



Childhood Poverty

Overview of Colorado & Denver for Leadership Denver

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COLORADO CHILDREN'S CAMPAIGN
Every Chance for Every Child



Colorado Children's Campaign

- Champion policies and programs in child health, early childhood and K-12 education
- Use the most accurate, compelling data and research on child well-being
- Engage community support and insight including from our It's About Kids (IAK) network of 68 leaders in 52 counties across the state
- Connect people with policymakers





How is poverty defined?

\$

23,850 / year

for a family of four

100 DOLLARS

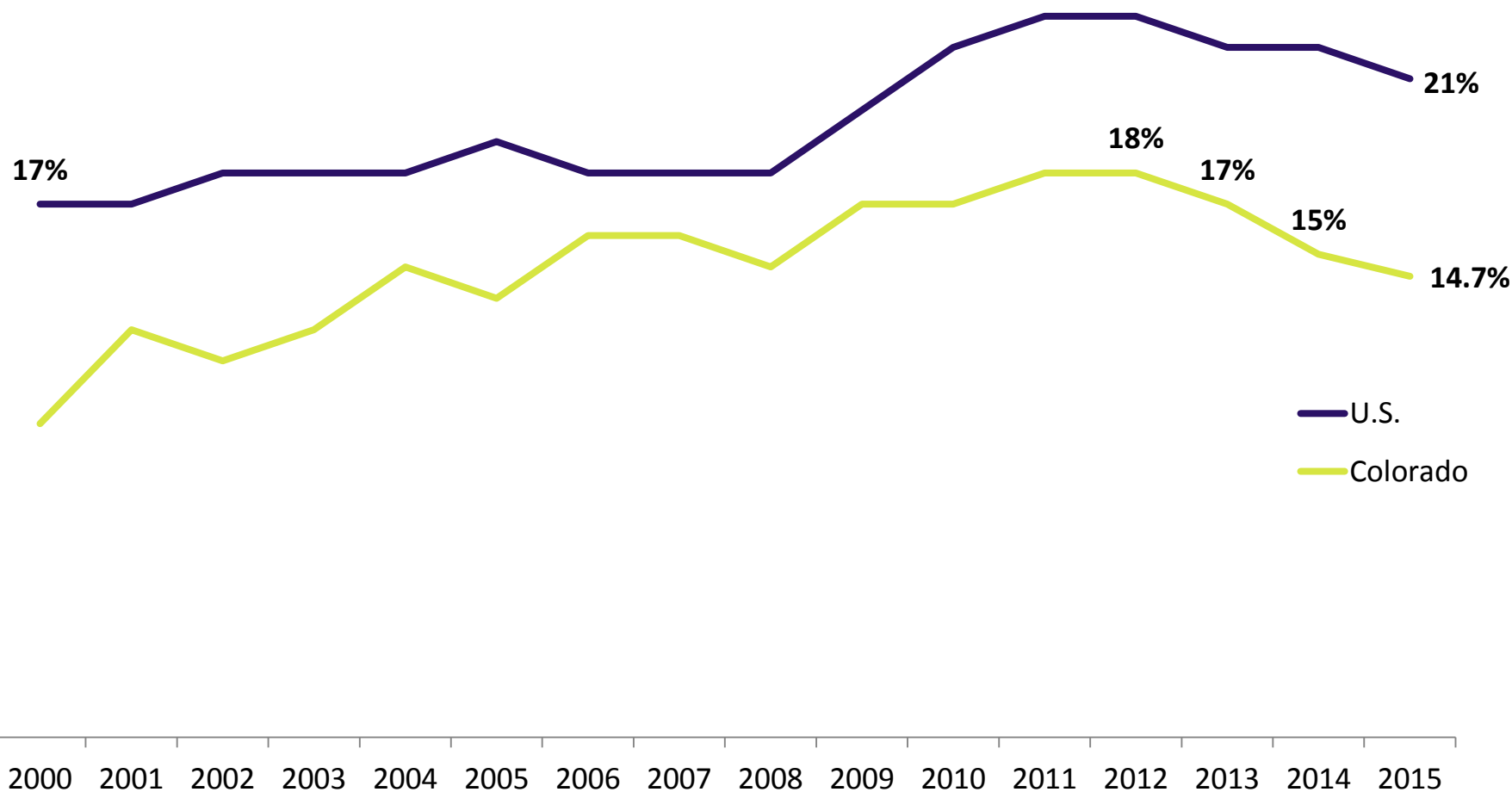


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In 2015, nearly 15 percent of Colorado kids lived in poverty
(approximately 183,000 children)

Child Poverty Rates, Under 18





Good news by the numbers

20,000

fewer Colorado children in poverty in 2015 than in 2013



183,000 Colorado children are
still growing up in poverty

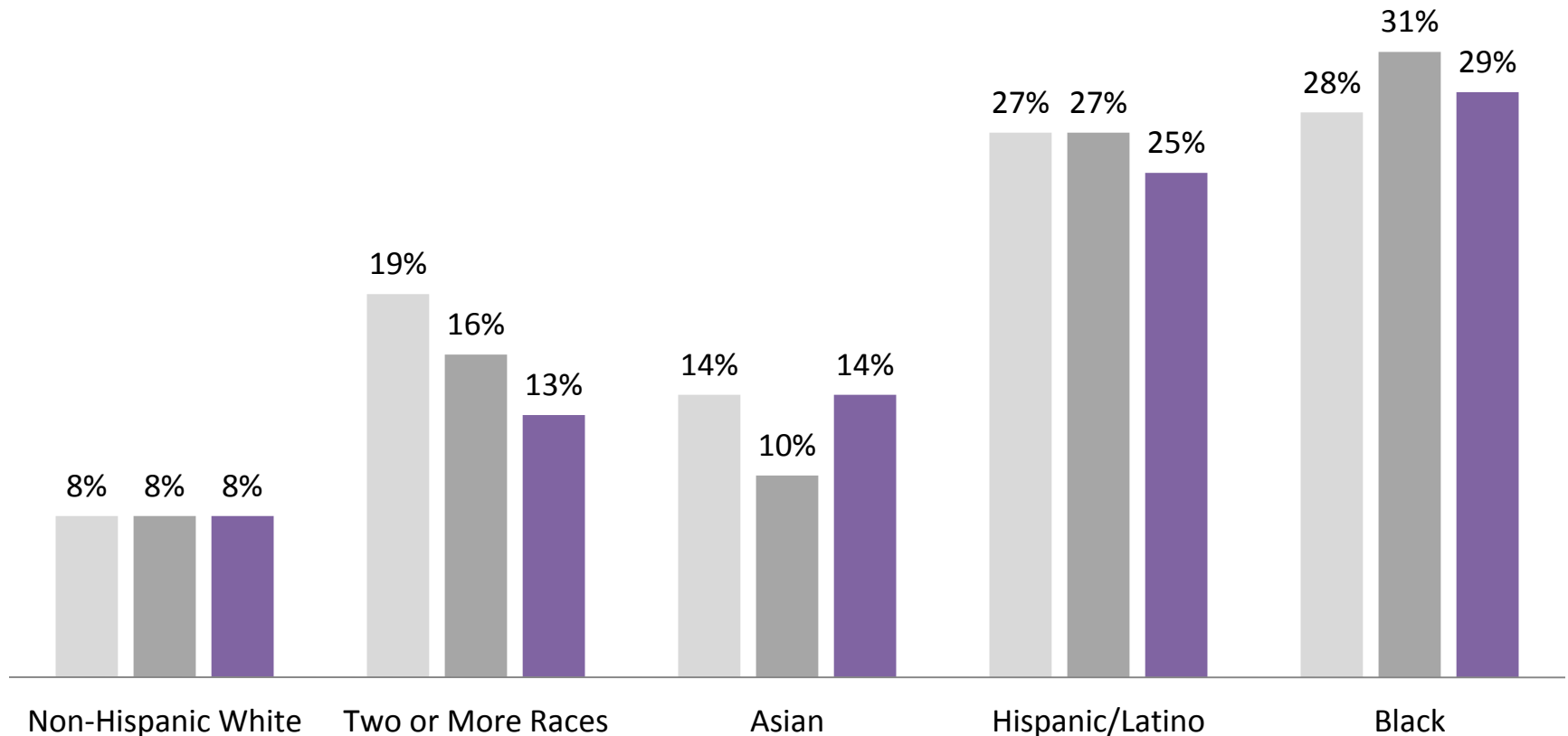
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Structural barriers to opportunity mean that kids of color are significantly more likely to live in poverty than white children

Child Poverty Rates by Race/Ethnicity

2007 2014 2015





23 percent

4 percent

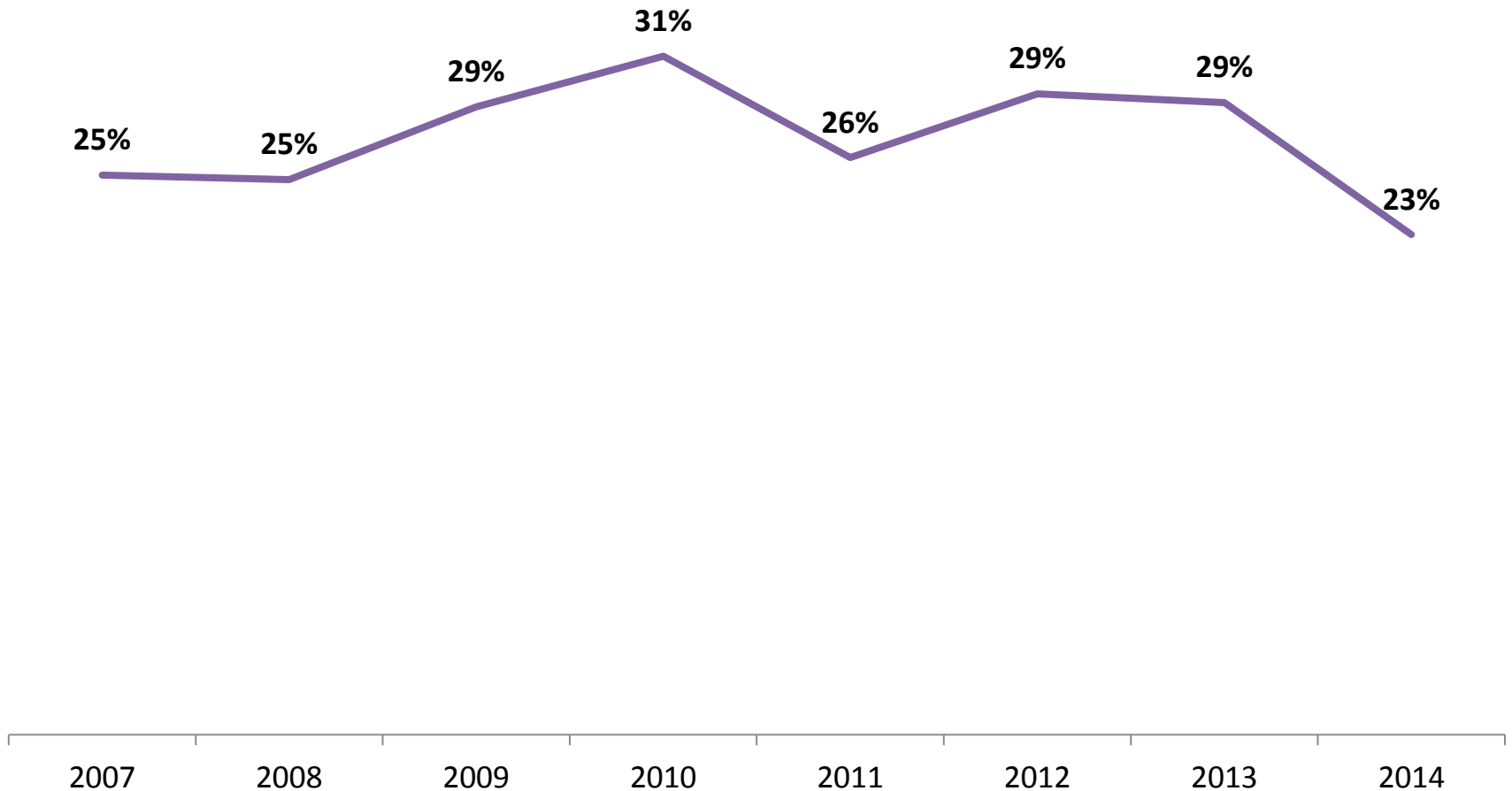
40 percent

4% to 12% 13% to 17% 18% to 23% 24% to 31% 32% to 41%



Despite a sharp drop in Denver's child poverty rate in 2014, nearly one in four children still lived in poverty

Child Poverty in Denver

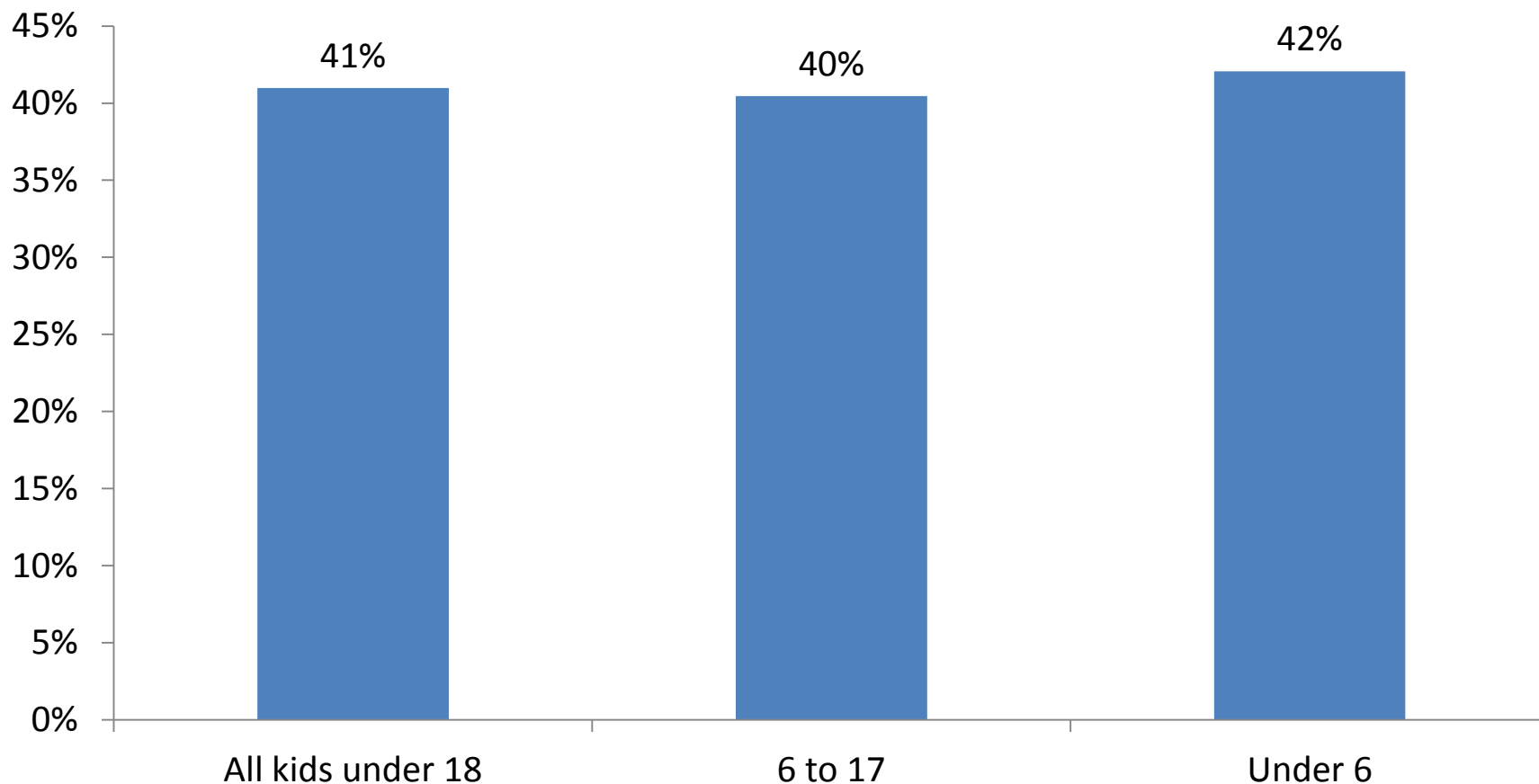




Looking at 200% FPL gives a better sense of how many children live in families struggling to get by.

Children Living Below 200% FPL, 2010-2014

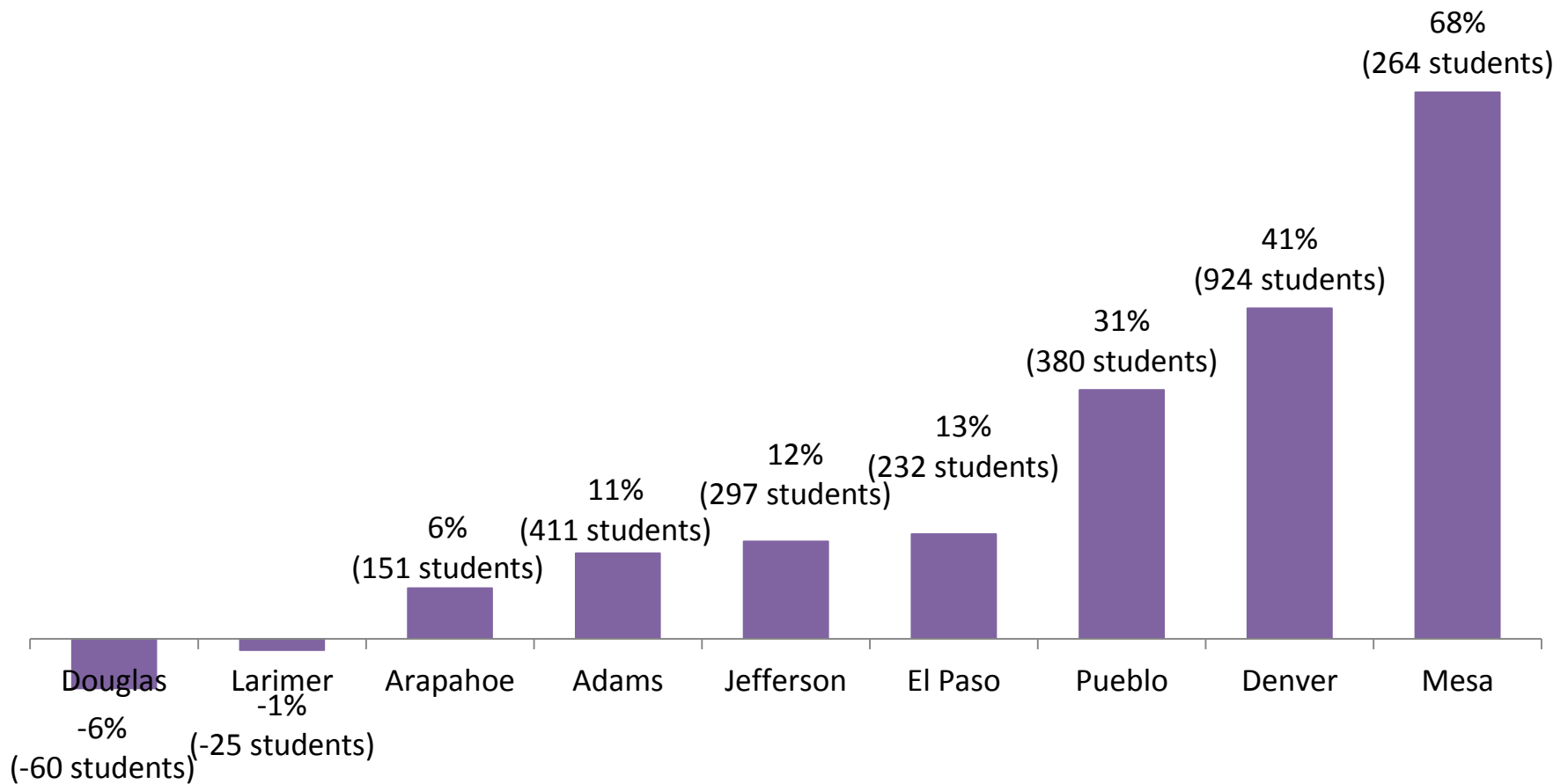
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As the cost of living rises in Denver, many families are struggling to find stable, affordable housing

Percent Change in the Number of Homeless Students among Large Counties, 2013-2014 to 2014-2015





Poverty and Childhood: Why should we care?

- The *timing* of poverty
- The *long reach* poverty
- The *causal mechanism* of poverty





Questions?

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