



Restore Economic Mobility for Hoosier Families



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Hoosiers in Poverty

- **Nearly 1,000,000** Hoosiers in poverty
 - ✦ 5th largest increase in U.S. since 2000
 - ✦ More than all neighbor states since Great Recession
- **2.24 million** low-income Hoosiers
 - ✦ 5th largest increase in U.S. since 2000
- **45.9% of children** are low-income
 - ✦ More than all neighbor states, including Kentucky

Working Harder For Less



- **28%** of jobs in occupations that pay poverty wages
 - ✦ More than all neighbor states – including Kentucky
- **5.2%** earn minimum wage
 - ✦ Less than all neighbors – tied with Kentucky
- The median hourly wage: **\$15.24**
 - ✦ Less than all neighbor states – excluding Kentucky
- **6th Highest Income Gap** in the nation between 1990 and mid 2000's

Broken Rungs



- **Unemployment Benefits**

- Just 20% of unemployed Hoosiers were receiving unemployment insurance benefits in 2012 – 42nd least generous in U.S.

- **Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)**

- During the height of the Great Recession (from 2007 – 2011), the number of unemployed Hoosiers increased by 92.1% while TANF decreased by 51%.

- **Food Stamps (SNAP)**

- Despite nearly leading the nation in increased poverty and low-income individuals, SNAP participation increased by 50% in Indiana – compared to 70% nationally.

- **Child Care Development Fund (CCDF)**

- Cliff Effect

A Poverty Trap



Infographic Video

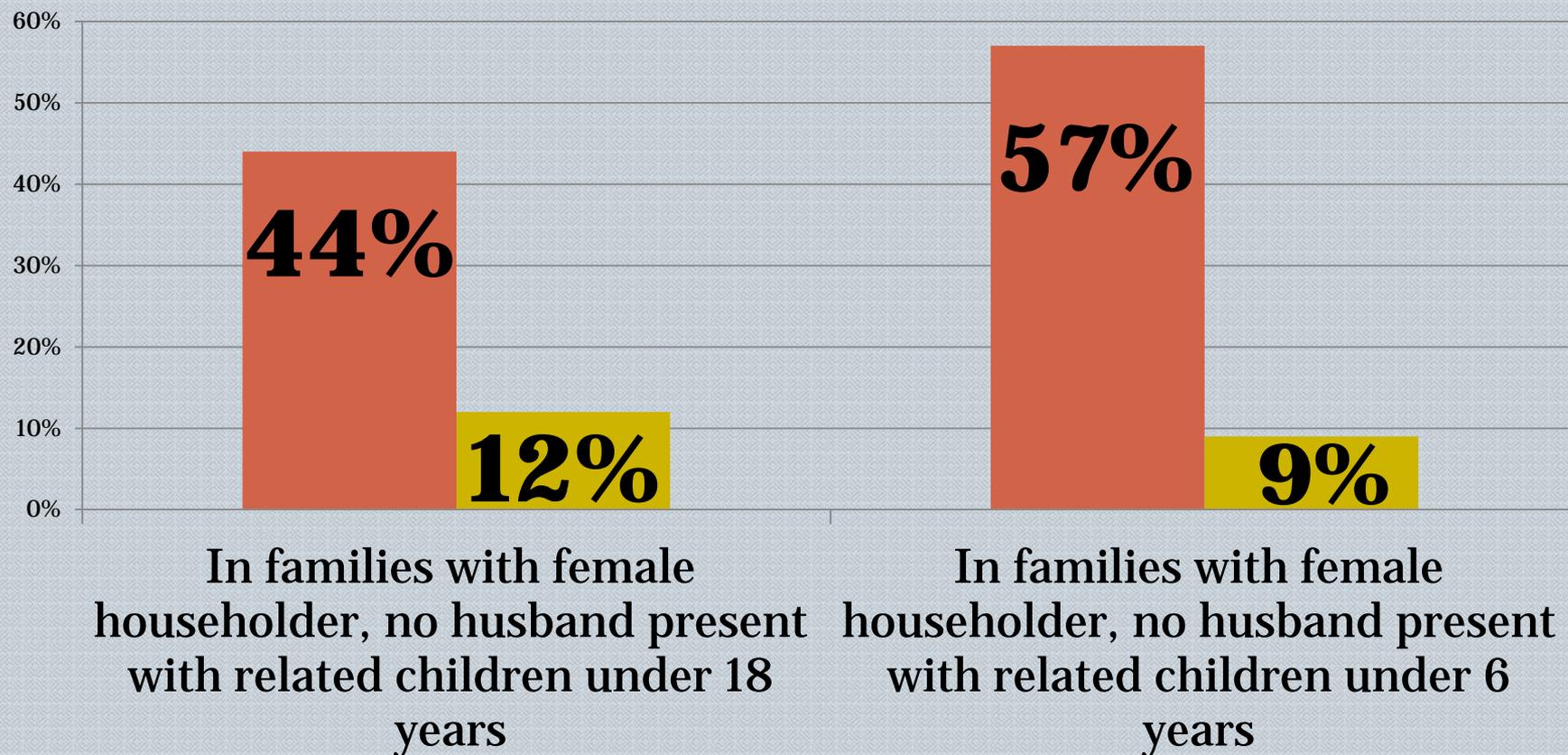


Reason For Not Working



■ **Home or Family Reasons**

■ **Could Not Find Work**



Hoosier Families Need a Toolbox (too)



Policy makers should begin to provide a toolbox for families to begin to restore the promise of economic mobility. This toolbox should:

- **Reward** hard working Hoosiers by ensuring they share in economic growth;
- **Strengthen** work support programs for our most vulnerable citizens and ultimately;
- **Equip** all Hoosiers with the opportunity to obtain the skills necessary in order to attract high-paying, quality jobs that are necessary for a family's economic self-sufficiency.

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