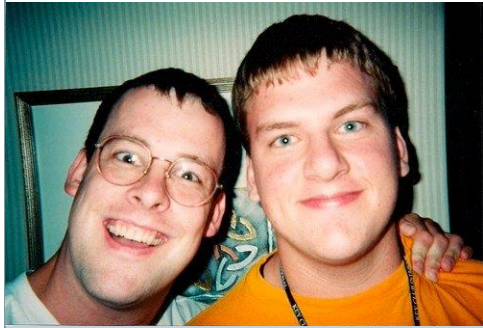


# ND Community Action Partnership Conference



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# 50 Years of Success



Community Action changes people's lives,  
embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities,  
and makes America a better place to live.

We care about the entire community,  
and we are dedicated to helping people help  
themselves and each other.

# North Dakota by the Numbers



- **723, 393**
  - ND estimated population in 2013 - up from 674,344 (2010)
- **\$57,084**
  - per capita average individual income - more than double the \$25,592 in 2000
- **\$94,000,000**
  - Bank of ND profit this year, 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive year
- **\$117,058,989**
  - budget surplus as of Feb 2014 (8 or 24 months)
  - on track to be \$457 million on June 30, 2015
- **\$4,424,159,728**
  - funds in reserve accounts as of Feb 2014
  - \$1.7 billion in the Legacy Fund alone

# The Flickertail State



- Lowest Unemployment in the Nation
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Highest Growth in Personal Income
- Highest Trust in State Government
- Highest Affiliation with Religion/Spirituality
- Record Amount of Charitable Giving
- Record Investment of State Dollars in Physical Infrastructure & Education

# A few other numbers...



- **54,330**
  - SNAP recipients in ND
    - ✦ 25,190 total cases, down approx. 2,000 a year ago
      - 24,736 children under 18
      - 4,849, 60 or older
- **1,412**
  - Families receiving child care assistance
    - ✦ 2,540 children, up approx. 800 over a year ago
    - ✦ \$534, average payment per family
- **13,036**
  - Households receiving LIHEAP assistance
    - ✦ Down 750 from a year ago, but an increase of \$130 per household

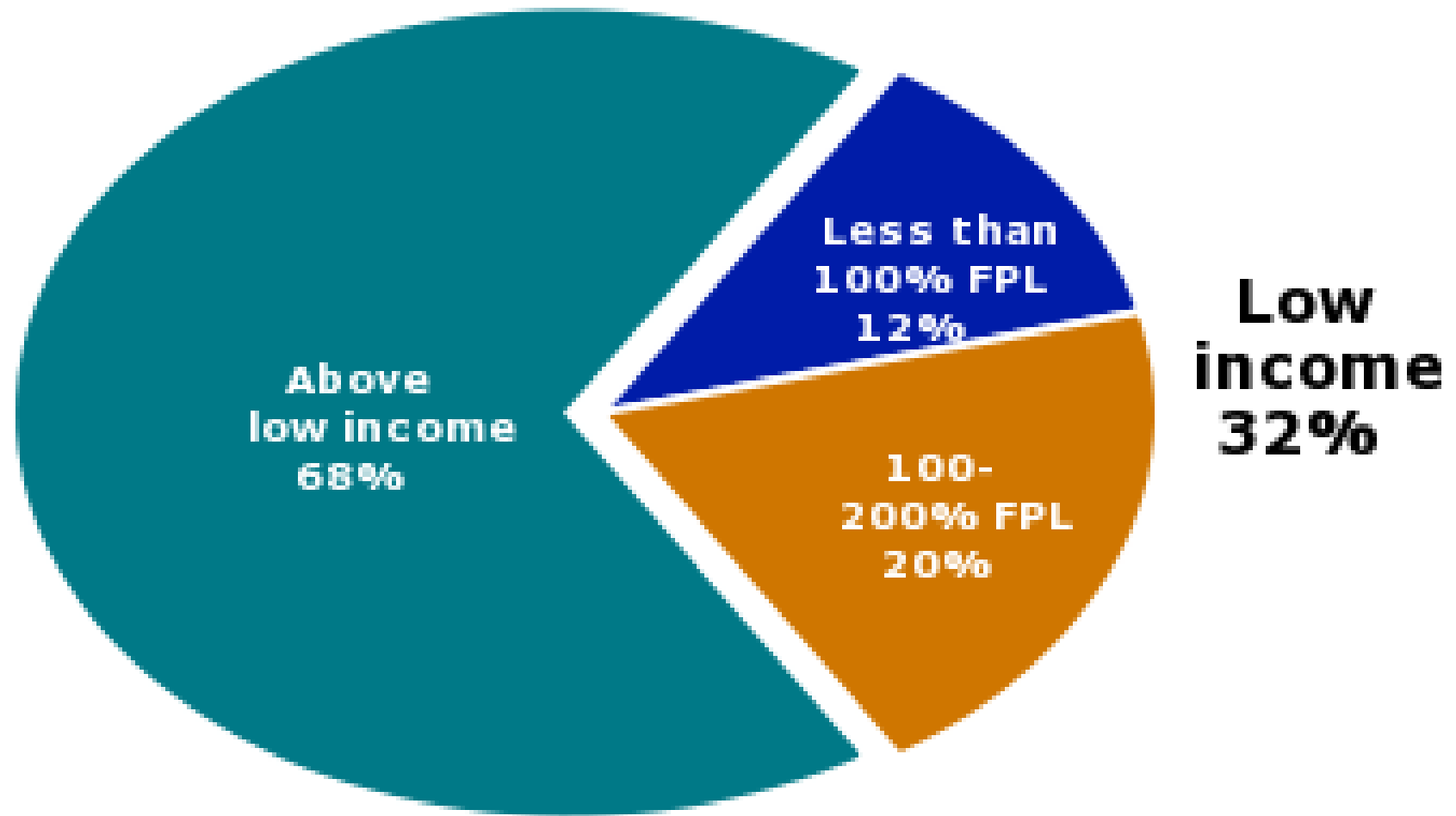
# 2014 Federal Poverty Guidelines



Family or House Hold Size:	100%
1	\$11,670
2	\$15,730
3	\$19,790
4	\$23,850
5	\$27,910
6	\$31,970
7	\$35,610
8	\$40,090
For each additional household member add:	\$4,060

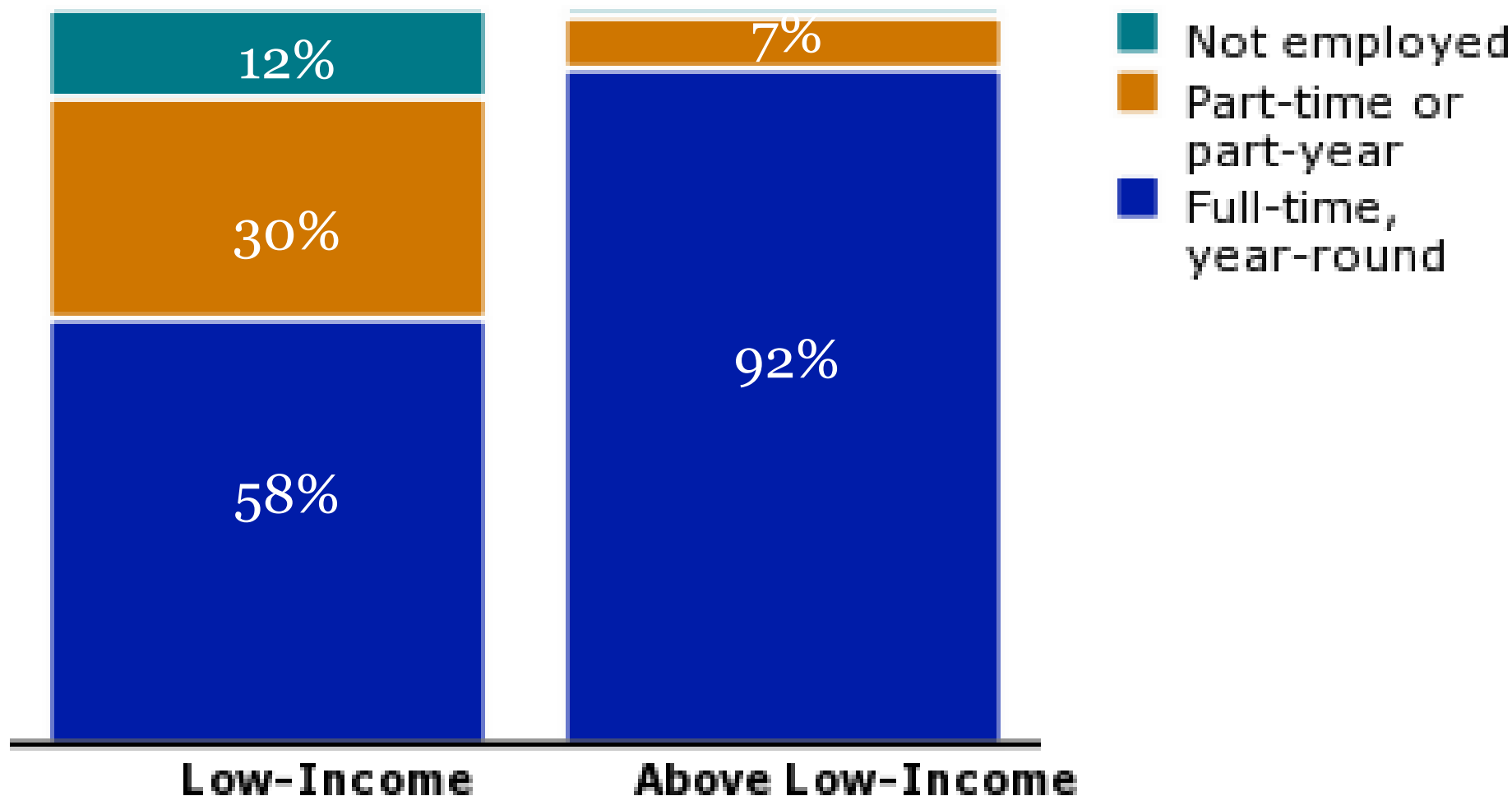
$\$7.25 \times 40 = \$290/\text{wk} \times 52 \text{ weeks} = \$15,080/\text{yr}$

# Children in North Dakota, by Income Level, 2011

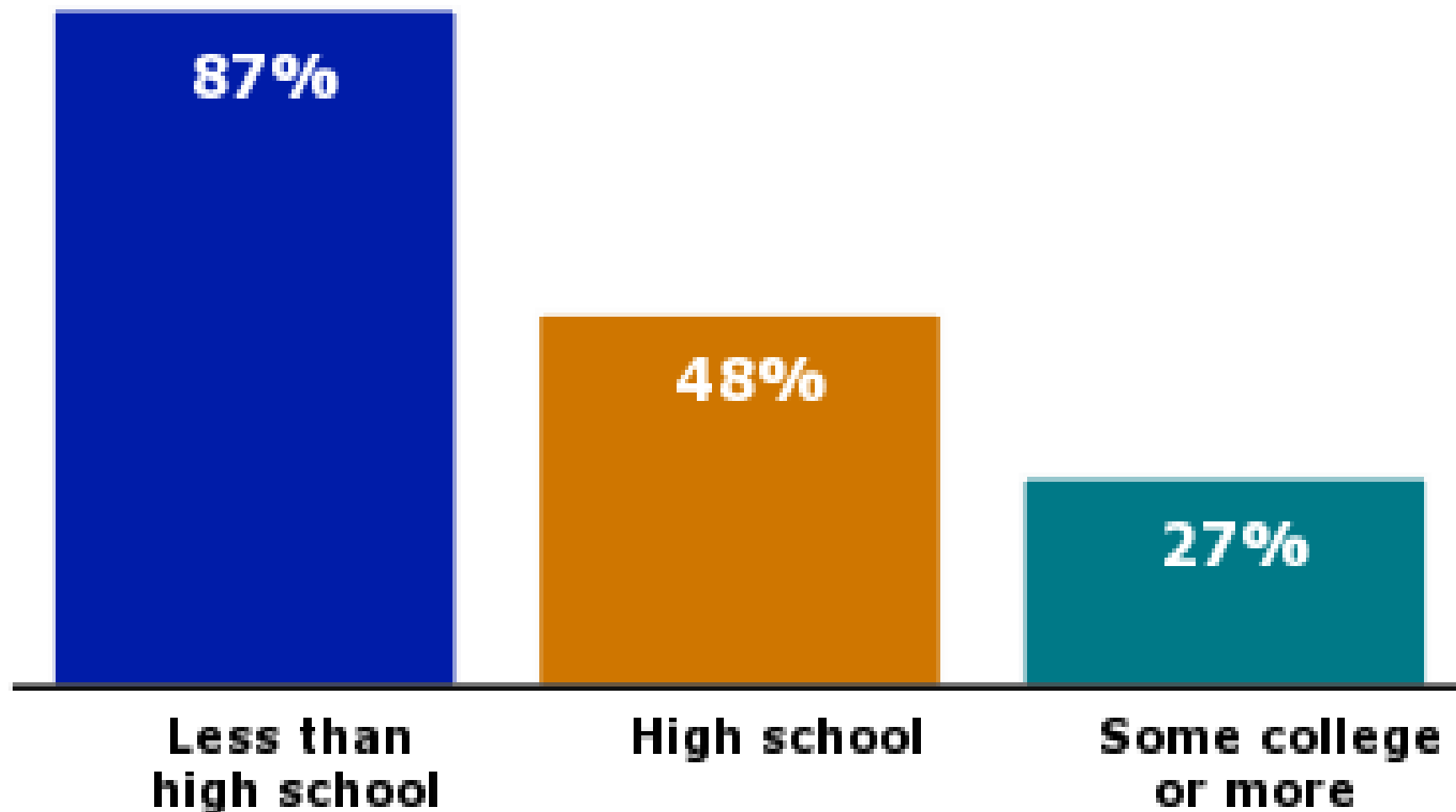




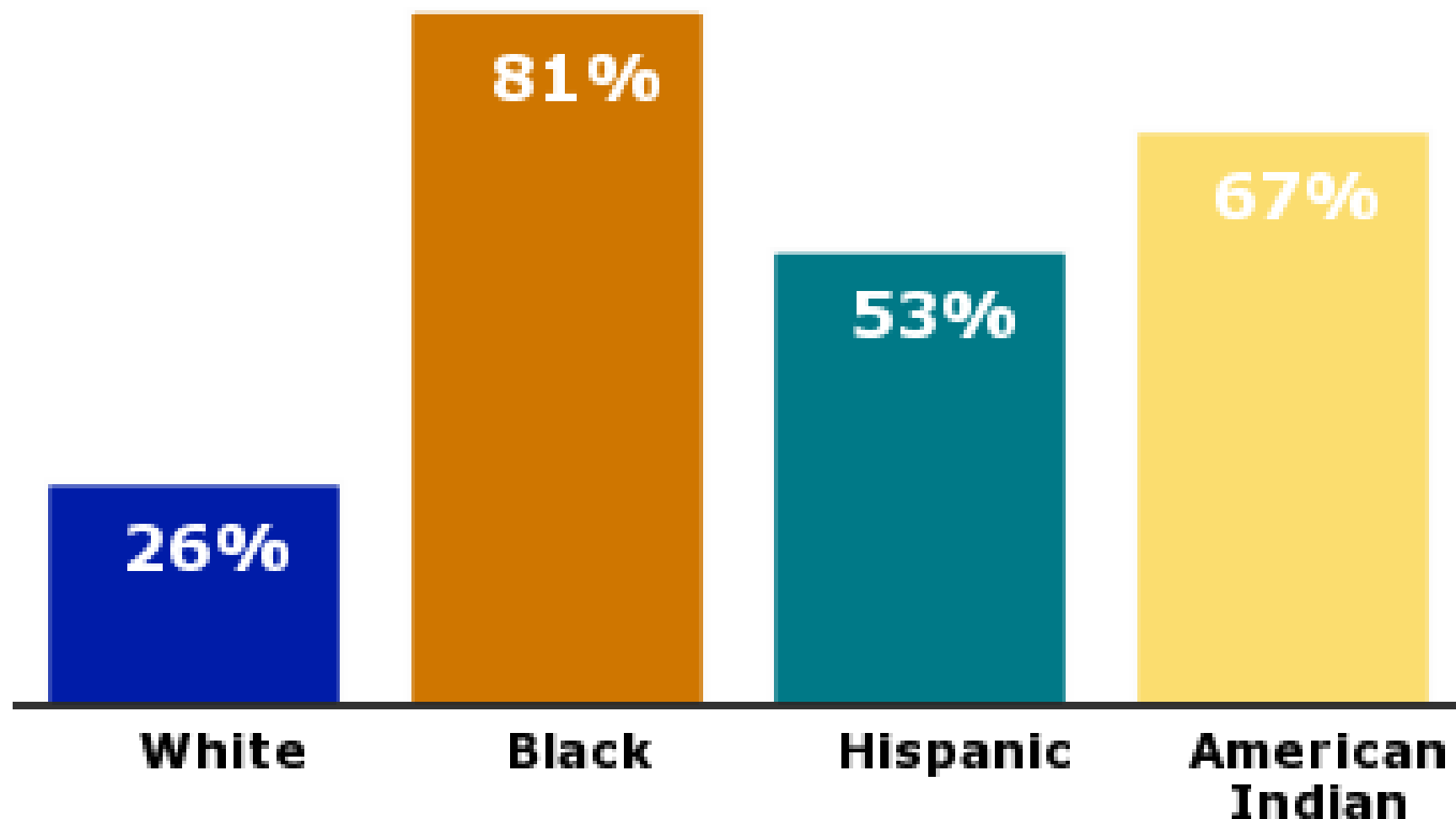
# Parents' Employment Status in North Dakota, by Income Level, 2011



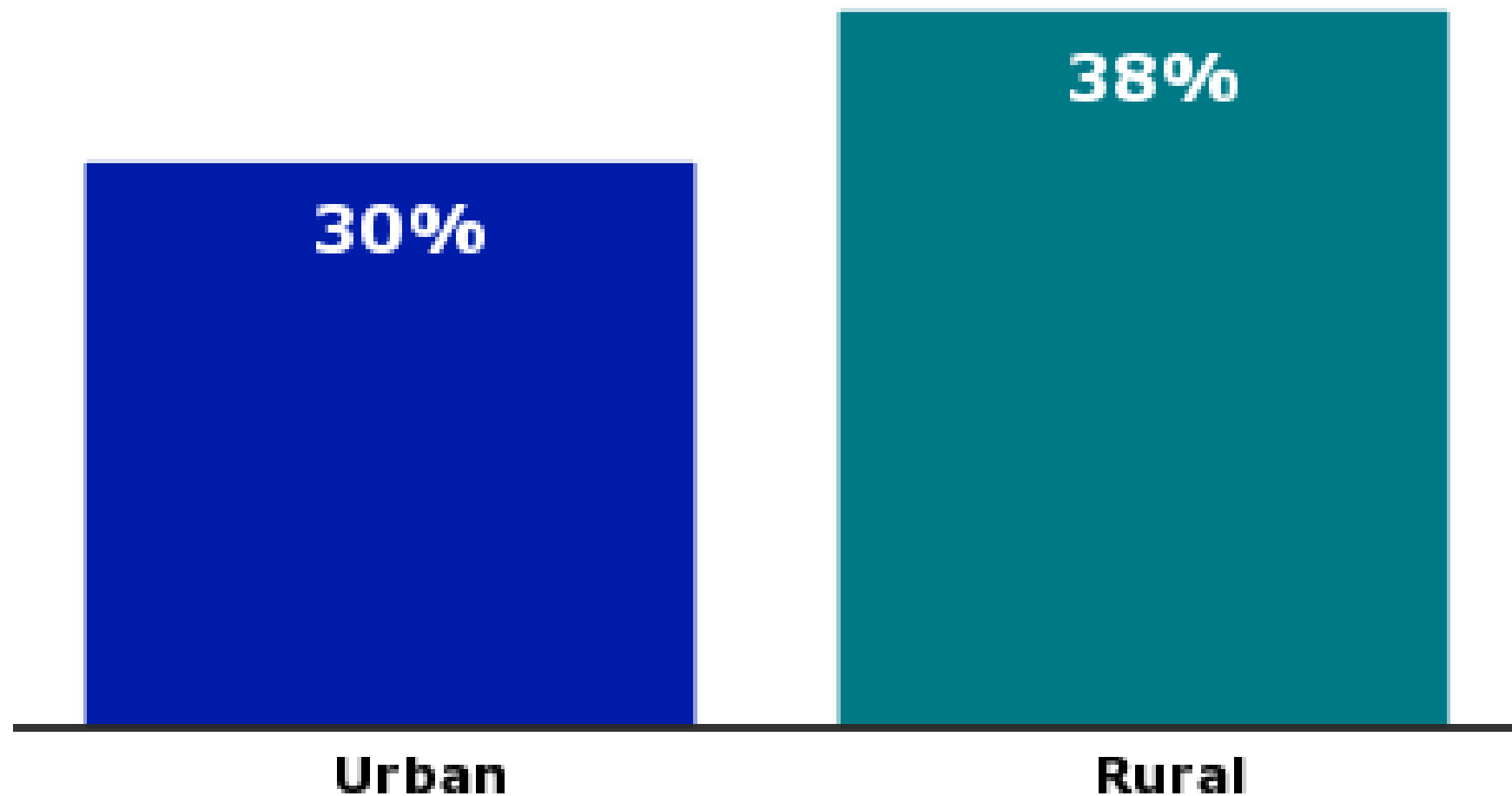
## Children in Low-Income Families in North Dakota, by Parents' Education, 2011



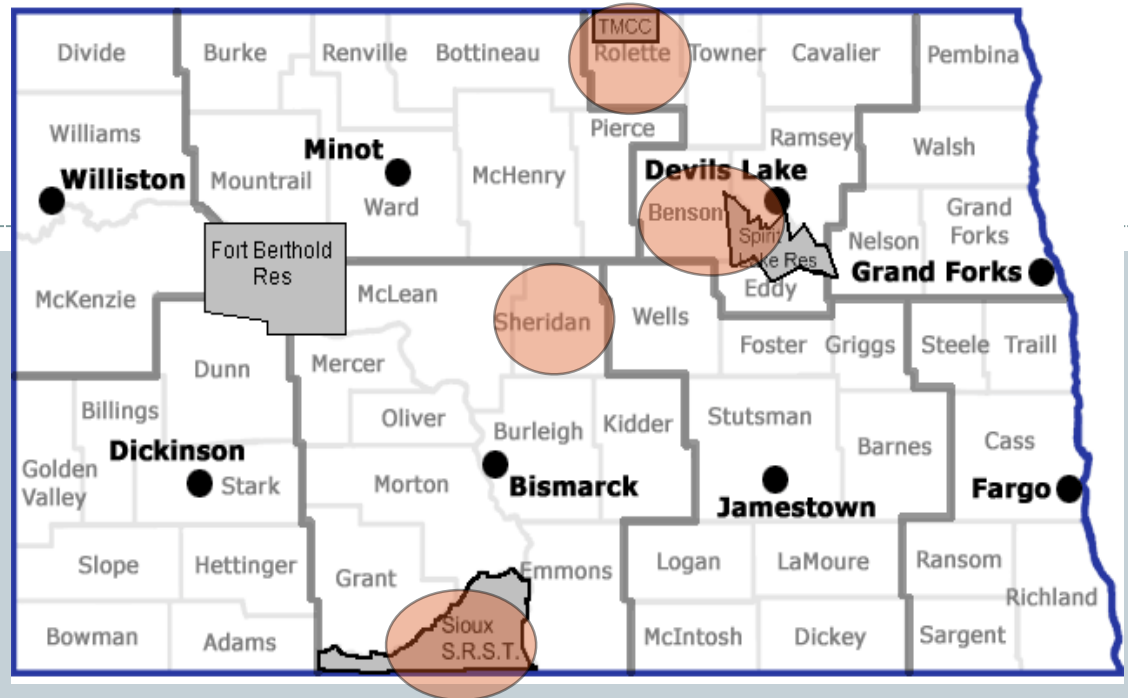
## Children in Low-Income Families in North Dakota, by Race, 2011



## Children in Low-Income Families in North Dakota, by Residence, 2011

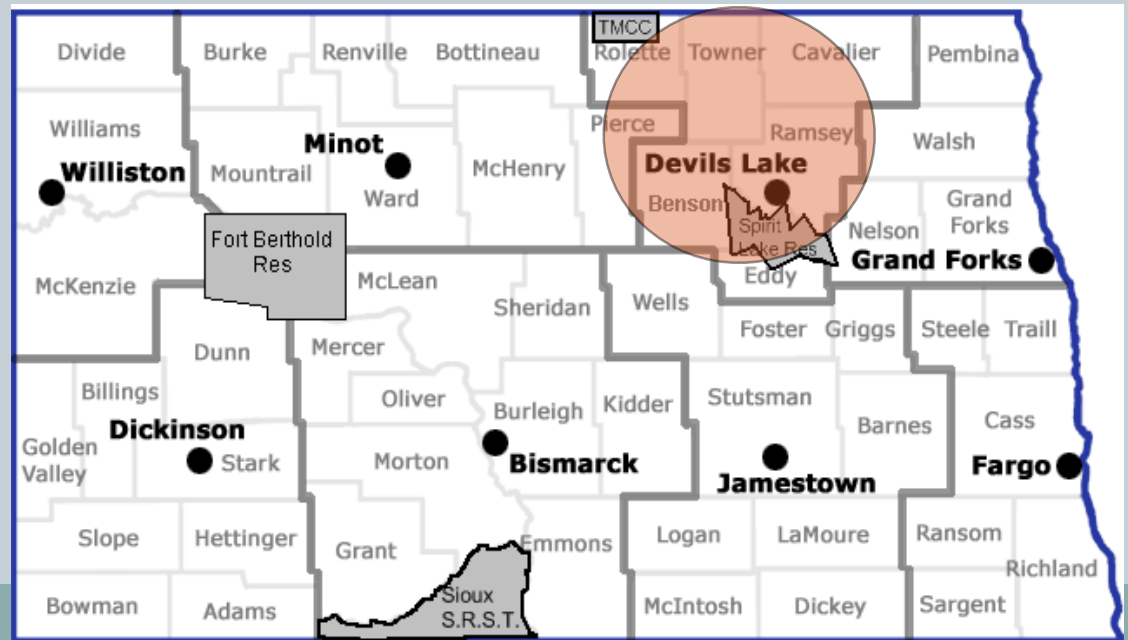


Sioux Cty – 41.5%  
 Benson Cty – 41.9%  
 Rolette Cty – 38%  
 Sheridan Cty – 25.7%  
 Grant Cty – 25.5%



Region III – 30.7%

- ND Compass



# Can We Move Families & Children Out of Poverty in North Dakota?



# The Perfect Storm!



Small state population

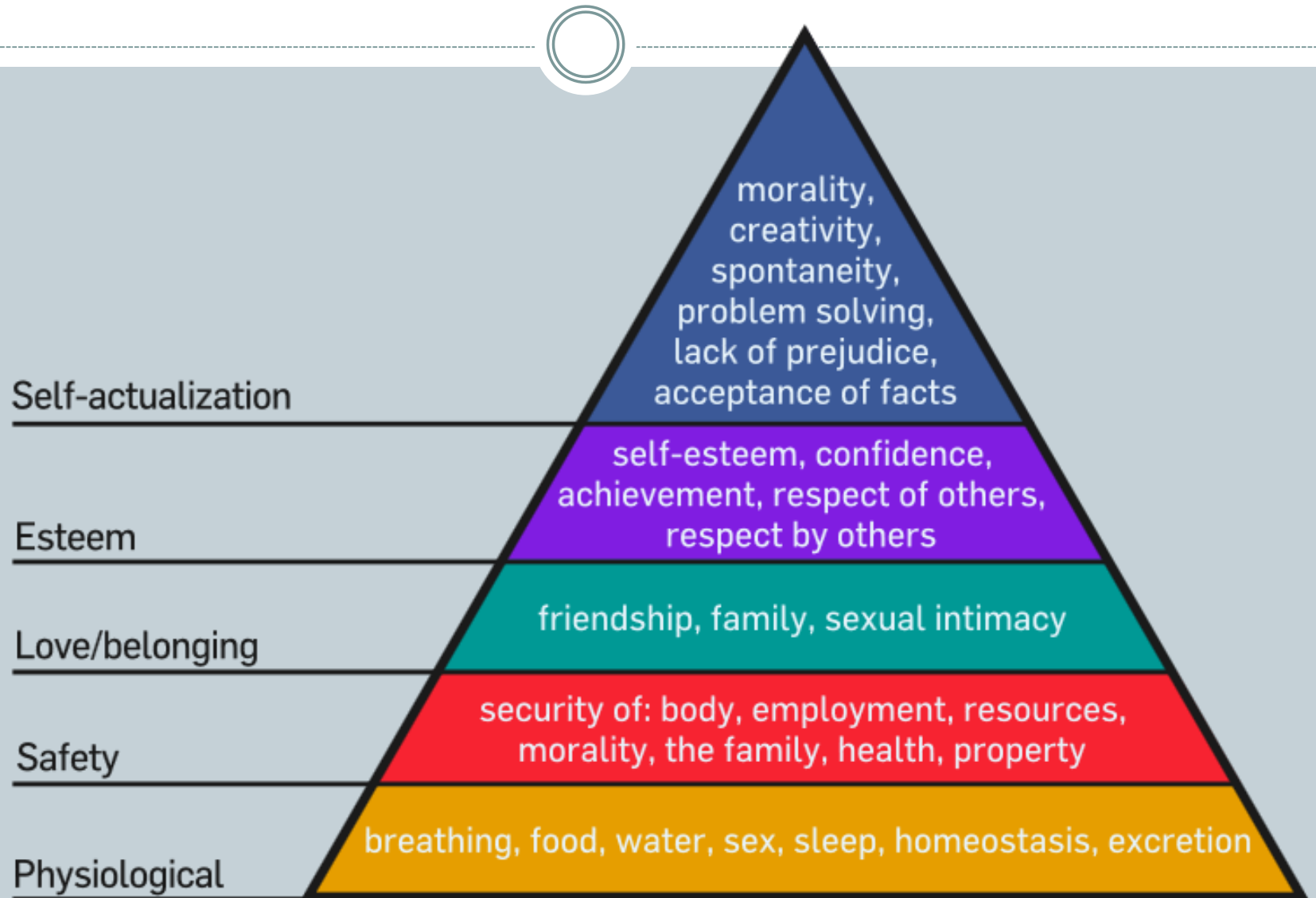
+ low percentage of citizens accessing services

+ growing state surpluses & savings

+ strong community-based networks

= North Dakota can be a **pioneer** in lifting families **out of poverty**.

# Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs





# We Know What Works



- Safe & Affordable Housing
- Access to Nutritious Food & Healthcare
- Investment in Early Childhood Education & Child Care
- Earned Income Tax Credit
- Individual Development Account
- Workforce Training & Educational Opportunities



If only there were an organization in our state that works with these issues....

# A Huge Favor To Ask....



- Educate Your Community
- Meet Your Policy Makers
  - School Board Members
  - City/County Commissioners
  - Legislators
- Empower Those You Serve



- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yOuiq1Nv\\_sM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yOuiq1Nv_sM)

# Resources



- ND Rev-E-News, OMB (March 2014) - <http://www.nd.gov/fiscal/docs/revENews/201403news.pdf>
- Status of the General Fund, Government Finance Committee (March 13, 2014) - <http://www.nd.gov/omb/docs/govt-finance-cmte-3-13-14.pdf>
- ND Dept of Human Services Quarterly Insight Report - <http://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/pubs/docs/qtrly-budget-insight-july13-dec13.pdf>
- National Center for Children in Poverty - [http://www.nccp.org/profiles/ND\\_profile\\_6.html](http://www.nccp.org/profiles/ND_profile_6.html)
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