Washington State Poverty Data

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DEFINING POVERTY IN WASHINGTON STATE

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

- Deep Poverty: $9,895
- Poverty: $19,790
- Low Income: $39,580

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.
POVERTY BY THE NUMBERS

1 / 15
Nearly 6% of people live in Deep Poverty.

1 / 8
More than 13% of people live in Poverty.

3 / 10
Thirty percent of people are considered Low Income.

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

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

TOTAL: $57,595 Annual Salary Needed

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.
CHILDREN LIVING IN HOUSEHOLDS WITH LOW INCOMES REMAINS HIGH

Children under 18 living below 200 percent FPL, Washington 2008 to 2014

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THE MOST COMMON JOBS IN WASHINGTON DON’T PAY ENOUGH TO COVER BASIC NEEDS

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

MORE CHILDREN OF COLOR LIVE IN HOUSEHOLDS WITH LOW INCOMES

Children under 18 living below 200 percent FPL by race/ethnicity, Washington 2012

- Latino: 65%
- Black: 60%
- American Indian & Alaska Native: 59%
- Multi-racial: 36%
- Asian & Pacific Islander: 30%
- White: 30%

B&PC analysis of 2012 ACS 5-year IPUMS estimates