



WHAT WE HEARD FROM MONROE COUNTY LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS



59%

HAVE INCOME FROM WAGES, BUT RELY ON FOOD PANTRIES, FOODSHARE, AND OTHER FORMS OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TO GET BY.



43%

SAID FOOD WAS A HIGH NEED.



83%

HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE, YET OUT OF POCKET MEDICAL COSTS AND FINDING DENTAL CARE AND HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS, EVEN FOR THOSE WITH INSURANCE, ARE BARRIERS TO MEETING HEALTHCARE NEEDS.



58%

STRUGGLE TO PAY FOR UTILITY BILLS AND 38% STRUGGLE TO PAY FOR RENT/SECURITY DEPOSIT.



57%

SAID THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH OWNING A VEHICLE WAS A HIGH NEED.



33%

OF WORKING RESPONDENTS NEEDED HIGHER WAGE JOBS WITH BENEFITS.



MONROE COUNTY

Couleecap, Inc. surveyed 167 low-income households to learn more about their everyday needs. Though the poverty level for a family of four is **\$25,750** in Monroe County a family of four needs to earn **\$59,940 for basic survival**. Our data shows the greatest needs and challenges that low-income people in Monroe County are struggling with are transportation, health, and employment.

1 in 3 
PEOPLE STRUGGLE TO MEET THEIR BASIC NEEDS.



\$24.39

THE **LIVING WAGE** FOR
1 ADULT WITH 1 CHILD

54%

HAD ANNUAL INCOMES
LESS THAN \$20,000

8%

COULD BE CONSIDERED
HOMELESS

59%

HAD INCOME
FROM **WAGES**

1 in 4 

HISPANIC PEOPLE LIVE BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL.

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2019 COULEECAP COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT



83%

HAD HEALTH INSURANCE, BUT ACCESSING AND PAYING FOR HEALTHCARE WAS A TOP NEED.



52%

RENTED THEIR HOME, AND MANY STRUGGLE WITH HOUSING COSTS.



40%

LIVED WITH SOMEONE WITH PHYSICAL, MENTAL, EMOTIONAL, OR ADDICTION LIMITATIONS.



36%

TRAVELED MORE THAN 15 MILES ONE-WAY FOR HEALTHCARE SERVICES.

COMPLETE REPORT IS AVAILABLE AT COULEECAP.ORG