



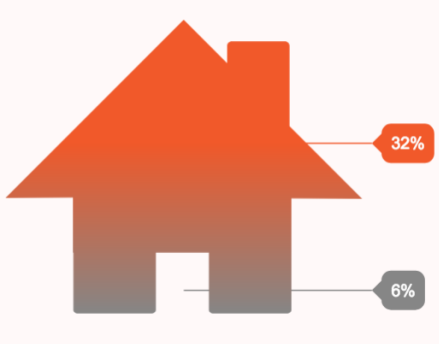
What's Driving Homelessness in Our Communities?

1: Affordability and Availability

For every 100 extremely low-income households, there are only 30 affordable and available homes in Washington. An extremely low-income 1-person household makes \$16,050 per year. A family of 4 makes \$23,000.



73% of extremely low-income households pay more than half their income in rent.

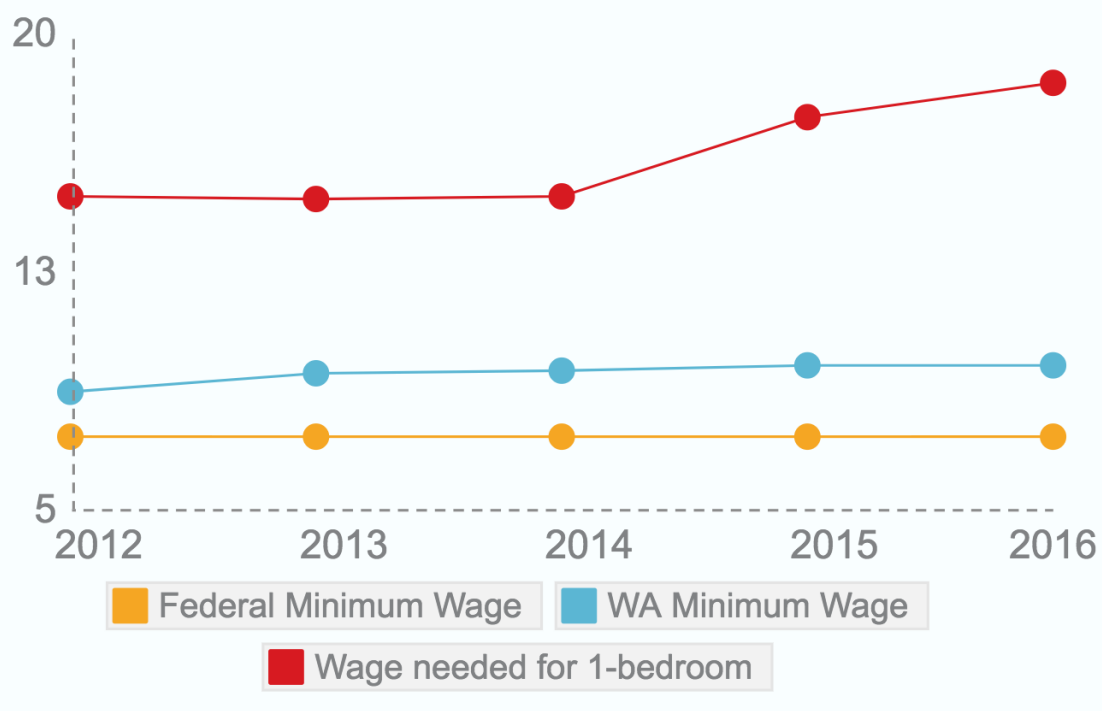


Rising rents increase homelessness. Every \$100 increase in rent is associated with a 6% increase in homelessness in metro areas, 32% in non-metro areas.



On average, only 3.3% of all rentals are vacant at any given time in Washington.

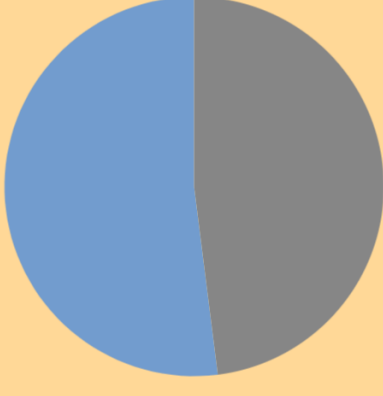
2: Stagnant Wages



As housing costs have increased, wages have not kept pace. In Washington, a full-time worker must earn \$18.39 per hour to afford a 1-bedroom rental, far more than the state and federal minimum wage.

3: Barriers to the Rental Market

In most of Washington, it is legal for landlords to discriminate against tenants who pay rent using a Housing Choice Voucher or other income support, like disability or veterans benefits.



In King County, 52% of Housing Choice Voucher holders were unable to secure a home on the for-profit market in 2016. In Kitsap County, it was 50%.



92% of households who use a Housing Choice Voucher include children, seniors, or people with disabilities.

Next Steps:

Housing Trust Fund
Invest \$200 million

Source of Income Discrimination
Pass a statewide ban

Pass House Bill 1570
Prevent more than 60% of WA's homelessness dollars from vanishing in 2019

