

# 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 32 affordable units available.



**1,210**

units are needed to meet the need

**1 out of 4**



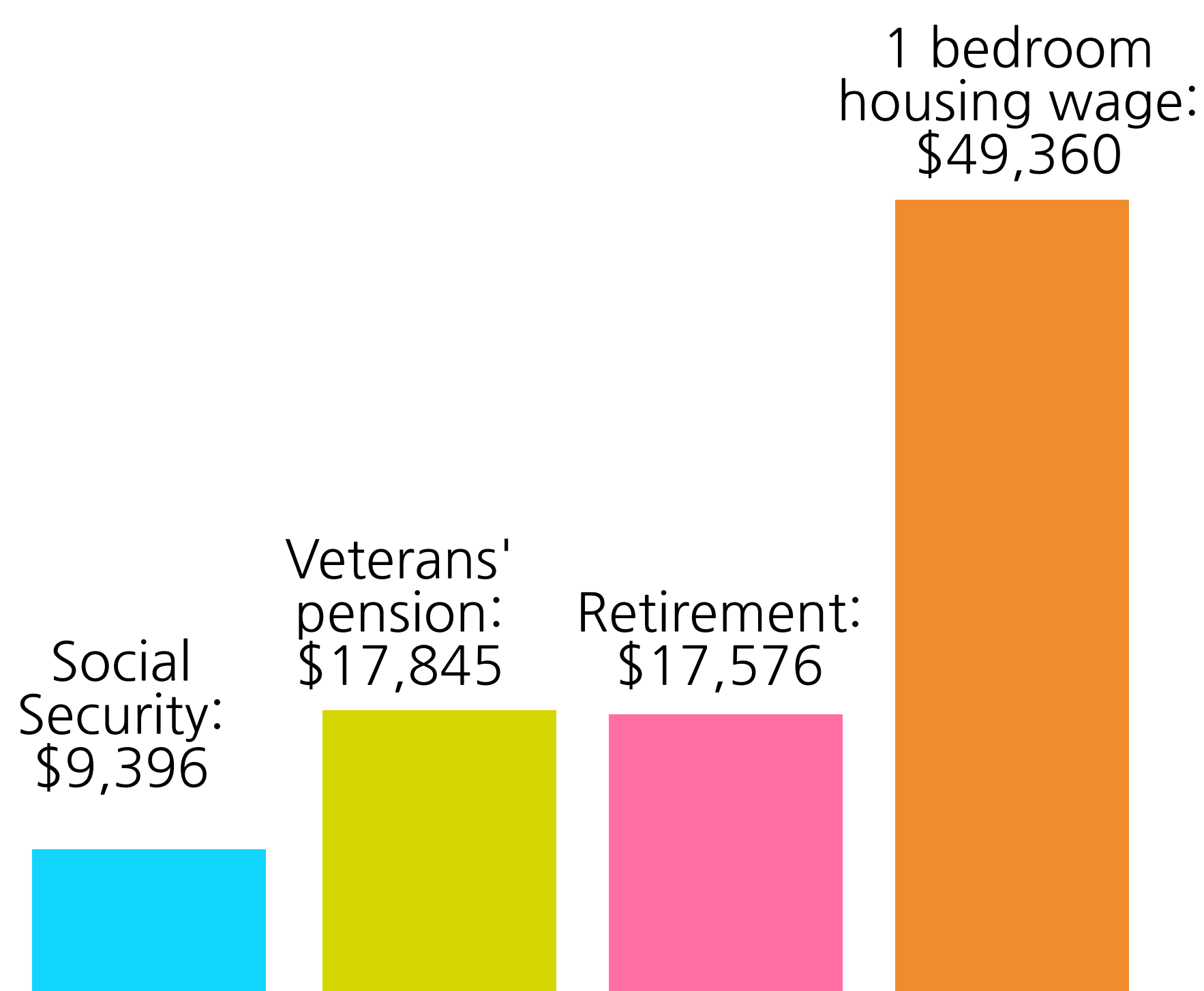
renters are paying more than 50% of their income in rent

**2 out of 3**



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

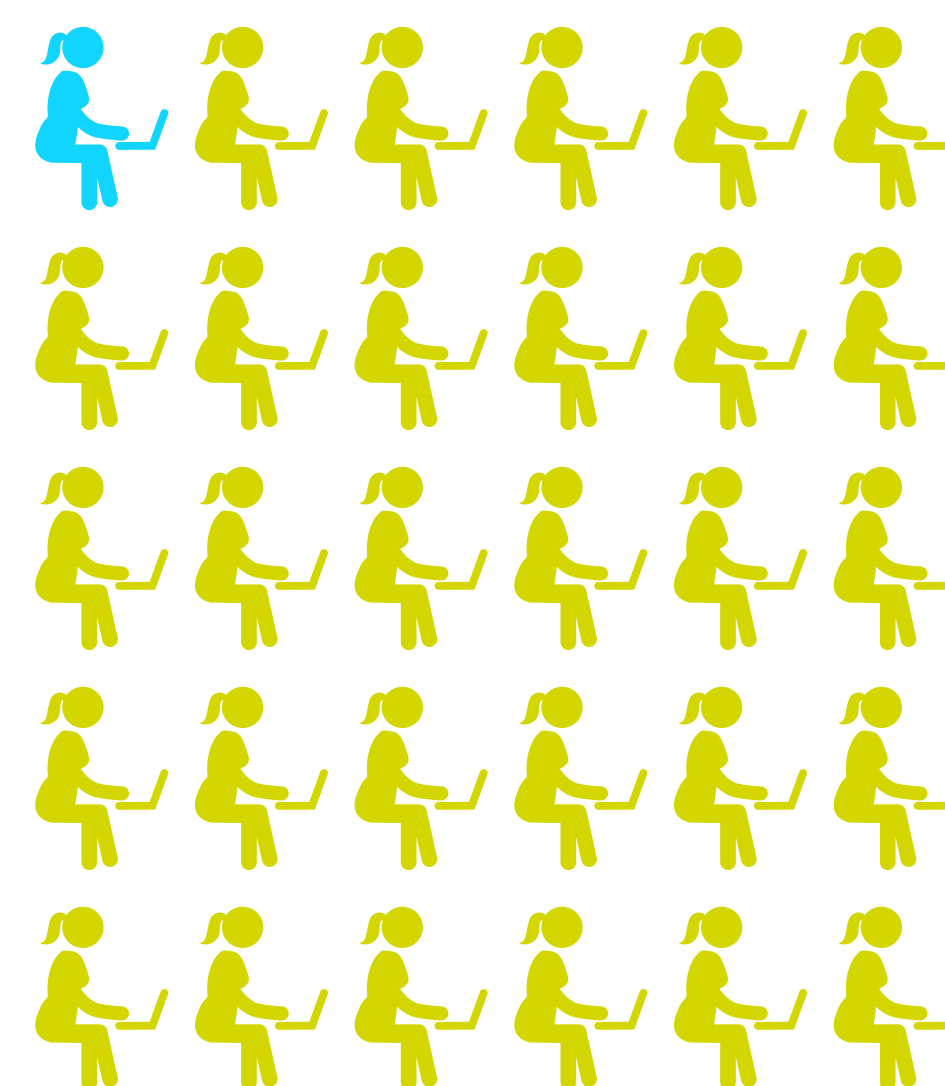
## Our neighbors are facing homelessness



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

**1 in every 30 students**

experienced homelessness in 2018-2019



That's 218 children during the 2018-2019 school year in Columbia County.

## Workers can't afford rent

**\$10.29**

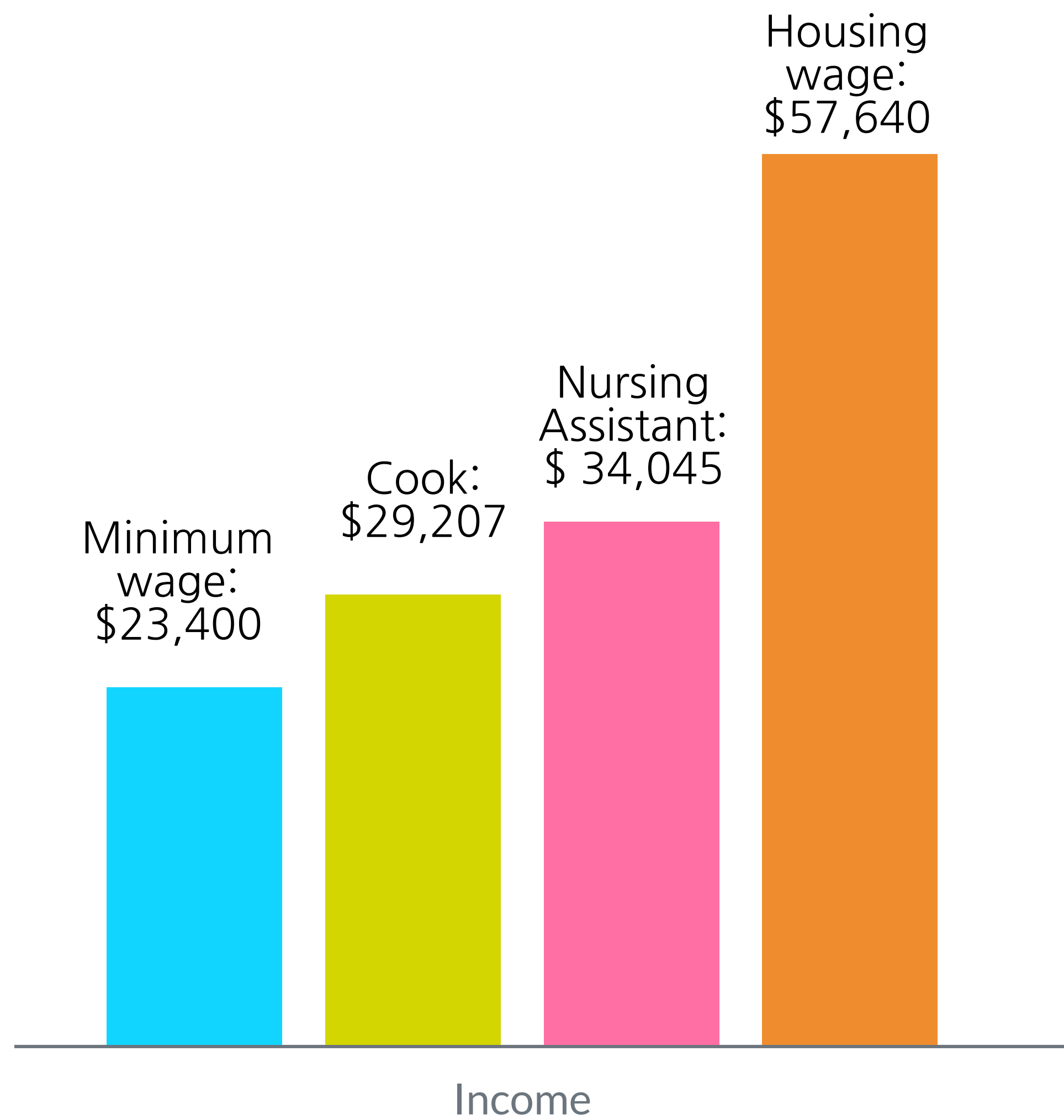


Mean renter wage



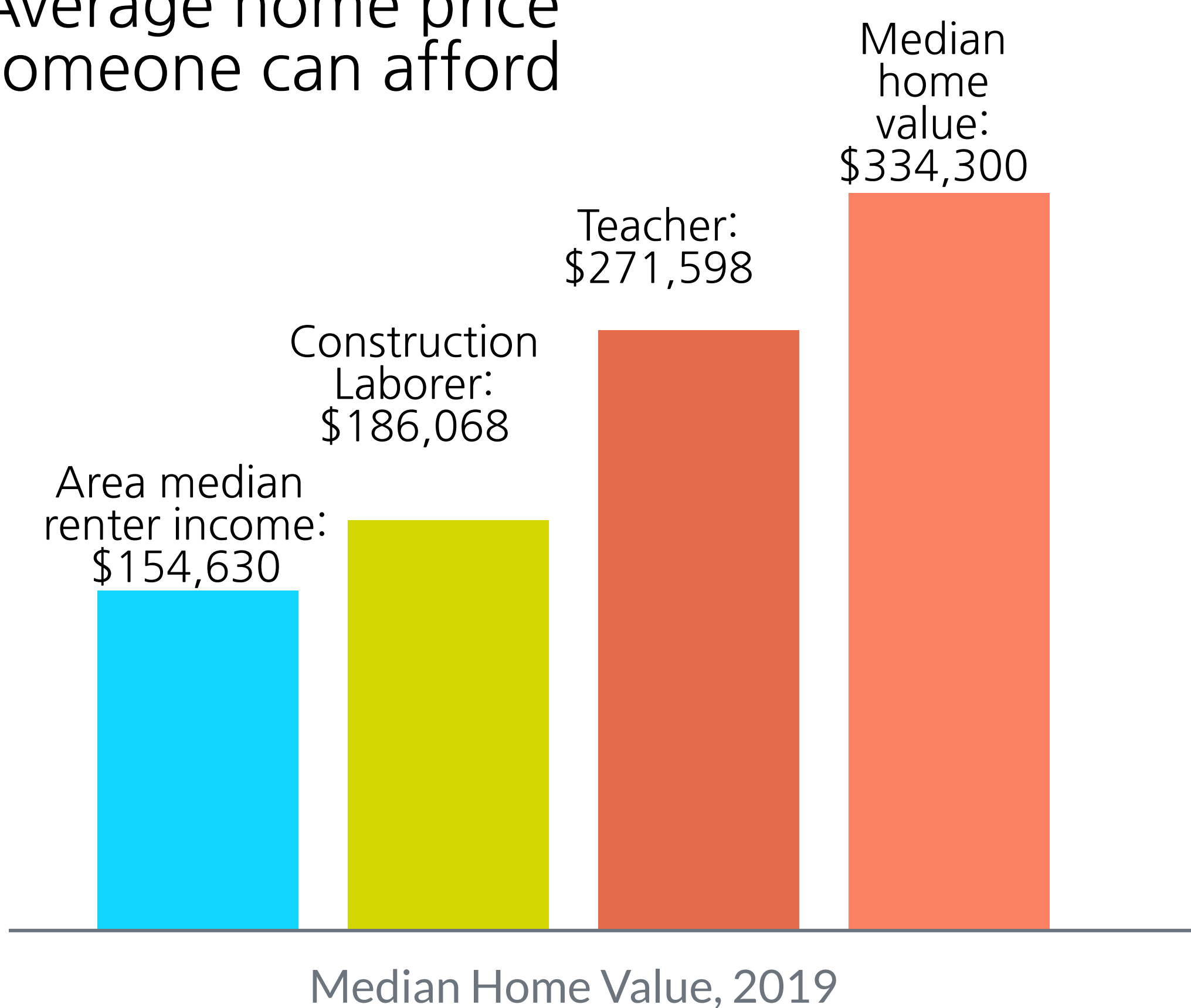
Number of hours per week at minimum wage needed to afford a 2 bedroom apartment

A household must earn at least \$57,640 to afford a 2 bedroom apartment at fair market rent.



## Homeownership is out of reach for many

Average home price someone can afford



**\$ 334,300**

median home value in 2019



...a 6% increase since 2018

