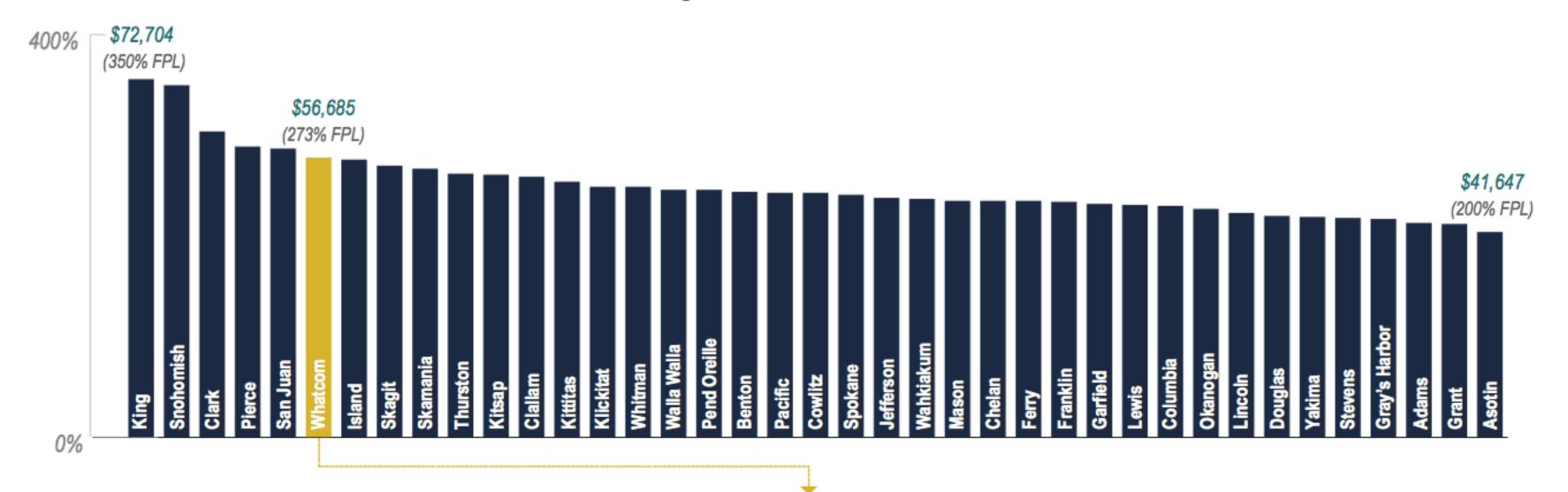
WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO MAKE ENDS MEET IN WHATCOM?

It takes at least \$56,685 annually for a young family of three to make ends meet on one income in Whatcom. The median cost of child care and housing accounts for over half (53 percent) of a young family's basic needs budget each month.

Annual cost of meeting basic needs for a family of three (one adult + two young children)

Washington State Counties 2017



Breakdown of a basic needs budget for a young family of three in Whatcom



33% Child care (\$1,558/mo)



20% Housing (\$968/mo)



12% Food (\$564/mo)



11% Health care (\$500/mo)



11% Taxes (\$512/mo)



8% Miscellaneous (\$383/mo)



5% Transportation (\$512/mo)

