A LOOK AT THE CHALLENGES

OF KIDS AND FAMILIES WITH LOW INCOMES

POVERTY BY THE NUMBERS

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Nearly 6% of people live in **Deep Poverty.**[1]

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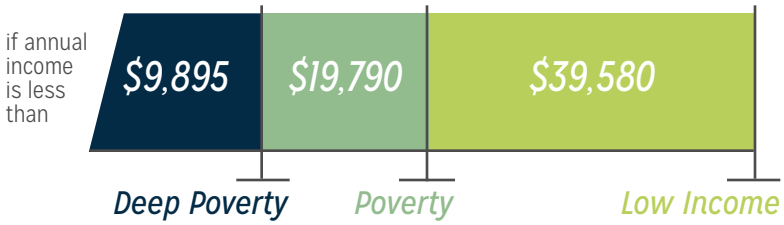
More than 13% of people live in Poverty.[1]

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Thirty percent of people are considered Low Income.[1]

DEFINING POVERTY IN WASHINGTON STATE [2]

Using the Federal Poverty Line, a single parent family with two kids is defined as:



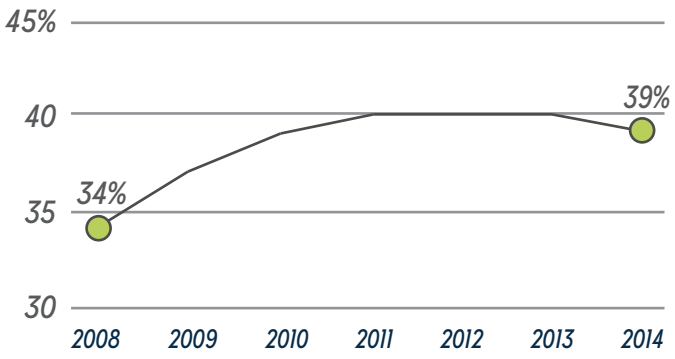
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING OF WASHINGTON'S CHILDREN

Nearly 39% of kids live in families that struggle to make ends meet.[3]

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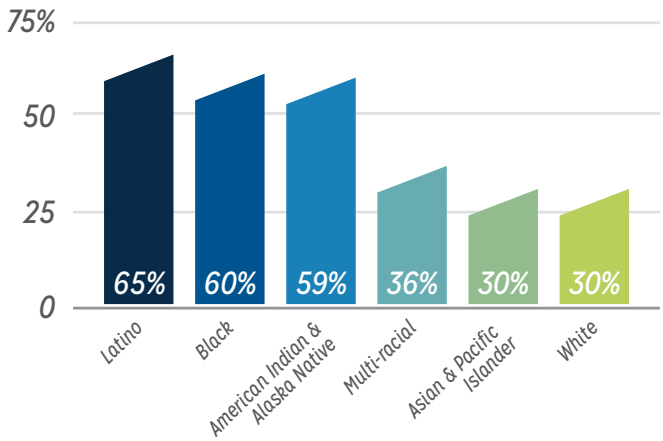
CHILDREN LIVING IN HOUSEHOLDS WITH LOW INCOMES REMAINS HIGH

Children under 18 living below 200 percent FPL, 2008 to 2014[4]



MORE CHILDREN OF COLOR LIVE IN HOUSEHOLDS WITH LOW INCOMES

Children under 18 living below 200 percent FPL by race/ethnicity, 2012[5]



MAKING ENDS MEET

We must ensure everyone has a chance to benefit from our economic growth as Washington state continues to recover from the Great Recession. More than half of Washingtonians (51%) age 20 to 64 are living in poverty while working or looking for work.[6] However, the jobs available to them are often low wage.

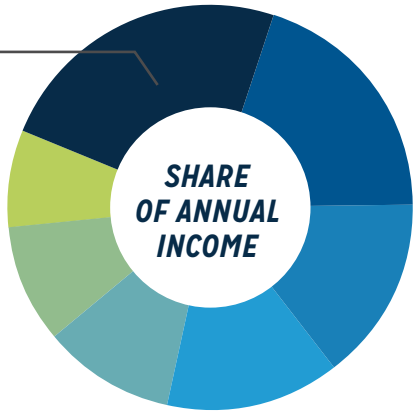
WHAT IT COSTS TO COVER NECESSITIES FOR A SINGLE PARENT WITH TWO KIDS;

THE MOST COMMON JOBS IN WASHINGTON DON'T PAY ENOUGH TO COVER BASIC NEEDS[8]

1	Retail sales	**$23,816** median income per year, full time
2	Cashiers	**$23,192** median income per year, full time
3	Food Service	**$19,843** median income per year, full time

ANNUAL COST OF LIVING BREAKDOWN:

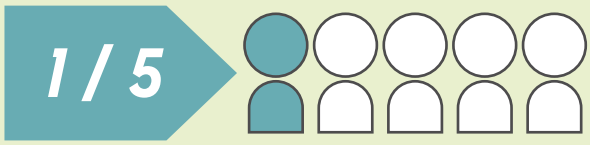
Child care	$13,776
Housing	$11,464
Transportation	$8,509
Food	$8,002
Taxes	$5,950
Medical	$5,550
Other	$4,344



$57,595 Annual Salary Needed[7]

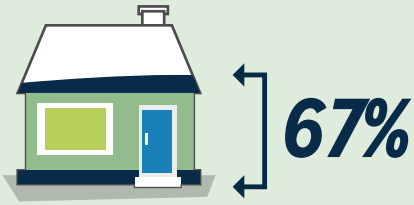
THIS CREATES A STRIKING REALITY FOR TOO MANY CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN WASHINGTON STATE.

HUNGER



Twenty percent of children live in a household that struggles to put food on the table.[9]

RISING COSTS OF HOUSING



Over 2/3 of children live in families with low incomes whose housing costs are unaffordable.[10]

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Sources: 1. B&PC analysis of 2014 ACS 1-year Table B17002. 2. DSHS poverty guidelines for 2014 for family of three. Deep poverty is defined as 50% of the federal poverty line. Poverty is defined as 100% of the federal poverty line. Low income is defined as 200% of the federal poverty line. 3. B&PC analysis of 2014 ACS 1-year Table B17024. Low income defined as below 200 percent FPL. 4. BPC analysis of 2014 ACS 1-year Table B17024 5. B&PC analysis of 2012 ACS 5-year IPUMS estimates. 6. B&PC analysis of 2014 ACS 1-year Table B23024. 7. MIT Living Wage Calculator for a single-parent household with two kids. Child care costs were changed to reflect more local data provided by Child Care Aware of Washington. Estimates are based on median child care costs for one infant child and one school age child in family child care homes. 8. B&PC analysis of 2014 occupational employment and wage estimates from Washington State Employment Security Department. 9. Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, Food Security Supplement, 2012. 10. Population Reference Bureau analysis of 2013 ACS estimates.