



# Youth & Family Empowerment

## City Council Committee on Human Services and Public Health

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# Briefing Objectives

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1. Context: Youth & Family Empowerment division
2. Key Data Points
3. Major Initiatives
4. Impact for Young People and their Families
5. Discussion/Q&A

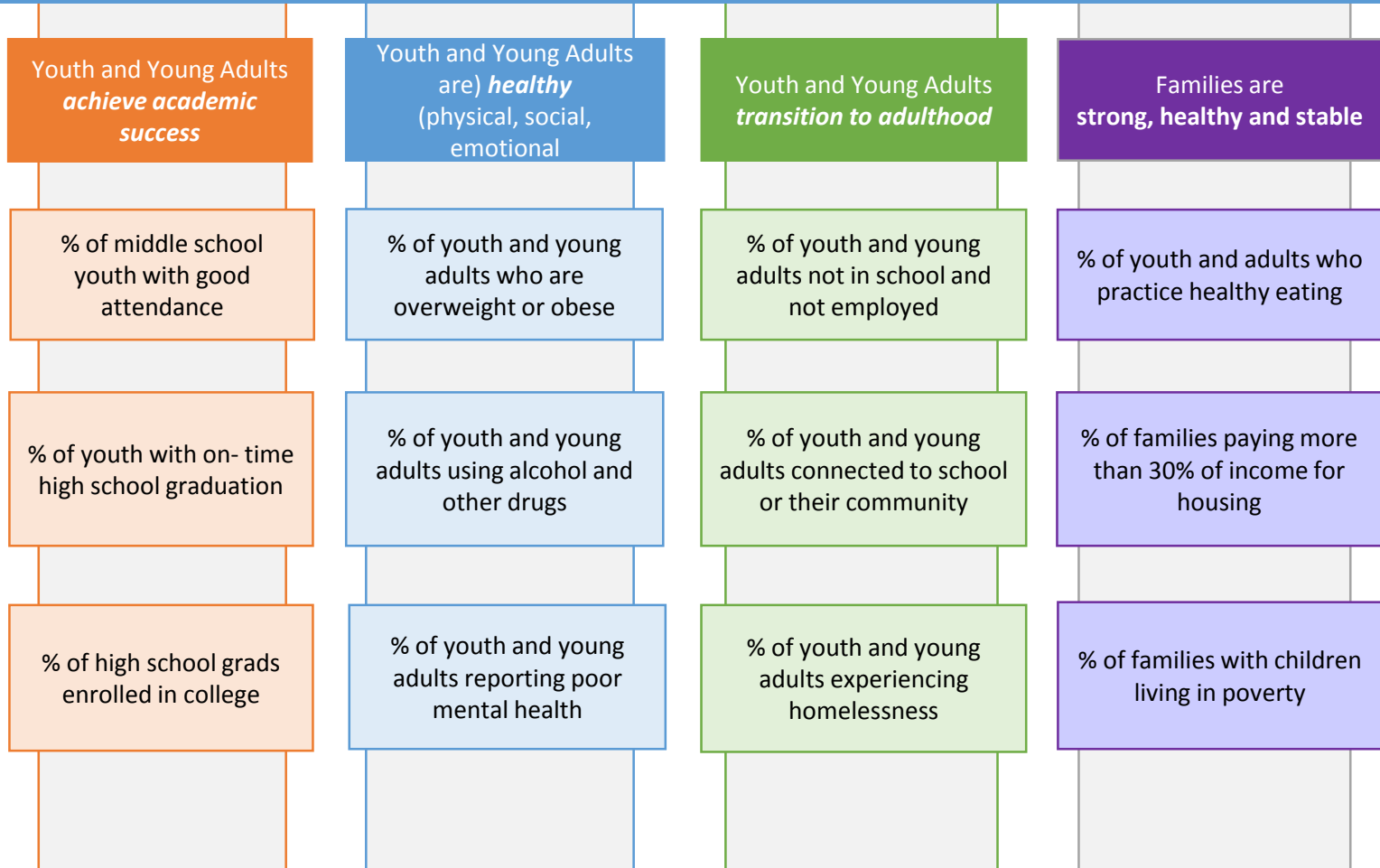
# Human Services Department



# Youth & Family Empowerment Division

Community Value: Youth and Young Adults transition successfully to adulthood

Target Population: Youth and Young Adults in Seattle



# Context: Youth & Family Empowerment

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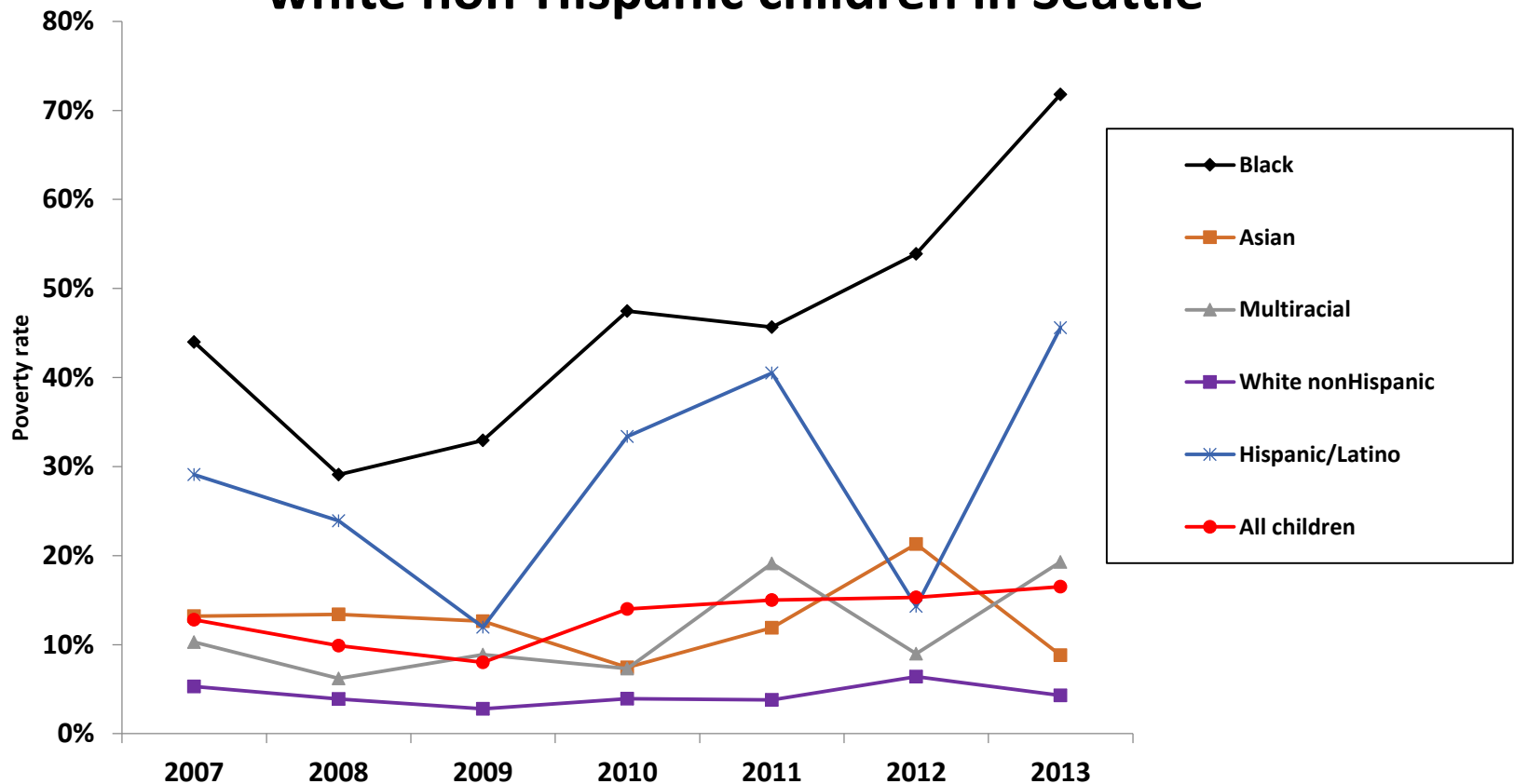
- 67 staff, \$27,076,487 budget, 136 contracts
  
- Main investment areas
  - Family Resource Centers
  - Community Affordability
  - Food and Nutrition
  - Youth Employment and Access to Higher Education
  - Youth Development
  - Youth Mental Health
  - Youth Homelessness and Coordinated Homeless Services for Families & Children
  - Youth Violence Prevention
  - Community Safety

# Key Data Points

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# Children Impacted by Poverty

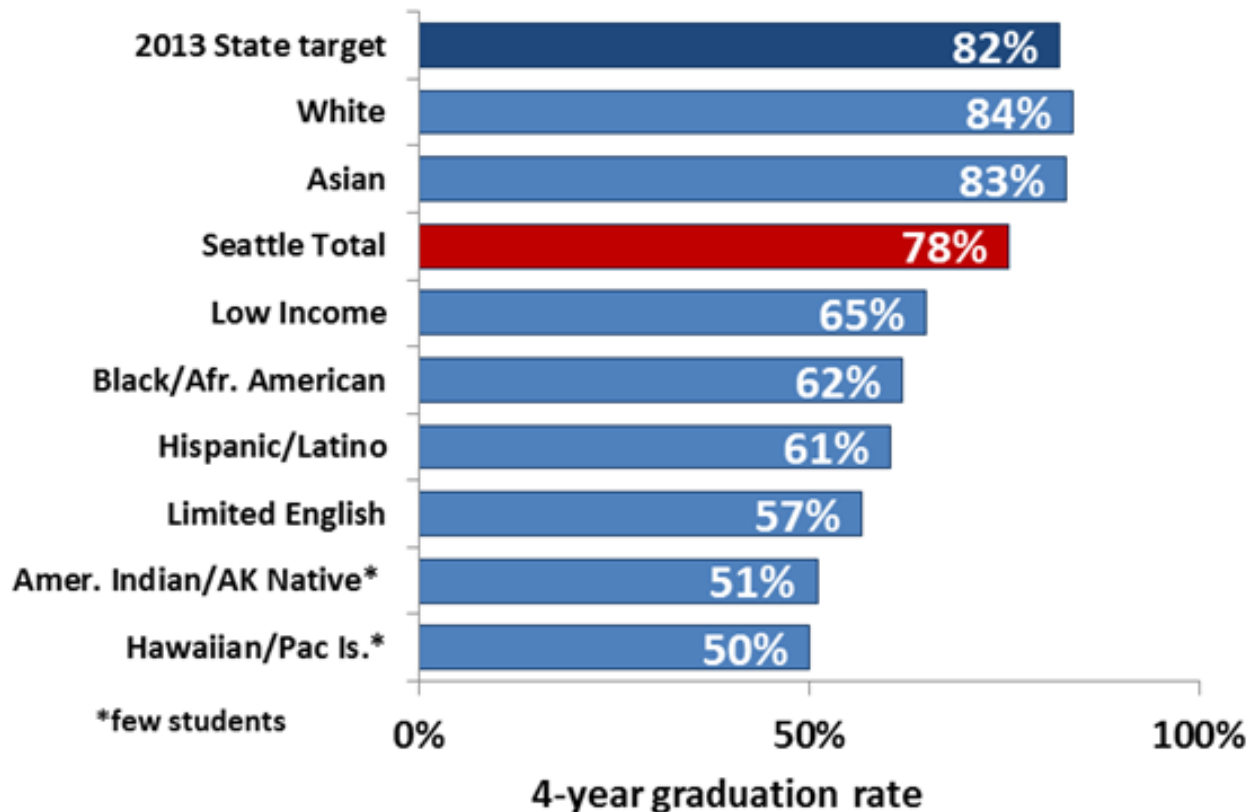
## Poverty in children of color remains higher than in white non-Hispanic children in Seattle



Data source: American Community Survey 2007-2013

# On-Time Graduation from High School

In Seattle Public Schools, only whites and Asians met the 2014 state target for on-time high school graduation

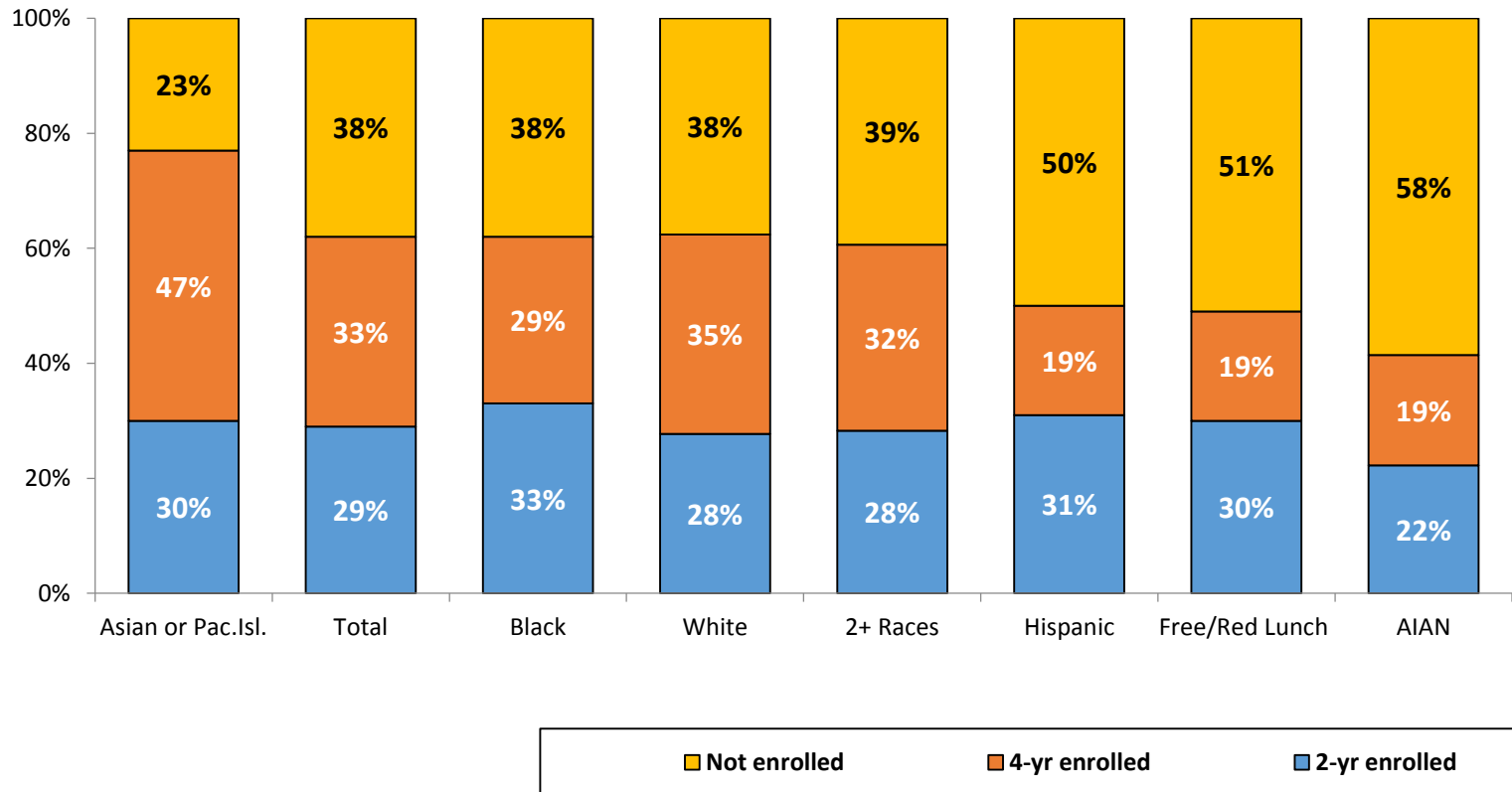


Data source: WA Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, 2015



# College Enrollment for Young People

College enrollment by race/ethnicity,  
2013 Seattle HS graduates

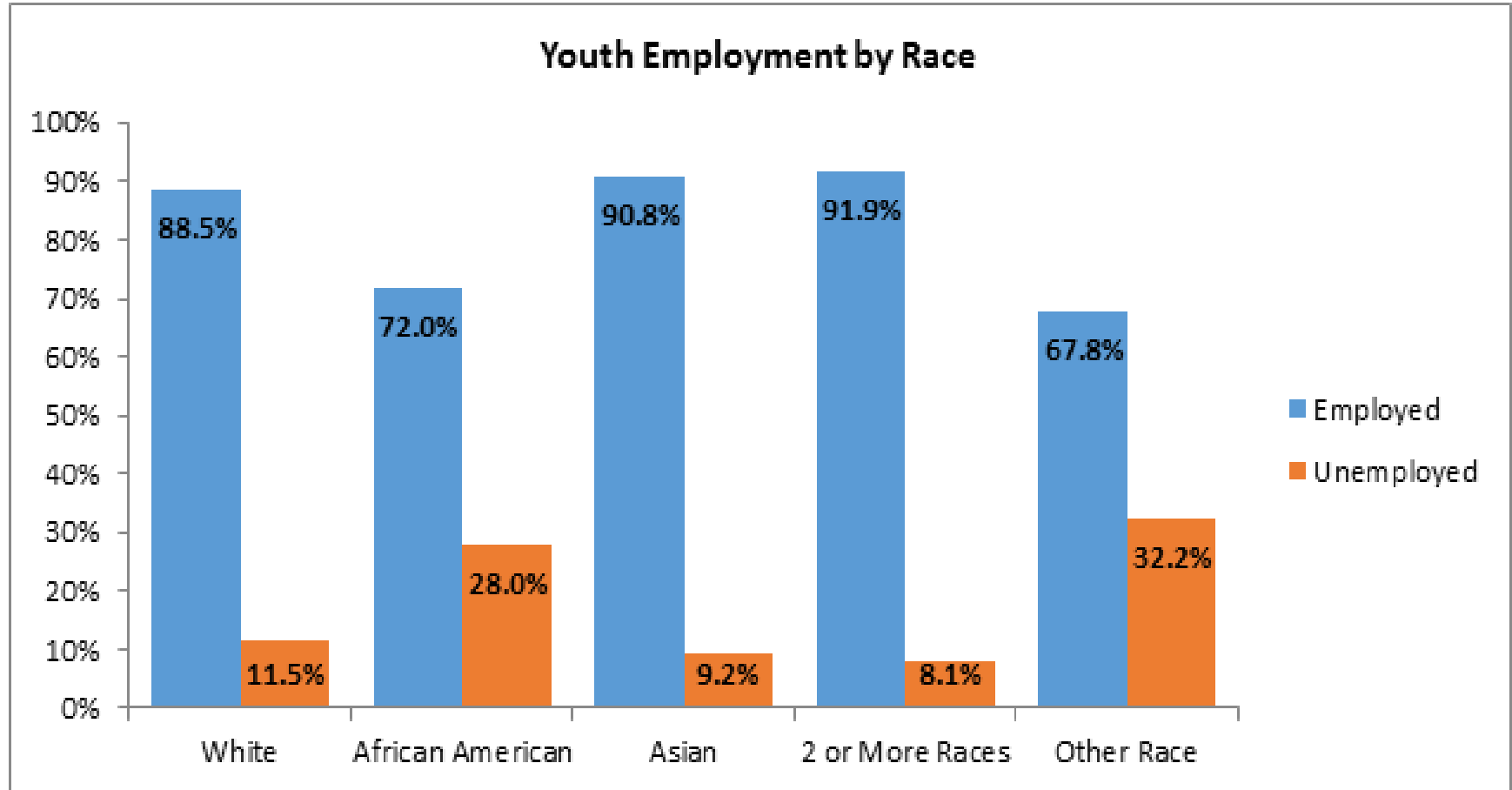


# Unemployment Rates

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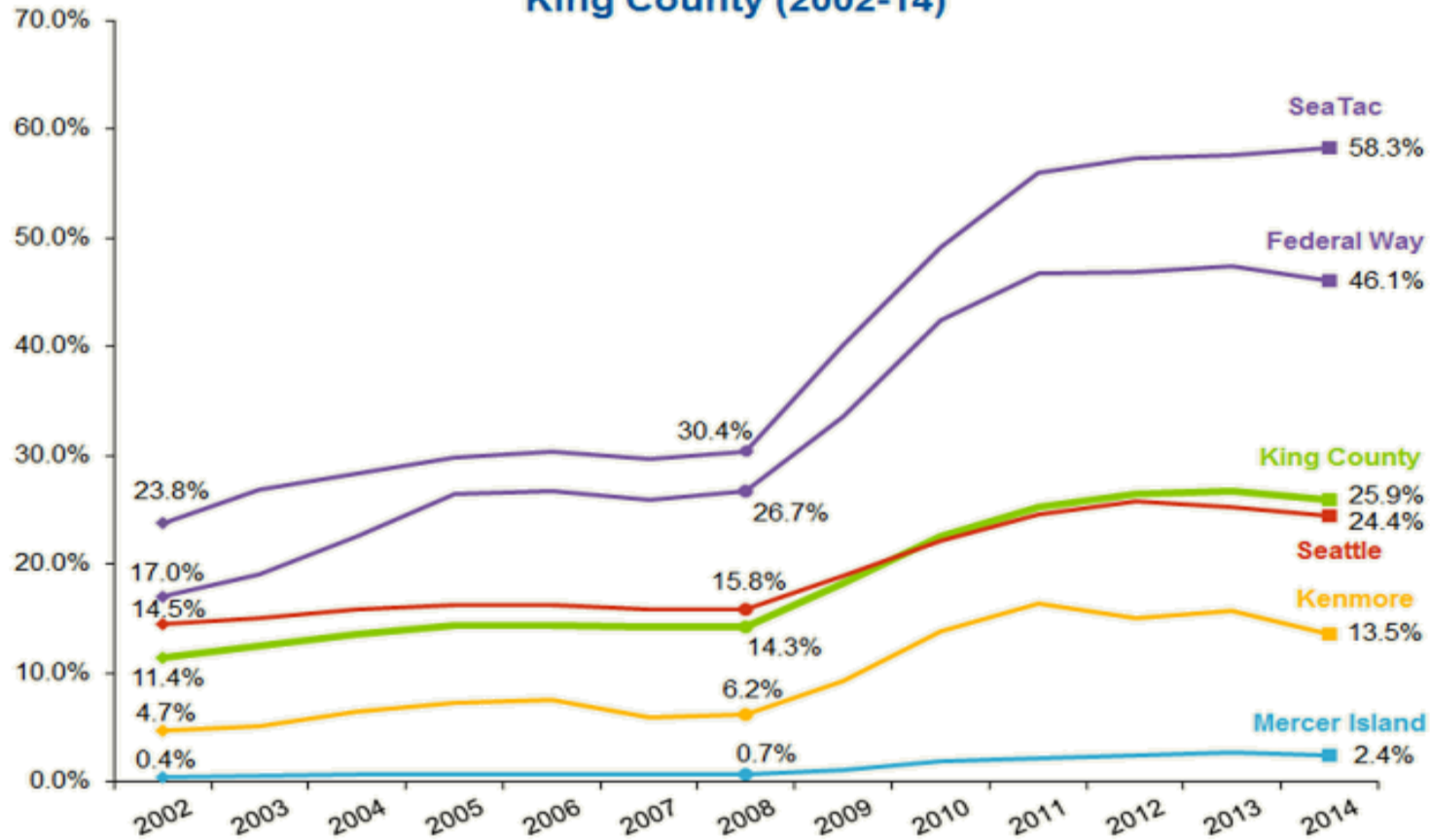
- The labor force participation rate for Seattle's 16 to 24-year olds is 61% (labor force participation means working or looking for work).
- 33% of 16 to 19-year olds are in the labor force, compared to 54% of 20 to 21-year-olds and 84% of 22 to 24-year-olds.
- Among those in the labor force, **88% are employed and 12% are unemployed** (Seattle's overall unemployment rate of 3.2%).

# Unemployment Rates



# Food Insecurity

Percent youth served by Basic Food, King County (2002-14)



Data Source: U.S. Census, American Community Survey

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# Major Initiatives

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# Mayor's Youth Employment Initiative

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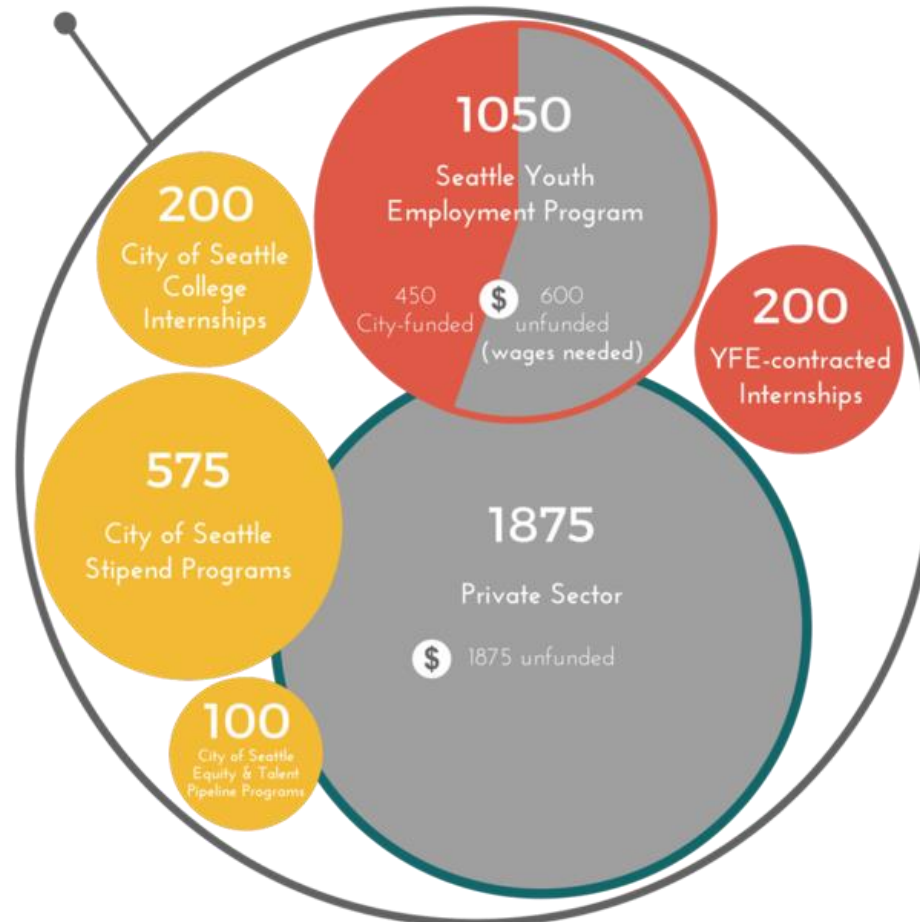
## Key Partners for 2016

1. Seattle Youth Employment
2. Office of Economic Development
3. Educurious
4. Community-Based Organizations
5. Private sector



# Mayor's Youth Employment Initiative

Mayor's Youth Employment Initiative  
4000 opportunities



# Youth Violence Prevention Reinvestment





# Youth Violence Prevention Reinvestment

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➤ HSD's goal is to **invest in what works** to address and interrupt youth violence so that young people have the support and resources to successfully reach adulthood.

➤ Investment priorities include:

- Systems approach
- Prevention continuum
- Gang related interventions
- Juvenile domestic violence interventions
- Young adults 18 to 24 years old
- Making measurable impact that address racial equity

# Re-entry Work

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- **Career Bridge** seeks to connect low-income people of color who face multiple barriers to jobs and education/training on a pathway toward living-wage careers.
- In 2015, Career Bridge's impact included
  - 107 of enrolled participants identified as low-income
  - 96 identified as homeless
  - 13 females and 94 males
  - 82% Black, African American and other African
  - 7% identified as immigrant or refugee

# Affordability

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- UDP: The Utility Discount Program offers a discount of about 60% on your Seattle City Light bill and a 50% discount on your Seattle Public Utilities bill for eligible customers.
- \$20 car tab rebate: Provides income-eligible households that have cars registered in Seattle with a \$20 rebate on their car-tab fees.
- ORCA Lift: Income-eligible riders save 50 percent, or more, on public transportation.

# Food Access

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## ➤ **Child Care Nutrition Program**

- 156 providers – 78% of children served are low-income
- 1614 is average number of children participating per month

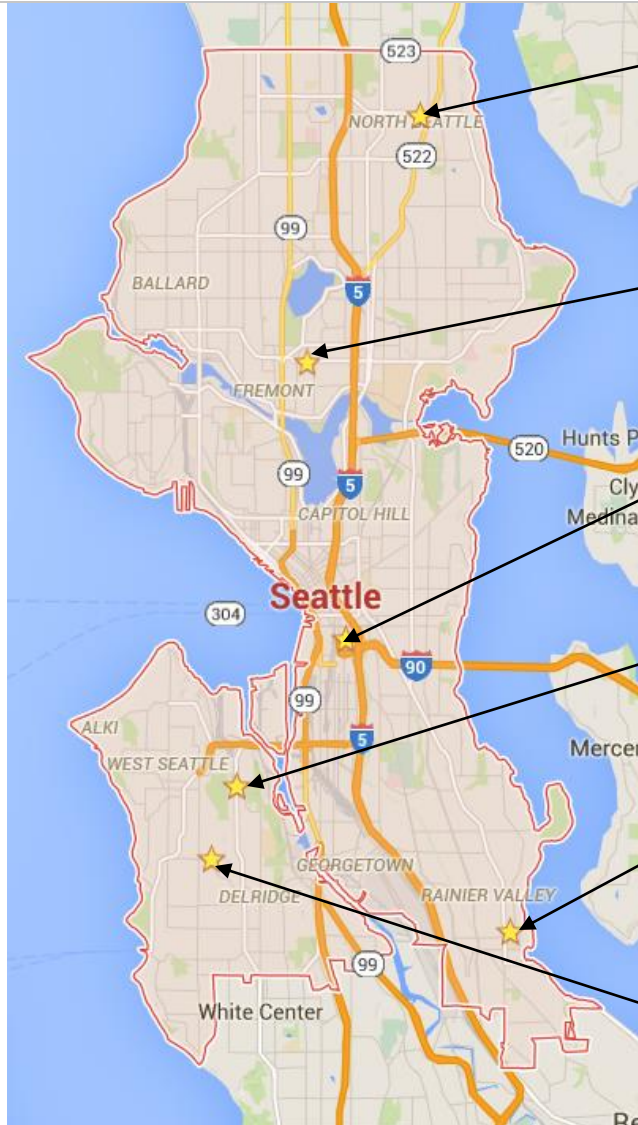
## ➤ **Farm to Table**

- 66 Sites
- 3595 children served

## ➤ **Summer Food Service Program**

- 4,624 children served
- 103 sites
- 233,583 meals served

# Family Resource Centers



## North Seattle FRC

Agency: Children's Home Society of Washington

Location: 2611 NE 125<sup>th</sup> Street NE

## Family Works FRC

Agency: Family Works

Location: 1501 N 45<sup>th</sup> Street

## International FRC

Agency: Chinese Information & Service Center

Location: 611 S Lane Street

## Southwest FRC

Agency: Southwest Youth & Family Services

Location: 4555 Delridge Way SW

## Atlantic Street FRC

Agency: Atlantic Street Center

Location: 5150 S Cloverdale Place

## High Point FRC

Agency: Neighborhood House

Location: 6400 Sylvan Way SW

# Measureable and Meaningful Impact



# 2015 YFE Performance Data

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- 20,779 people were enrolled for utility discount (UDP)
- 1,096 young people were placed in internships
- 231,359 meals were served last summer to children
- 878 youth and adults engaged in violence prevention services
- 808 youth making academic progress towards graduation
- 9,977 families were served by one of the six Family Centers

# **Youth & Family Empowerment**

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**Discussion/Q&A**