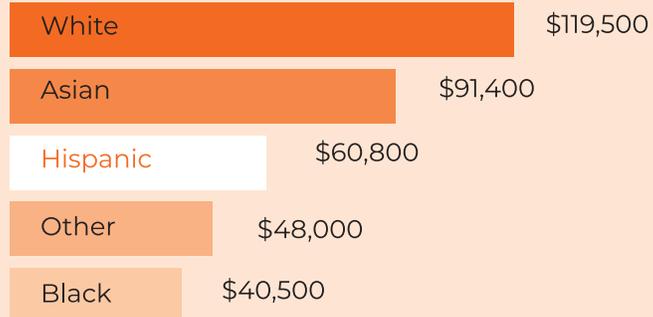


# Economic Security

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IN DC,  
PROSPERITY  
IS NOT  
SHARED  
EQUITABLY

DC Median  
Household  
Income,  
by Race



1 in 4  
DC CHILDREN  
LIVE BELOW  
THE POVERTY  
LINE

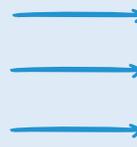
The percentage  
of DC children in  
poverty varies vastly  
by ward:



THE PATH TO  
ECONOMIC  
SECURITY IS  
STEEP FOR  
CHILDREN WHO  
LIVE IN PERSISTENT  
POVERTY

The benefits of economic security have life-long impacts:

Children who  
experience economic  
security have better  
physical and  
mental health



which lead to  
improved  
educational  
and career  
attainment  
later in life

DC'S HIGH COST  
OF LIVING  
CREATES  
ADDITIONAL  
BARRIERS TO  
FAMILY ECONOMIC  
SECURITY

DC's cost of living is over  
450% above the federal  
poverty line. To afford living  
in DC, a family of four would  
have to earn an annual  
income of  
**\$109,500  
PER YEAR.**



Almost half of DC  
children live in families  
**BELOW 250%**  
of the poverty line  
which amounts to  
an annual income  
of \$60,848 for a  
family of four

# QUESTIONS FOR CANDIDATES

## Economic Security

DC children are best positioned when their families are economically secure and share in the District's growing prosperity.

1. When families are economically secure, children have better access to stable and affordable housing, nourishing food, high-quality health care and educational opportunities. In your view, what can the District do to ensure all families have access to opportunities that allow them to achieve economic security?
2. Rent and housing prices continue to rise in DC, stretching family budgets and forcing families to seek more affordable housing options outside of the District. In fact, 3 out of 5 children live in families that spend more than 30% of their income on housing. How will you preserve and increase affordable housing options for children and families in the District?
3. The District of Columbia has one of the highest median incomes in the country. However, this prosperity is not shared across our community. In 2016, the median incomes for Black and Latino households were \$40,500 and \$60,800 respectively. This is two to three times less than white median household income, which amounted to \$119,500. What are your thoughts on these inequities and how would you address them if elected?
4. Approximately 31,000 DC children live in poverty. Research shows that childhood poverty can have lifelong consequences that affect future health, education, and earnings. Many children living in poverty grow up to become poor adults, and as they have children on their own, poverty persists through future generations. What can the District do to address childhood poverty and mitigate the consequences for children and families?