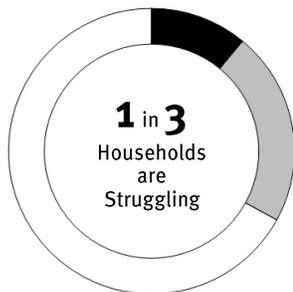


Snohomish County

Poverty is complicated, and its effects often compound its causes. For example, if you can't afford housing, transportation, and child care, it is harder to get and keep a good job. Although the high concentration of aerospace and manufacturing industries has led to considerable wealth in Snohomish County, the region's high cost of living keeps many families at risk of falling into or never escaping poverty.

Poverty in Snohomish County



■ Poverty ■ ALICE □ Above ALICE

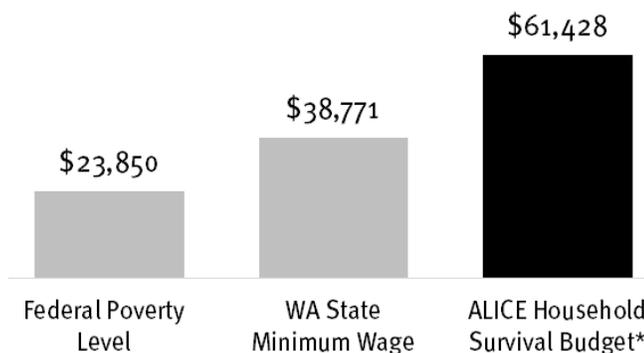
Of the more than 725,000 people in Snohomish County, more than 10% fall below the Federal Poverty Level, and these numbers dramatically increase depending on the population. For example, 14% of all children in Snohomish County live in poverty. Research shows a strong correlation between childhood and adulthood poverty, meaning poor children are likely to become poor adults.

But the Federal Poverty Level doesn't tell the whole story about hardship in our community. Beyond those technically in poverty, there are nearly **60,000** households in Snohomish County struggling just to get by. These households, called ALICE (**A**sset **L**imited, **I**ncome **C**onstrained, **E**mloyed), earn more than the poverty level but less than the basic cost of living, a critical issue in a region as expensive as the Pacific Northwest.

In fact, a family of four needs an approximate annual income of **\$62,000** to make ends meet – more than **2.5 times** the Federal Poverty Level and nearly **twice the minimum wage**.

2014 Annual Income Comparison

(2 adults, 2 children)



Issues Related to Poverty

Access and System Navigation: The services needed by low-income populations are often the scarcest.

Chemical Dependency: Cost and lack of insurance coverage are the primary obstacles to treatment.

Education: Poverty is associated with a number of adverse conditions that have strong impacts on educational success.

Employment: Low-wage work will account for 2 out of every 3 jobs in the United States over the next decade.

Food: Low-income neighborhoods often lack access to healthy food sources like grocery stores.

Health: Insurance, copay, and medication cost can deter low-income individuals from seeking care.

Mental Health: Lower-paying jobs often lack insurance coverage for mental health treatment.

Shelter and Housing: Housing prices continue to outpace income, meaning more families are priced out of their communities.

Want to learn more? Visit uwsc.org/povertyresourceibrary.php

United Way's
Response:

\$2,635,044



invested in

106

programs

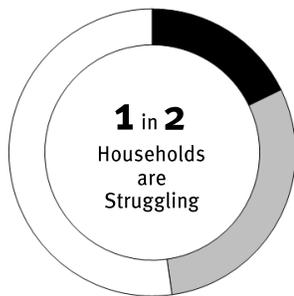


101,394

LIVES CHANGED
LAST YEAR

Everett

The county's high median income and relatively low poverty rates mask the need in many communities. The number of Everett households who are struggling to afford life's basic necessities far exceed federal poverty statistics. For example, in Everett:



■ Poverty ■ ALICE □ Above ALICE

- Average household income is \$62,000, but more than 1/3 of households make less than \$35,000
- 18% of all people live in poverty. For children, this figure jumps to 26.7%.
- In total, nearly 20,000 Everett households are struggling to make ends meet.

211 in the Community

With one simple call to 211, families can locate and connect to local health and human services. In 2015, 211 made more than **50,000 referrals** to community members in need. Throughout the county, some of the most requested services were:



9,973
Housing
and Shelter



1,863
Health
Issues

14,152

Of all calls originated
in Everett



2,730
Legal
Services



4,479
Utility
Assistance

Some Programs in Everett:

Catholic Community Services:
Youth Recovery Services

Housing Hope:
Homeless Family Employment Program

Senior Services of Snohomish County:
Senior Nutrition

Volunteers of America Western Washington:
Homeless Prevention

Work Opportunities:
Community Employment

YMCA of Snohomish County:
Minority Achievers Program

Childstrive:
Early Intervention for Children with Disabilities

Volunteers of America Western Washington:
Homeless Prevention

Other Everett Facts

- More than 1/3 of all children in Everett School District are eligible for Free and Reduced Lunch. For many students, lunch is their only nutritious and reliable meal of the day.
- Nearly 18,000 Everett residents lack health insurance. On average, uninsured people experience poorer health outcomes due to barriers in accessing care.
- Everett has an unemployment rate of 10.9%, more than 2 percentage points higher than Snohomish County's rate.

Funded Programs: 58

Number Served: 34,018