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2015 Housing Opportunity Agenda

Oregonians need access to housing they can afford in order to be successful in school, at work, and as community members. To achieve this, we need significant investments and increased attention on housing that is safe, decent and affordable where it is needed most. The 2015 Legislature has a historic choice. Our health, our prosperity, and our future depend on making smart investments now.

Success over the long term will require action in four areas: investment of state resources to meet urgent needs and to ensure our prosperous collective future; provision of low cost debt; access to well located land; and policy that supports housing access.



Immediate Resources

We cannot afford to go backwards. We need substantial investment to meet immediate needs.

- **Prevent and end homelessness with \$20 million for the Emergency Housing Account (EHA) and State Homeless Assistance Program (SHAP).** Our most flexible resource to end and prevent homelessness has not grown along with need. EHA and SHAP keep families in their homes, and help families experiencing homelessness get into stable housing.
- **We need \$20 million in Lottery Backed Bonds to preserve currently affordable homes.** Across the state, thousands of people with extremely low incomes – less than \$10,000 a year – live in homes with federal rent subsidies and in manufactured home parks which are at risk of conversion to market rate. We cannot afford to lose this precious resource and risk displacement of our neighbors.
- **Foreclosures are still four times the “normal” rate. We need \$5 million to ensure the continued success of the Oregon Foreclosure Avoidance (OFA) Program,** which provides essential information, counseling and legal support.



Build for the Future: \$100 million for housing

We need bold action to address long-term housing needs.

- We enthusiastically support the Governor’s request for \$85 million in General Obligation Bonds and \$15m in Lottery Backed Bonds, which will be deployed in 2017 and subsequent years to provide increased housing opportunity for very low income families with children.

Housing Alliance Members and History

In early 2004, housing advocates in Oregon formed a new approach to housing advocacy at the state level. We brought together the many voices and constituencies concerned with the lack of affordable housing and the devastating impact of that shortage on Oregon families and individuals.

Together advocates, local governments, housing authorities, community development corporations, environmentalists, service providers, business interests and all others dedicated to increasing the resources available to meet our housing needs have secured more than 40 legislative victories allowing Oregon homes to be safer and more affordable.

2015 Members

1000 Friends of Oregon	League of Women Voters of Oregon
211info	Lincoln County
AFSCME Local 3135	Metro
Alliance of Family & Housing Success	NAYA Family Center
Bienestar	Neighborhood Economic Development Corporation (NEDCO)
CASA of Oregon	Neighborhood Partnerships
Cascade Management Inc.	NeighborImpact
Central City Concern	NeighborWorks Umpqua
Chrisman Development Inc.	Network for Oregon Affordable Housing
City of Portland	Northwest Housing Alternatives
Clackamas County	Northwest Pilot Project
Community Action Partnership of Oregon	Open Door Counseling Center
Community Action Team, Inc.	Oregon Food Bank
Community Alliance of Tenants	Oregon Housing Authorities
Community Housing Fund	Oregon Opportunity Network
Community Partners for Affordable Housing	Partners for a Hunger Free Oregon
Cornerstone Community Housing	Portland Community Reinvestment Initiatives, Inc.
Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon	Proud Ground
Fair Housing Council of Oregon	Raphael House
Farmworker Housing Development Corporation	REACH CDC
Habitat for Humanity of Oregon	St. Vincent de Paul of Lane County, Inc.
Hacienda CDC	ShelterCare
Coalition of Housing Advocates	Sisters of the Road
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Human Solutions	Washington County
Impact Northwest	Welcome Home Coalition
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Lane County Legal Aid and Advocacy Center	

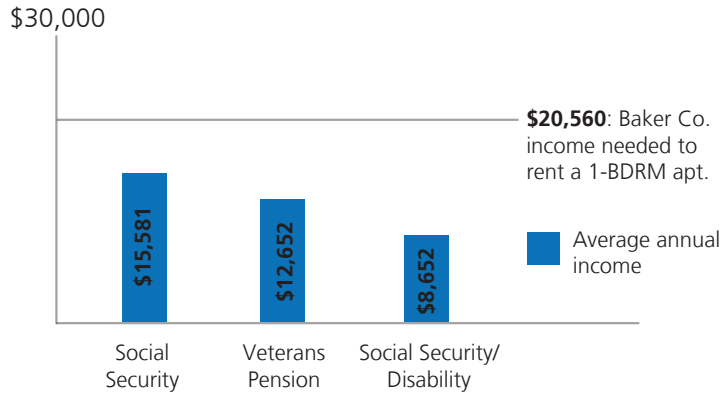


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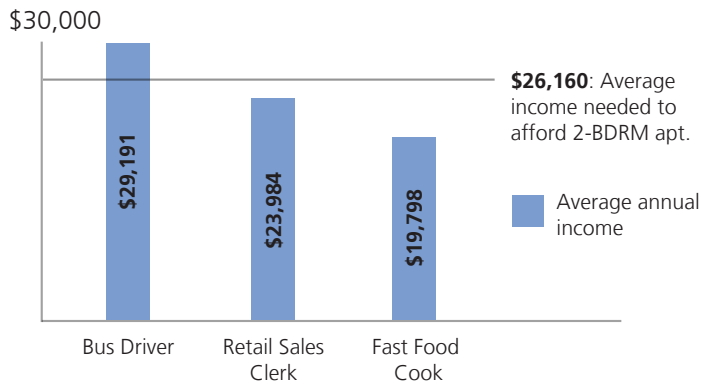
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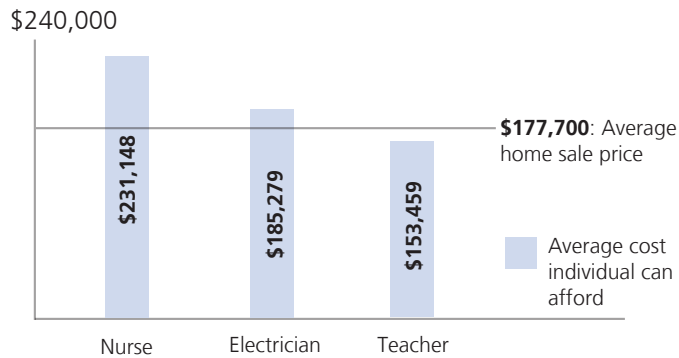
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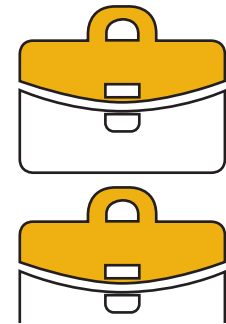
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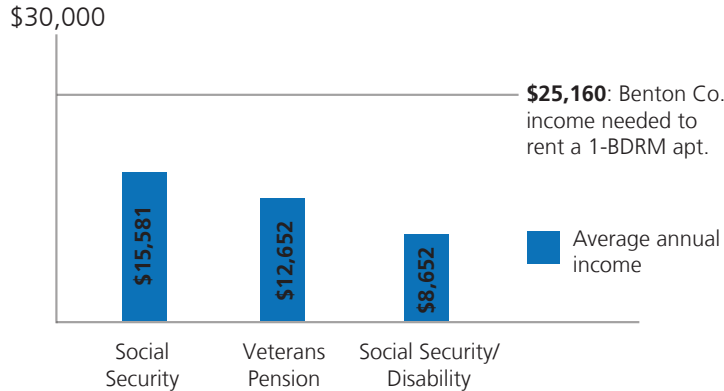


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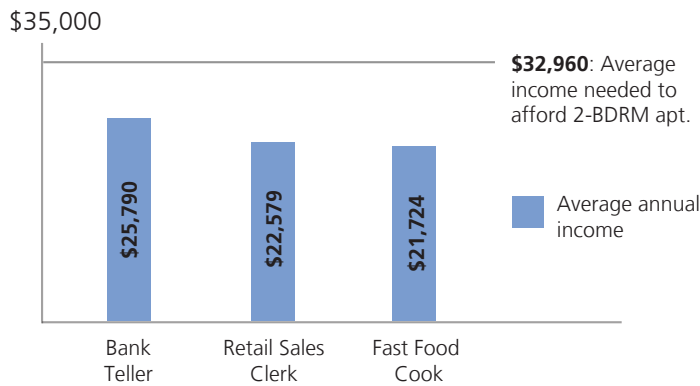
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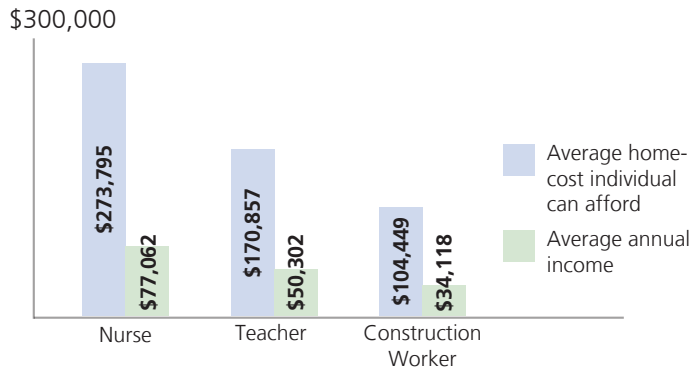
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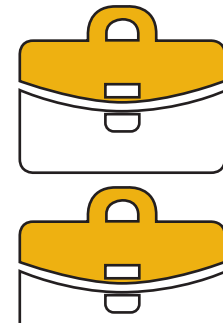
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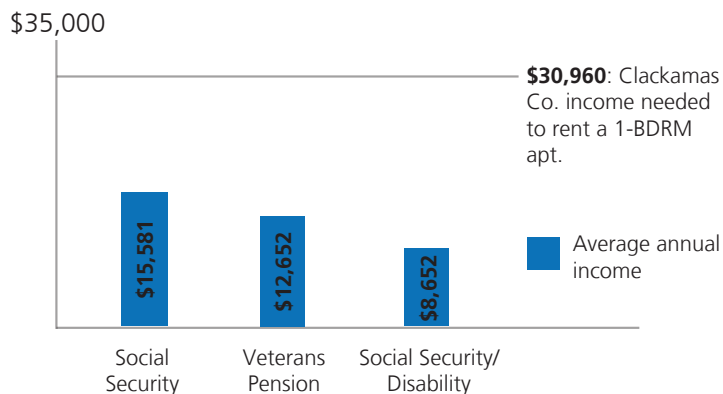


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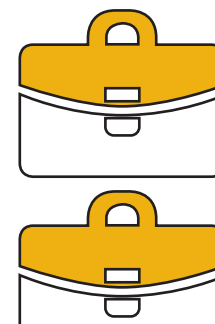
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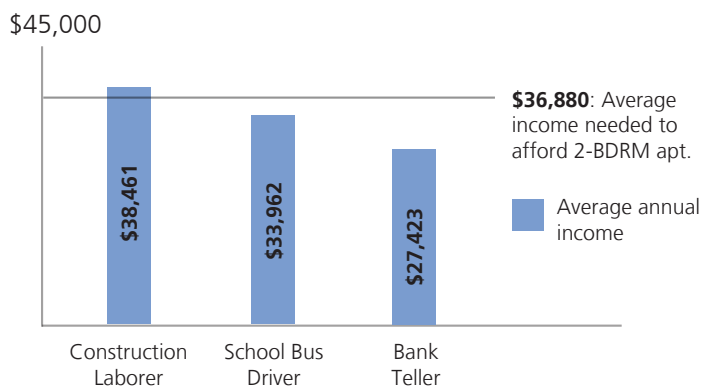


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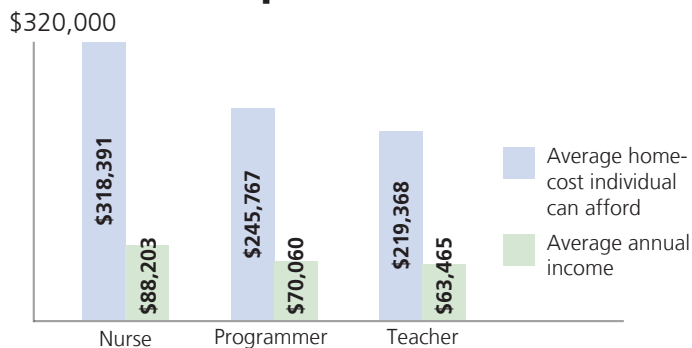
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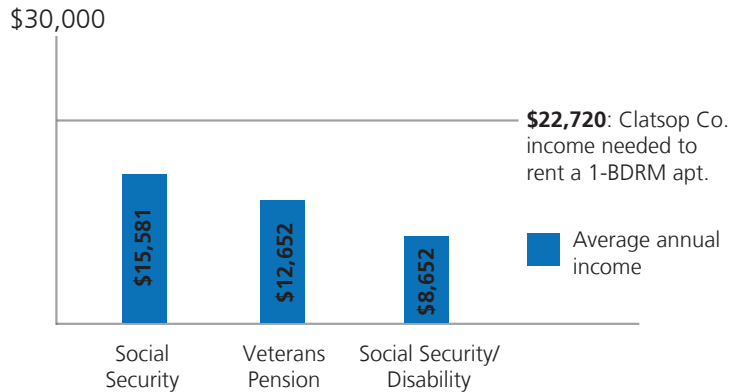
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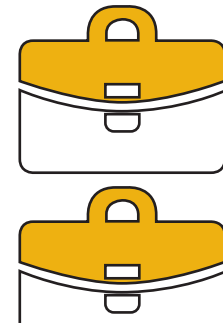
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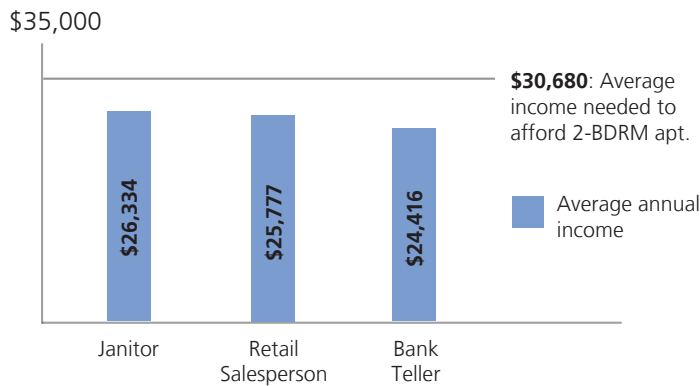


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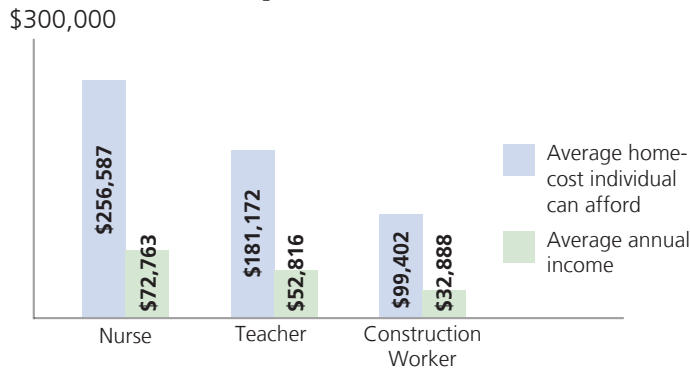
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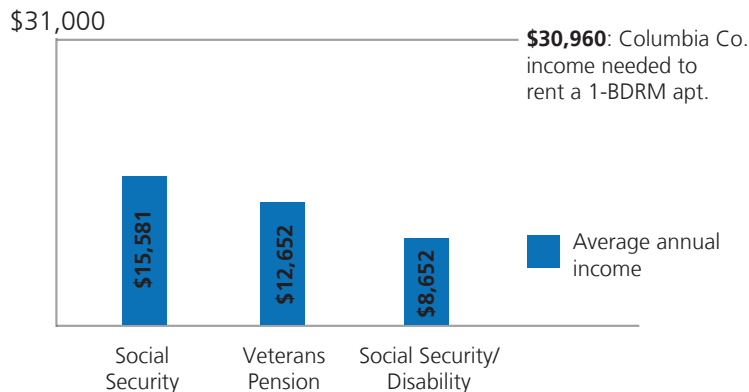


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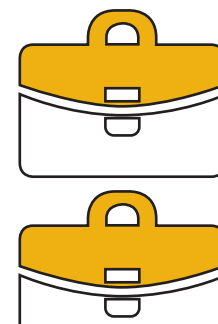
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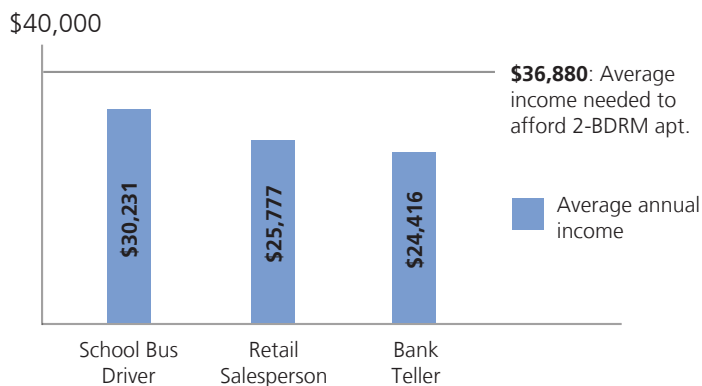


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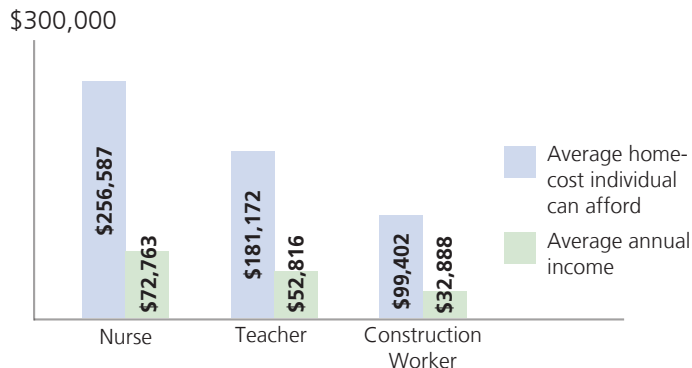
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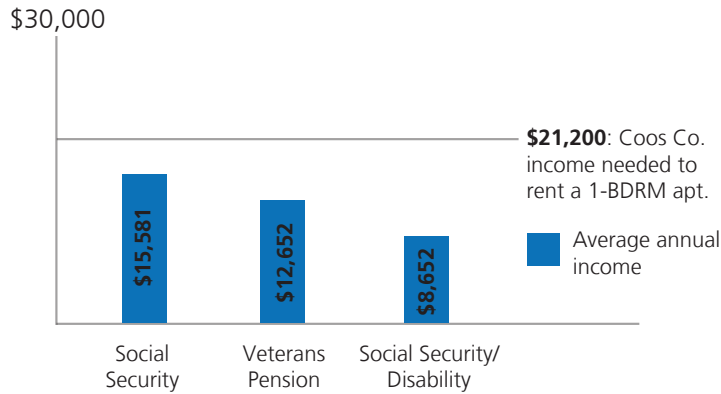
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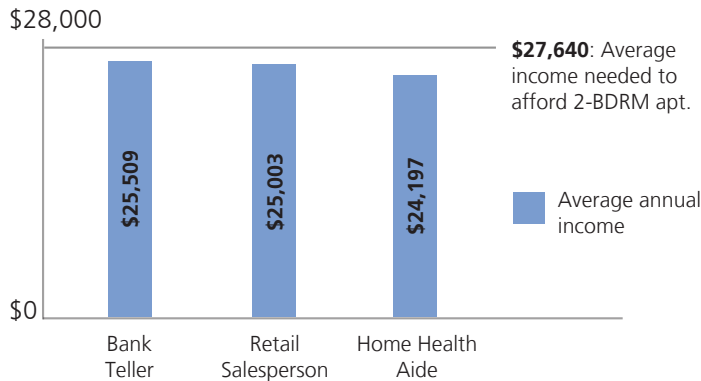
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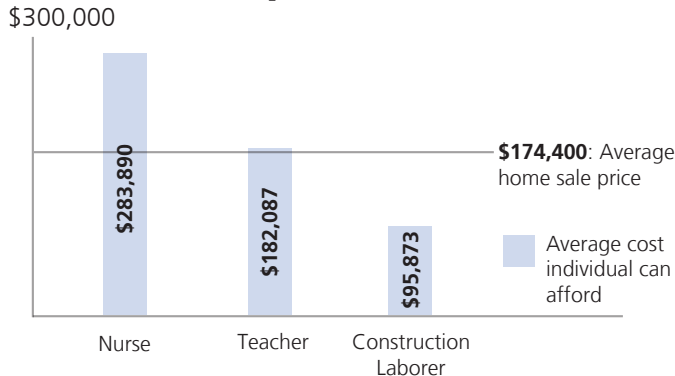
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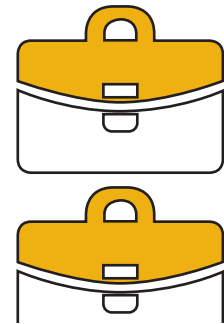
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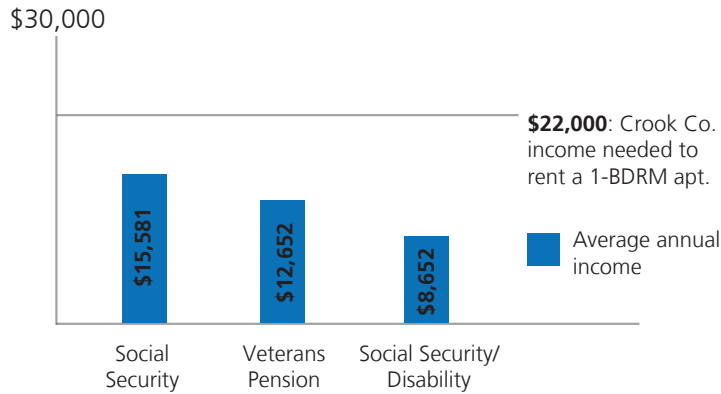


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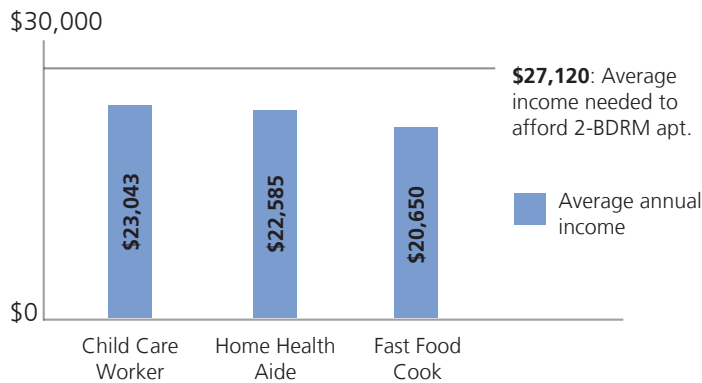
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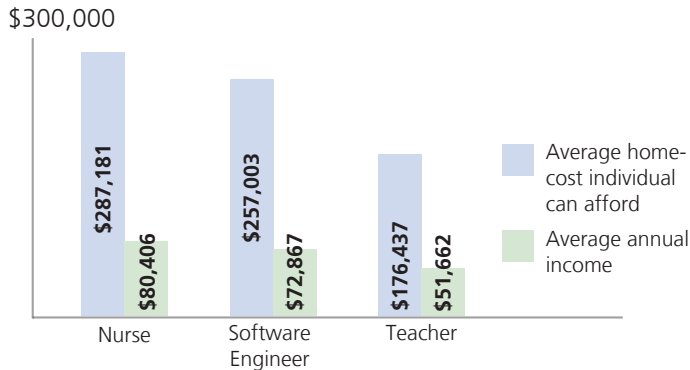
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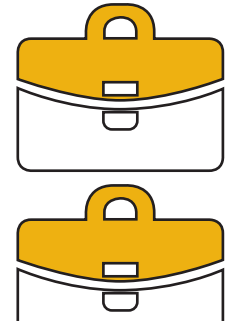
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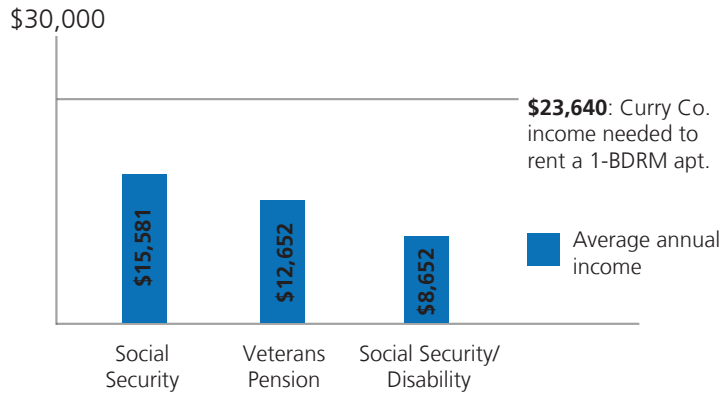
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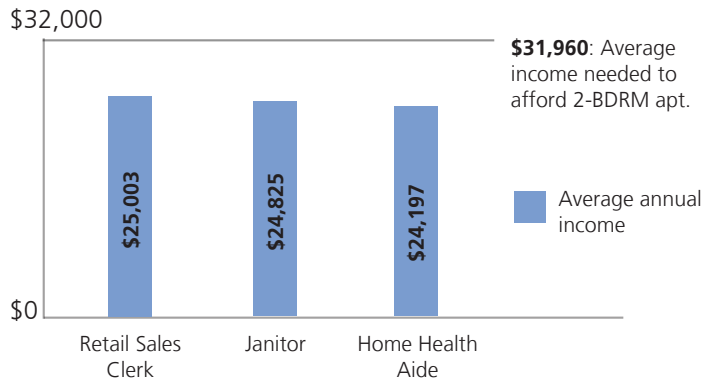
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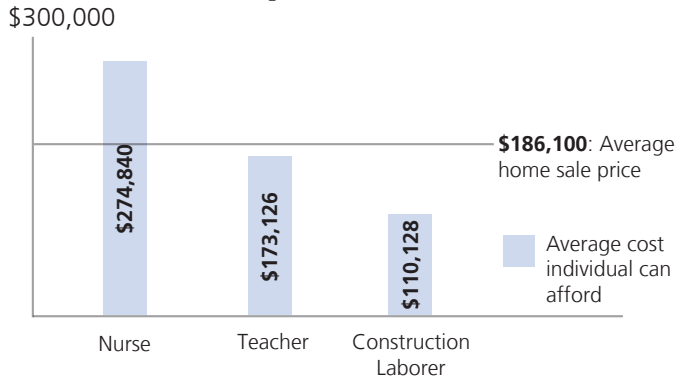
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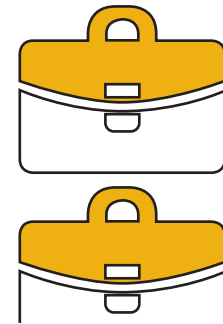
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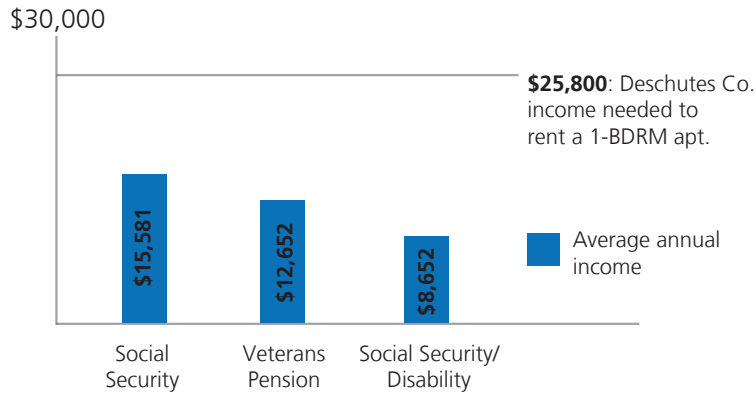


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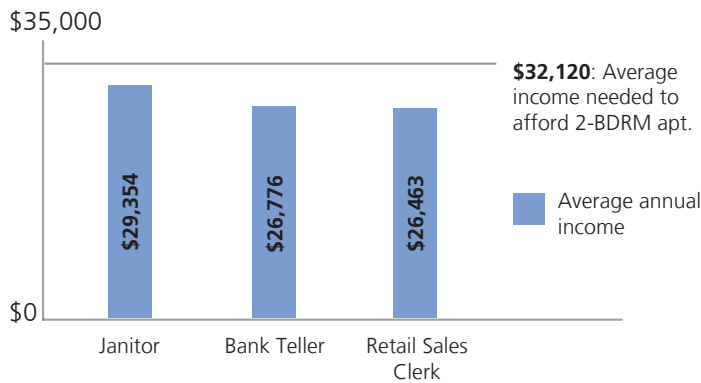
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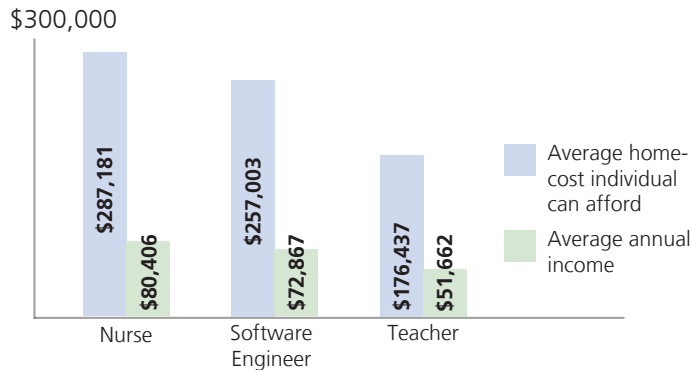
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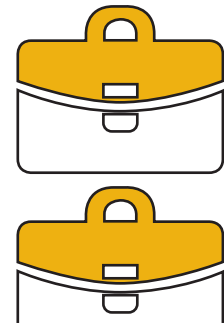
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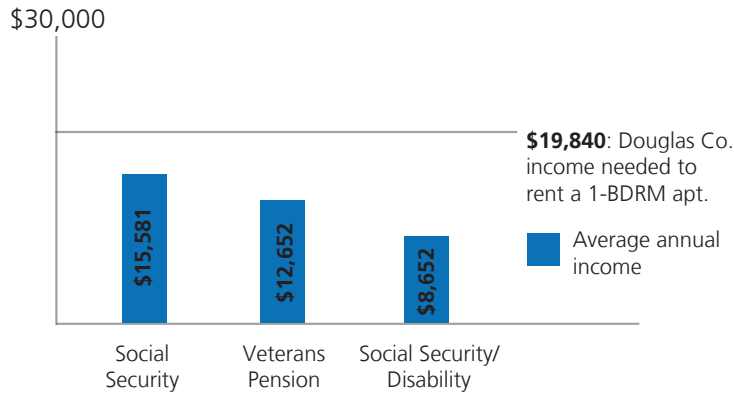
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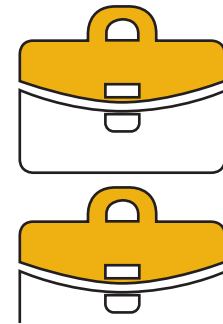
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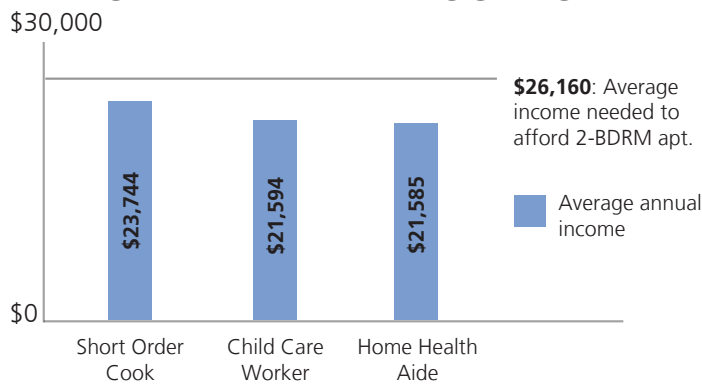


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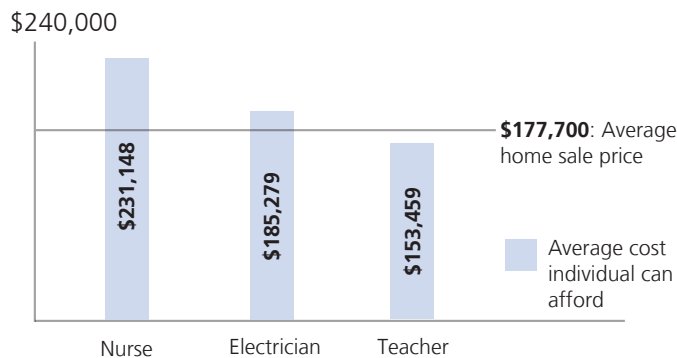
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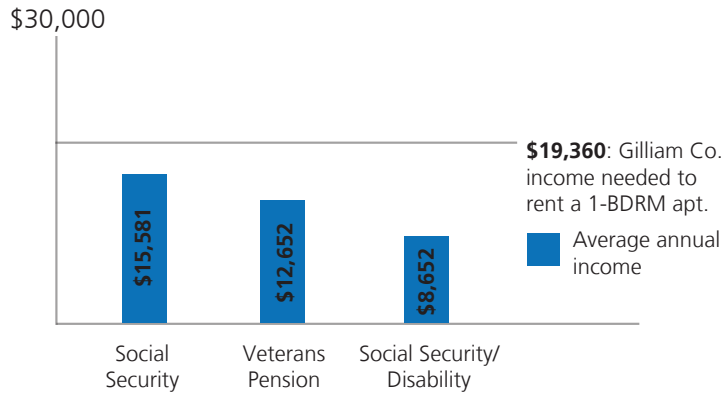


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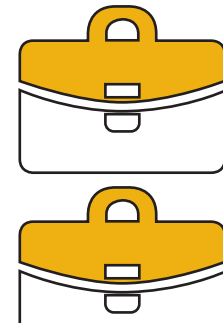
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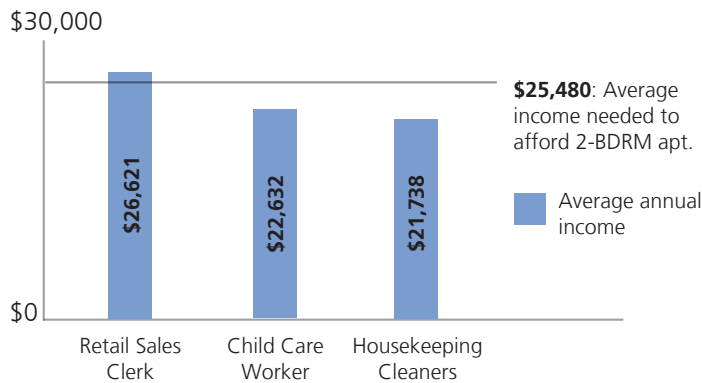


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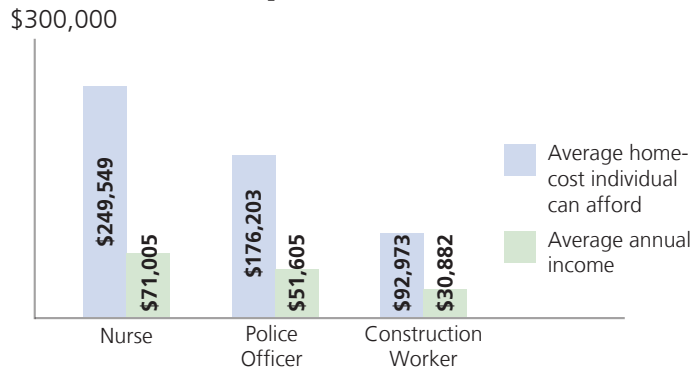
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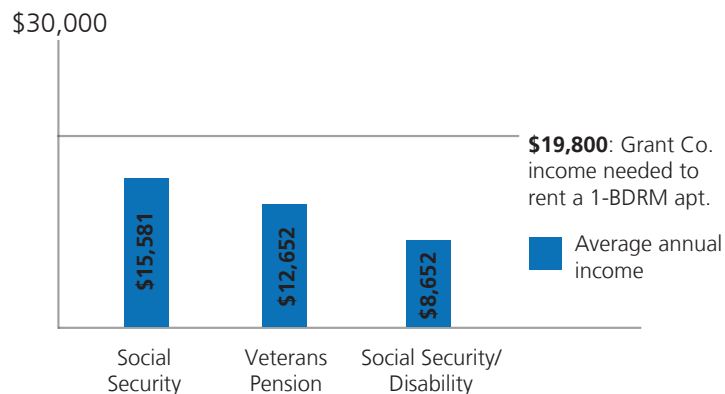
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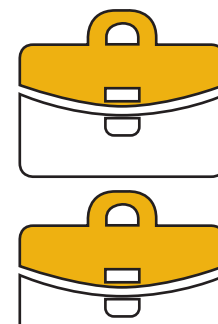
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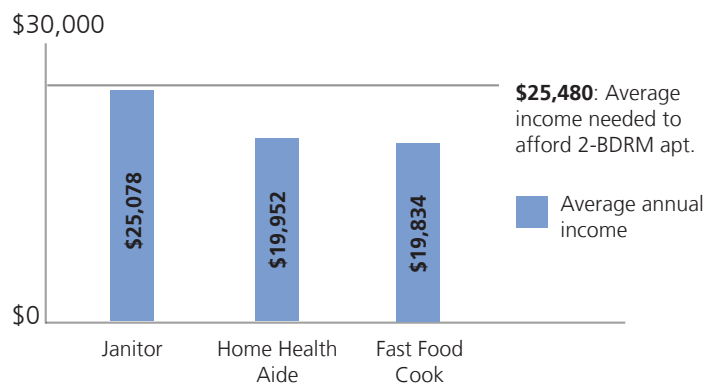


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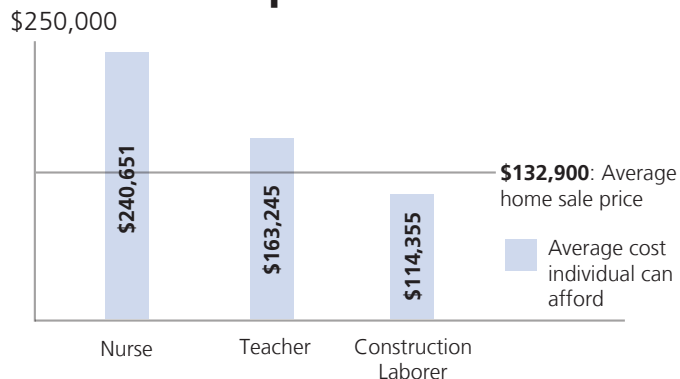
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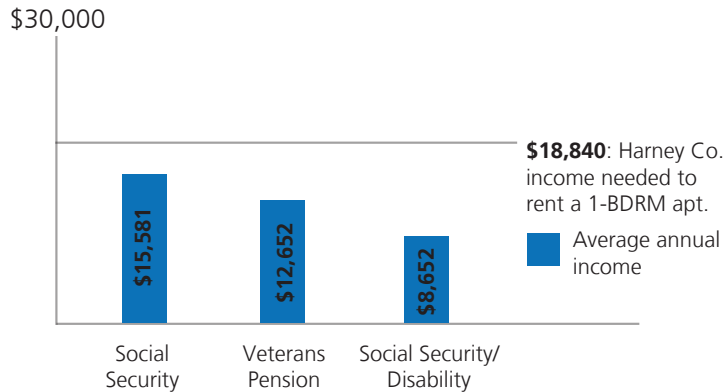


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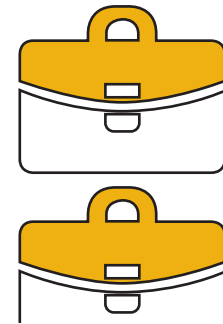
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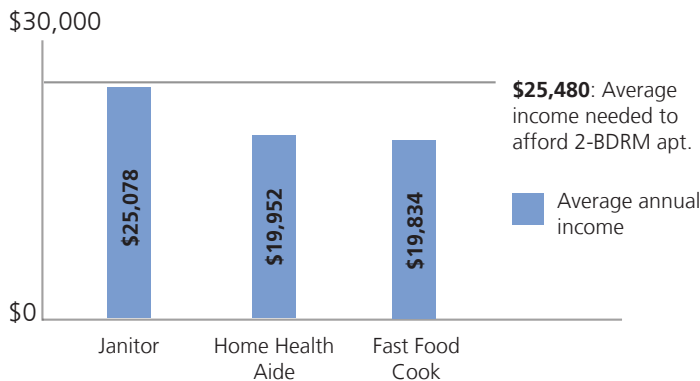


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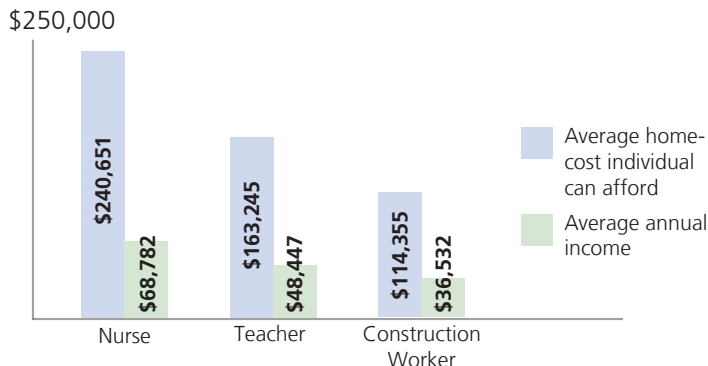
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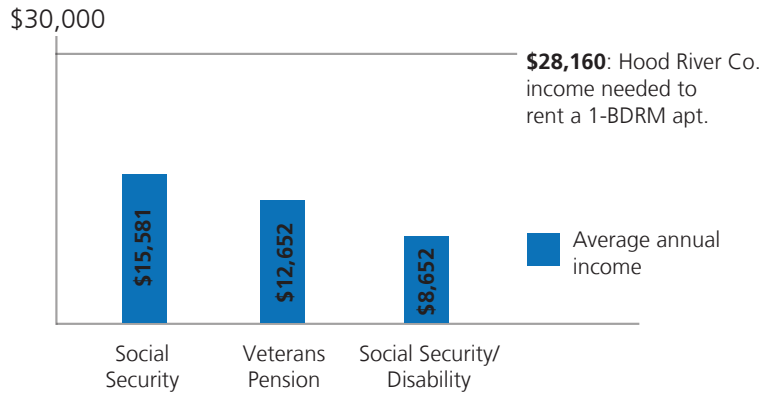


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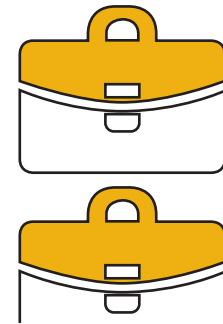
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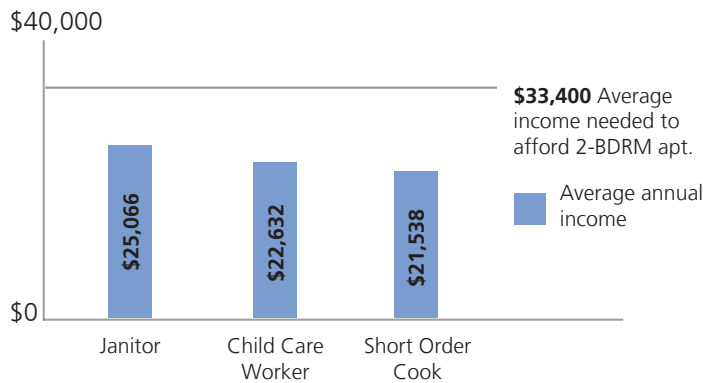


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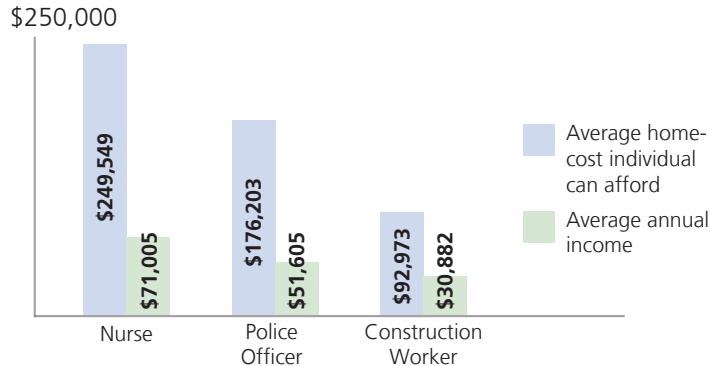
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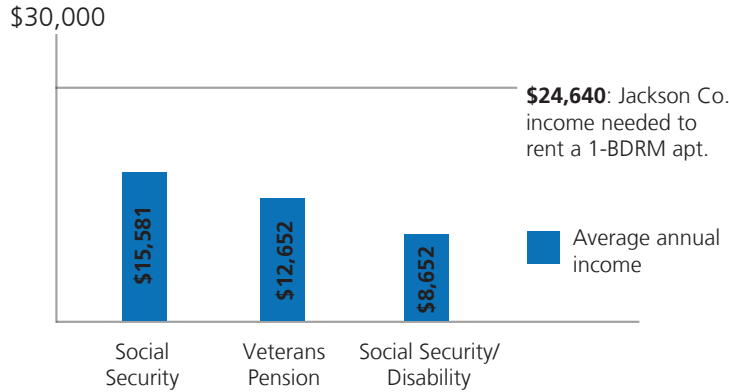


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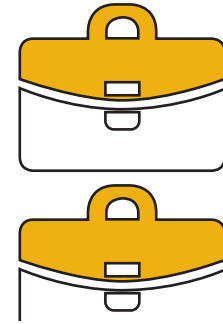
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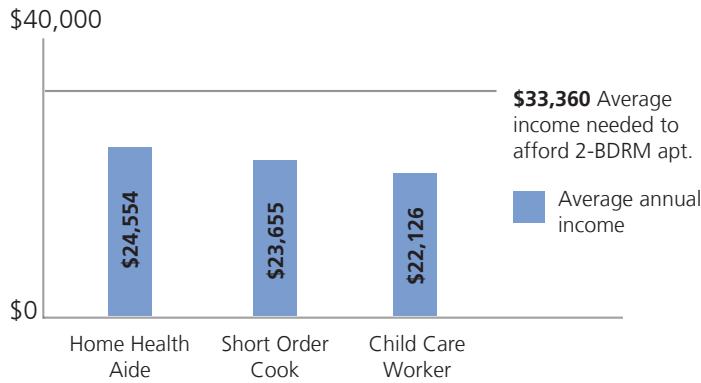


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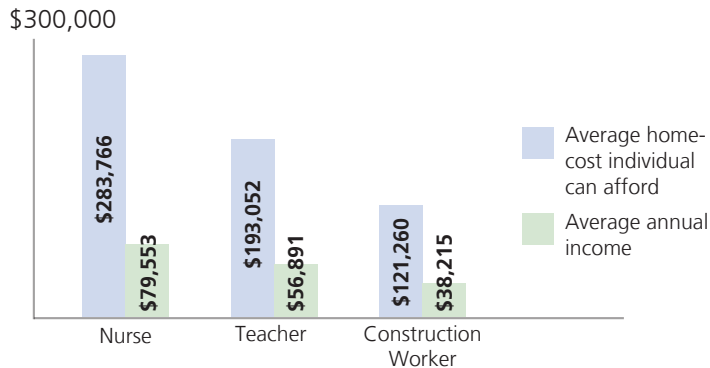


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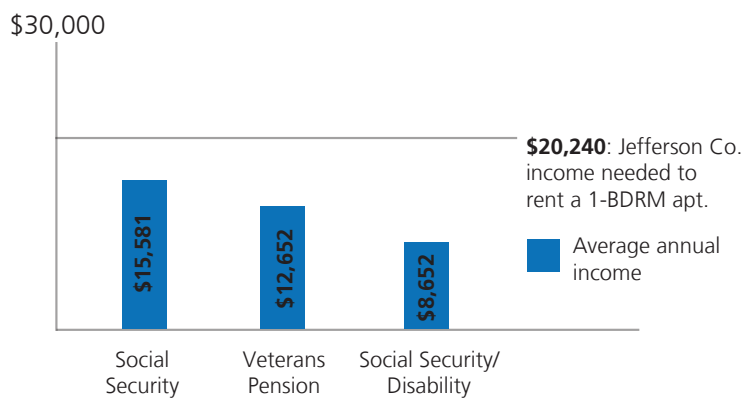
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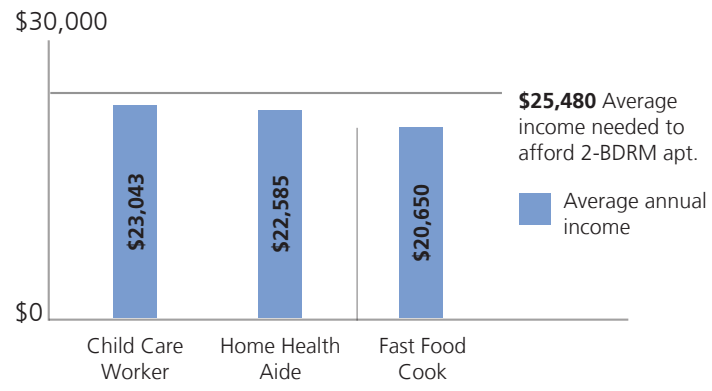
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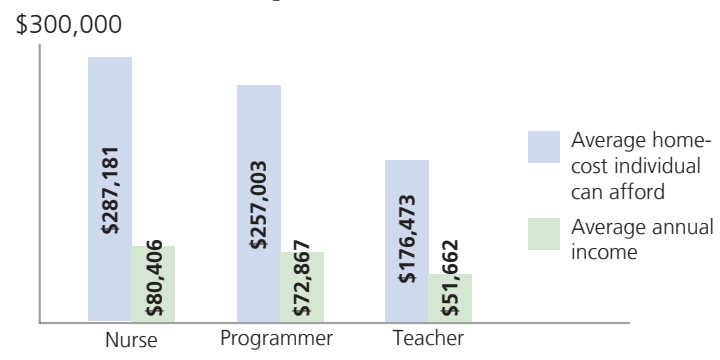
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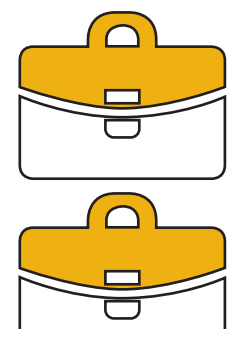
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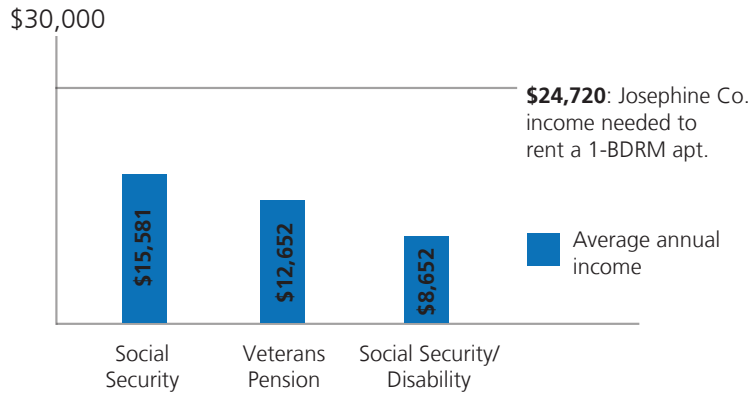
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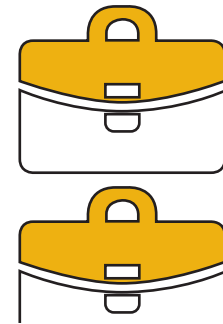
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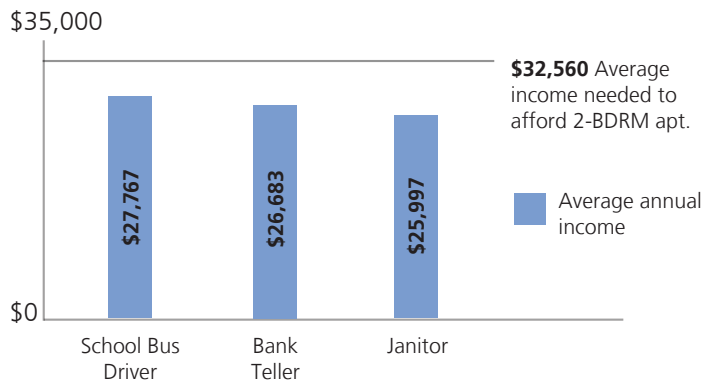


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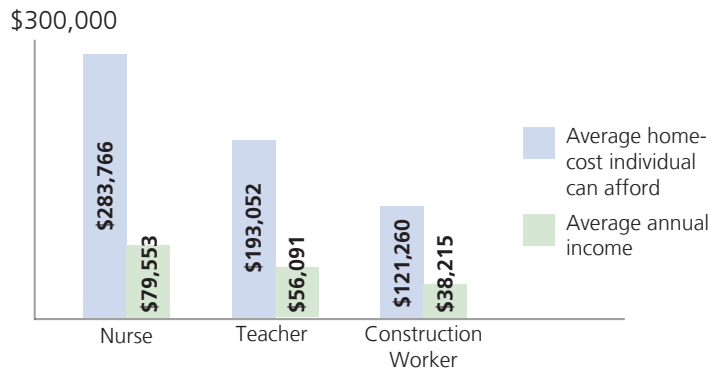
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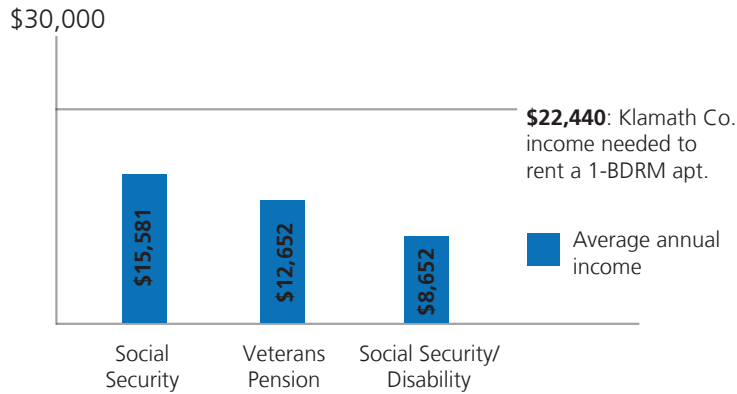


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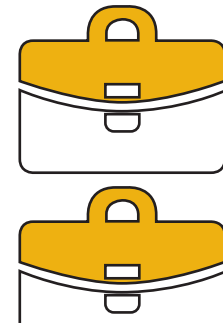
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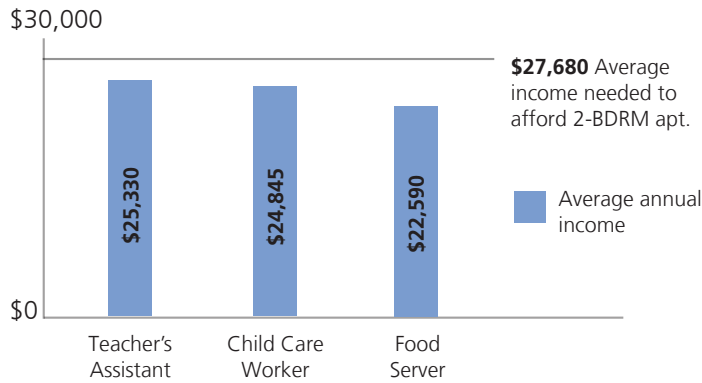


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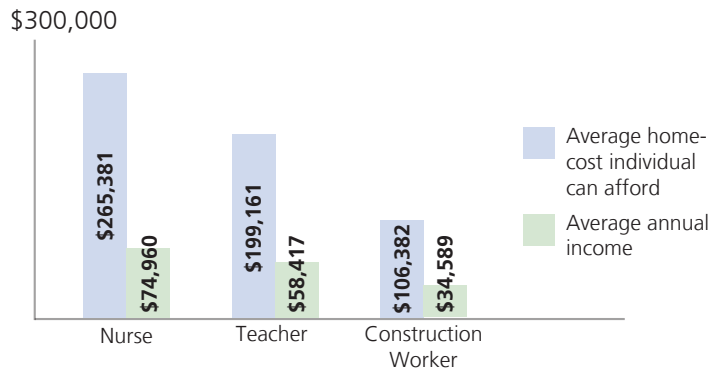


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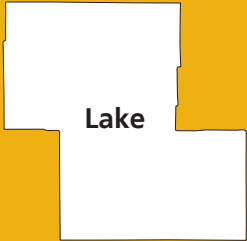


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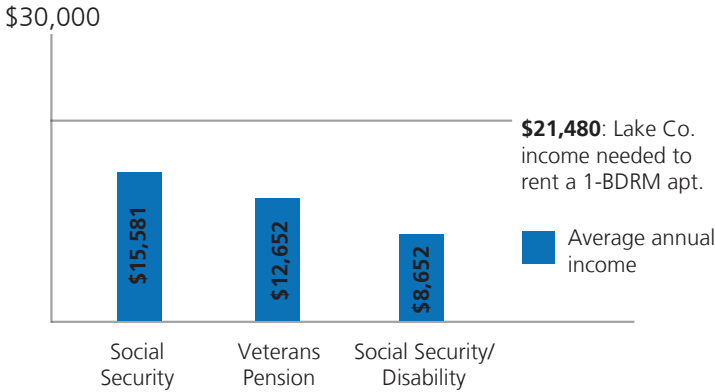
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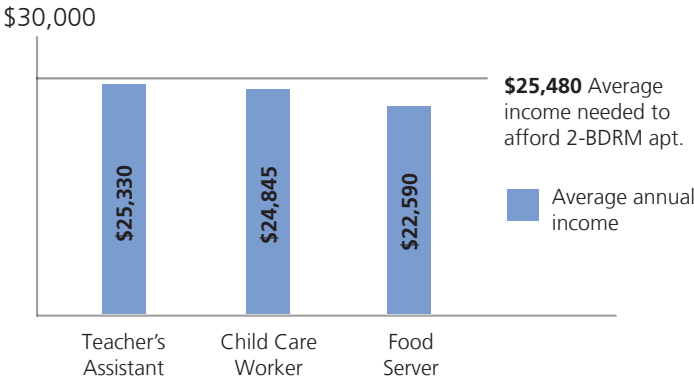
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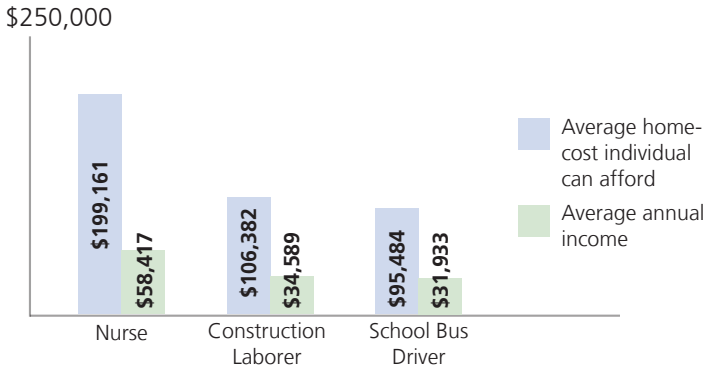
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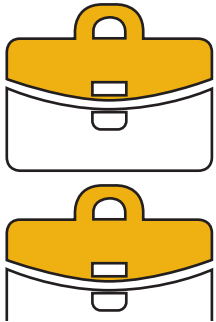
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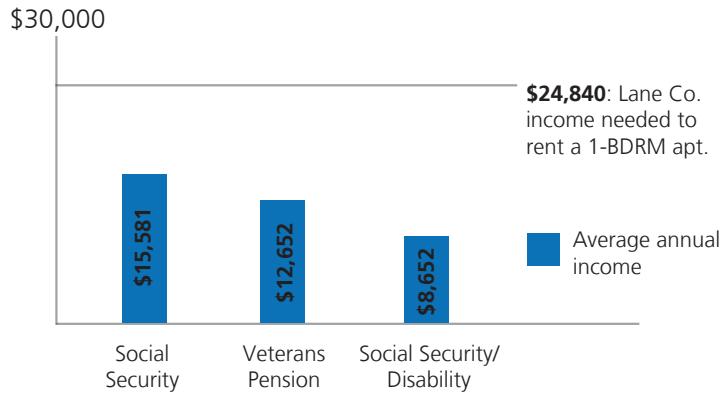
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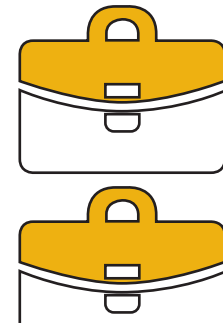
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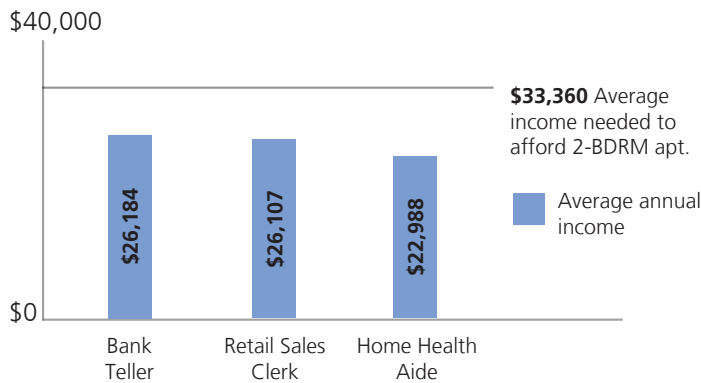


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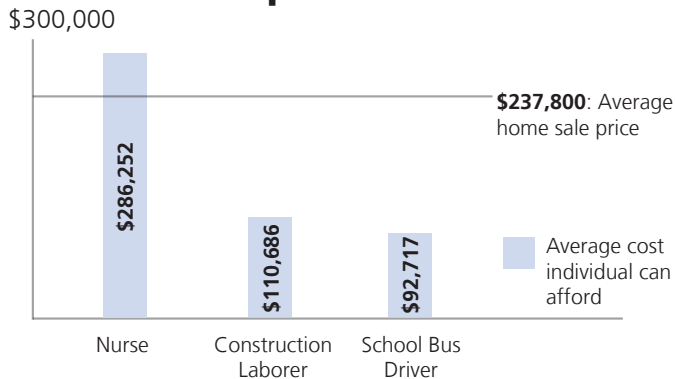


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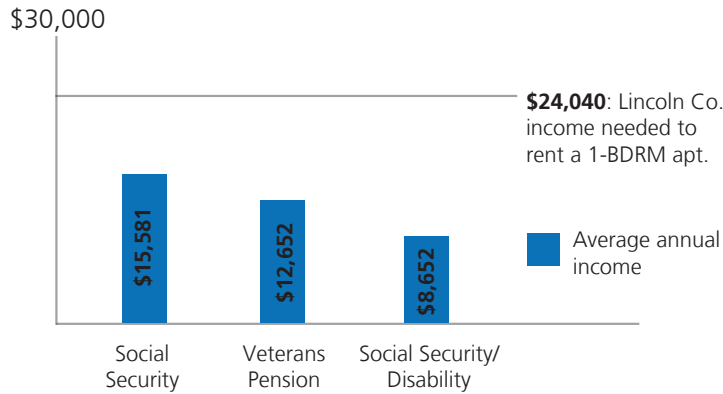
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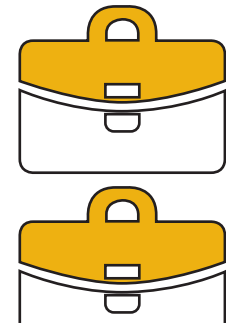
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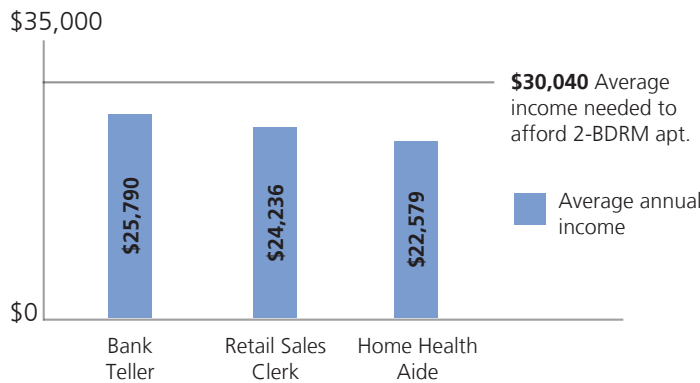


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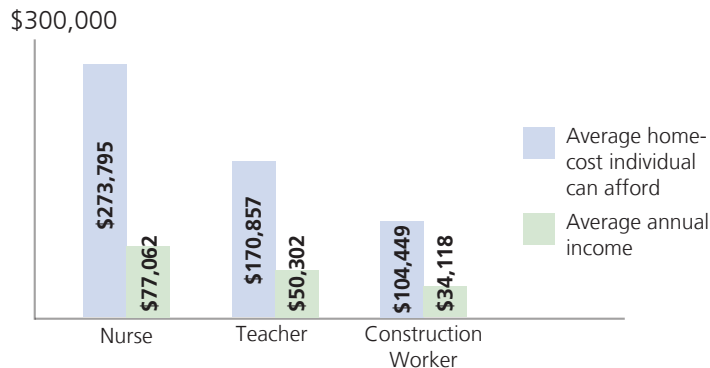


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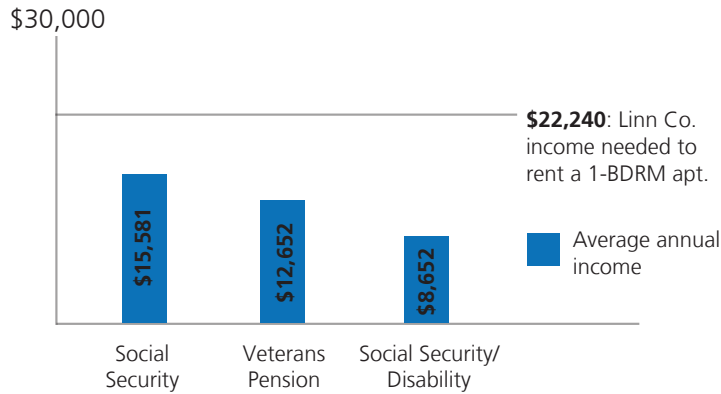


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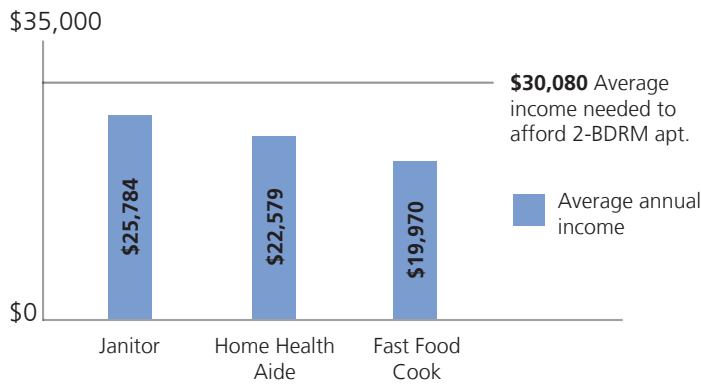
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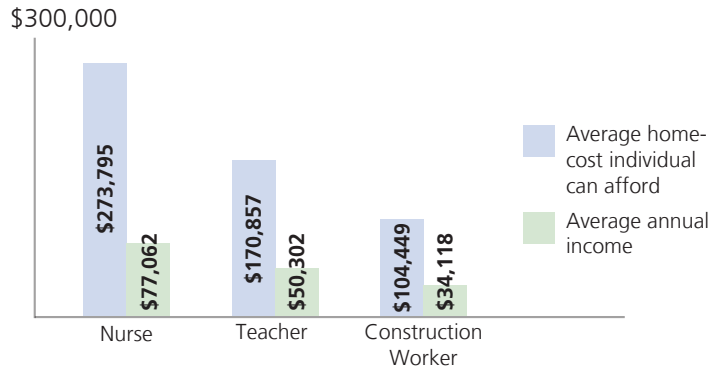
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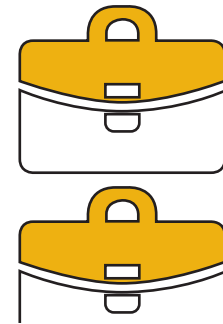
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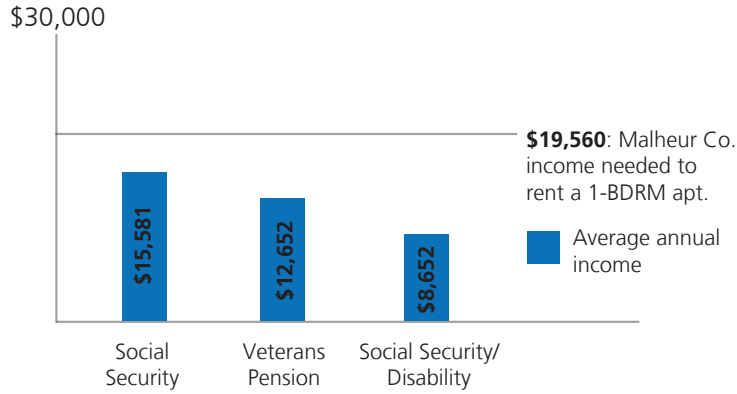


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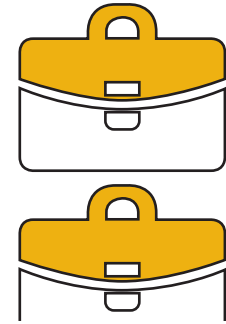
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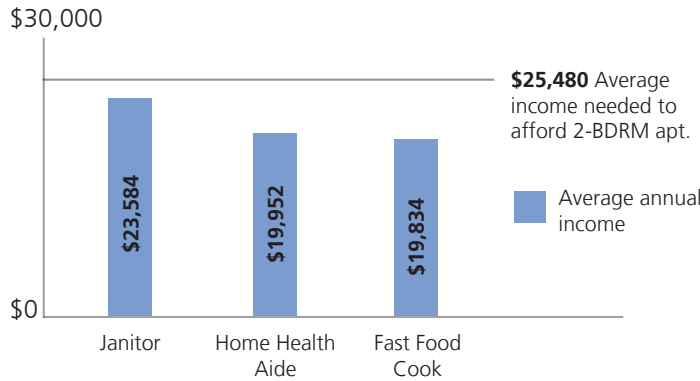


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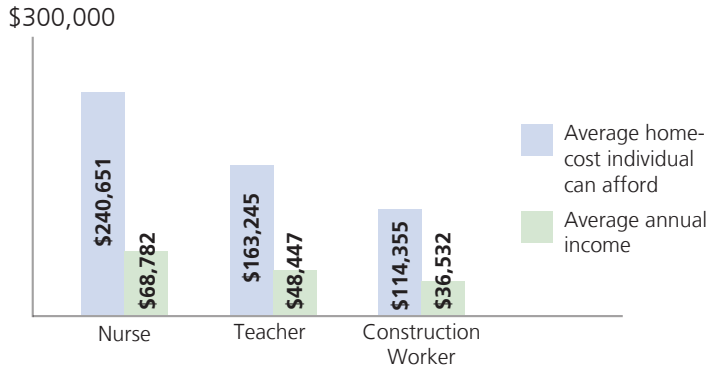


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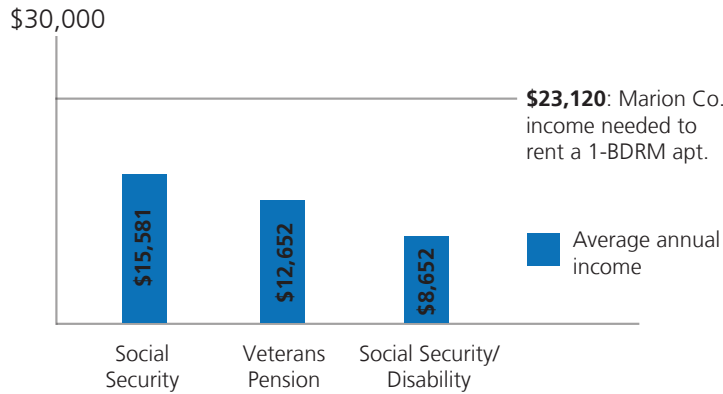
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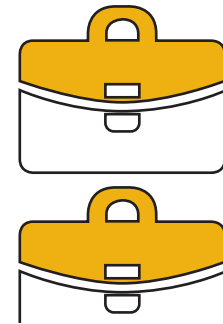
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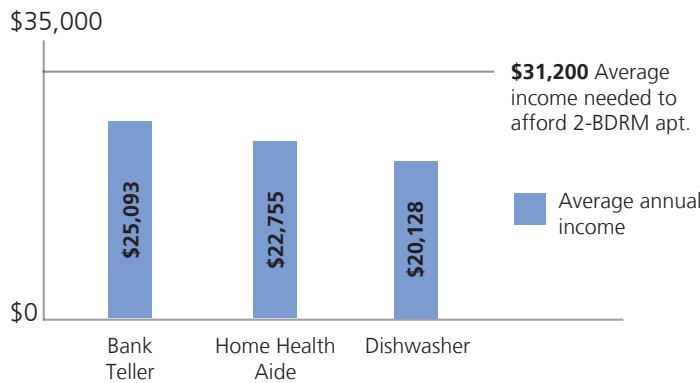


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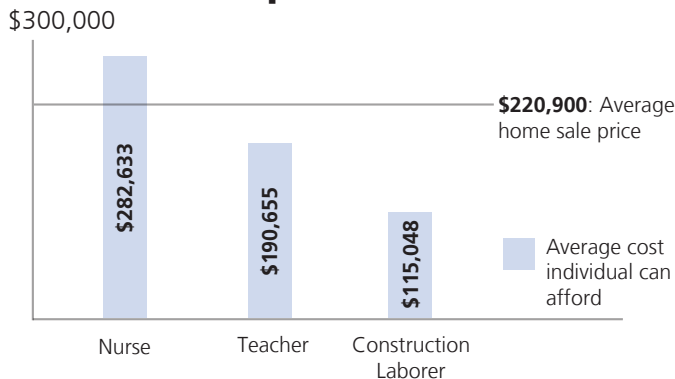
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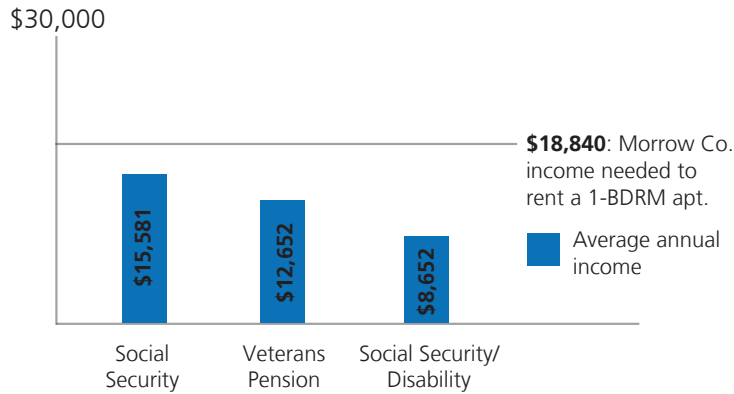
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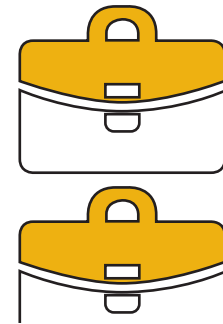
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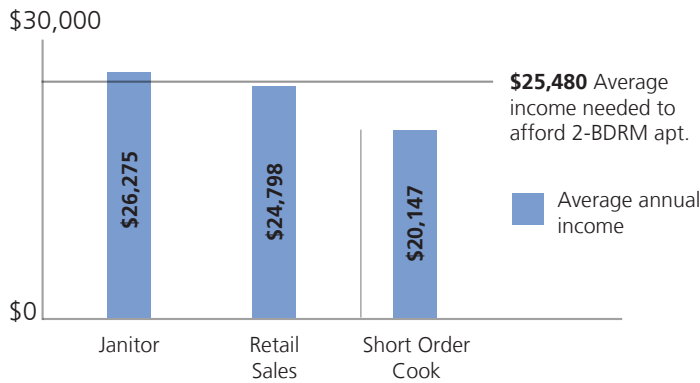


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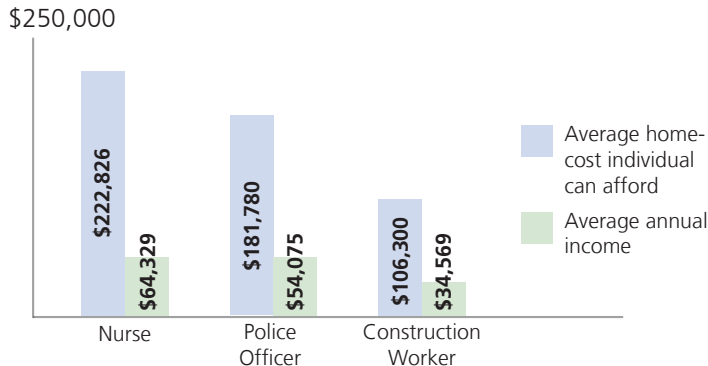


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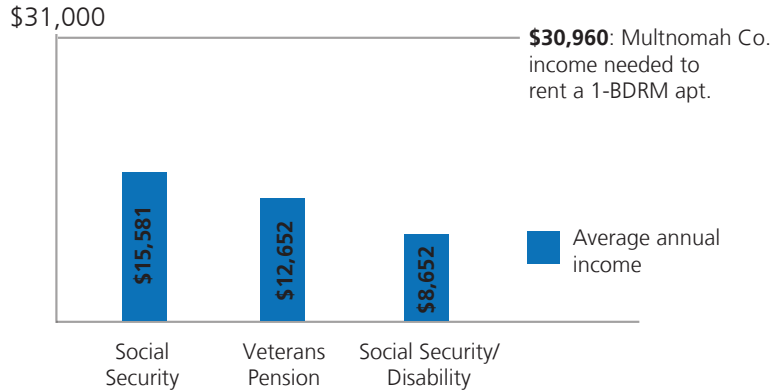


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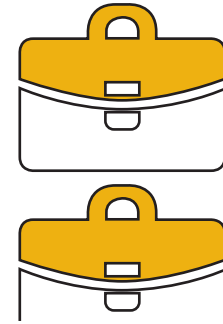
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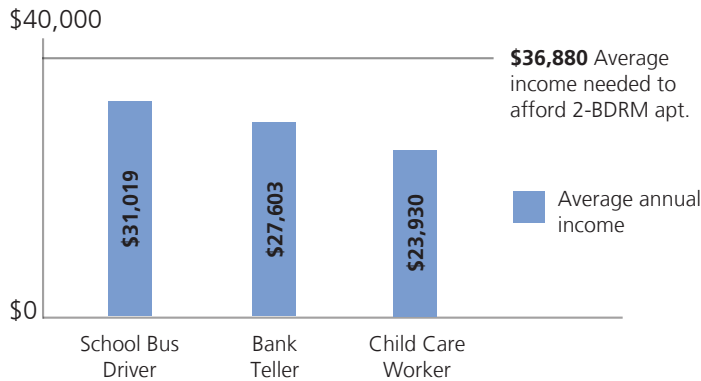


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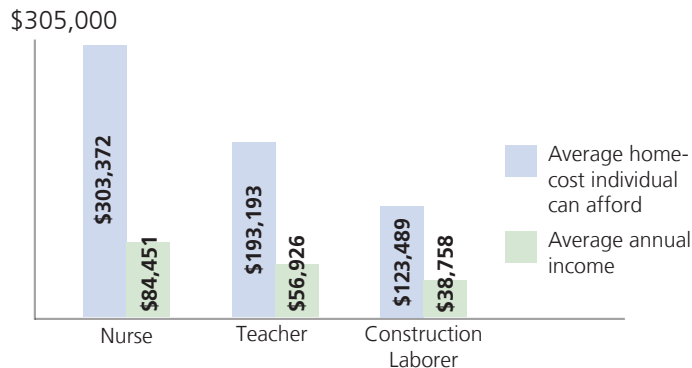
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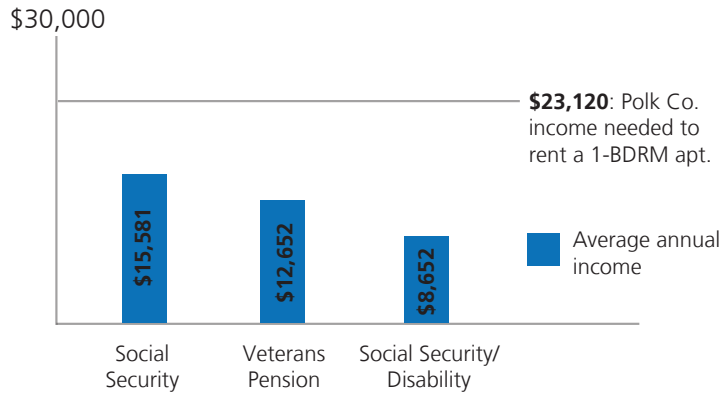
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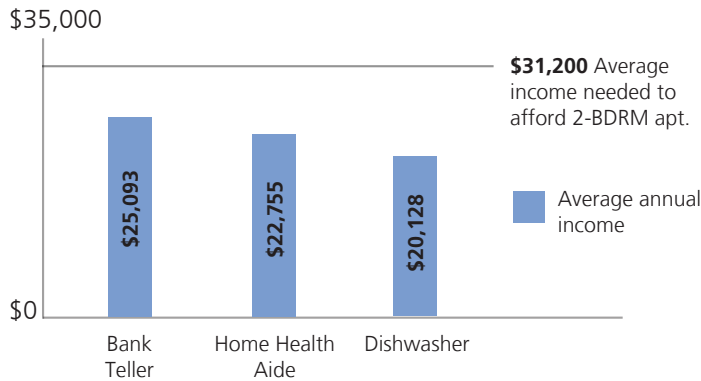
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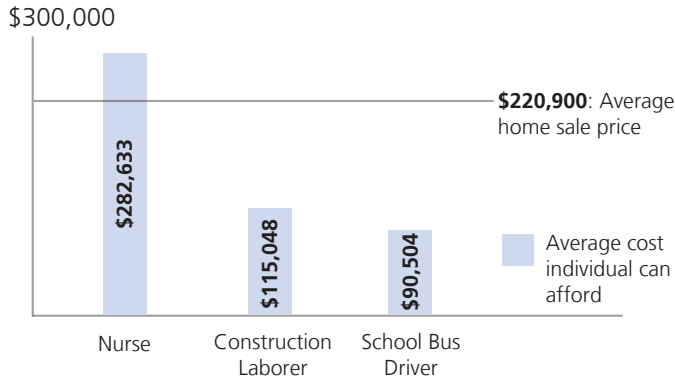
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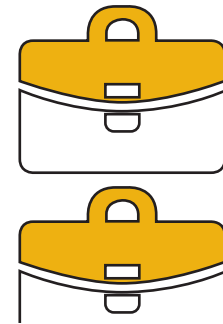
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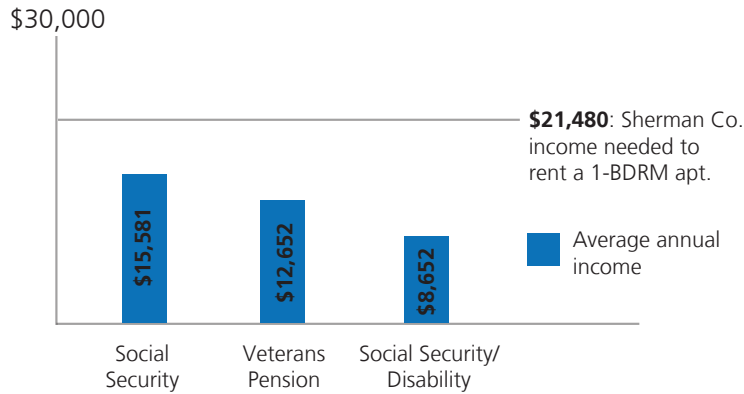


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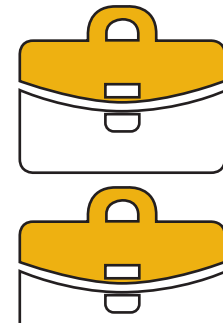
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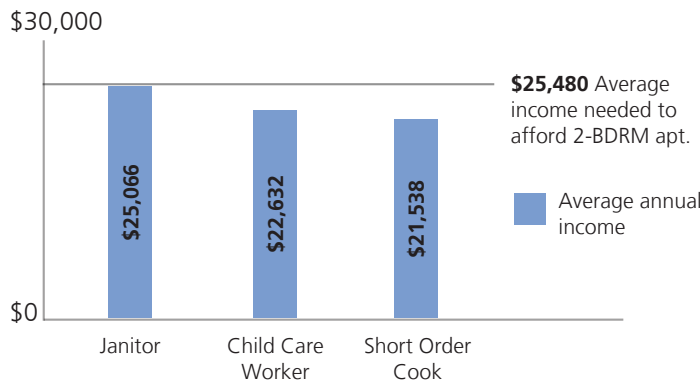


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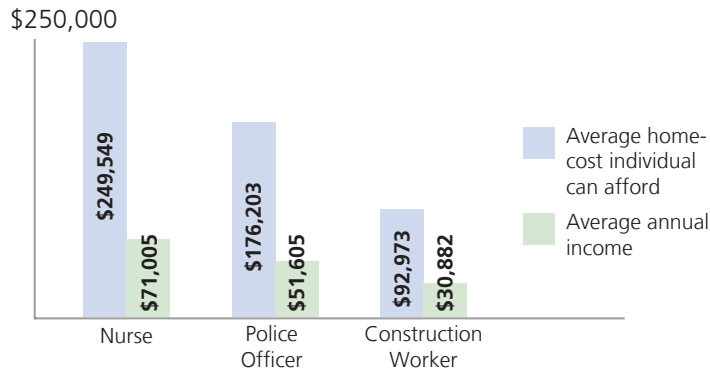
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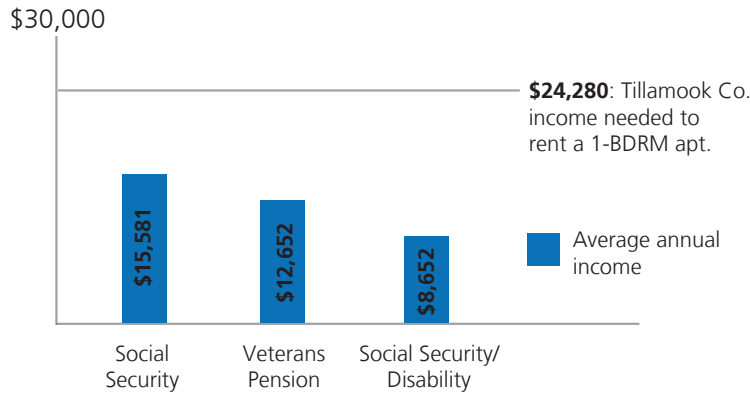
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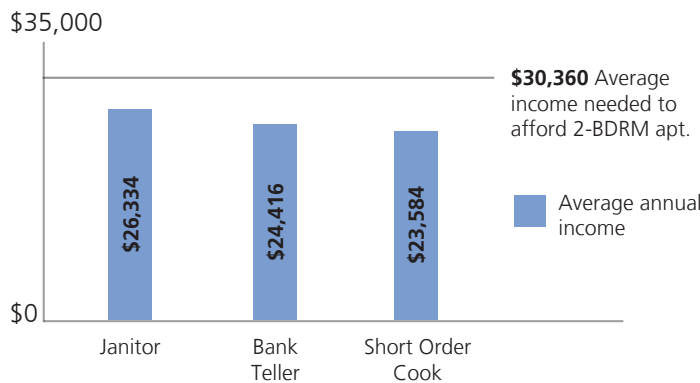
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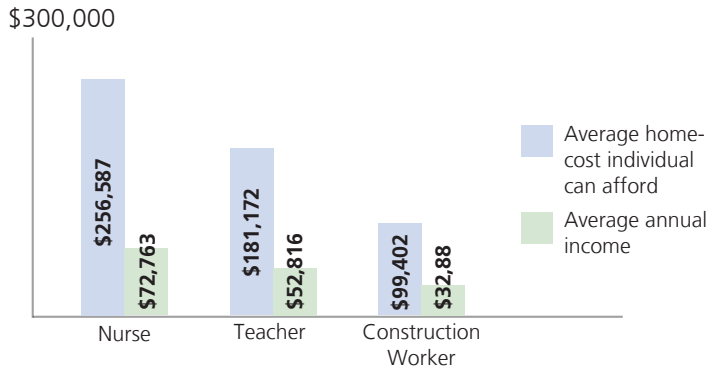
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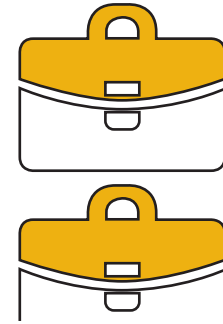
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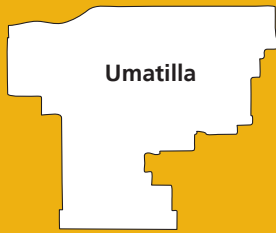


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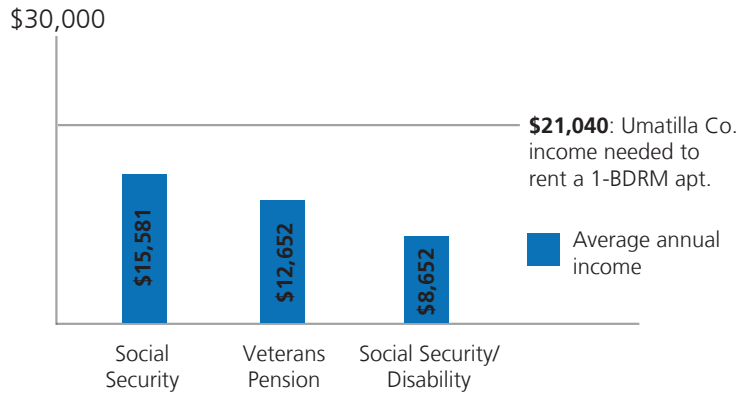


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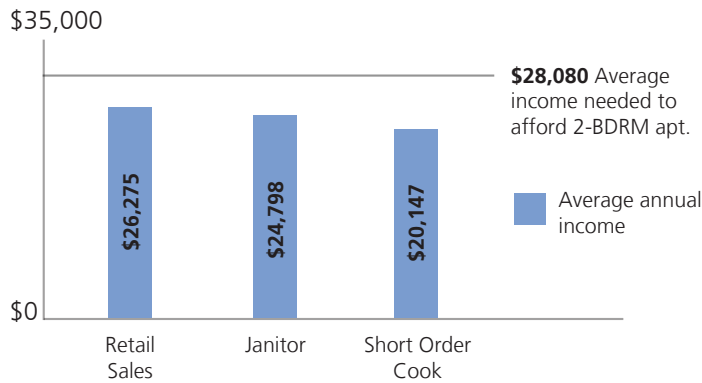
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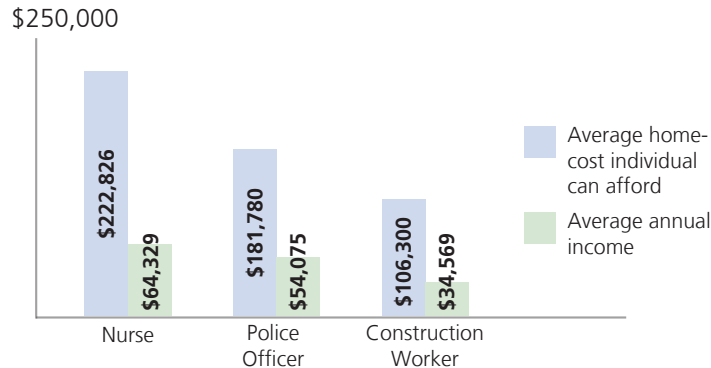
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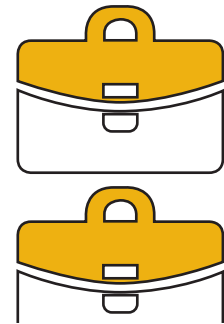
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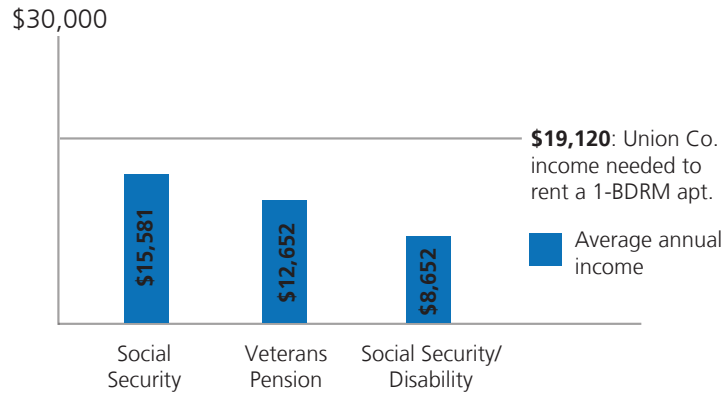
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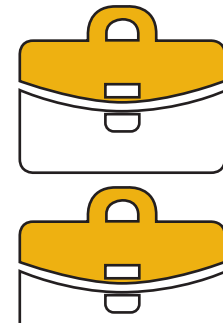
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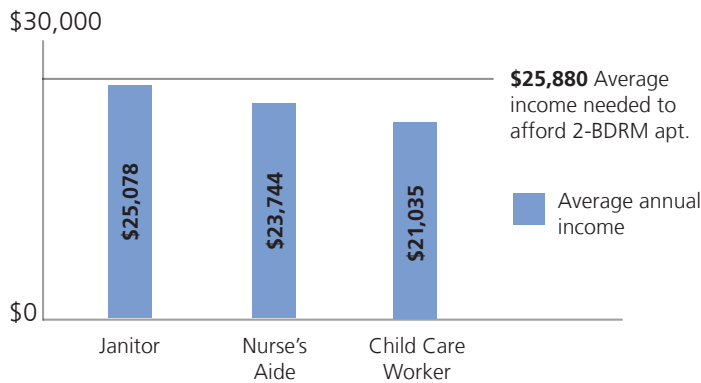


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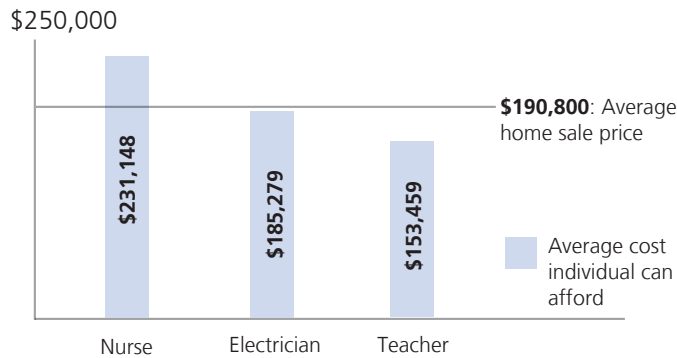


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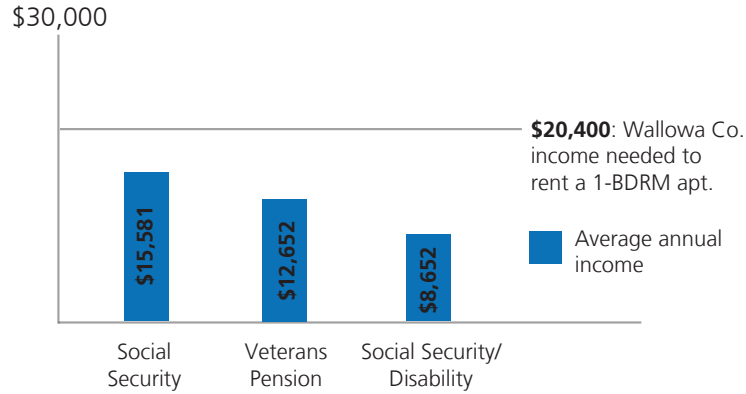
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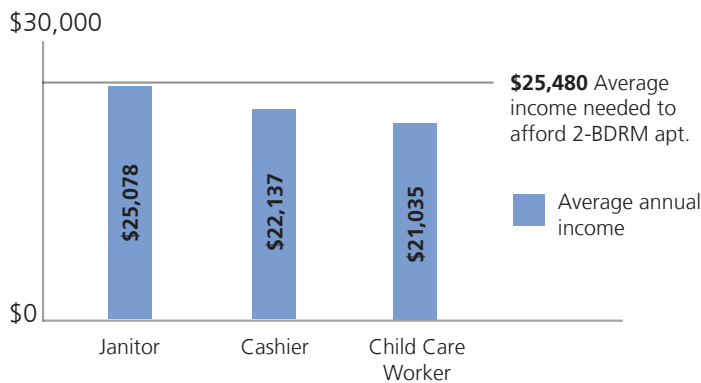
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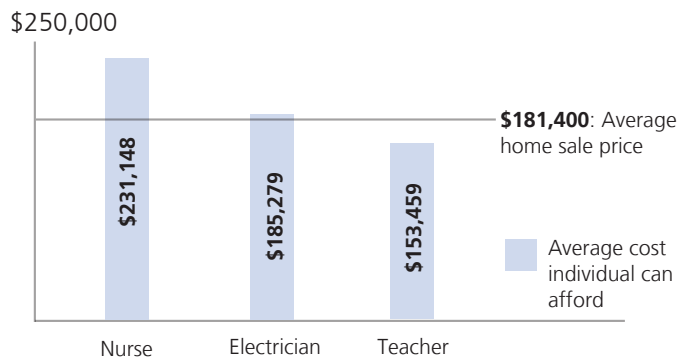
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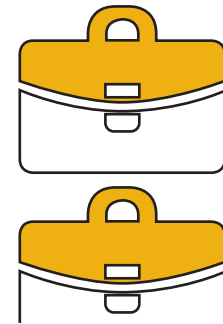
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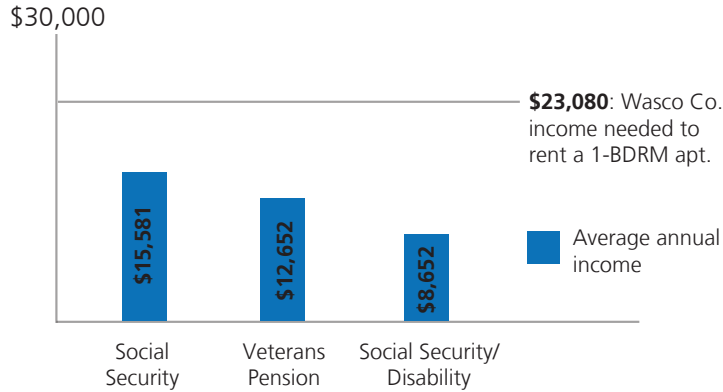


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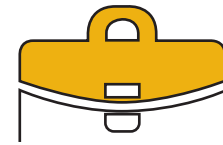
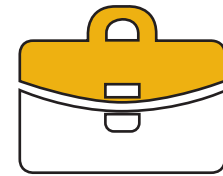
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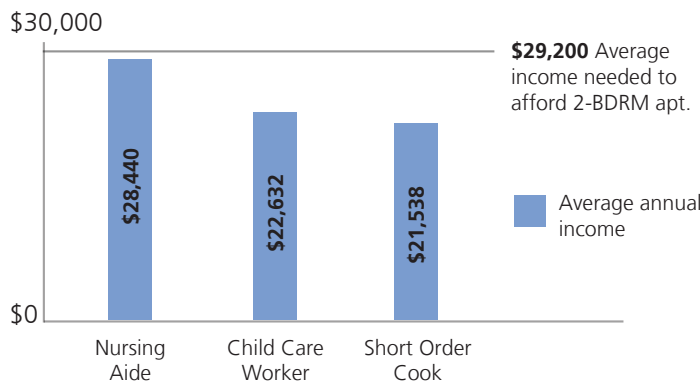


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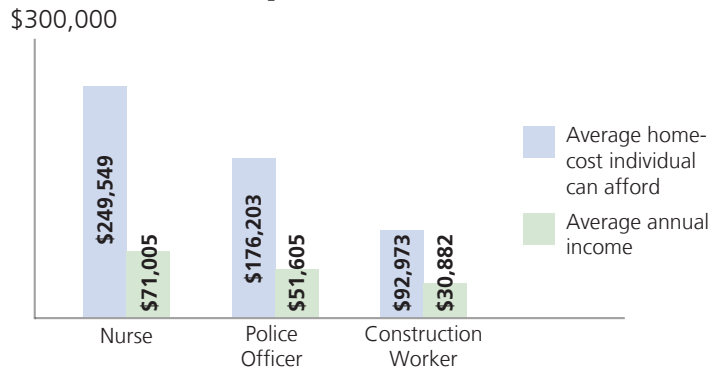


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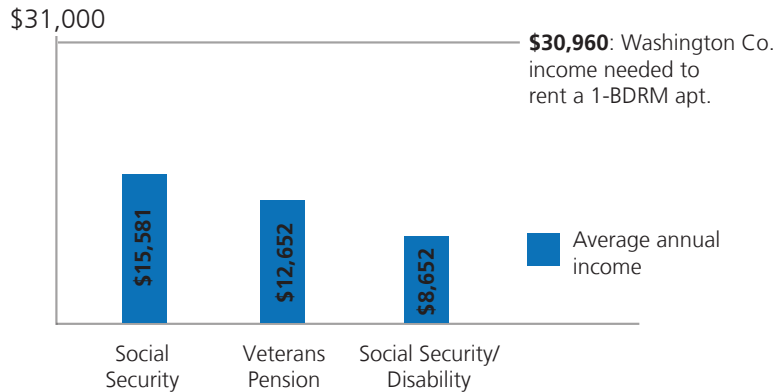
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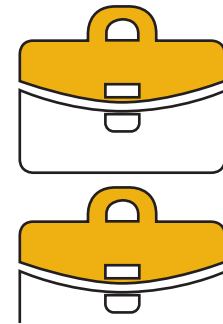
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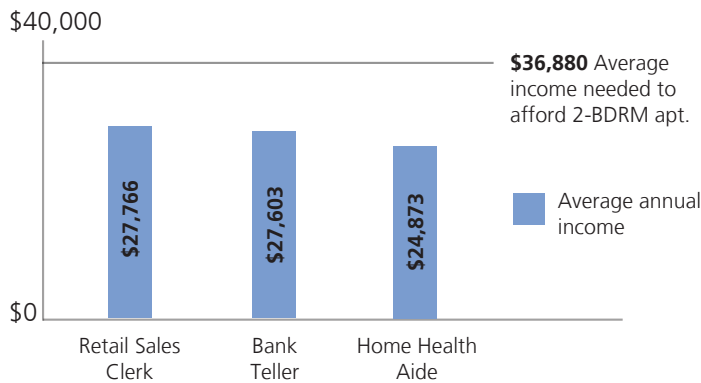


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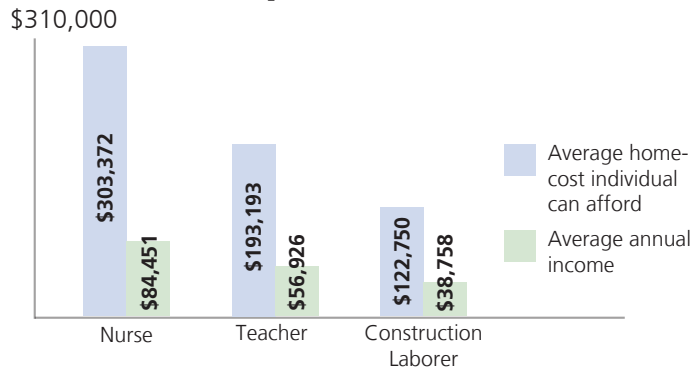
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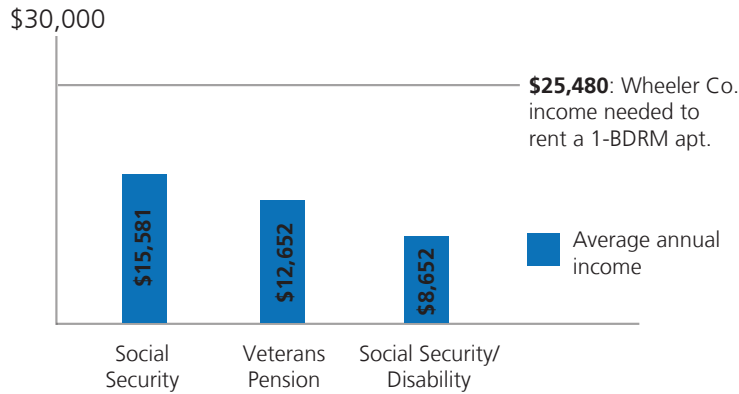
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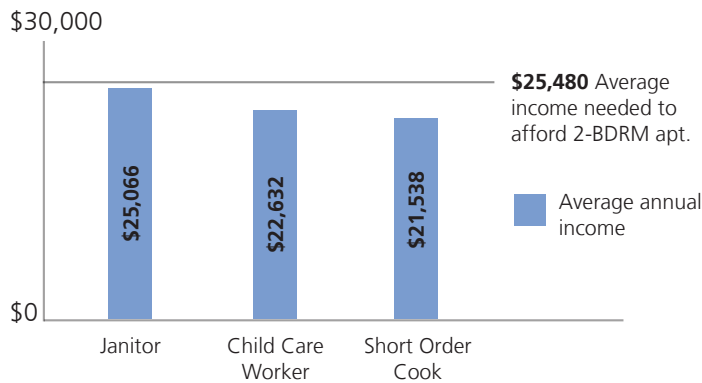
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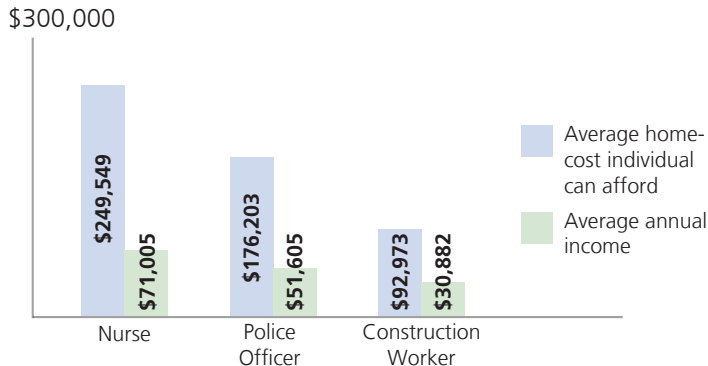
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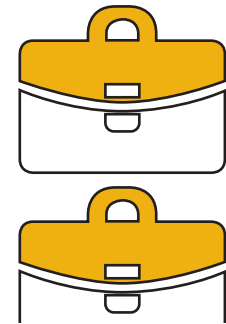
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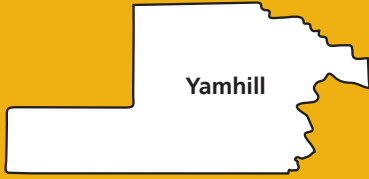


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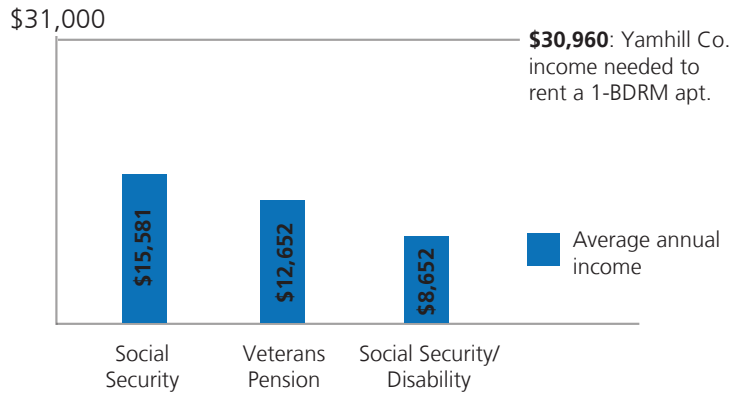
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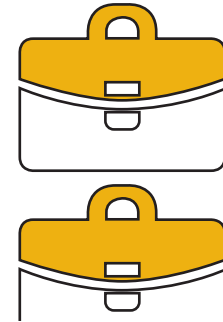
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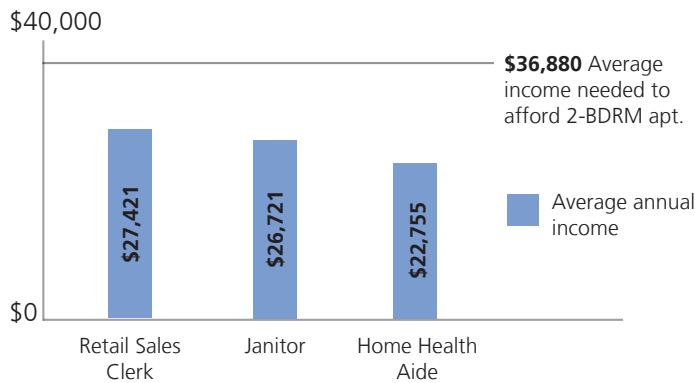


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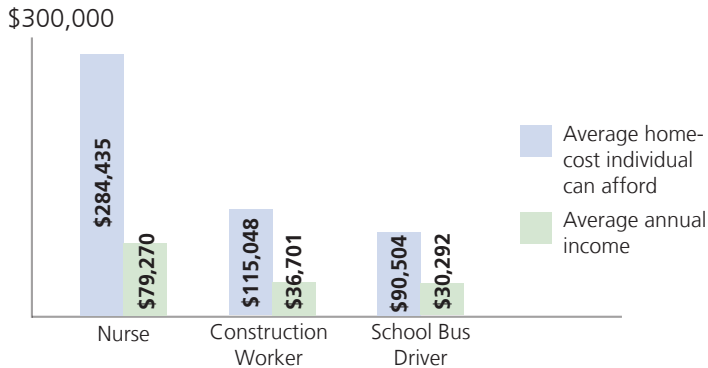


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Emergency Housing Account (EHA) and State Homeless Assistance Program (SHAP)

Prevent and end homelessness. We need \$20 million this biennium for the Emergency Housing Account (EHA) and State Homeless Assistance Program (SHAP).

Oregon families are tough, resilient and driven. When provided an opportunity we are able to get back on our feet. But escaping an abusive relationship, affording nutritious food for our kids or writing an eye-catching cover letter starts with a safe, stable place to call home.

The economic recovery has not reached everyone. Tens of thousands of Oregonians experienced homelessness last year – 20,000 of whom were school-aged kids. 853 of those kids lived in Salem, 1,291 in Beaverton, 1,200 in Medford and 302 in the counties of the north coast.

Home is where hope and growth take root. Homes improve health, increase safety, grow local economies, and help kids succeed in school. Simply put: it all starts at home.

The Legislature should ensure \$20 million goes to the Emergency Housing Account (EHA) and State Homeless Assistance Program (SHAP). EHA is a flexible tool to provide short-term assistance to prevent and end homelessness, and SHAP is used to provide emergency shelter.

Programs like EHA and SHAP that help community members remain in stable homes are foundational to our state's success. EHA and SHAP are allocated to community partners in all counties in the state by formula to help fill the gaps that community agencies and volunteers can't, and meet the most pressing needs in each community. They provide emergency rent assistance, assistance with deposits or application fees, and emergency shelter.

When every Oregonian is able to tap into their deep well of ingenuity we all are better off. Homes provide everyone, especially children, with an opportunity to succeed in life. To prevent and end homelessness for Oregonians we need additional resources. **The Legislature has an opportunity to make an immediate improvement in housing opportunity in every part of Oregon by adding funding for EHA and SHAP this year.**

Budget

Request for 2015-2017 biennium: \$20 million for EHA and SHAP combined

EHA: \$13.125 million from General Fund

SHAP: \$4.375 million from General Fund

EHA receives 10% of collections from the statewide document recording fee, enacted in 2009, which are estimated to total \$2.5 million in 2015-2017

Governor's General Fund Budget Allocation:

EHA: \$6,457,890

SHAP: \$3,293,228

2013-15 General Fund Allocation: \$9.5 million combined

EHA: \$6.3 million

SHAP: \$3.2 million

Co-Chairs' budget framework mentions additional issues to be resolved:

"Continuing Emergency Housing Assistance and State Homeless Assistance Program enhancements that were funded in 2013-15 on a one-time basis"

EHA

Provides state funds to supplement effective existing local programs and/or to establish new programs designed to prevent and reduce homelessness

Allowable Uses of Funds:

- Homelessness prevention and short term rent assistance
- Rapid re-housing (help with applications, deposits, etc)
- Emergency shelter
- Transitional housing
- Supportive in-home services
- Data collection
- Can be used flexibly to fill gaps to supplement existing funds or create new programs.

SHAP

Provides state funds to help meet the emergency needs of homeless Oregonians by providing operational support for emergency shelters and the supportive services directly related to them. Helps community response networks fill the gaps in their systems, and meet the needs that agencies, faith based networks, and others cannot.

Allowable Uses of Funds:

- Emergency shelter operations
- Shelter resident support services
- Data collection

Distribution of Funds

Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) distributes funds to Community Action Agencies and their sub-grantees according to a formula based on: severe housing burden, population living below the poverty line, and homelessness count. The agencies are responsible for coordinating with partners and establishing area plans for use of the funds.