



WORKING HARD, BUT IT'S NOT ENOUGH

INCOME AND HOUSING

AT LEAST

1 in 4

WORKING FAMILIES

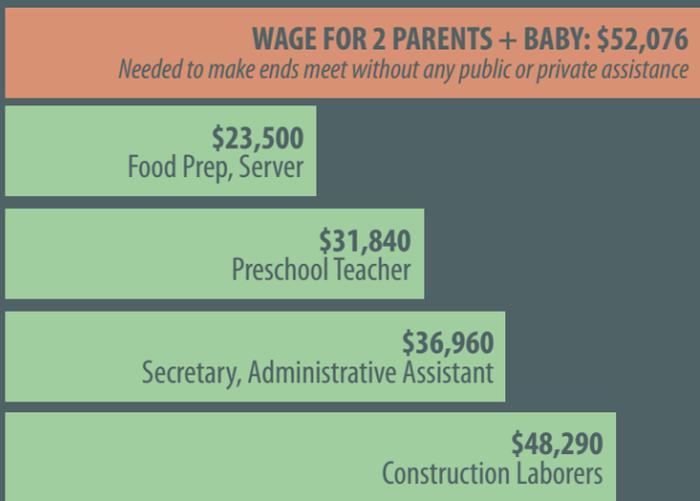
IN BELLINGHAM CAN'T
AFFORD THEIR BASIC NEEDS

"As a single parent with even just one child, I would need to work two jobs to be able to save anything of significance, let alone make ends meet or live with even the smallest amount of comfort."

-Mike, Bellingham Resident

HOUSING AFFORDABILITY AFFECTS EVERYONE

BELLINGHAM WAGES



FAMILIES NEED TO MAKE AT LEAST
\$76,000 PER YEAR TO OWN A
MEDIAN VALUE HOME IN BELLINGHAM

67% OF BELLINGHAM HOUSEHOLDS MAKE LESS THAN THAT

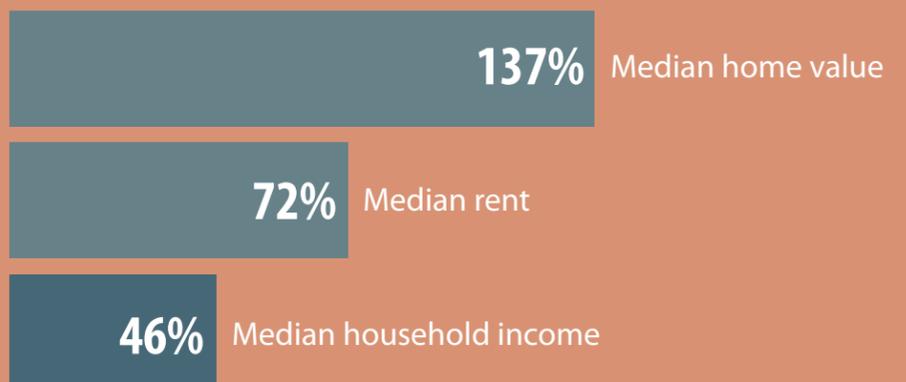
**LACK OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING
MAKES IT DIFFICULT FOR
EMPLOYERS TO RECRUIT
WORKERS AT ALL LEVELS**



**IT HAS BECOME HARDER FOR
PEOPLE TO FIND A HOME
WITHIN THEIR BUDGET:**

- Wages haven't increased relative to housing costs
- Low rental vacancy rate
- Housing production slowed during the recession and has not caught up

2000 TO 2016 INCREASES IN BELLINGHAM:



FROM 2000 TO 2016:



WHAT NEXT?

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