

A Place to Call Home: Benton County

Homes give people an opportunity to build better lives and communities. But how do Benton County residents fare?

We have a serious shortage of affordable housing

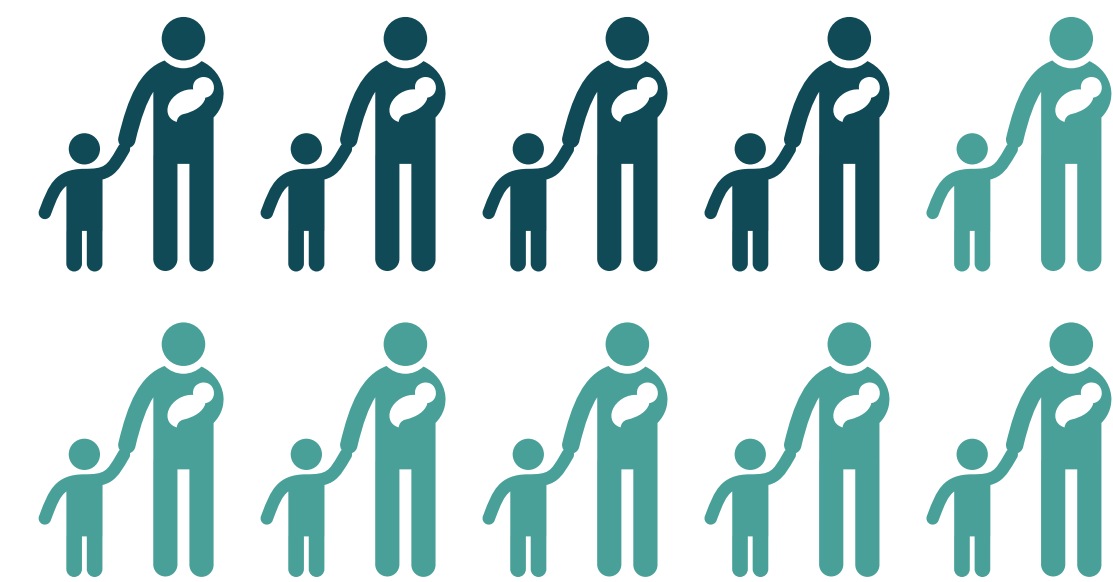
For every 100 families with extremely low incomes, there are only 16 affordable units available.



4,730

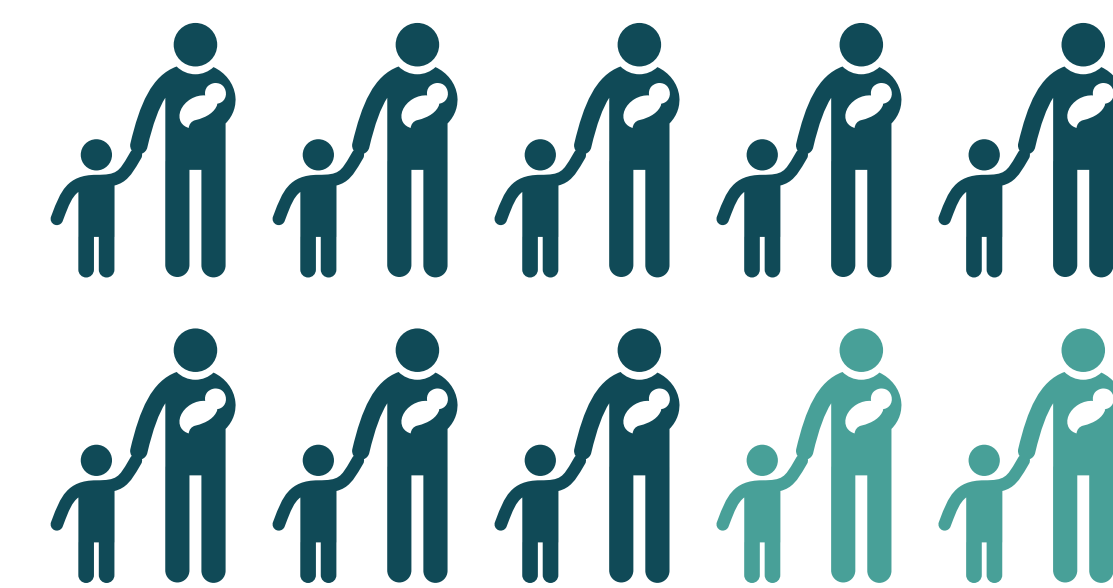
units are needed to meet the need

4 out of 10



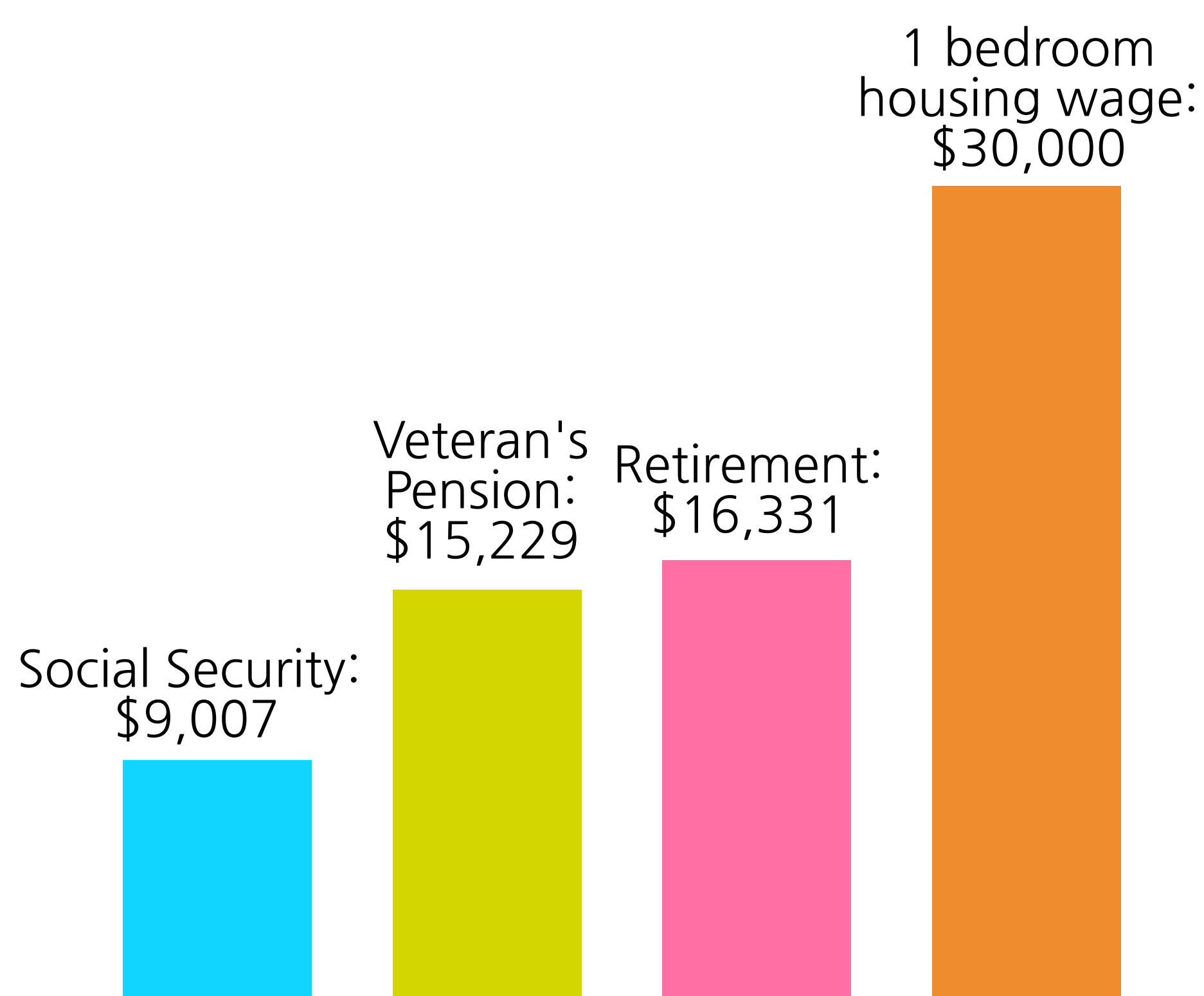
of all renters are paying more than 50% of their income in rent

8 out of 10



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Our neighbors are facing homelessness



Oregonians on fixed incomes struggle to pay rent even for a one bedroom apartment.

Nearly 1 student

in each classroom was homeless in 2016-2017



That's 381 children during the 2016-17 school year in Benton County.

Workers can't afford rent

\$10.98

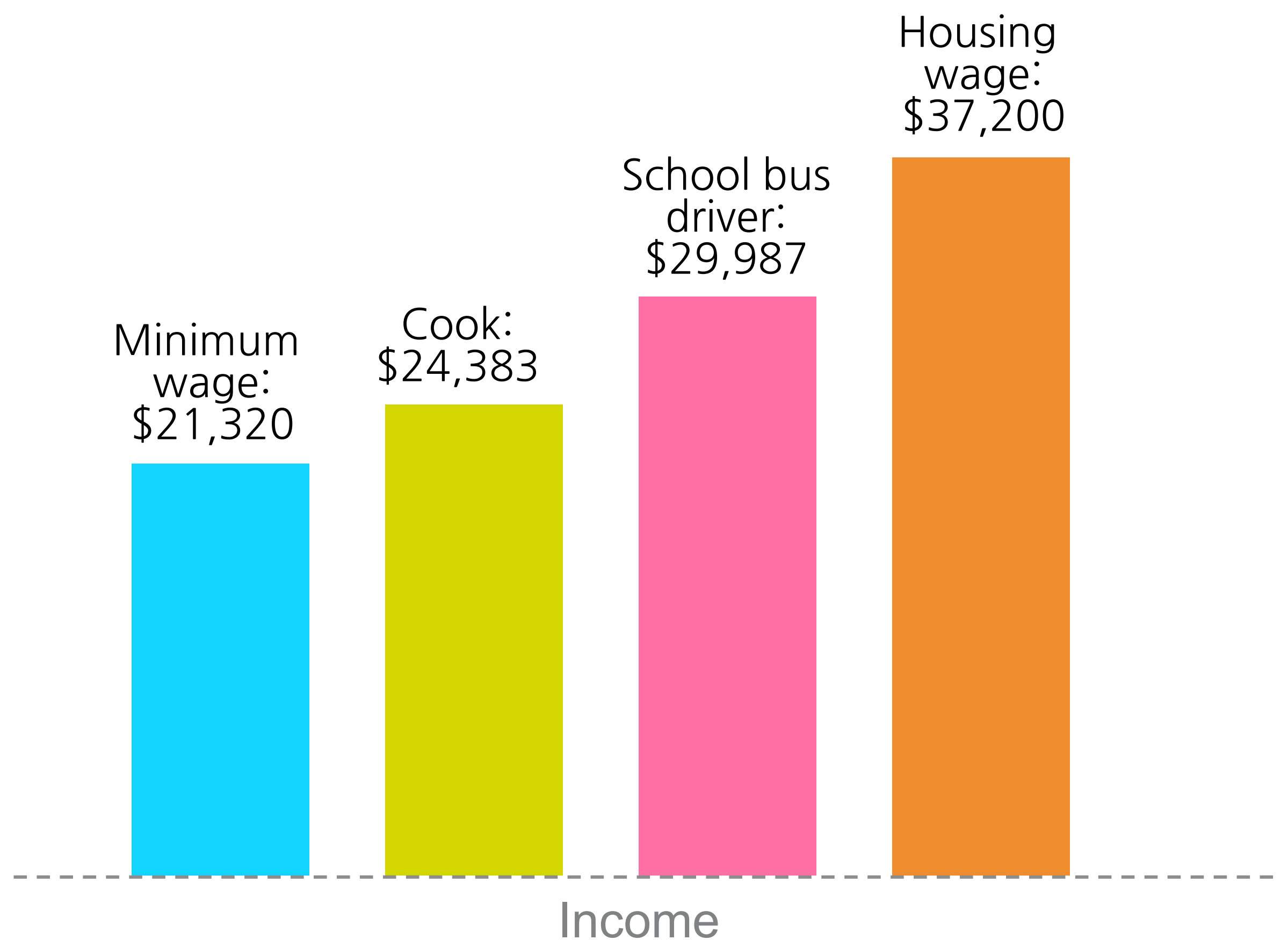


Mean renter wage



Number of hours per week at minimum wage needed to afford a 2 bedroom apartment

A household must earn at least \$37,200 to afford a 2 bedroom apartment at fair market rent.

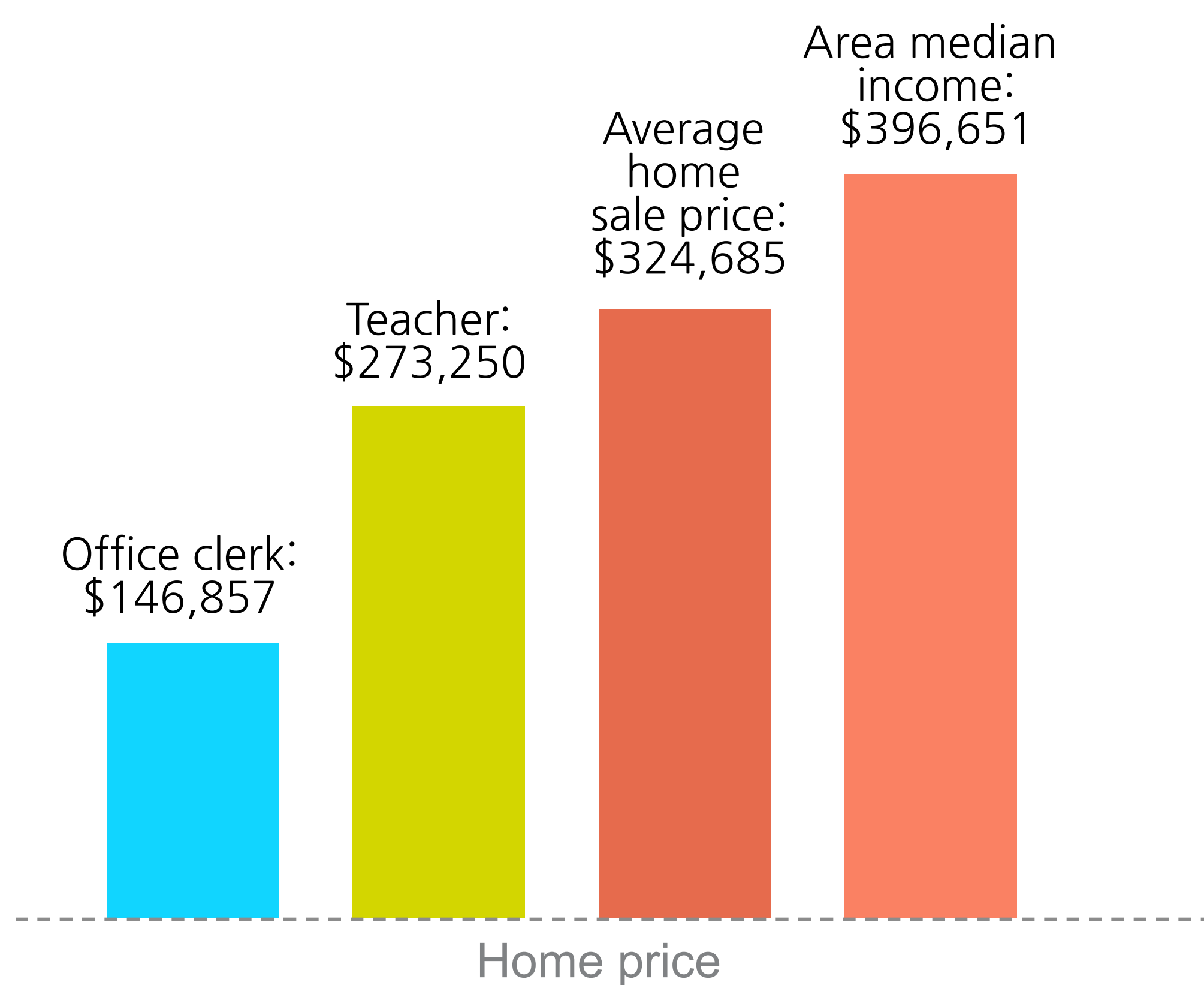


Homeownership is out of reach for many

Average home price an individual can afford

\$324,685

average home sale price, Benton County



...up 2.3% from 2016

