

# Rents are growing – Washington State



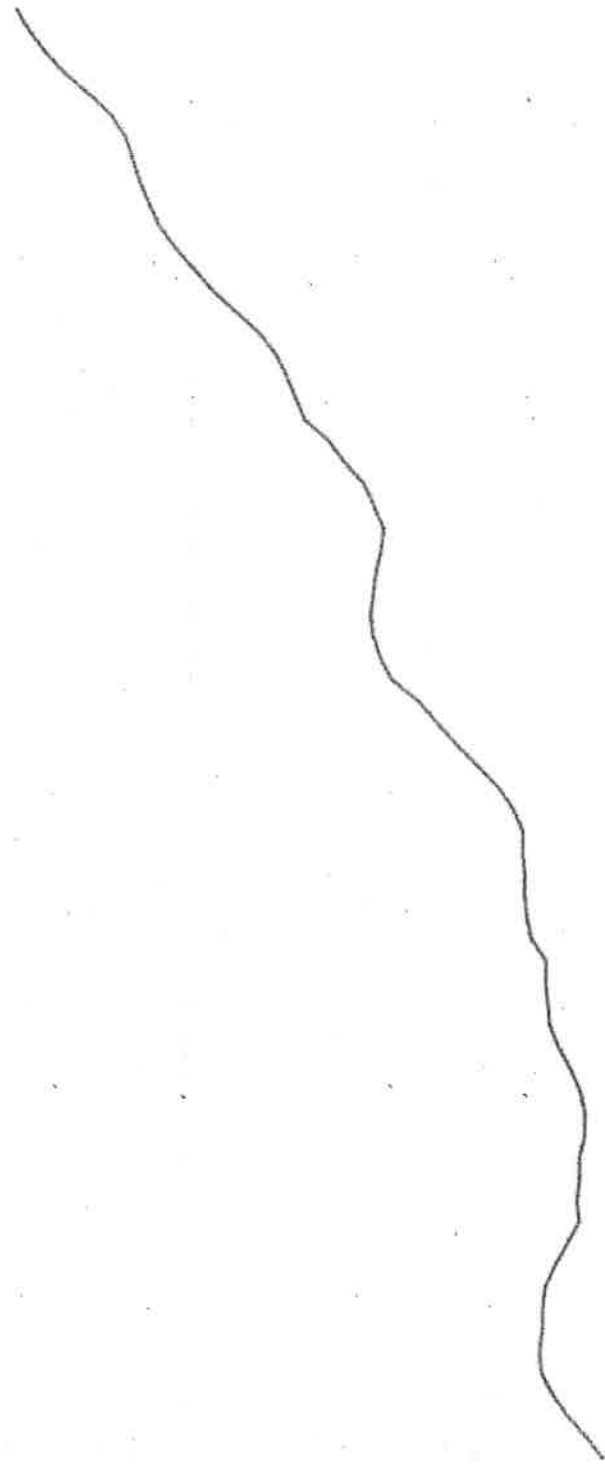
Jun 2016 — Washington \$1,657/mo

\$1.6K

\$1.5K

\$1.4K

\$1.3K



2011

2012

2013

2014

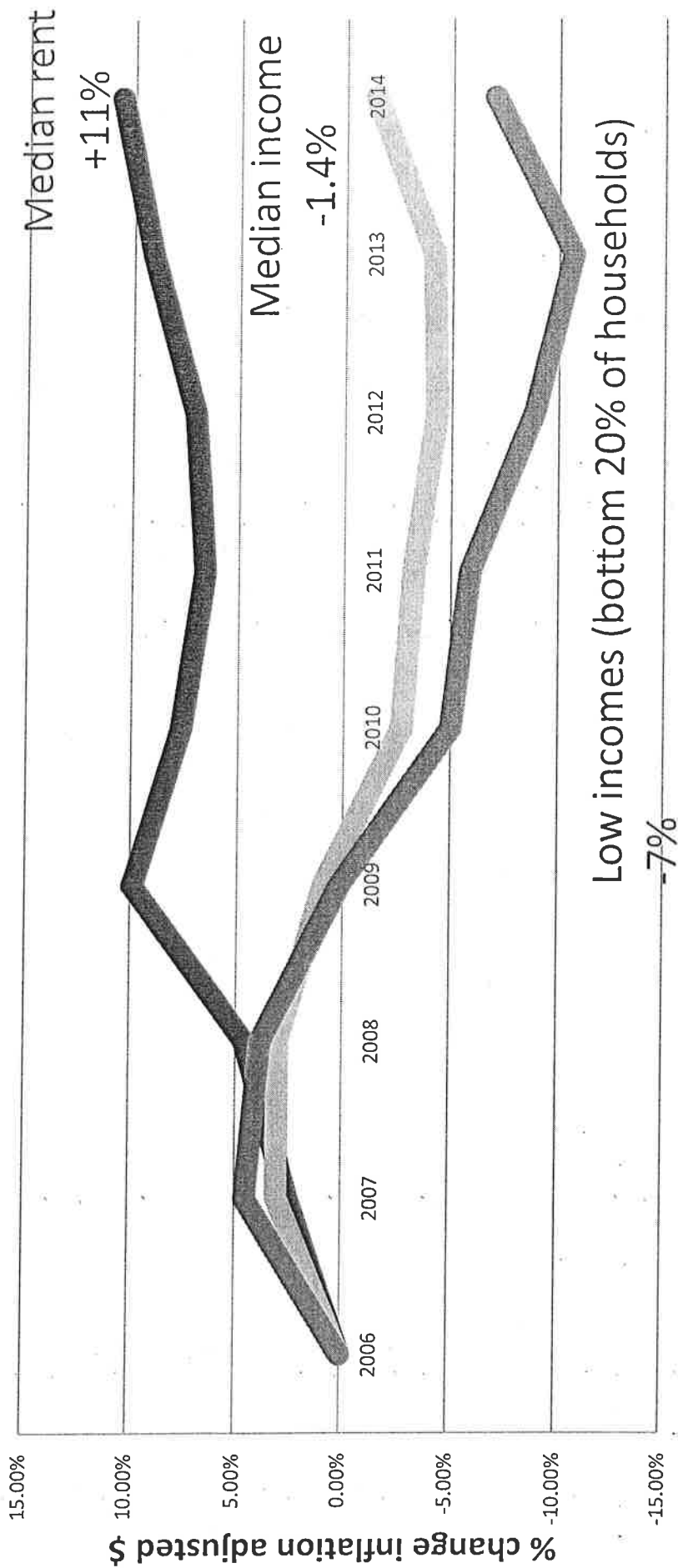
2015

2016



Department of Commerce

# Rents are growing with the economy, but middle & low income growth lags



Data sources: U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey one-year estimates; inflation adjusted using the Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U.



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**Homelessness Among the Basic Food and/or TANF population in SFY 2014**

Washington State

King County, Washington

	Homeless		Newly Homeless		Total TANF/Basic Food Population	
	Homeless	Homeless	Homeless	Homeless	TANF/Basic Food	Population
Jul-13	131,276	13,334	13,834	3,010	242,871	242,871
Aug-13	133,181	13,489	34,208	3,116	243,718	243,718
Sep-13	133,893	12,764	34,487	3,065	243,948	243,948
Oct-13	133,947	12,850	34,437	3,023	243,088	243,088
Nov-13	132,352	12,135	34,128	2,833	239,881	239,881
Dec-13	131,400	11,236	33,855	2,616	237,867	237,867
Jan-14	131,564	13,298	33,624	3,009	237,478	237,478
Feb-14	130,834	11,562	33,576	2,803	237,088	237,088
Mar-14	130,560	11,872	33,289	2,808	235,956	235,956
Apr-14	130,596	12,256	33,349	2,990	235,158	235,158
May-14	130,400	12,046	33,350	2,892	235,048	235,048
Jun-14	130,602	11,941	33,480	2,857	234,336	234,336
<b>Monthly Average</b>	<b>131,717</b>	<b>12,399</b>	<b>33,801</b>	<b>2,919</b>	<b>238,870</b>	<b>238,870</b>

**NOTES:**

1. Any homelessness was identified if a client was: homeless (including homeless with housing) in the DSHS Automated Client Eligibility System (ACES), receiving Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, or Rapid Re-housing according to HMIS, or were identified as homeless in medical or behavioral health treatment or assessment records.
2. Newly homeless clients were those who were homeless in a month that followed a month in which they were not homeless.
3. Age was calculated as of January 2015.

## Summary of the 2015 Unsheltered Homeless Count in Selected Areas of King County

	Seattle	Kent	North End	East Side	SW County**	Fed. Way	Renton	Night Owl Buses	Auburn	Vashon Island**	Total
Men	695	21	7	48	69	13	20	96	22	2	993
Women	165	6	1	24	14	4	1	10	5	0	230
Gender unknown	1944	101	40	55	126	88	58	0	98	8	2518
Minor (under 18)	9	7	0	7	0	0	0	1	7	0	31
<b>Total</b>	<b>2813</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3772</b>
Benches	35	0	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	40
Parking Garages	31	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	42
Cars/Trucks	776	44	32	18	88	81	37	0	54	8	1138
Structures	641	11	8	2	38	3	10	0	19	0	732
Under roadways	173	6	0	10	0	0	7	0	4	0	200
Doorways	306	3	0	1	4	4	3	0	0	0	321
City Parks	47	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	10	0	61
Bushes/Undergrowth	94	28	1	10	4	6	6	0	31	0	180
Bus stops	32	1	0	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	38
Alleys	26	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	.0	0	31
Walking Around	303	19	4	2	21	8	6	0	11	1	375
Other	349	21	1	76	48	1	8	107	2	1	614
<b>Total</b>	<b>2813</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3772</b>

<b>21% Increase</b>
<b>2015 3772 people outside</b>
<b>2014 3123 people outside</b>

\*\*Vashon Island and Southwest King County are participating in the count for the first time in 2015. \*\*The number of people observed in SW King County includes the 89 people counted in White Center, historically reported separately.

For more information contact the Seattle/King County Coalition on Homelessness [www.homelessinfo.org](http://www.homelessinfo.org)

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Summary of the 2016 Unsheltered Homeless Count in Selected Areas of King County

	SEATTLE	KENT	KENT NORTH	END SIDE	EAST	SW KING	FEDERAL	FEDERAL	WAY	BUSES	WASHON	ISLAND
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Men	827	21	55	55	55	65	25	46	109	13	9	1,225
Women	153	7	12	34	21	7	14	19	3	1	271	
Gender Unknown	1,951	136	64	150	226	231	100	0	94	28	2,980	
Minor (under 18)	11	1	4	6	3	0	0	4	0	0	29	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,942</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>4,505</b>	

Benches	46	2	2	1	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	57
Parking	26	2	0	25	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	54
Garages	914	42	53	85	161	199	75	0	48	31	1,608	
Cars/Trucks	533	4	4	27	55	2	18	0	3	7	653	
Structures	257	2	2	8	4	1	14	0	2	0	290	
Under Roadways	271	1	2	3	10	3	7	0	0	0	297	
Doorways	24	0	3	0	0	0	9	0	30	0	66	
City Parks	37	60	3	9	2	30	12	0	0	0	153	
Bushes/Undergrowth	29	21	5	0	0	8	1	0	0	0	64	
Bus Stops	32	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	
Alleys	494	14	10	15	13	13	16	0	4	0	579	
Walking Around	279	8	51	72	65	6	7	132	23	0	643	
Other	2,942	165	135	245	315	263	160	132	110	38	4,505	

**19% increase**  
**2016 4,505 people outside**  
**2015 3,772 people outside**

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Human Services Department



AT A GLANCE  
2016 thru September

## SOE HOMELESS INVESTMENTS

\$ 7.26M

<p><b>CITY PERMITTED ENCAMPMENTS</b> on September 27</p> <p>3 sites 159 people</p> <p><i>No vacancy</i></p>	<p><b>VEHICLE RESPONSE</b> Sept. 2016</p> <p>1 safe zone = 15 spaces 20 people enrolled in case management</p>	<p><b>SHELTER</b> Sept. 2016</p> <p>68 beds</p>
<p><b>MOBILE MEDICAL VAN</b> Feb-Aug</p> <p>518 intakes</p>	<p><b>REACH</b> Feb-Sept</p> <p>1,087 referrals 964 outreach visits</p>	<p><b>CLEAN-UP</b> Jan-Sept</p> <p>566 clean-ups</p>
<p><b>YOUTH CARE</b></p> <p>452 referrals 159 outreach visits</p>	<p><b>OUTREACH</b> Feb-Sept</p> <p>1 safe lot 4 safe zones</p> <p>Since January</p>	<p>Collaboration across City Departments, WSDOT, and outreach providers emphasize a service and people first strategy.</p>
<p>mental health or chemical dependency assistance</p> <p>271</p>	<p>11 exits to permanent housing</p>	<p>177 beds 25 motel vouchers</p> <p>Since January</p>
<p>people exited to permanent housing</p> <p>33</p>	<p>67 people found employment</p>	<p>Since January</p>

## PREVENTION

\$ 800K was leveraged to increase support for existing housing programs

<p><b>RAPID REHOUSING</b> Jan-Sept</p> <p>331 people enrolled 158 people housed</p>	<p><b>EMPLOYMENT</b> April-Sept</p> <p>236 people have gotten work 73 have full-time jobs</p>	<p><b>DIVERSION</b> Jan-Sept</p> <p>287 households enrolled 125 households diverted</p>
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# APPROACH

## Observation From "Fifty Feet"

Careful observation yields basic assessment information about the individual and their surroundings and helps to determine how to make an introduction.

Setting and situation    calm, safe, open ... chaotic, dangerous, closed in

Appearance    clean, suitably dressed ... dirty, disheveled, ill-clothed

Belongings    e.g. walking cane, wheelchair, dog, backpack, two shopping carts filled with garbage bags

General health status    appears healthy ... open sores, unsteady gait

Behavior    predictable, appropriate to context ... avoidant, agitated, bizarre

Social interactions    interactive, pleasant ... very guarded, interruptive

Basic needs    none apparent ... needs warm coat, socks, food, shelter

## Making An Introduction

The key is to present in general as a person who cares and is willing to "meet the individual where they're at." Thereafter, one's role and affiliations are defined more specifically as trust is built and the relationship develops. Below are some "identities" with which workers might introduce themselves.

Physical "presence" (little if any verbal contact)

Fellow human being

Neighbor

Concerned citizen

Outreach worker

Health/mental health/chemical dependency specialist

(Adapted from unpublished papers by Craig Rennebohm)

## Safety Guidelines for Street Outreach

These safety guidelines for street outreach are adapted from guidelines developed by outreach workers in the downtown skid row area of Los Angeles. They are designed solely to assist staff in avoiding trouble on the street. They do not address how to handle difficulties once they arise. The strength of these guidelines is that they address the needs of the street outreach worker who operates in a very different work environment than staff who are agency-based. The guidelines are intended as only one part of an agency's overall safety policies and procedures.

1. Your supervisor needs to know where you will be at all times.
2. Learn as much as possible about the situation before setting out to do outreach.
3. Do not plan outreach in areas which you have good reason to believe are inherently dangerous.
4. Be aware of gang areas and their colors. Avoid wearing those colors.
5. Always carry business cards and identification with you.
6. Inform collaborating agencies of your presence.
7. Introduce yourself and inform people of what you are doing and why.
8. Do not stand and argue with someone who does not agree with what you are doing.
9. Outreach is preferably conducted in two-person teams. No team member should conduct outreach activities alone unless receiving prior approval from their supervisor.
10. Do not approach those who are giving "signs" that they do not want to be bothered.
11. Do not be critical of your partner in public while conducting outreach. Always present yourselves as a team.
12. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes. Do not overdress.
13. Do not carry valuables or other personal possessions such as jewelry, large amounts of money, radios, laptops, etc. If carrying incentives, make arrangements to hold these in a secure place.



14. Do not remain in a spot where you are privy to a drug deal in process or is being set up to "go down." Leave the area immediately without drawing attention to yourself or others.
15. Do not linger with a person who you know is holding illicit drugs.
16. Do not interrupt the sale of sex or drugs for money. Leave the area immediately without drawing attention to yourself or others.
17. Do not counsel or play the role of a social worker on the streets.
18. Maintain confidentiality with all clients you meet.
19. Do not accept gifts, food or buy any merchandise from clients.
20. Do not give or lend money to clients.
21. Do not accept or hold any type of controlled substance.
22. Never enter any clients' cars, homes or any enclosed area.
23. Tell clients approximately when you will be back and where you can be reached. Provide clients with a business card.
24. Develop a contingency plan for worst-case scenarios or dangerous situations with your partner and supervisor.
25. Keep your supervisor informed of any unusual developments.
26. In case of an emergency, call or have another person call 911. Do not separate from your partner unless you feel that staying would increase your danger.

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