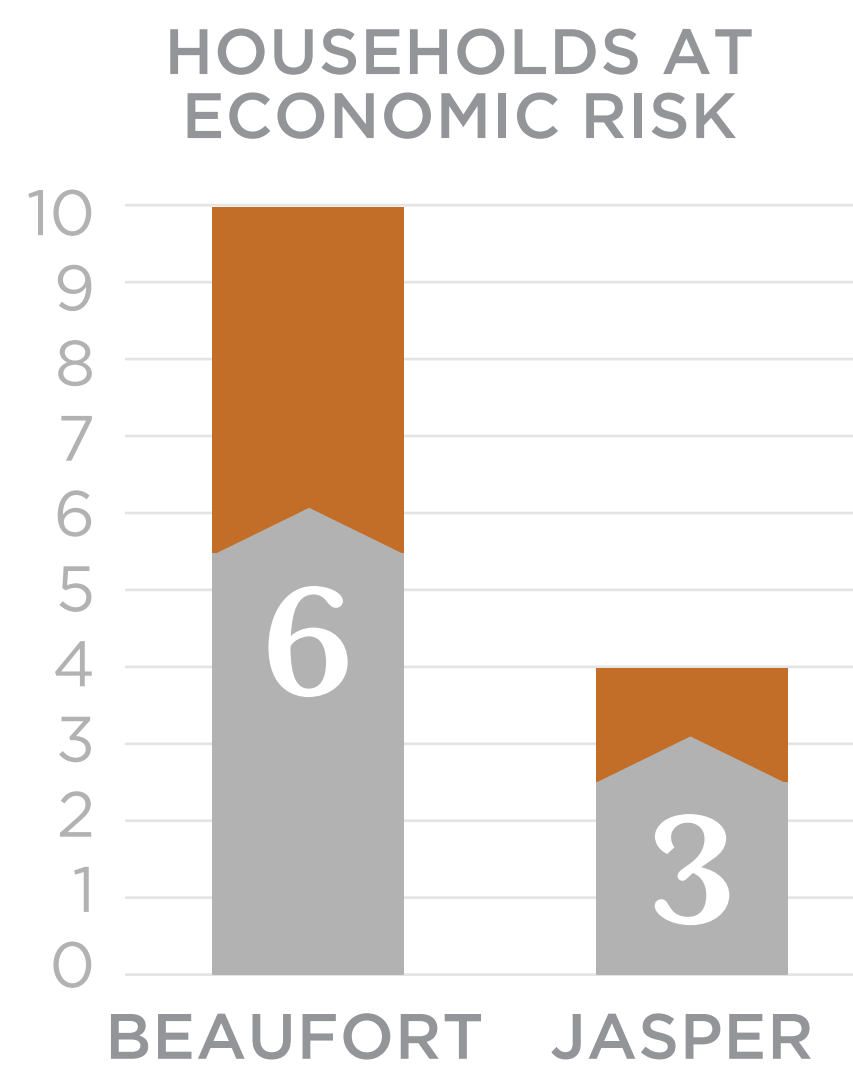


# BLUFFTON SELF HELP COMMUNITY *needs* ASSESSMENT



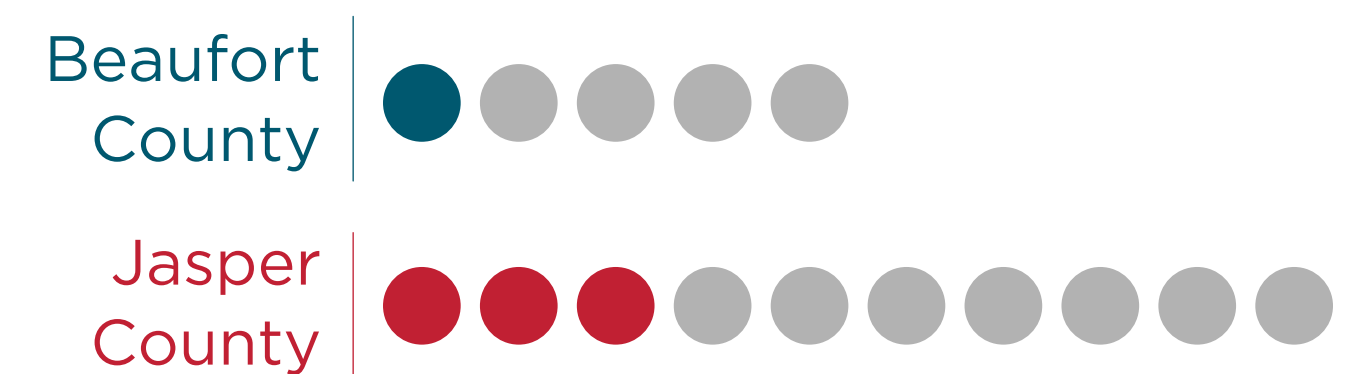
Nearly 6 in 10 households in **Beaufort County** and **3 of 4** in **Jasper County** are economically at risk.

*Not earning a livable wage (\$57,000 for a family of three), they are just one mishap away from a financial crisis.*



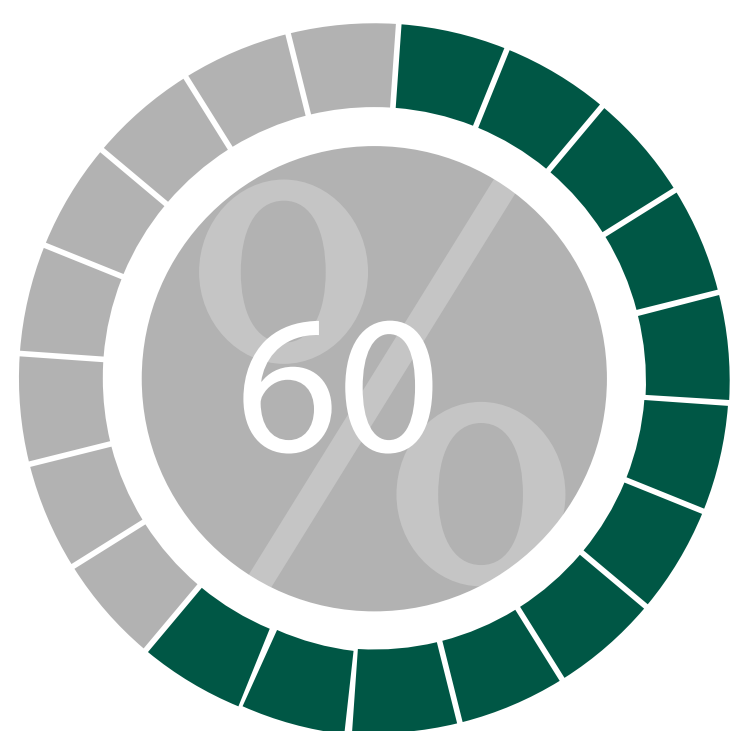
In **BLUFFTON**, **31%** of families have incomes less than **\$50,000**.

More than **21,000** neighbors are food insecure, and 1 in 5 children in Beaufort County and 3 in 10 in Jasper County live in poverty.

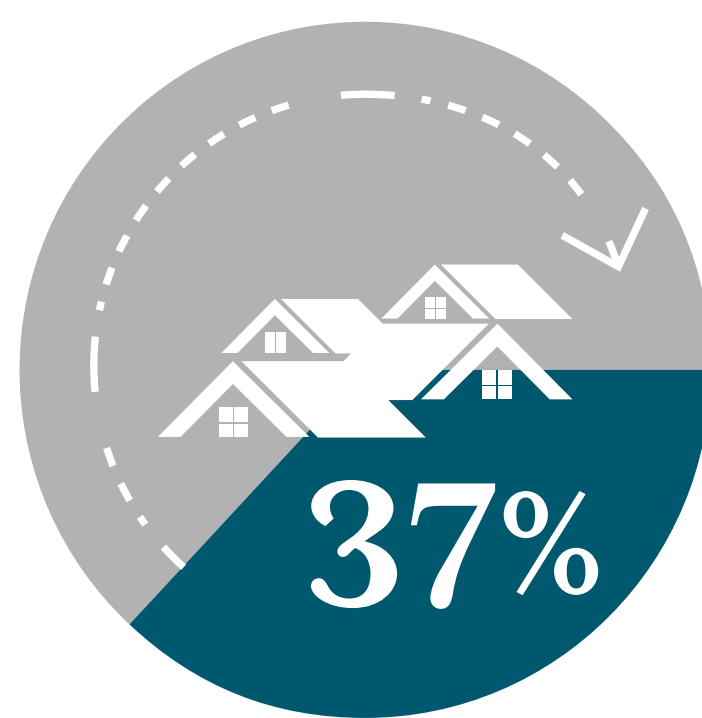


**15%** of people over age 25 in Jasper County do not have a high school degree or equivalent.

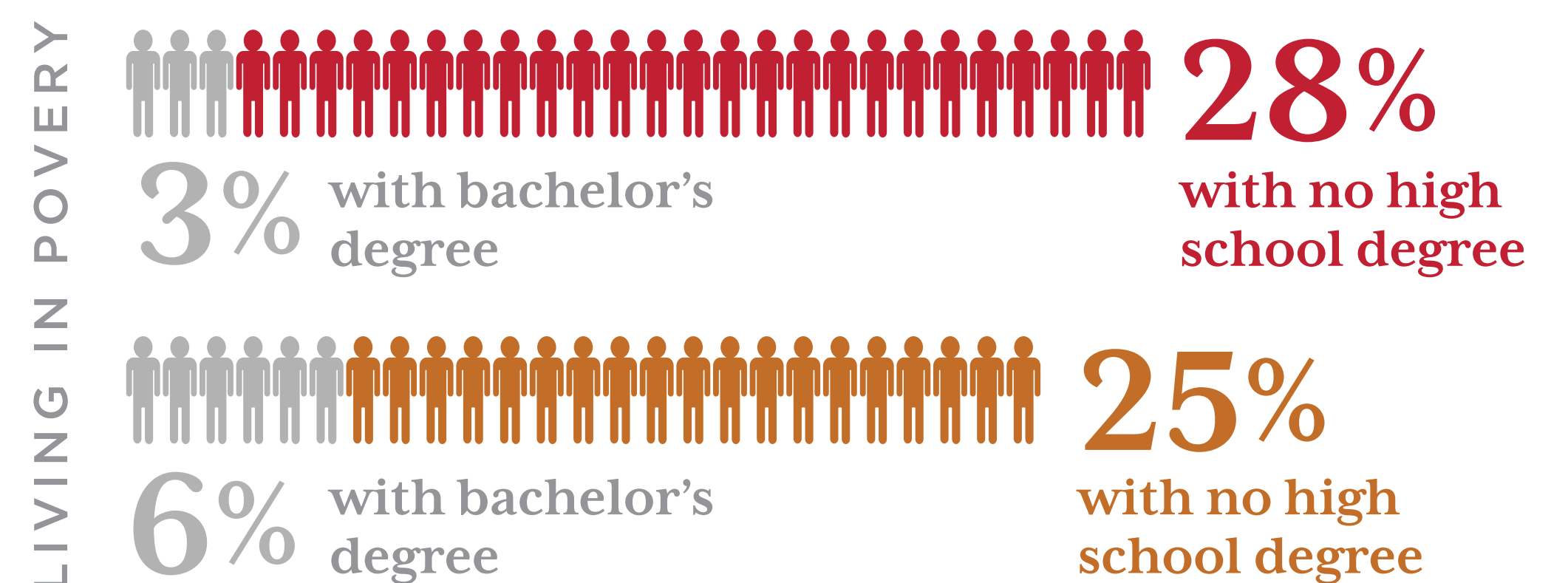
The greatest percentage of individuals that speak English less than “very well” is seen in **JASPER COUNTY** with 60% speaking a language other than English.



In both **Beaufort** and **Jasper** counties more than one-third of residents (37%) are living in household units that are cost burdened, meaning more than 30% of income is spent on housing.



**Education** is a significant factor when it comes to income and serves as a strong predictor for **poverty**. In **Beaufort County** 28% of people who have not completed high school live below the poverty line. This number drops to 3% for people with a bachelor’s degree or more. In **Jasper County** those numbers are 25% and 6% respectively.

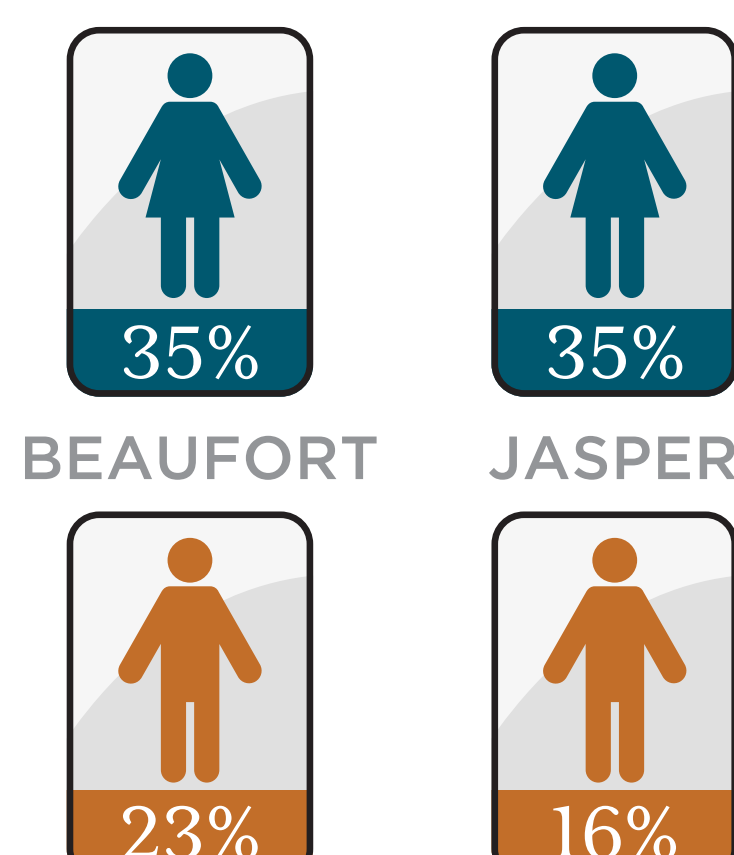


Within the **Hispanic community**, we see the highest levels of poverty and the lowest levels of education and many are challenged with lacking documentation or not speaking English very well.

**32%** of Hispanics in **Beaufort County** have not earned a high school diploma or equivalent. **55%** in **Jasper County** have not earned a high school diploma or equivalent.



In Beaufort and Jasper counties approximately 36% of the housing is **SUBOPTIMAL** (38% in Bluffton and Hardeeville), meaning it lacks plumbing, complete kitchens, or the housing is overcrowded.



**GENDER ALSO PLAYS A ROLE IN POVERTY** because women on average earn less money than men regardless of education level. In both Beaufort and Jasper counties 35% of women without a high school degree live below the poverty level compared to 23% and 16% of men, respectively.

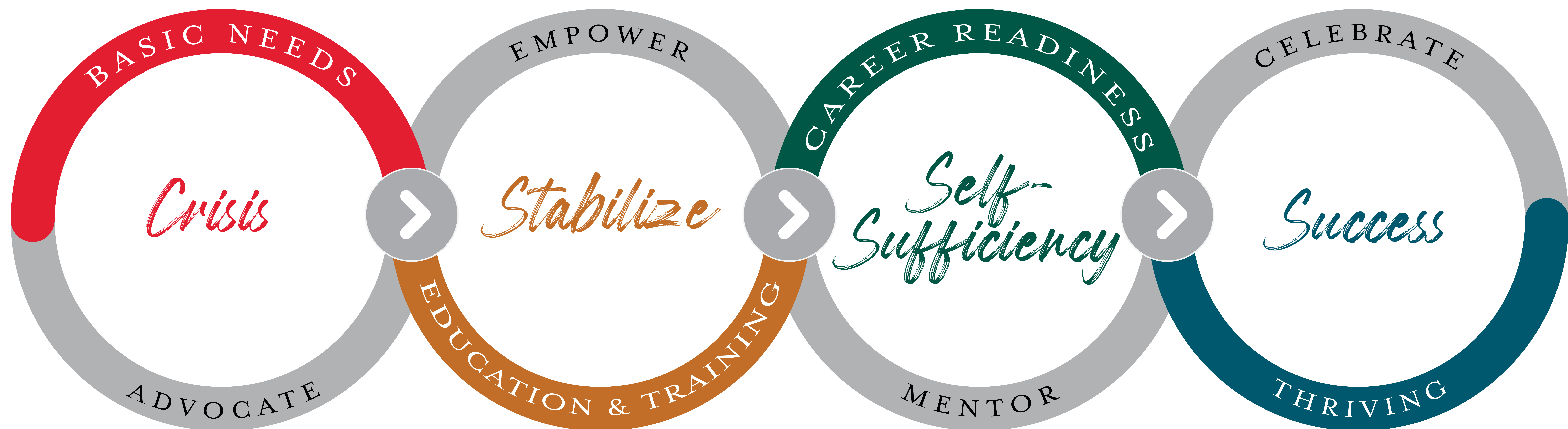


# BLUFFTON SELF HELP

WITH MORE NEIGHBORS *economically at risk* THAN FINANCIALLY SECURE, Bluffton Self Help is leading a coordinated response to how human services are being offered in our community.







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**BASIC NEEDS**  
Food  
Clothing  
Hygiene  
Financial Assistance

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**EDUCATION & TRAINING**  
Adult Basic Literacy  
GED Classes  
ESL Classes  
Workshops  
Computer Labs  
Resource Coordination

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**CAREER READINESS**  
Mentorship  
Develop Career Plan  
SMART Goals  
Resume Writing &  
Building  
Soft Skill Certificates

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**THRIVING**  
Home  
Workplace  
Community

PATHWAYS TO PERSONAL SUCCESS.

