

# 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

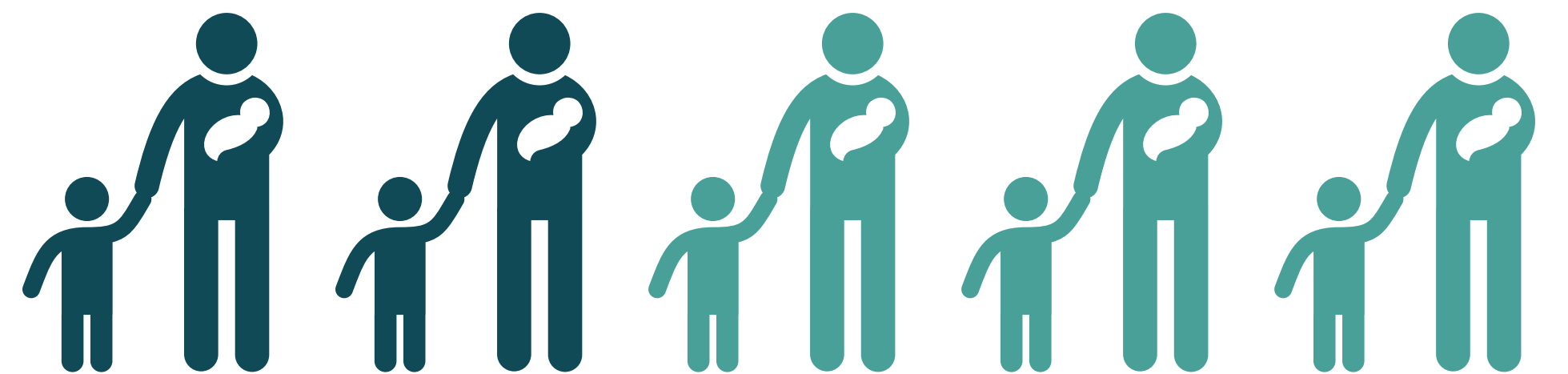
For every 100 families with extremely low incomes, there are only 14 affordable units available.



**4,800**

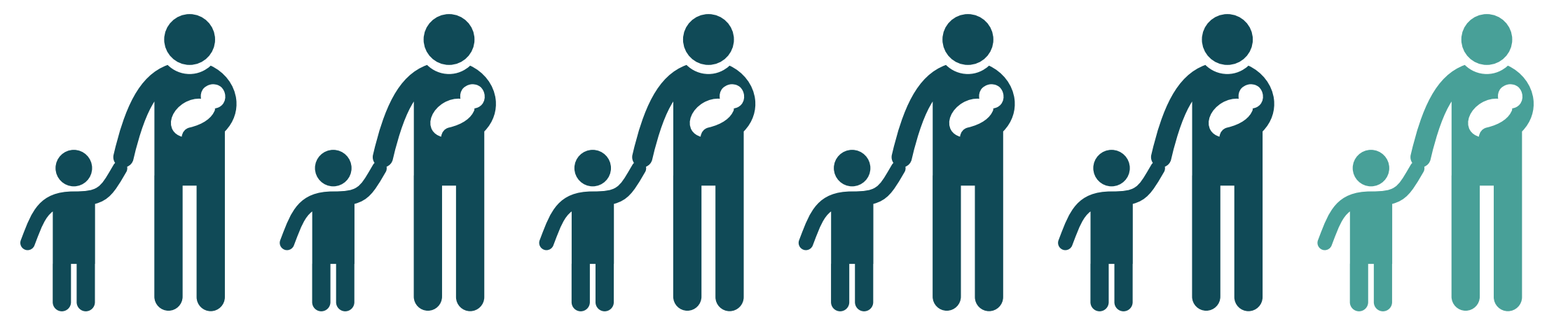
units are needed to meet the need

**2 out 5**



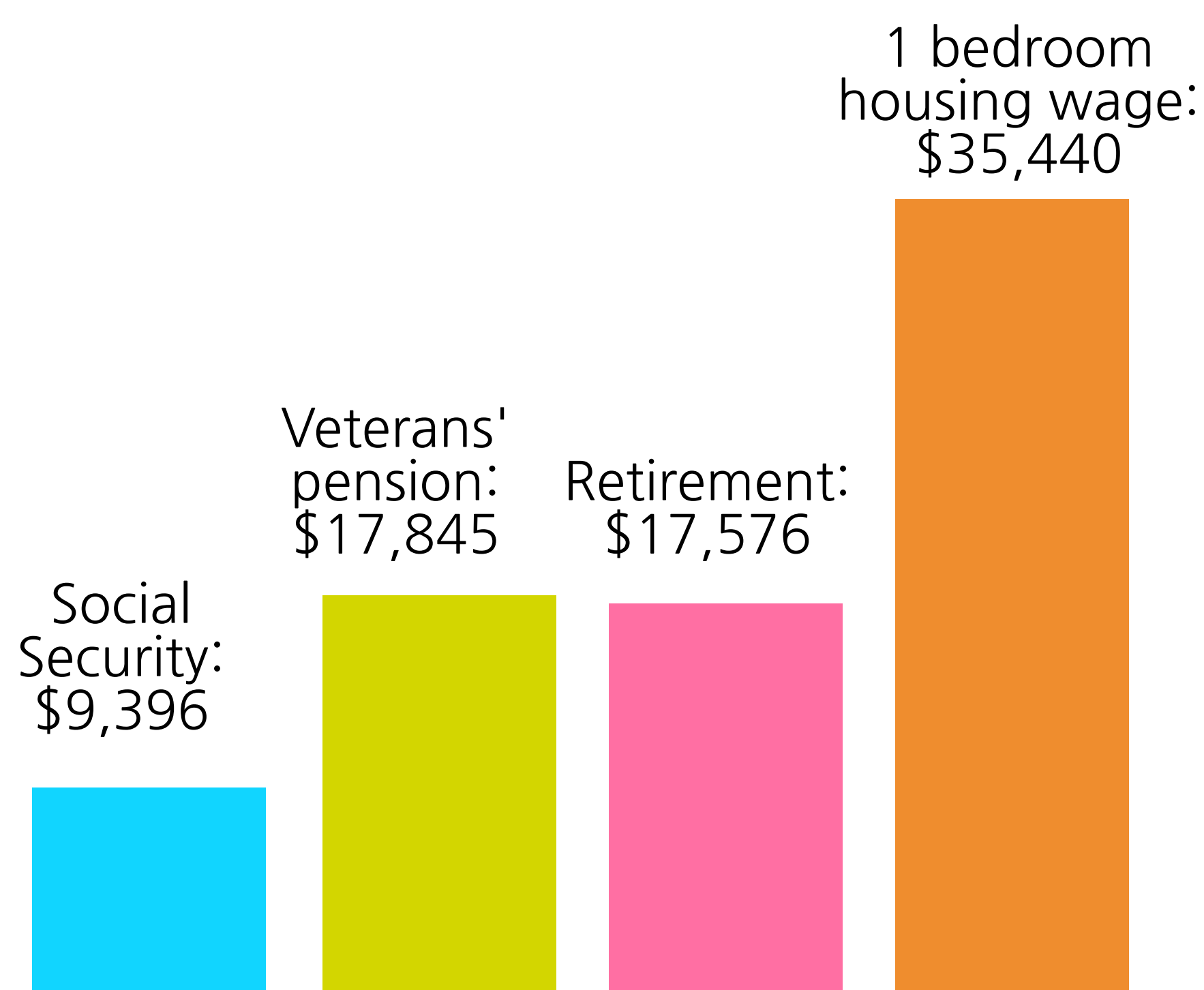
renters are paying more than 50% of their income in rent

**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 25 students**

experienced homelessness in 2018-19



That's 328 children during the 2018-19 school year in Benton County.

## Workers can't afford rent

**\$12.39**

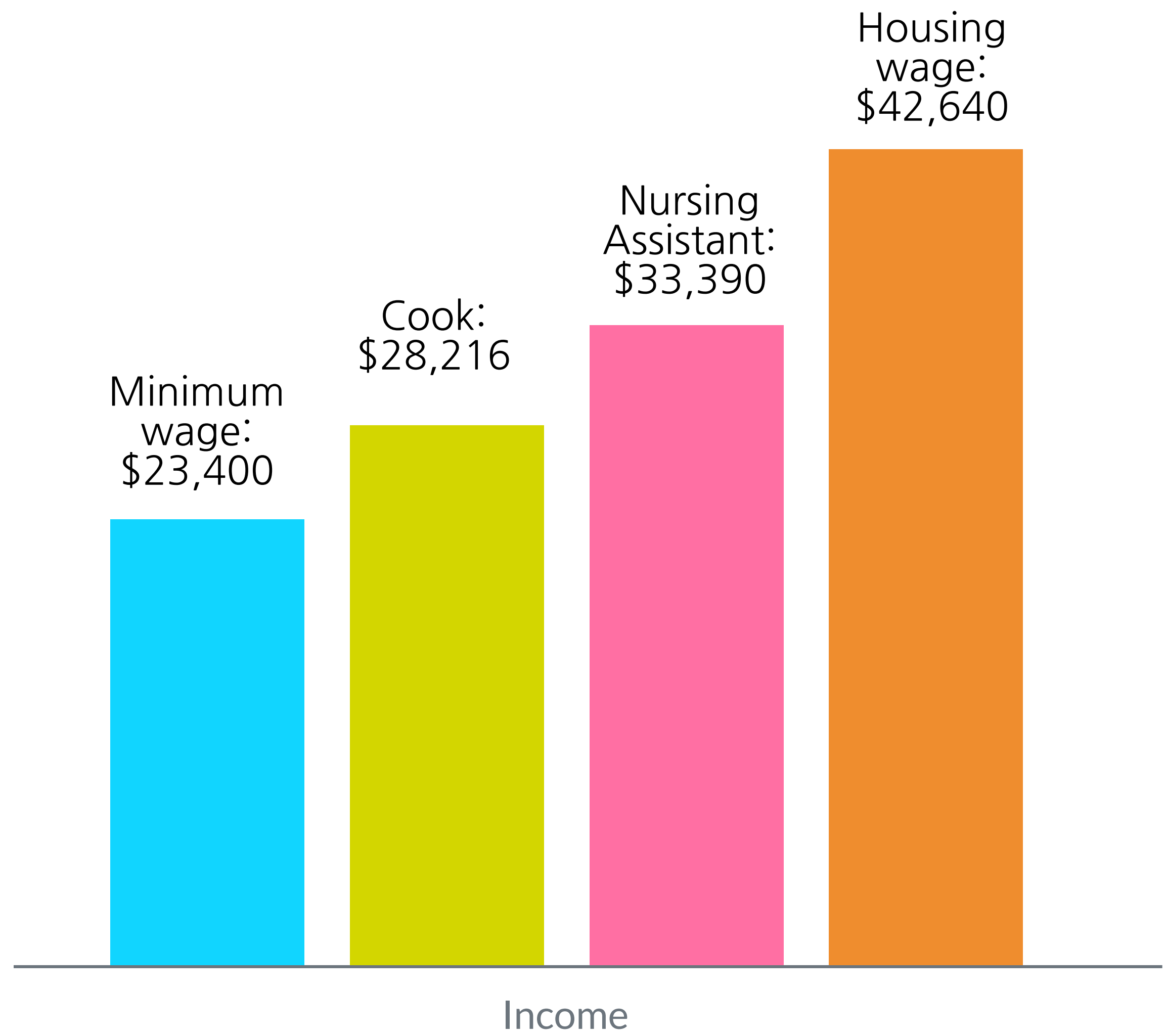


Mean renter wage



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

A household must earn at least \$42,640 to afford a 2 bedroom apartment at fair market rent.

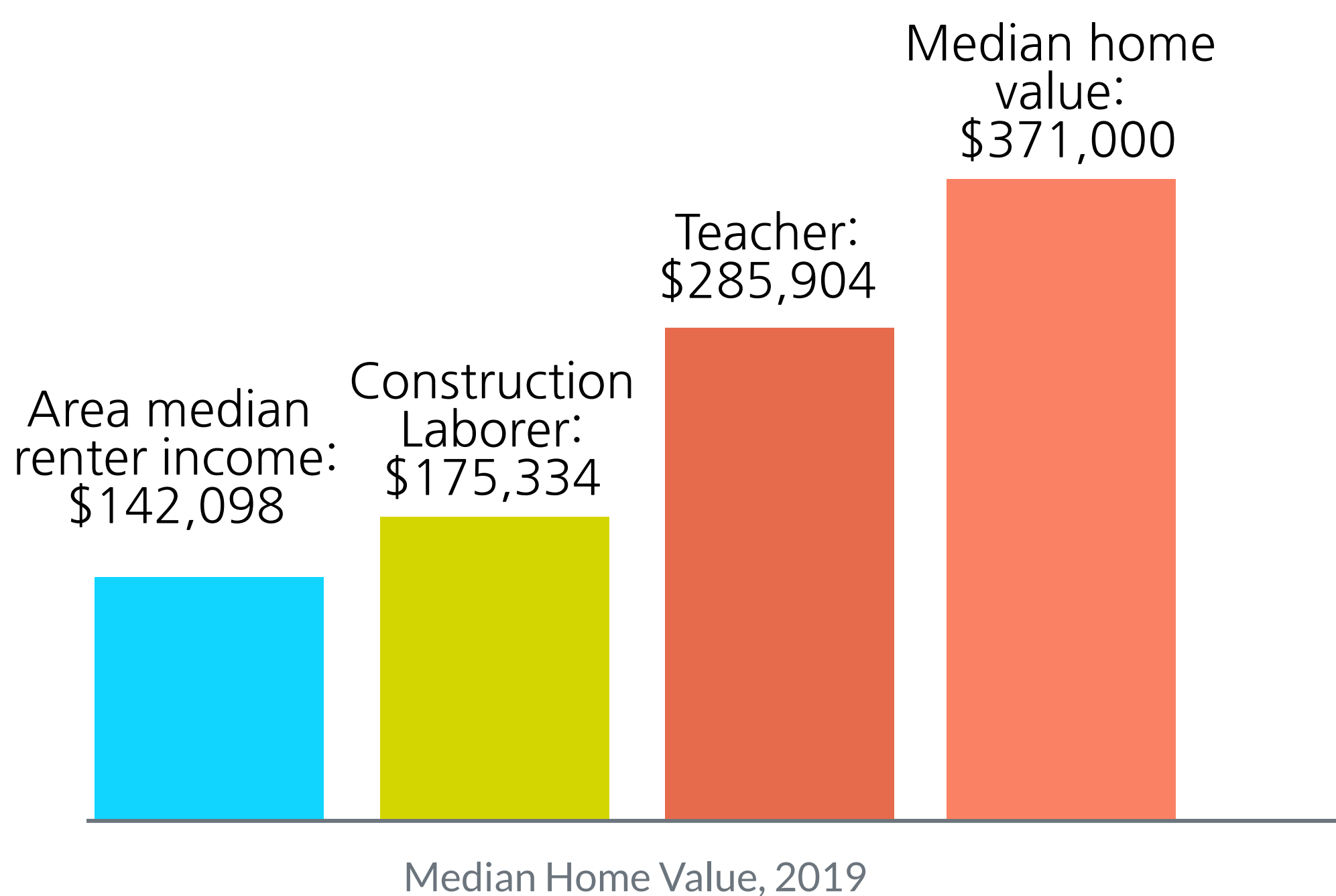


## Homeownership is out of reach for many

Average home price someone can afford

**\$371,000**

Median home value in 2019



...up 1.1% from 2018

