



THE SELF-SUFFICIENCY STANDARD FOR ADAMS COUNTY 2018

Adams County families need income more than three times the federal poverty level to make ends meet

The income families need to pay basic expenses in Adams County, such as housing, child care and food, is much higher than the government's official federal poverty level. An Adams County family with one adult and one preschooler, for example, needs annual income of \$53,669 to make ends meet -- more than three times the federal benchmark of \$16,460 for a family of two. In Adams County, a total of 28.1% of households fall under the standard.

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TABLE 1. The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Adams County, CO 2018

	Adult	Adult Preschooler	Adult Infant Preschooler	Adult Preschooler School-age	Adult School-age Teenager	2 Adults Infant	2 Adults Infant Preschooler	2 Adults Preschooler School-age
MONTHLY COSTS								
Housing	\$1,071	\$1,348	\$1,348	\$1,348	\$1,348	\$1,348	\$1,348	\$1,348
Child Care	\$0	\$1,113	\$2,362	\$1,704	\$591	\$1,249	\$2,362	\$1,704
Food	\$258	\$392	\$514	\$591	\$685	\$610	\$722	\$795
Transportation	\$263	\$271	\$271	\$271	\$271	\$519	\$519	\$519
Health Care	\$149	\$380	\$395	\$402	\$430	\$444	\$457	\$463
Miscellaneous	\$174	\$350	\$489	\$432	\$332	\$417	\$541	\$483
Taxes	\$391	\$835	\$1,321	\$1,054	\$694	\$955	\$1,327	\$1,118
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0	(\$50)	(\$100)	(\$100)	(\$100)	(\$50)	(\$100)	(\$100)
Child Tax Credit (-)	\$0	(\$167)	(\$333)	(\$333)	(\$333)	(\$167)	(\$333)	(\$333)
SELF-SUFFICIENCY WAGE								
Hourly	\$13.11	\$25.41	\$35.61	\$30.50	\$22.26	\$15.13 per adult	\$19.44 per adult	\$17.04 per adult
Monthly	\$2,307	\$4,472	\$6,267	\$5,368	\$3,917	\$5,326	\$6,842	\$5,996
Annual	\$27,684	\$53,669	\$75,207	\$64,416	\$47,008	\$63,909	\$82,103	\$71,956
Emergency Savings Fund (Monthly)	\$53	\$117	\$163	\$152	\$135	\$72	\$93	\$87



THE SELF-SUFFICIENCY STANDARD FOR ARAPAHOE COUNTY 2018

Arapahoe County families need income more than three times the federal poverty level to make ends meet

The income families need to pay basic expenses in Arapahoe County, such as housing, child care and food, is much higher than the government’s official federal poverty level. An Arapahoe County family with one adult and one preschooler, for example, needs annual income of \$55,521 to make ends meet -- more than three times the federal benchmark of \$16,460 for a family of two. In Arapahoe County, a total of 26.1% of households fall under the standard.

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TABLE 3. The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Arapahoe County, CO 2018

	Adult	Adult Preschooler	Adult Infant Preschooler	Adult Preschooler School-age	Adult School-age Teenager	2 Adults Infant	2 Adults Infant Preschooler	2 Adults Preschooler School-age
MONTHLY COSTS								
Housing	\$1,133	\$1,426	\$1,426	\$1,426	\$1,426	\$1,426	\$1,426	\$1,426
Child Care	\$0	\$1,118	\$2,412	\$1,765	\$647	\$1,294	\$2,412	\$1,765
Food	\$274	\$416	\$546	\$627	\$727	\$647	\$766	\$843
Transportation	\$266	\$273	\$273	\$273	\$273	\$524	\$524	\$524
Health Care	\$148	\$376	\$392	\$399	\$426	\$441	\$453	\$460
Miscellaneous	\$182	\$361	\$505	\$449	\$350	\$433	\$558	\$502
Taxes	\$420	\$873	\$1,413	\$1,116	\$757	\$1,013	\$1,390	\$1,186
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0	(\$50)	(\$100)	(\$100)	(\$100)	(\$50)	(\$100)	(\$100)
Child Tax Credit (-)	\$0	(\$167)	(\$333)	(\$333)	(\$333)	(\$167)	(\$333)	(\$333)
SELF-SUFFICIENCY WAGE								
Hourly	\$13.77	\$26.29	\$37.12	\$31.94	\$23.70	\$15.80 per adult	\$20.16 per adult	\$17.82 per adult
Monthly	\$2,423	\$4,627	\$6,533	\$5,622	\$4,171	\$5,561	\$7,095	\$6,272
Annual	\$29,072	\$55,521	\$78,393	\$67,460	\$50,057	\$66,728	\$85,136	\$75,262
Emergency Savings Fund (Monthly)	\$52	\$152	\$345	\$279	\$140	\$67	\$89	\$83



THE SELF-SUFFICIENCY STANDARD FOR BOULDER COUNTY 2018

Boulder County families need income more than three times the federal poverty level to make ends meet

The income families need to pay basic expenses in Boulder County, such as housing, child care and food, is much higher than the government’s official federal poverty level. A Boulder County family with one adult and one preschooler, for example, needs annual income of \$60,075 to make ends meet -- more than three times the federal benchmark of \$16,460 for a family of two. In Boulder County, a total of 27.3% of households fall under the standard.

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TABLE 7. The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Boulder County, CO 2018

	Adult	Adult Preschooler	Adult Infant Preschooler	Adult Preschooler School-age	Adult School-age Teenager	2 Adults Infant	2 Adults Infant Preschooler	2 Adults Preschooler School-age
MONTHLY COSTS								
Housing	\$1,195	\$1,461	\$1,461	\$1,461	\$1,461	\$1,461	\$1,461	\$1,461
Child Care	\$0	\$1,292	\$2,711	\$2,233	\$941	\$1,419	\$2,711	\$2,233
Food	\$314	\$476	\$625	\$718	\$832	\$741	\$877	\$966
Transportation	\$252	\$260	\$260	\$260	\$260	\$496	\$496	\$496
Health Care	\$149	\$380	\$395	\$402	\$430	\$444	\$457	\$463
Miscellaneous	\$191	\$387	\$545	\$507	\$392	\$456	\$600	\$562
Taxes	\$452	\$967	\$1,649	\$1,429	\$911	\$1,097	\$1,543	\$1,405
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0	(\$50)	(\$100)	(\$100)	(\$100)	(\$50)	(\$100)	(\$100)
Child Tax Credit (-)	\$0	(\$167)	(\$333)	(\$333)	(\$333)	(\$167)	(\$333)	(\$333)
SELF-SUFFICIENCY WAGE								
Hourly	\$14.51	\$28.44	\$40.99	\$37.37	\$27.24	\$16.76 per adult	\$21.91 per adult	\$20.32 per adult
Monthly	\$2,553	\$5,006	\$7,214	\$6,577	\$4,794	\$5,898	\$7,712	\$7,153
Annual	\$30,639	\$60,075	\$86,563	\$78,926	\$57,525	\$70,780	\$92,542	\$85,836
Emergency Savings Fund (Monthly)	\$54	\$178	\$392	\$348	\$184	\$70	\$93	\$89



THE SELF-SUFFICIENCY STANDARD FOR BROOMFIELD COUNTY 2018

Broomfield County families need income more than three times the federal poverty level to make ends meet

The income families need to pay basic expenses in Broomfield County, such as housing, child care and food, is much higher than the government’s official federal poverty level. A Broomfield County family with one adult and one preschooler, for example, needs annual income of \$58,139 to make ends meet -- more than three times the federal benchmark of \$16,460 for a family of two. In Broomfield County, a total of 22.2% of households fall under the standard.

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TABLE 8. The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Broomfield County, CO 2018

	Adult	Adult Preschooler	Adult Infant Preschooler	Adult Preschooler School-age	Adult School-age Teenager	2 Adults Infant	2 Adults Infant Preschooler	2 Adults Preschooler School-age
MONTHLY COSTS								
Housing	\$1,152	\$1,451	\$1,451	\$1,451	\$1,451	\$1,451	\$1,451	\$1,451
Child Care	\$0	\$1,193	\$2,536	\$1,798	\$605	\$1,343	\$2,536	\$1,798
Food	\$314	\$476	\$625	\$718	\$832	\$741	\$877	\$966
Transportation	\$255	\$262	\$262	\$262	\$262	\$501	\$501	\$501
Health Care	\$148	\$376	\$392	\$399	\$426	\$441	\$453	\$460
Miscellaneous	\$187	\$376	\$527	\$463	\$358	\$448	\$582	\$518
Taxes	\$437	\$927	\$1,540	\$1,167	\$785	\$1,066	\$1,476	\$1,243
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0	(\$50)	(\$100)	(\$100)	(\$100)	(\$50)	(\$100)	(\$100)
Child Tax Credit (-)	\$0	(\$167)	(\$333)	(\$333)	(\$333)	(\$167)	(\$333)	(\$333)
SELF-SUFFICIENCY WAGE								
Hourly	\$14.17	\$27.53	\$39.20	\$33.09	\$24.35	\$16.40	\$21.14	\$18.48
						per adult	per adult	per adult
Monthly	\$2,493	\$4,845	\$6,899	\$5,825	\$4,285	\$5,774	\$7,442	\$6,503
Annual	\$29,918	\$58,139	\$82,786	\$69,894	\$51,425	\$69,283	\$89,307	\$78,040
Emergency Savings Fund (Monthly)	\$53	\$167	\$370	\$295	\$148	\$69	\$91	\$85



THE SELF-SUFFICIENCY STANDARD FOR DENVER COUNTY 2018

Denver County families need income more than three times the federal poverty level to make ends meet

The income families need to pay basic expenses in Denver County, such as housing, child care and food, is much higher than the government’s official federal poverty level. A Denver County family with one adult and one preschooler, for example, needs annual income of \$53,256 to make ends meet -- more than three times the federal benchmark of \$16,460 for a family of two. In Denver County, a total of 29.4% of households fall under the standard.

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TABLE 17. The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Denver County, CO 2018

	Adult	Adult Preschooler	Adult Infant Preschooler	Adult Preschooler School-age	Adult School-age Teenager	2 Adults Infant	2 Adults Infant Preschooler	2 Adults Preschooler School-age
MONTHLY COSTS								
Housing	\$1,070	\$1,346	\$1,346	\$1,346	\$1,346	\$1,346	\$1,346	\$1,346
Child Care	\$0	\$1,161	\$2,587	\$1,833	\$672	\$1,426	\$2,587	\$1,833
Food	\$281	\$426	\$559	\$642	\$744	\$663	\$784	\$864
Transportation	\$171	\$171	\$171	\$171	\$171	\$342	\$342	\$342
Health Care	\$148	\$376	\$392	\$399	\$426	\$441	\$453	\$460
Miscellaneous	\$167	\$348	\$505	\$439	\$336	\$422	\$551	\$484
Taxes	\$365	\$827	\$1,417	\$1,081	\$706	\$972	\$1,365	\$1,123
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0	(\$50)	(\$100)	(\$100)	(\$100)	(\$50)	(\$100)	(\$100)
Child Tax Credit (-)	\$0	(\$167)	(\$333)	(\$333)	(\$333)	(\$167)	(\$333)	(\$333)
SELF-SUFFICIENCY WAGE								
Hourly	\$12.51	\$25.22	\$37.18	\$31.12	\$22.54	\$15.32 per adult	\$19.87 per adult	\$17.10 per adult
Monthly	\$2,202	\$4,438	\$6,543	\$5,477	\$3,967	\$5,394	\$6,995	\$6,019
Annual	\$26,430	\$53,256	\$78,519	\$65,727	\$47,607	\$64,722	\$83,940	\$72,223
Emergency Savings Fund (Monthly)	\$49	\$139	\$345	\$267	\$126	\$66	\$88	\$81



THE SELF-SUFFICIENCY STANDARD FOR EL PASO COUNTY 2018

El Paso County families need income more than twice that of the federal poverty level to make ends meet

The income families need to pay basic expenses in El Paso County, such as housing, child care and food, is much higher than the government’s official federal poverty level. An El Paso County family with one adult and one preschooler, for example, needs annual income of \$46,790 to make ends meet -- more than twice the federal benchmark of \$16,460 for a family of two. In El Paso County, a total of 27.9% of households fall under the standard.

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TABLE 22. The Self-Sufficiency Standard for El Paso County, CO 2018

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MONTHLY COSTS								
Housing	\$793	\$1,020	\$1,020	\$1,020	\$1,020	\$1,020	\$1,020	\$1,020
Child Care	\$0	\$1,052	\$2,129	\$1,650	\$598	\$1,077	\$2,129	\$1,650
Food	\$262	\$398	\$523	\$601	\$696	\$620	\$733	\$808
Transportation	\$262	\$269	\$269	\$269	\$269	\$516	\$516	\$516
Health Care	\$147	\$372	\$387	\$394	\$422	\$436	\$448	\$455
Miscellaneous	\$146	\$311	\$433	\$393	\$300	\$367	\$485	\$445
Taxes	\$290	\$693	\$1,058	\$915	\$538	\$773	\$1,124	\$980
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$123)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0	(\$50)	(\$100)	(\$100)	(\$110)	(\$50)	(\$100)	(\$100)
Child Tax Credit (-)	\$0	(\$167)	(\$333)	(\$333)	(\$316)	(\$167)	(\$333)	(\$333)
SELF-SUFFICIENCY WAGE								
Hourly	\$10.80	\$22.15	\$30.60	\$27.33	\$18.72	\$13.05	\$17.11	\$15.46
						per adult	per adult	per adult
Monthly	\$1,901	\$3,899	\$5,386	\$4,809	\$3,294	\$4,592	\$6,022	\$5,440
Annual	\$22,815	\$46,790	\$64,630	\$57,711	\$39,532	\$55,105	\$72,267	\$65,283
Emergency Savings Fund (Monthly)	\$44	\$102	\$260	\$185	\$125	\$60	\$81	\$77



THE SELF-SUFFICIENCY STANDARD FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY 2018

Jefferson County families need income more than three times the federal poverty level to make ends meet

The income families need to pay basic expenses in Jefferson County, such as housing, child care and food, is much higher than the government’s official federal poverty level. A Jefferson County family with one adult and one preschooler, for example, needs annual income of \$55,767 to make ends meet -- more than three times the federal benchmark of \$16,460 for a family of two. In Jefferson County, a total of 22.8% of households fall under the standard.

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MONTHLY COSTS								
Housing	\$1,099	\$1,383	\$1,383	\$1,383	\$1,383	\$1,383	\$1,383	\$1,383
Child Care	\$0	\$1,166	\$2,477	\$1,828	\$662	\$1,312	\$2,477	\$1,828
Food	\$285	\$432	\$567	\$652	\$755	\$672	\$796	\$876
Transportation	\$259	\$267	\$267	\$267	\$267	\$510	\$510	\$510
Health Care	\$148	\$376	\$392	\$399	\$426	\$441	\$453	\$460
Miscellaneous	\$179	\$362	\$509	\$453	\$349	\$432	\$562	\$506
Taxes	\$409	\$878	\$1,435	\$1,130	\$755	\$1,008	\$1,404	\$1,200
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0	(\$50)	(\$100)	(\$100)	(\$100)	(\$50)	(\$100)	(\$100)
Child Tax Credit (-)	\$0	(\$167)	(\$333)	(\$333)	(\$333)	(\$167)	(\$333)	(\$333)
SELF-SUFFICIENCY WAGE								
Hourly	\$13.51	\$26.40	\$37.47	\$32.26	\$23.65	\$15.74 per adult	\$20.32 per adult	\$17.98 per adult
Monthly	\$2,378	\$4,647	\$6,595	\$5,677	\$4,163	\$5,541	\$7,151	\$6,329
Annual	\$28,541	\$55,767	\$79,144	\$68,123	\$49,955	\$66,494	\$85,817	\$75,953
Emergency Savings Fund (Monthly)	\$51	\$153	\$349	\$283	\$140	\$67	\$89	\$83



THE SELF-SUFFICIENCY STANDARD FOR MESA COUNTY 2018

Mesa County families need income more than twice that of the federal poverty level to make ends meet

The income families need to pay basic expenses in Mesa County, such as housing, child care and food, is much higher than the government’s official federal poverty level. A Mesa County family with one adult and one preschooler, for example, needs annual income of \$40,468 to make ends meet -- more than twice the federal benchmark of \$16,460 for a family of two. In Mesa County, a total of 36.1% of households fall under the standard.

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TABLE 40. The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Mesa County, CO 2018

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MONTHLY COSTS								
Housing	\$635	\$844	\$844	\$844	\$844	\$844	\$844	\$844
Child Care	\$0	\$759	\$1,566	\$1,228	\$470	\$807	\$1,566	\$1,228
Food	\$261	\$396	\$519	\$597	\$691	\$616	\$729	\$803
Transportation	\$249	\$257	\$257	\$257	\$257	\$491	\$491	\$491
Health Care	\$184	\$502	\$517	\$524	\$551	\$566	\$578	\$585
Miscellaneous	\$133	\$276	\$370	\$345	\$281	\$332	\$421	\$395
Taxes	\$244	\$562	\$831	\$739	\$459	\$648	\$892	\$799
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$198)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0	(\$55)	(\$100)	(\$100)	(\$113)	(\$50)	(\$100)	(\$100)
Child Tax Credit (-)	\$0	(\$167)	(\$333)	(\$333)	(\$274)	(\$167)	(\$333)	(\$333)
SELF-SUFFICIENCY WAGE								
Hourly	\$9.69	\$19.16	\$25.40	\$23.30	\$16.87	\$11.61 per adult	\$14.45 per adult	\$13.38 per adult
Monthly	\$1,706	\$3,372	\$4,471	\$4,101	\$2,968	\$4,087	\$5,086	\$4,711
Annual	\$20,470	\$40,468	\$53,648	\$49,211	\$35,619	\$49,040	\$61,037	\$56,536
Emergency Savings Fund (Monthly)	\$40	\$95	\$161	\$135	\$123	\$57	\$74	\$72

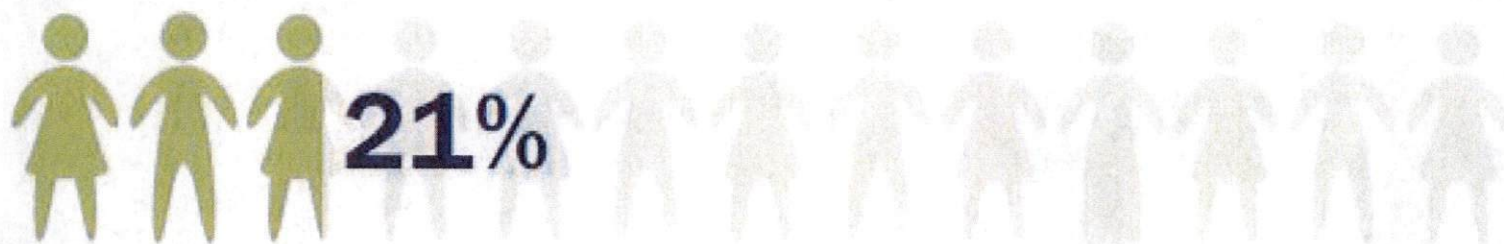
TABLE 3. The Self-Sufficiency Standard and Official Poverty Threshold by Select Characteristics of Householder: Colorado 2016

	TOTAL	PERCENT OF HOUSEHOLDS		BELOW SELF-SUFFICIENCY STANDARD						ABOVE SELF-SUFFICIENCY STANDARD	
		Below Standard & Below Poverty		Below Standard & Above Poverty		Total Below Standard		Above Standard			
		Number	Percent of Total	Number	Percent of Total	Number	Percent of Total	Number	Percent of Total		
Total Households	1,570,929	100.0%	131,435	8.4%	298,715	19.0%	430,150	27.4%	1,140,779	72.6%	
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COUNTY											
Adams	130,307	8.3%	8,803	6.8%	27,762	21.3%	36,565	28.1%	93,742	71.9%	
Alamosa	3,551	0.2%	796	22.4%	661	18.6%	1,457	41.0%	2,095	59.0%	
Arapahoe	175,288	11.2%	10,963	6.3%	34,813	19.9%	45,776	26.1%	129,512	73.9%	
Archuleta	3,514	0.2%	405	11.5%	849	24.2%	1,254	35.7%	2,260	64.3%	
Baca	871	0.1%	195	22.4%	162	18.6%	357	41.0%	514	59.0%	
Bent	1,713	0.1%	184	10.8%	325	19.0%	509	29.7%	1,203	70.3%	
Boulder	95,633	6.1%	7,893	8.3%	18,259	19.1%	26,152	27.3%	69,481	72.7%	
Broomfield	18,882	1.2%	985	5.2%	3,202	17.0%	4,187	22.2%	14,695	77.8%	
Chaffee	4,109	0.3%	420	10.2%	620	15.1%	1,040	25.3%	3,069	74.7%	
Cheyenne	484	0.0%	52	10.8%	92	19.0%	144	29.7%	340	70.3%	
Clear Creek	2,868	0.2%	138	4.8%	269	9.4%	407	14.2%	2,461	85.8%	
Conejos	1,898	0.1%	425	22.4%	353	18.6%	779	41.0%	1,120	59.0%	
Costilla	810	0.1%	182	22.4%	151	18.6%	332	41.0%	478	59.0%	
Crowley	1,535	0.1%	165	10.8%	291	19.0%	456	29.7%	1,078	70.3%	
Custer	982	0.1%	100	10.2%	148	15.1%	248	25.3%	733	74.7%	
Delta	7,866	0.5%	1,057	13.4%	1,534	19.5%	2,591	32.9%	5,275	67.1%	
Denver	230,606	14.7%	21,394	9.3%	46,485	20.2%	67,879	29.4%	162,727	70.6%	
Dolores	600	0.0%	69	11.5%	145	24.2%	214	35.7%	386	64.3%	
Douglas	95,365	6.1%	2,900	3.0%	13,058	13.7%	15,958	16.7%	79,407	83.3%	
Eagle	14,985	1.0%	1,371	9.2%	2,354	15.7%	3,725	24.9%	11,260	75.1%	
El Paso	193,955	12.3%	17,987	9.3%	36,067	18.6%	54,054	27.9%	139,901	72.1%	
Elbert	7,734	0.5%	336	4.3%	1,249	16.1%	1,585	20.5%	6,149	79.5%	
Fremont	10,803	0.7%	1,104	10.2%	1,630	15.1%	2,734	25.3%	8,069	74.7%	
Garfield	16,893	1.1%	1,361	8.1%	3,775	22.3%	5,136	30.4%	11,757	69.6%	
Gilpin	1,717	0.1%	83	4.8%	161	9.4%	244	14.2%	1,473	85.8%	
Grand	4,261	0.3%	390	9.2%	669	15.7%	1,059	24.9%	3,202	75.1%	
Gunnison	4,456	0.3%	513	11.5%	1,077	24.2%	1,590	35.7%	2,866	64.3%	
Hinsdale	245	0.0%	28	11.5%	59	24.2%	87	35.7%	158	64.3%	
Huerfano	1,548	0.1%	158	10.2%	234	15.1%	392	25.3%	1,156	74.7%	
Jackson	400	0.0%	37	9.2%	63	15.7%	99	24.9%	301	75.1%	
Jefferson	171,767	10.9%	7,800	4.5%	31,432	18.3%	39,232	22.8%	132,536	77.2%	
Kiowa	368	0.0%	40	10.8%	70	19.0%	110	29.7%	259	70.3%	

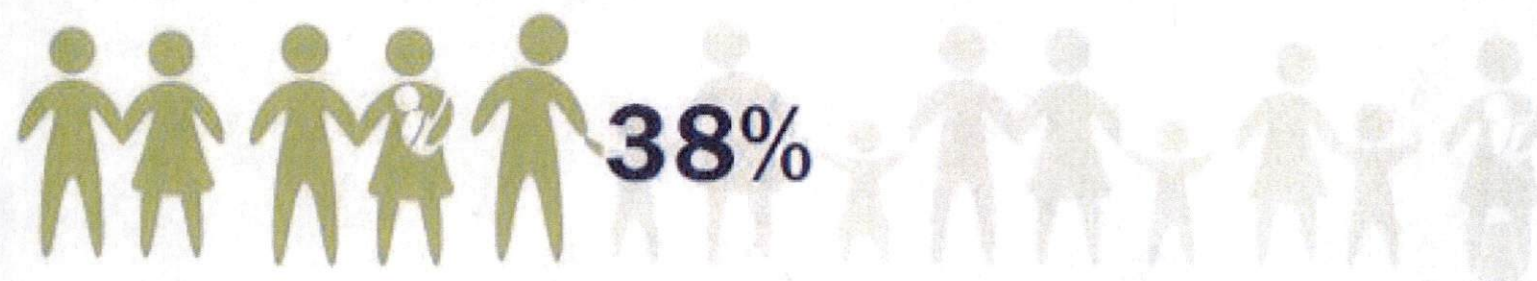
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FIGURE G. Income Inadequacy Rate by Presence of Children: CO 2016

HOUSEHOLDS WITH NO CHILDREN



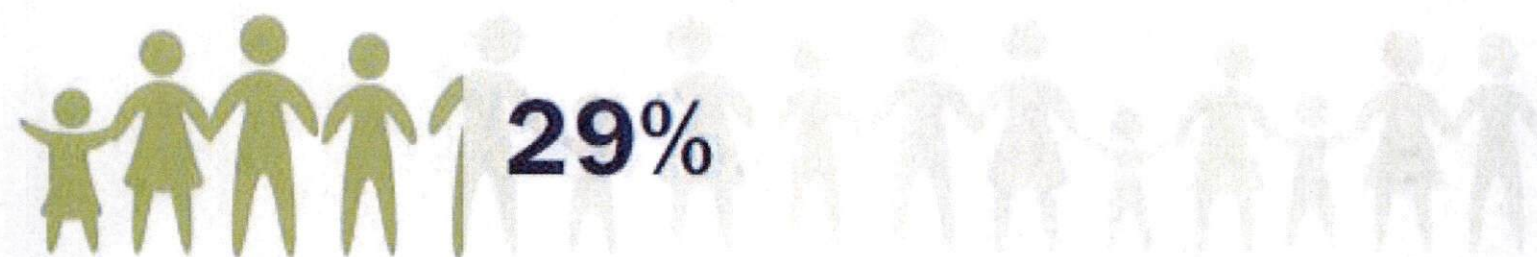
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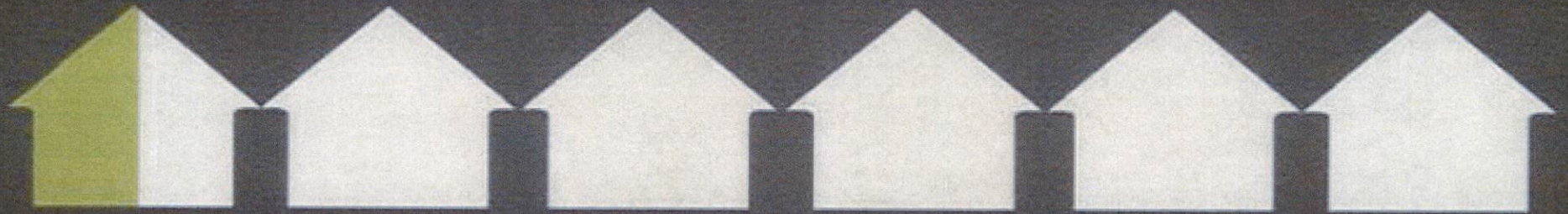
HOUSEHOLDS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN



HOUSEHOLDS WITH OLDER CHILDREN



8% of working-age households in Colorado live below the official poverty threshold



27% of working-age households in Colorado live below the Self-Sufficiency Standard

