Poverty Trends in King County

Putting the most recent Census data in context

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Appearance of Equity
At a glance, King County outperforms the U.S. on health & economic indicators

**GOOD HEALTH**
- Obese Adults
  - King County: 22.0%
  - USA: 28.1%
- Adults Currently Smoking
  - King County: 14.3%
  - USA: 19.6%

**HIGHLY EDUCATED**
- People 25+ years old with Bachelor's degree or higher education
  - King County: 45.0%
  - USA: 26.5%

**LOWER UNEMPLOYMENT**
- Unemployment Rate (Dec. 2013)
  - King County: 4.7%
  - USA: 6.7%

**HIGH LIFE EXPECTANCY**
- Life Expectancy at Birth
  - King County: 81.4 years
  - USA: 78.7 years
  - World: 69.9 years

**STRONG HOUSEHOLD INCOME**
- Median Household Income
  - King County: $71,175
  - USA: $53,046
A Closer Look
Income by Race & Place

**BY RACE**

- **ABOVE KC AVERAGE**
  - AFRICAN AMERICAN/BLACK: $38.7k
  - ASIAN: $73.9k
  - HISPANIC/LATINO: $49.4k
  - NATIVE AMERICAN/ALASKAN NATIVE: $42.0k
  - PACIFIC ISLANDER/NATIVE HAWAIIAN: $60.6k
  - WHITE: $74.7k
  - MULTIPLE RACE: $60.0k

- **BELOW KC AVERAGE**

**BY PLACE**

- **KC AVERAGE:** $71,175
- **AVERAGE OF 20 ZIP CODES WITH THE HIGHEST ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME:** $118.5k
- **AVERAGE OF 20 ZIP CODES WITH THE LOWEST ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME:** $45.5k

**difference of $73k**
The newest poverty data for King County: poverty rates and numbers up, then down
But put recent data into long-range context:

Poverty Rates, 1990 - 2014
Number of Persons Below Poverty, 1990 - 2014

![Bar chart showing the number of persons below poverty in Seattle and King County less Seattle from 1989 to 2014. The x-axis represents the years 1989, 1999, 2005-9, 2012, 2013, and 2014. The y-axis represents the number of persons below poverty, ranging from 0 to 180,000.]
Poverty Rates by Race:
Blacks and Latinos have much higher rates
But the **numbers** of persons below poverty are still largely white
Thank you!

• Questions...?

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