

BOULDER COUNTY COMMUNITY WELLBEING DASHBOARD 2022

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ARE WE MOVING TOWARDS A COMMUNITY IN WHICH EVERYONE CAN THRIVE?

To answer that question, EFAA created a snapshot of Boulder County's poverty, income and wages, child wellbeing, food security, housing affordability and other indicators.

ECONOMIC WELLBEING

POVERTY

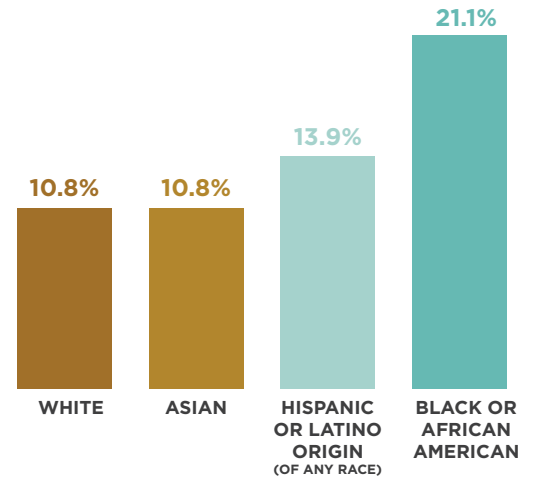
REMAINS HIGH IN BOULDER AND DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTS PEOPLE OF COLOR



1 IN 10 PEOPLE
(Over 30,000 People)
in Boulder County
live below the federal
poverty line



Latino and Black residents
are more likely to live
IN POVERTY
than Asian or White
residents in Boulder County



INCOME & WAGES

FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS WORKING IN LOWER-WAGE JOBS MAKE INSUFFICIENT INCOME TO MEET MINIMUM STANDARDS GIVEN THE LOCAL COST OF LIVING

\$12.56



HOURLY MINIMUM WAGE
BOULDER COUNTY

\$38.14



HOURLY LIVING WAGE
BOULDER COUNTY

A household would need to have
3 FULL-TIME
MINIMUM WAGE JOBS
to provide the basics of life.

AREA MEDIAN
INCOME

\$116,900

Average annual EFAA
household income is only
12% of Boulder County Area
Median Income (AMI)

AVERAGE
HOUSEHOLD
INCOME EFAA
PARTICIPANTS

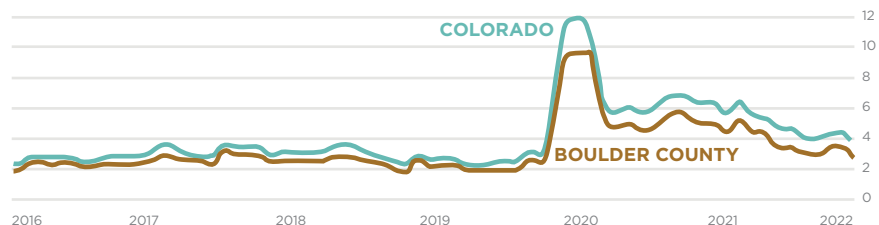
\$13,593



EMPLOYMENT

IS BACK TO PRE-PANDEMIC LEVELS

Most recent unemployment rate for Boulder County is 2.4% from a peak of 9.9% (May 2020) BUT SALARY GAINS ARE NOT KEEPING PACE with the increase in local cost of living



DISCLAIMER: All data presented on this dashboard corresponds to latest data point available as of May 2022.

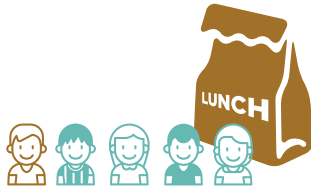
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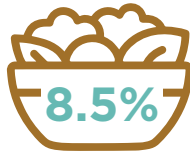


CHILDREN'S WELLBEING

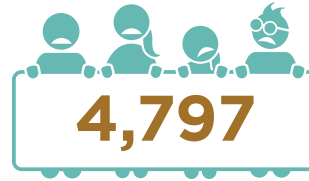
CHILDREN CONTINUE TO FEEL THE IMPACTS OF LIVING IN POVERTY: THE STRESS OF NOT HAVING ENOUGH NUTRITIOUS FOOD OR A STABLE PLACE TO LIVE IMPACT THEIR PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH AS WELL AS THEIR CHANCES TO SUCCEED IN SCHOOL AND BEYOND.



1 IN 5 CHILDREN qualify for **Free or Reduced Lunch** in Boulder Valley School District (BVSD)



of children in Boulder County **DON'T ALWAYS HAVE ENOUGH** nutritious food to meet their growing needs



4,797 **KIDS LIVE IN POVERTY** in Boulder County

1,982

SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN EXPERIENCE HOMELESSNESS



in Boulder and St. Vrain School Districts over the past year, almost **TRIPLE** the number of the previous school year, driven in part by the Marshall Fires

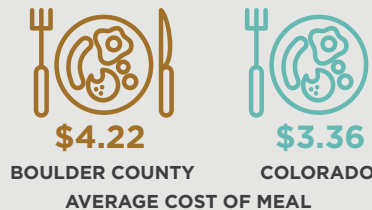
ACCESSING FOOD

FOOD INSECURITY: OVER 28,000 PEOPLE IN BOULDER COUNTY LACK CONSISTENT ACCESS TO ENOUGH NUTRITIOUS FOOD TO MEET THEIR DIETARY NEEDS



OVER **1/3** of food insecure people in Boulder County earn too much to qualify for major federal nutrition assistance programs (SNAP, WIC, etc)

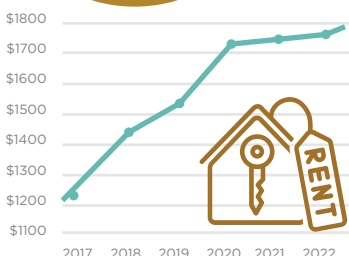
Food is more expensive in Boulder County:



And it is getting worse due to inflation rates near a **40-YEAR HIGH** on top of the devastating effects of the Covid pandemic.

HOUSING STABILITY

HOUSING REMAINS UNAFFORDABLE FOR LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS AS RENT CONTINUES TO INCREASE

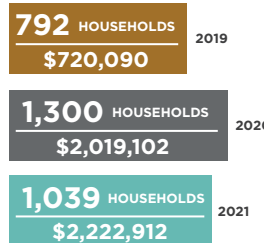


\$1,748 average rent for a 2-bedroom in Boulder

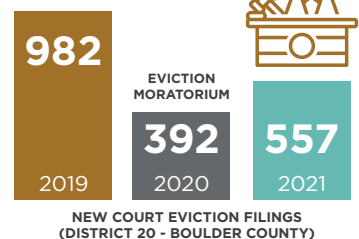
Hourly wage needed to afford to rent 2bdr home in Boulder without paying more than 30% of income in rent:



EFAA RENTAL ASSISTANCE



Evictions were held in check during the pandemic due to moratoriums and rental assistance



EFAA is building a community where all of our neighbors can meet their basic needs and strengthen their financial stability to springboard themselves and their children out of poverty. For over 100 years, EFAA has served as Boulder County's safety net, working in collaboration with volunteers, donors, partners, and participants. We help our community have access to food, housing, and other resources to move toward financial stability and resilience. When families thrive, our community is stronger.

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