

# Human & Social Services

Focus area renamed from  
*Quality of Life & Livability*

## Why it's important

Human and social services delivered through government agencies and community organizations help protect and support a city's vulnerable populations. Effective human and social service delivery can benefit many other areas including public health, neighborhood and downtown vitality, and education.

## Topics

- Homelessness
- Clothing
- Child care
- Senior care
- Food access
- Crisis and counseling

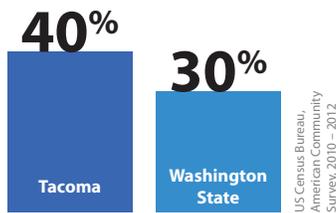
## Key Facts

### Homelessness



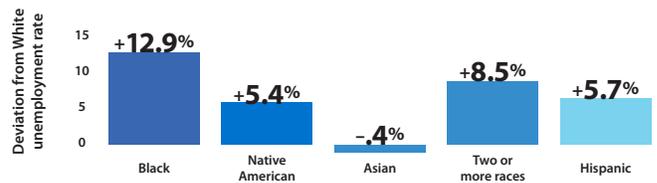
Each month in 2011, nearly 1,500 people affected by homelessness requested support services in Pierce County.

### Single parent family households



Percentage wise, there are more single parent households in Tacoma than there are statewide.

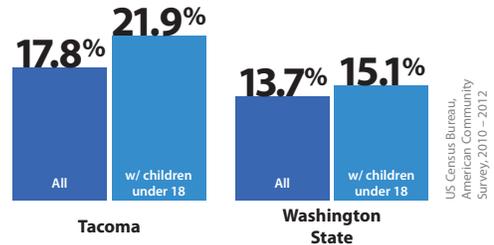
### Unemployment rate



Unemployment rates are higher among most of Tacoma's racial and ethnic minorities.

US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2010 - 2012. The Census considers "Hispanic" as separate from race. In the graphic, "White" refers to White, non-Hispanic individuals, while "Hispanic" refers to Hispanic or Latino individuals of any race.

### Poverty



Nearly one-fifth of Tacoma residents live in poverty; families with children are even more vulnerable.

## How are the City and its partners responding?



Establishing an emergency youth center in Tacoma



Partnering with McCarver Elementary School to support families facing homelessness



Helping at-risk individuals and families access public assistance services



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