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→ 2015 Housing Needs Assessment of Washington State released!

This important report from the [Affordable Housing Advisory Board](#) is the most comprehensive statewide housing study in over a decade. See housing gap for Pierce County: See important statistics for Pierce County. “Subsidized housing in some counties isn’t nearly enough to alleviate cost burden. Subsidized housing follows population concentration patterns state wide, with heavier density in and surrounding the City of Seattle. With suburban poverty increasing in recent years, the disproportionate share of cost-burdened households in Clark, **Pierce**, and Spokane Counties in relation to their share of the affordable housing inventory bears implications for meeting future housing needs in these areas. [**Pierce has largest gap between share of statewide inventory and share of Cost-burdened Renter Households. ***]

Available online: You can find the report and all its components at www.commerce.wa.gov/housingneeds, or follow these links:

[Executive Summary](#)

[Profile of Washington State](#)

[Profiles of each county and major metro area](#) (click to see all in one document, or browse by name on the web page) **Pierce County: pp 55-56** **City of Tacoma: pp 83-84**

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Catch it on TVW! This afternoon, Faith Pettis, Chair of AHAB, will present the study to the Washington House of Representatives Committee on Community Development, Housing and Tribal Affairs. You can watch it [live on TVW](#) starting at 1:30 p.m.

The study makes no specific funding recommendations--rather, it is meant to serve as a tool for decision-making and as a baseline for future studies.