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Working together
for Colorado's children

Data Methodology

1. Number of Children Living in Poverty

Approximately 488,000 children in Colorado live in low-income families

Methodology:

Calculated from the percent of dependent children (under 18 years of age) who live in above-low-income families. Low income is defined as 200 percent of the federal poverty level, which depends on the size and composition of the family.

Source:

EPE Research Center analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey 2013 1 year estimates (<http://www.edcounts.org/>).

2. School Readiness

In 2014, 72% of all Colorado 3rd graders were proficient and advanced in reading. This is compared to only 57% who participated in the federal free and reduced lunch (FRL) program.

Methodology:

None. Number is directly pulled from source.

Source:

Colorado Department of Education, 2014 TCAP State Summary Results (<http://www.cde.state.co.us/assessment/CoAssess-DataAndResults>).

3. Youth Success

In 2013 Colorado's High School on-time graduation rate was 77% for all students. This is compared to only 64% who participated in the federal free and reduced lunch (FRL) program.

Methodology:

None. Number is directly pulled from source.

Source:

Colorado Department of Education, Graduation Data for the Class of 2012-2013 (<http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdereval/gradcurrent>).



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4. Family Economic Security

Approximately 280,000 (49%) of Colorado's families with children live below the self-sufficiency standard.

Methodology:

Calculations based on multiple self-sufficiency standard income thresholds by family type. Identified thresholds are an average across geographic areas.

Source:

U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey 2013 1 year Public Use Microdata Sample, and Economic Policy Institute Family Budget Calculator 2013 (<http://www.epi.org/resources/budget/>).

5. Community and Economic Development

According to the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment 70% of the job growth from 2013 – 2023 will be in occupations with entry level positions paying less than \$36,000, or 200% of the federal poverty limit, and far below the self-sufficiency standard. Occupations with the mean paying less than \$36,000 will comprise 40% of the job growth.

Methodology:

Calculations based on sum of the projected growth of occupations with less than \$36,000 entry level earnings divided by total projected job growth.

Source:

Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) Program (<https://www.colmigateway.com/vosnet/analyzer/results.aspx?session=ocproj>)