

A Place to Call Home: Polk County

Homes give people an opportunity to build better lives and communities. But how do Polk 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.



1,806

units are needed to meet the need

1 out of 4



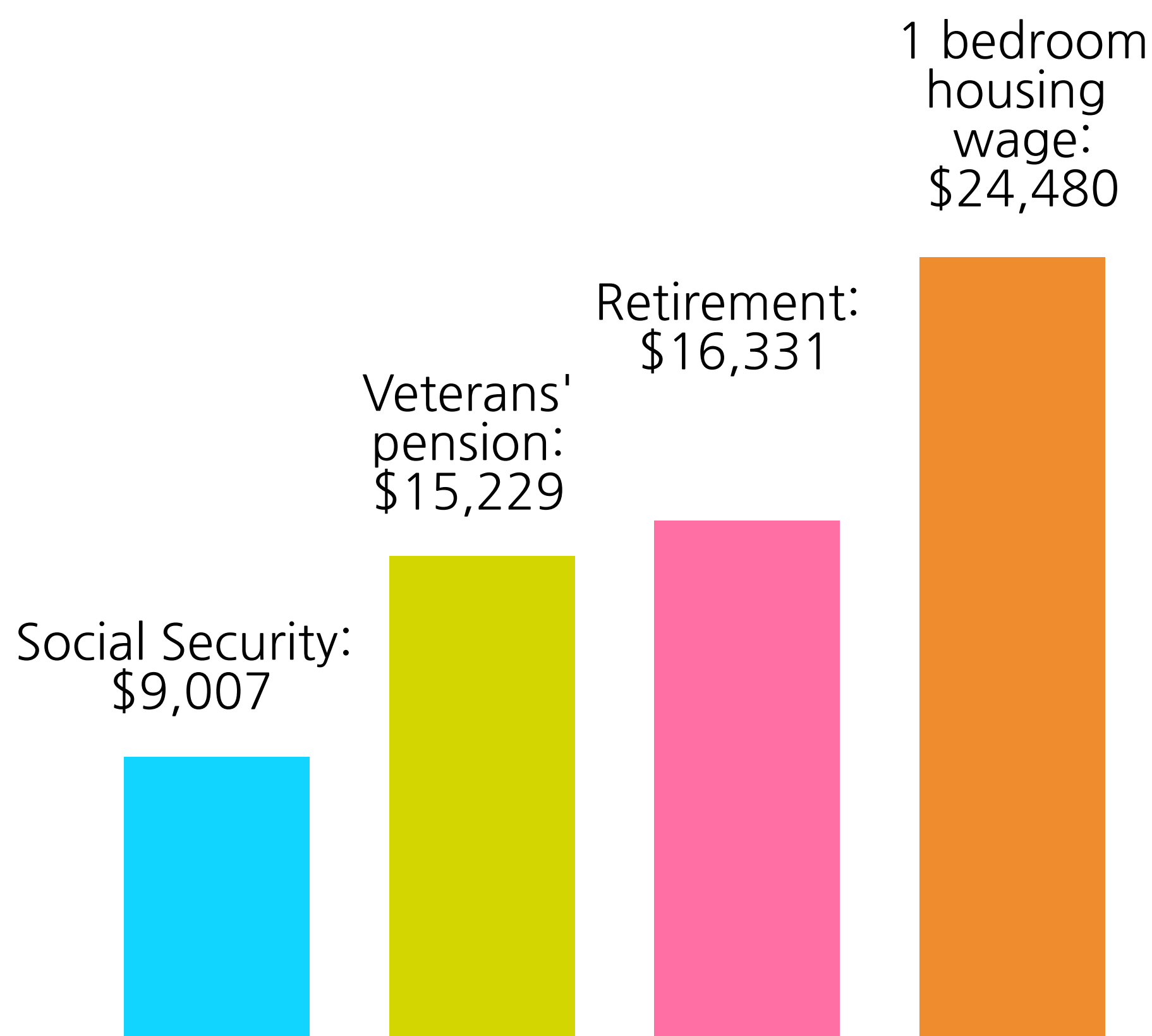
of all renters are paying more than 50% of their income in rent

2 out of 3



renters with extremely low incomes are paying more than 50% of their income in rent

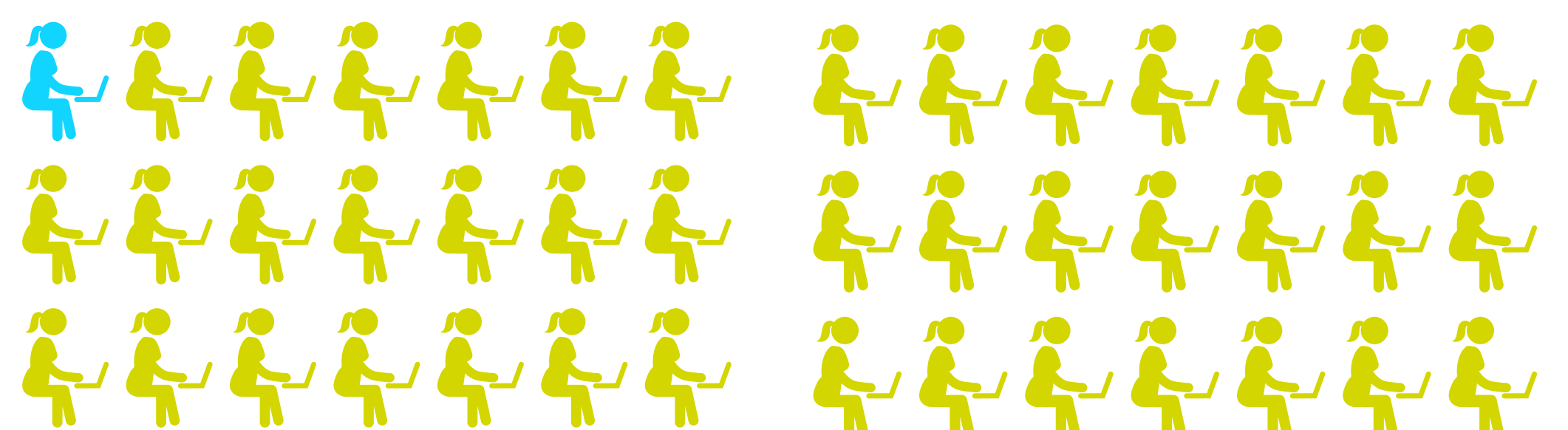
Our neighbors are facing homelessness



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

1 student

in every two classrooms experienced homelessness in 2016-2017



That's 198 children during the 2016-17 school year in Polk County.

Workers can't afford rent

\$8.53

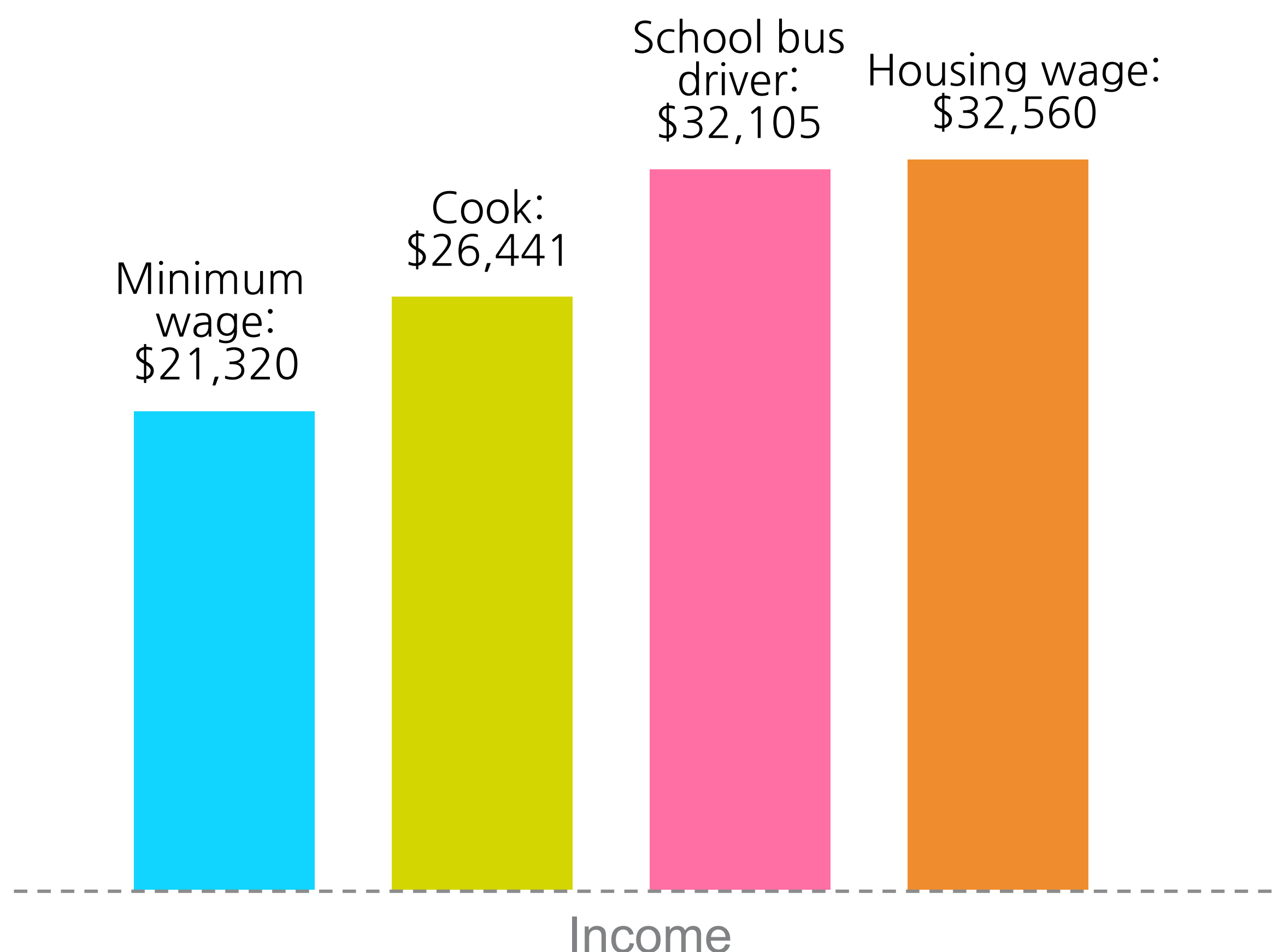


Mean renter wage



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

A household must earn at least \$32,560 to afford a 2 bedroom apartment at fair market rent.

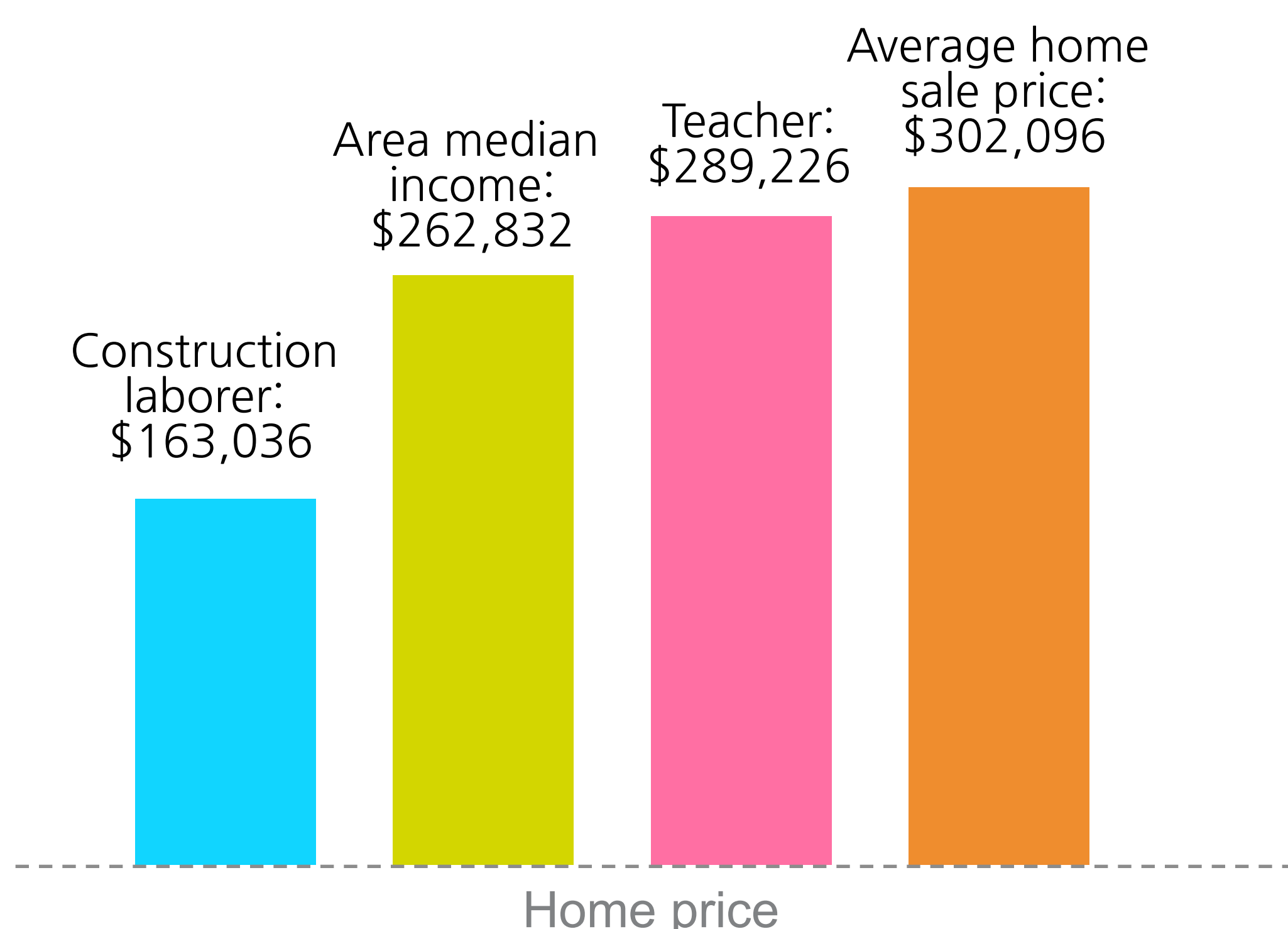


Homeownership is out of reach for many

Average home price an individual can afford

\$302,096

average home sale price in 2017



...up 16.6% from 2016

