

# Harnessing Regional Investment for Affordable Housing and Quality Jobs

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# Silicon Valley

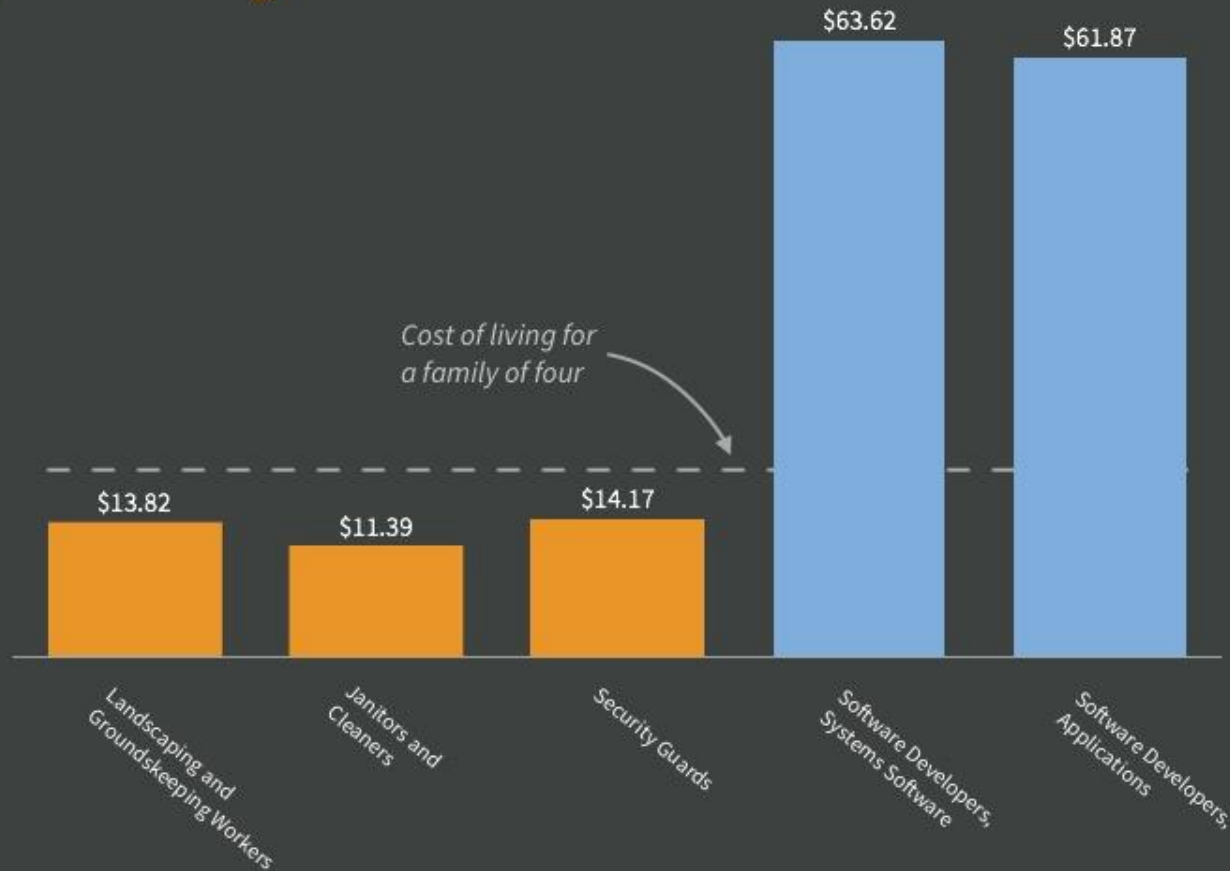
Leading edge of the global economy



# Epicenter of inequality

## Median Hourly Wages in Santa Clara County, 2014

Source: California Employment Development Department



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More than one-third of schoolchildren are homeless in shadow of Silicon Valley



**PBS NEWSHOUR**

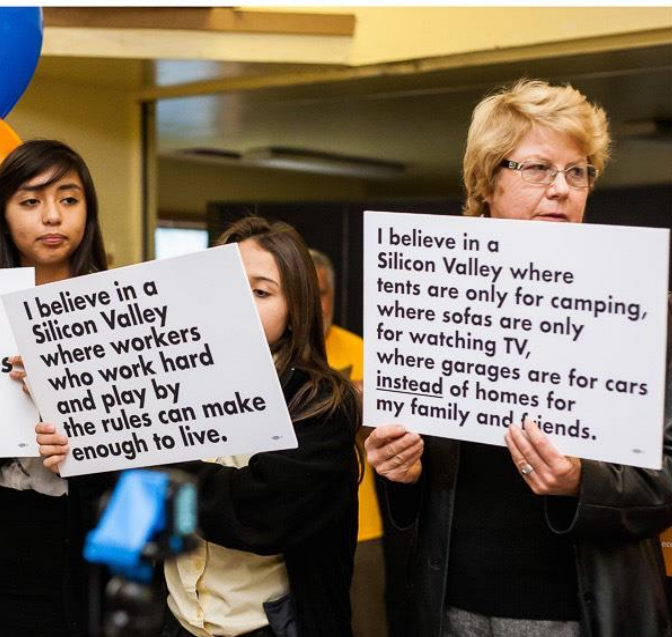
**High rents force some in Silicon Valley to live in vehicles**

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'Traffic is Only Going to Get Worse': Silicon Valley Megacommute Averages 90 Minutes, Worse Than LA

# The Housing Crisis...is also a Jobs Crisis







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## Engaging tech in our region's most pressing challenges

Protecting our  
immigrant communities

Ensuring access to  
quality healthcare

Responsible contracting &  
supply chains to tackle  
poverty wages

Solutions to our region's  
displacement and  
affordable housing crises

Strategies to create  
middle-wage, family-  
supporting jobs

# Three P's of our Regional Housing Agenda

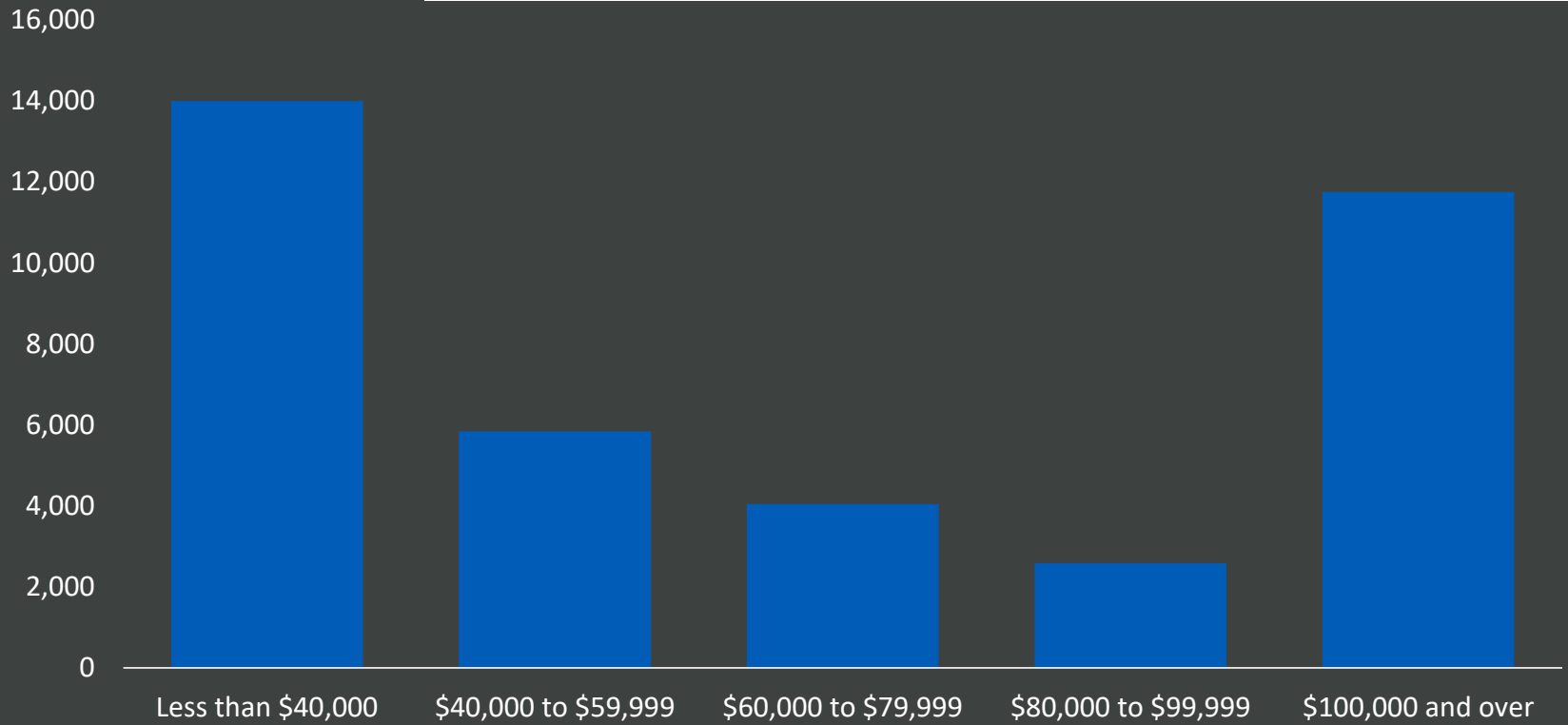
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- ✓ Preservation
- ✓ Production





# Growing Middle Wage Jobs

Projected Job Openings by Earnings in Santa Clara County, 2014-2024



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