

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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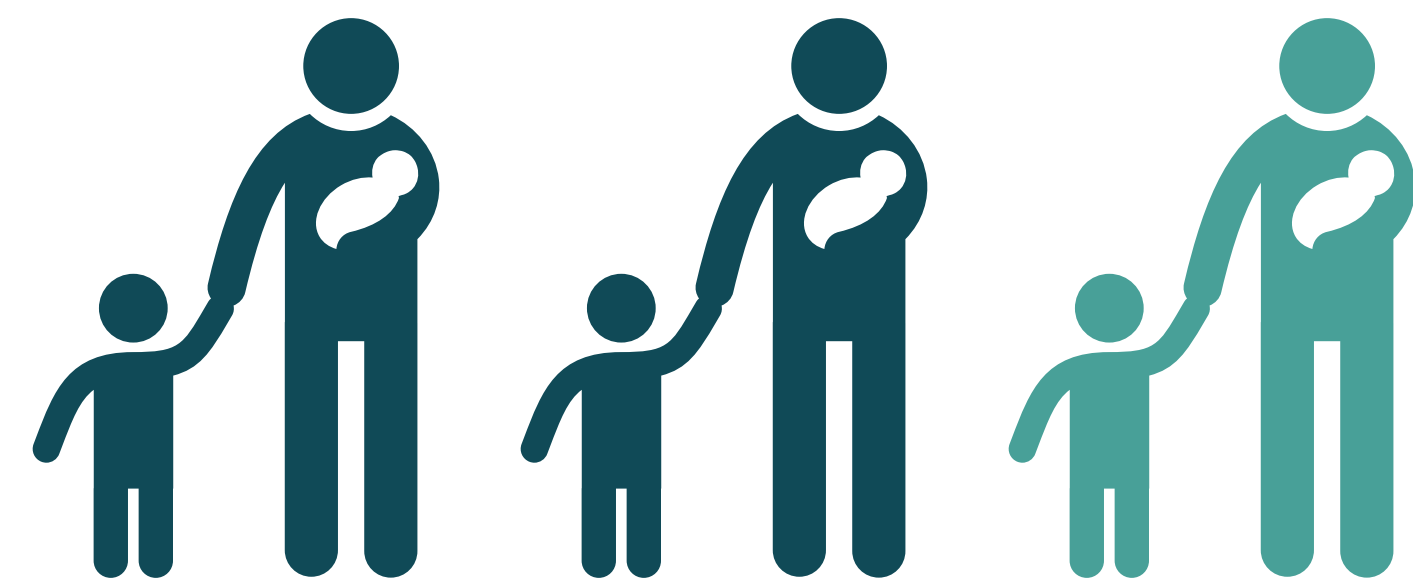
units are needed to meet the need

1 out of 4



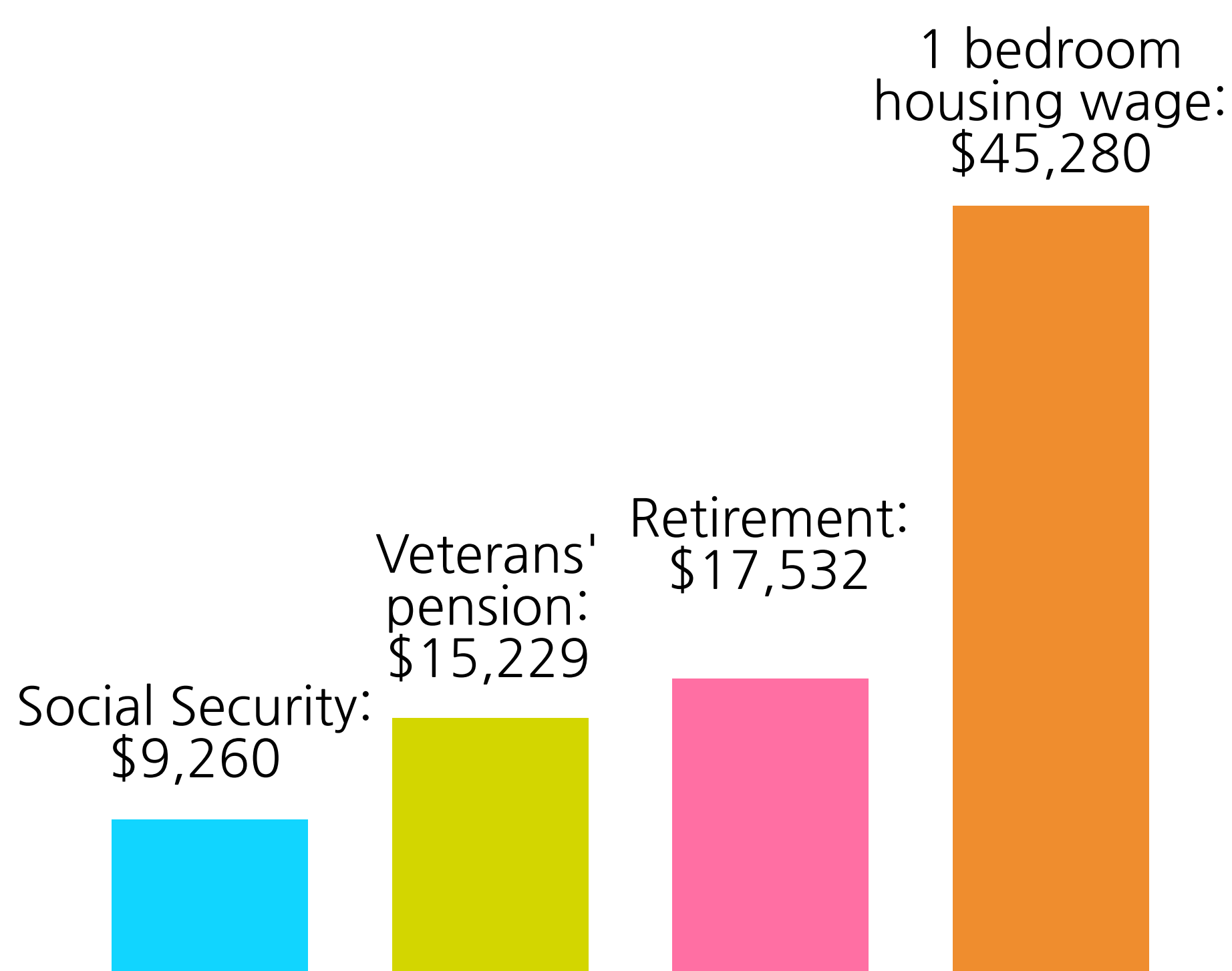
renters are paying more than 50% of their income in rent

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

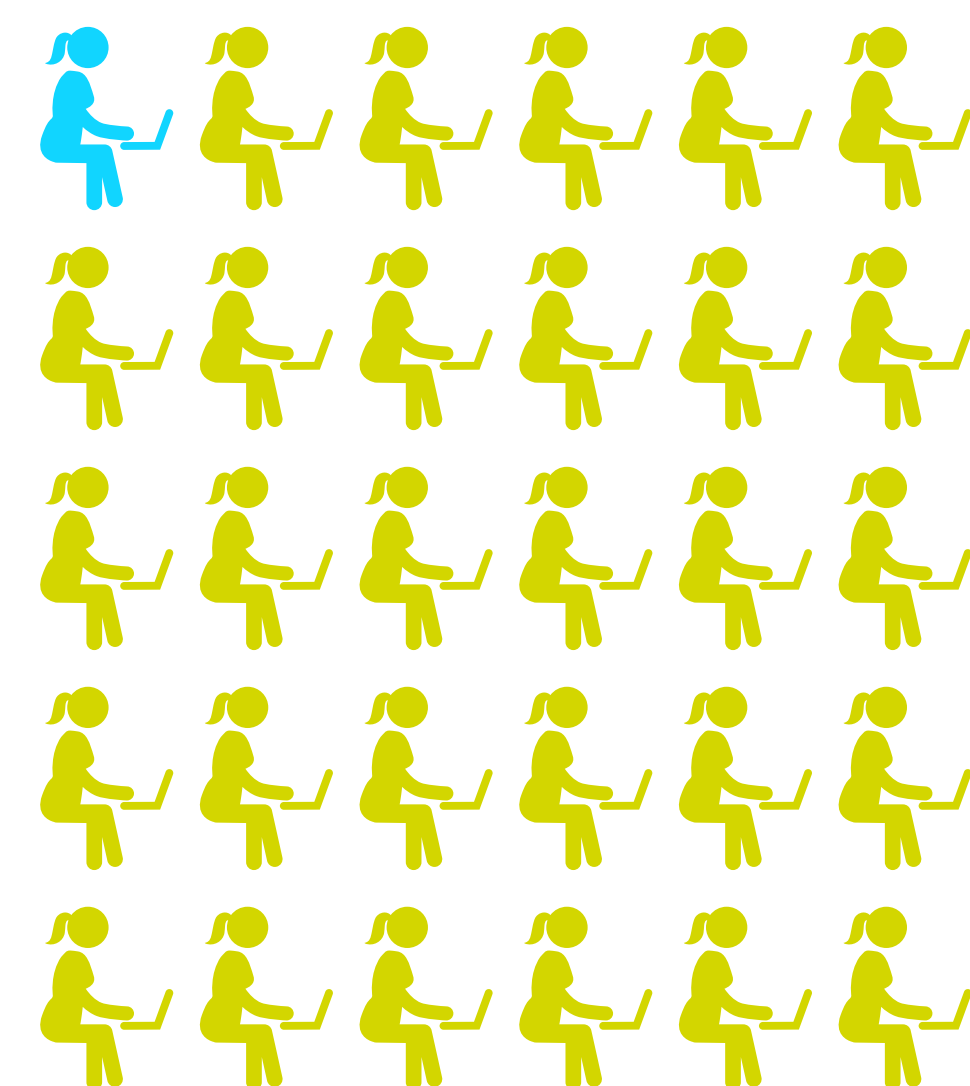
Our neighbors are facing homelessness



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

1 in every 30 students

experienced homelessness in 2017-2018



That's 229 children during the 2017-2018 school year in Columbia County.

Workers can't afford rent

\$9.09

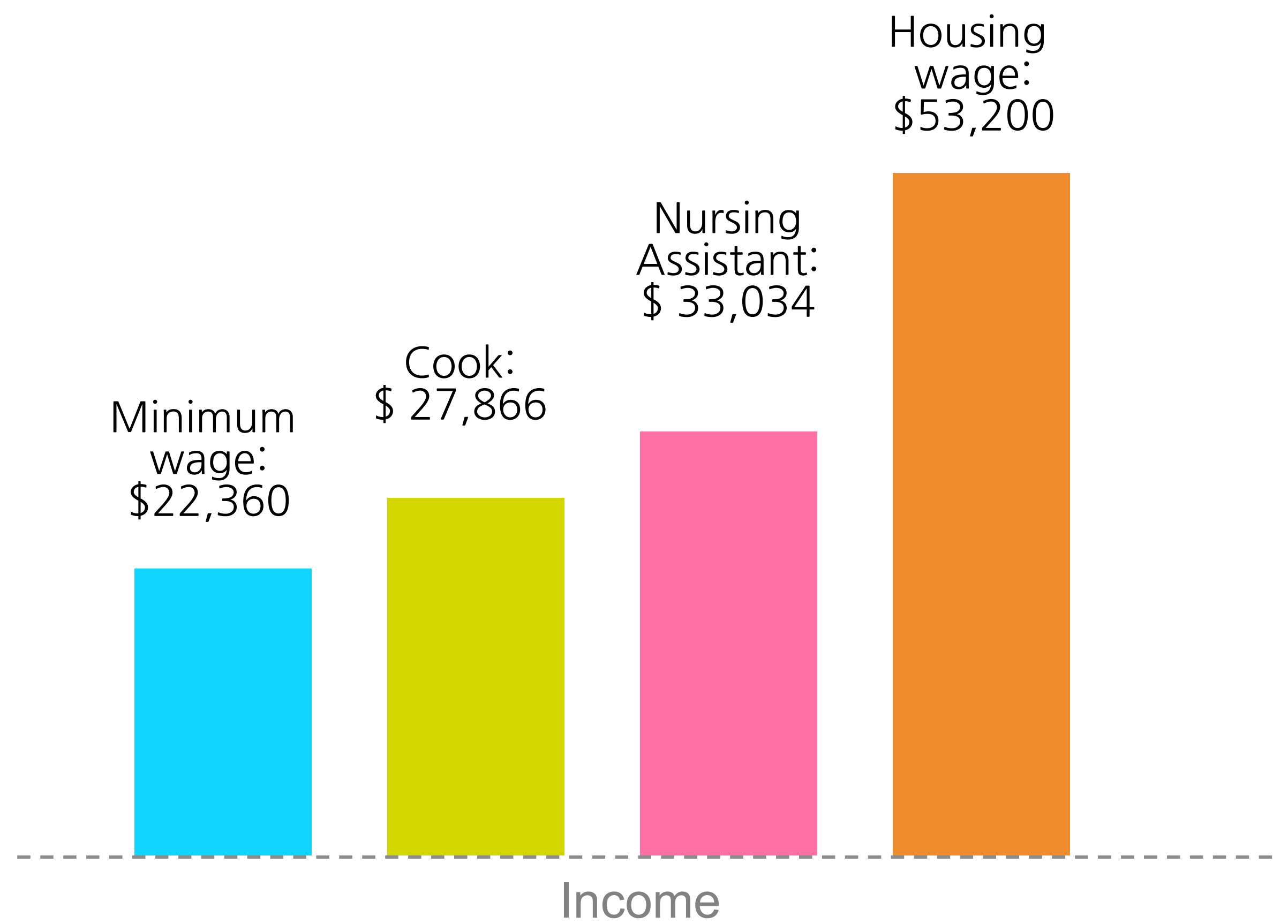


Mean renter wage



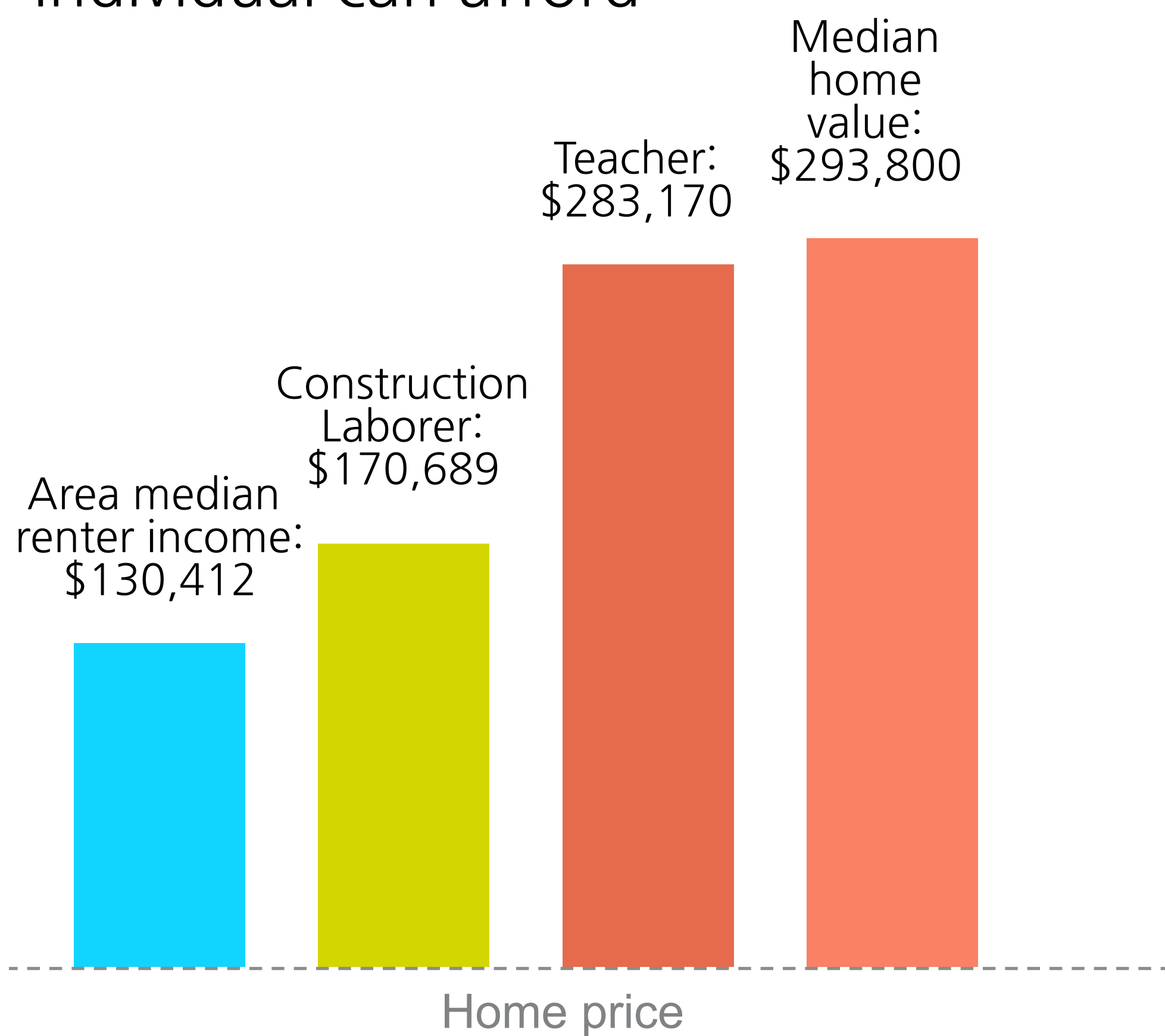
Number of hours per week at minimum wage needed to afford a 2 bedroom apartment

A household must earn at least \$53,200 to afford a 2 bedroom apartment at fair market rent.



Homeownership is out of reach for many

Average home price an individual can afford



\$293,800

median home value in 2018



...a 6.8% increase since 2017

