

WASHINGTON

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In **Washington**, the Fair Market Rent (FMR) for a two-bedroom apartment is **\$2,072**. In order to afford this level of rent and utilities – without paying more than 30% of income on housing – a household must earn **\$6,905** monthly or **\$82,865** annually. Assuming a 40-hour work week, 52 weeks per year, this level of income translates into an hourly Housing Wage of:

\$39.84
PER HOUR
STATE HOUSING WAGE

FACTS ABOUT WASHINGTON:

STATE FACTS	
Minimum Wage	\$17.13
Average Renter Wage	\$32.74
2-Bedroom Housing Wage	\$39.84
Number of Renter Households	1,110,043
Percent Renters	36%

MOST EXPENSIVE AREAS	HOUSING WAGE
Seattle-Bellevue HMFA	\$48.10
Bremerton-Silverdale-Port Orchard MSA	\$39.06
Tacoma HMFA	\$37.90
Olympia-Lacey-Tumwater MSA	\$37.69
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro MSA	\$36.96

MSA = Metropolitan Statistical Area; HMFA = HUD Metro FMR Area.

* Ranked from Highest to Lowest 2-Bedroom Housing Wage. Includes District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

93

Work Hours Per Week At
Minimum Wage To Afford a
2-Bedroom Rental Home (at FMR)

78

Work Hours Per Week At
Minimum Wage To Afford a
1-Bedroom Rental Home (at FMR)

2.3

Number of Full-Time Jobs At
Minimum Wage To Afford a
2-Bedroom Rental Home (at FMR)

1.9

Number of Full-Time Jobs At
Minimum Wage To Afford a
1-Bedroom Rental Home (at FMR)

