

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

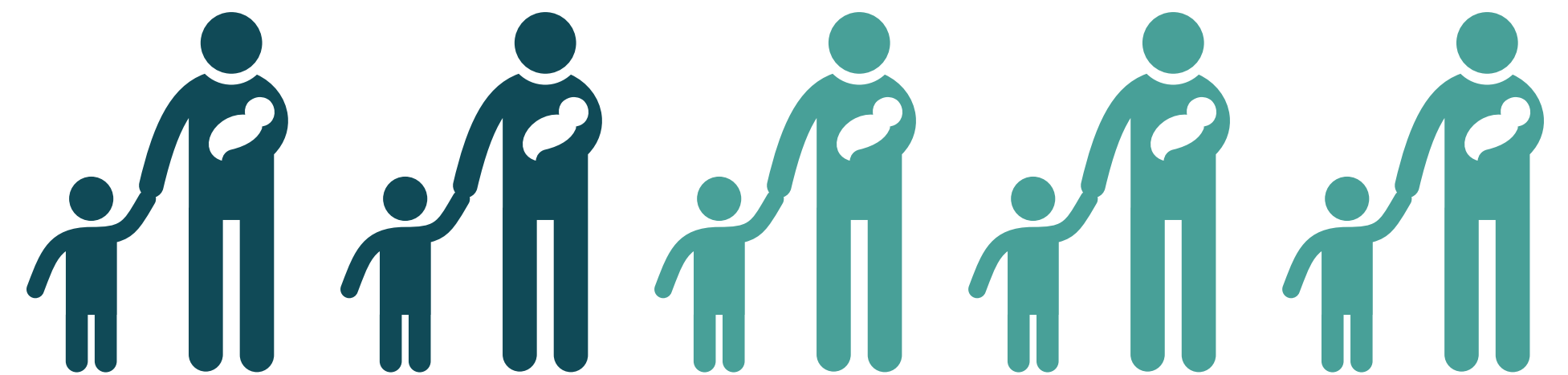
For every 100 families with extremely low incomes, there are only 14 affordable units available.



4,700

units are needed to meet the need

2 out of 5



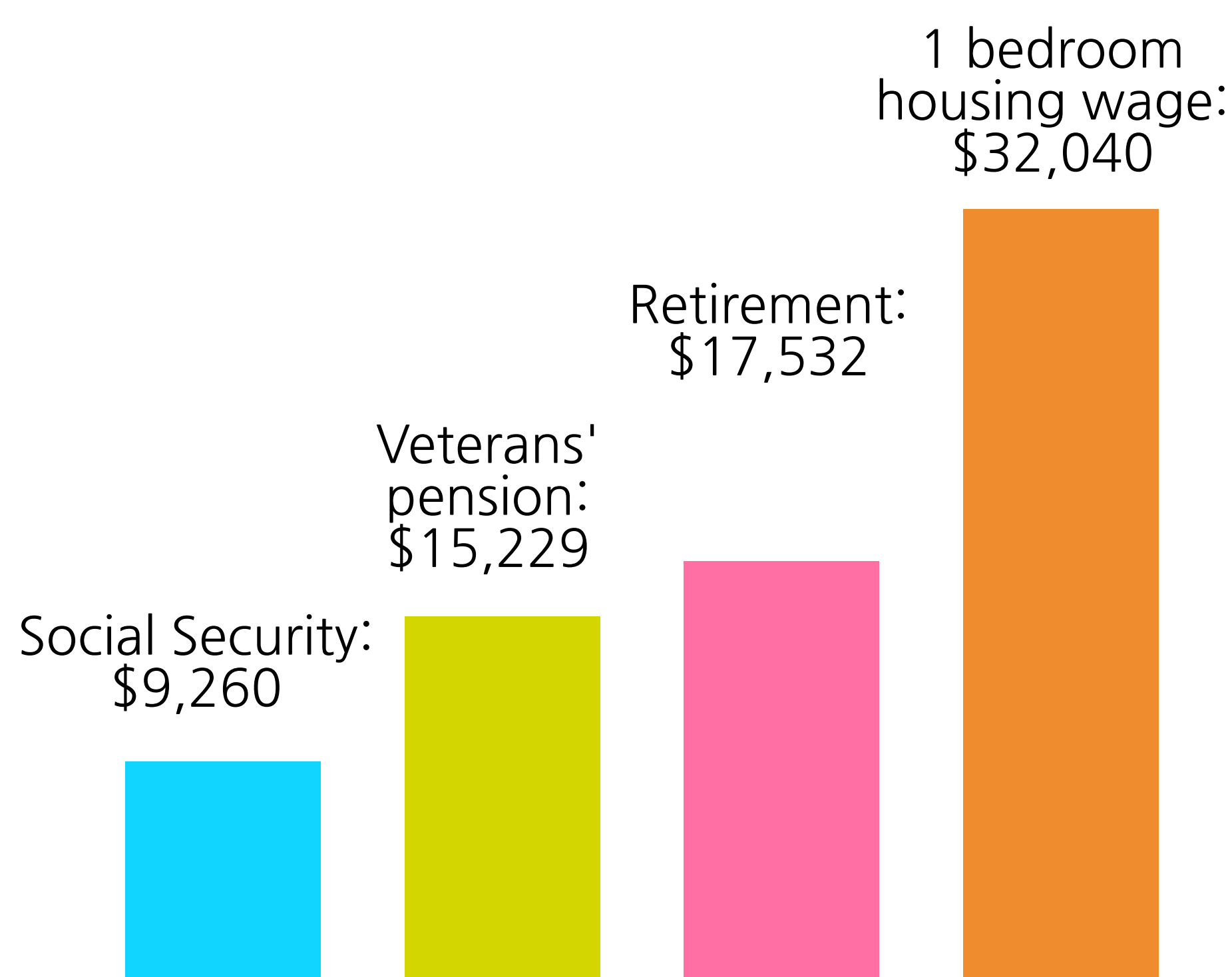
renters are paying more than 50% of their income in rent

5 out of 6



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Our neighbors are facing homelessness



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

1 in every 30 students

experienced homelessness in 2017-18



That's 259 children during the 2017-18 school year in Benton County.

Workers can't afford rent

\$11.73

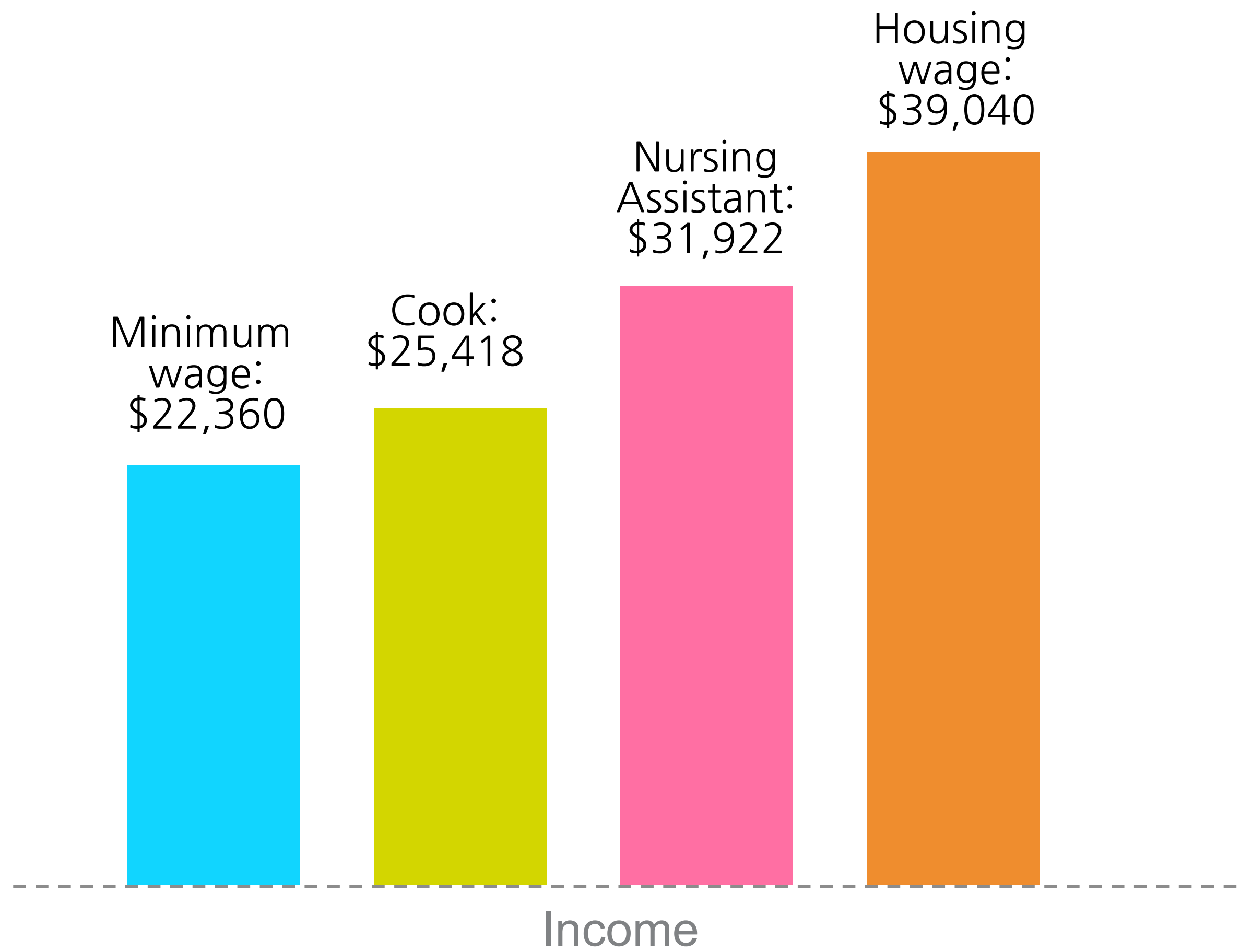


Mean renter wage



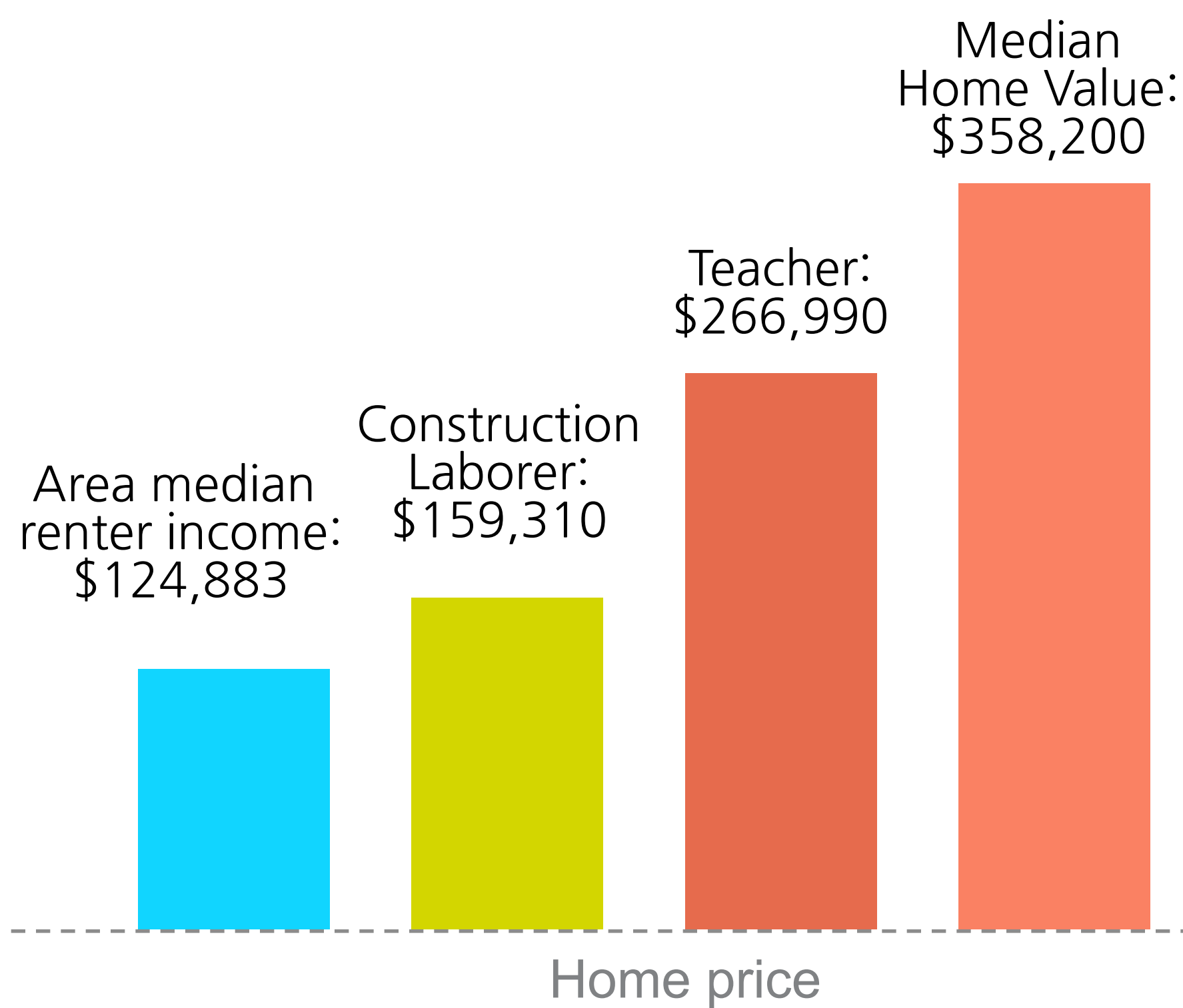
Number of hours per week at minimum wage needed to afford a 2 bedroom apartment

A household must earn at least \$39,040 to afford a 2 bedroom apartment at fair market rent.



Homeownership is out of reach for many

Average home price an individual can afford



\$358,200

Median home value in 2018



...up 4.9% from 2017

