

Washington State Poverty

Community Reinvestment Act Roundtable

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Selected Upcoming WCPC Seminars

Monday, November 17

“Surviving the Great Recession”

Jennifer Sherman, WSU

Spring 2015

“US Financial Diaries Project”

Jonathan Morduch, New York University

Other seminars listed at <http://depts.washington.edu/wcpc/>

Our seminar series is supported by the UW School of Social Work and the Paul G. Allen Family Foundation.

What is poverty?



What is poverty?

- Inadequate income
- Material hardship
- Stress and suffering
- Exclusion





“Good news... the government has sent us to measure your poverty”

Household size	Poverty line
One person	\$11,888
Two people	\$15,142
Family of four	\$23,624

Mollie Orshanky

1915-2007



Source: Social Security Administration Archives

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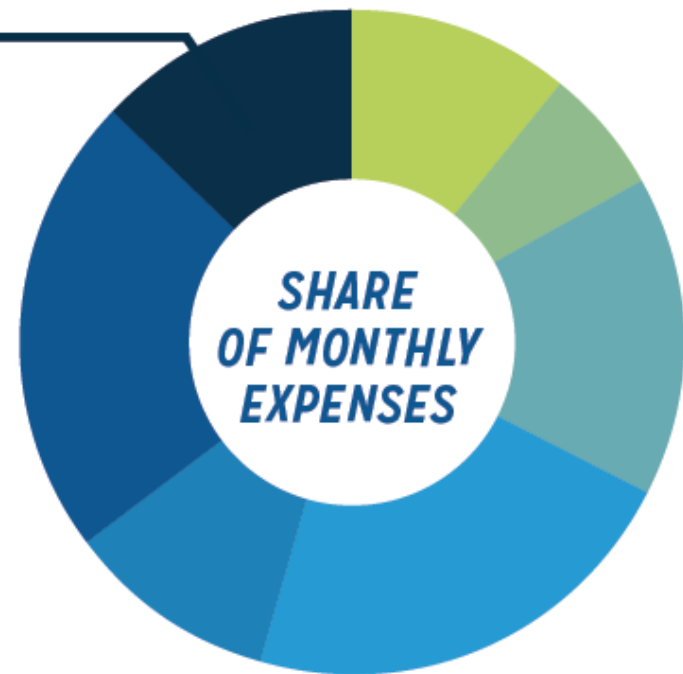
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Poverty line v. basic needs

MONTHLY COST OF LIVING:

Food	\$536	○
Child care	\$917	
Medical	\$427	
Housing	\$906	
Transportation	\$639	
Other	\$246	
Taxes	\$442	+

annual salary
needed **\$49,358⁹**



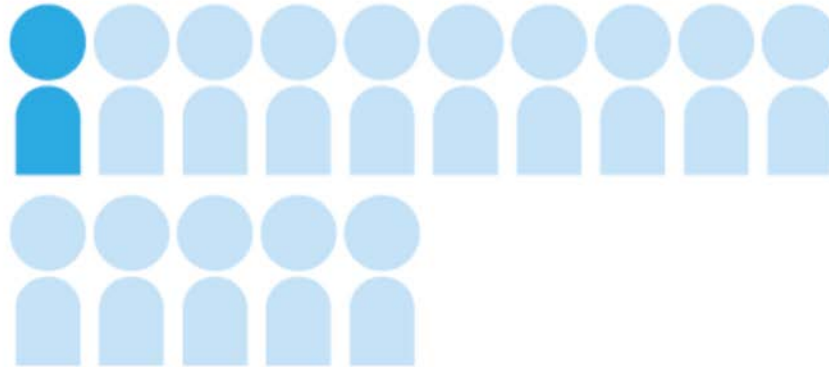
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POVERTY BY THE NUMBERS

1 IN 15

People (6%)
live in deep
poverty.¹



1 IN 7

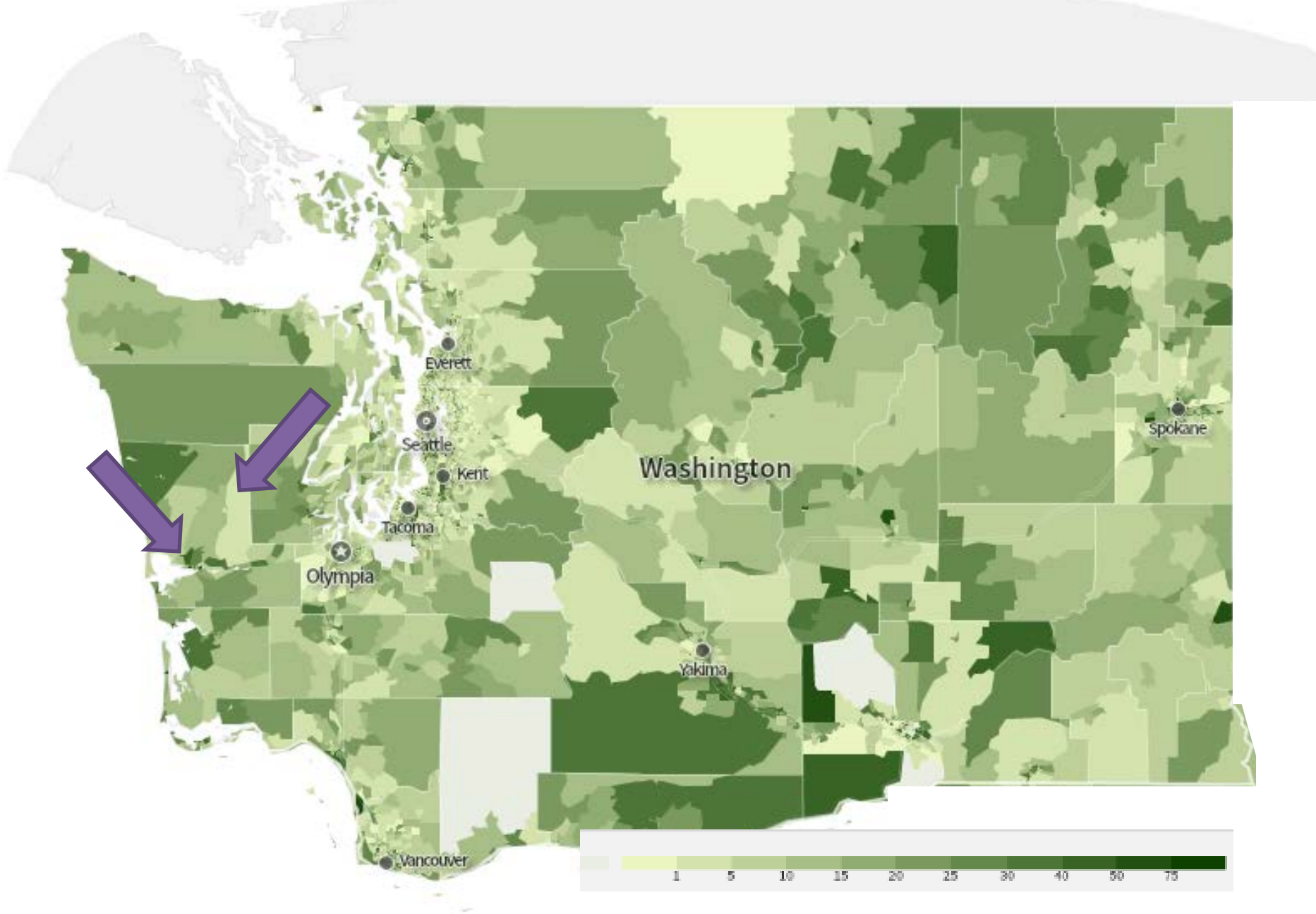
People (14%)
live in poverty.¹

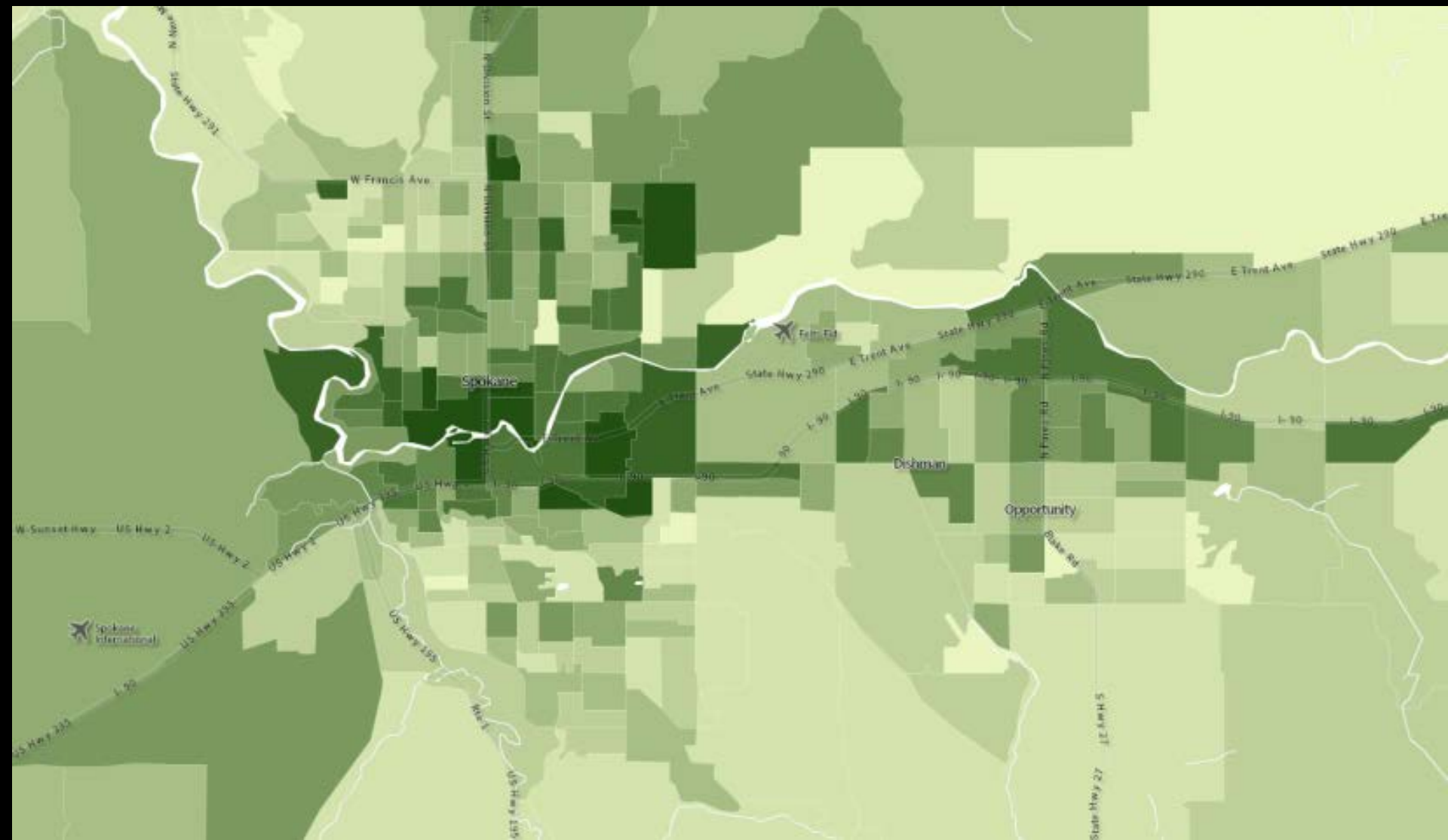


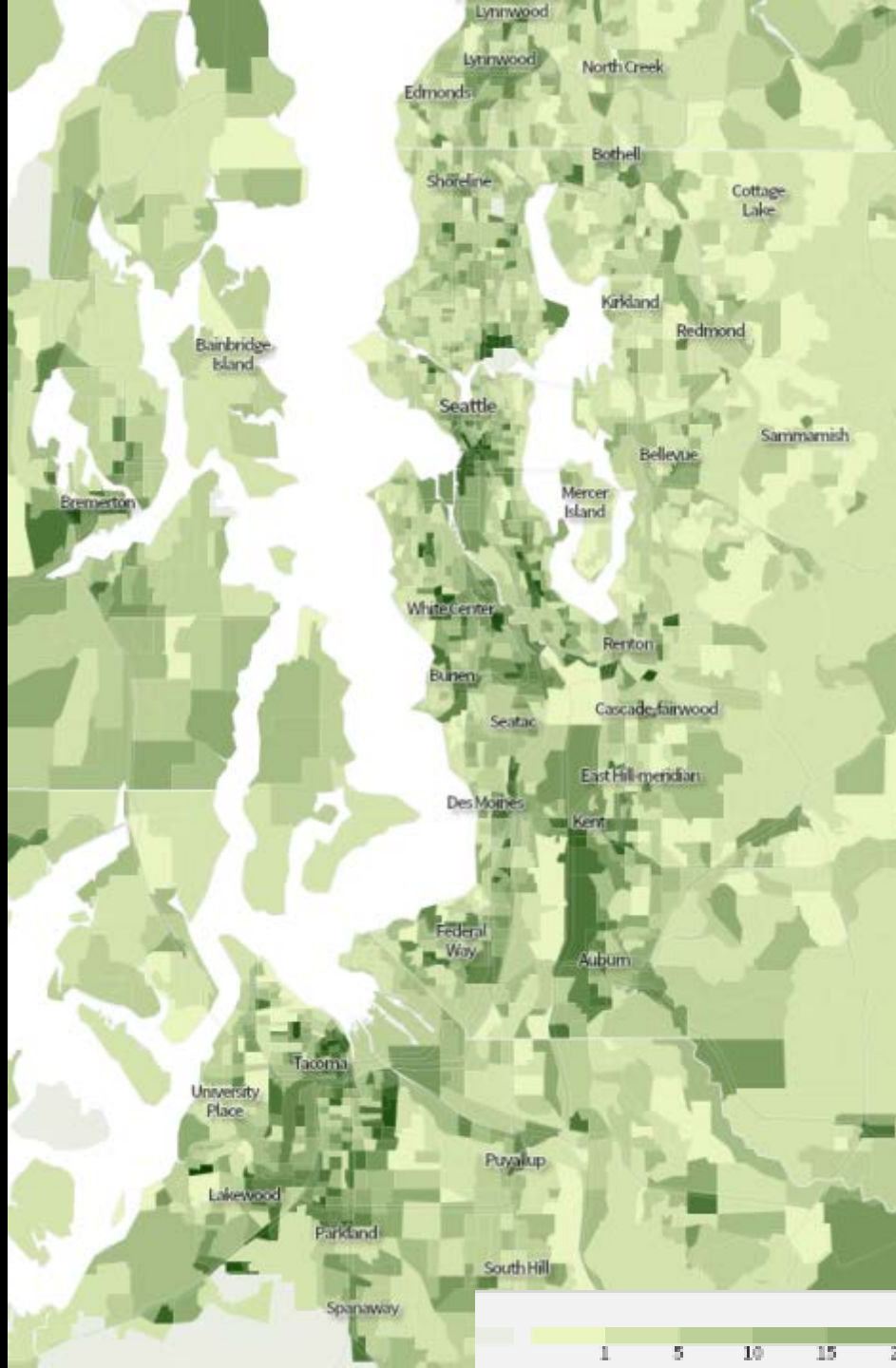
1 IN 3

People (31%)
are considered
low income.¹







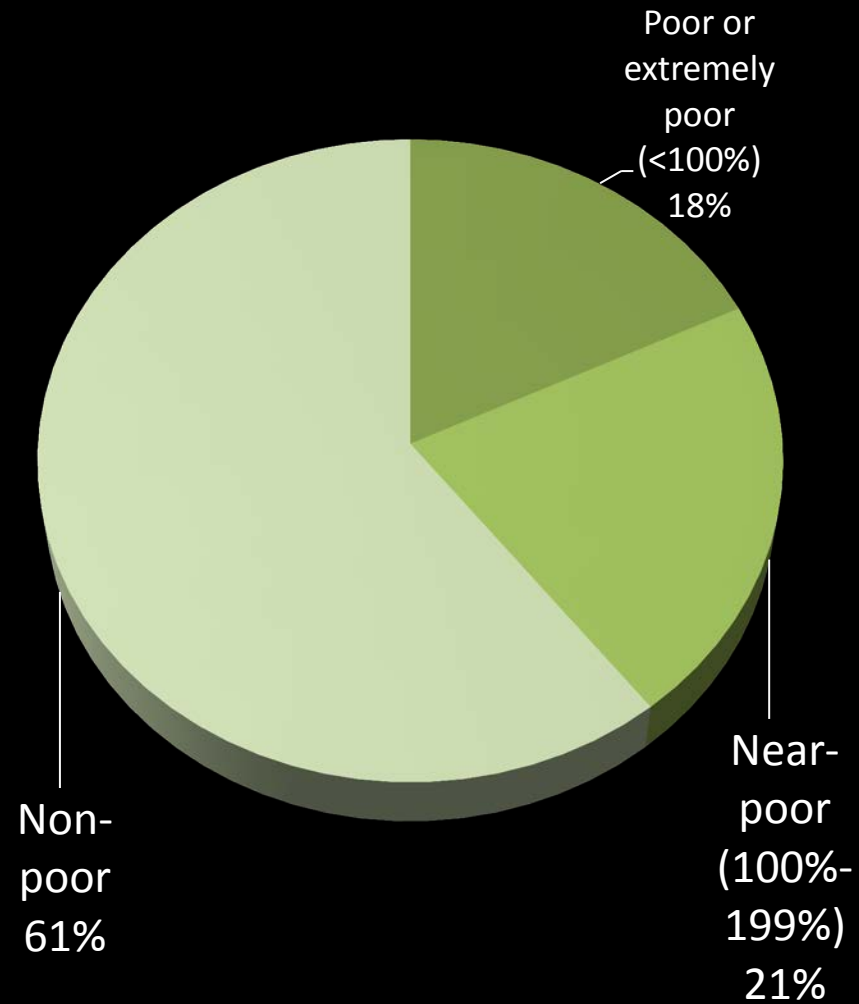


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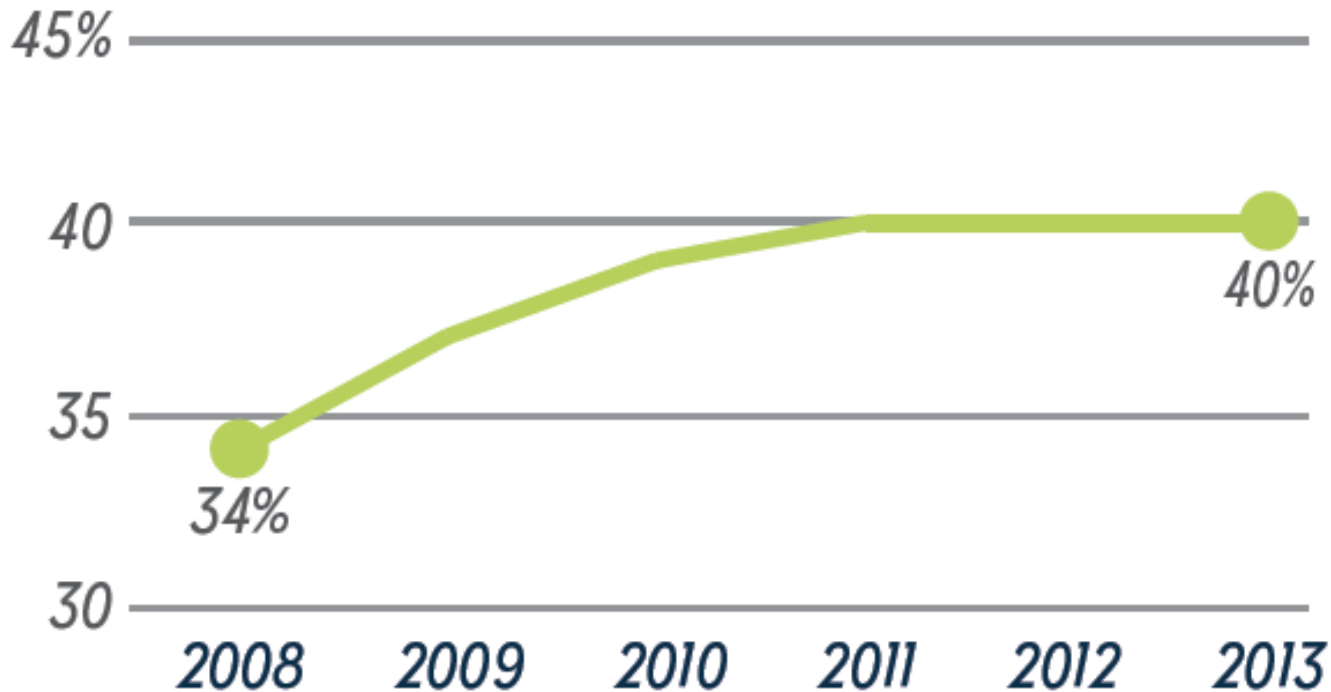


Child Poverty



CHILDREN LIVING IN LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLDS REMAINS HIGH.

Children under 18 living below 200 percent FPL, 2008 to 2013³



Source: Washington Budget & Policy Center



Photo: Wally Gobetz

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- Unemployment and underemployment
- Low-paying jobs
- Caregiving responsibilities
- Disability

Employment and poverty

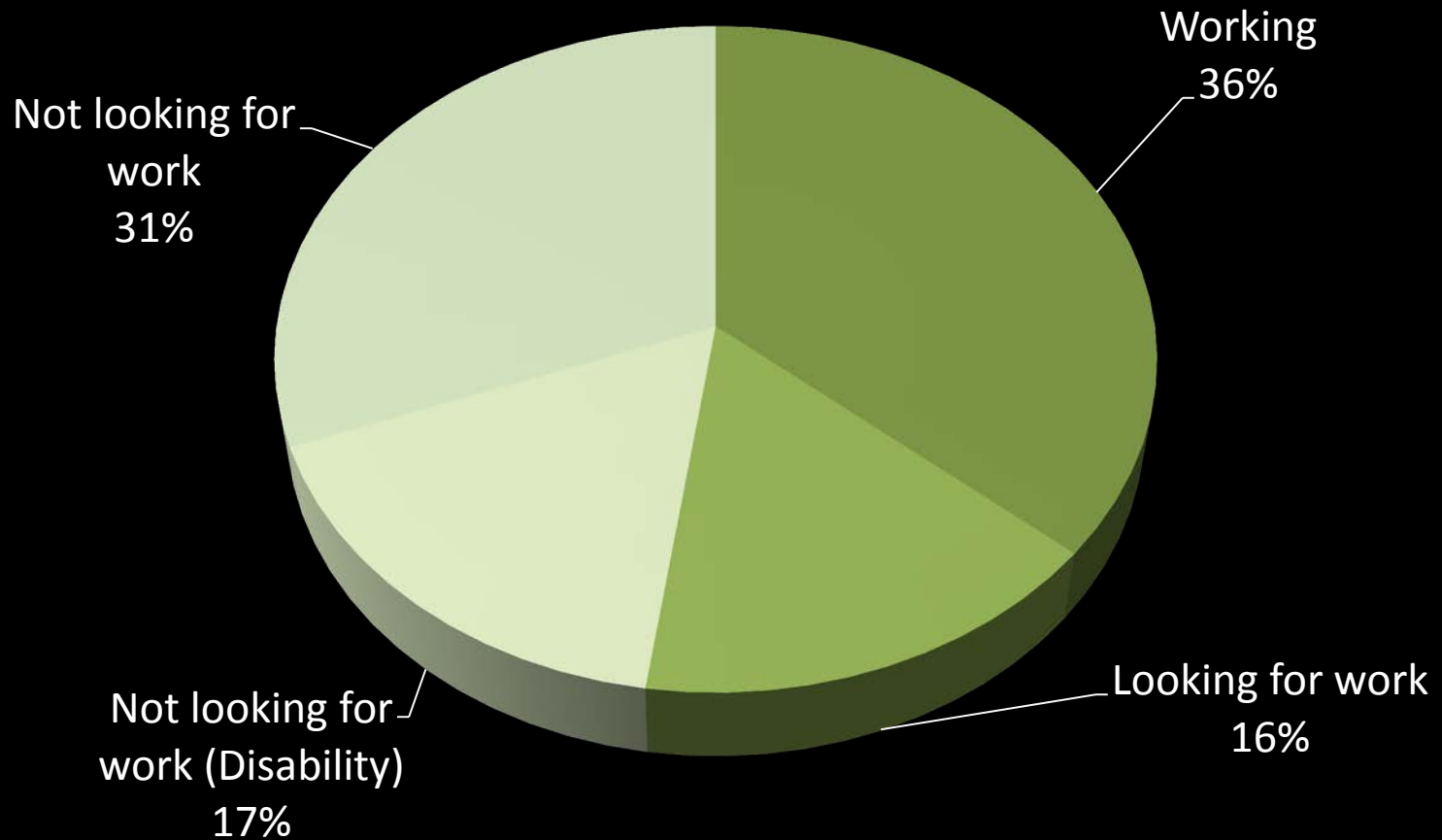




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Ending Poverty

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- Social insurance
- Safety net

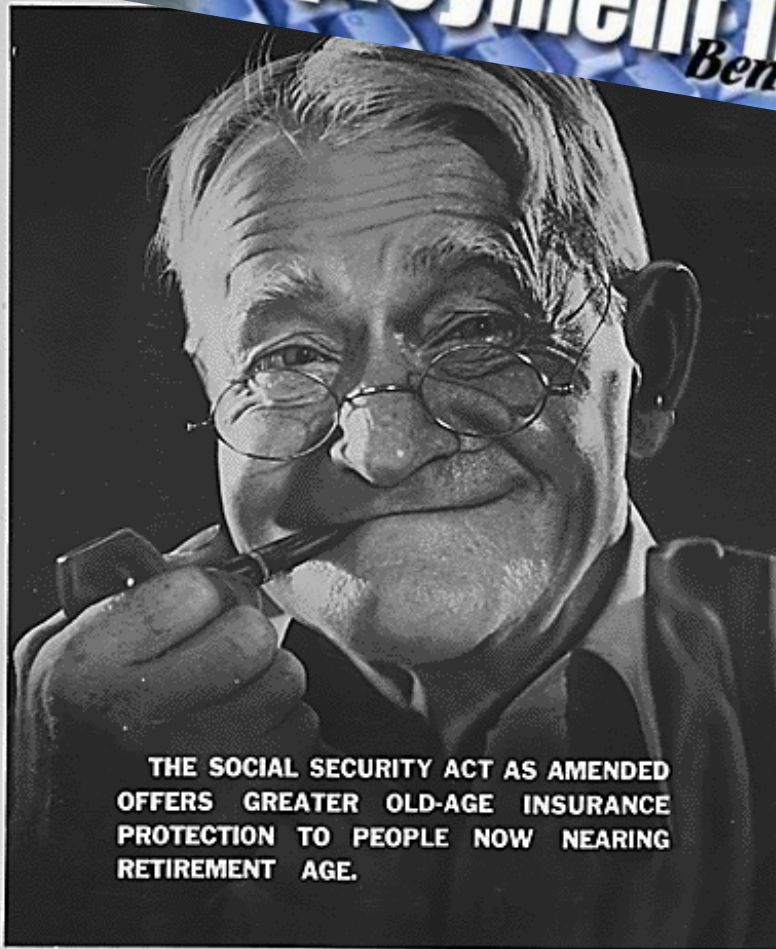


Washington State Employment Security

NEW FOR

Unemployment Insurance

Benefits Application



THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT AS AMENDED
OFFERS GREATER OLD-AGE INSURANCE
PROTECTION TO PEOPLE NOW NEARING
RETIREMENT AGE.

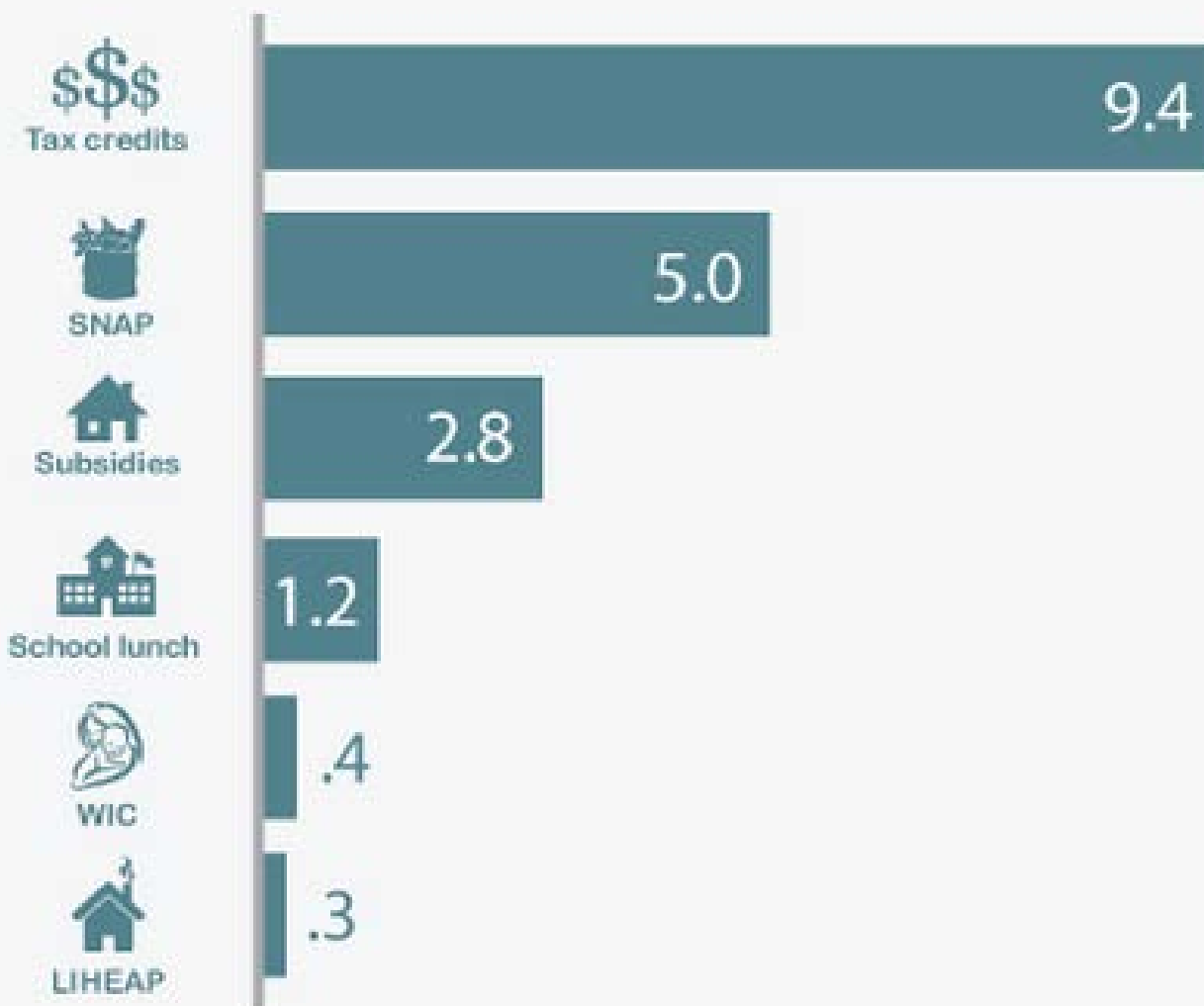
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Keeping **Millions** of People Out of Poverty



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of King County



Thank you

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