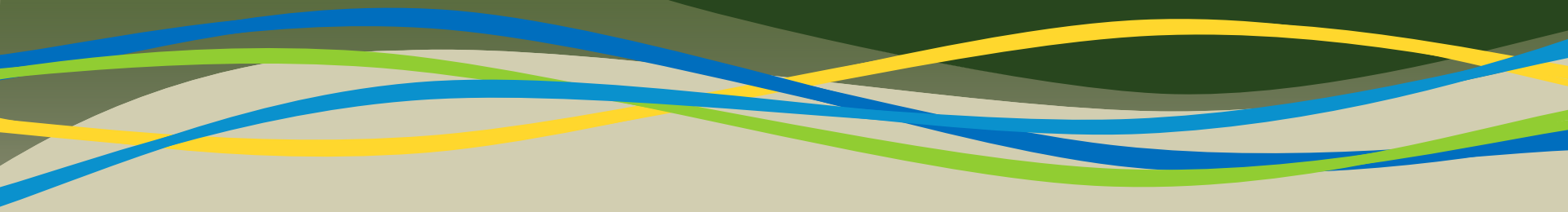




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Fostering a trusted gathering place where people engage in dialogue, inquiry, and advocacy to build a vibrant region for everyone.



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# Affordable Housing

Community Council Report

A report to the residents of Columbia and Walla Walla counties and the Milton-Freewater area

# Study Process

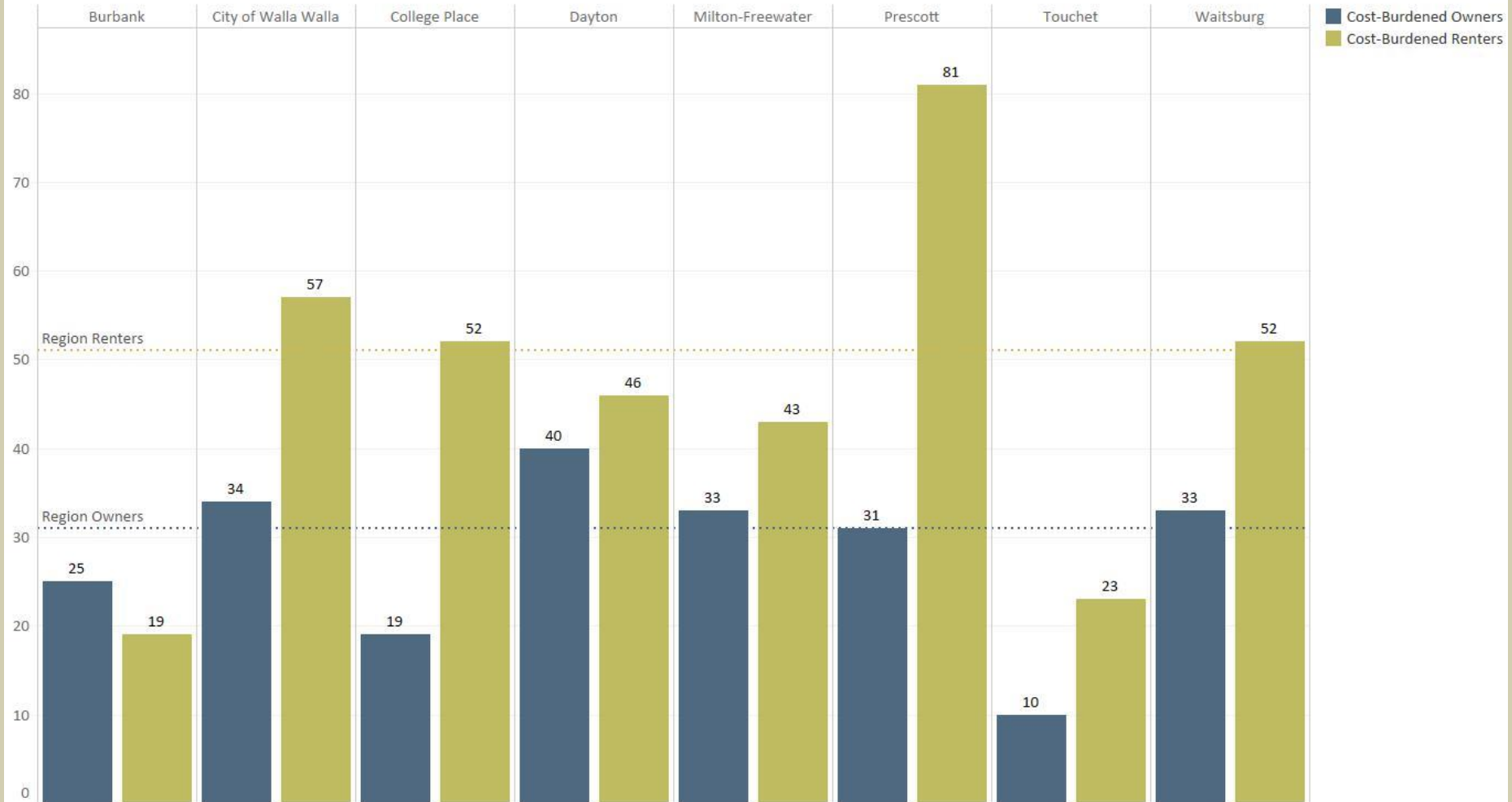




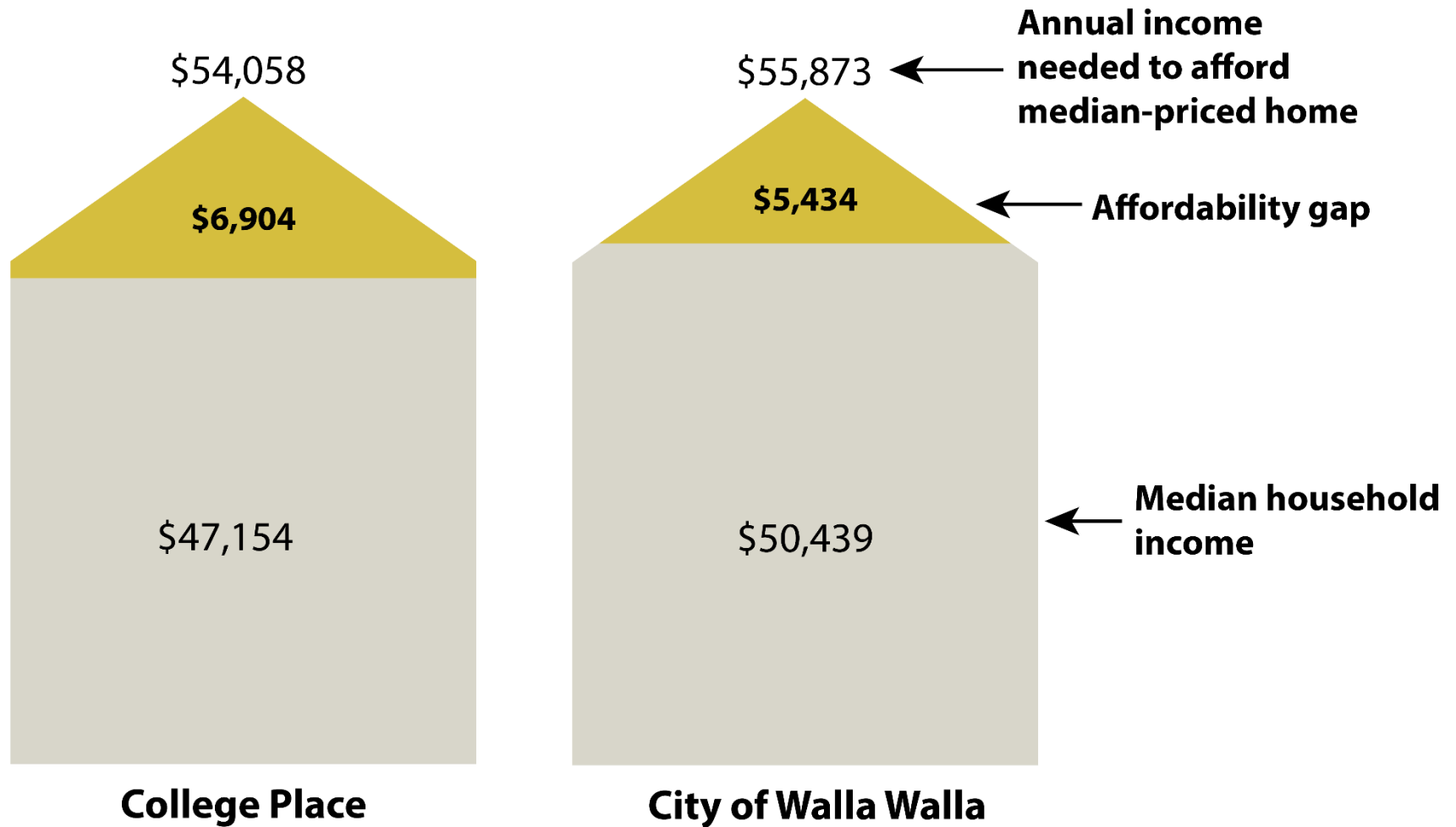
# Findings & Recommendations

## Percentage of Renters and Homeowners that are Cost-burdened

Source: ACS, 2017



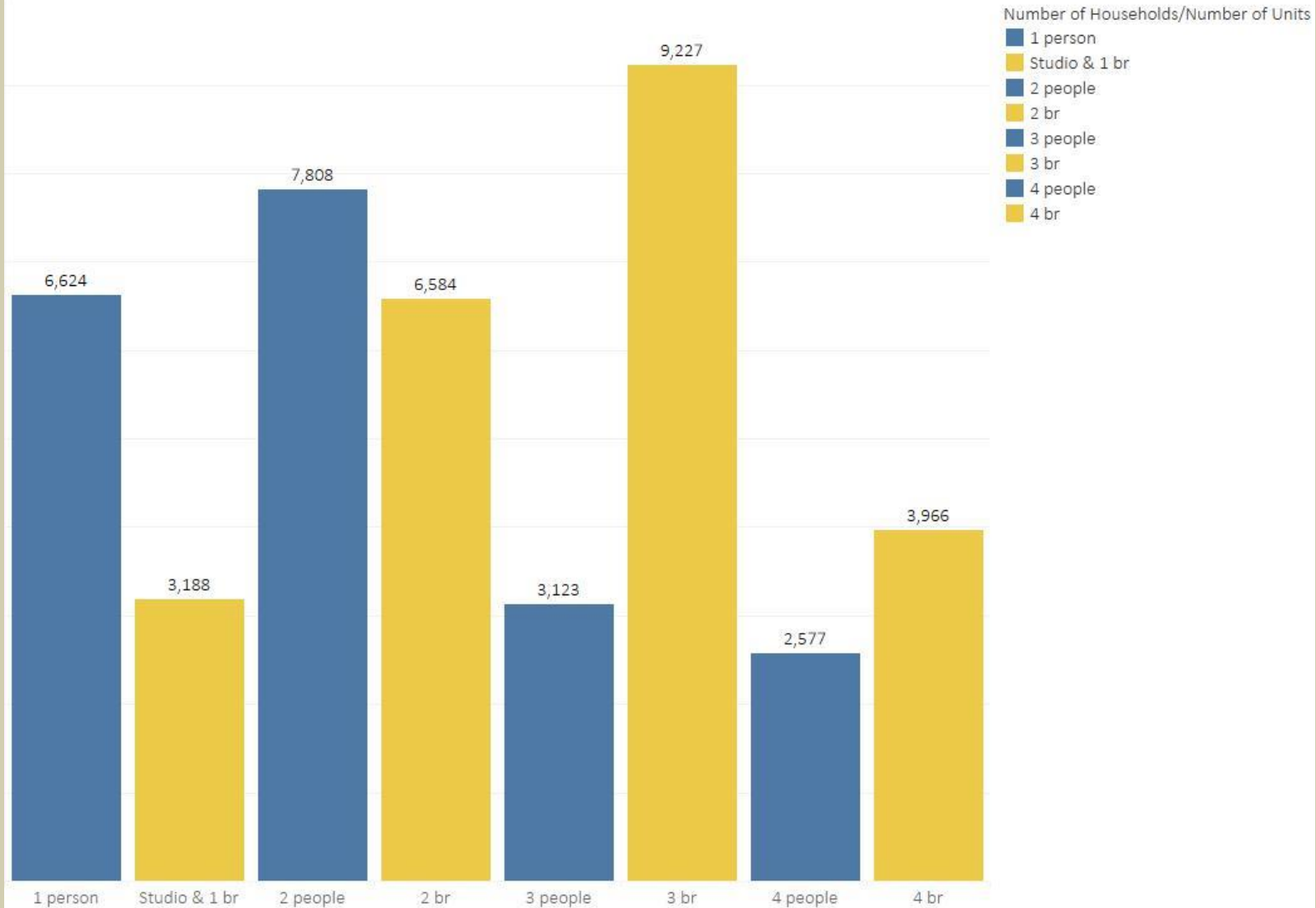
# Affordability Gap: Additional Annual Income Needed to Afford the Median-priced Home



Source: Regional production home builder, 2018.

# Inventory Mismatch, Walla Walla County

Source: ACS, 2017



## Table 6: Transportation Data for Regional Locations

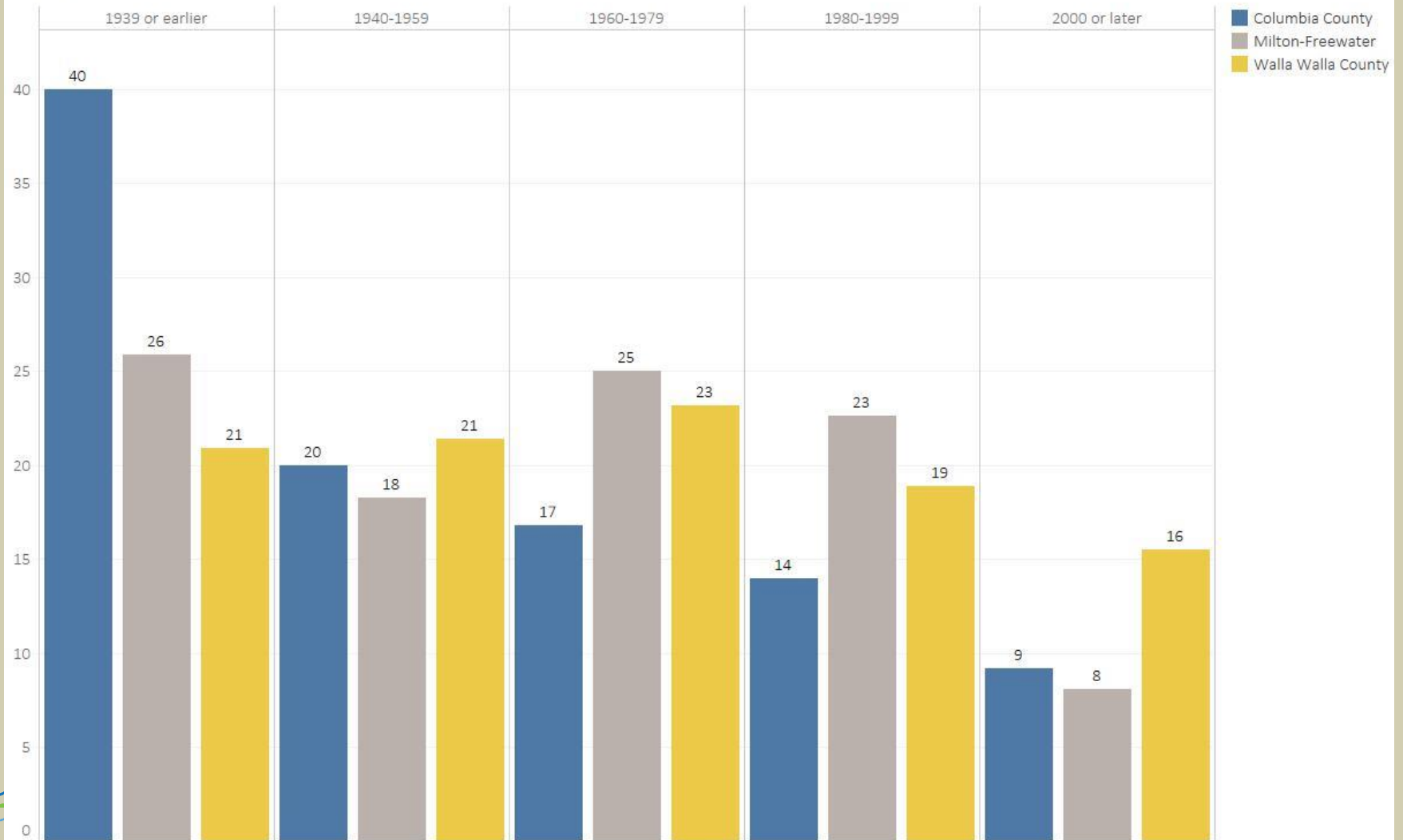
Location	Avg. commute time (minutes)	Transportation cost/year	Cars per household	Annual miles traveled
Burbank	23.4	\$14,927	2.02	24,015
College Place	11.5	\$12,226	1.64	19,849
Dayton	18.6	\$14,834	2.00	24,119
Dixie	26.9	\$16,812	2.33	25,263
Milton-Freewater	16.2	\$13,216	1.79	21,525
Prescott	25.4	\$14,774	2.01	23,358
Starbuck	21.7	\$16,257	2.25	24,462
Touchet	24.5	\$16,029	2.20	24,861
City of Walla Walla	14.8	\$12,294	1.65	19,926

Sources: <https://htaindex.cnt.org/fact-sheets> (retrieved 1/19/2019). Table: S0802—Means of Travel to Work by Selected Characteristics. American Community Survey 5-year Estimates: 2017. Available at: American FactFinder (Census Bureau).



# Year Housing Structure Built, as Percentage of all Housing Structures

Source: ACS, 2017





# Highlights

- 41% of residents do not live in housing that is affordable
- Cost of housing increasingly out of reach
- There is an inventory mismatch
- Transportation costs add to the cost of housing
- Lots of older homes in the region
- There are barriers to accessing affordable housing



# Advocacy

Implementation Task Force will begin advocating for the implementation of the 28 study recommendations.