

A Place to Call Home: Columbia County

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

We have a serious shortage of affordable housing

For every 100 families with extremely low incomes, there are only 33 affordable units available.



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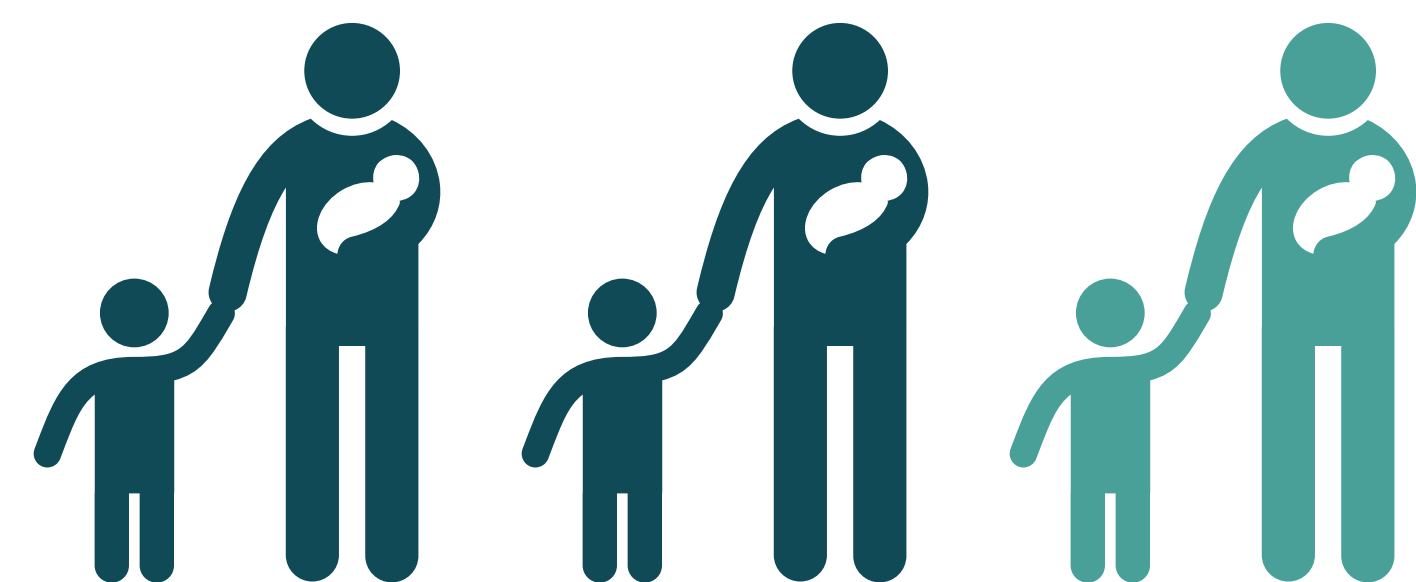
units are needed to meet the need

1 out of 4



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

2 out of 3

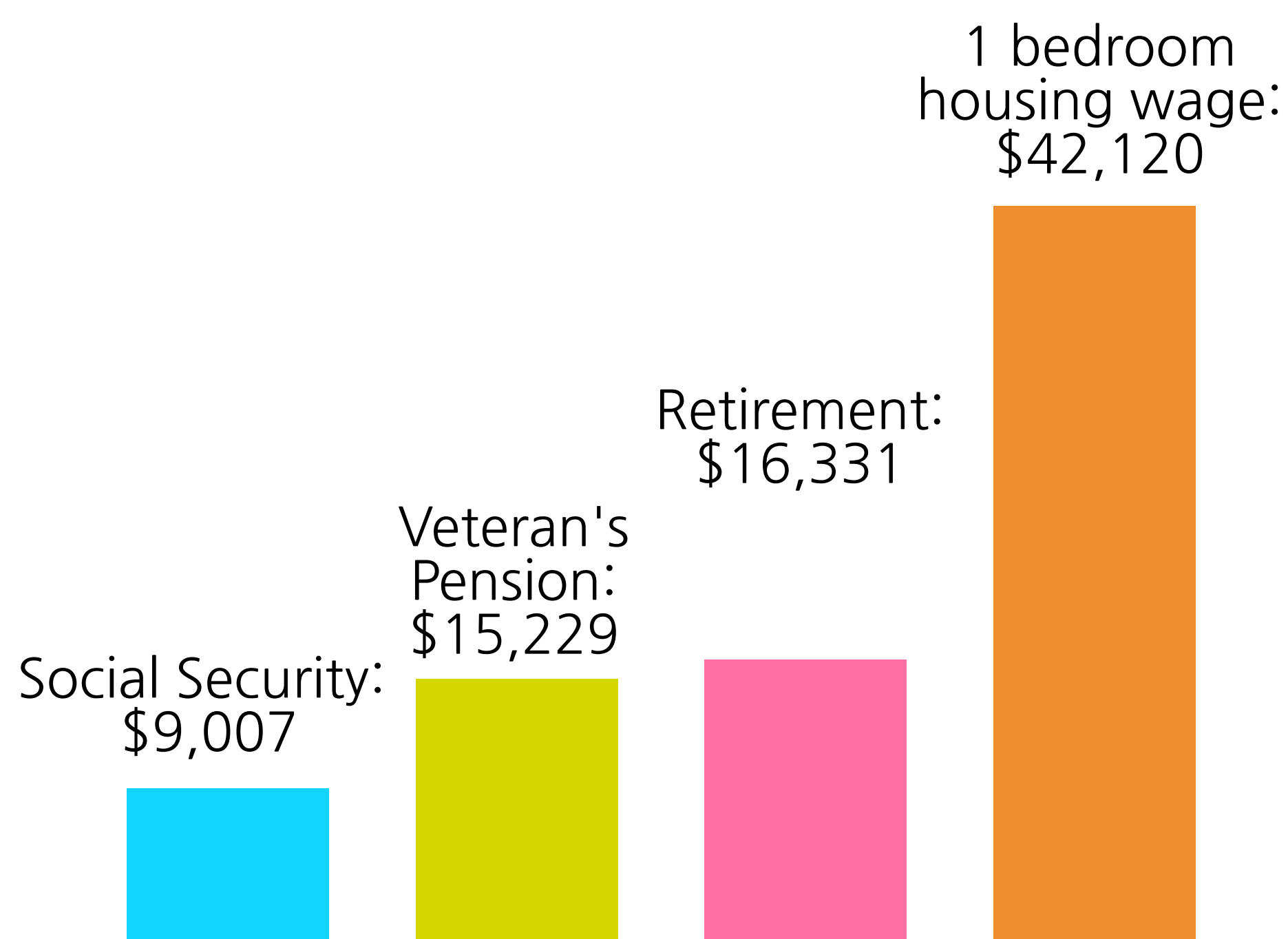


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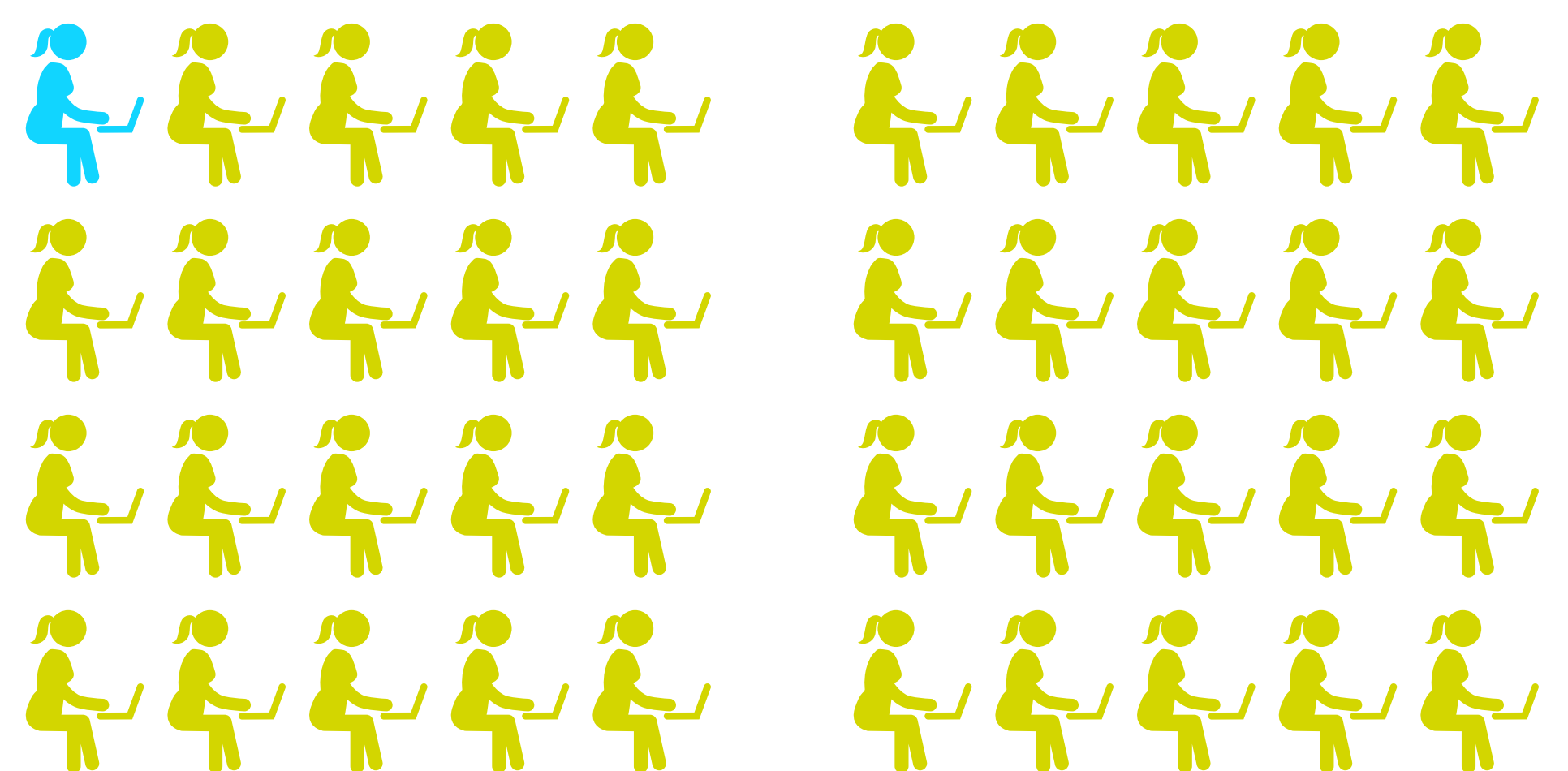
Our neighbors are facing homelessness

More than 1 student

in every two classrooms experienced homelessness in 2016-2017



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



That's 261 children during the 2016-17 school year in Columbia County.

Workers can't afford rent

\$9.20

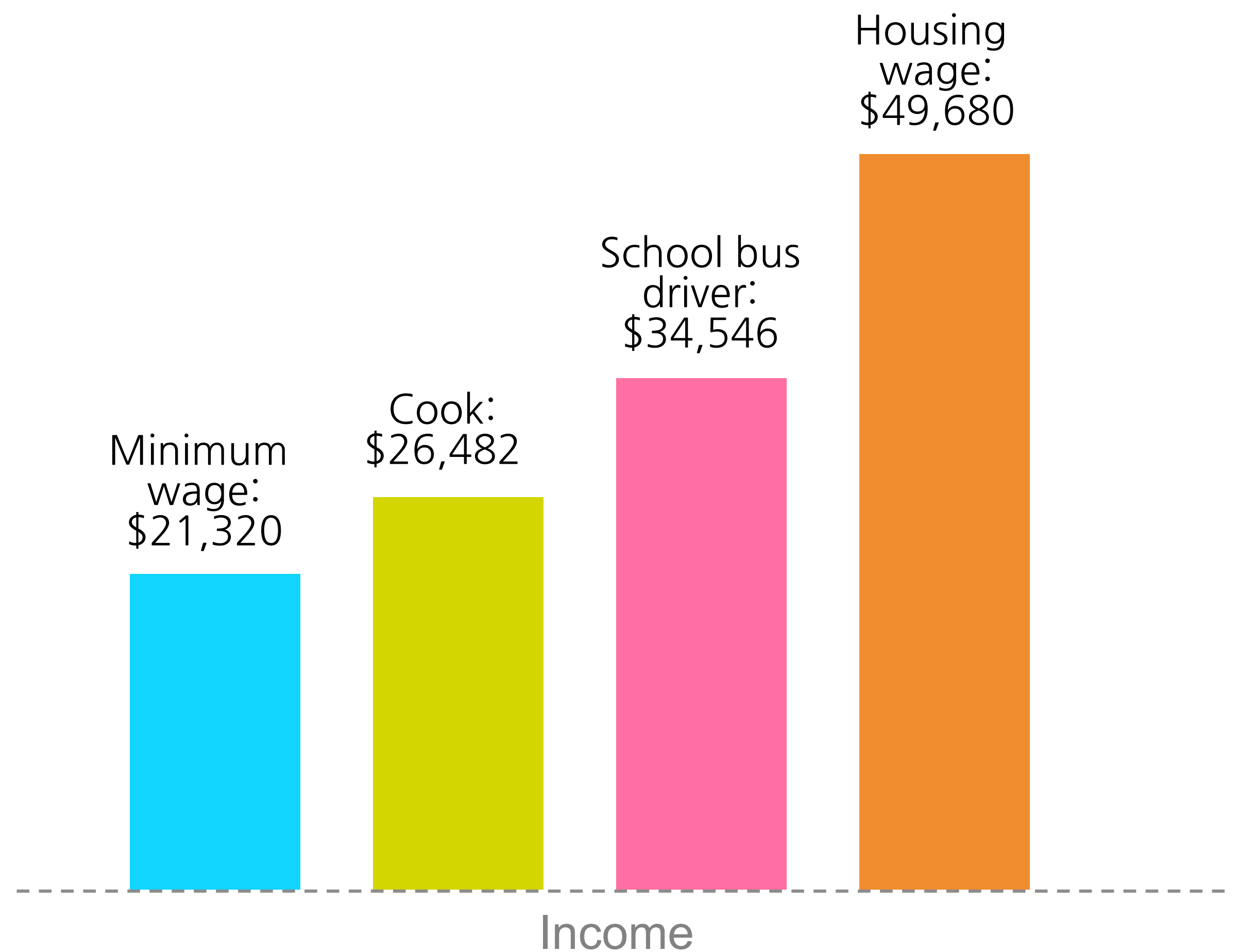


Mean renter wage



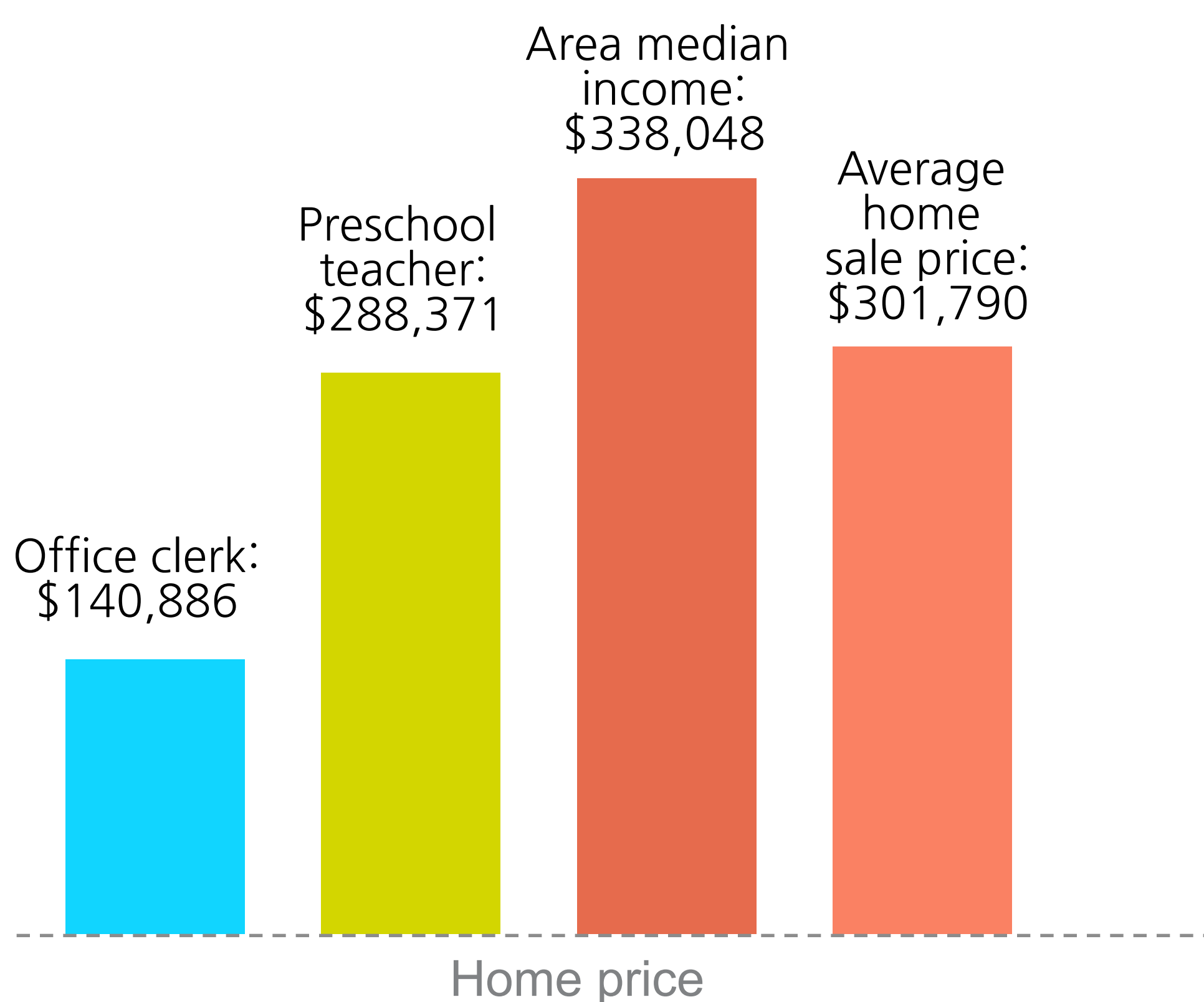
Number of hours per week at minimum wage needed to afford a 2 bedroom apartment

A household must earn at least \$49,680 to afford a 2 bedroom apartment at fair market rent.



Homeownership is out of reach for many

Average home price an individual can afford



\$301,790

average home sale price in 2017



...a 25.3% increase since 2016

