

# ARE FAMILIES “GETTING AHEAD” IN WHATCOM ?

In 2001, the median income in Whatcom covered basic needs for a young family of three with some left over, although there are significant differences by race and ethnicity. In 2017, median income covered less of basic needs for a young family, suggesting income is not keeping pace with cost-of-living. Today, the median income of most racial and ethnic groups are either barely meeting basic needs or falling far short.

Median household income as a share of cost to meet basic needs by race & ethnicity  
Family of three (one adult + two children), Whatcom County, 2001 & 2017

