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The Status of Nashville's Poverty

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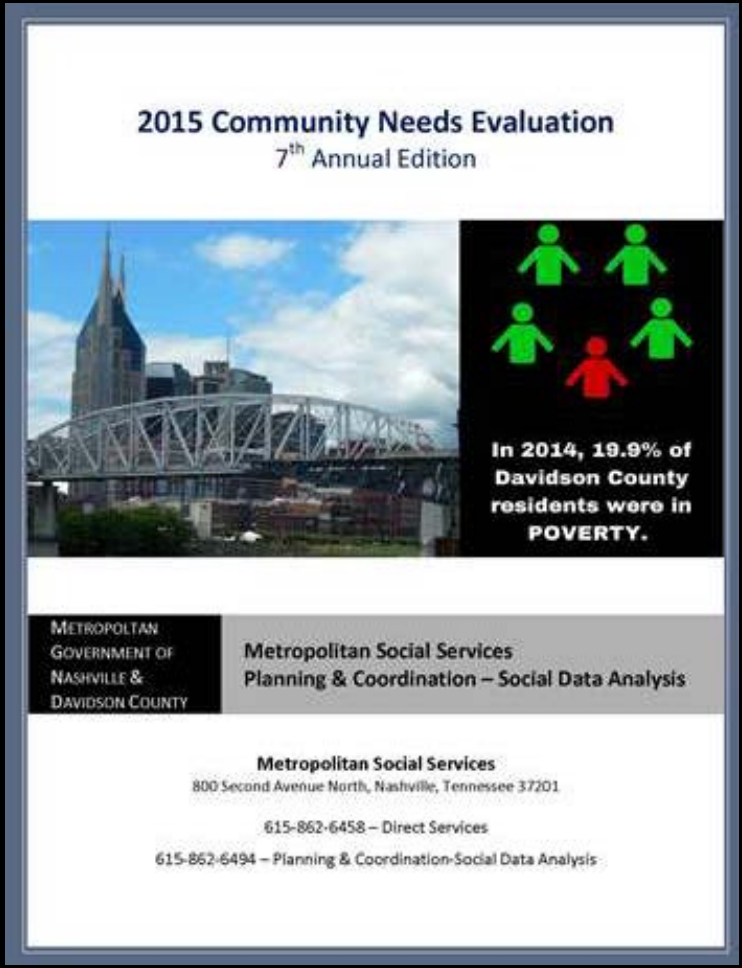


Presenting the

2015 Community Needs Evaluation

Metropolitan Social Services
Planning, Coordination & Social Data Analysis

Available ONLINE

2015 Annual Community Needs Evaluation

Metropolitan Social Services

7th Annual Community Needs Evaluation

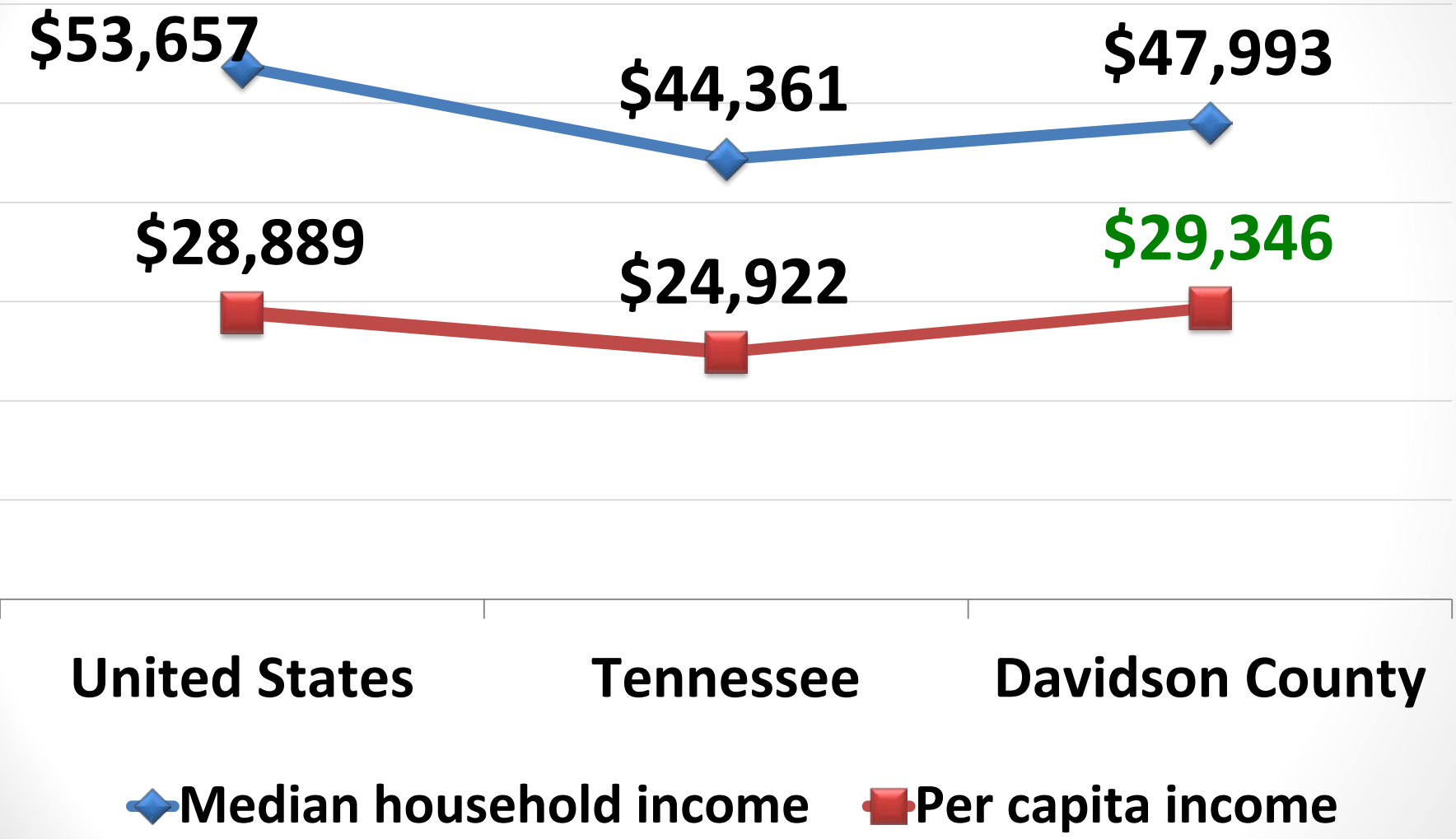
Metropolitan Social Services
7th Annual Community Needs Evaluation

- Focus on Davidson County
- Data + Analysis
- Knowledge-Based Foundation

Davidson County, Tennessee

- **Population = 668,347**
- **High School Graduate = 87.7%**
- **Bachelor's Degree or Higher = 37.3%**
- **Median Age = 34.4 years**
- **Age 65 and Over = 11.1%**

Davidson County, Tennessee
Median Household and Per Capita Income



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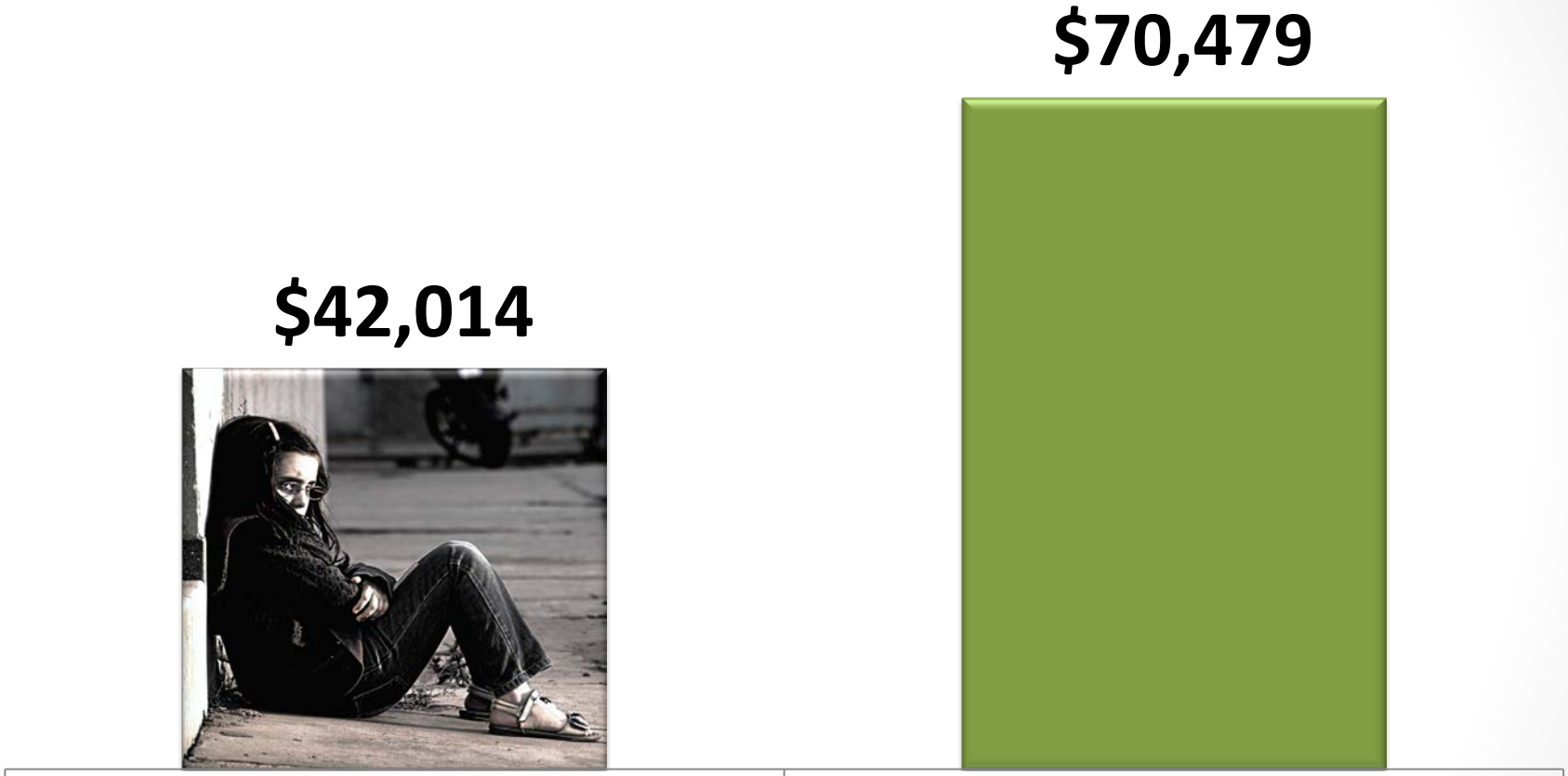
Median Family Income - With/Without Children



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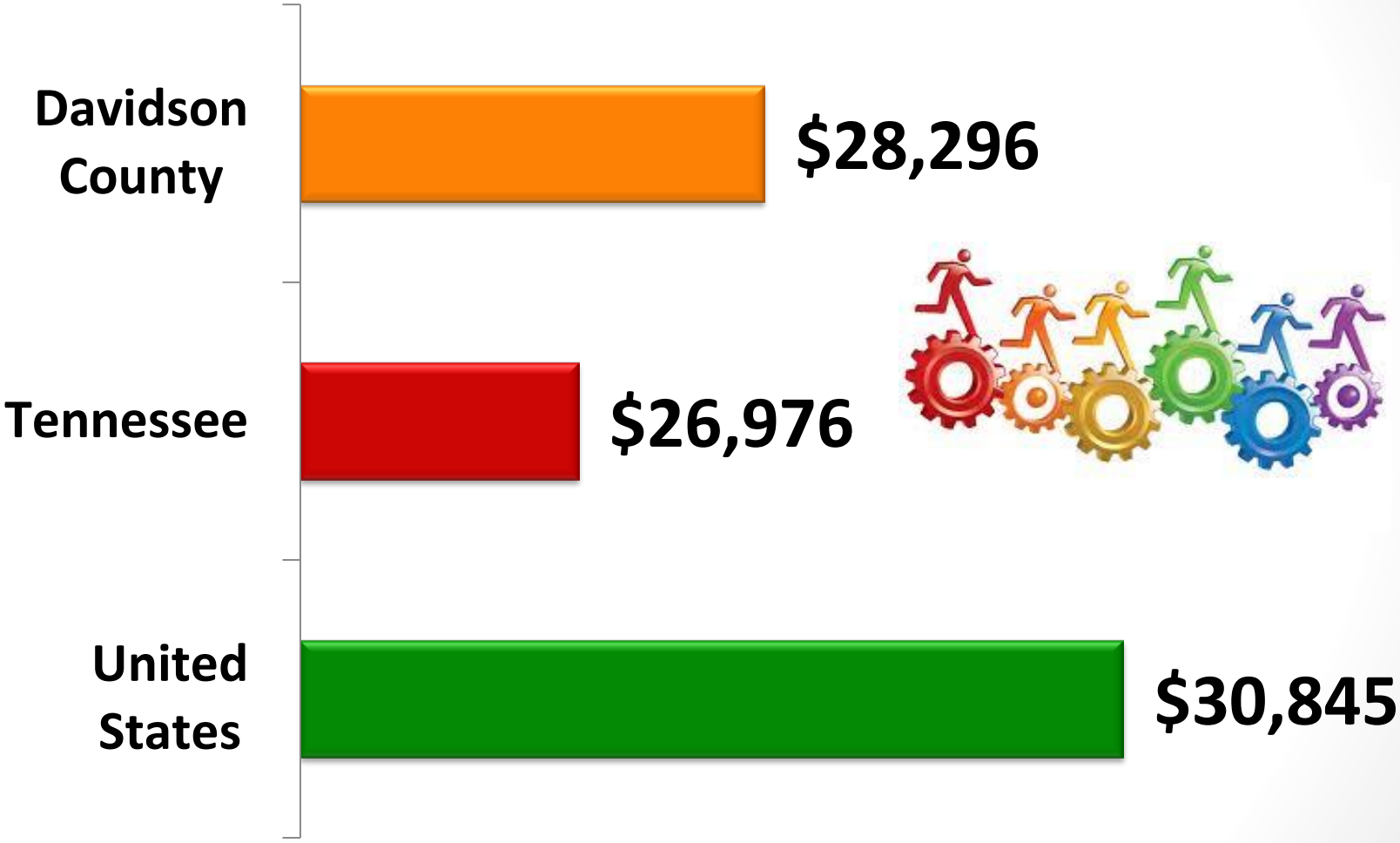
Median Earnings for All WORKERS



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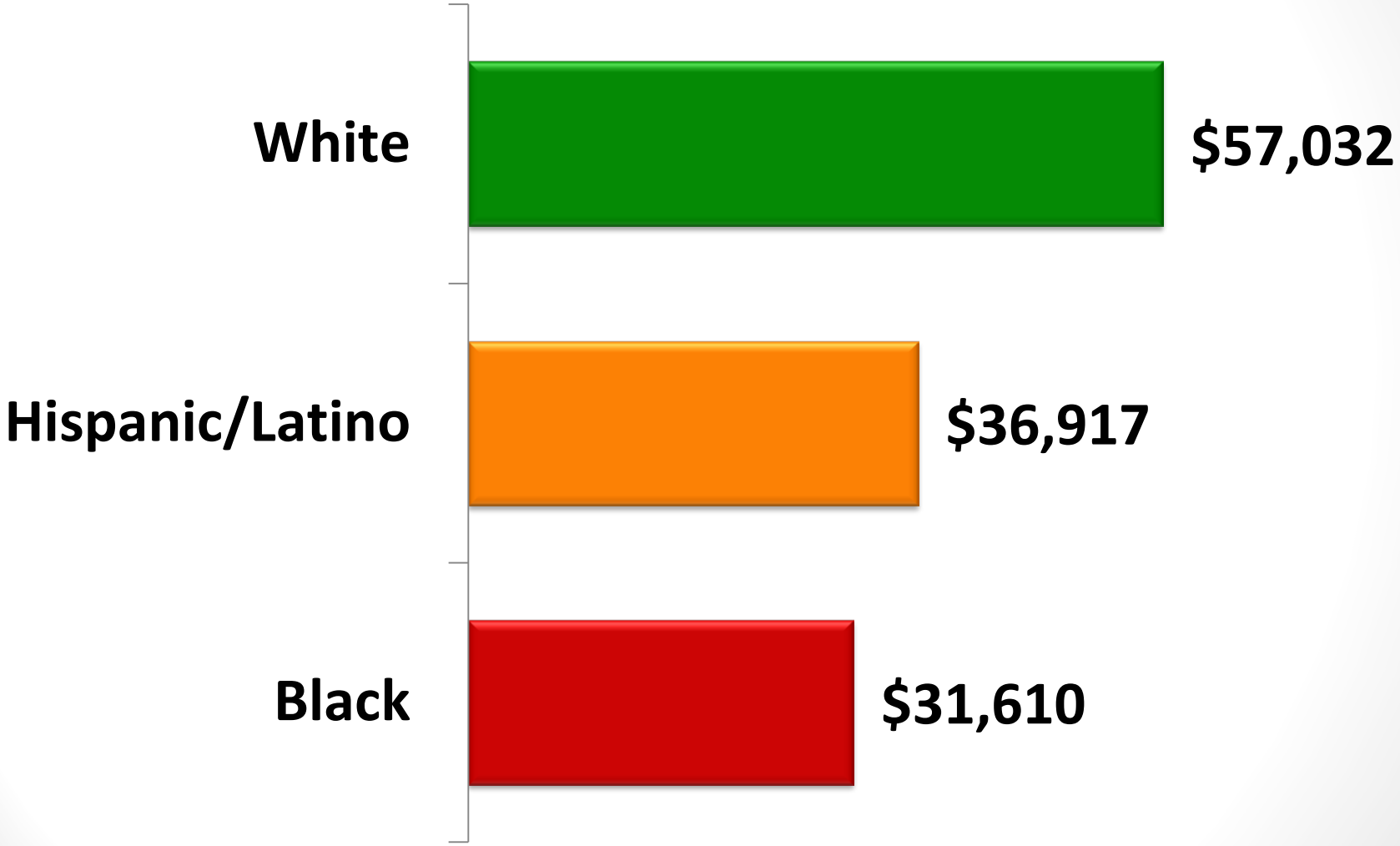
Median Income by Selected Race/Ethnicity



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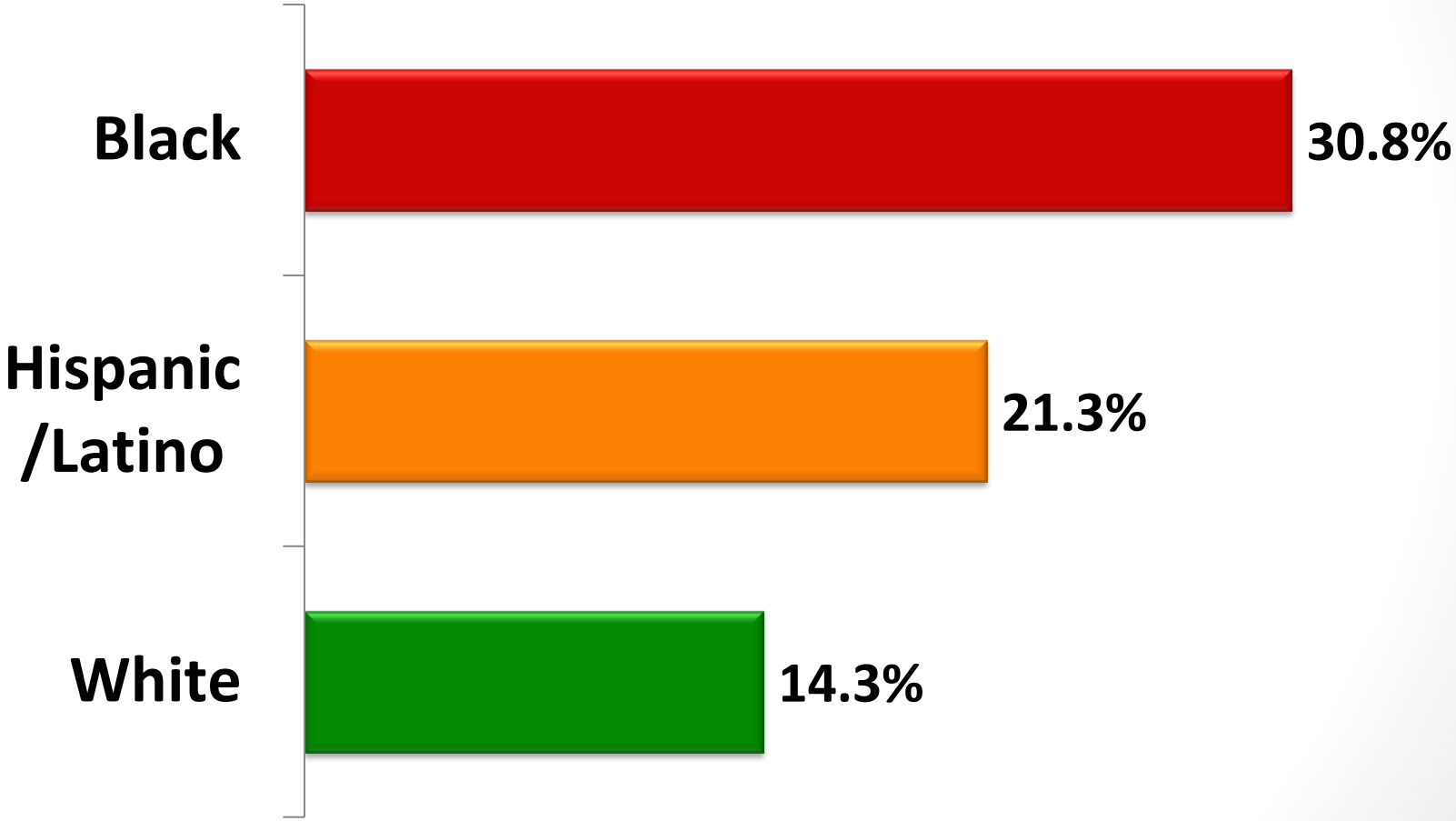
Percent with Incomes Below $25,000 by Selected Race/Ethnicity



# in Household	2015 Federal Poverty Guideline
1	$11,770
2	$15,930
3	$20,090
4	$24,250
5	$28,410
6	$32,570
7	$36,730
8	$40,890

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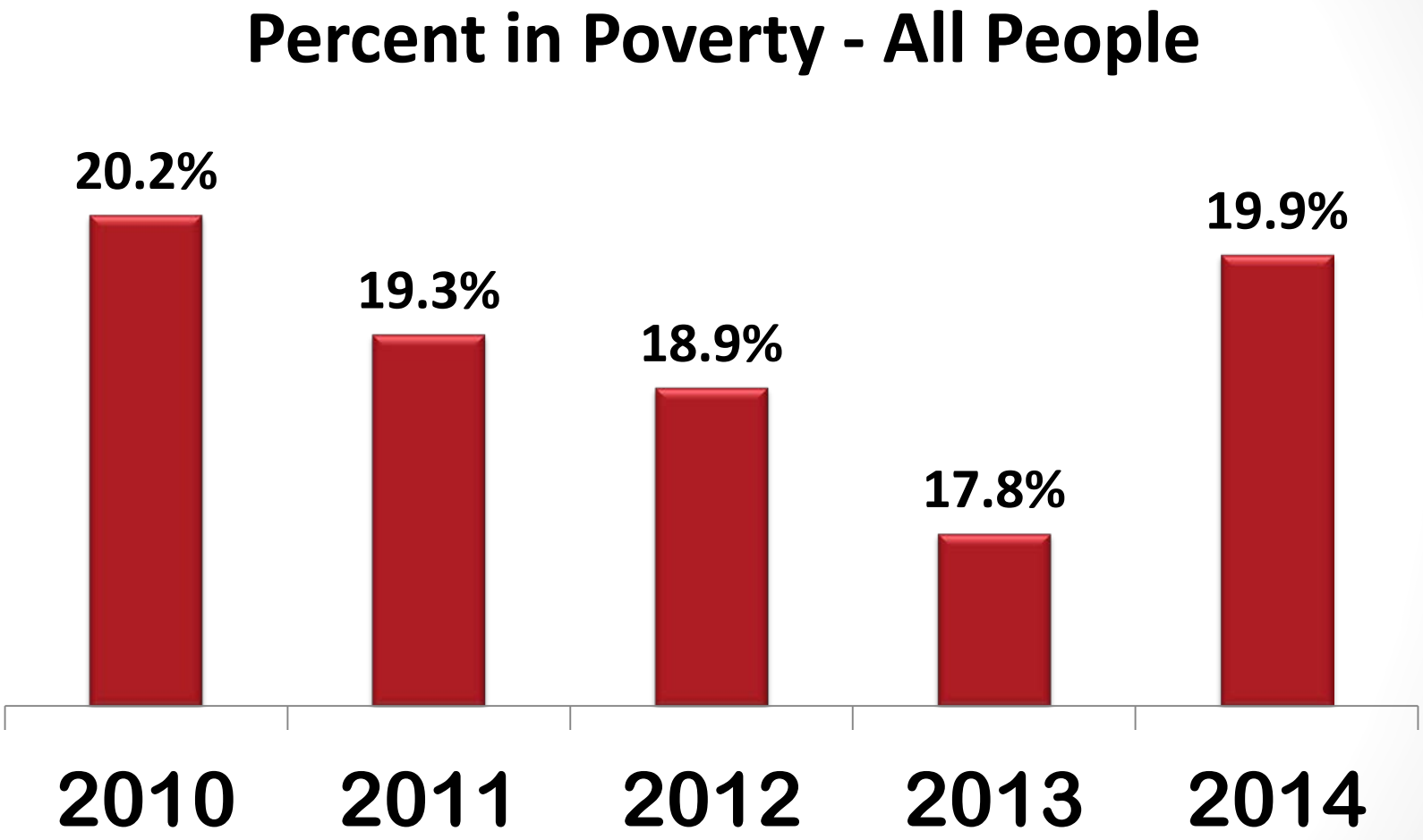

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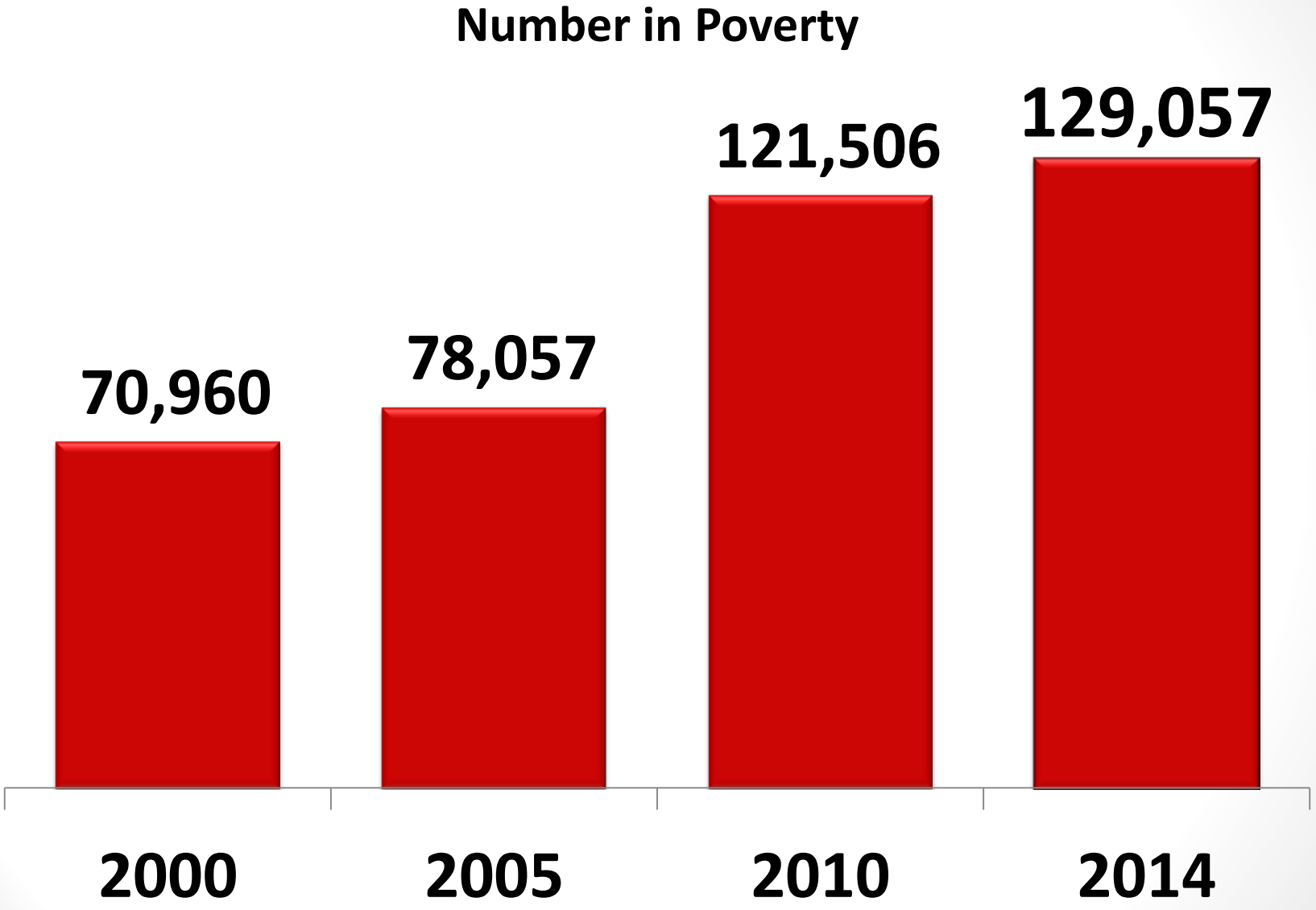

Davidson County, Tennessee
Local Data

2015 Grassroots Survey - Greatest Gap in Services

- *28.4% Housing*
- *16.2% Workforce*

MSS Front Desk Survey

- 43.2% of identified needs were for Housing & Related Assistance

United Way - 2-1-1

- 44.3% requests for Basic Needs

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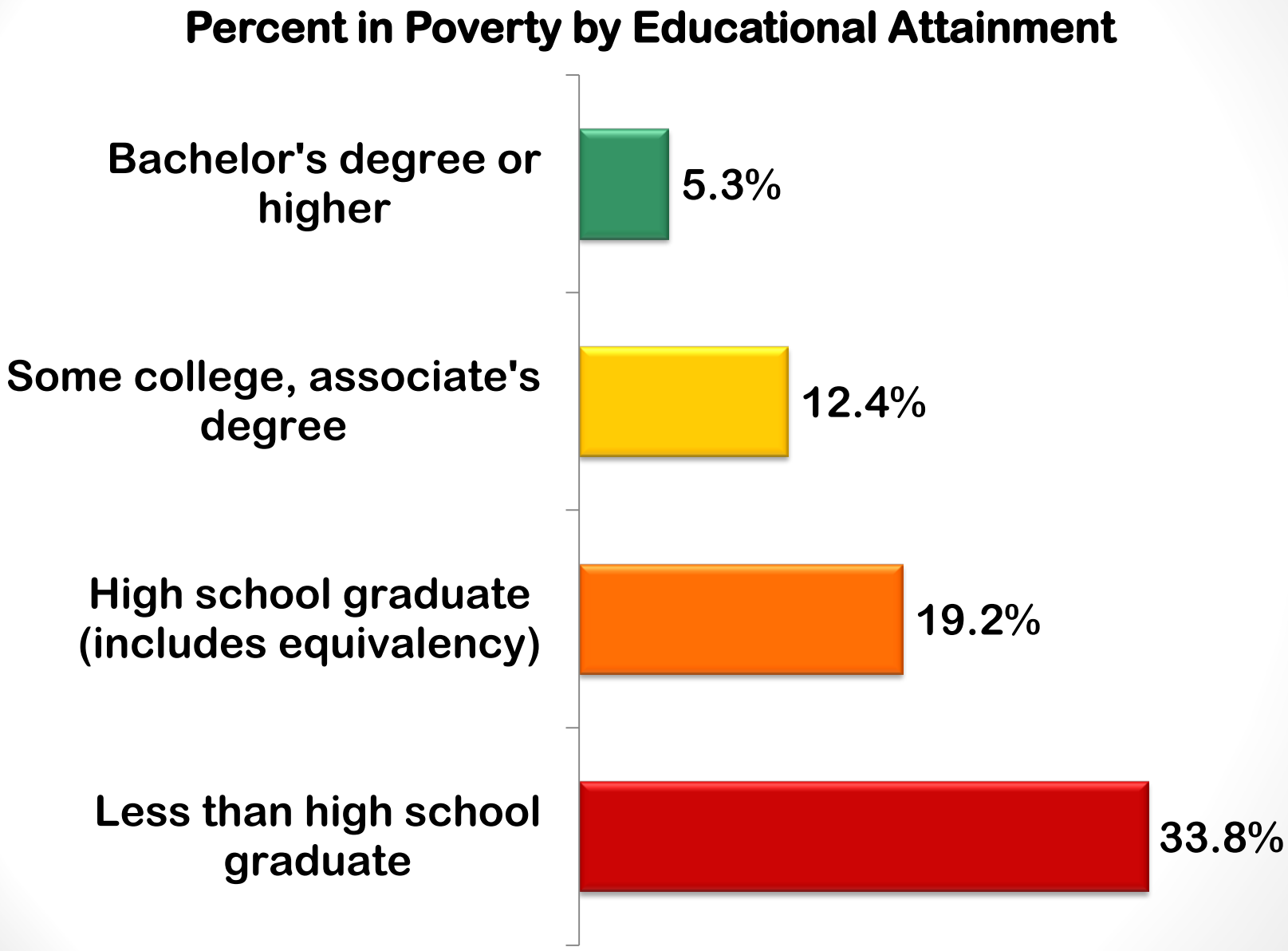

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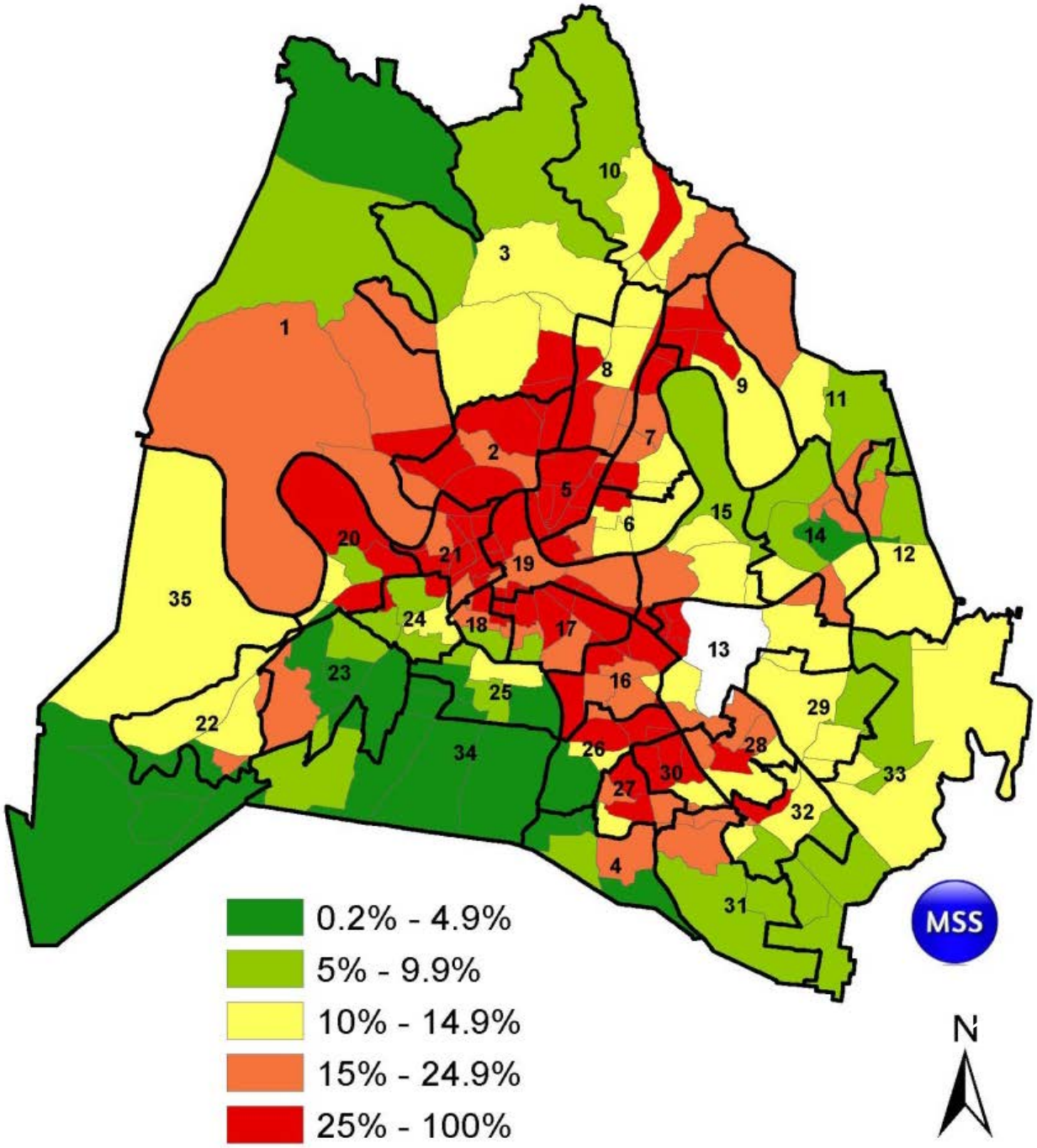
Characteristic	Percent in Poverty
Foreign-born	24.9%
Unemployed Male	27.8%
Black or African American	31.8%
Under 18 years	33.1%
Less than high school graduate	33.8%
People with a disability	35.1%
Hispanic or Latino origin (of any race)	36.1%
Unemployed Female	45.0%
Families with 3 or 4 children	45.3%
Single mothers with children under age 5	47.0%
Families with 5 or more children	71.5%

Poverty by Census Tract with Council Districts 2010-2014



2013

Stress impairs cognitive function.
(2013 Community Needs Evaluation)

Poverty-related stress can impair:

- Ability to think and understand
- Memory
- Decision-making capacity
- Insight
- Future conceptualization
- Control

Poor Children may experience higher levels of environmental stress.

(2013 Community Needs Evaluation)

- **Begin school with gaps in achievement.**
- **Gaps increase each year and can widen up to equivalent of one school year**
- **1/3 less likely to graduate from high school**

. . . Unless there is effective intervention.

Davidson County, Tennessee

142,496 minor children (under age 18)

1/3 of minor children live in poverty = 47,230

Poverty has many negative consequences for children, including lifelong damage.

STRESS

Adverse Childhood Experiences

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Evidence-Based Practices

2 – Generation Approach

PREVENTION

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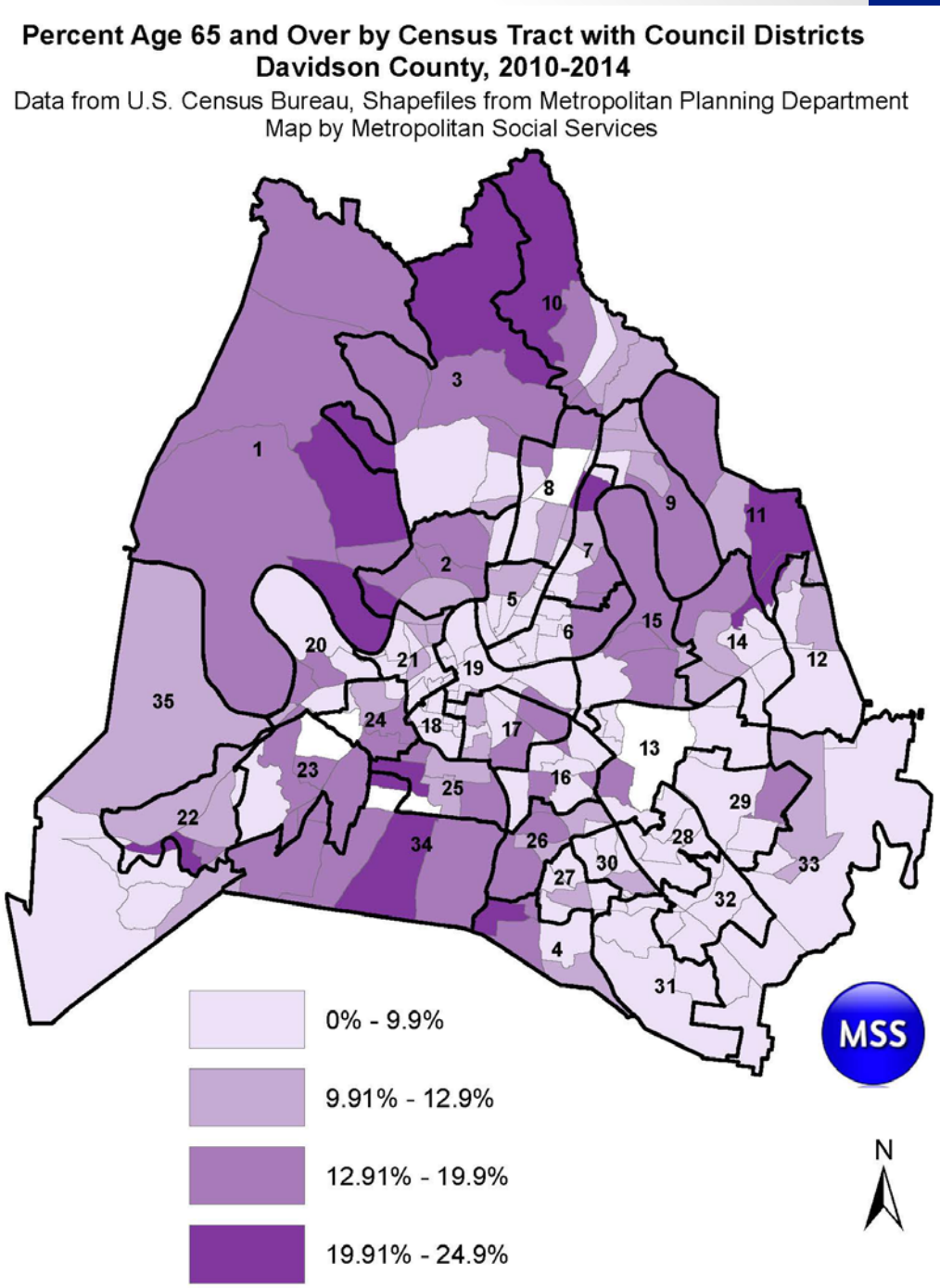
Aging & Disability

Where do seniors live in Davidson County?



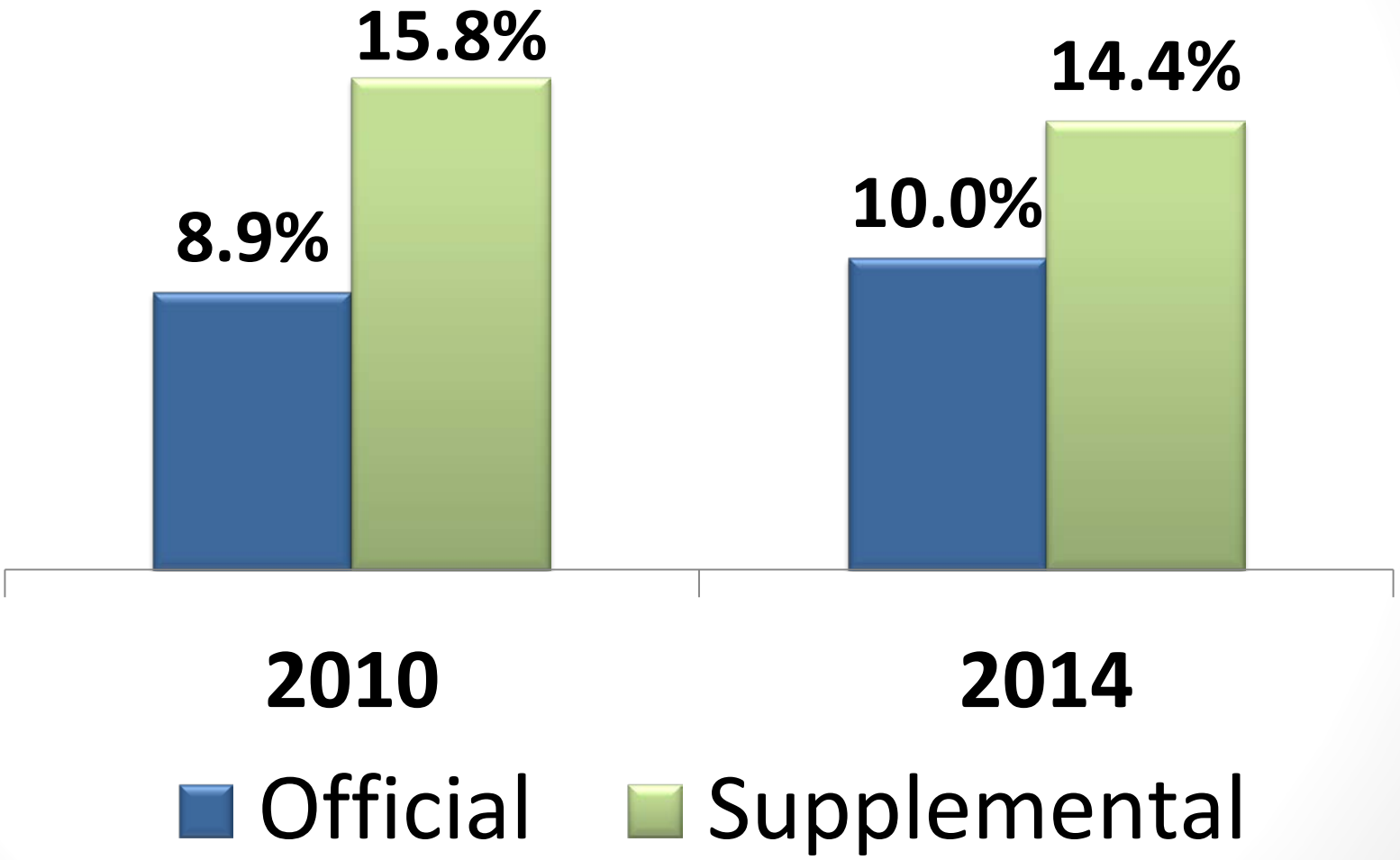
Profile of Older Americans: 2014

- Persons age 65 and over account for 14.1% of the U.S. Population
- In 2013 persons reaching age 65 had an average life expectancy of 19.3 years
- Ten thousand people turn 65 years of age each day in the U.S.
- Median income for older persons in 2013 was $29,327 in the U.S.
- Households containing families headed by persons 65 and older reported median incomes in 2013 of $51,486.

Aging & Disability Key Findings

- **Using the Supplemental Poverty Measure, a greater number of older adults are in poverty than identified by Official Poverty Measure.**
- **Falls are a major cause of injuries in older adults.**
- **Many Americans, especially older adults are not financially prepared for retirement.**
- **Direct Correlation between Disability and Poverty**
- **Elder abuse affects one in ten older adults.**

Official Poverty Measure and Supplemental Poverty Measure - Persons Age 65+



Aging and Falls

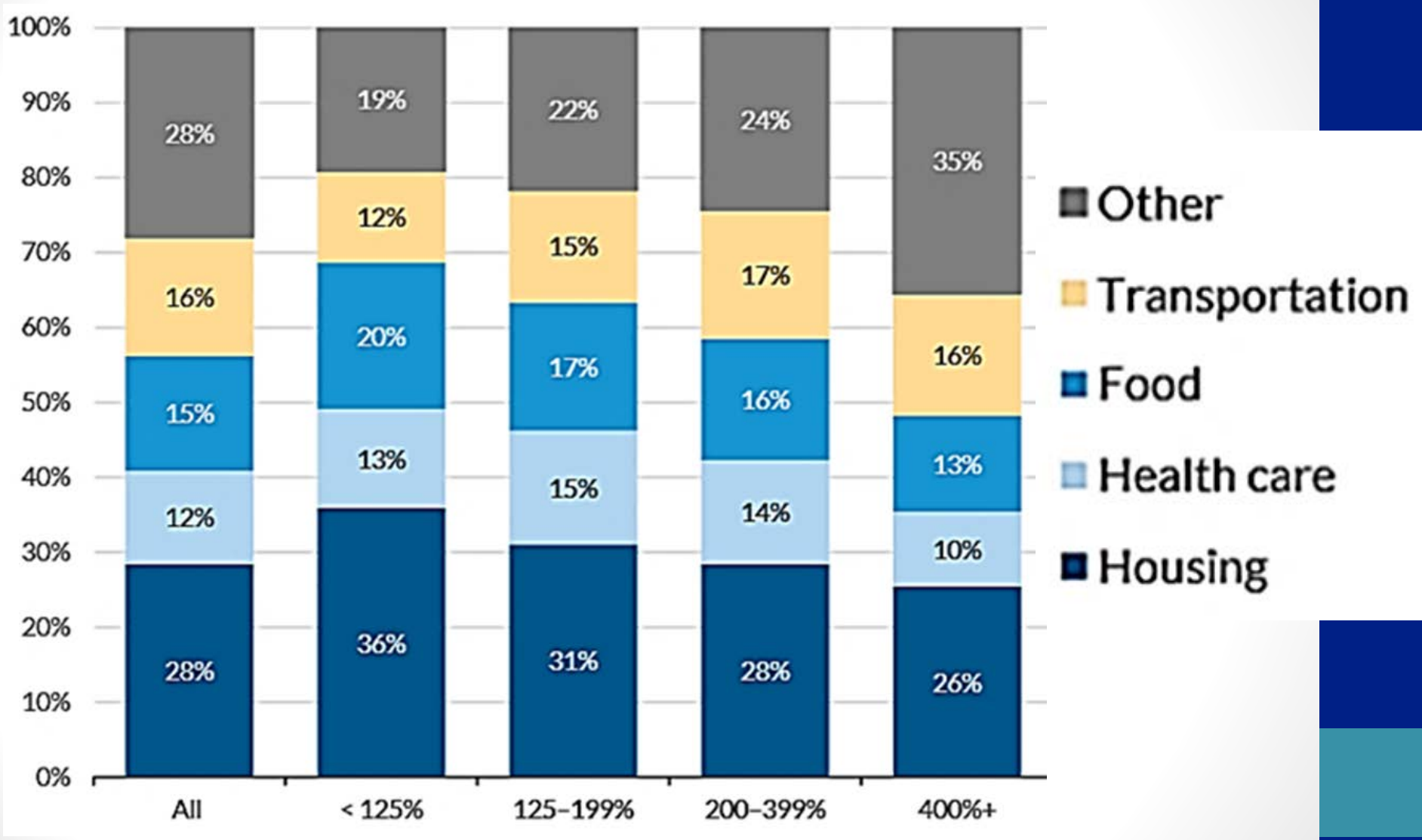
- 2.5 millions older adults are treated in emergency rooms for fall injuries
- 250,000 older adults are hospitalized for hip fractures as a result of falls
- $34B are spent on healthcare as a result of falls for older adults
- Lower body weakness, walking difficulties, vision and foot pain are primary causes of falls

Retirement

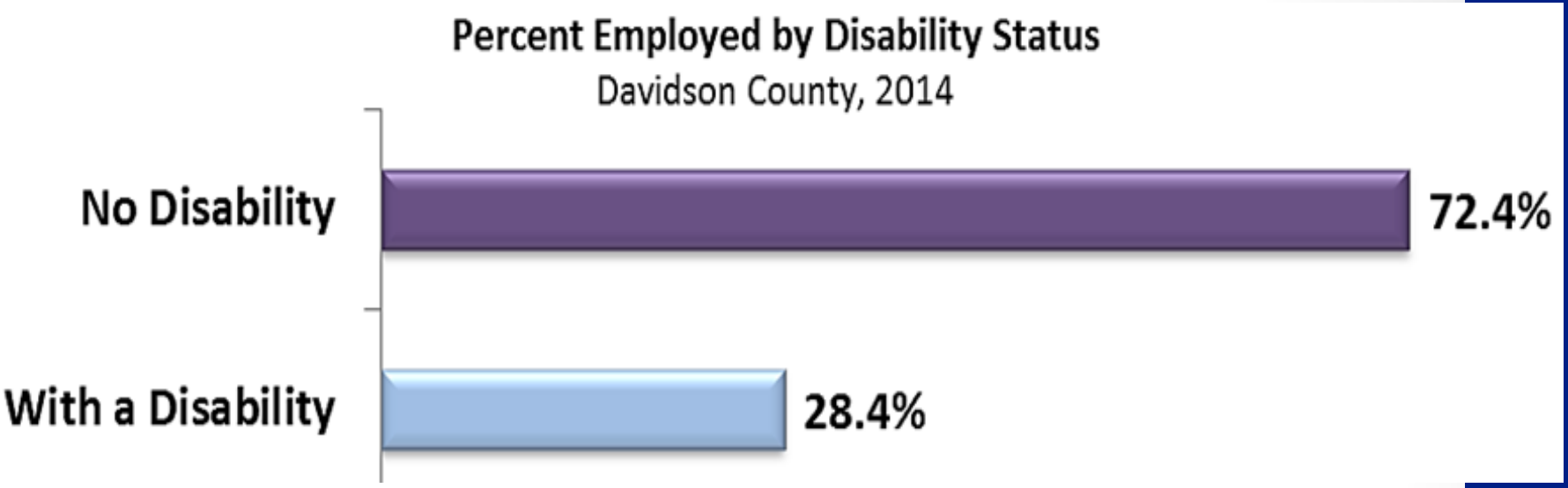
Many Americans, especially older adults are not financially prepared for retirement, with almost 20% of persons age 55-64 having no savings or pension.

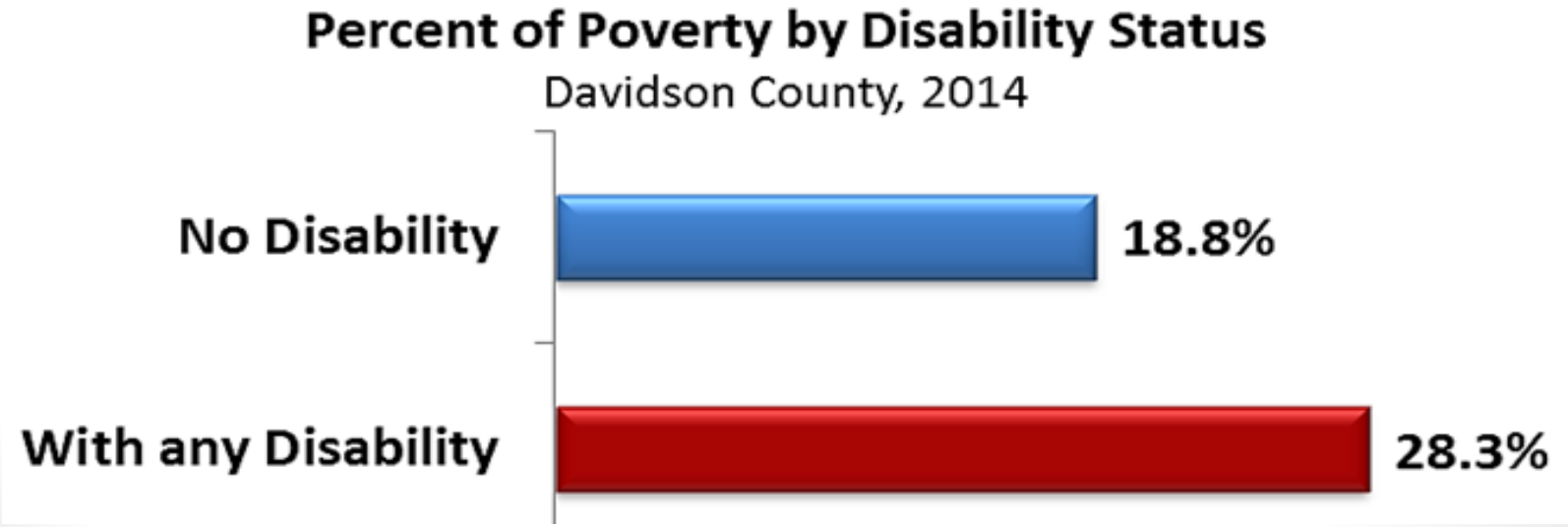
1/3 of working age adults have no pension or savings in preparation for retirement, so that as more people reach retirement age they will be less able to meet their needs.

Senior Households Spending Distribution

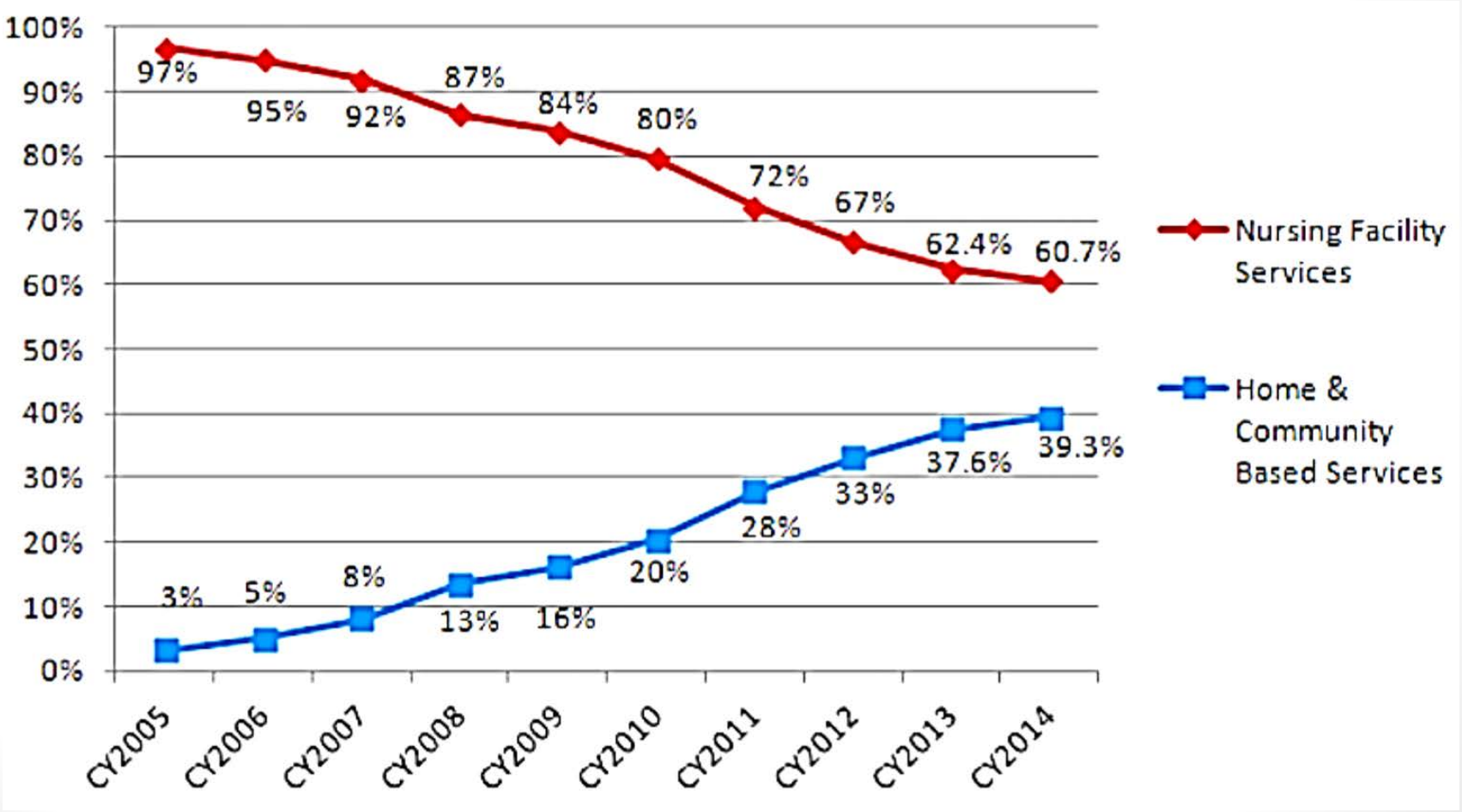


Disability Status and Poverty





Percent of TennCare Choices Enrollees By Nursing Facility Services and Home and Community Based Services



It's All Connected

Workforce

Older adults who worked in low-wage, low-skilled jobs are less likely to have adequate retirement savings and are more likely to be dependent upon government assistance through Medicaid and Medicare for their healthcare.

Housing

Older adults are more likely to own their home, than young people resulting in less mobility and potential costly repairs to maintain their home.

Health and Human Development

Baby Boomers are the second fastest growing segment of the population millennials are the fastest. Baby Boomers are affecting health care in several ways; they are more likely to have chronic diseases such as diabetes, high cholesterol, and obesity.

Food & Nutrition

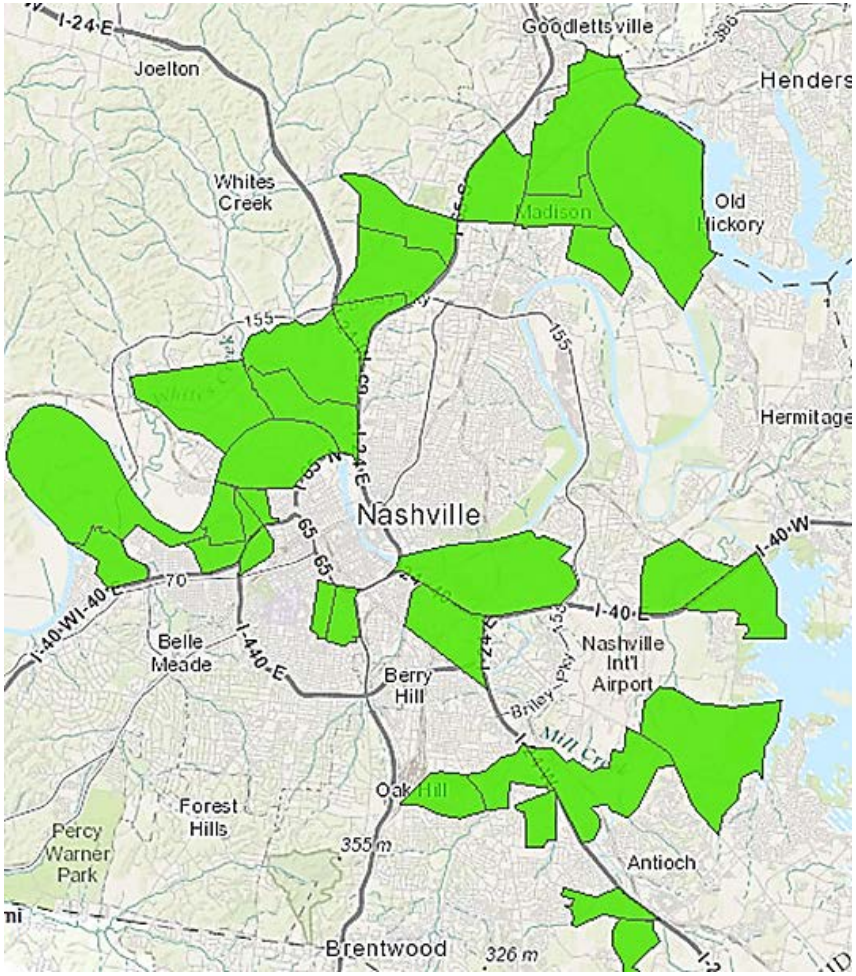
Food & Nutrition

Key Findings

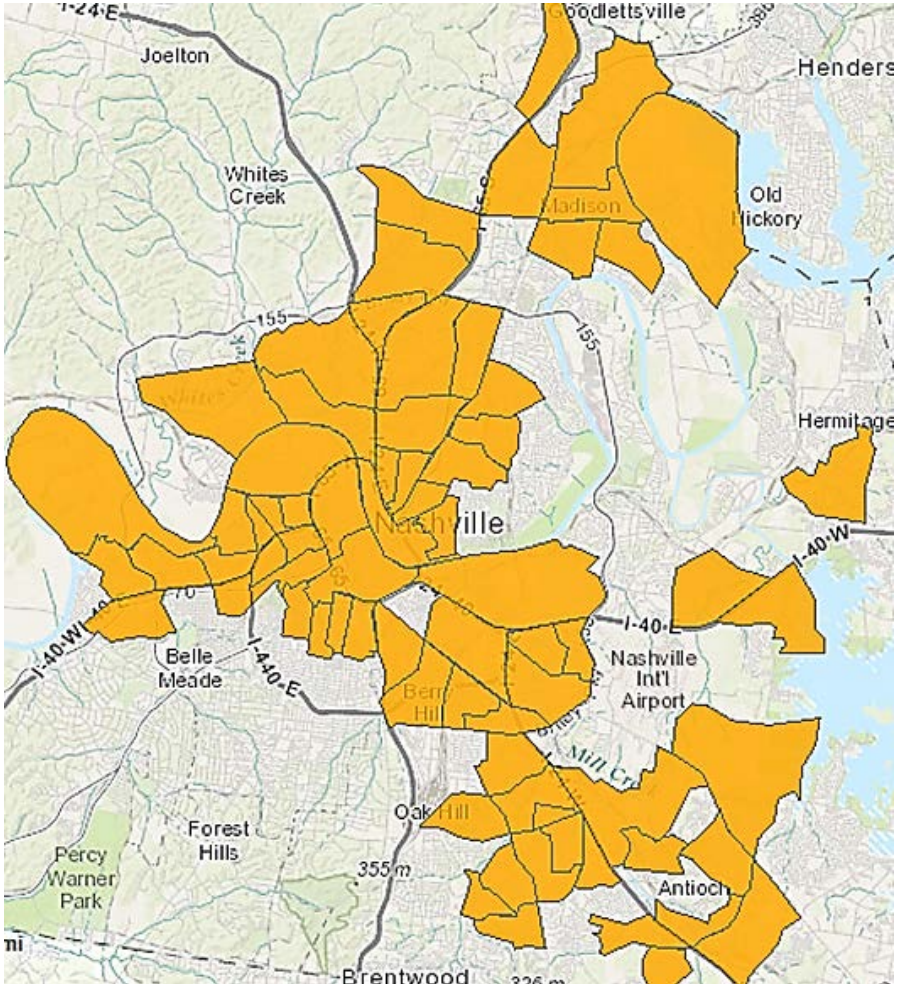
- **Median income for households that do not receive SNAP is nearly 3 times higher than for households that receive SNAP benefits.**
- **15.5% or one in six seniors face the threat of hunger.**

Low Food Access =
Low Income Census Tracts + Distance to Grocery Store

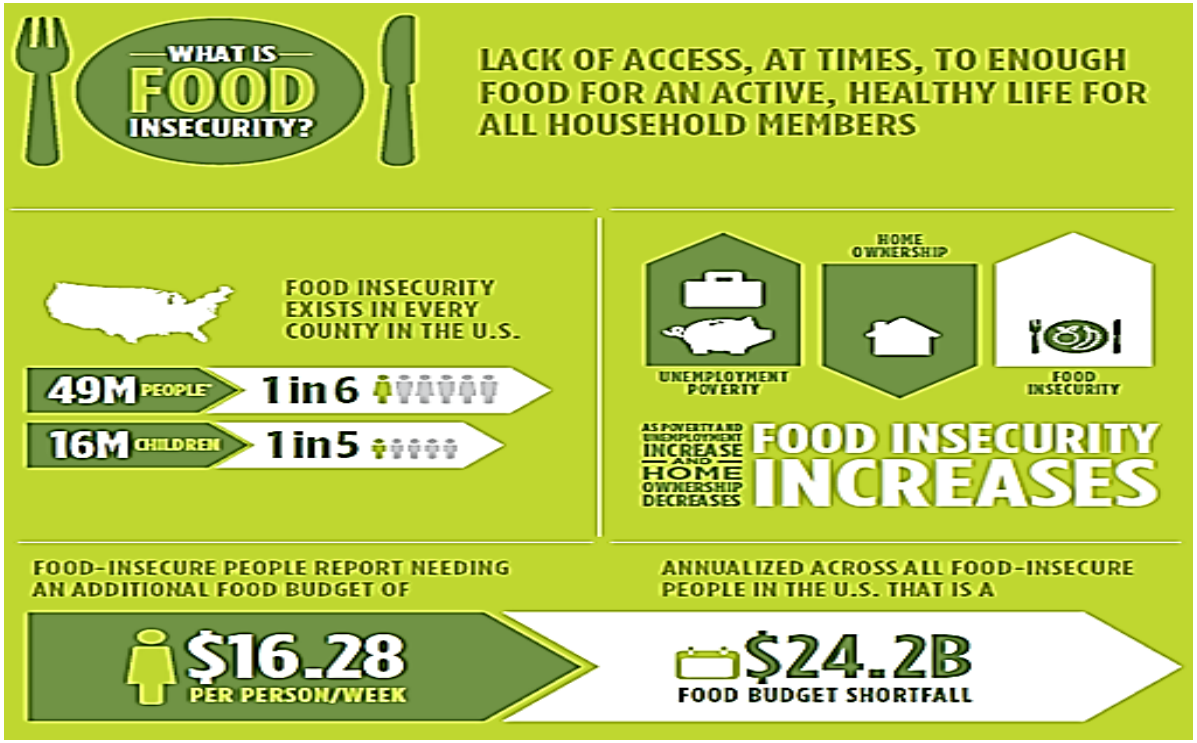
More than 1 mile

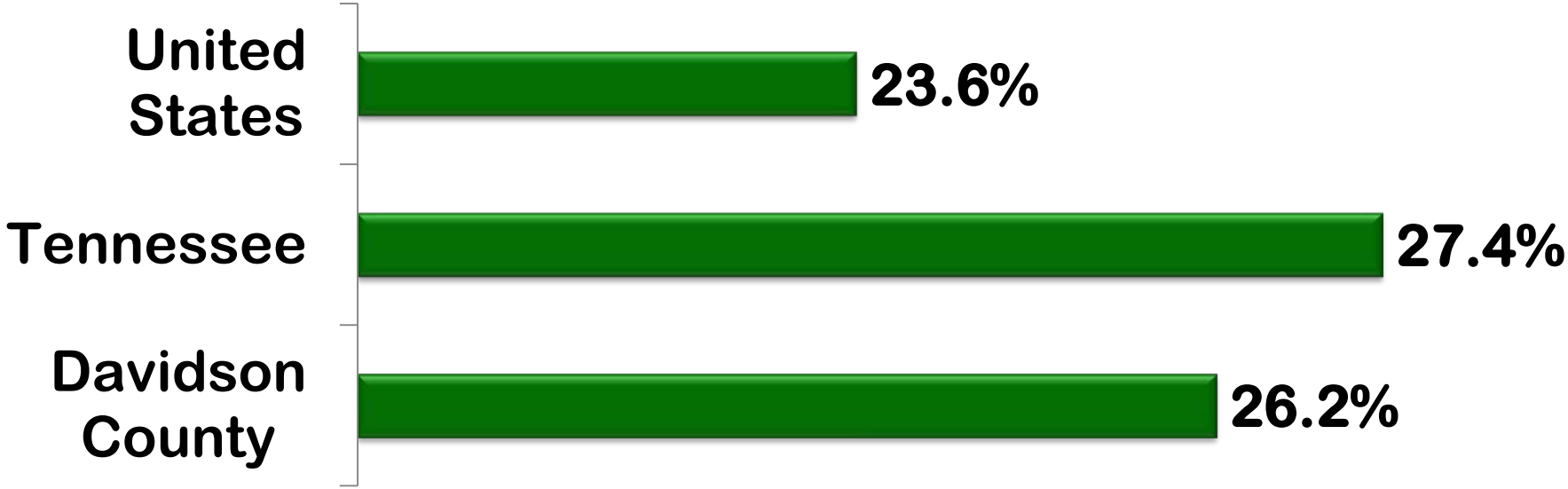


More than ½ Mile

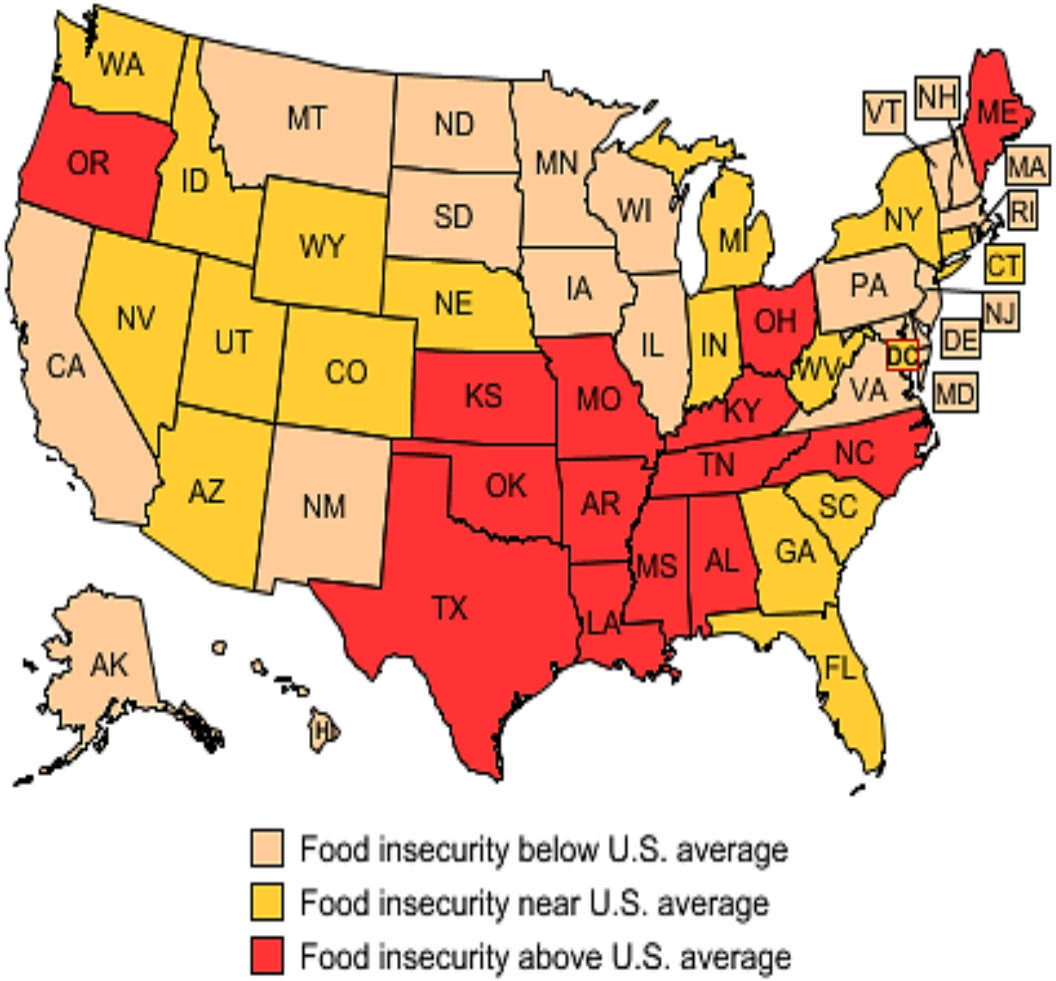


Population With Low Food Access





Food Insecurity



Food Insecure Household Characteristics

- **14.0% All Households**
- **19.2% Households with Children Under 18**
- **22.4% Hispanic/Latino**
- **26.1% Black or African American**
- **35.3% Female head of household, no spouse**

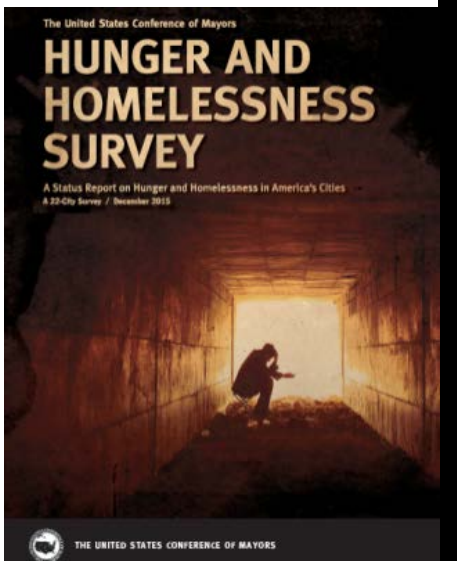
Hunger in Davidson County

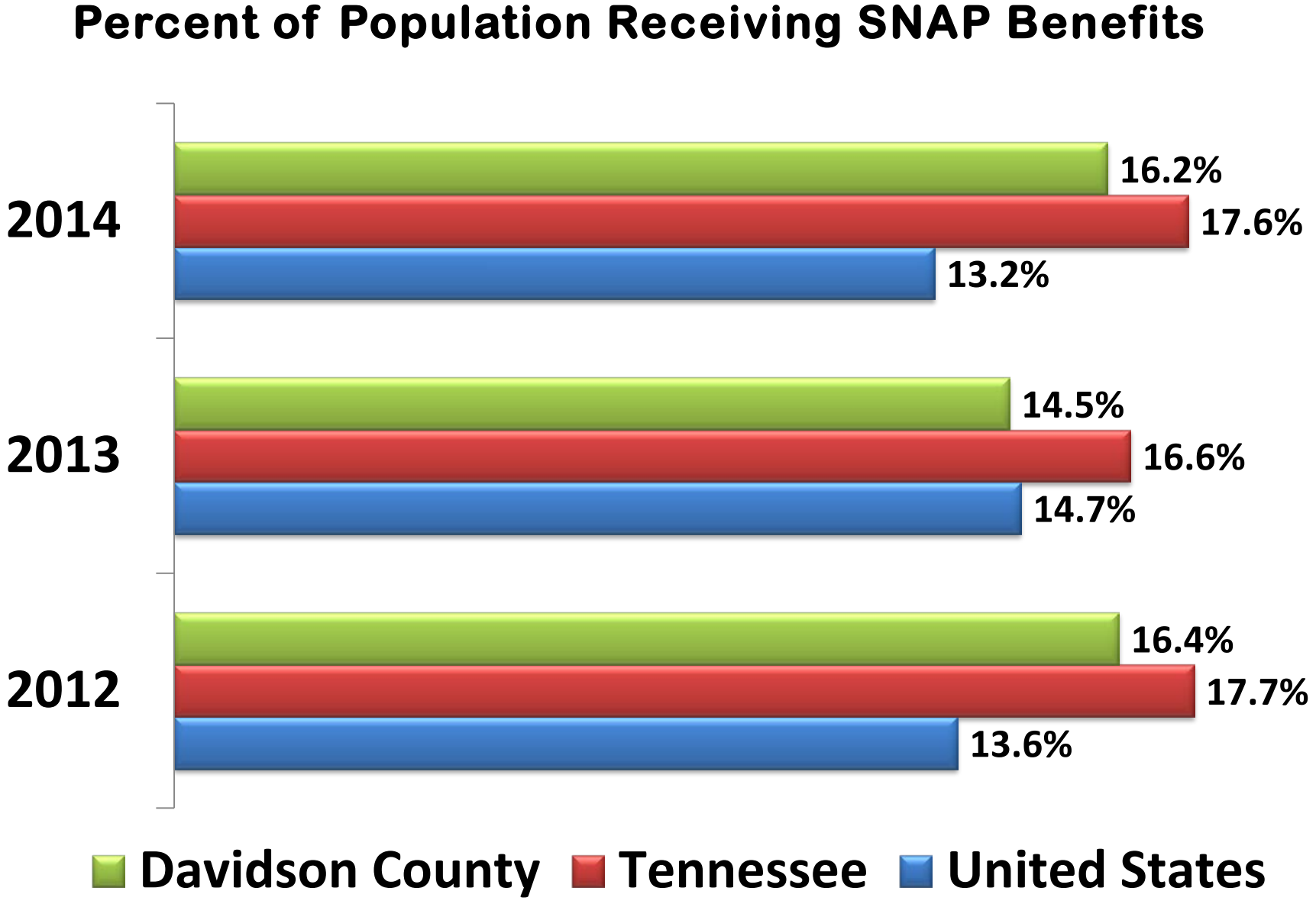
The *Hunger and Homeless Survey* for 2015 indicated that the food distributed in Nashville came from various sources.

- **7% Federal Emergency Food Assistance**
- **55% Donations from Grocery Store Chains/Other Food Suppliers**
- **23% Donations from Individuals**
- **15% Purchased Food**

Characteristics of people who requested food assistance:

- **70% are Families**
- **9% Elderly**
- **21% Employed**
- **5% Homeless**




Percent of Population Receiving SNAP Benefits
2014
16.2%
17.6%
13.2%
2013
14.5%
16.6%
14.7%
2012
16.4%
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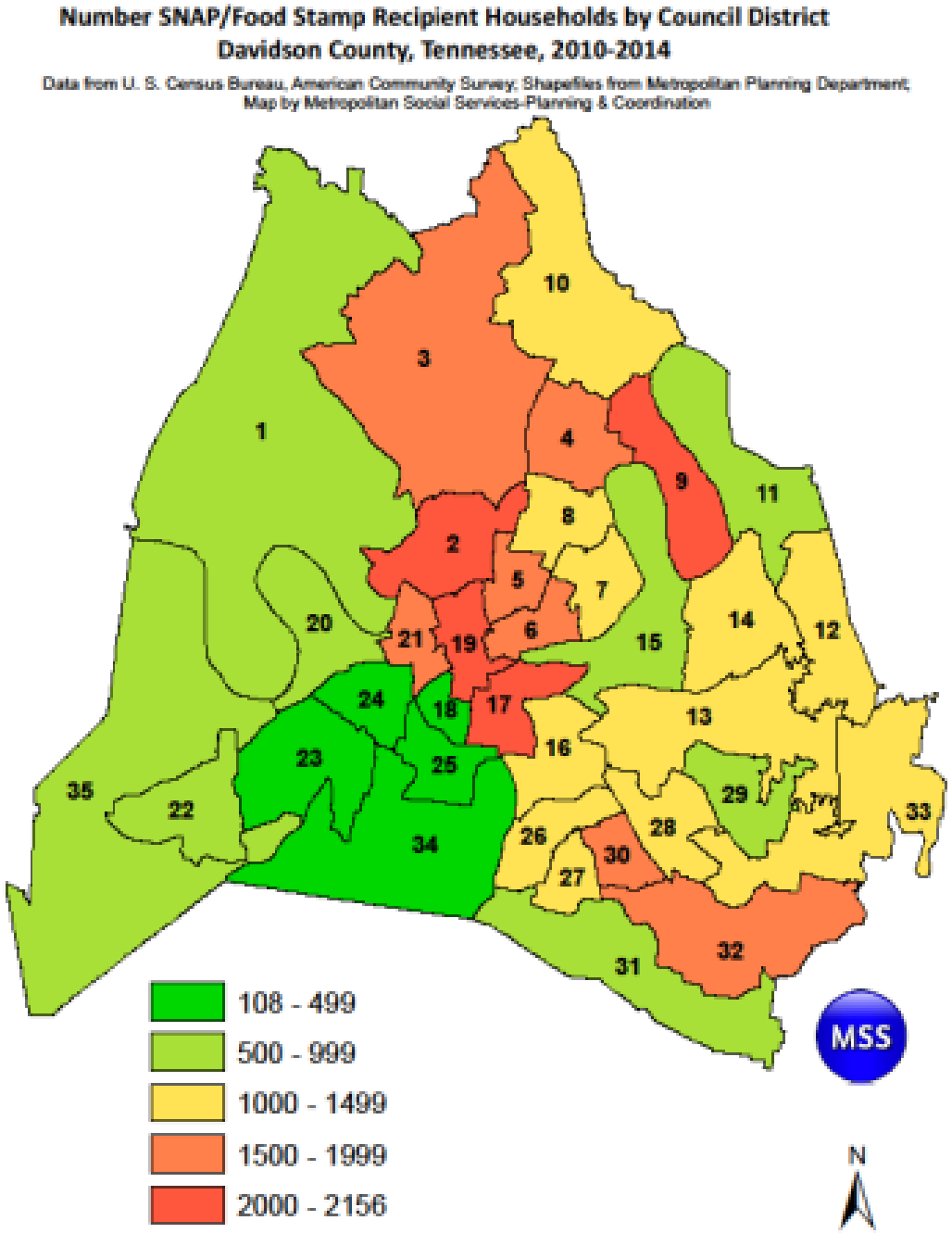
13.6%
Davidson County
Tennessee
United States

SNAP Recipient Households by Council Districts



Connections to Food & Nutrition

IT'S ALL CONNECTED

Housing

Low-income housing is typically found in areas that have limited transportation options, as well as where most students are eligible for free or reduced price lunches and rely on SNAP (food stamps) benefits to purchase food.

IT'S ALL CONNECTED

Health & Human Development

Health outcomes for persons with limited incomes who live in areas with concentrated poverty are more likely to experience chronic diseases such as hypertension, diabetes, obesity and heart diseases.

It's all connected

Workforce

Unemployed, underemployed and low-skilled workers have limited income to spend on basic living expenses. For food and nutrition, persons with limited incomes are more likely to purchase cheap processed ready to eat food from corner stores due to a lack of transportation and access to full service grocery stores.

Promising and Evidenced-Based Practices

Grocery Store and Health Clinic Complex

Brockton, Massachusetts, launched a unique approach to tackling chronic, poverty-borne illness. A new complex comprising a grocery store and community health clinic will bring primary care, creative nutrition education and affordable, wholesome food to the city's low-income residents.

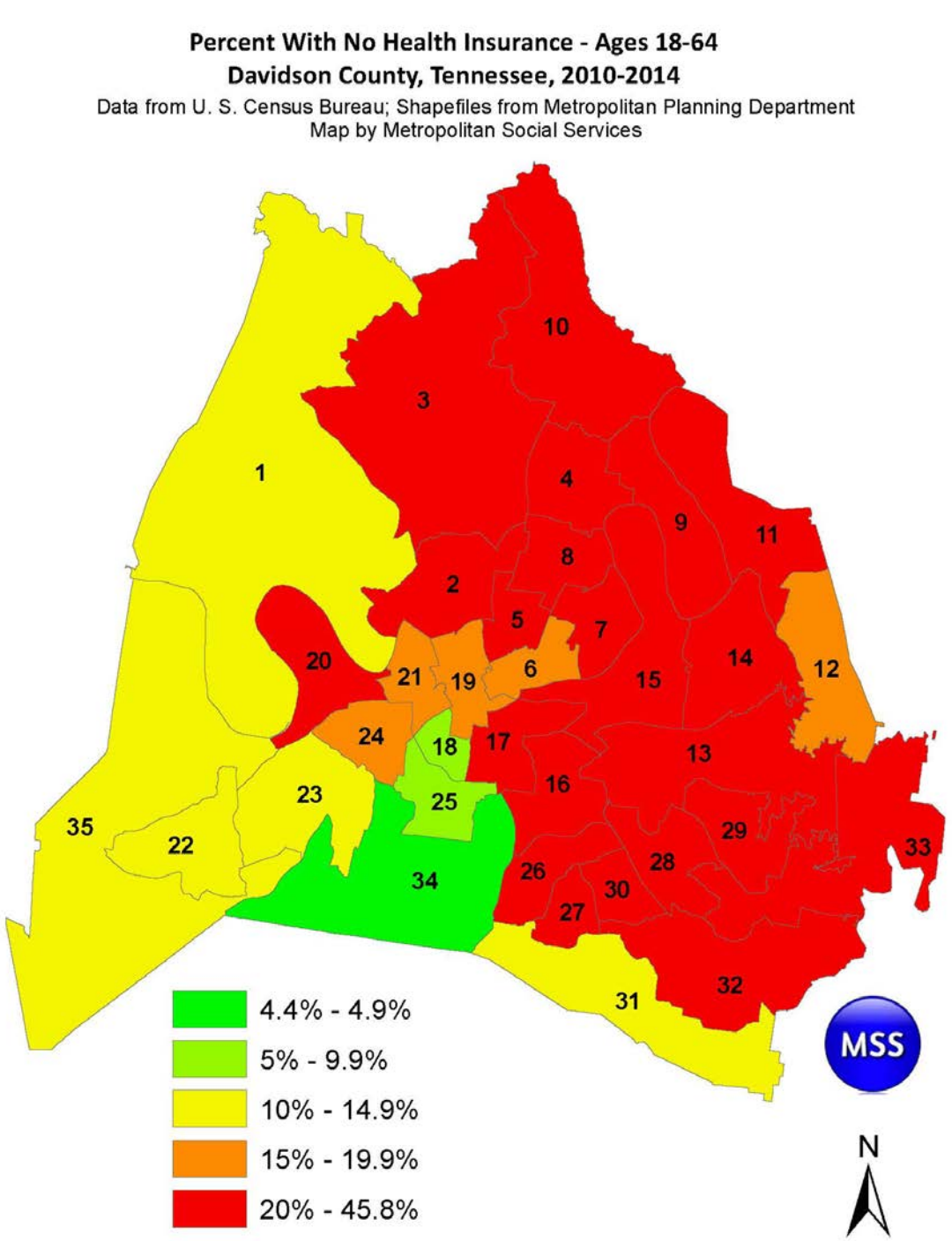
City Slicker Farms

City Slicker Farms was created to address the lack of access to fresh healthy food in West Oakland, California, primarily an African American and Hispanic/Latino low-income community. The program uses vacant lots donated by the city or individuals to grow food.

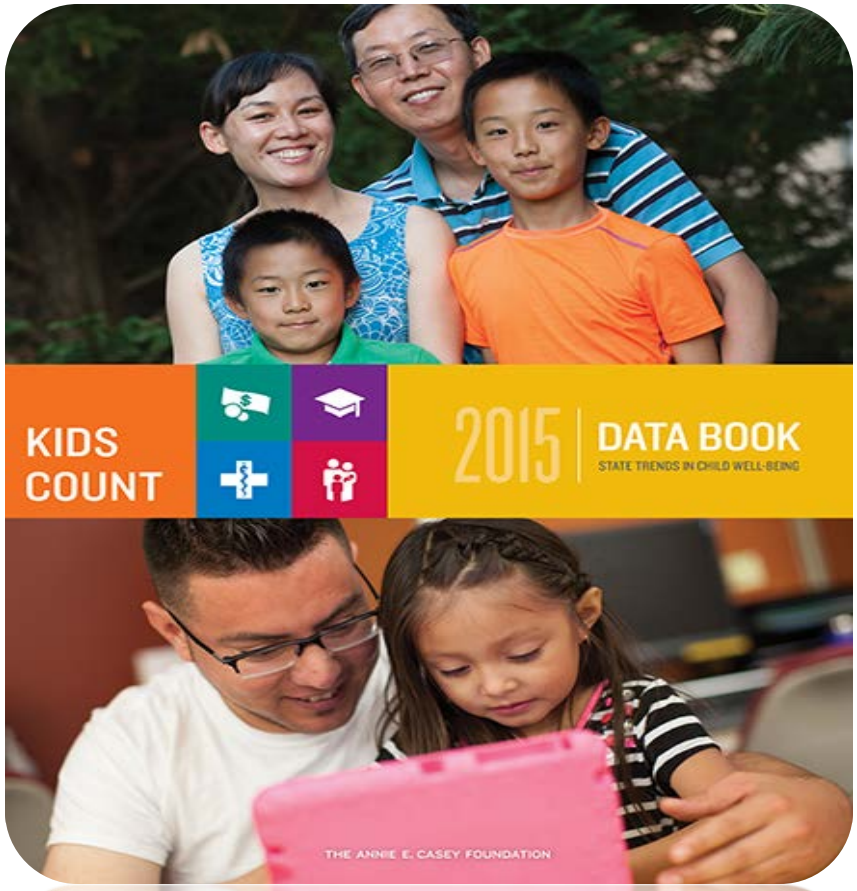
Health & Human Development

Davidson County Residents Without Health Insurance

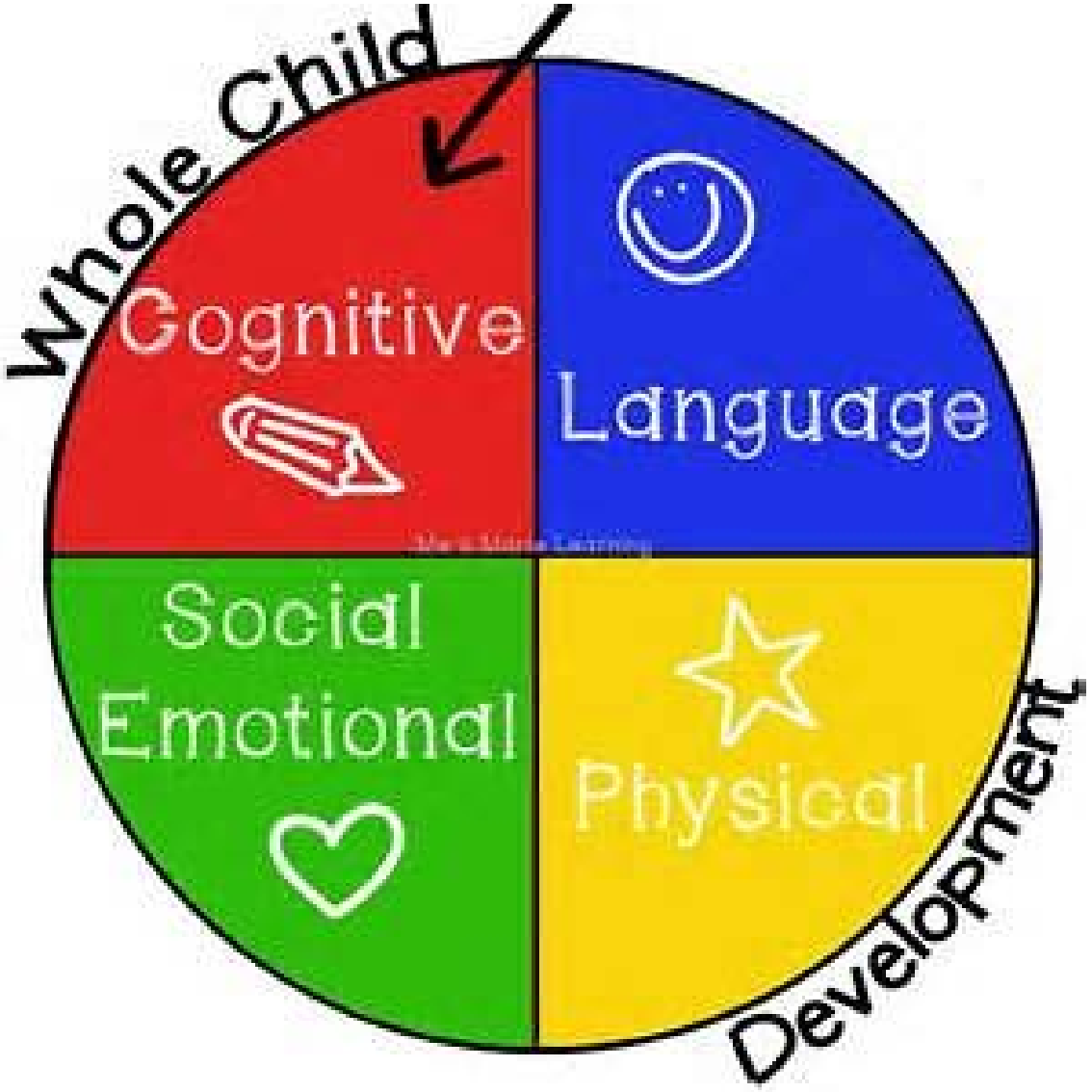
Ages 18-64



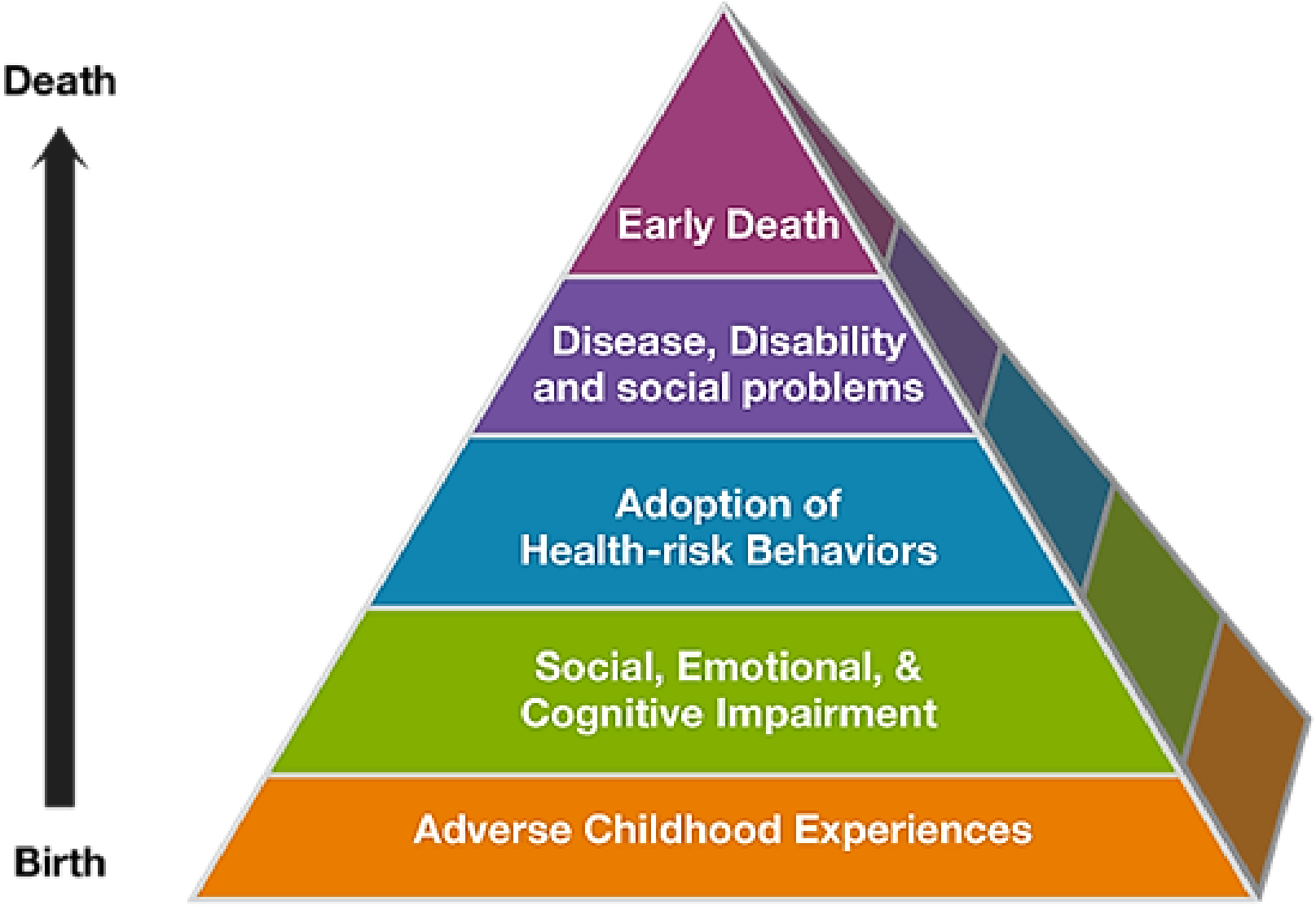
Davidson County
87th for Child Wellbeing



Child Development & Poverty



Adverse Childhood Experiences



Davidson County Health Factor Rankings

6th – Health Behaviors

17th – Clinical Care

44th – Social and Economic

77th – Physical Environment

Tennessee 43rd in Overall Health

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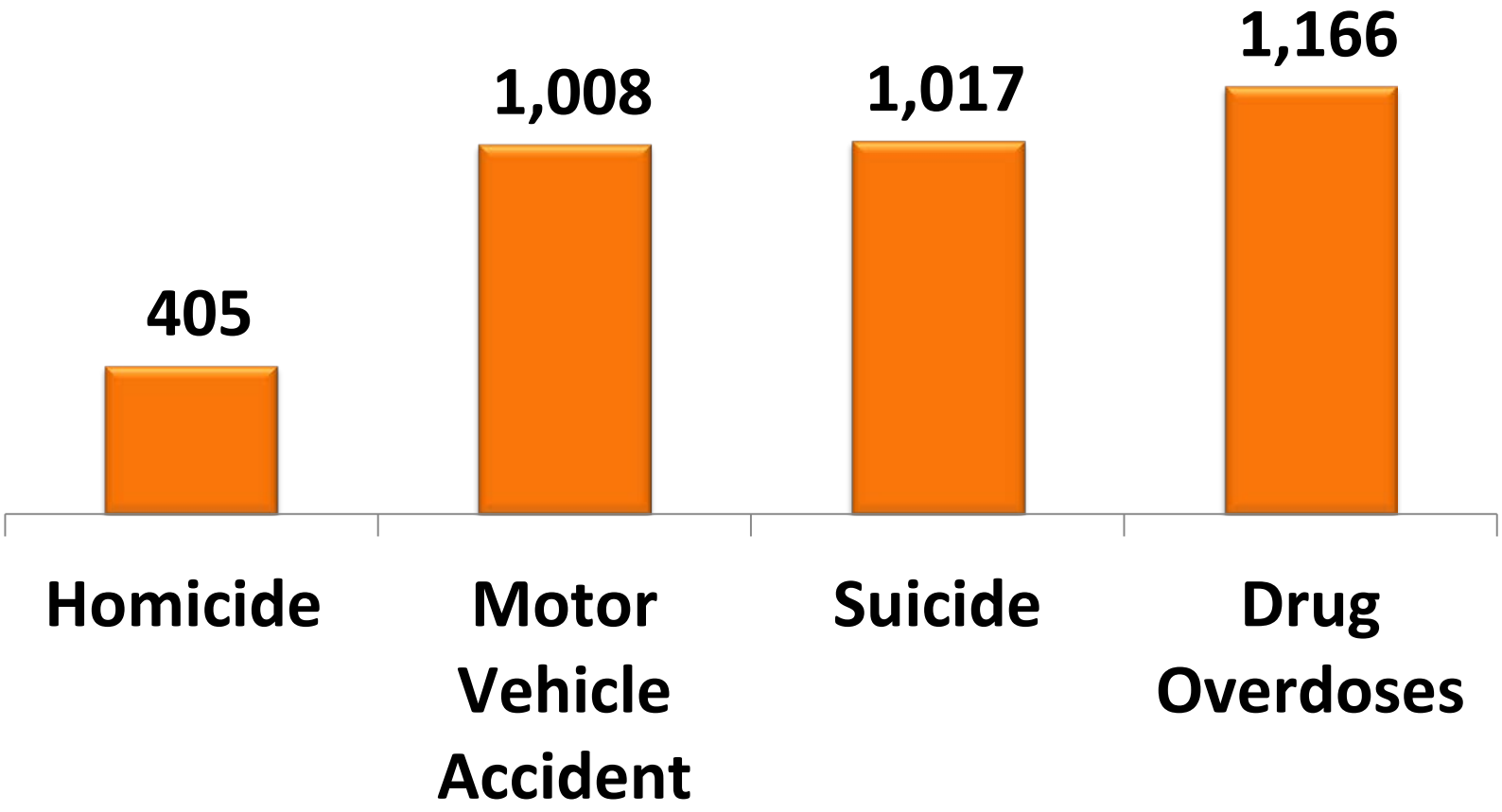
VIOLENCE

Drug Abuse & Death

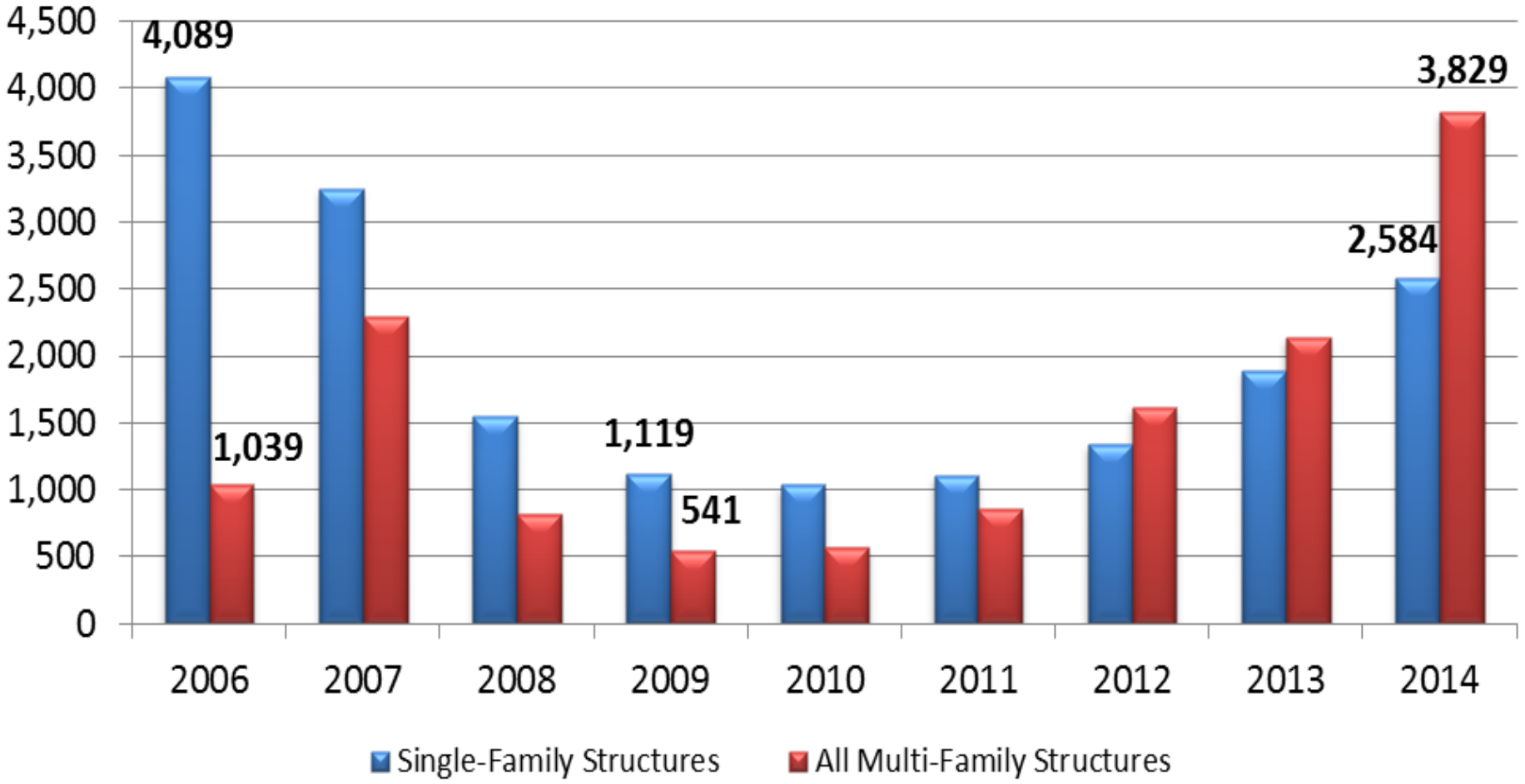
Drug Overdose Deaths and Other Leading Causes of Death
Tennessee, 2013



HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT ITS ALL RELATED	
POVERTY	Many people in poverty go without preventive healthcare
NUTRITION	Proper nutrition is a preventive measure for good health
HOUSING	Stable and affordable housing support physical and mental health
WORKFORCE	Preventable chronic health ailments affects the economy and workforce
EDUCATION	People learn, concentrate and process better when healthy
AGING	High health care costs and co pays increases stress and instability

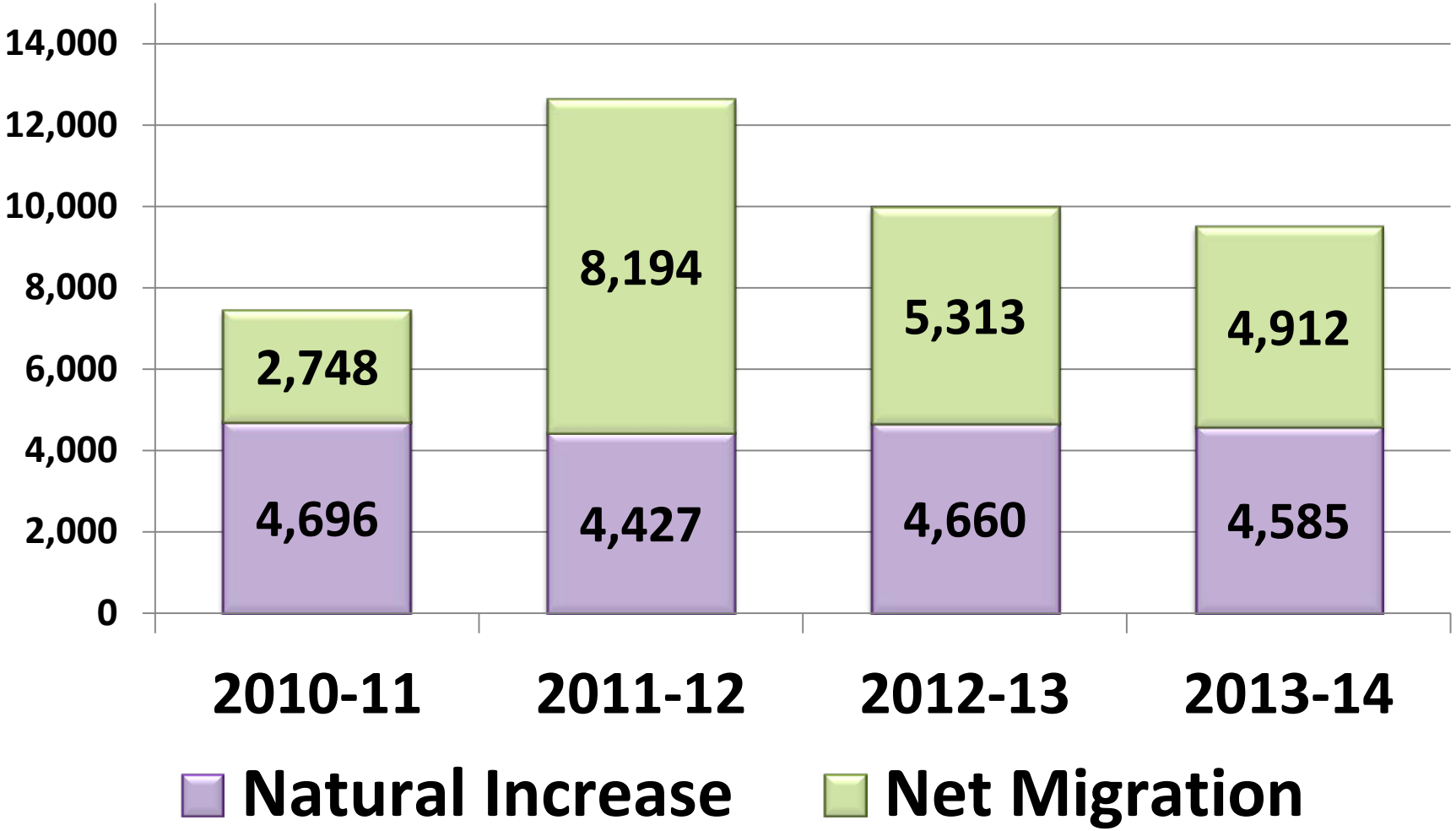
(Un-) Affordable Housing

Thousands of Multi-Family Building Permits

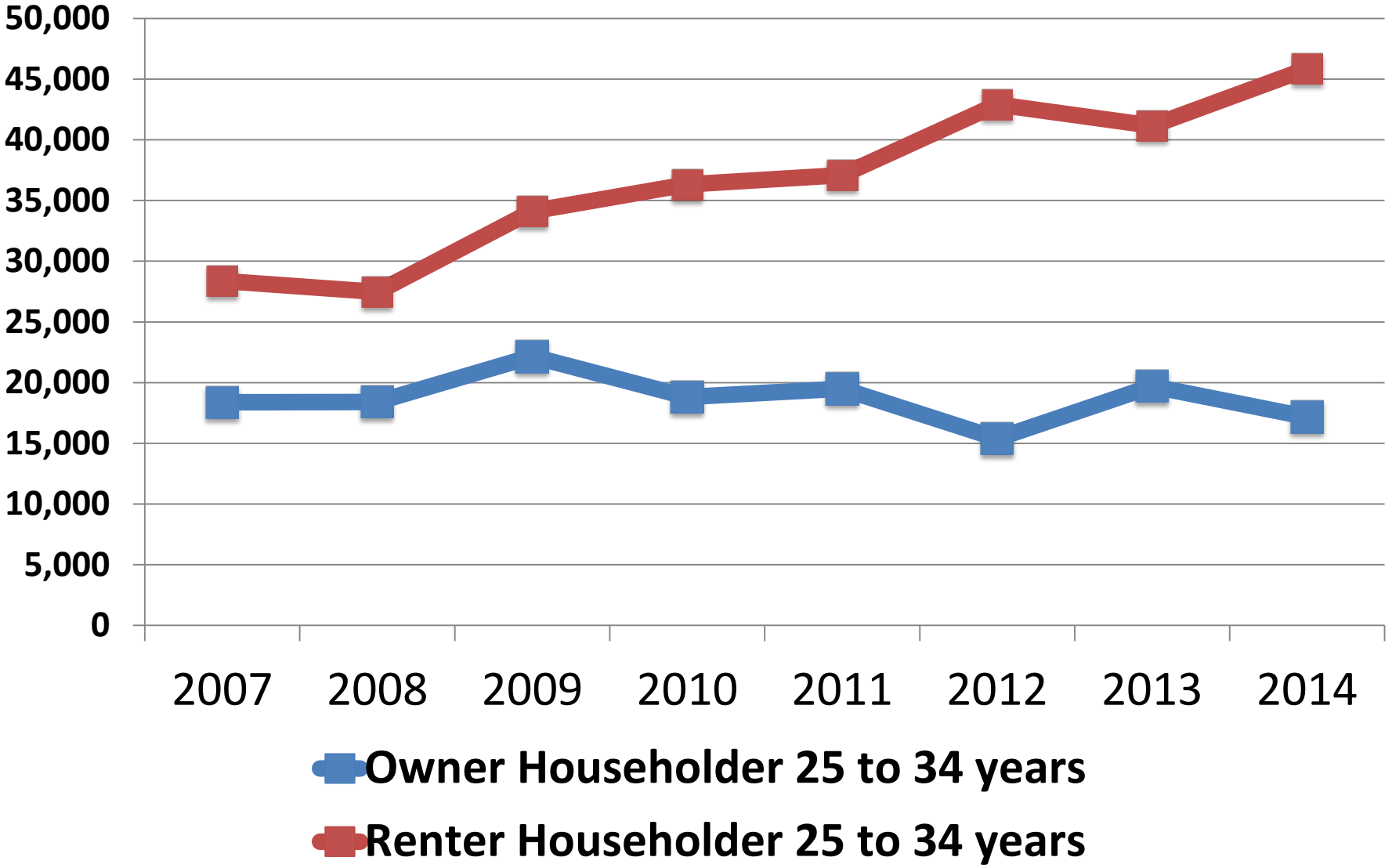


Lots of Building — Few Affordable Units

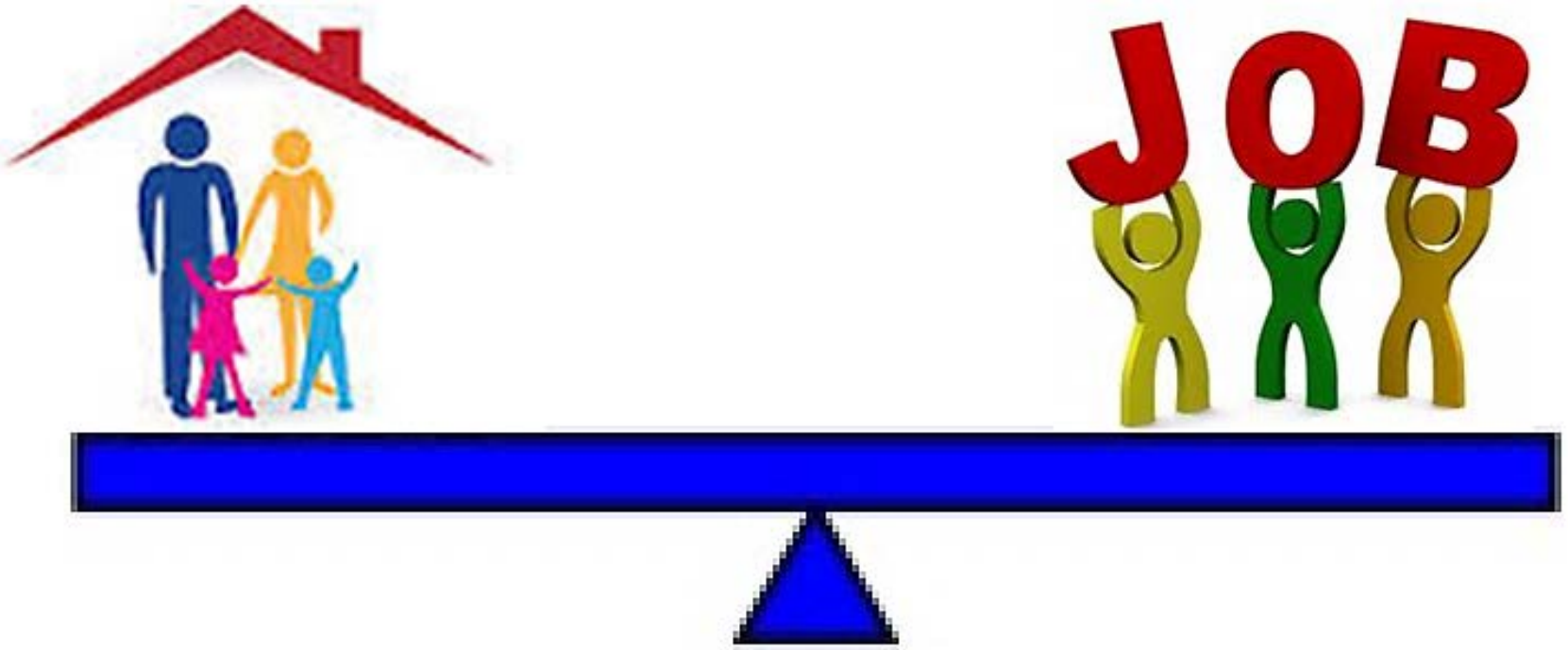
In-Migration Tops Natural Increase



Ages 25 – 34: Owners and Renters



Measuring Local Needs



Date: _____

	What do you need? Please ✓ check all the boxes that describe the reason you came to Metropolitan Social Services							
Please check one: Male Female	Housing, Utilities	Food, Meals	Information (about other agencies or benefits)	Health Care	Case Management, Counseling			

Front Desk: Housing-Utilities - 85%

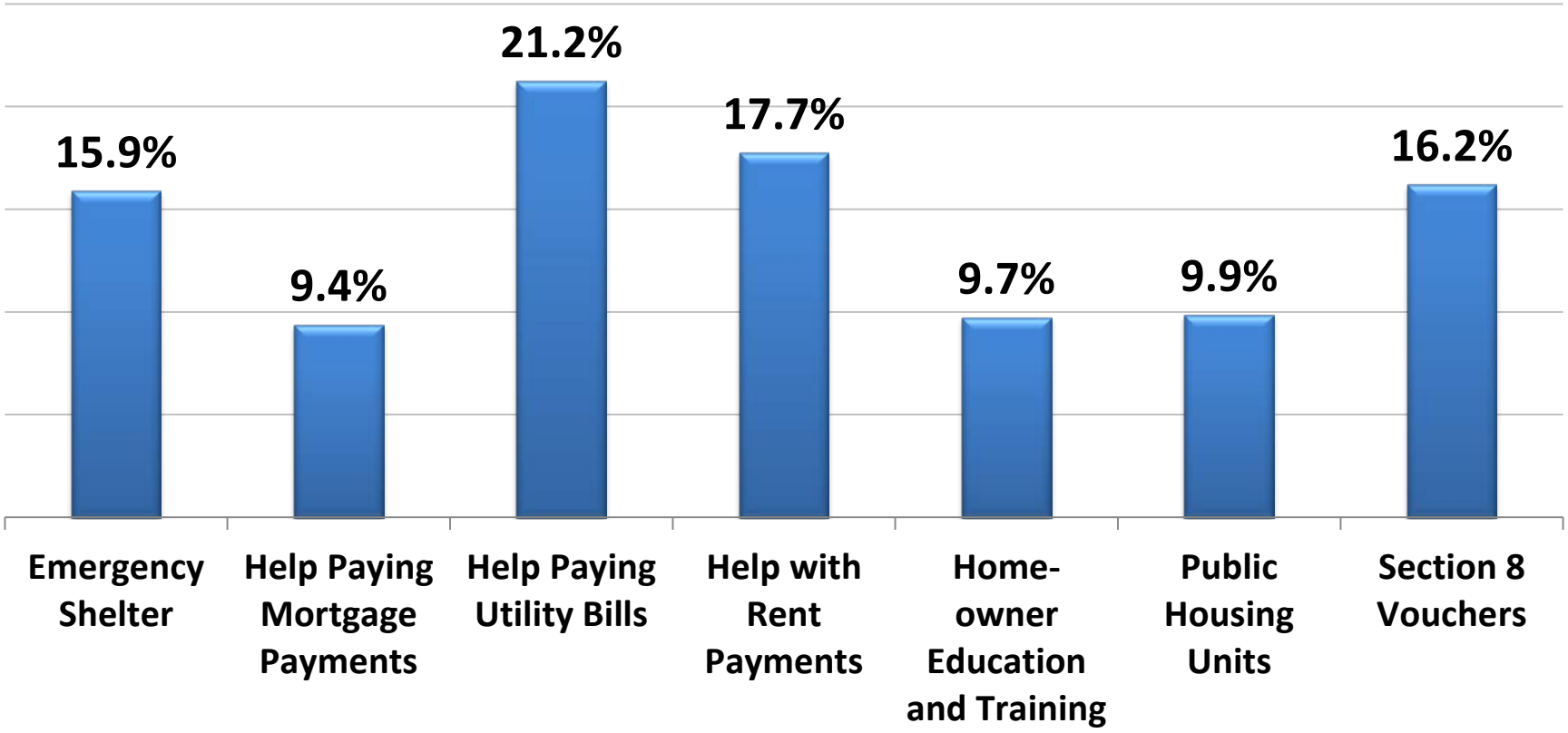
8. Which social/human service need has the largest gap between the services now available and what is needed?

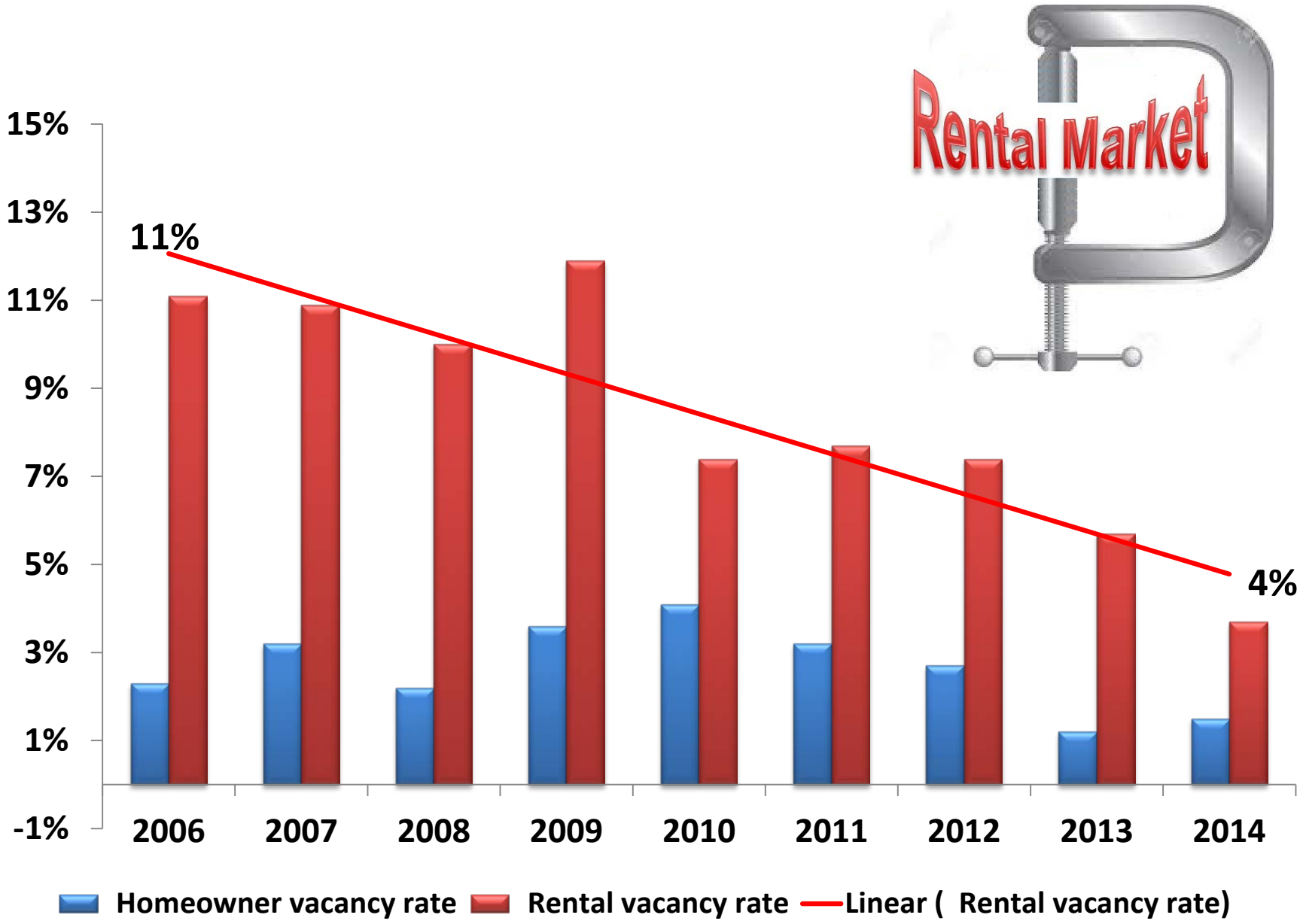
- ○ Food & Nutrition
- ○ Health
- ○ Home & Community Based Services for Adults/Seniors
- ○ Child Care
- ○ Housing & Related Assistance
- ○ Neighborhood Development
- ○ Transportation
- ○ Workforce & Economic Development
- ○ Other (please specify) _____

Grassroots: Housing & Jobs

Grassroots Survey Housing Question

Utility Bills and Rent



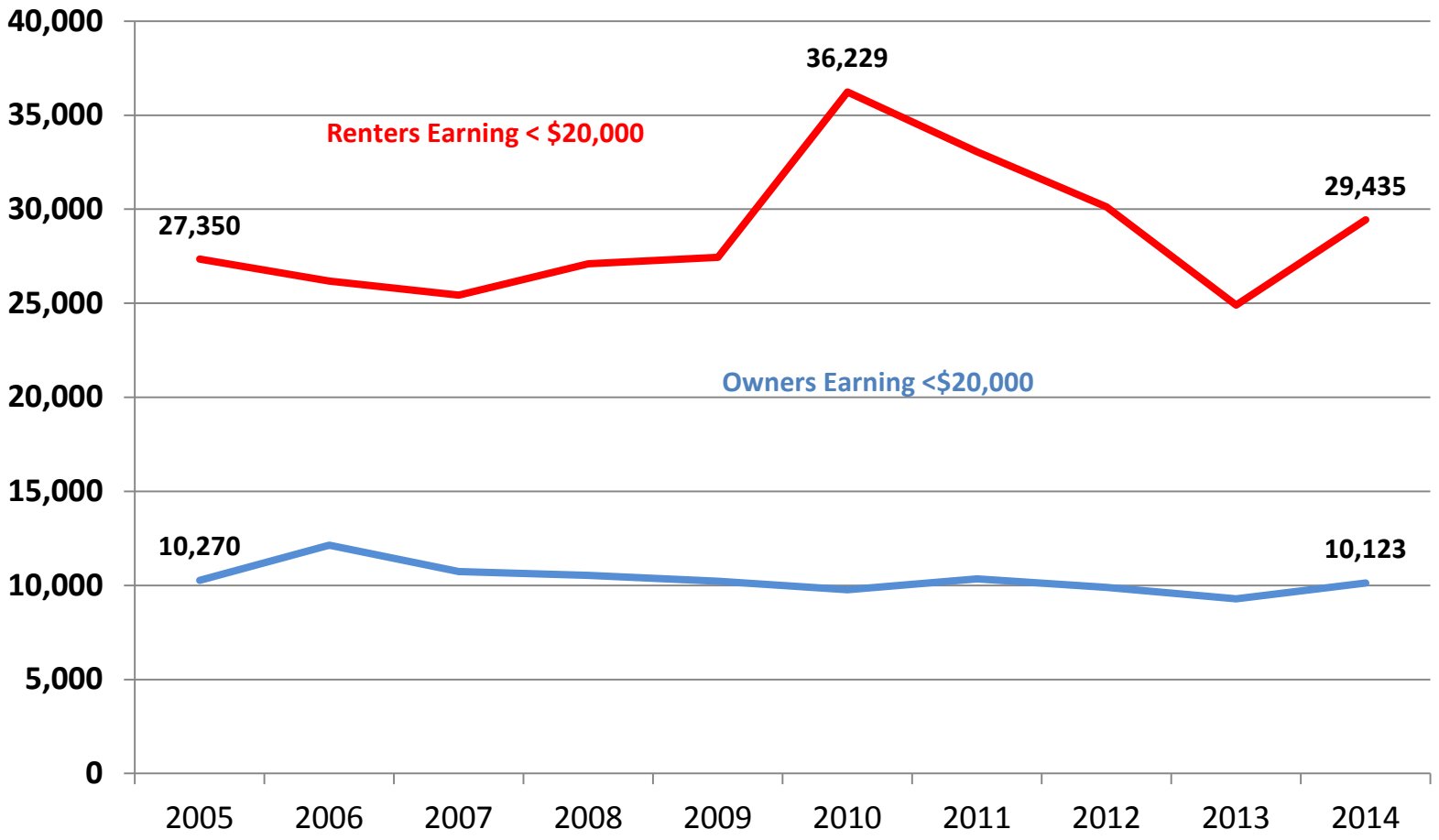

Rental Market
15%
13%
11%
9%
7%
5%
3%
1%
-1%
11%
4%
2006
2007
2008
2009
2010
2011
2012
2013
2014
Homeowner vacancy rate
Rental vacancy rate
Linear (Rental vacancy rate)

HOUSING

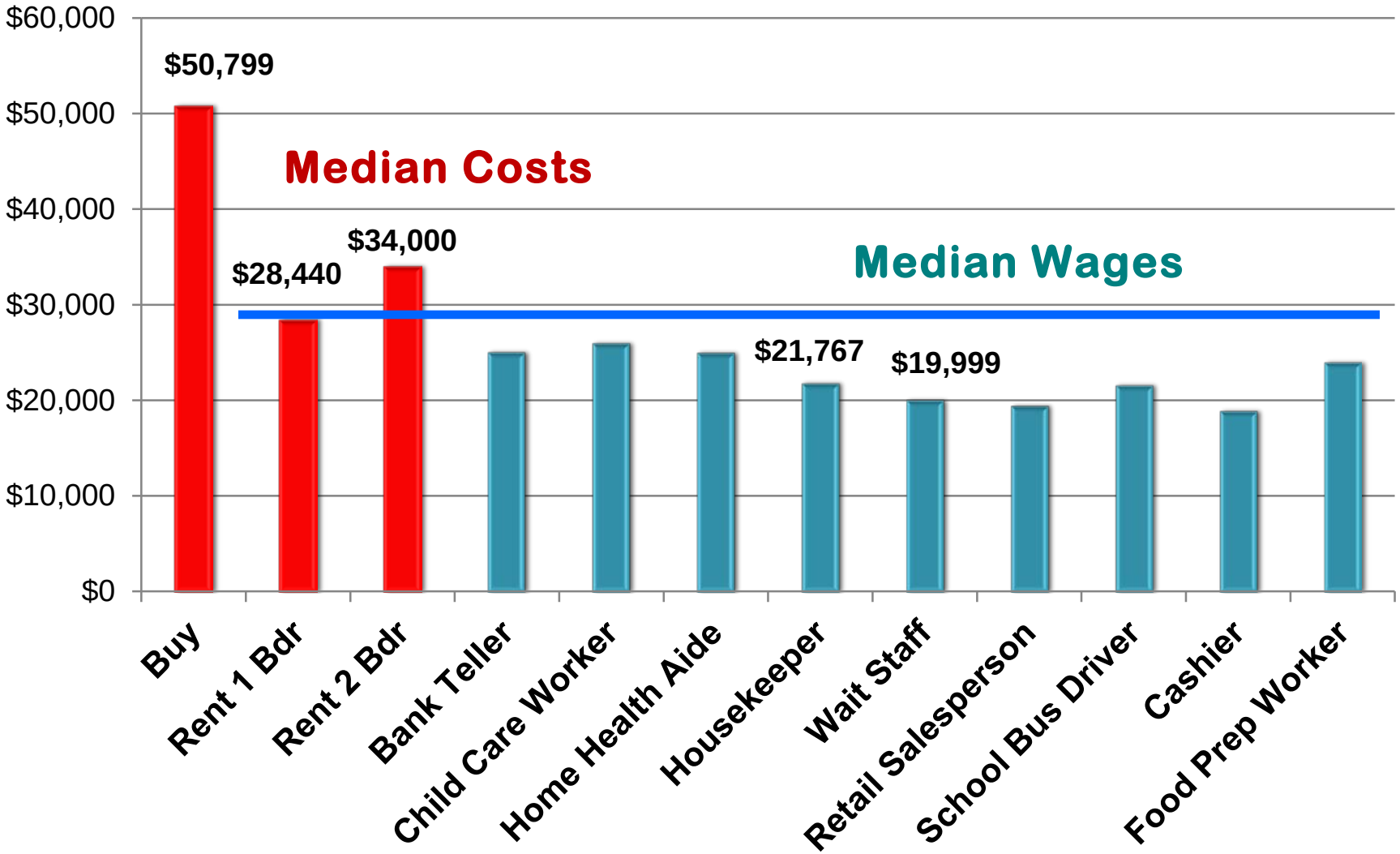
FOOD
TRANSPORTATION
HEALTH CARE

OTHER:
Clothes,
Personal Care,
Insurance,
Child Care, etc.

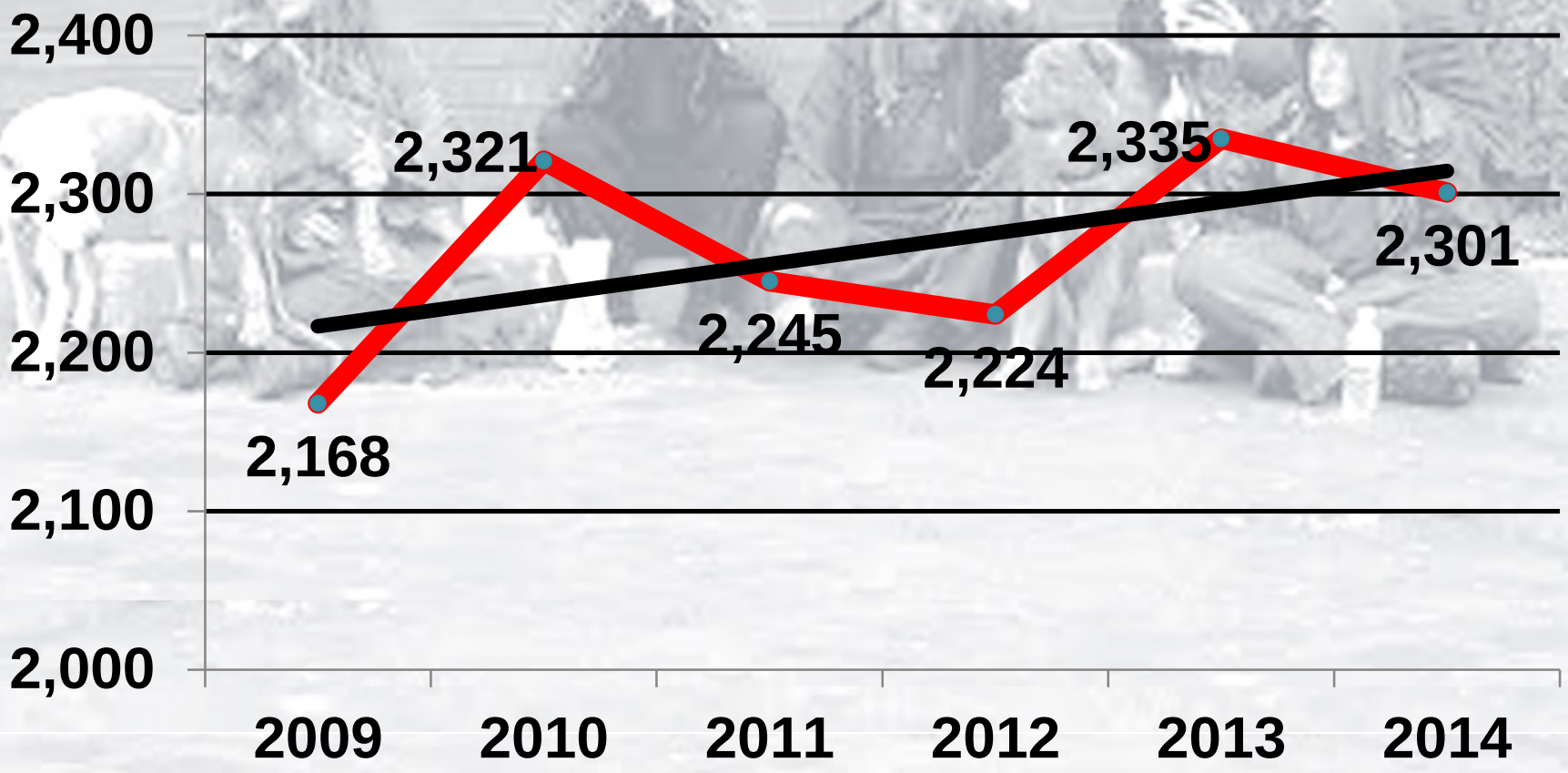
Low-Income Cost-Burdened Households



The Workers We Need Can't Afford Housing



The Worst Housing is No Housing

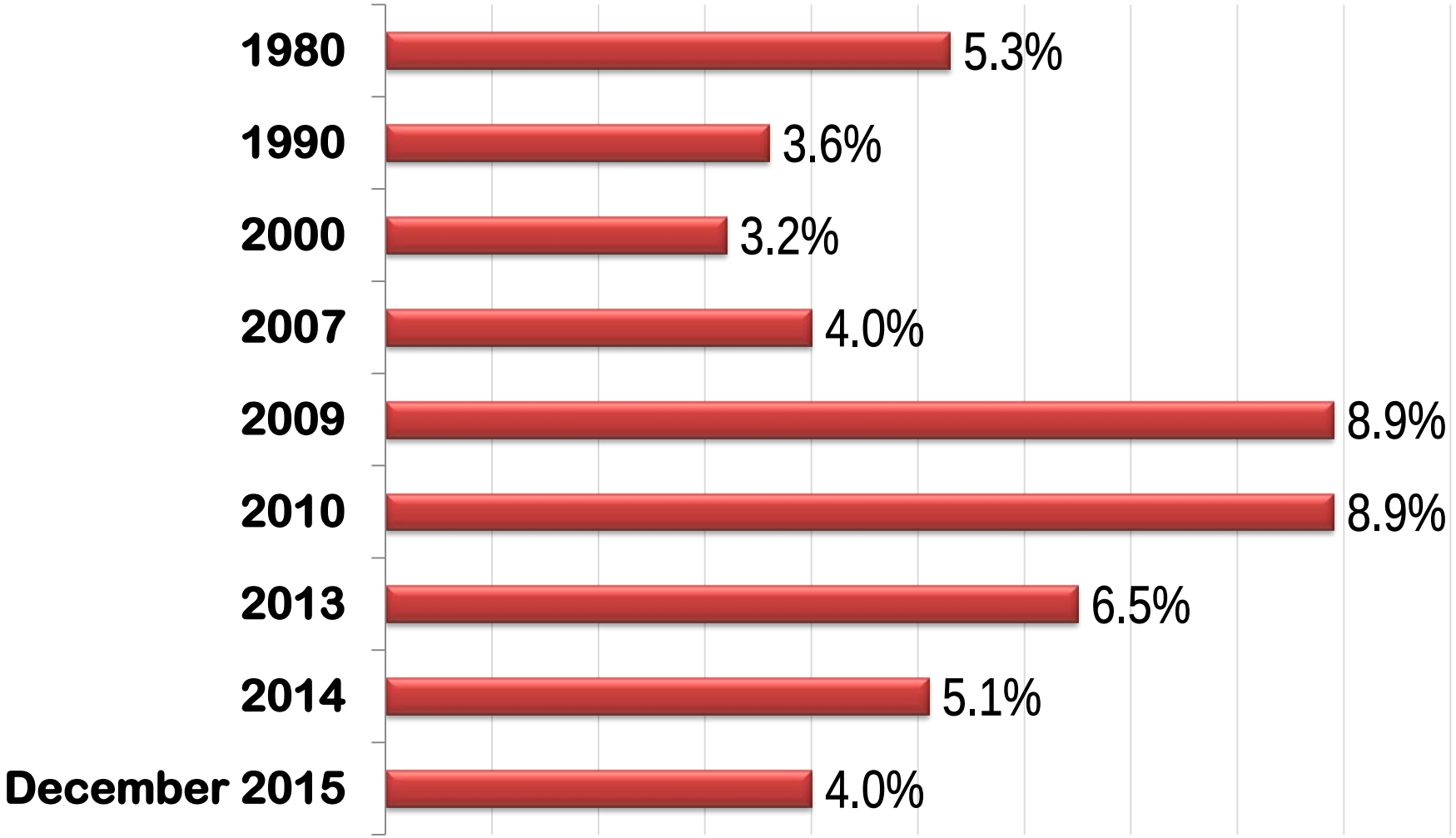


Example Resources and Promising Practices from the CNE Online

- Inclusionary Housing Calculator
- 11 Cities' Affordable Housing Efforts
- Private Sector Blogs and Newsletters
- Metro Property Assessor Interactive Search Map

Workforce & Economic Opportunity

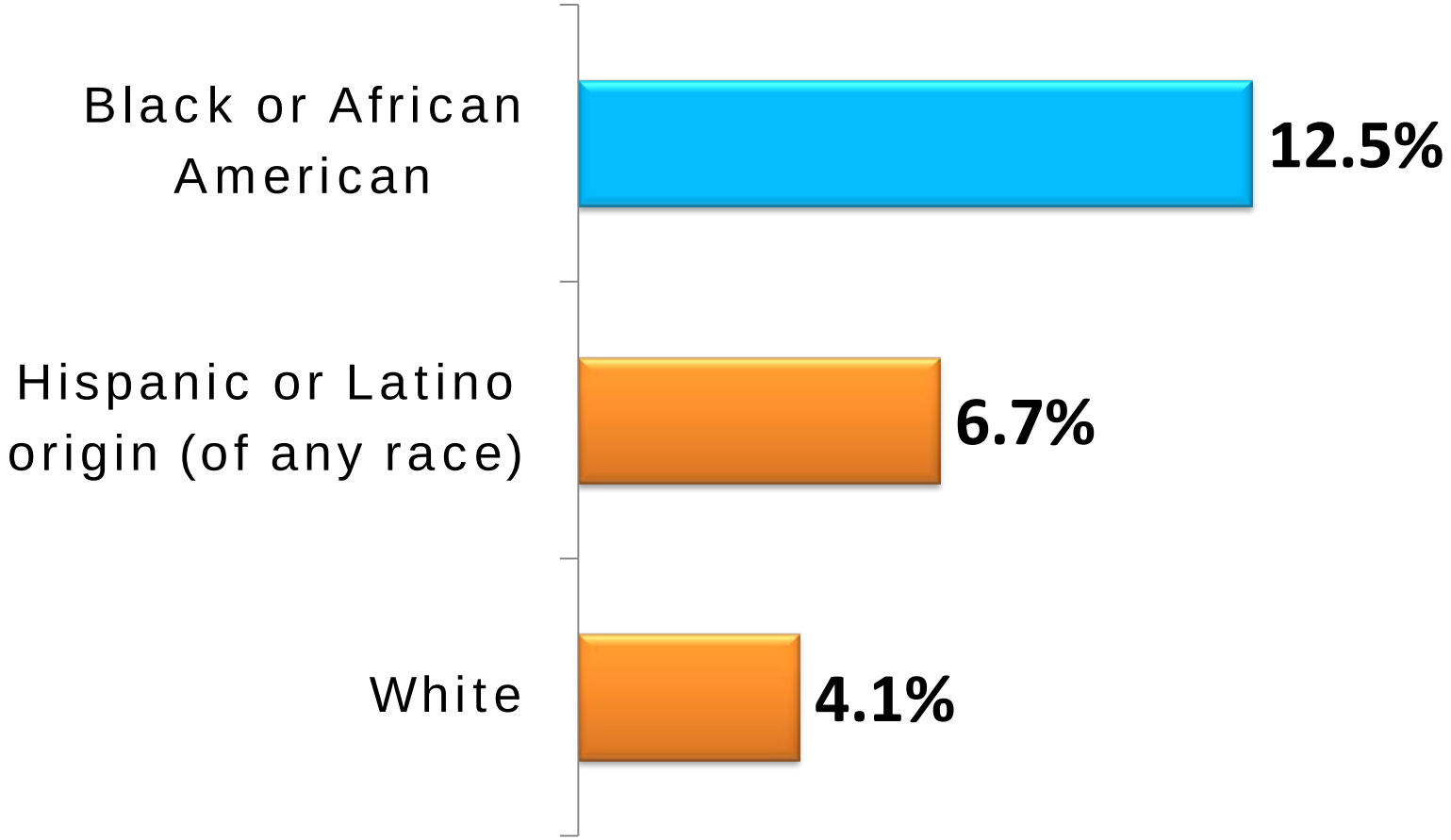
The unemployment rate in Davidson County trended down to 4.0% in December 2015.



Despite job recovery, conditions vary across racial and ethnic groups

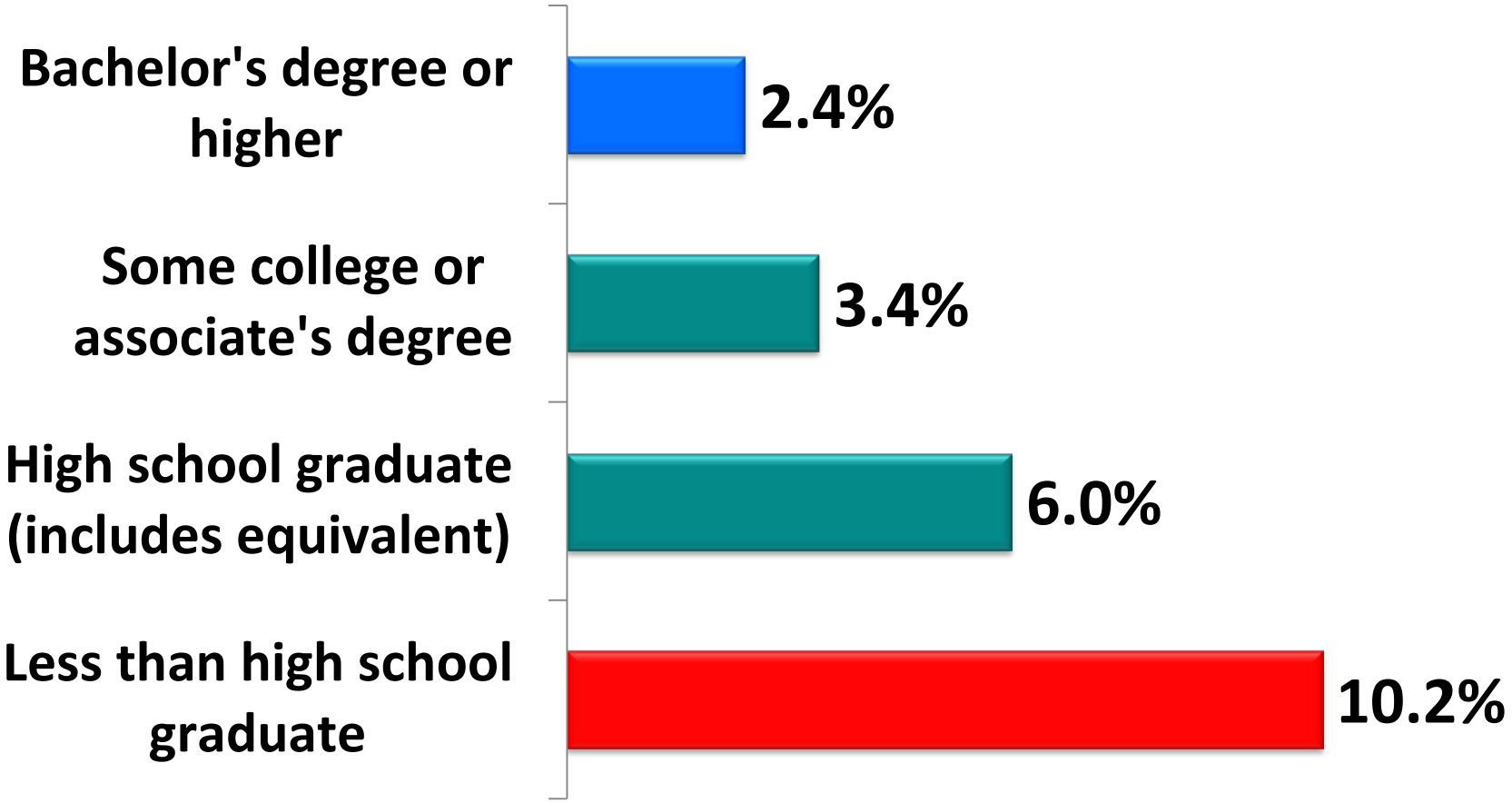
Unemployment Rate by Race / Ethnicity
Davidson County, 2014

African Americans had the highest unemployment rate at 12.5% in 2014.



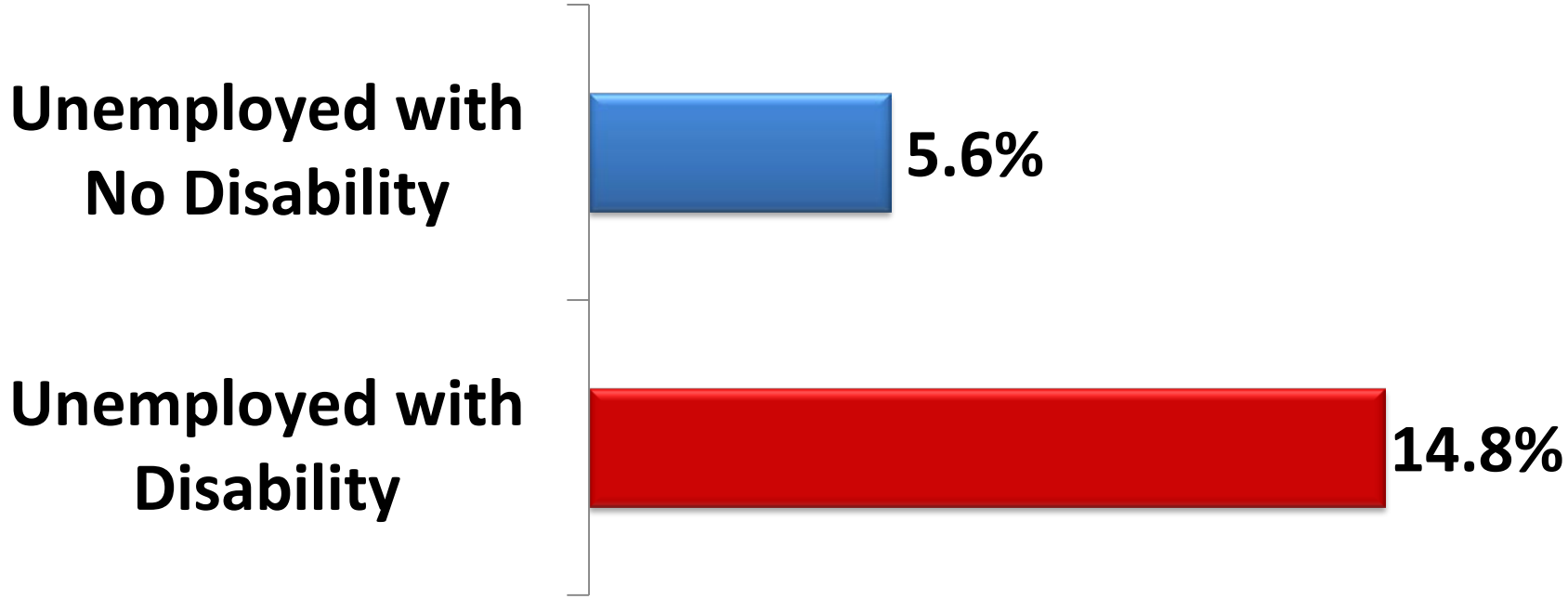
Unemployment Rate by Educational Attainment
Davidson County, 2014

Unemployment rate for people with less than high school diploma was four times as high as for people with bachelors' degree or higher in 2014.

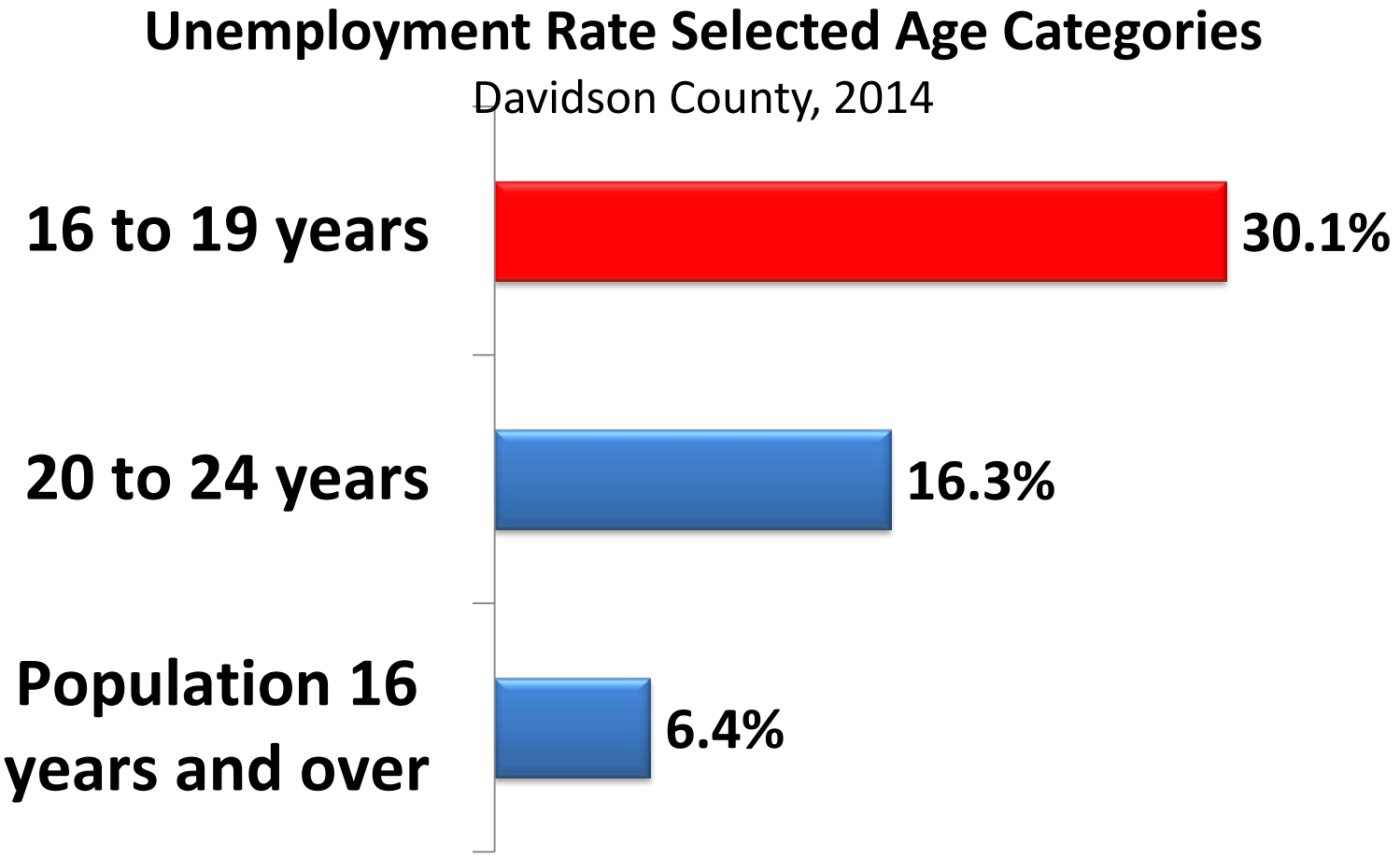


Unemployment Rate by Disability Status
Davidson County, 2014

The unemployment rate for people with disabilities was 14.8%, more than double for that of people without disabilities at 5.6% in 2014.



Unemployment is higher for youth than for any other age category.



Unemployment Rate by Census Tract

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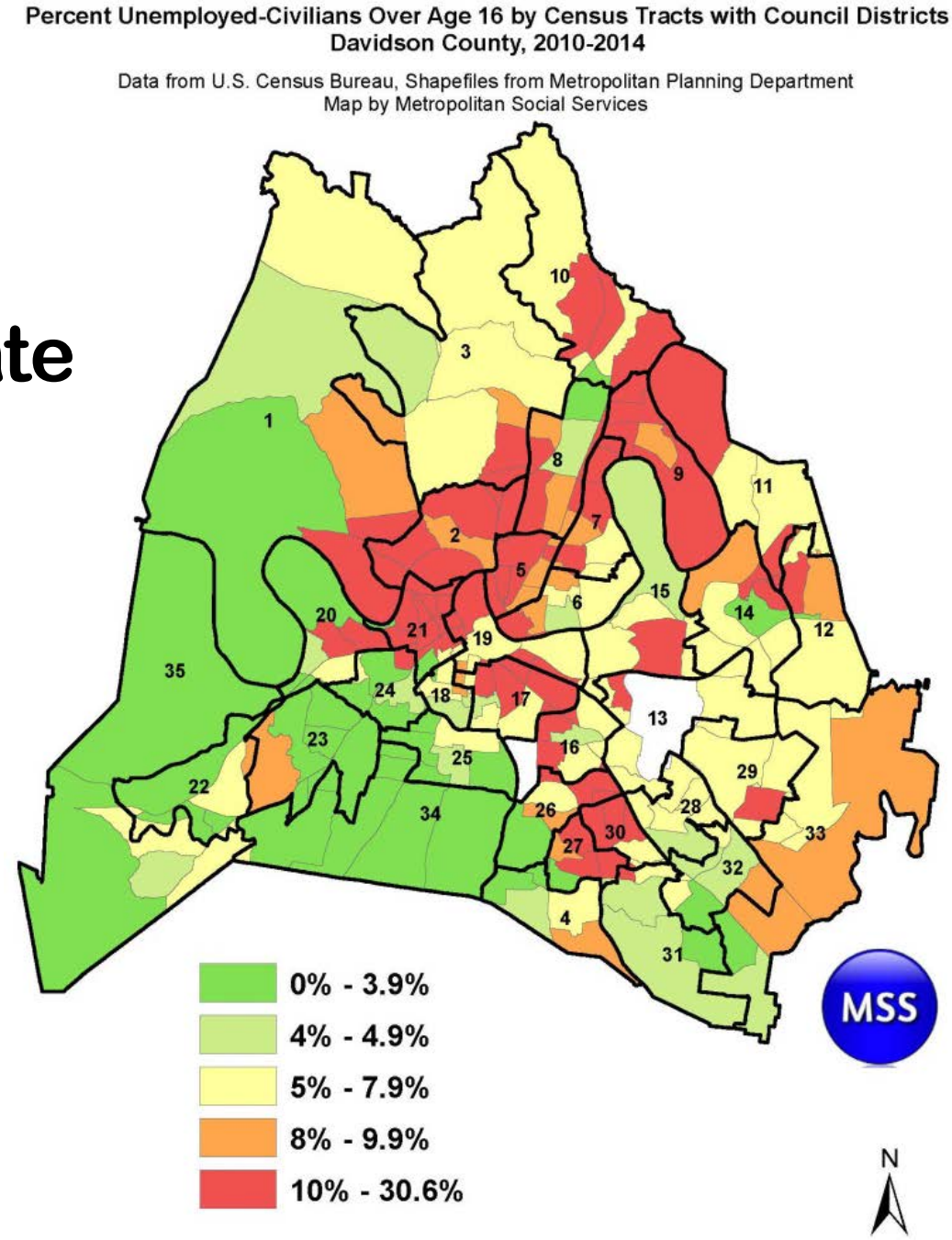
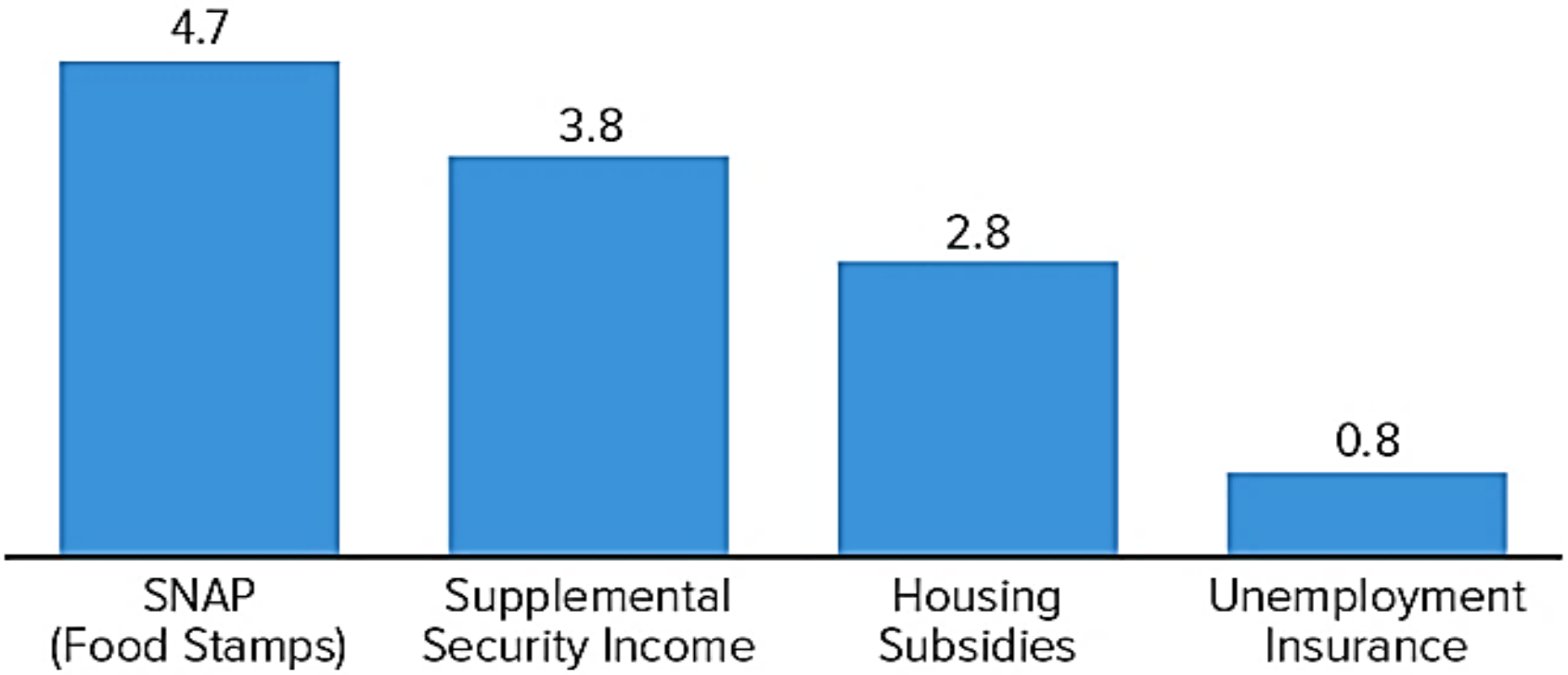


Wage Declines for the 10 Largest Occupations in the Bottom Quintile
U.S., 2009-2014

Occupation	Total employment 2014 (in thousands)	Median hourly wage, 2014	Change in real median hourly wage, 2009 to 2014
Retail salespersons	**4,562.1**	**$10.28**	**-5.0%**
Cashiers	**3,398.3**	**$9.15**	**-3.9%**
Combined food preparation and serving workers, including fast food	**3,131.3**	**$8.84**	**-3.9%**
Waiters and waitresses	**2,445.2**	**$9.00**	**-4.8%**
Janitors and cleaners, except maids and housekeeping cleaners	**2,137.7**	**$10.97**	**-6.6%**
Personal care aides	**1,257.0**	**$9.82**	**-6.6%**
Cooks, restaurant	**1,104.7**	**$10.80**	**-8.9%**
Maids and housekeeping cleaners	**929.5**	**$9.66**	**-6.1%**
Food preparation workers	**850.5**	**$9.39**	**-7.7%**
Home health aides	**799.0**	**$10.27**	**-6.2%**

U. S. Residents Lifted Out poverty by Federal Safety Net Programs in 2014



*Unlike the official poverty measure, the SPM counts non-cash benefits, tax credits, and income and payroll taxes paid.

Source: Unpublished figures from U.S. Census Bureau

Welcome to
The Status of Nashville's Poverty
March 1, 2016

Metropolitan Social Services

Metropolitan Social Services

Overview of Direct Services

It is all connected

Workforce

Housing

Health

Food

Social Services Mission Statement and Values

Mission Statement

Metropolitan Social Services assesses and documents the patterns of poverty and seeks solutions that promote a positive impact on the most vulnerable people in Davidson County.

We Value:

- **Commitment to Excellence**
- **Community Focus**
- **Compassion**

Who do we serve?

- **Metropolitan Social Services (MSS) provides a range of services to help Davidson County residents who are in need. These services promote positive change for individuals and families in times of crisis and economic hardship.**
- **Customers can come to us by referrals, phone calls, emails, fax, walk-ins and appointments.**

What we do – MSS services

- **Information & Resources**
- **Case Management**
- **Life Management Skills Courses**
- **Senior Nutrition**
- **Burial Services**
- **Planning, Coordination & Social Data Analysis**

Information and Resources

Case Management?

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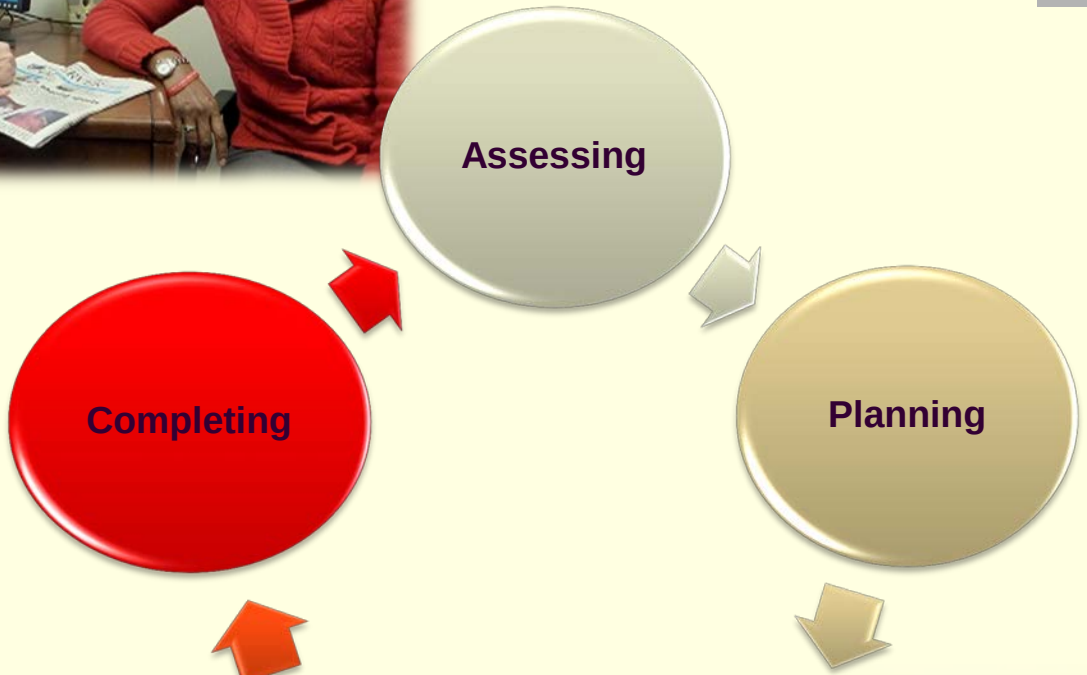

Coming Soon…
Life Management Skills

Mission

Vision

Target Group

Senior Nutrition Program

- **Who is the program for?**
- **How is the program administered?**
- **What does the program accomplish?**

Senior Nutrition Program (continued)

Site locations:

- **Cohn Adult Learning Center**
- **East Park Community Center**
- **Elizabeth Community Center**
- **Hadley Community Center**
- **Chippington Towers I & II**
- **Cumberland View Towers**
- **Dandridge Towers**
- **Trevecca Towers I & II**
- **Old Hickory Towers**
- **Nashville Christian Towers**
- **Madison Senior Station**
- **Hickory Hollow Towers**
- **Fifty Forward Bordeaux**
- **Riverwood Towers**

Indigent Burial Program

- **Metro Social Services coordinates and funds the burial of deceased persons who did not leave sufficient resources to cover the cost of their burial expenses. Cremation is also available.**
- **Who can apply**

Other Program Services

Community Locations:

- **Martha O'Bryan Center**
- **McGruder Family Resource Center**
- **Mt. Olivet Missionary Baptist Church-Second Harvest Satellite**
- **Metro Nashville Downtown Public Library**
- **Salvation Army Paragon Mills**
- **St. Luke's Community House**

Other Program Services (continued)

Partnering Agencies:

- **Urban Housing Solutions**
- **Financial Empowerment Center**
- **Public Defender's Office**
- **HERO program in MNPS**
- **Office of Conservatorship Management**
- **Jean Crowe Advocacy Center**
- **Goodwill Industries**

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