



United Way of Kitsap County



Real change – change that matters – rarely comes from business as usual. As your local United Way, we have a unique and vital role in the communities we serve. We are not about one cause or issue. We understand the importance of being able to shift priorities and adapt, as our community needs change. We understand the gravity and interconnectedness of the social challenges we face as a community. We understand our role in working with partners during a disaster or a pandemic to help our community recover, rebuild, and thrive.



Why Do So Many Households Struggle?

The cost of household basics outpaces wages...

The Household Survival Budget reflects the bare minimum cost to live and work in the modern economy and includes housing, child care, food, transportation, health care, technology (a smartphone plan), and taxes. It does not include savings for emergencies or future goals like college or retirement. In 2018, household costs were well above the Federal Poverty Level of \$12,140 for a single adult and \$25,100 for a family of four.

	Single Adult	Two Adults	Two Adults Two School-Age Children	Two Adults Two in Child Care	Single Senior	Two Seniors
Housing	\$725	\$882	\$1,137	\$1,137	\$725	\$882
Child Care	\$0	\$0	\$536	\$1,573	\$0	\$0
Food	\$288	\$598	\$999	\$872	\$245	\$510
Transportation	\$120	\$239	\$478	\$239	\$120	\$239
Health Care	\$144	\$358	\$581	\$581	\$468	\$935
Technology	\$55	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$152	\$246	\$415	\$499	\$180	\$295
Taxes	\$187	\$305	\$340	\$514	\$187	\$305
Monthly Total	\$1,671	\$2,703	\$4,561	\$5,490	\$1,980	\$3,241
Annual Total	\$20,052	\$32,436	\$54,732	\$65,880	\$23,760	\$38,892
Hourly Wage	\$10.03	\$16.22	\$27.37	\$32.94	\$11.88	\$19.45

Sources: ALICE Household Survival Budget, 2018; Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics, 2018

The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic is revealing what many of us already knew: When the number of households that cannot meet their basic needs increases substantially, economic hardship increases across the board, impacting local and state economies, impacting each of us collectively.

This snapshot is what *was normal* for many of our neighbors, pre-COVID19. Find the full report and national impact here: <https://www.unitedforalice.org/covid19>

Your gift is key to our ability to respond, recover, reimagine, and rebuild together - change that matters.



What is 2-1-1 of the Peninsulas'?

We invite you to watch this [short video](#).

Here's how you can [help support](#) this critical regional resource.



[Kitsap Racial Equity & Empowerment Fund](#)

[Unity in Community Resource Links](#)

- [Business & Workers](#)
- [Financial Resources for Washington Residents](#)
- [Business Resource Guide](#)

Each of us has been impacted in some way by the COVID-19 pandemic. Now smoke from wildfires hovers above, as the landscape and lives of our neighboring communities are ravaged, adds to the uncertainty so many of us are feeling. Below are ways each of us can give & receive help. If you need a hand, call 2-1-1. If you are able to lend one, please [give](#).

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Coffee Chat with Carl, our Executive Director

We love making connections! If you'd like to meet for coffee to chat about how you can be a hand-raiser & game-changer, just send us an [email](#). In the meantime, we invite you to visit us at www.unitedwaykitsap.org.



Save the Dates:

- **5th Annual Lifting Spirits part Deux**- Friday, April 16, 2021
- **Letter Carriers' Food Drive** = Originally scheduled for May 9th, has been postponed - watch our [Facebook page](#) for updates.
- **Golf Classic** originally scheduled for July has been cancelled. This is our annual fundraiser to support our work with Kitsap Strong. You can still help us lift up this work by donating [here](#).
- **27th Annual Day of Caring** - part Deux - June 25 2021 - watch for other volunteer opportunities at www.VolunteerKitsap.org



We believe to succeed as a community, we must tackle the challenges of inter-generational poverty together. Your support is leveraged to do what matters; win the fight for the education, health and financial stability for all in Kitsap County. #LiveUnitedKitsap

