The poverty rate in Boulder County **INCREASED 13%** compared to pre-pandemic levels

Almost **5,000 MORE PEOPLE** are living in poverty in 2022 compared to 2019

**EMPLOYMENT & WAGES**

A family of 2 adults, 1 preschooler, and 1 school-aged child living in Boulder County would need **4 FULL TIME MINIMUM WAGE JOBS** to meet their needs, TWICE compared to pre-COVID

Because of the higher minimum wage and the lower cost of living, that same family in Denver would need to work **LESS THAN 3 FULL TIME MINIMUM WAGE JOBS** to make ends meet

Between 2021 and 2022, the hourly rate for the **lowest paid quarter of jobs** in Boulder County went up by **5.5%**

While inflation increased **8.5%**

And the top 10% **highest paid jobs** hourly rate increased by **16.4%**

**UNEMPLOYMENT REMAINS LOW AFTER COVID PANDEMIC PEAK**

A large percentage of EFAA participants would benefit from an increase in the local minimum wage
CHILDREN’S WELLBEING
After the pandemic, child poverty & family homelessness worsened

5,300
KIDS LIVE IN POVERTY in Boulder County

2019 2022
BOULDER COUNTY 7.9% 9.4%
CITY OF BOULDER 6.9% 14.7%
COLORADO 10.9% 11.1%
Child poverty went up in Boulder County and in particular the City of Boulder, compared to Colorado as a whole

OVER 800
SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN EXPERIENCED HOMELESSNESS IN BOULDER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT OVER THE PAST SCHOOL YEAR

The number of students experiencing homelessness in Boulder Valley and St Vrain School Districts has DOUBLED from pre-pandemic levels

ACCESSING FOOD
Food insecurity is up 14% from the previous year: OVER 32,000 PEOPLE in Boulder County lack access, at times, to enough food for an active, healthy life

37% of food insecure people in Boulder County EARN TOO MUCH to qualify for major federal nutrition assistance programs (SNAP, WIC, etc)

In 2022, food prices increased faster than overall inflation

THE NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS VISITING EFAA’S FOOD BANK EACH MONTH INCREASED 62% OVER THE LAST YEAR

2019 2022

391 802

THE MARKET RENT FOR A 2-BEDROOM IN BOULDER COUNTY INCREASED 9% COMPARED TO LAST YEAR

$32.13 FAIR MARKET RENT FOR A 2-BEDROOM IN BOULDER COUNTY

$36.75 FAIR MARKET RENT FOR A 2-BEDROOM IN BOULDER COUNTY

$28.58 FAIR MARKET RENT FOR A 2-BEDROOM IN THE US

HOUSING STABILITY
Housing in Boulder is increasingly unaffordable, and more people are losing their housing

$1,911 FAIR MARKET RENT FOR A 2-BEDROOM IN BOULDER COUNTY

$2,000 $1,800 $1,600 $1,400 $1,200 $1,000


EVICTIONS MORE THAN DOUBLED
between 2021 and 2022 after a temporary reduction in 2020 due to supports put in place during the pandemic (moratoriums and rental assistance)

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EVICTION MORATORIUM

NEW COURT EVICTION FILINGS (DISTRICT 20 - BOULDER COUNTY)

982 557 1143
2019 2020 2021 2022

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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