

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 24 affordable units available.



1,821

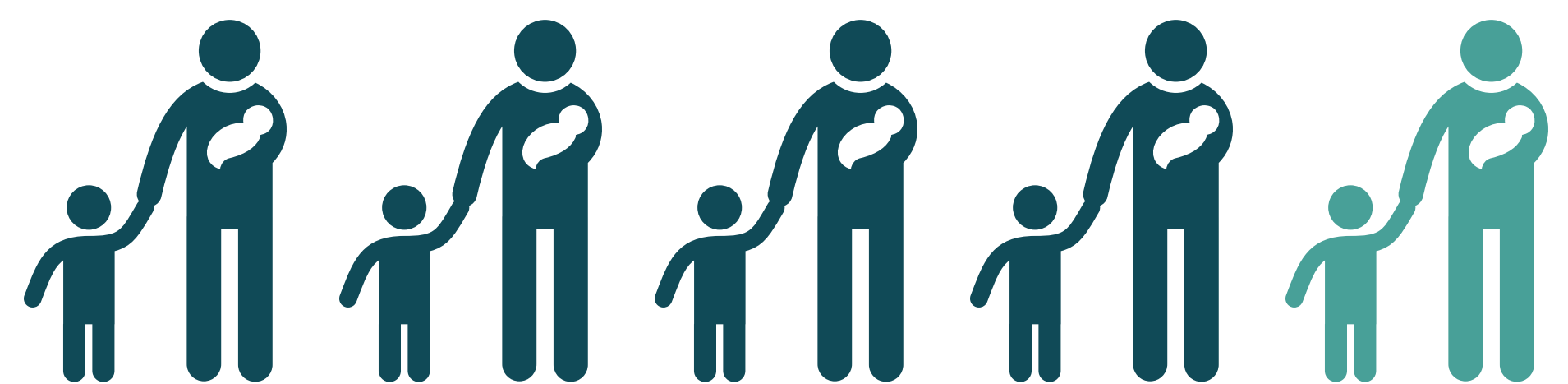
units are needed to meet the need

More than 1 out of 4



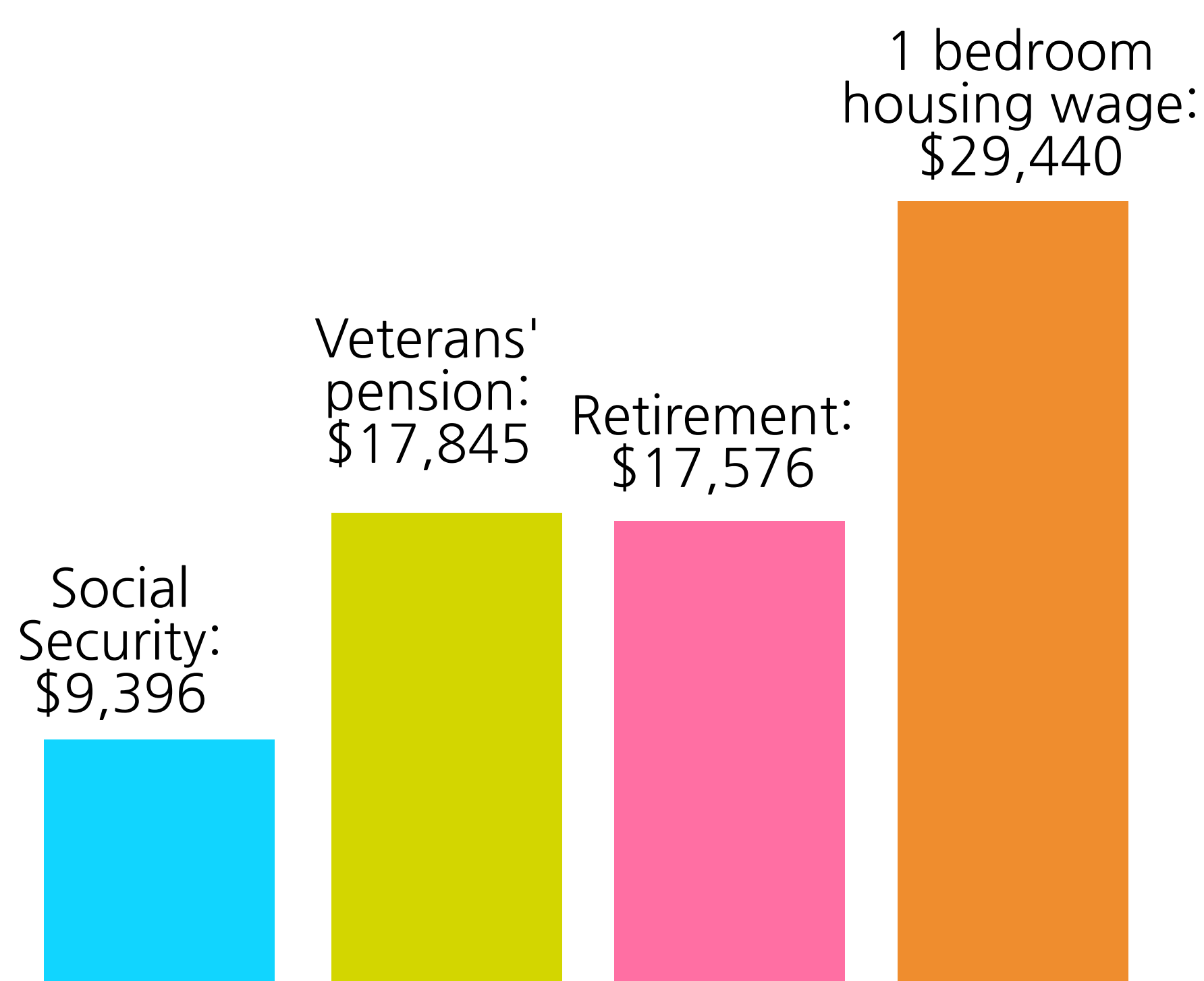
renters are paying more than 50% of their income in rent

4 out of 5



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

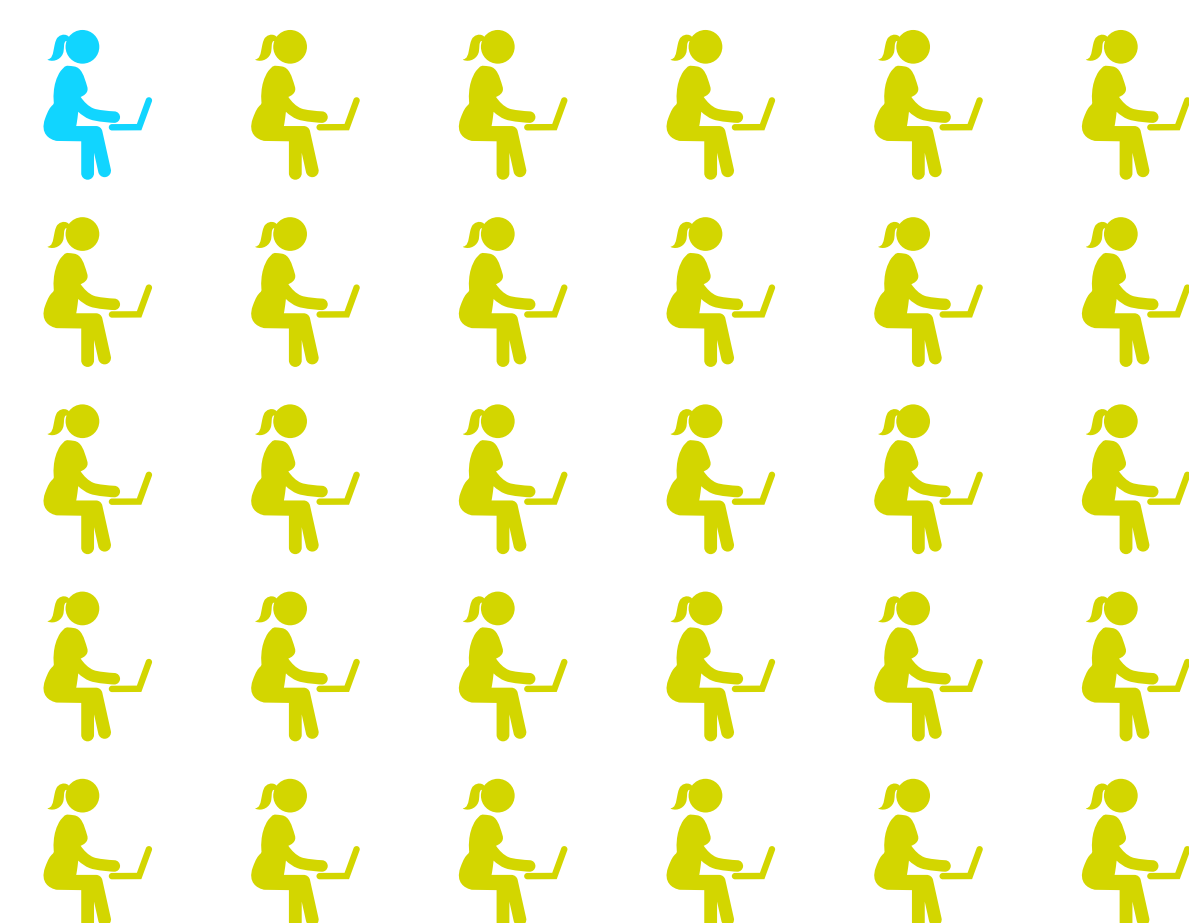
Our neighbors are facing homelessness



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

1 in 30 students

experienced homelessness in 2018-2019



That's 196 children during the 2018-19 school year in Polk County.

Workers can't afford rent

\$9.65

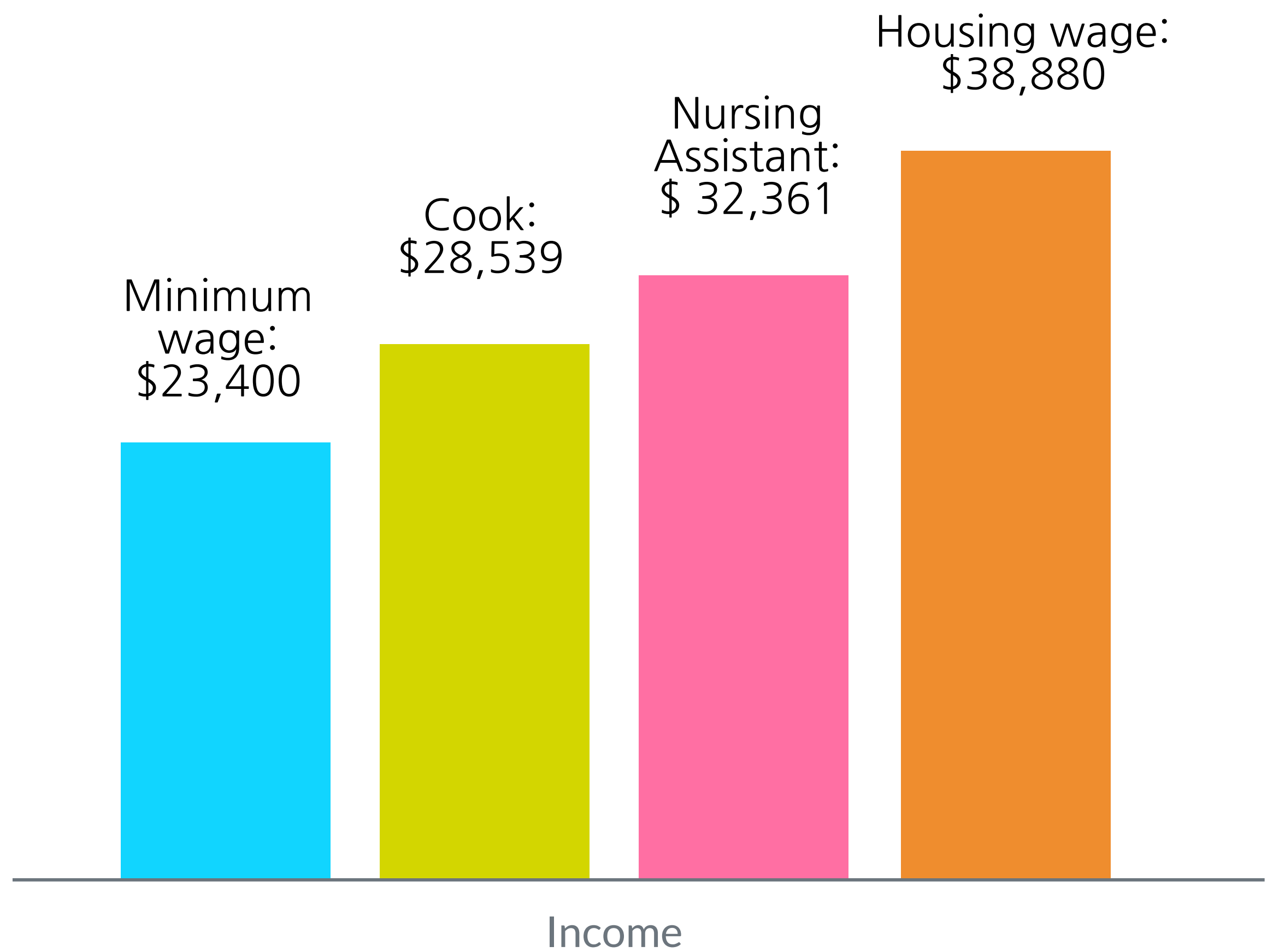


Mean renter wage



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

A household must earn at least \$38,880 to afford a 2 bedroom apartment at fair market rent.

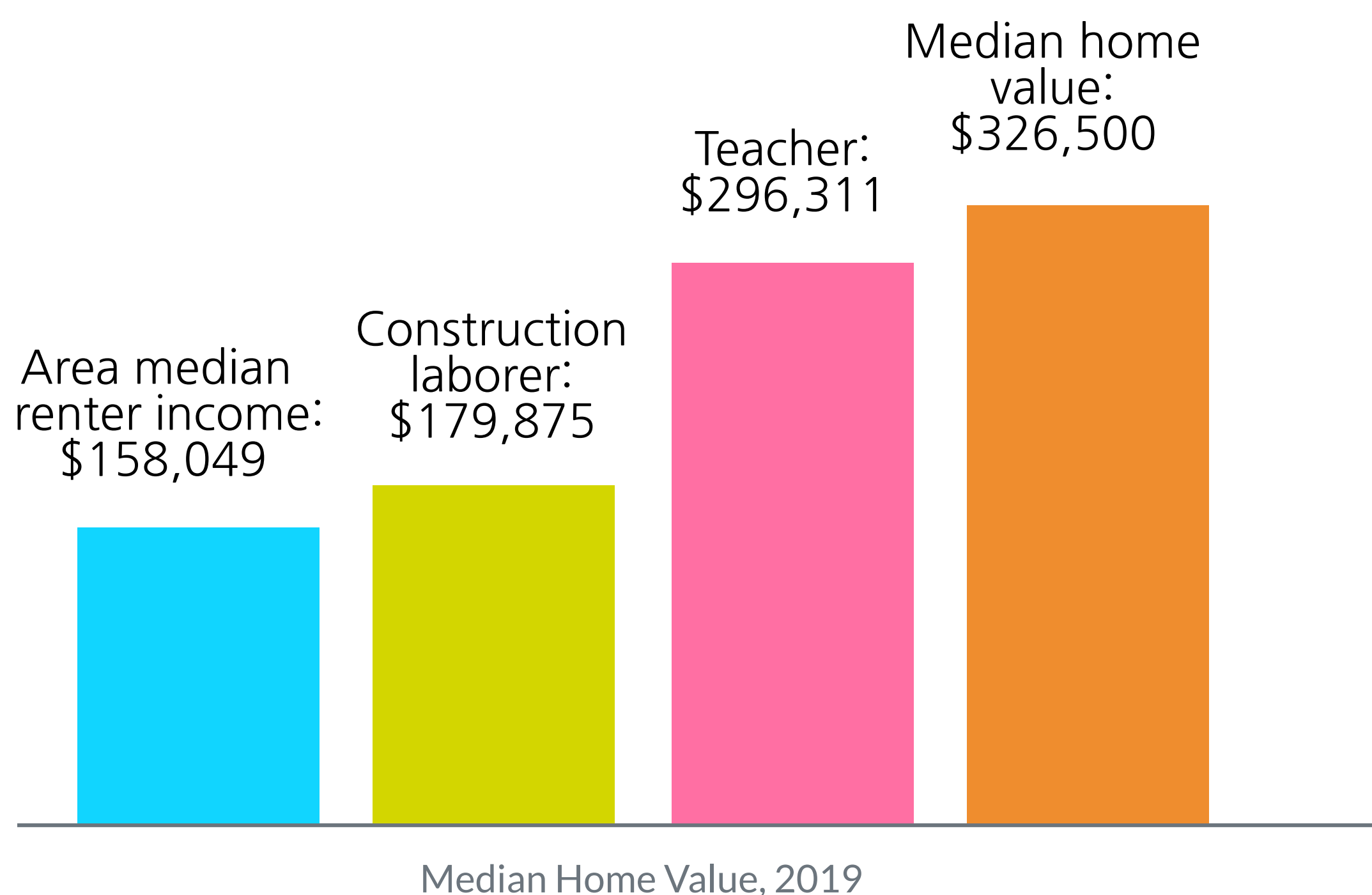


Homeownership is out of reach for many

Average home price someone can afford

\$326,500

median home value in 2019



...up 3.8% from 2018

