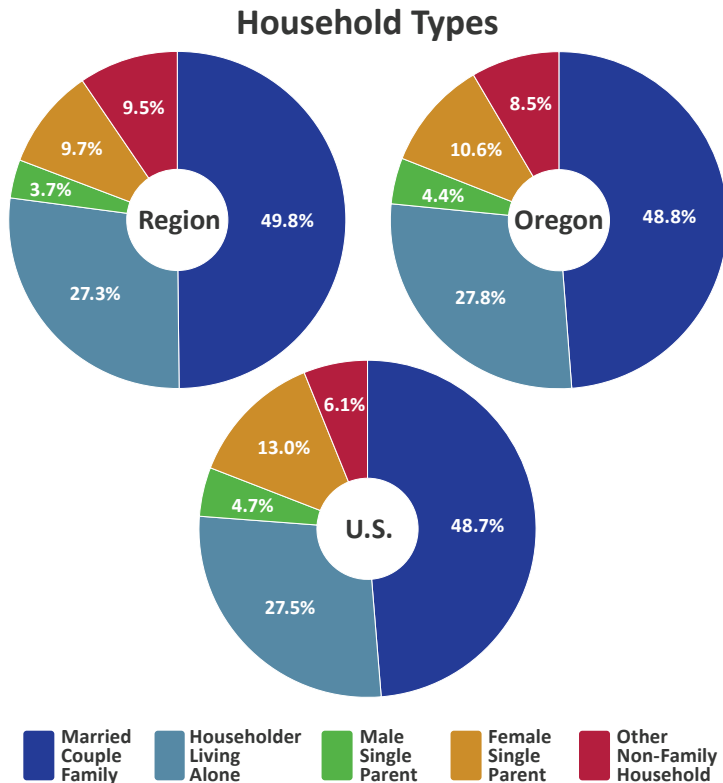
*Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates*

*Monthly Housing Costs are the combination of Selected Monthly Owner Costs and Gross Rent*

An estimated 36 percent of households in the region spend \$500-\$999 per month on housing, with median monthly housing costs of \$881, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Statewide, 33 percent of households have monthly housing costs between \$500-\$999, with median monthly housing costs higher than the region at \$1,018. As shown on page 16, the majority of households in the region have annual incomes under \$25,000. Someone paying \$500 per month for housing and earning \$25,000 would be paying 24 percent of his or her annual income toward housing.

## Household Types

The U.S. Census Bureau estimates that close to 50 percent of all households in the region are married-couple families, with or without children, while almost 14 percent are single-parent households. The region has more married-couple families and fewer single-parent households when compared with households in the state and nation overall.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013 American Community Survey 5-year Estimates

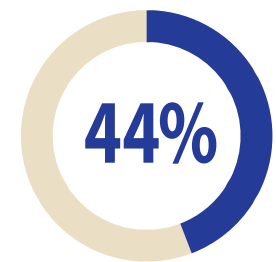


Information about the mortgage status of homes in the region is available at [www.StateoftheRegion.org](http://www.StateoftheRegion.org).

## Grandparents Living with Grandchildren

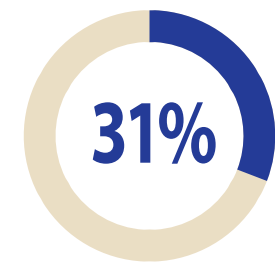
According to the U.S. Census Bureau estimates, there are 3,745 grandparents living with their grandchildren in the region and 44 percent of them are responsible for their grandchildren. Statewide, 37.5 percent of grandparents who live with their grandchildren are responsible for them.

**3,745**  
Grandparents  
living with grandchildren



### Raising Grandchildren

Forty-four percent of Grandparents who live with grandchildren are responsible for them.



### 5 or More Years

Thirty-one percent of Grandparents raising their grandchildren have been doing so for 5 or more years.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

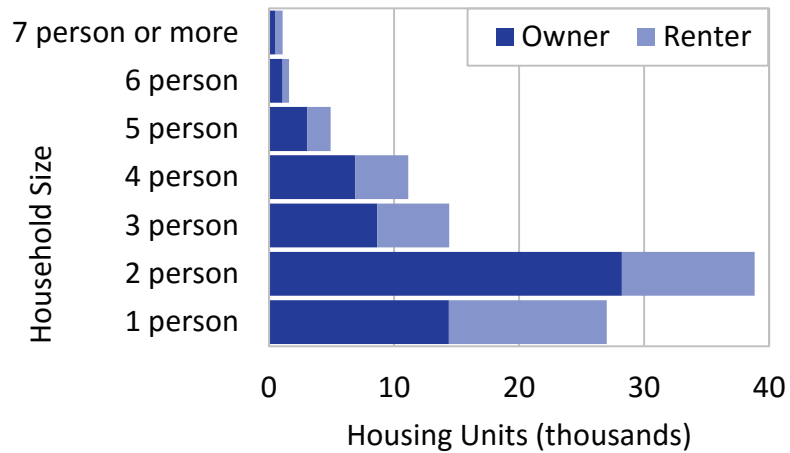
## Household Size

In each of the three counties in the region, the U.S. Census Bureau estimates that over half of the housing units are owner-occupied for all household sizes, and the majority of households include one or two people.

## Home Values

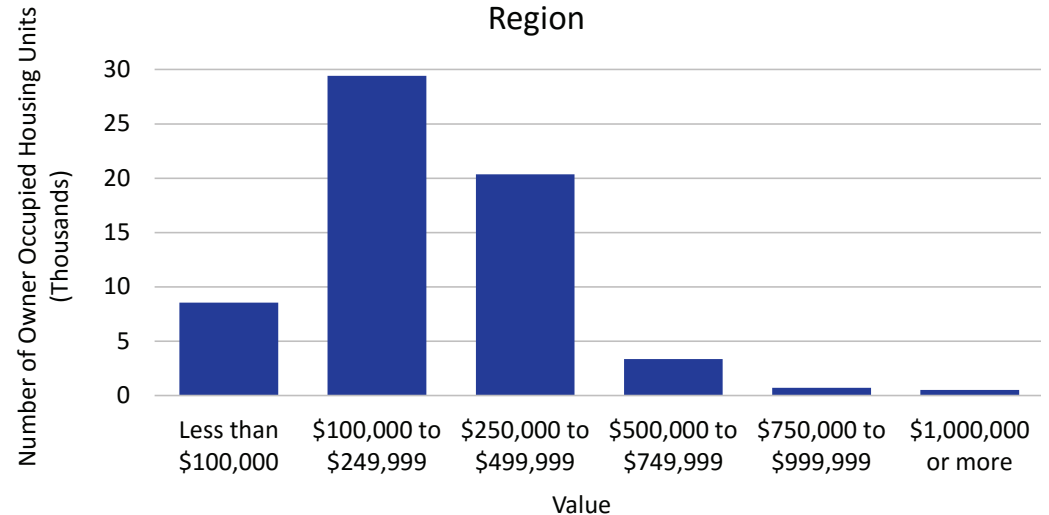
The U.S. Census Bureau estimates that nearly half (47 percent) of the owner-occupied housing units in the region are valued at \$100,000 to \$249,999. More than half of the owner-occupied housing units in Linn County are estimated to have values greater than \$150,000, while in Lincoln County and in the state on average, more than half have a value greater than \$200,000. Benton County is higher than the state average, with more than half of owner-occupied units valued greater than \$250,000.

Household Size by Tenure



Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013 American Community Survey 5-year Estimates

Value of Owner Occupied Housing Units  
Region



Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013 American Community Survey 5-year Estimates

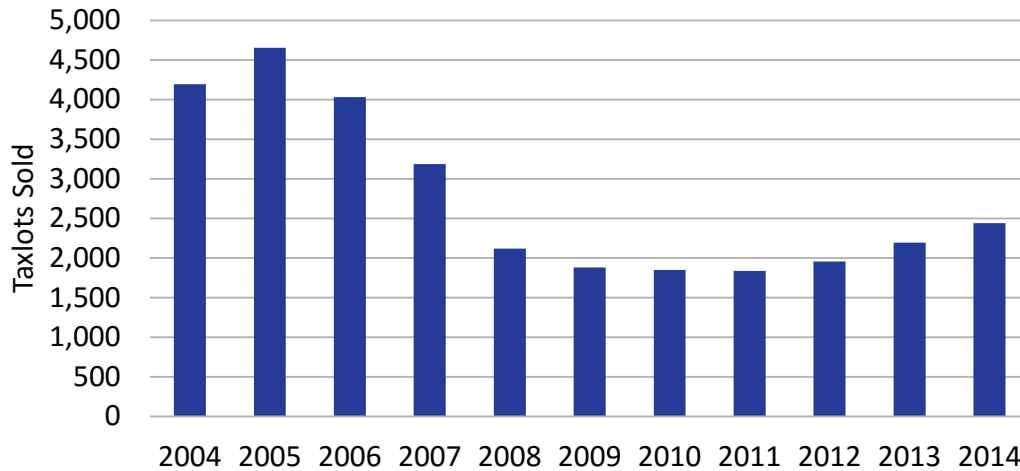
## Residential Property Sales

Residential property sales by taxlot during the past ten years are seen in the graphic below; specifically of note is the decline during the recession beginning in 2007 through 2009. Only one sale per taxlot was included per year and sales which did not represent market values were excluded.

## Property Vacancies

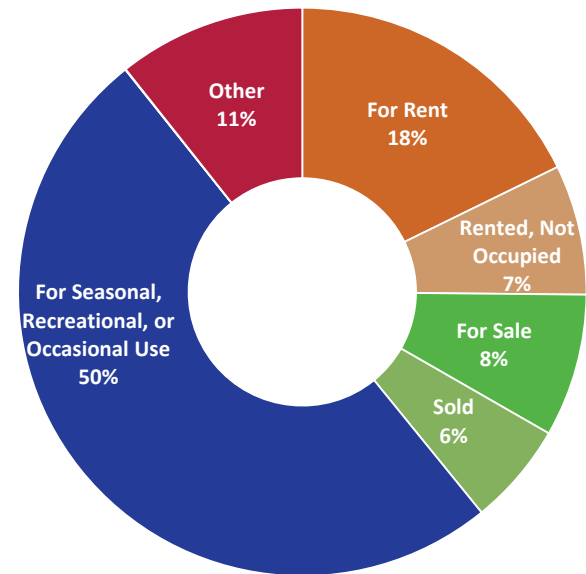
According to 2013 U.S. Census Bureau estimates, half of the vacant housing units in the region are for seasonal, recreational, or occasional use. This likely indicates tourism-related use and second homes. See more tourism information on page 64.

### Residential Property Sales by Taxlot



Residential property is defined as property class 101. Only one sale per taxlot is counted per year.  
Data Sources: Benton County Assessor, Lincoln County Assessor, Linn County Assessor

### Housing Unit Vacancy by Type Region



Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013 American Community Survey 5-year Estimates  
Total Housing Units: 115,873  
Total Vacant Units: 16,764



A breakdown of vacancy types is available by county at [www.StateoftheRegion.org](http://www.StateoftheRegion.org).