

Community Action in Missouri:

Helping People and Changing Lives through
Energy Assistance and Weatherization



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Presentation Overview

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3. Living Near the Line – An Average Missouri Family
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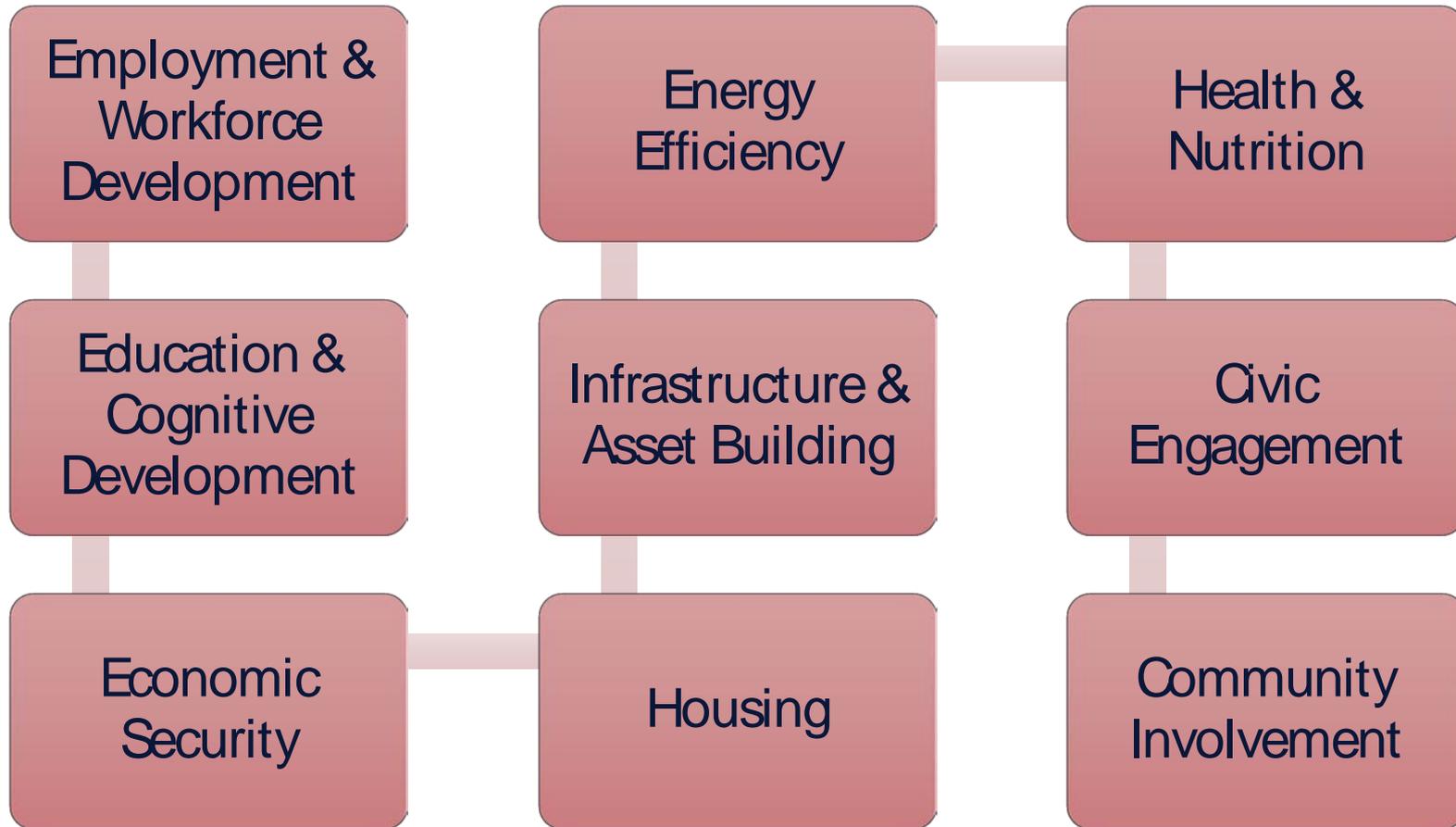


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Helping People, Changing Lives



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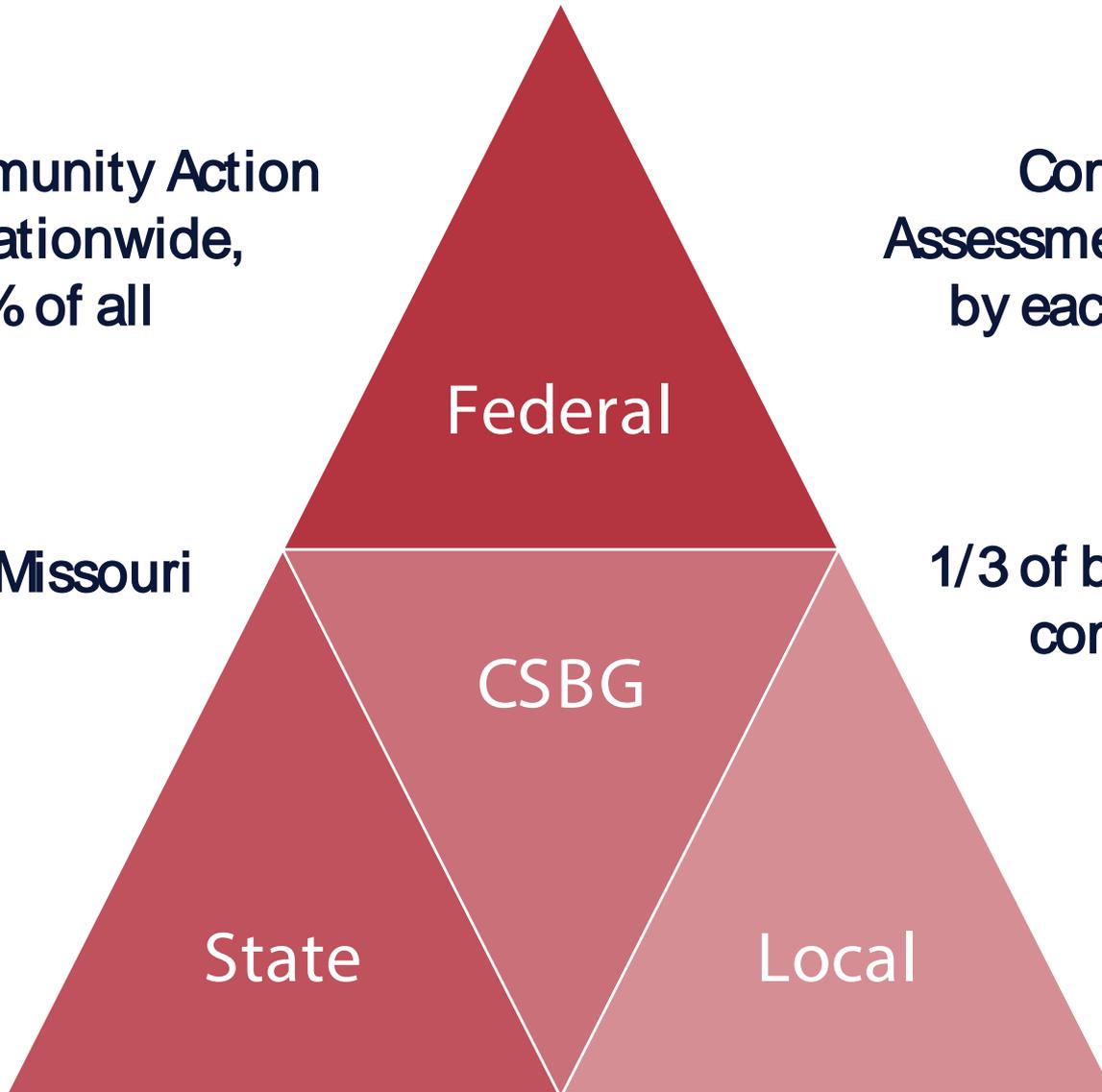
What is Community Action?

1,000 Community Action Agencies nationwide, serving 99% of all counties

19 CAAs in Missouri

Community Needs Assessments conducted by each agency every three years

1/3 of board members comprised of low-income reps



Who is Missouri CAN?

We are the statewide association of Community Action Agencies, Allies and Supporters united to end poverty.

Our Vision:

A state where all people and communities thrive.

Our Mission:

To advocate for low-income Missourians and strengthen the Community Action Network.





Missouri Community Action Network

Helping People + Changing Lives
in all 114 Missouri counties plus the City of St. Louis

Statewide Reach

Missouri Community Action Network—Missouri CAN—is the statewide association of Community Action Agencies, Allies and Supporters united to help people and change lives.

Local Impact

Missouri's 19 nonprofit Community Action Agencies provide localized, direct services to low-income Missourians.

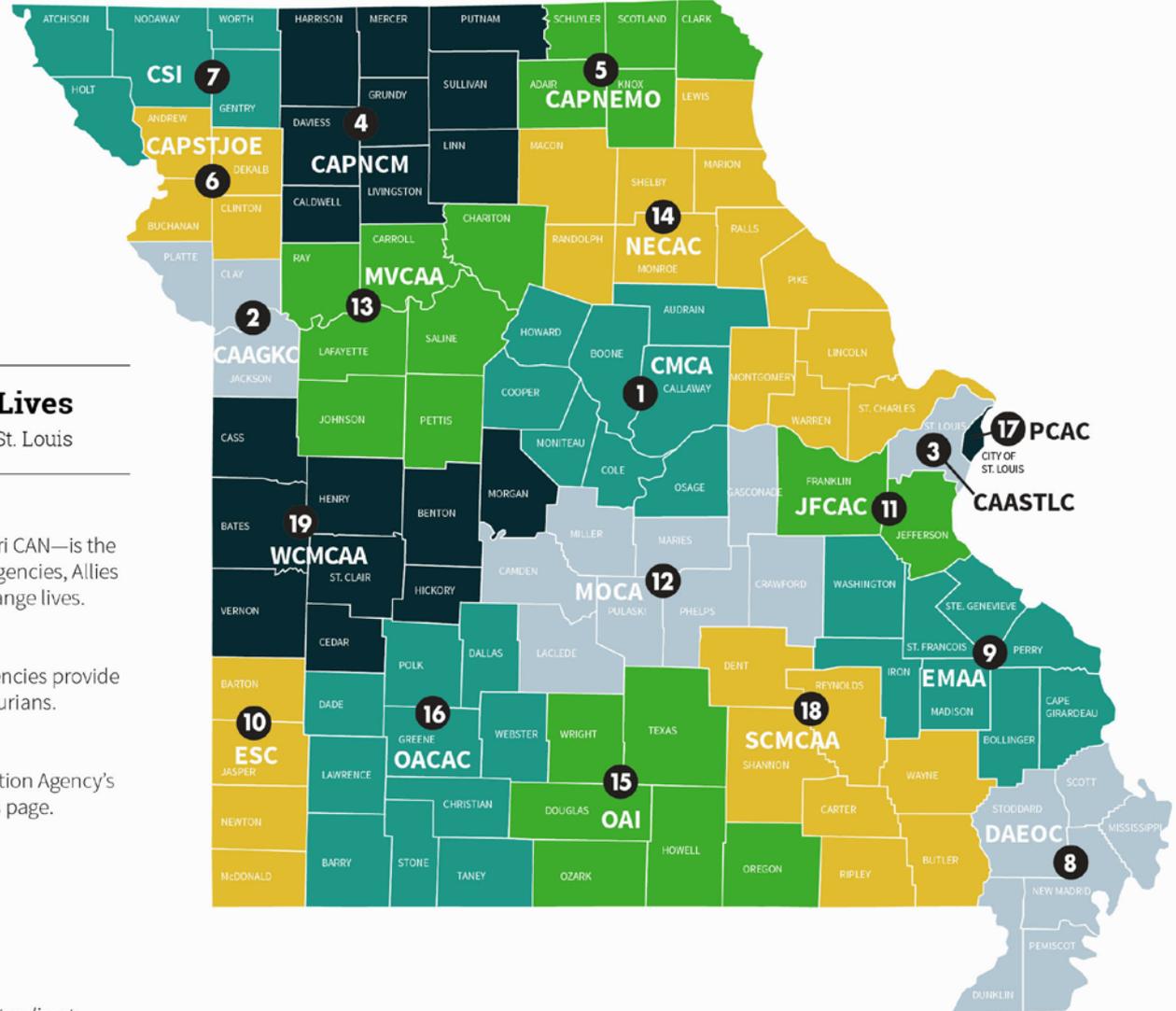
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Use this map to find your local Community Action Agency's contact information on the reverse side of this page.

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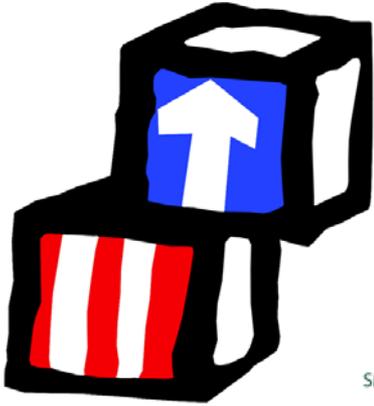
Five Key Elements of Poverty



1. Economic & Family Security
2. Education
3. Food & Nutrition
4. Healthcare
5. Housing & Energy



How Do We Help People + Change Lives?



Making a Difference in Missouri

1. 41% of families served in Missouri were classified as being in severe poverty, or below 50% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.
2. Community Action Agencies provided services to 264,902 Missourians in FFY17. That's approximately 4% of all Missourians.
3. For every \$1 of CSBG funding, the Missouri Network leveraged \$13.57 from federal, state, local, and private sources, including volunteer hours.



Living Near the Line



Meet An Average Missouri Family



The Family



Rob and Stacy both work.



Carson is in 4th grade at the local public school.



Amy is 3 and enrolled in pre-school.



Working Hours + Minimum Wage

Rob works full time for 40 hours a week.
Stacy works part time for 30 hours a week.



Both adults only earn minimum wage:

\$8.60 per hour



Gross Annual Income



That's

\$31,304

gross income per year.



Federal Poverty Line

Which is more than

\$25,750

—the federal poverty line for a family of four.



Based on average costs, let's see how
our working family does.

\$31,304



Can You Make It Work?

- Could our family of four survive on minimum wage?
- How much money do they bring home?
- What are common expenses our family must consider?



Housing



Per month, Average Fair Market Rent for a 2 bedroom unit in Missouri is \$832.

Annual housing cost for our family is

\$9,984

\$21,320



Food + Nutrition



Per month, the low-cost food plan for a family of four in Missouri is around \$853.90.

Annual food costs add up to

\$10,246.80

\$11,073.20



Childcare



Amy's preschool averages around \$15 a day,
enabling both Stacy and Rob to work.

Annual child care cost totals

\$3,900

\$7,173.20



Healthcare



Rob has employer-sponsored family health care. The monthly premiums are \$476 per month.

Annual total of

\$5,712

\$1,461.20



Utilities



Energy costs for families earning under \$30,000 per year average 26%. Our family's energy burden per year is 22%.

Annual energy costs are

\$6,886.88

-\$5,425.68



The Bottom Line



Having accounted for housing, food, energy, childcare and healthcare, our Missouri family, who is above the poverty line, must pay

\$5,425.68

more than they earn each year.



This does not include...

transportation
to work

school
supplies

clothing

hygiene

retirement

emergencies



Living Near the Line



It's not just our family.

Missouri has

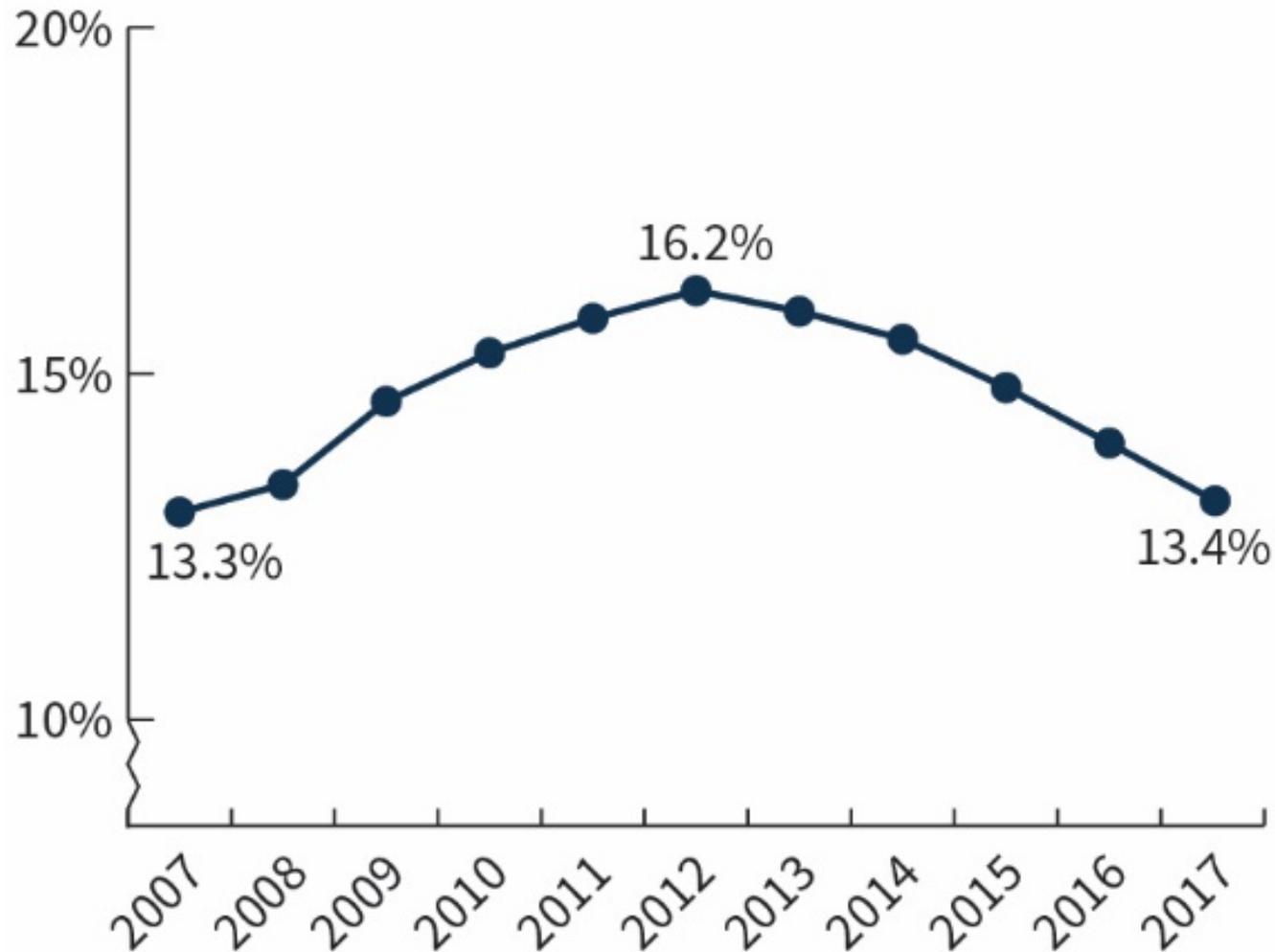
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individuals who live below the poverty line.

And countless other families live in similar situations as Stacy and Rob.



Poverty in Missouri

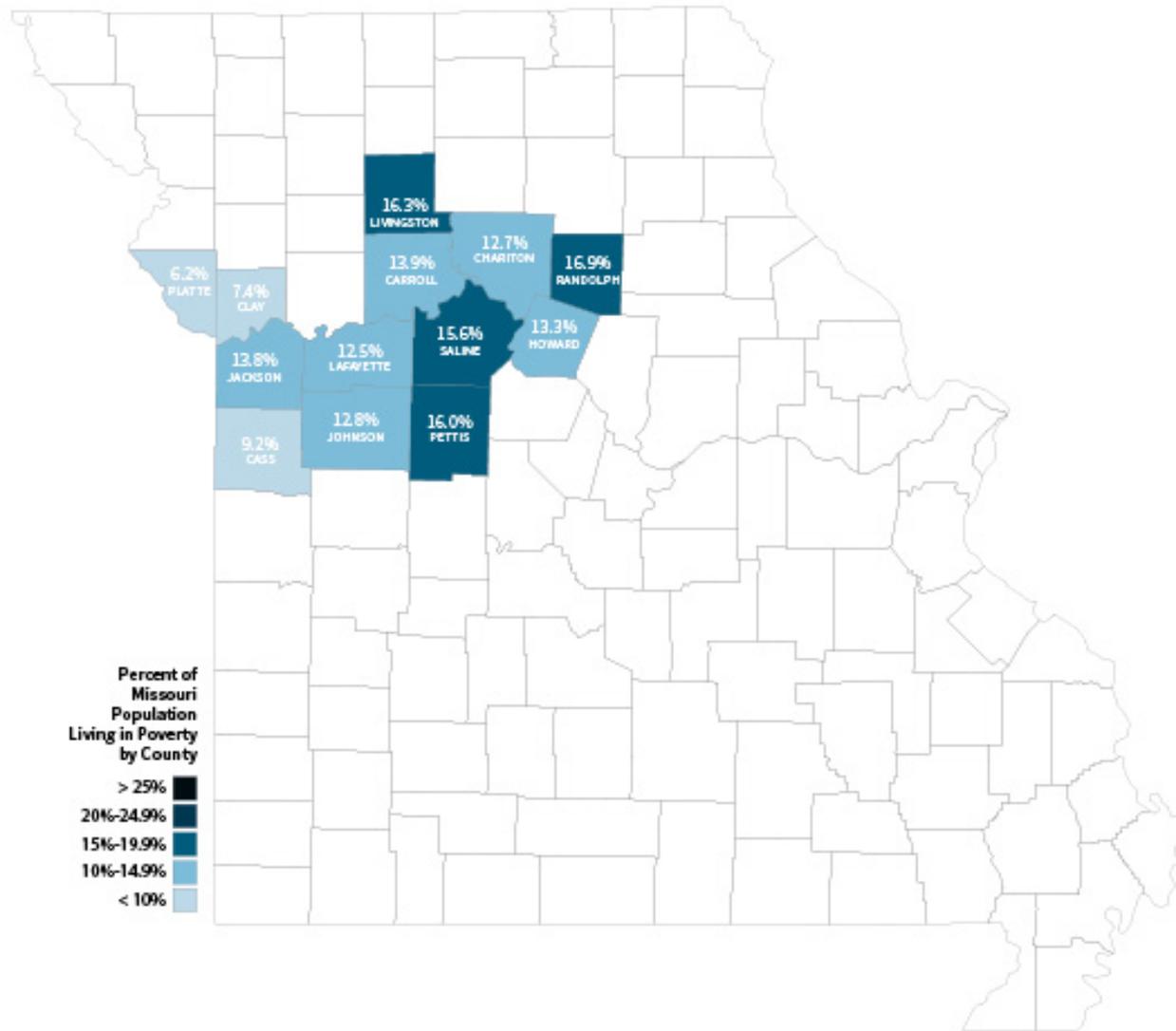


Poverty Defined

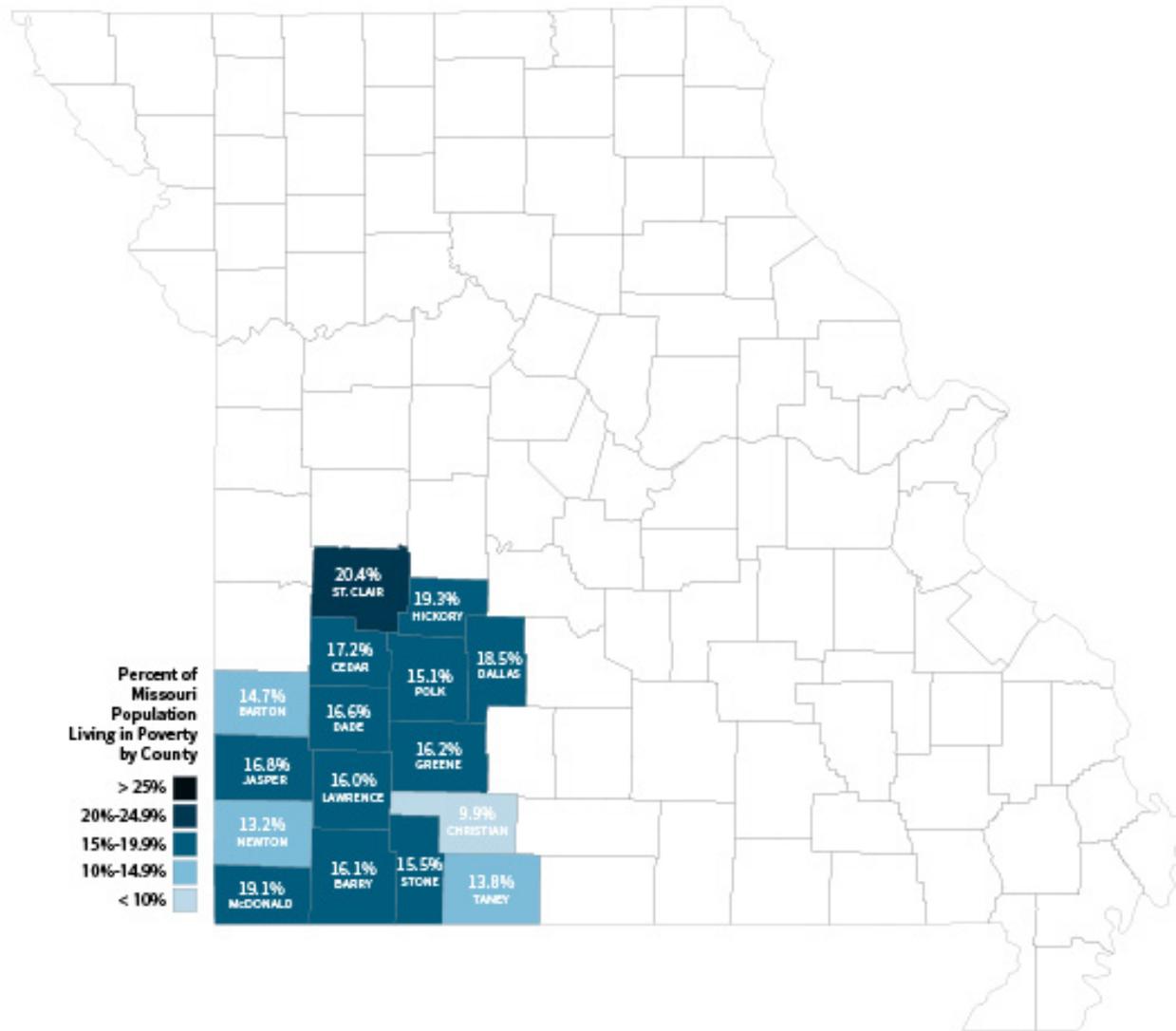
<u>Official Poverty Rate</u>	<u>Supplemental Poverty Measure (SPM)</u>
Developed in the early 1960s when President Lyndon Johnson declared war on poverty	Developed in 2010 by the Census Bureau
Uses three times the cost of a minimum diet to establish poverty rate	Estimates cost of food, clothing, shelter, and utilities; then adds 20% for other expenses
Same in all regions	Adjusted for cost of living in different regions
Does not account for assistance provided by government programs	Takes into consideration the influence of government support



Poverty Rate by County – KCP&L Counties



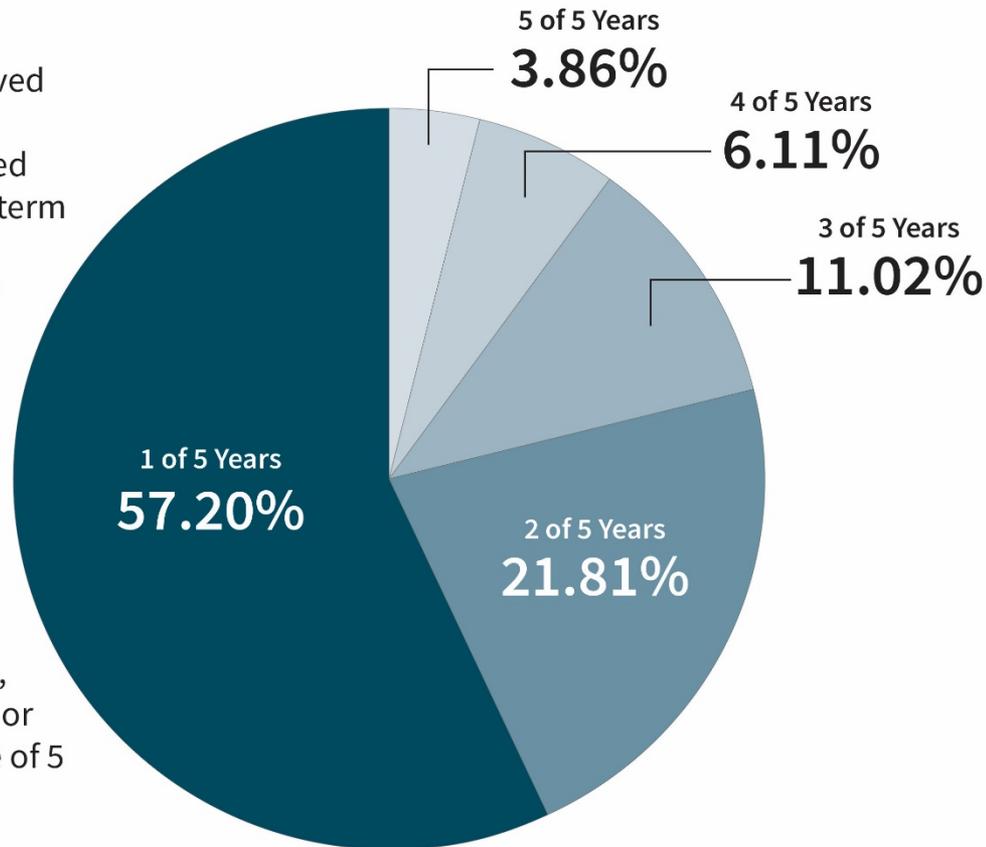
Poverty Rate by County – Empire Counties



LIHEAP

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LiHEAP)

Of the 165,403 unique households who received assistance, the vast majority (79%) accessed the program for short-term situations, having received benefits in only one or two of the past five years. Only 4% of households received Emergency Crisis Intervention Program funds every year, and of those households, 75% are considered vulnerable, with disabled, elderly, or children under the age of 5 in the household.



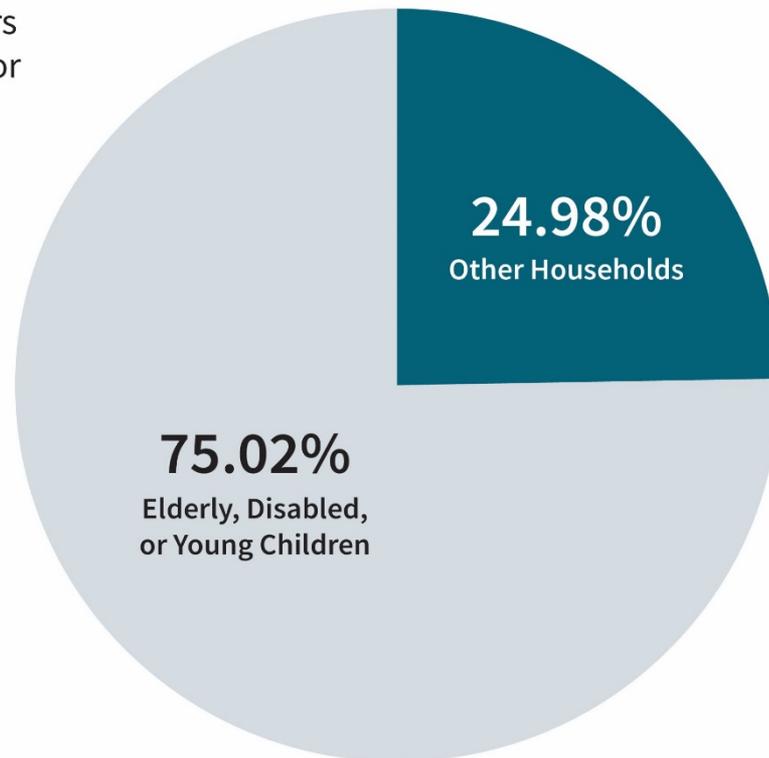
Source: Missouri Community Action Network 5 Year LiHEAP Data, 2013-2017



LIHEAP

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LiHEAP)

The majority of households participating in LiHEAP for five of the last five years had elderly, disabled, or young children.



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LIWAP – Weatherization



1,414

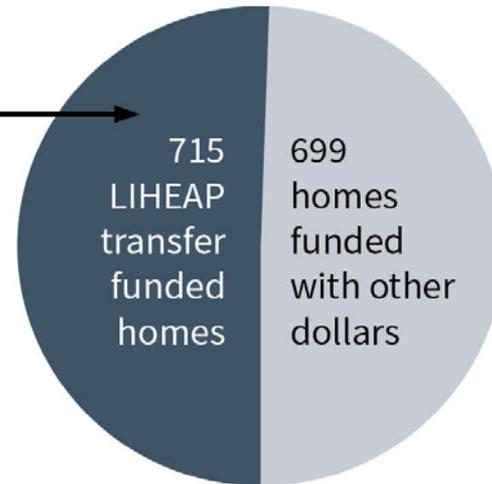
**Homes weatherized
in FY2018**

In FY2018, Community Action weatherized a total of 1,414 homes across Missouri at an average cost of \$9,788.82 per home. The LIHEAP transfer to weatherization provided \$7 million to the Weatherization Assistance Program and funded the weatherization of 715 homes.



LIWAP – Weatherization

715 homes were weatherized through the LIHEAP transfer to weatherization. That's 50.6% of the total homes weatherized in Missouri.



LIWAP – Weatherization



For every \$1.00 spent on the Weatherization program, \$2.78 is returned to the local economy. That's a

278% ROI



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Vision

A state where all people and communities thrive.

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