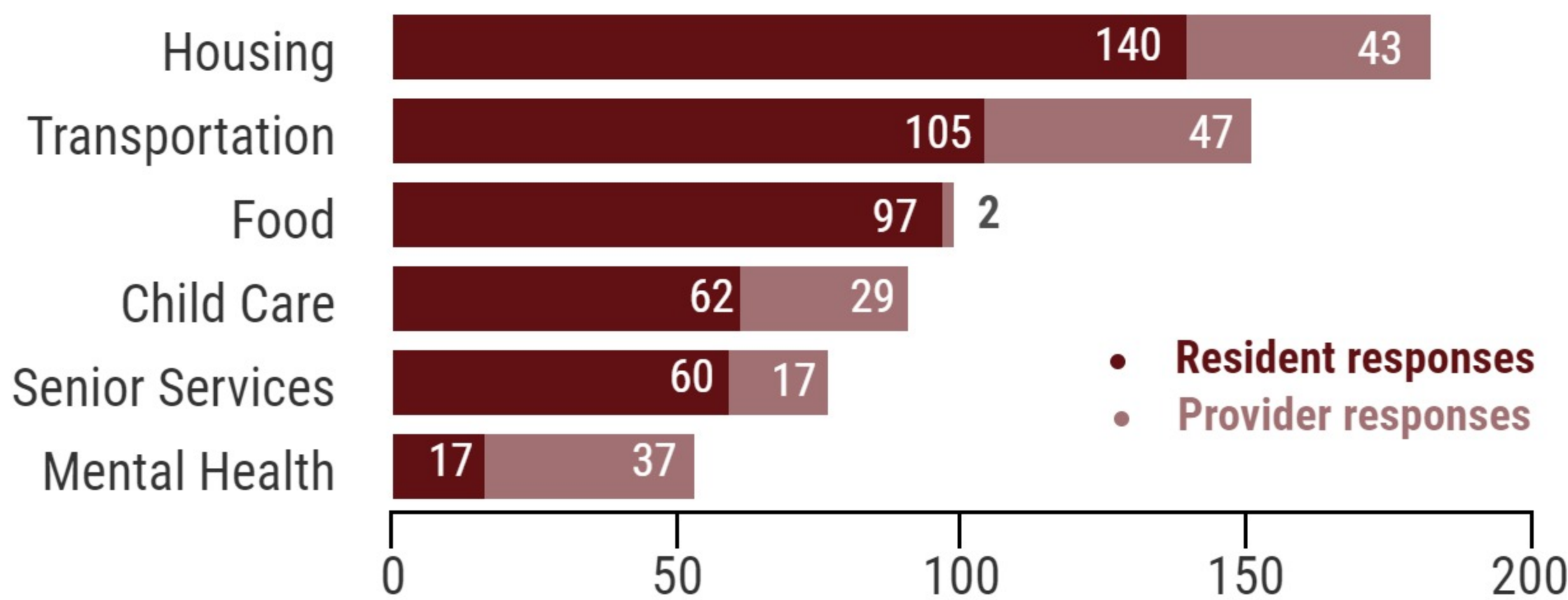


# Community Services Block Grant

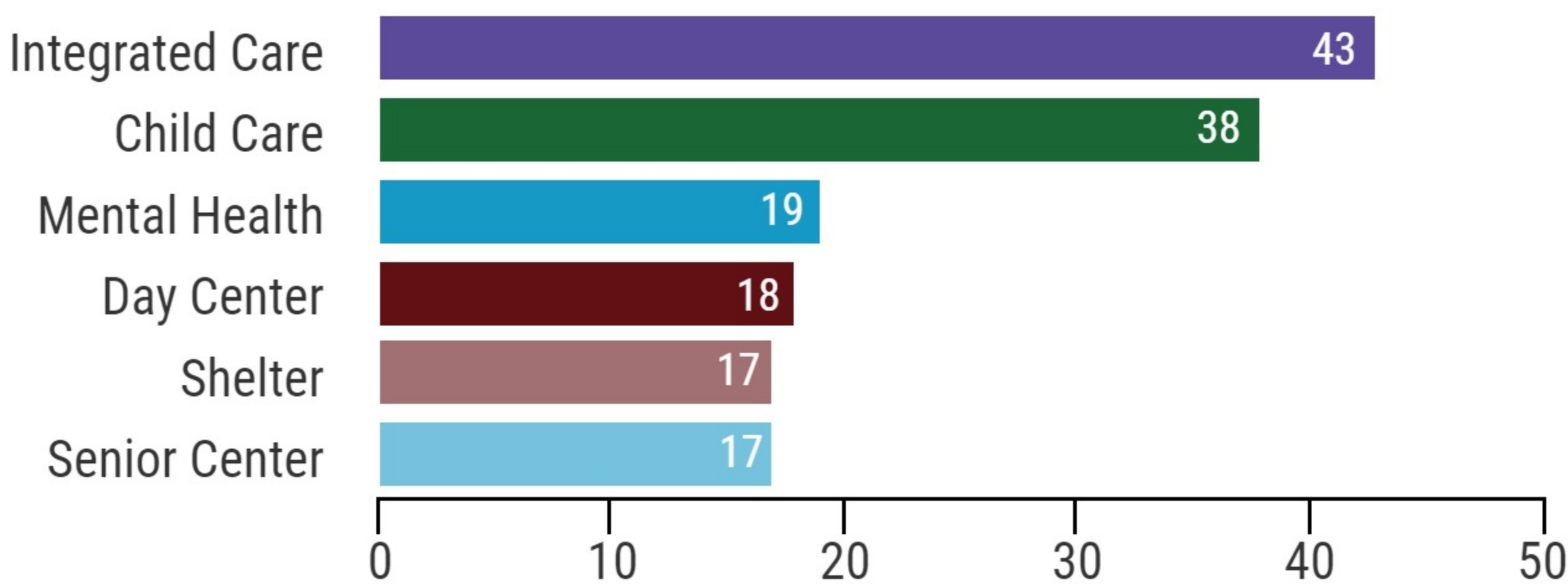
## 2017 Community Needs Assessment

Every three years the Douglas County Department of Community Development conducts a Community Needs Assessment as required by the Community Services Block Grant. Members of the community, including those who live under 125% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) and providers who assist low-income and vulnerable residents were asked to provide input through a community survey, stakeholder forums, and three community outreach events.

### Top services needed to obtain self-sufficiency \*

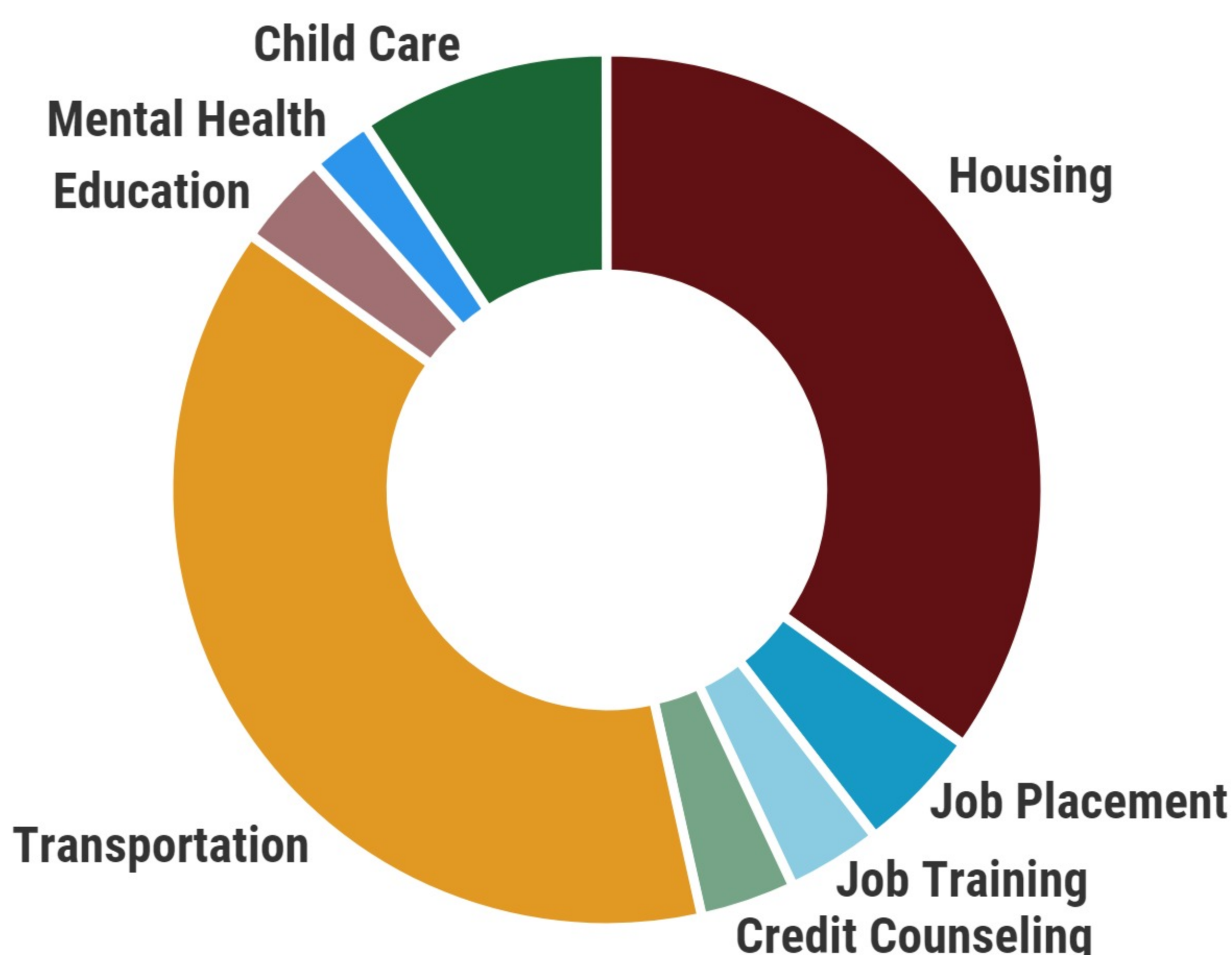


### Top service facilities needed \*



\* Weighted ranking based on respondent's top 3 choices

### What would help you improve your situation?



### AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Affordable housing ranked as the highest need by all survey respondents. Rent assistance, more affordable housing options, senior housing and emergency housing were identified as the top priorities.



### TRANSPORTATION

Just over half of survey respondents indicated that Douglas County did not have adequate transportation options to meet the needs of low-income residents. Medical appointments and grocery shopping were identified as the most needed type of trip.



### INTEGRATED CARE

Integrated care and resources centers were identified by service providers as the most important type of facility to address needs of low-income individuals and families. Integrated care centers allow for vulnerable residents to access multiple services at one location.



### WELLBEING

Just under 70% of respondents receive Medicaid or Medicare. However, the cost of care and access to providers were listed as barriers to maintaining both physical and mental health of respondents.



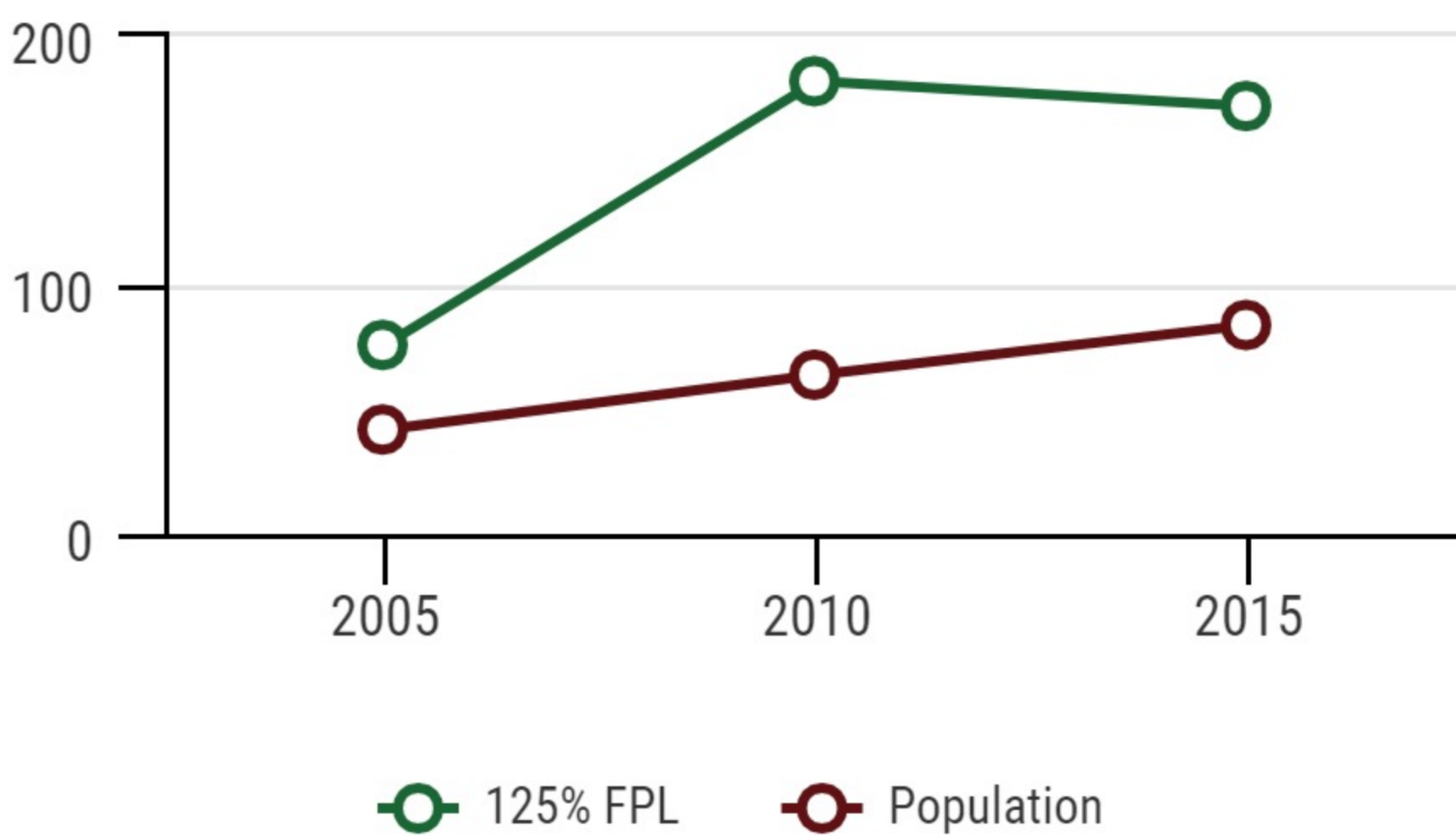
### CHILD CARE

Child care was identified as the 4th highest service needed to obtain self-sufficiency. The cost of child care and limitations of available assistance were identified as factors contributing to this growing need.

# Demographic Analysis

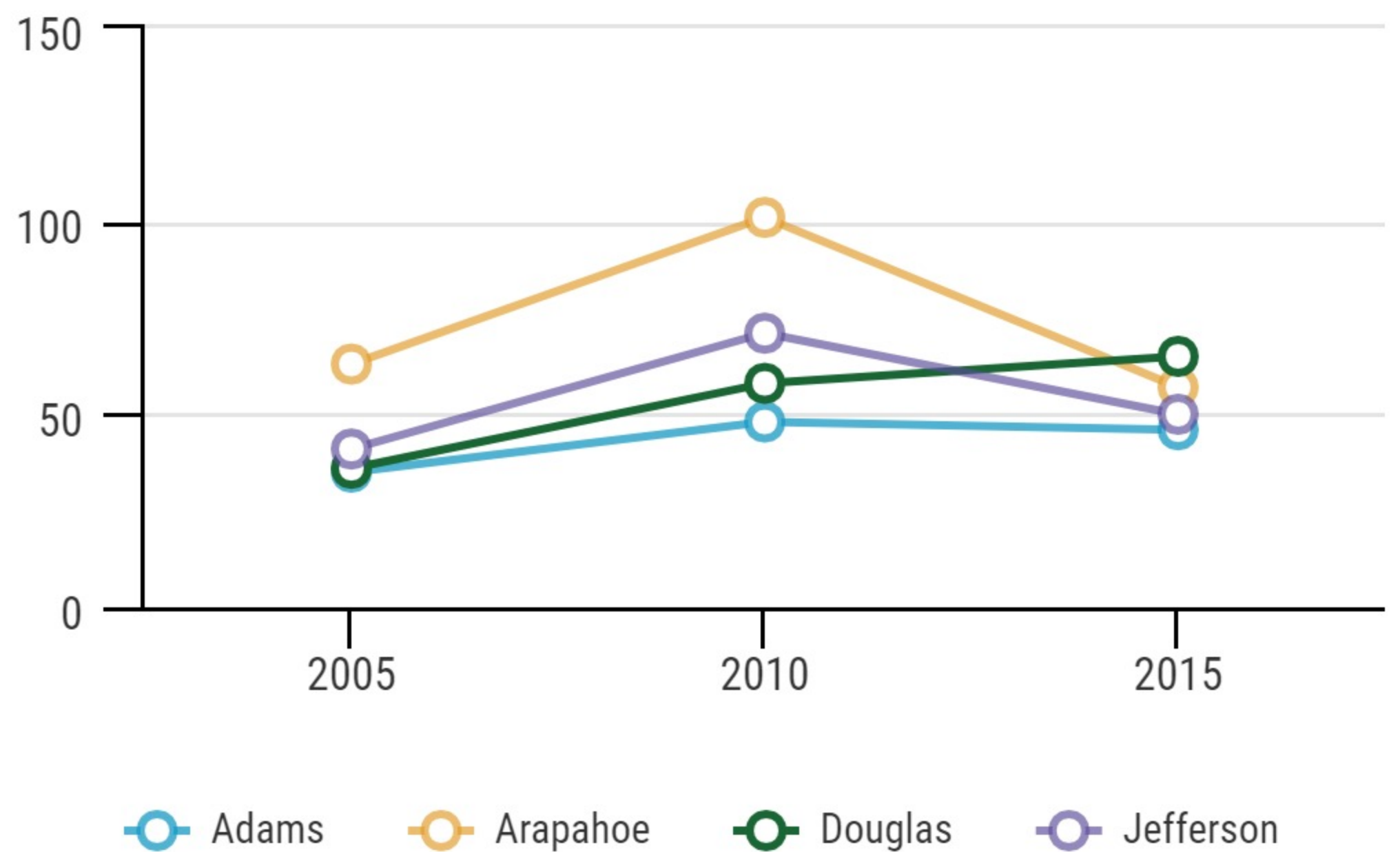
## Rate of Growth - Population vs. Poverty

Since 2000, the number of people living under 125% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) has grown at twice the rate of the population in Douglas County.



## Rate of Change - Residents Living Under Poverty

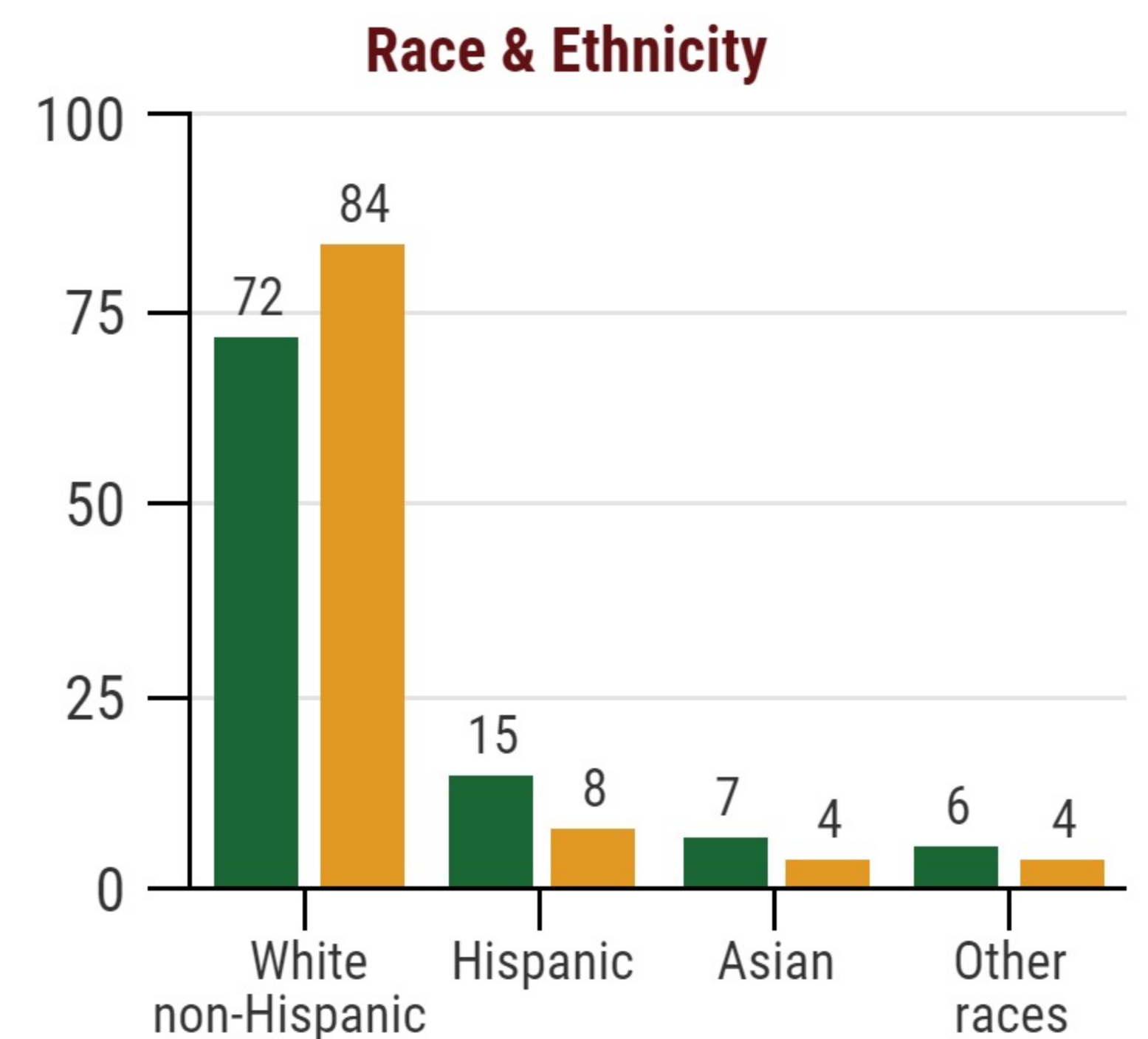
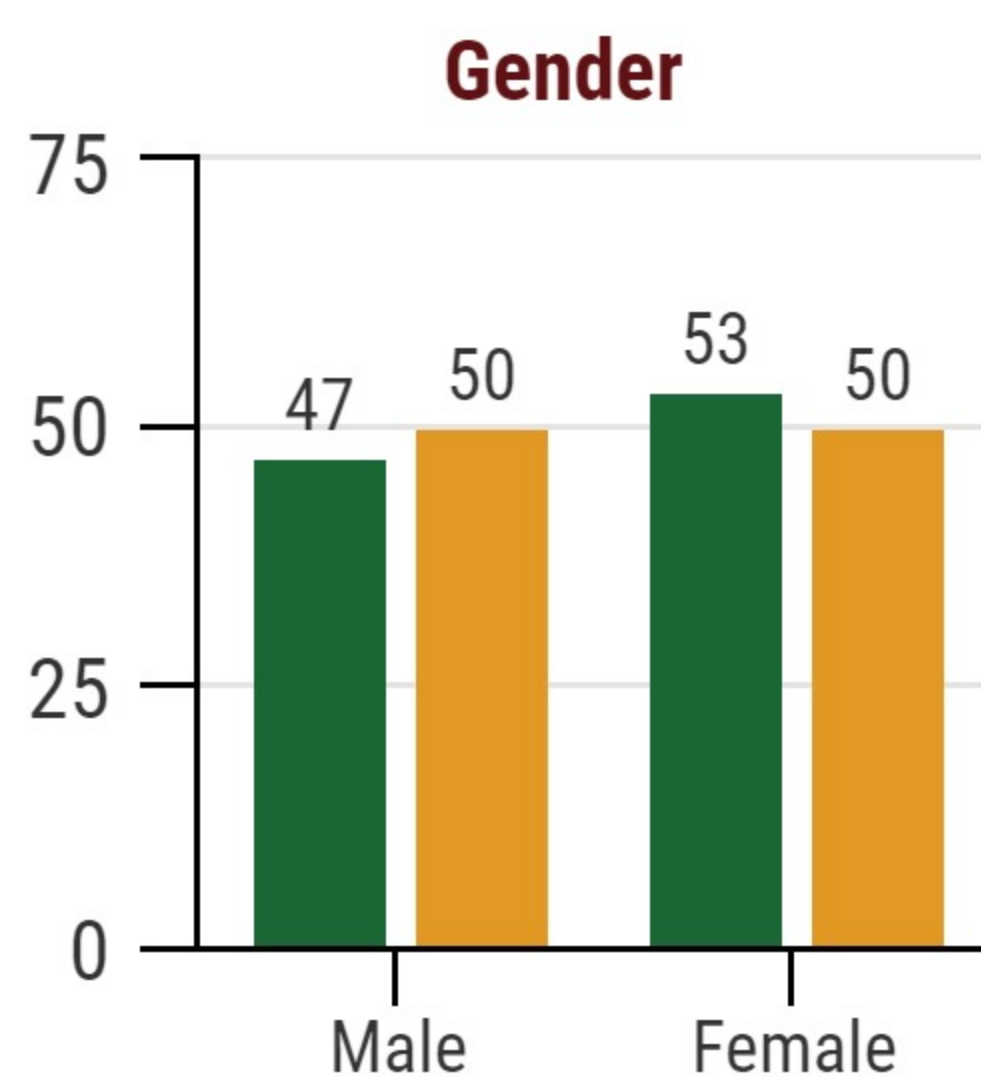
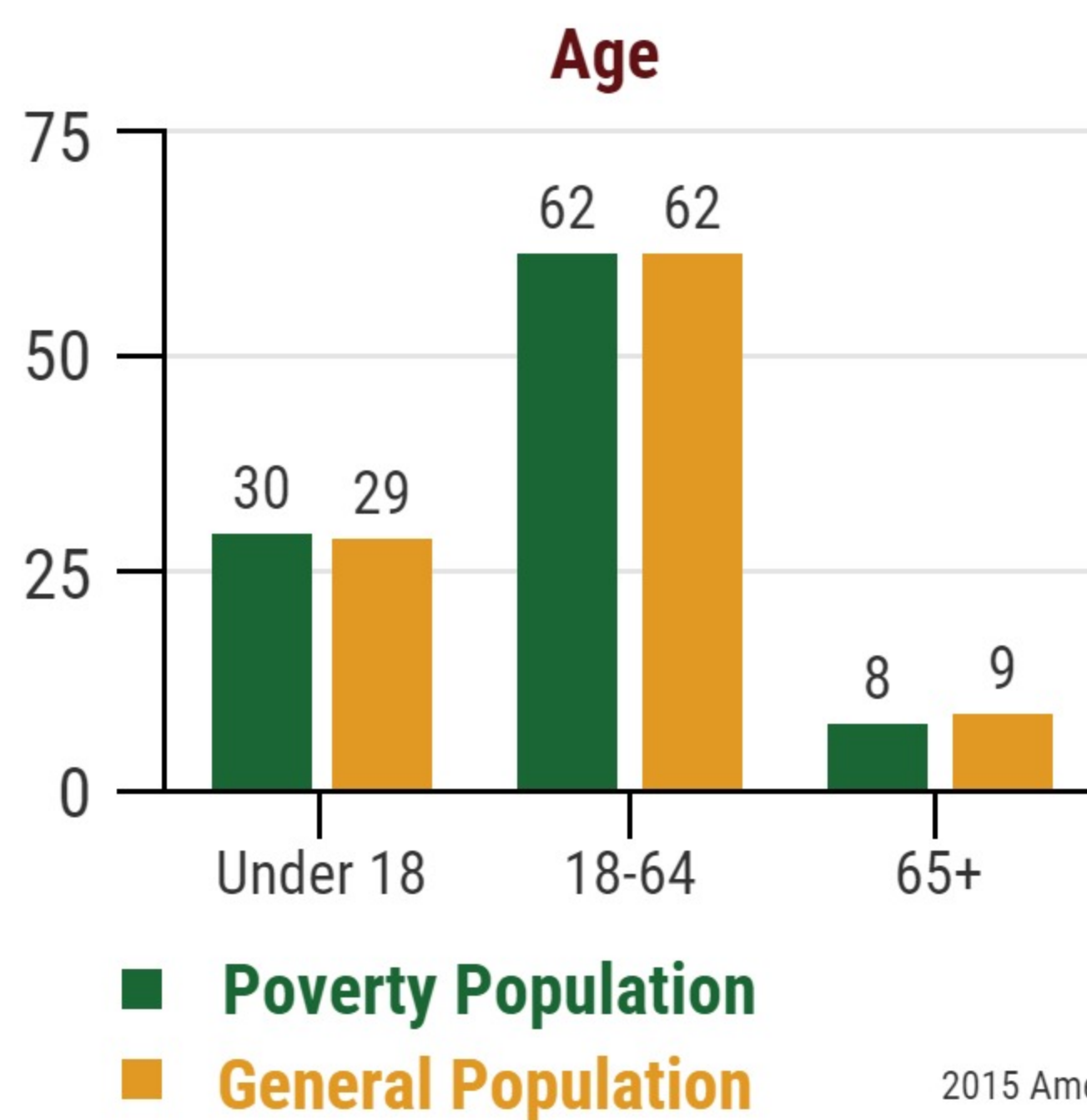
The rate of poverty in Douglas County is growing at a faster rate than other metro-Denver suburban counties since 2000.



American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates & Census 2000

## Population Characteristics

In general, the demographic characteristics of the population (by percentage) living under poverty are similar to general population when considering age and gender. Those who are non-white are disproportionately more likely to live under poverty than those who are white, non-Hispanics.



2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

## Housing Wage

**\$1,593**  
Monthly cost of median two-bedroom apartment in Douglas County.

**\$27.57**  
The hourly wage required for a family to afford a median two-bedroom apartment.

## Spanish Language

- The rate of poverty is 70% higher in households where Spanish is spoken. \*
- Of those seeking assistance in Douglas County, 75% of the non-English speaking households speak Spanish. \*\*
- Of the households that speak Spanish, 57% identify that Spanish is their primary language. \*\*
- 25% of the households seeking assistance identify their ethnicity as Hispanic. \*\*

\*American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates & Census 2000  
\*\*Douglas County CSBG Client Data System

# Community Needs

On April 19, 2017, 38 representatives from 29 agencies, that serve low income and vulnerable residents, gathered to identify the needs of individuals, agencies and the community based on survey information, demographic data and their professional experience. The top 10 needs identified at this meeting were presented to low-income residents at 3 locations across the county. These residents were asked to prioritize the identified needs.

- 1 Low-income residents need additional, affordable housing choices.
- 2 Low-income residents need affordable child care options.
- 3 Low-income residents need access to doctors and providers who will accept Medicaid and Medicare.
- 4 The community needs additional, supportive housing options for those experiencing homelessness.
- 5 The community needs a centrally located shelter to meet the needs of those experiencing homelessness.
- 6 The community needs transportation options which connect the various communities in the county to each other and to the metro areas to the north and south.
- 7 The community needs integrated wellness centers that provide an array of services including physical health, mental health and dental services at one site.
- 8 The County needs to create a hub which communicates available resources and services to vulnerable residents.
- 9 The community needs a single place where residents have the opportunity to access multiple services at one location.
- 10 The County needs to increase their ability to provide integrated services through strong partnerships and improved collaboration tools.

## Current Outcomes

From 2015-2017, Douglas County CSBG funding was used to support Douglas County Cares, a multi-agency collaborative that assists low-income residents working to achieve self-sufficiency. During 2016, the 44 households served obtained the following outcomes.

 **64% Successfully became self-sufficient**

 **86% Obtained or maintained housing**

 **79% Increased employment**

The purpose of the Community Services Block Grant Program (CSBG) is to alleviate the causes and conditions of poverty in a community. Given the diversity of need identified in the community, the efforts of the Douglas County CSBG program will focus on the accomplishing this work using CSBG Federal Objectives of 1) Housing, 2) Infrastructure, 3) Linkages, and 4) Service Supporting Multiple Domains. Meeting the needs identified should result in reaching CSBG Federal Goal 1, "Individuals and families with low incomes are stable and achieve economic security."