

Economic Opportunity and Child Poverty in MA

What's Working and How We Could Do Better

Effective government programs help 220,000 kids step out of poverty



That's 1 in 7 kids ↗

Key programs include:

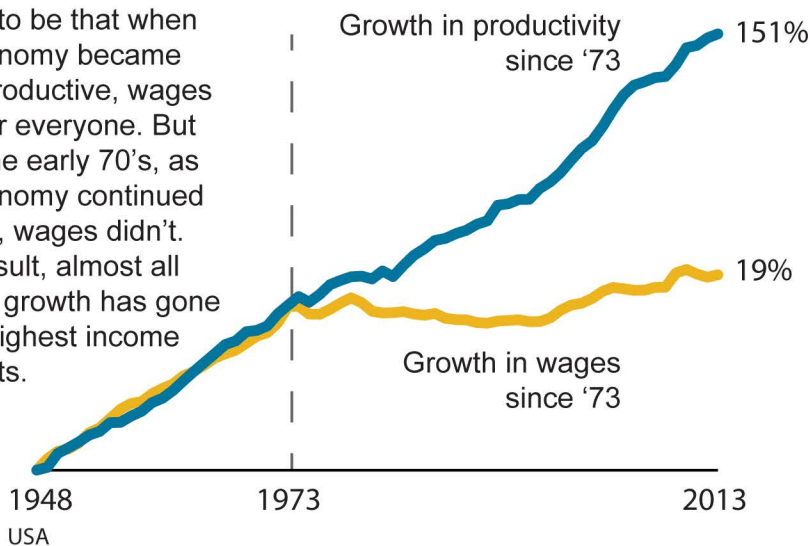
- Earned Income Tax Credit
- SNAP (food stamps)
- WIC Nutrition Program
- Child Tax Credits

But with 200,000 kids still in poverty...

...our Commonwealth could do much more to build broadly shared prosperity.

Increase wages for working people

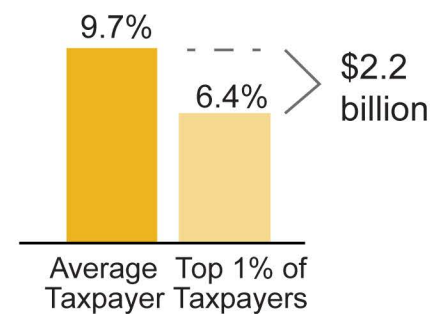
It used to be that when the economy became more productive, wages grew for everyone. But since the early 70's, as the economy continued to grow, wages didn't. As a result, almost all income growth has gone to the highest income residents.



Fix our tax system

Massachusetts loses \$2.2 billion every year because the top 1% pays a smaller share of their income in taxes than the other 99%.

MA taxes as % of income



Invest in Massachusetts

If we fix our tax system, we could make investments that expand opportunity for everyone.



Education & job training



Transportation



Support for kids & families