

A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE!

(IF YOU CAN AFFORD IT)

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Snohomish County

- Median Family Income = **\$81,400**
- Average Rent = **\$950**
- **72%** of families earning half of median income or less are burdened by housing costs
- **2000** families on housing waiting list

“Virtually no market-rate housing is affordable to extremely low-income families” –Snohomish County Tomorrow

King County

- Median Family Income=**\$84,300**
- Average Rent=**\$1,070**
- Less than 10% of market-rate apartments are affordable to low-income families
- Almost **40%** of all King County families are burdened by housing costs
- **25,000** people in King County experienced at least one episode of Homelessness in 2008.

Pierce

- Median Family Income=**\$68,100**
- Average rent=**\$830**
- Median home price=**\$230,000**
- Foreclosure is a problem



Carol struggles to stay in her neighborhood

Pays 36% of income for rent



Following their hearts in the Center City

Tim and Maria

Living on SSI or
Disability Income
makes finding an
affordable place to
live a challenge.



What if you can't work?

How Local Governments Can Help

- Inclusionary Housing
- Tax Abatement
- Prioritizing subsidies in transit areas
- Priority for surplus land from FTA
- Prioritize Low-Income Housing Tax Credits in TOD
- Preserve existing subsidized housing near transit
- Coordinate transit and housing funding