

CHAMPIONING ECONOMIC JUSTICE

A snapshot of 2025



WASHINGTON STATE
BUDGET
& POLICY
CENTER

STATE POLICY TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY WELL-BEING

At the Washington State Budget and Policy Center, we know the state budget is where the rubber meets the road—the legislative tool that guides investments in Washington communities.

We work with partners and grassroots coalitions to advance budget and tax

policies that lift up families with low and moderate incomes, **reduce barriers to opportunity** for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color, and **create shared prosperity** for all Washingtonians.



CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF PROGRESS AND MORE TO COME

2025 was a tough year for so many Washington communities. We faced a \$16 billion state budget shortfall that threatened funding for the public programs we all rely on – and we ultimately saw a disappointing legislative session in which the interests of big corporations outweighed the needs of working Washingtonians.

Amid these realities, I still saw so much hope for the future. Our **2025 Budget Matters policy summit** brought together supporters like you, advocates, lawmakers, community leaders – and the energy and motivation for progressive revenue was high! The work we did in 2025 led to big opportunities to help balance our upside-down tax code in

2026, such as passing a Millionaire's Tax and expanding the Working Families Tax Credit.

I'm also happy to share that we will be **celebrating 20 years of the Budget and Policy Center in 2026**, and I'm so proud of the progress we have made together this past year, and throughout our history. From passing the capital gains tax to protecting long-term care on the ballot, your support has made change possible. Thank you for being on this journey alongside us as **we continue championing economic justice in Washington state.**

With gratitude,

Eli Taylor Goss
Executive Director

2025 BY THE NUMBERS

MEDIA

45

Pieces in
the media

22

State media
markets reached

12

Infographics,
reports and
fact sheets

ONLINE BUZZ

3792

Facebook
followers

632

Instagram
followers

17

Schmudget
blog posts

KEY IMPACTS FROM 2025

We ensured the 2025 budget included funding for the Apple Health Expansion program that provides health care regardless of citizenship status.

We published a new brief highlighting the economic and fiscal impacts of mass deportation, and a fact sheet highlighting the importance of direct cash for pregnant people and young children.

We built momentum to advance bold policies that put cash back in the pockets of families with low incomes – including an age expansion for the Working Families Tax Credit and the Washington Future Fund (baby bonds) pilot.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

1200+

Community members
engaged at events

30+

Presentations, webinars,
and events

10

Testimonies in
Olympia

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