Virginia children of every race and ethnicity face hardship

Black and Latino children are more likely to grow up in families that struggle to meet basic needs.

White children make up the largest number of economically disadvantaged children in the Commonwealth.

Percent of Children Living Below 200% of Poverty by Race and Ethnicity

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Over time, a variety of federal, state, and local policy choices have had disproportionate impacts on families living in certain regions or belonging to certain races and ethnicities. Those effects are still felt today. To improve economic opportunity, we must recognize children have different starting points, which may require different policy solutions.
We champion public policies that improve the lives of Virginia’s children.

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