Municipal leaders in partnership with the South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG) are taking steps to expand housing opportunities. Orange is taking part in SCRCOG’s Housing Initiative, learning about strategies and tools as it seeks to serve the changing housing needs of its residents. Appropriately-priced homes can provide access to jobs, transportation, childcare, recreation, and other vital services. The opposite is also true, not having appropriately-priced homes can deny those same important opportunities.

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| 37.31% of the combined renters & homeowners in the SCRCOG Region and 39.61% in Connecticut are cost-burdened. | To not be considered cost-burdened, a household must have an income of at least: | Source: U.S. Census Bureau; American Community Survey, 2019

**Housing Wage**

- **Orange’s Housing Wage**
  - $40.77 per hour

- **Connecticut’s Housing Wage**
  - $27.37 per hour

Sources: The Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT), 2021 Housing and Transportation (H+T®) Affordability Index;*Out of Reach 2021- Two-Bedroom Housing Wage by Zip Code

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*Source: Connecticut Data Collaborative, Cost-burdened Households by Town 2015-2019*
Older homes are prone to disrepair and are expensive to maintain. It is also common for aged homes to contain hidden issues which pose long-term health risks such as asbestos and lead paint.

The Orange Average is 73%. The SCRCOG Region Average is 55%.

Living within ½ mile from a transit station can reduce transportation expenses of a household budget.

The 1,135 of 4,939 or 23% of all households are at the ALICE and poverty-level threshold.

Households that earn more than the Federal Poverty Level but less than the basic cost of living for the area are considered ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) households.

The ALICE Household Survival Budget, based on county-level data, is the bare minimum cost of basics household expenses necessary to live and work in the modern economy. These basic budget items include housing, child care, food, transportation, technology, and health care, plus taxes and a contingency fund equal to 10% of the household budget.

The annual total household survival budget for a family of four (two adults, one toddler, and one infant) in the Greater New Haven Area is:

$90,732

Source: https://alice.ctunitedway.org/UnitedWayofGreaterNewHaven