

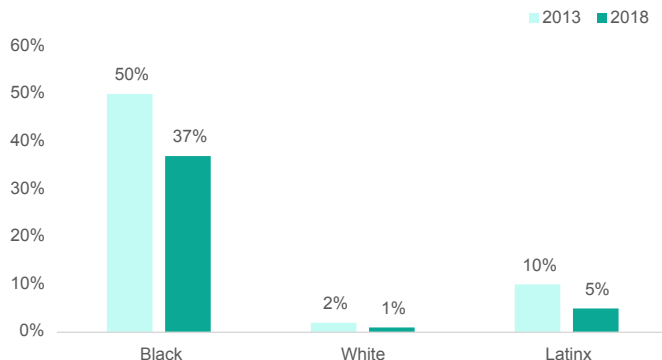


While DC’s child poverty rate decreased, it continues to be highest for Black residents.

- Roughly 9 out of 10 of the children living in poverty are Black.
- Gender also plays a role in child poverty. While almost half of children (46%) raised by single women are in poverty, only 24% of children raised by single men and 5% raised by married couples are living in poverty.
- Racism continues to drive the economic divide in the District. White families earn nearly four times (\$208,600) as much as Black families (\$54,800), and three times as much as Latinx families (\$73,100).

Most DC Children Living in High Poverty Communities are Black

More than one-third of Black children live in census tracts with overall poverty rates above 30 percent.

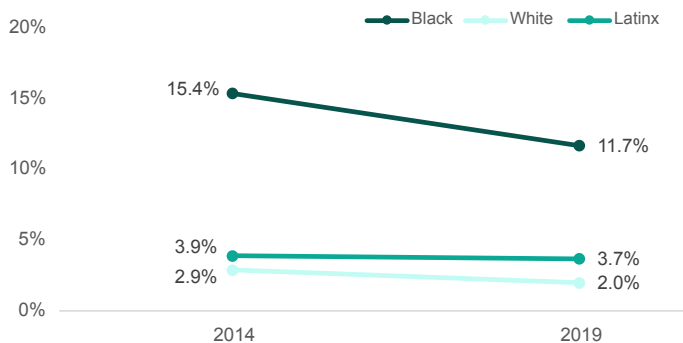


Prior to the pandemic, unemployment fell for some.

- The pandemic has reversed years of progress that saw DC’s unemployment rate fall from 7.8% in 2014 to 5.6% in 2019. Still huge gaps remained as DC’s Black unemployment level was over twice the District’s rates.
- Youth unemployment is 14.8% which is over 2.5 times the overall DC unemployment rate. An estimated 6,000 16- to 24-year-olds in the workforce were unemployed in the year prior to the pandemic.
- In September 2019, 13,125 households, including 21,751 children, received benefits through the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program.

DC Lowered Unemployment Rates Prior to the Pandemic, but Huge Gaps Still Remained

DOES annual unemployment rates for all DC residents in the workforce by race for the year prior to the COVID-19 pandemic and five years prior.

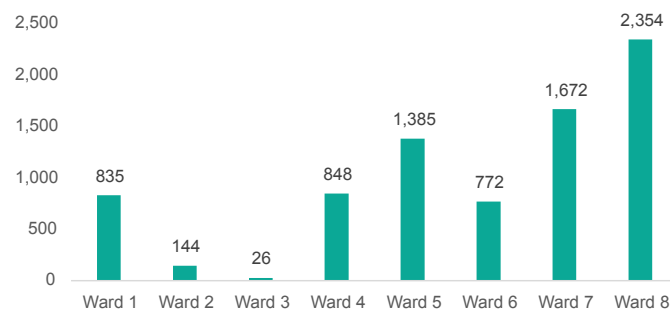


The threat of housing insecurity persists.

- On a single night in January 2020, the official count found 1,420 homeless children in DC families.
- The official point in time count misses many, including families who are “doubled up” (e.g. on a friend’s couch). In the 2018-19 school year, DC public schools reported 7,728 homeless students, more than double the 2013-14 school year.
- The point in time count also misses unaccompanied youth. Youth Count in 2019 counted 1,306 unaccompanied homeless youth under the age of 25, of which 9 of 10 are Black. Almost half of the youth (43%) are parents.

Wards Where DC’s Homeless Students Attend Public Schools

Individual school data from the DC School Report Card may include some students twice as they move between schools making the ward-level count higher than the 7,728 overall District-level count (SY2018-19).



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ECONOMIC JUSTICE

POVERTY & INCOME

	TRENDS			RACE		
	PREVIOUS	RECENT	STATUS	BLACK	WHITE	LATINX
ALL RESIDENTS - POVERTY RATE <i>Percent of DC residents living below the Federal poverty line.</i>	19%	17%	●	26%	6%	14%
ALL CHILDREN - POVERTY RATE <i>Percent of children under 18 living below the Federal poverty line.</i>	29%	25%	●	37%	2%	17%
CHILDREN UNDER 5 - POVERTY RATE <i>Percent of children under age 5 living below the Federal poverty line.</i>	26%	21%	●	37%	0%	16%
CHILDREN LIVING IN HIGH POVERTY COMMUNITIES <i>Percent of children living in census tracts with overall poverty rates above 30 percent.</i>	33%	23%	●	37%	1%	5%
CHILDREN RAISED BY SINGLE WOMEN LIVING IN POVERTY <i>Percent of children raised by single women who live below the poverty line.</i>	46%	46%	●	-	-	-
CHILDREN RAISED BY MARRIED COUPLES LIVING IN POVERTY <i>Percent of children raised by married couples who live below the poverty line.</i>	5%	5%	●	-	-	-
MEDIAN INCOME - ALL FAMILIES <i>Median income for all families with or without children.</i>	\$79,700	\$105,000	32%	\$54,800	\$208,600	\$73,100
MEDIAN INCOME - FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN <i>Median income for families with children.</i>	\$58,400	\$88,900	52%	-	-	-

EMPLOYMENT

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE <i>Percent of DC residents in the workforce, 2019 (previous 2014).</i>	7.8%	5.6%	●	11.7%	2.0%	3.7%
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HOUSING

HIGH HOUSING BURDEN <i>Percent of DC residents spending more than 30% of their monthly income on rent, mortgage payments, taxes, insurance, or related expenses.</i>	40%	35%	●	-	-	-
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HOMELESSNESS

OFFICIAL COUNT <i>Number of "homeless" children in DC families on a single night, January 2020 (previous 2015). This excludes children whose families are doubled up and unaccompanied youth.</i>	2,049	1,420	●	-	-	-
PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS <i>OSSE reported number of homeless students, SY 2018-19 (previous SY 2013-14).</i>	3,772	7,728	●	-	-	-
ALL UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH <i>Youth Count reported number of unaccompanied homeless youth age 24 and younger, 2019 (previous 2015).</i>	1,550	1,306	●	89%	NOT REPORTED	9%
NON-PARENTING UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH <i>Youth Count reported number and percent of unaccompanied homeless youth age 24 and younger who are not parenting, 2019 (previous 2015).</i>	545	742	●	85%	NOT REPORTED	13%
PARENTING UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH <i>Youth Count reported number and percent of unaccompanied homeless parenting youth up age 24 and younger, 2019 (previous 2015).</i>	1,005	564	●	94%	NOT REPORTED	4%
CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE <i>Number of children entering foster care, 2019 (previous 2014).</i>	403	387	●	311	1	66

LEGEND

Improving (●) Neutral Impact (●) Getting Worse (●) Change (%) Data Not Available (-).

Unless otherwise noted, is based on the most recently available data which for most measures is the 2014-2018 5-year average (previous data 2009-2013).

Individuals who are Black and Latinx may be counted in both groups.

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REFERENCES

Economic Justice

Many measures in this section use American Community Survey (ACS) 2014-2018 5-year averages (and, where there is a longitudinal comparison, the “previous” value is the 2009-2013 5-year average). They also appear in the Kids Counts data portal, where you can find detailed citations to the specific ACS tables used in the data portal and in this report.

- Child poverty
- Children under 5 in poverty
- Child poverty by family structure
- All age poverty by race
- Median family income by race
- Median family income for children with families
- Children in high -poverty communities
- High housing cost burden

Of the remaining Economic Justice measures, the sources are as follows:

- Unemployment rates by race are from the DC Department of Employment Services (DOES) annual reports from FY2019 and 2015 (covering 2014 data), available at <https://does.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/does/publication/attachments/DOES%20ANNUAL%20REPORT%202019%20WEB%20%28reduced%29.pdf> and https://does.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/does/publication/attachments/LMI%20Annual%20Report_r3.pdf, respectively.
- Youth unemployment rates are from U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Expanded State Employment Status Demographic Data, available at <https://www.bls.gov/lau/ex14tables.htm>. The data pulled are specifically about the civilian workforce, though that is not specified in the body of this report.
- TANF enrollment numbers were provided by DC’s Department of Human Services.
- The count of homeless children is the “literally homeless” children number from the Metropolitan Washington Council of Government’s annual Homelessness in Metropolitan Washington: Results and Analysis from the Annual Point-in-Time (PIT) Count of Homeless Persons report.
- The count of homeless students in 2018-19 is from the Office of the State Superintendent’s Homeless Education Program Statistics & Reports annual count available at <https://osse.dc.gov/page/homeless-education-program-statistics-reports>. The 2013-14 number is from the National Center for Homeless Education’s Federal Data Summary available at <https://nche.ed.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/data-comp-1314-1516.pdf>.
- All Youth Counts data points are from the annual presentation (and accompanying data set) shared by The Community Partnership.
- The data on the number and race of children in foster care in 2019 pull from the Children and Family Services Agency’s data dashboard available at <https://cfsadashboard.dc.gov>. The “previous” 2014 number was provided by CFSA.



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