

APPROACH TO MEASURING HOUSING AFFORDABILITY IN WELLINGTON

Wellington Housing Affordability Measure (WHAM)

Purpose: To understand what housing is affordable to specific population groups.

WHAM recognises that affordability varies significantly across different household groupings, and helps us answer the question "Who is this affordable for?"



Total household
income

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" Basket of goods"
All living costs exc.
housing costs

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Income left for
housing costs

vs



Actual housing costs
exc. subsidies