

## Data Training for South King County Cities February 16, 2016

**Communities Count** 

Providing data. Inspiring action

## Using data to support your case



## Data support for human services project

### **Project Objective**

Provide human services and referrals to refugees and other immigrants from Vanuatu to help them navigate the social services system, find living wage employment, and understand forms and documents. Locations: Kent and Auburn

## Take-home points

- Know your audience.
- Know what story you want to tell.
- Match the data to your story.
- Use qualitative data effectively.



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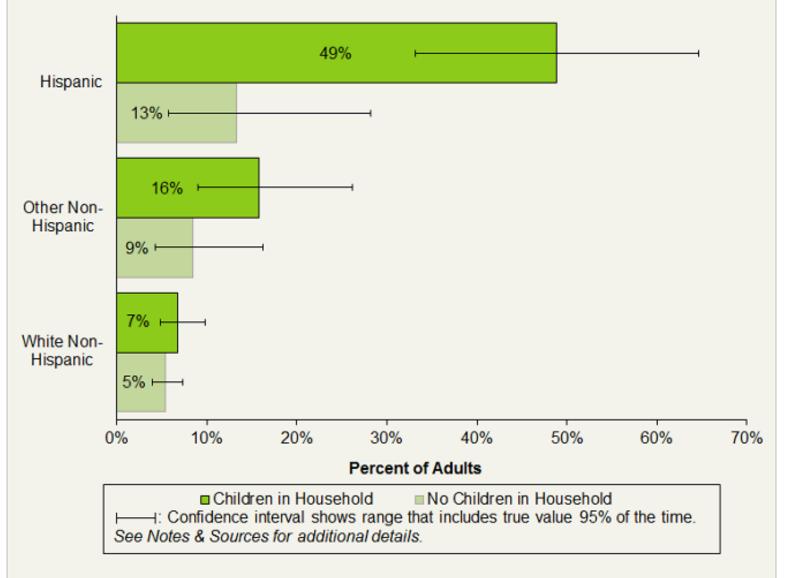
## Story about Population

Food Hardship in King County for Hispanic Households with Children

AUDIENCE: 2012 WA State Legislature



## Adults who ran out of food, children in household by race/ethnicity, King County (2010)





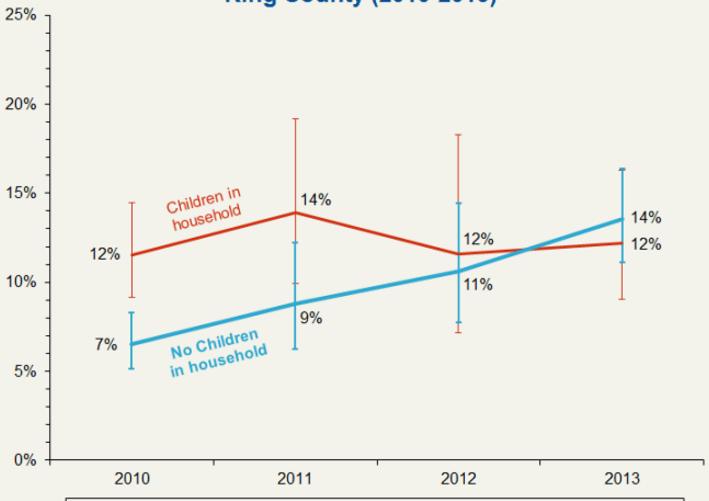
## Story about Change over Time

Food Hardship in King County for Households with/without Children

AUDIENCES: Human services agencies, non-profit organizations; policymakers; philanthropies



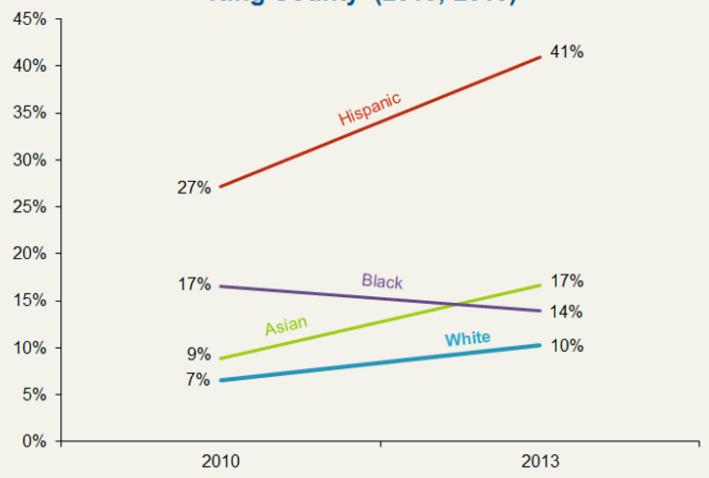




Thicker line for "no children in household" reflects significant difference between 2010 and 2013 values. ——: Confidence interval shows range that includes true value 95% of the time. Use caution in comparing pre-2011 data with data from later years. See Notes & Sources for more detail.

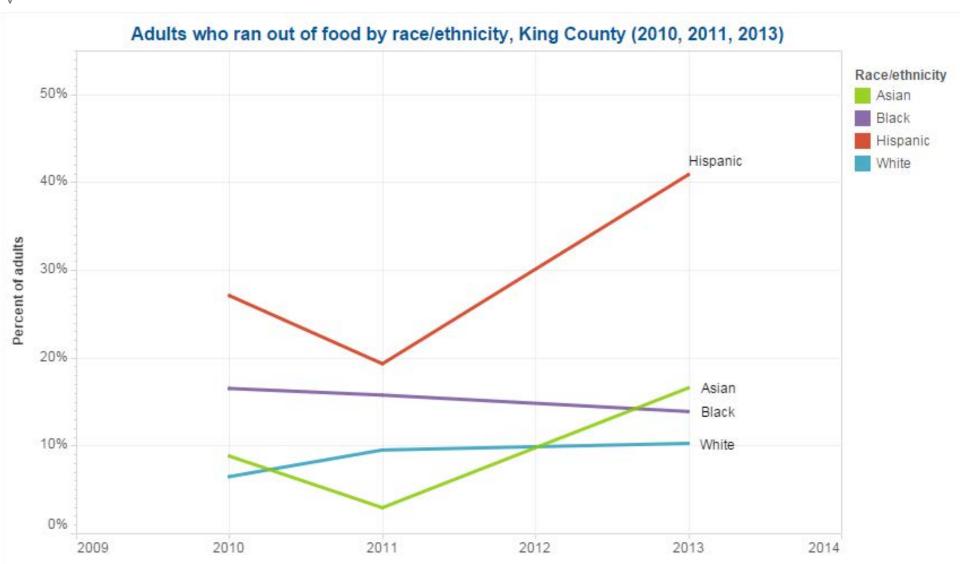






Thicker line for "white" reflects significant difference between 2010 and 2013 values. Use caution in comparing pre-2011 data with data from later years. Data for "Asian" does not meet precision standard; interpret with caution. See Notes & Sources for more detail.

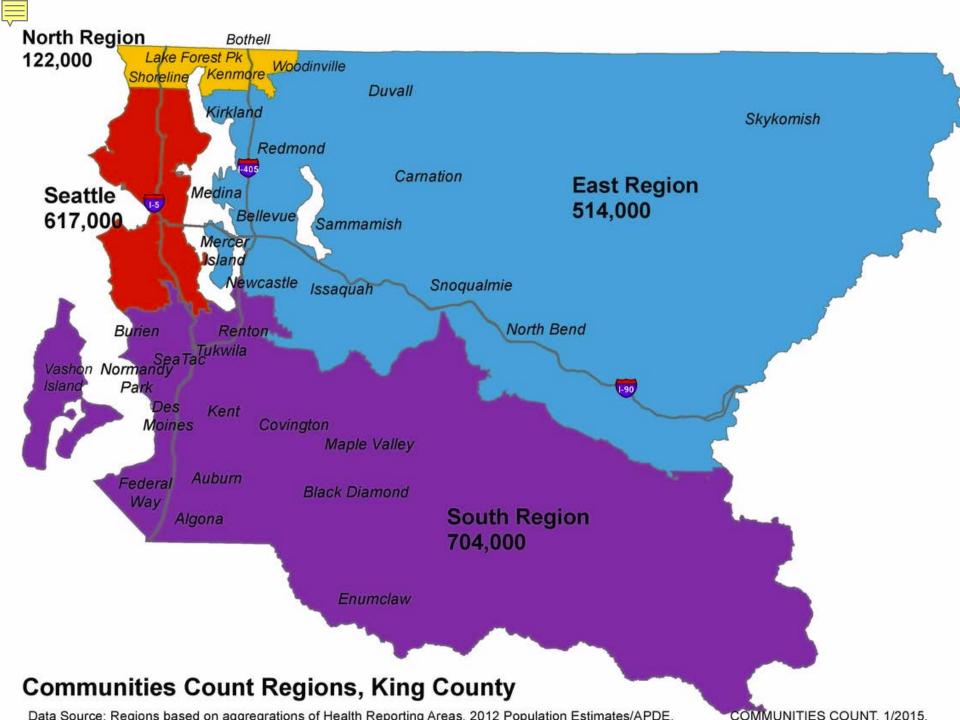




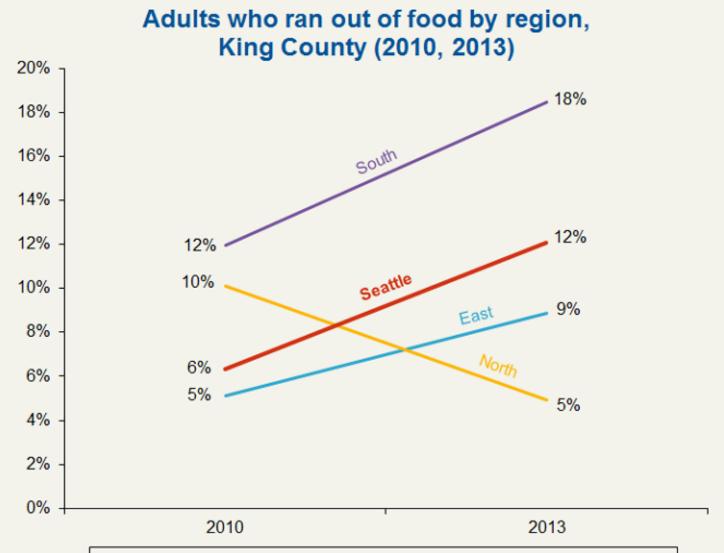


## Story about Place

Food Hardship in King County Regions AUDIENCES: City planners; human services agencies; non-profit organizations; policymakers; philanthropies



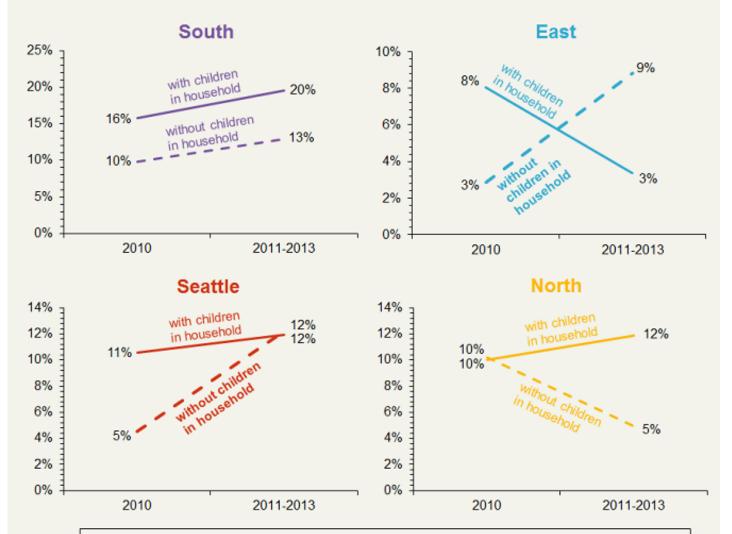




Thicker line for Seattle reflects significant difference between 2010 and 2013 values. Use caution in comparing pre-2011 data with data from later years. Data for "north" does not meet precision standard; interpret with caution. See Notes & Sources for more detail.



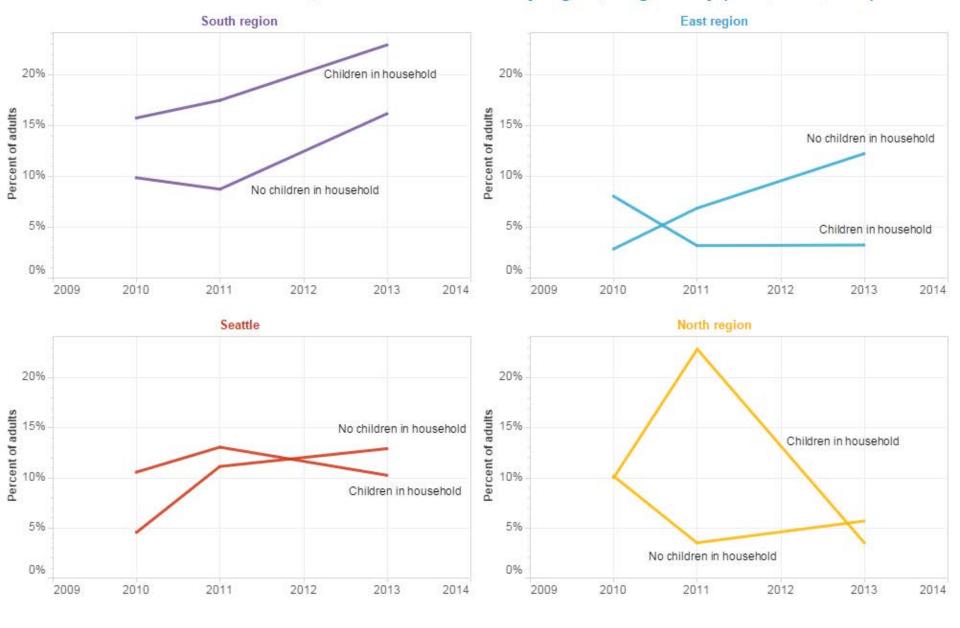
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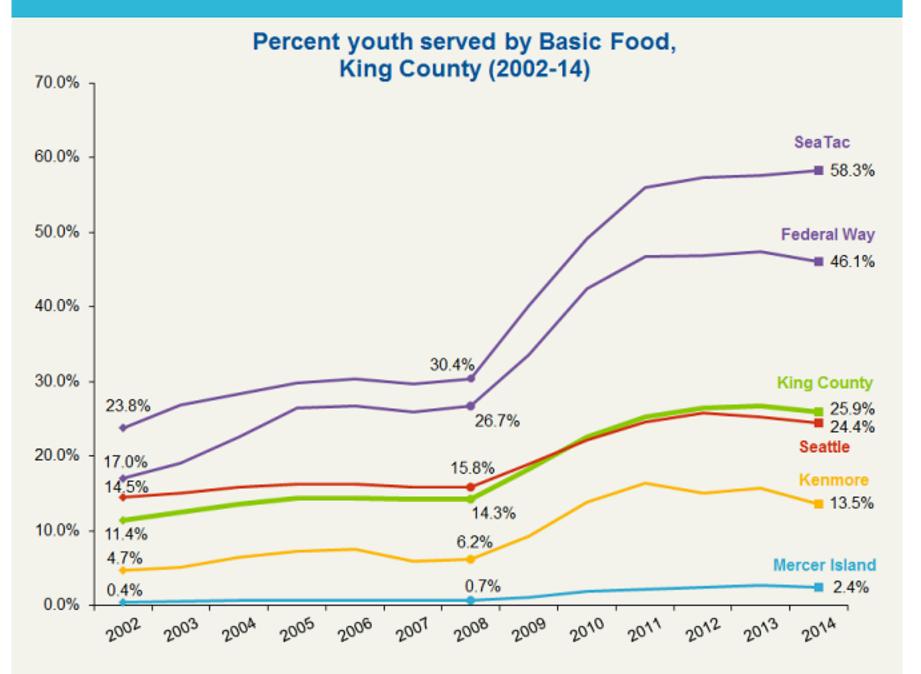
Thicker, dashed lines for "east" and Seattle reflect significant differences between 2010 and 2011-2013 (average) values. Use caution in comparing pre-2011 data with data from later years. Data for "north" does not meet precision standard; interpret with caution. See Notes & Sources for more detail.



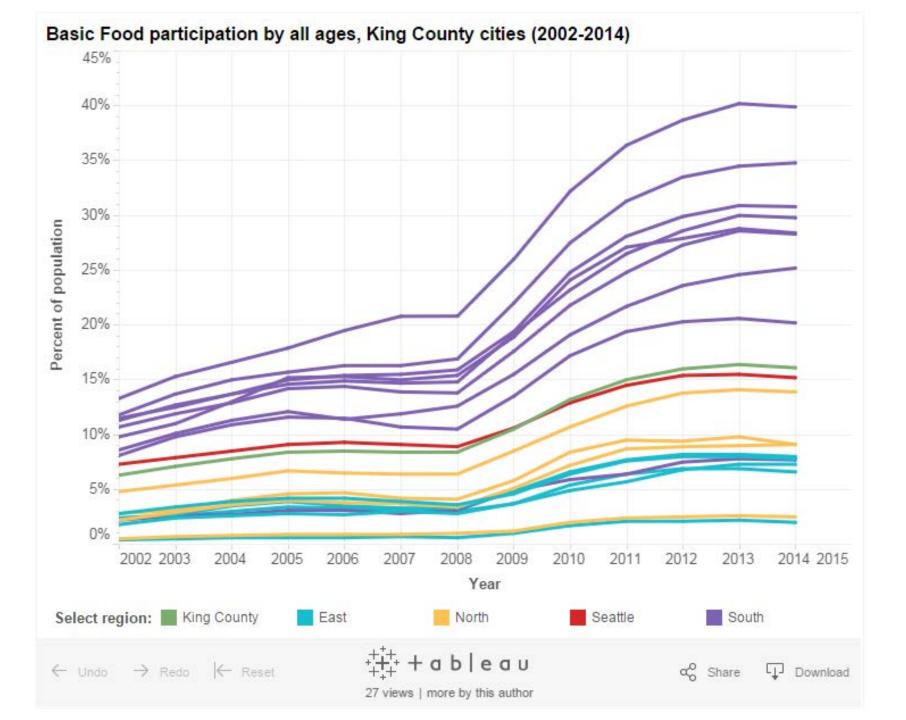
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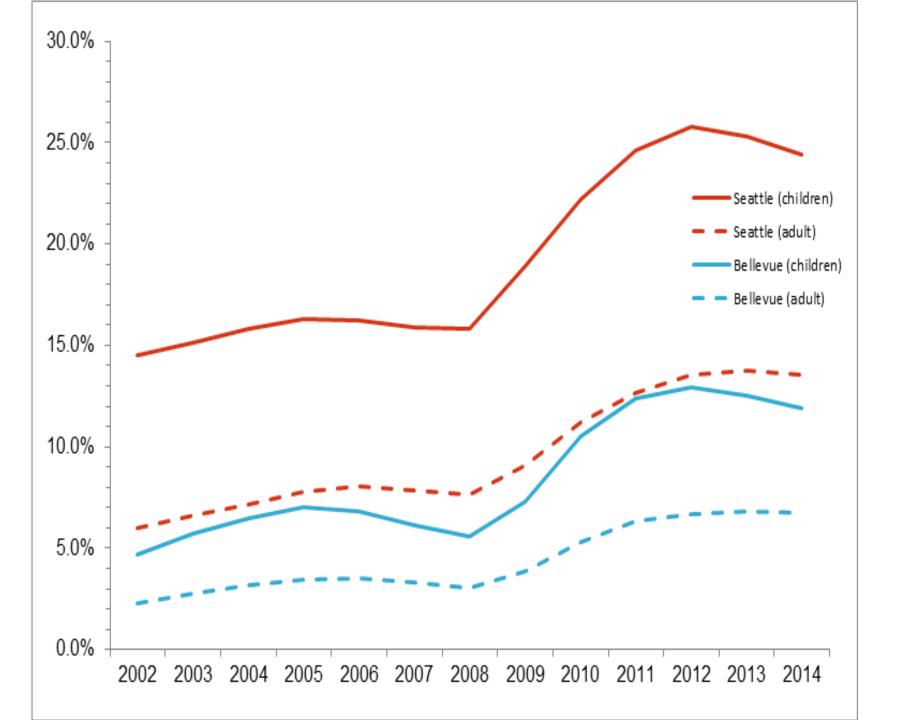






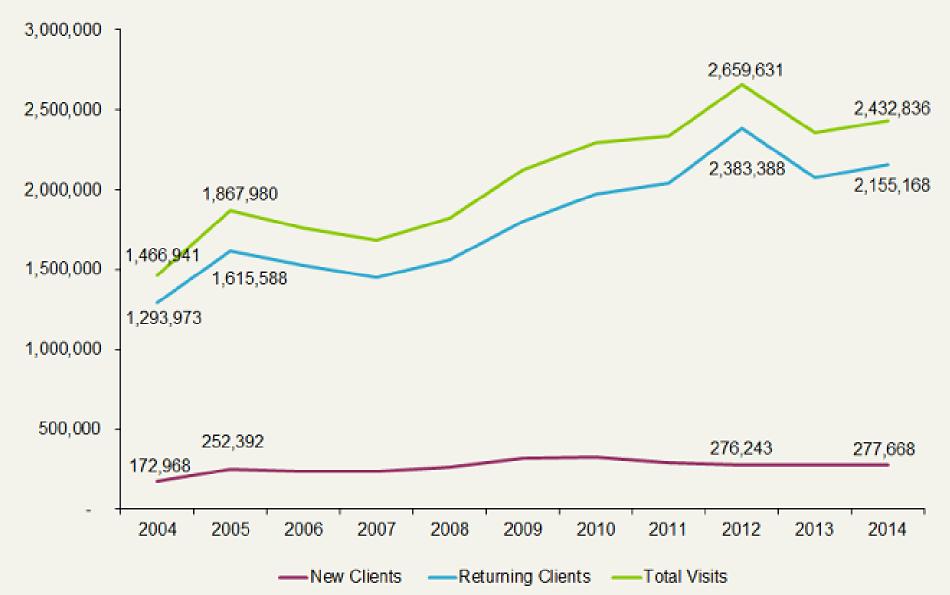












Data Source: Washington State Department of Agriculture, Food Assistance Programs

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Health Reporting Areas (HRA) and 2010 population King County, WA

Auburn, Bellevue, Federal Way, Kent, Renton & Seattle HRAs are divided into neighborhoods.





## Public Health Seattle & King County

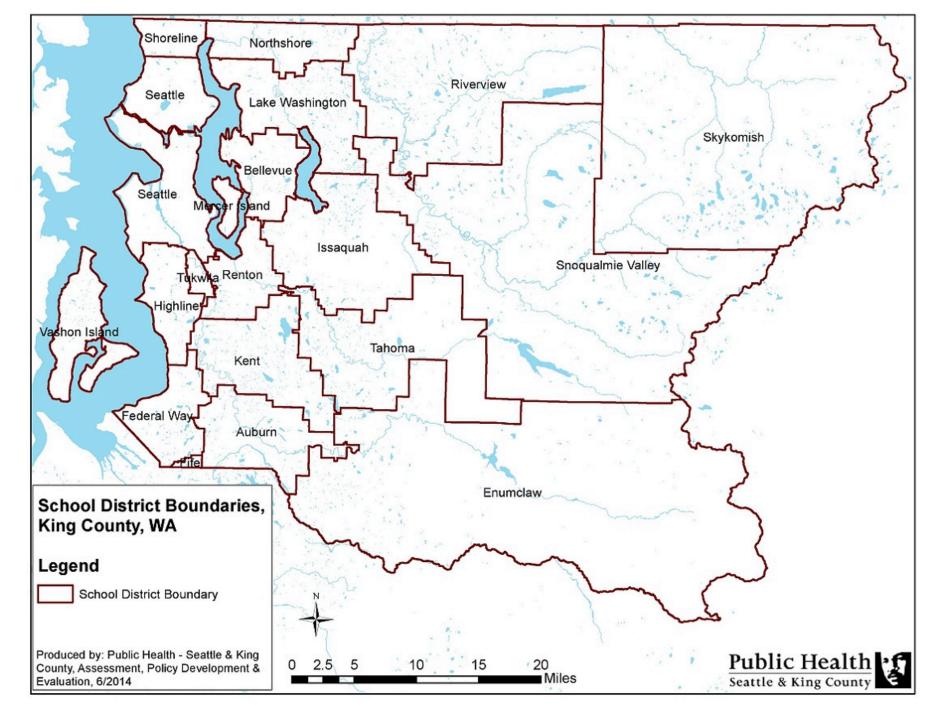
N = 2010 population for each HRA Data source: Intermin Population estimates, PHSKC, APDE 1/2012

Produced by: Public Health-Seattle & King County Assessment, Policy Development & Evaluation

Last Modified 08/2012









Percent of Linguistically Isolated Households by Census Tract, with Cities, King County, 5-year Average 2007-2011

#### Legend

King County border

Cities

#### Percent linguistically isolated



19.4% - 53.9%

9.6% - 19.3%

3.9% - 9.5% 0% - 3.8%

King County average: 6.1%

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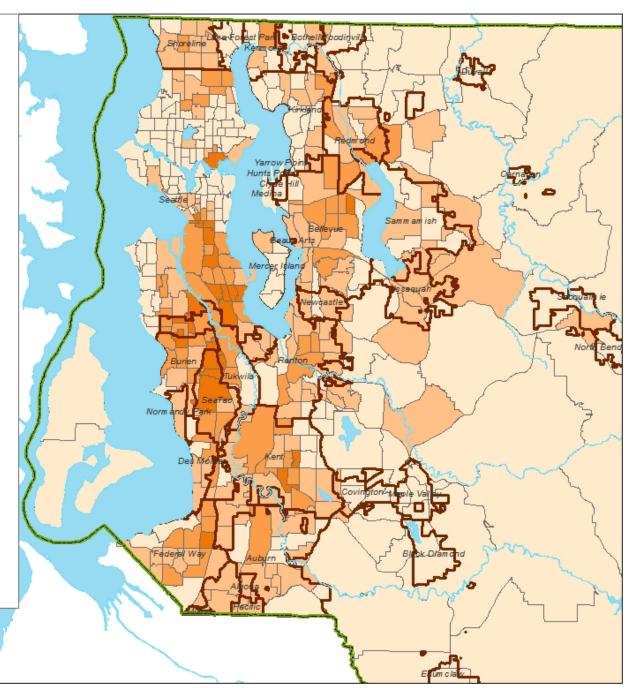




Percent of households in which no one 14 and over speaks English only, or speaks a language other than English at home and speaks English 'very well'

Data Source: US Census Bureau, 2007-2011 American Community Survey

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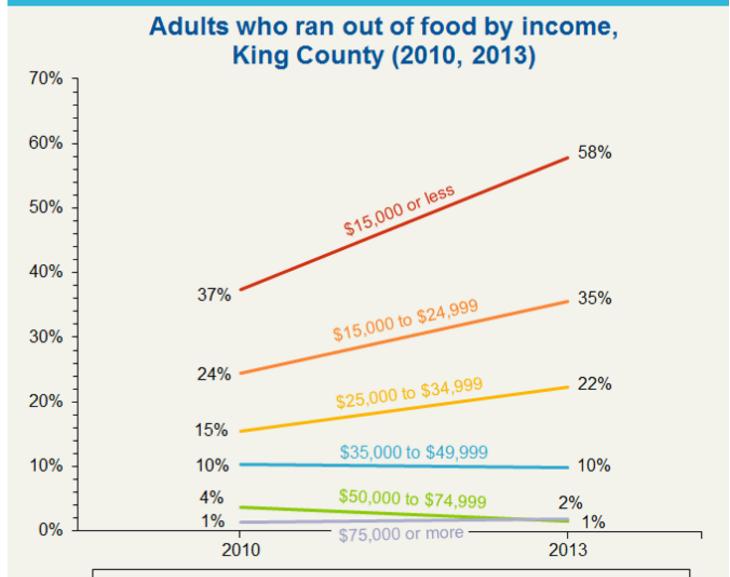


# Story about Economic "Recovery"?

King County Food Hardship Trends by Income & Employment Groups

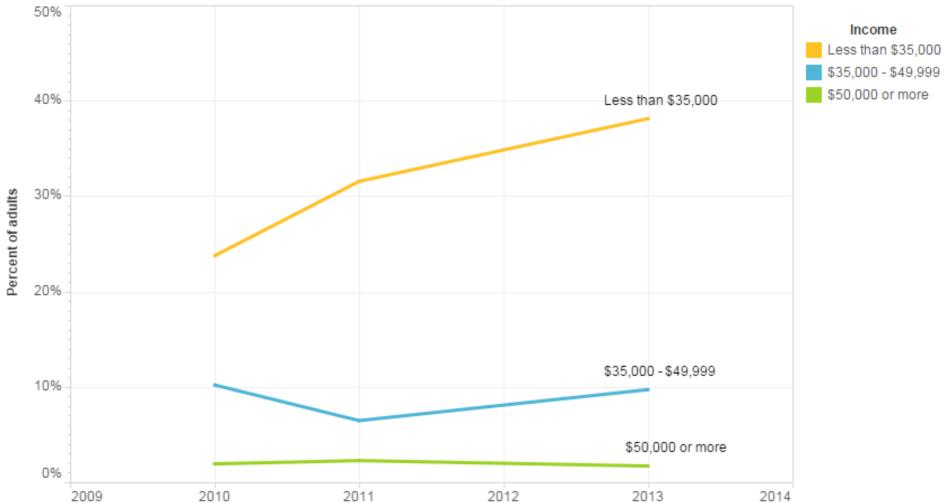
AUDIENCES: Policy makers; human services agencies; non-profit organizations; economists; workforce specialists; educators





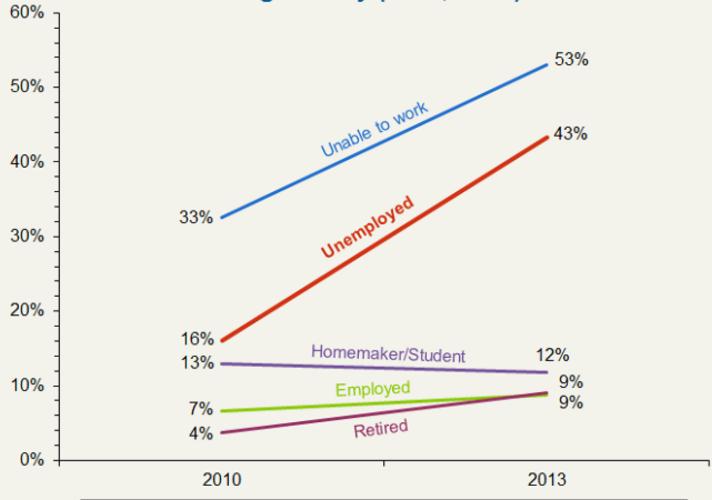
Use caution in comparing pre-2011 data with data from later years. Data for three highest-income groups (>\$35,000) do not meet precision standard; interpret with caution. See Notes & Sources for more detail.

#### Adults who ran out of food by income, King County (2010, 2011, 2013)









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## **Data Access Demo**

- Communities Count
- Community Health Indicators
  - City Health Profiles
  - School District Health Profiles
- LocalScape
- American FactFinder

## **Data Access Limitations**

- Data not shown for group of interest (ex., by city or specific race/ethnicity).
- Data is grouped into "other" category because of small sample size.
- Data sources may be difficult to access (ex., costly, time-consuming, complex).





## Creative approaches to data limitations

- Combine geographic areas, years, age groups, genders to increase sample size.
- Use available data on specific region or subgroup even outside your area.
- Use comparison group with similar characteristics (income, education, age, etc.)
- Use data on related outcomes.
- Collect your own data.
- Ask for help!

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## **Primary Data Collection**

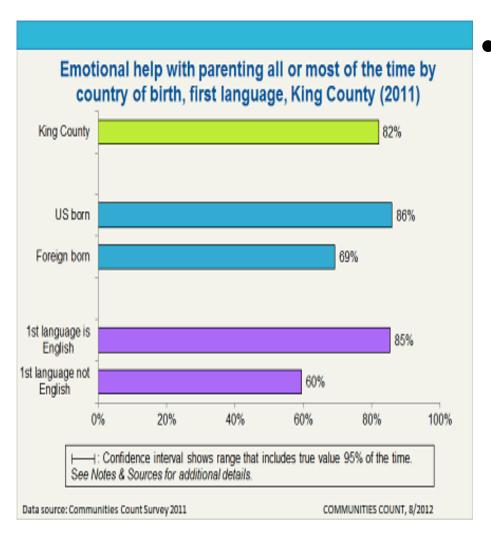
- Data are collected by your team and for a specific issue or community
- One option for filling gaps when data are not available
- Can provide context for local condition when paired with state or national data
- Can be quantitative or qualitative



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## Combining Data in Proposals



- "It helps just to have someone tell you that you're doing a good job ... all these different things that help with temper tantrums and potty training. Just knowing about all these different things - it helps."
  - Teen mom living at her parents' South King County home with her boyfriend and their 2year-old child

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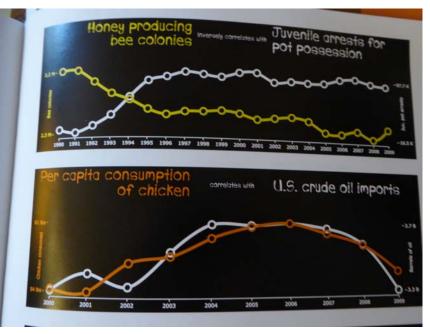
## Three key questions

- ☐ How much did we do?
- ☐ How well did we do it?
- ☐ Is anyone better off?



## You CAN make your case with data!







## **Data Support for Star Trek Project**

## **Project Objective**

- Provide mental health counseling...
  - to Vulcan residents
  - of Gamma Quadrant civilizations.