

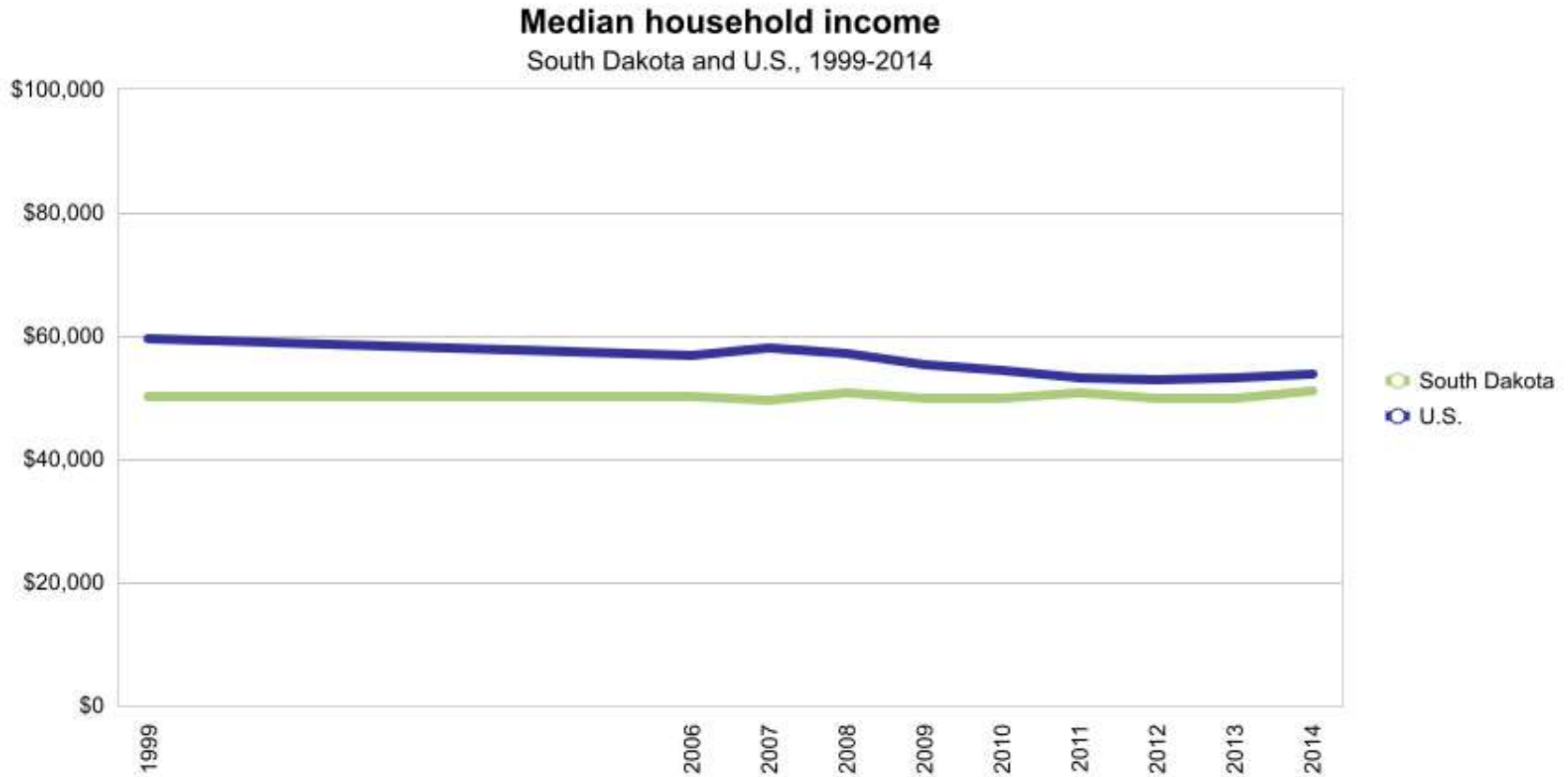
Focusing on Prosperity

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Focus on the Economy

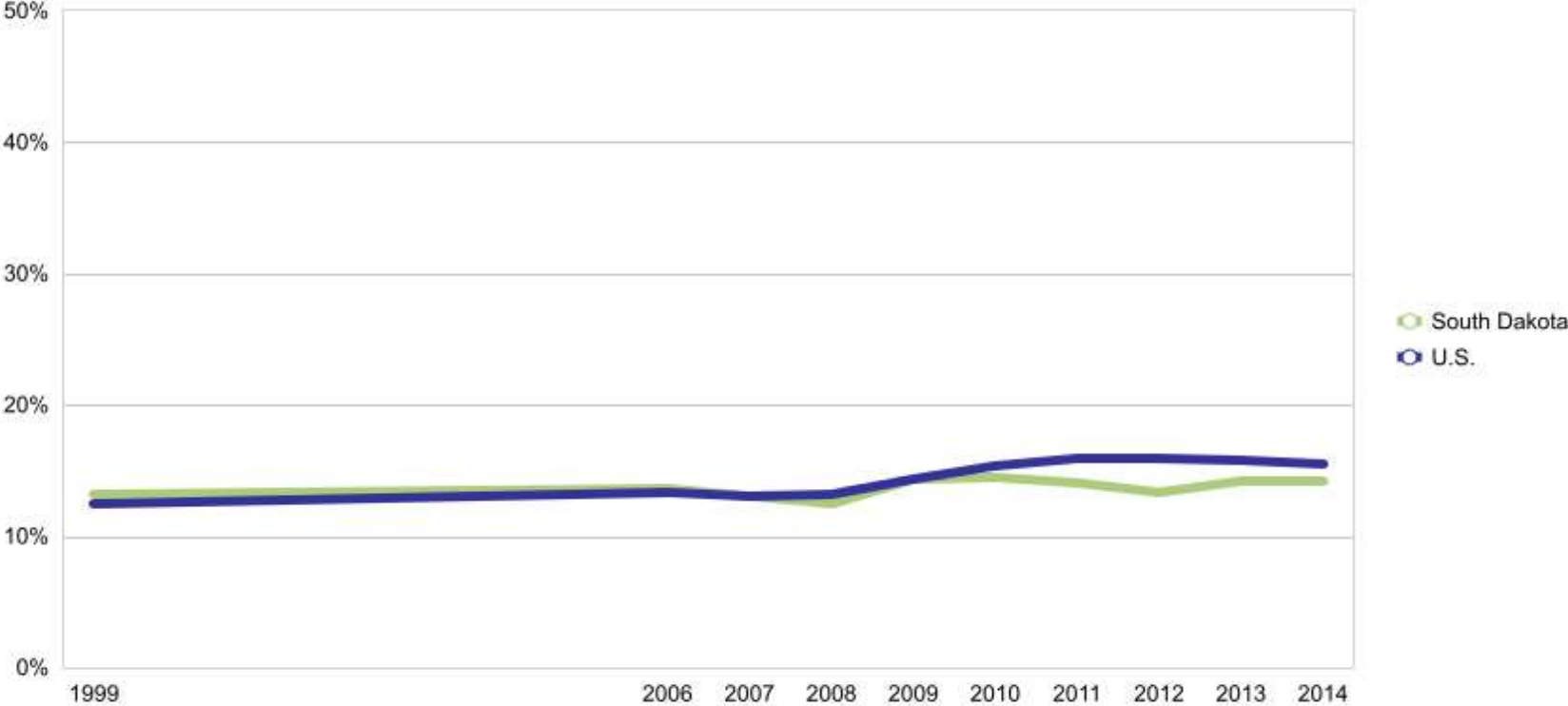
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As US Median Household Income Falls, SD and US Converge



Poverty Rates Have Risen in US and South Dakota

Individuals below the poverty level
South Dakota and U.S., 1999-2014



How Are We Doing Now?

Median Household Income

- Sioux Falls \$71,000
- Rapid City \$64,800
- Sioux City \$58,800
- Dewey Co. \$43,900 Eagle Butte
- Ziebach Co. \$34,400 Cheyenne River
- Todd Co. \$33,600 Rosebud
- Oglala Lakota
- Co. \$28,300 Pine Ridge

Four Types of Poverty

Situational

Working Class

Immigrant

Generational



illiteracy
human trafficking
disease war racism
cold inflation homelessness
corruption genocide filth child labor
africa **poverty** hiv/aids
oppression orphans crime crowding
hunger debt death slums
disasters drought inequality
neglect hopeless rebellion
spiritual deprivation

Poverty Realities in America

- The Numbers
 - More than 15% of the population live in poverty (43.2 million people)
 - *South Dakota – 14.1% (98,227 people)
 - *Rapid City – 16% (11,200)

(*2009-2013)



Poverty Realities in America

- Housing
 - 1 in 4 working households spend more than 50% of their pre-tax income on house
 - Need 2.1 minimum wage jobs in S.D. to afford 2 bedroom apartment



Poverty Realities in America

- Welfare
 - Average check for 1 adult and 2 children is \$478
 - In 20 years amount increased only \$70
 - Average increase for a baby born is \$60
 - Average disability check is \$600
 - Less than 2% of Federal Budget is allocated to welfare.

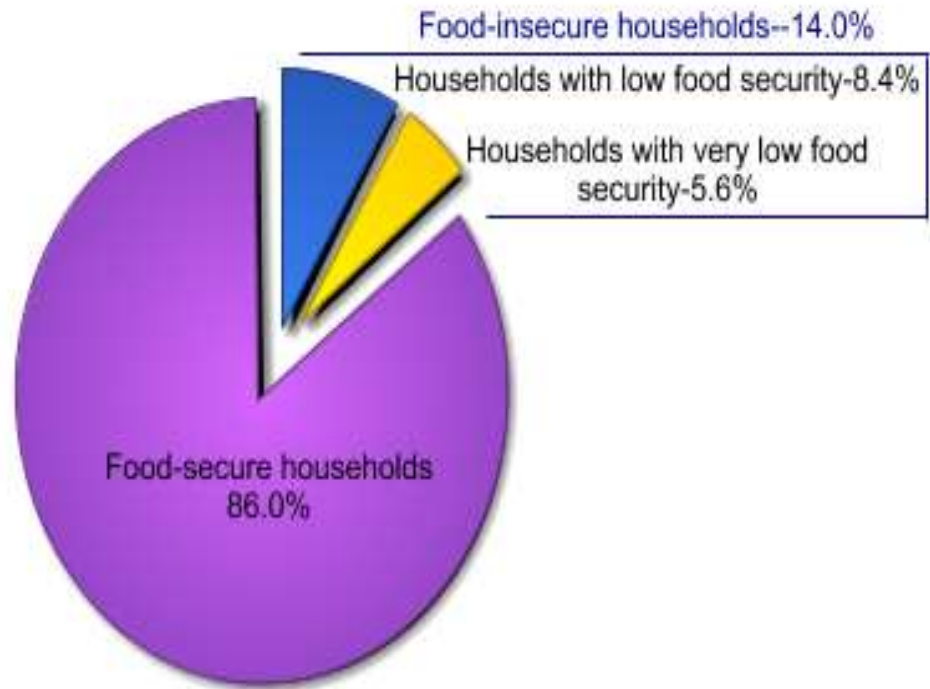


Poverty Realities in America

- Food

- Rates of hunger continue to climb
- 44.6 million people suffer food insecurity
- Almost 1/3 chronic hunger
- SNAP (Food stamps) allocates only \$4.40 per day, per person

U.S. households by food security status, 2014

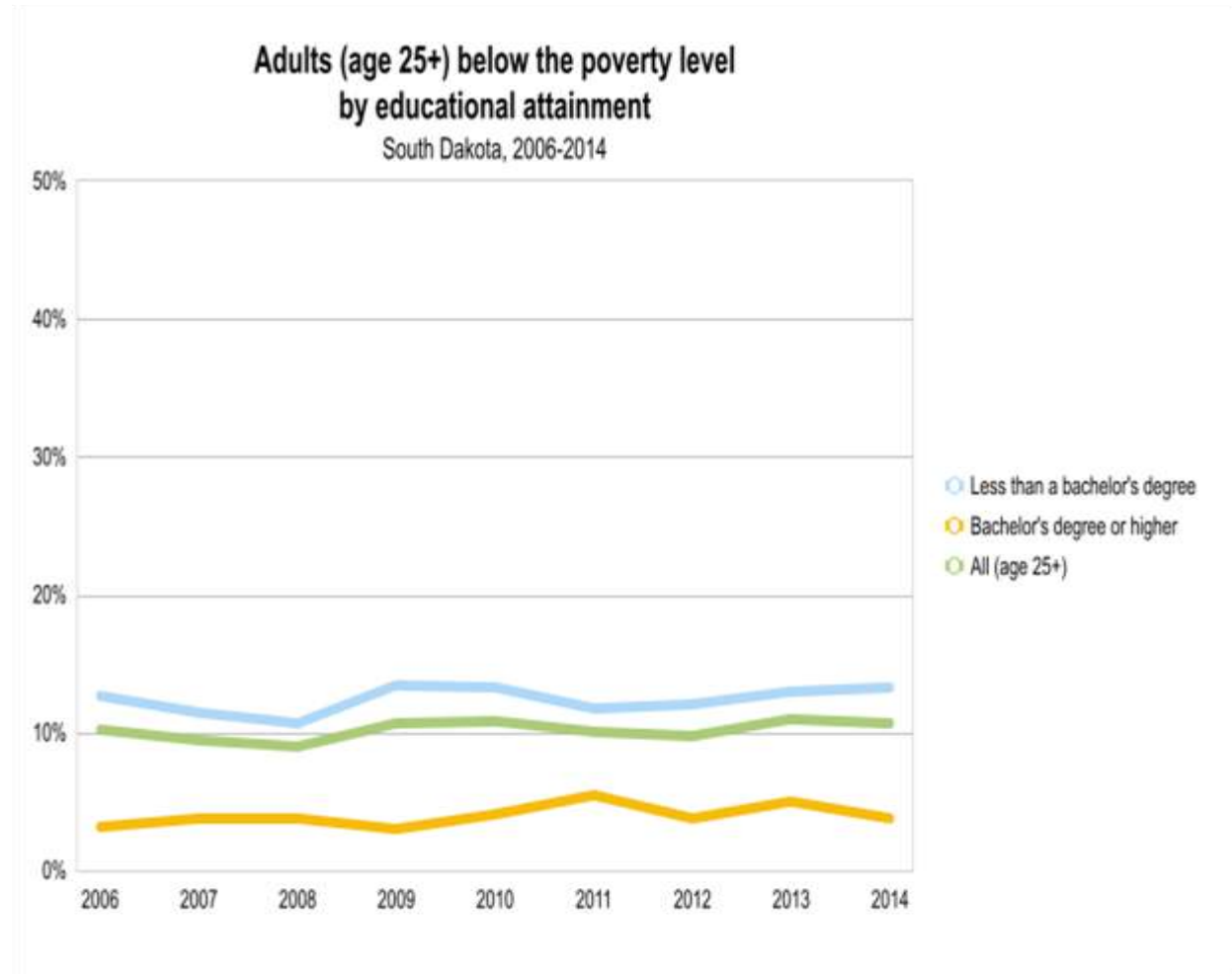


Source: Calculated by ERS using data from the December 2014 Current Population Survey Food Security Supplement.

Poverty Realities in America

- Education

Youth living in poverty least likely to become educated



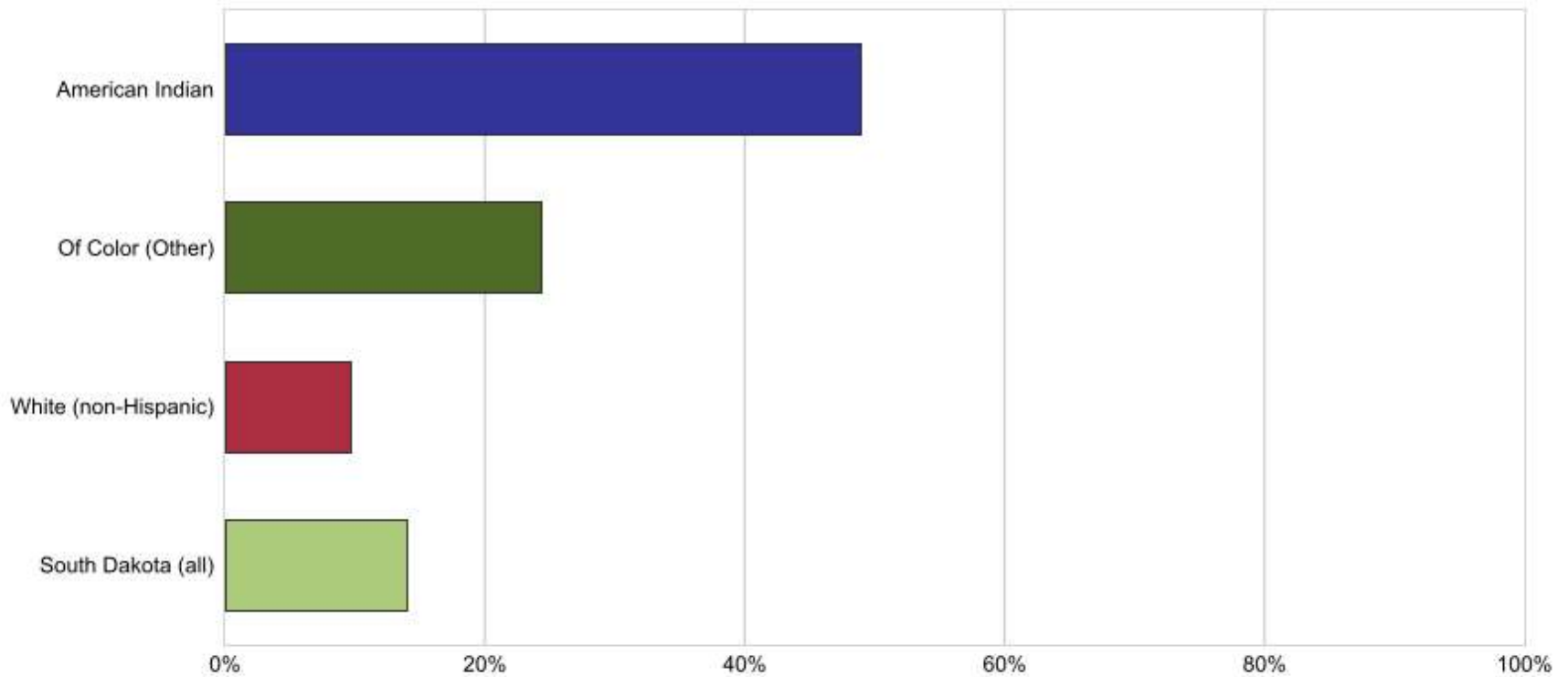
Poverty Realities in America

- Working Hard
 - 2/3 of people in poverty work 1.7 jobs
 - 86% of counties in U.S. - person earning twice the minimum wage can't pay rent & other basic needs
 - Rapid City median hourly wage \$14.25



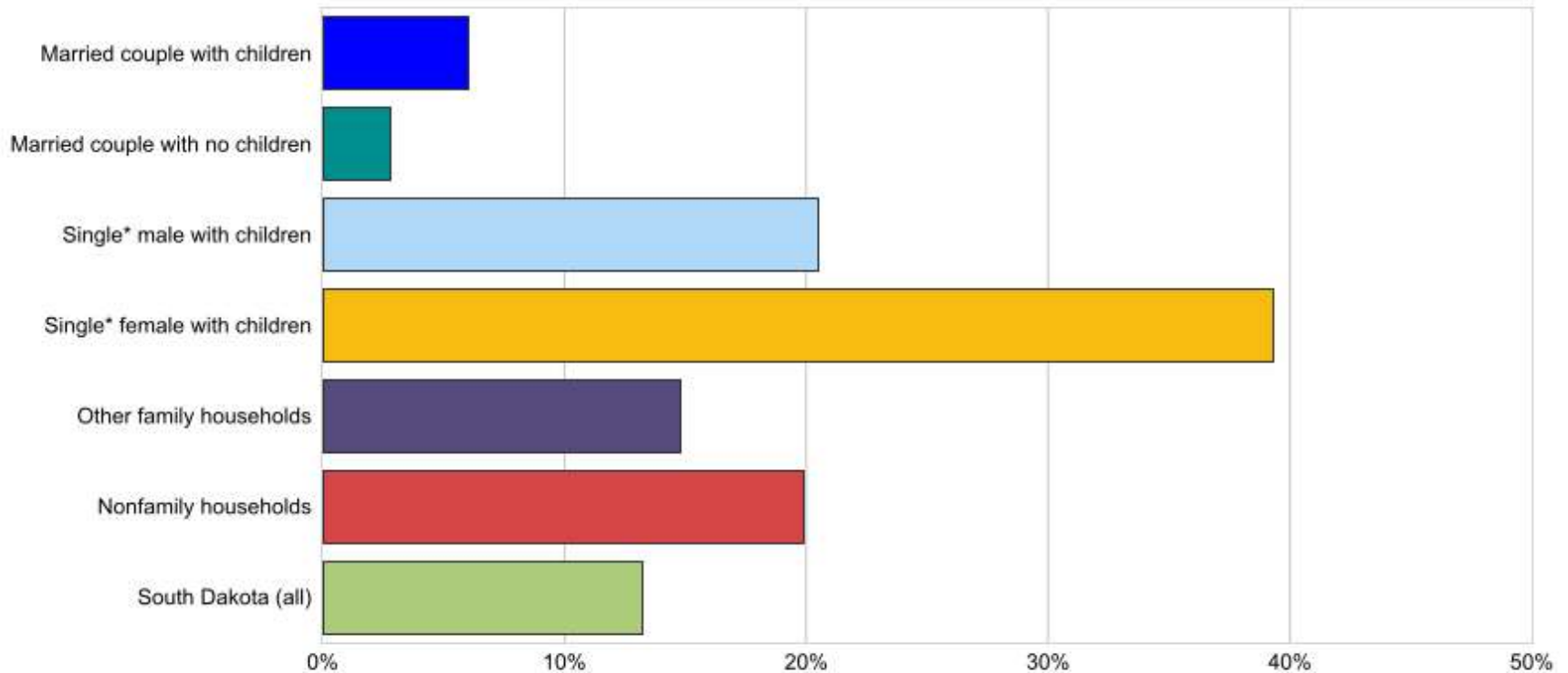
The Big Income Gap is Between Natives and Non-Natives

Individuals below the poverty level by race
South Dakota, 2009-2013



Age and Gender of Head of Household Also Important

Households below the poverty level by type
South Dakota, 2014



Wage Calculation - Rapid City, SD

Hourly Wage	1 Adult	1 Adult 1 Child	1 Adult 2 Children	1 Adult 3 Children	2 Adults	2 Adults 1 Child	2 Adults 2 Children	2 Adults 3 Children
Living Wage*	\$ 9.57	\$ 20.22	\$ 24.13	\$ 30.36	\$ 8.08	\$ 11.16	\$ 13.35	\$ 15.48
Poverty Wage	\$ 5.66	\$ 7.66	\$ 9.66	\$ 11.66	\$ 7.66	\$ 9.66	\$ 11.66	\$ 13.66
Minimum Wage	\$ 8.50	\$ 8.50	\$ 8.50	\$ 8.50	\$ 8.50	\$ 8.50	\$ 8.50	\$ 8.50
Annual Wage	1 Adult	1 Adult 1 Child	1 Adult 2 Children	1 Adult 3 Children	2 Adults	2 Adults 1 Child	2 Adults 2 Children	2 Adults 3 Children
Living Wage	\$19,906	\$42,058	\$50,190	\$63,149	\$16,806	\$23,213	\$27,768	\$32,198
Poverty Wage	\$11,770	\$15,930	\$20,090	\$24,250	\$15,930	\$20,090	\$24,250	\$28,410
Minimum Wage	\$17,680	\$17,680	\$17,680	\$17,680	\$17,680	\$17,680	\$17,680	\$17,680
*Living wage based on 2014.								

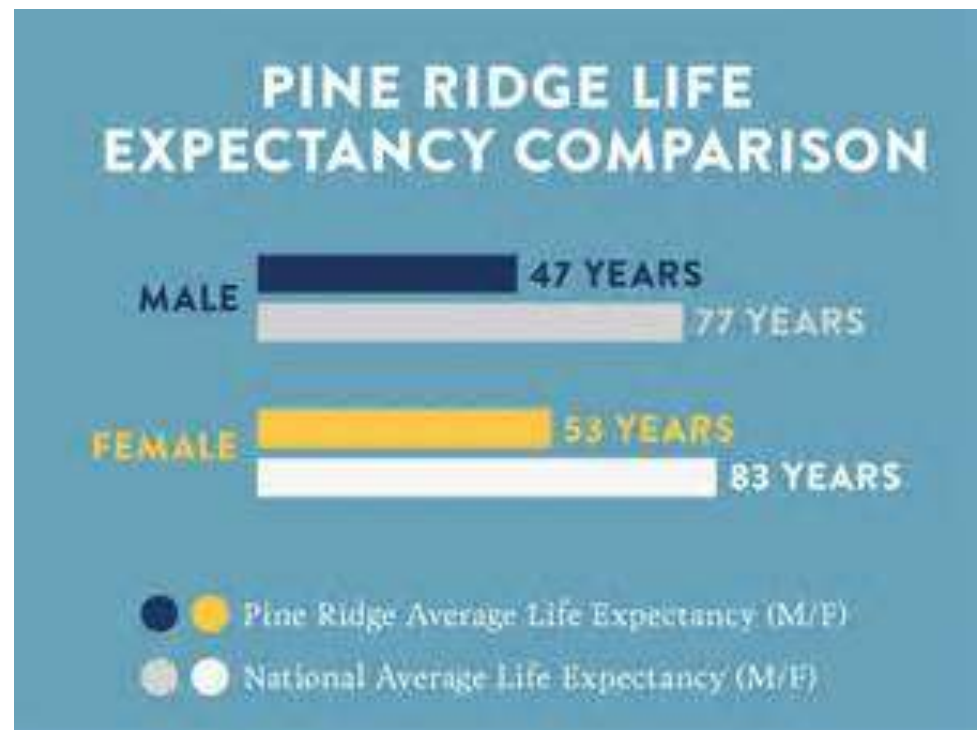
Annual Expense	1 Adult	1 Adult 1 Child	1 Adult 2 Children	1 Adult 3 Children	2 Adults	2 Adults 1 Child	2 Adults 2 Children	2 Adults 3 Children
Housing								
2014	\$491	\$776	\$776	\$1,048	\$581	\$776	\$776	\$1,048
2015	\$503	\$594	\$794	\$1,072	\$594	\$794	\$794	\$1,072
**2012 costs except where noted								
Food	\$242	\$357	\$536	\$749	\$444	\$553	\$713	\$904
Child Care *2015	\$0	\$480	\$960	\$1,440	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Medical	\$120	\$404	\$425	\$406	\$309	\$400	\$377	\$387
Housing *2015	\$503	\$594	\$794	\$1,072	\$594	\$794	\$794	\$1,072
Transportation	\$306	\$595	\$686	\$736	\$595	\$686	\$736	\$748
Other	\$65	\$155	\$200	\$262	\$120	\$155	\$176	\$204
Required monthly income after taxes	\$1,236	\$2,585	\$3,601	\$4,665	\$2,062	\$2,588	\$2,796	\$3,315
Required Annual Income after taxes	\$14,832	\$33,420	\$43,212	\$55,980	\$24,744	\$31,056	\$33,552	\$39,780
Annual taxes	\$1,779	\$3,841	\$4,705	\$5,891	\$2,969	\$3,657	\$3,946	\$4,641
Required Annual income before taxes	\$16,611	\$37,061	\$47,917	\$61,871	\$27,713	\$34,713	\$37,498	\$44,421

Living Wages by Employment

[Wage by Employees.pptx](#)

The Effects Of Poverty in America

- Feelings of personal deficiency
- Shorter life span
- Lack of education
- Low, non-livable wage
- Incarceration
- Domestic Violence
- Mental burden equivalent to losing 13 IQ points



Moving from Poverty to Prosperity

What is Prosperity?

- Webster – *The condition of being successful or thriving; especially economic well-being; advance or gain in anything good or desirable.*

Business dictionary – *Condition where people's basic needs for food, clothing, and shelter are met*

Prosperity Indicators

“Quality of Life”

- Education
- Income/Job Security
- Wealth
- Health
- Family Life
- Community Life



Prosperity Initiative

INSPIRING SUCCESS FROM CRADLE TO CAREER

Prosperity Initiative:

The John T. Vucurevich Foundation seeks to invest in community programs and partners that align collaborative approaches to move people through a continuum of success from cradle to career in an effort to promote independence and prosperity to break the cycle of poverty.



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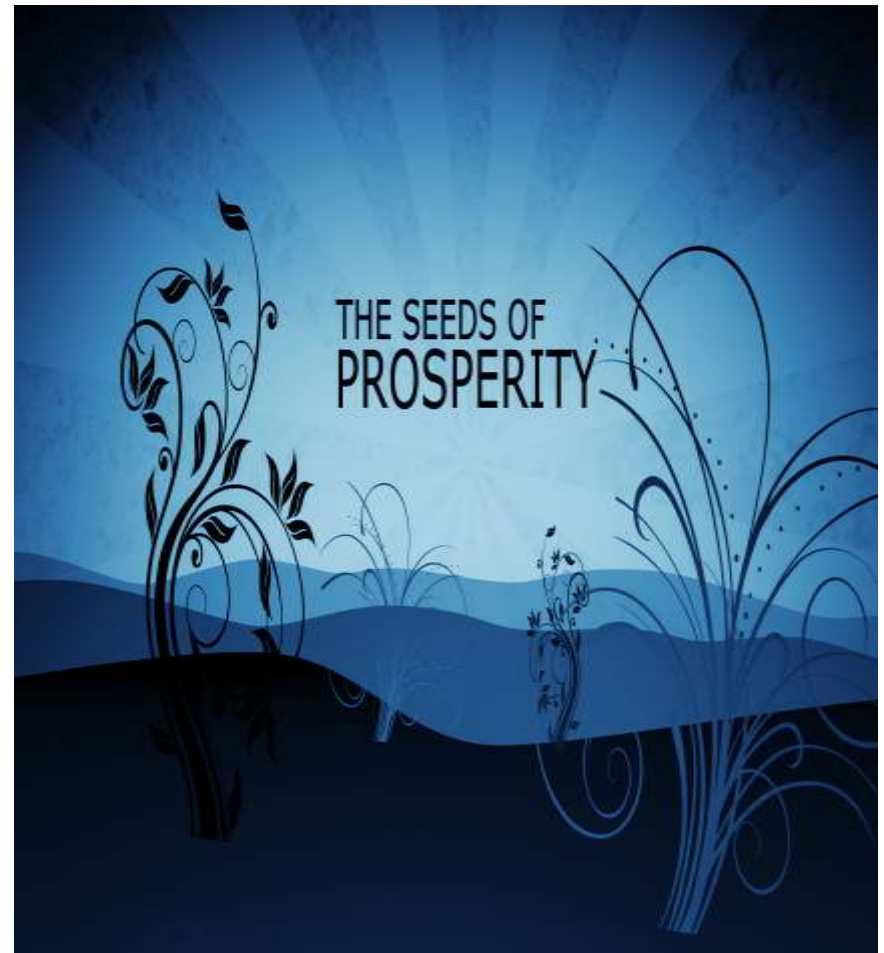
...to make a piece of the world a brighter place.

Rapid City's 7 “Core Values”

- Balanced Pattern of Growth
- Vibrant Livable Community
- Safe, Healthy, Inclusive, Skilled Community
- Efficient transportation & Infrastructure
- Economic Stability and Growth
- Outstanding Recreational & Cultural Opportunities
- Responsive, Accessible & Effective Governance

PROSPERITY SOLUTIONS

- Education
 - Early education for youth
 - Reduce drop-out rates
 - Promote college savings plans
- Job Training
 - Vocational education
 - Advanced job skills training
- Micro-enterprise loans for business start-up



PROSPERITY SOLUTIONS

- Community Education about supportive services for referrals
- Asset Building
 - Individual Deposit Accounts (matching funds)
 - Micro-loans for credit building and debt reduction
 - Homebuyers education for purchasing a home
 - Financial management education
 - Mentors to help build social capital and support networks

Thank You for Attending

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