

# WHERE A WOMAN HAS EARNED HER FUTURE FOR 25 YEARS

Since 1989, Women's Bean Project has been employing chronically impoverished and unemployed women through a transitional job in gourmet food and handcrafted jewelry manufacturing.

Women receive immediate income and support services to overcome barriers to employment and learn the basic job readiness, interpersonal and life skills needed to create a brighter future for themselves, their family, our community and the economy.

We've helped women earn a future for 25 years, but there is still work to be done...

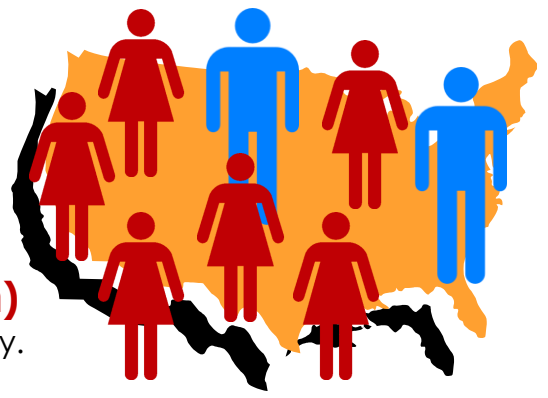


## A SUSTAINABLE SOLUTION TO CHRONIC UNEMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY.

Offers a viable way to address chronic unemployment, recidivism, welfare dependency, and a host of other challenges. The social enterprise model gives Women's Bean Project a sustainable way to achieve its mission. As a result = it ushers women with significant barriers into the economic mainstream.



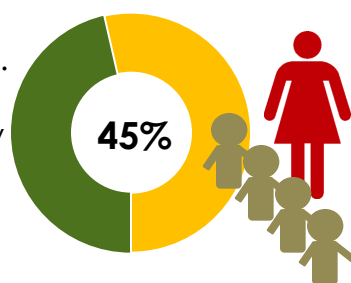
**42 MILLION WOMEN + 28 MILLION CHILDREN IN AMERICA (one in three women)** live in or near poverty.



The U.S. has a greater poverty gap between men and women than any other country in the Western World.

## NEARLY 1/2 A MILLION WOMEN IN COLORADO are living at or near POVERTY.

Among all children in the U.S. living with only their mother, nearly half – 45% – live below the poverty line.

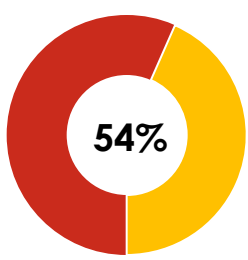


The 2011 Self-Sufficiency Standard in Denver County for one adult, one preschooler and one school-age child was \$23.79 per hour.

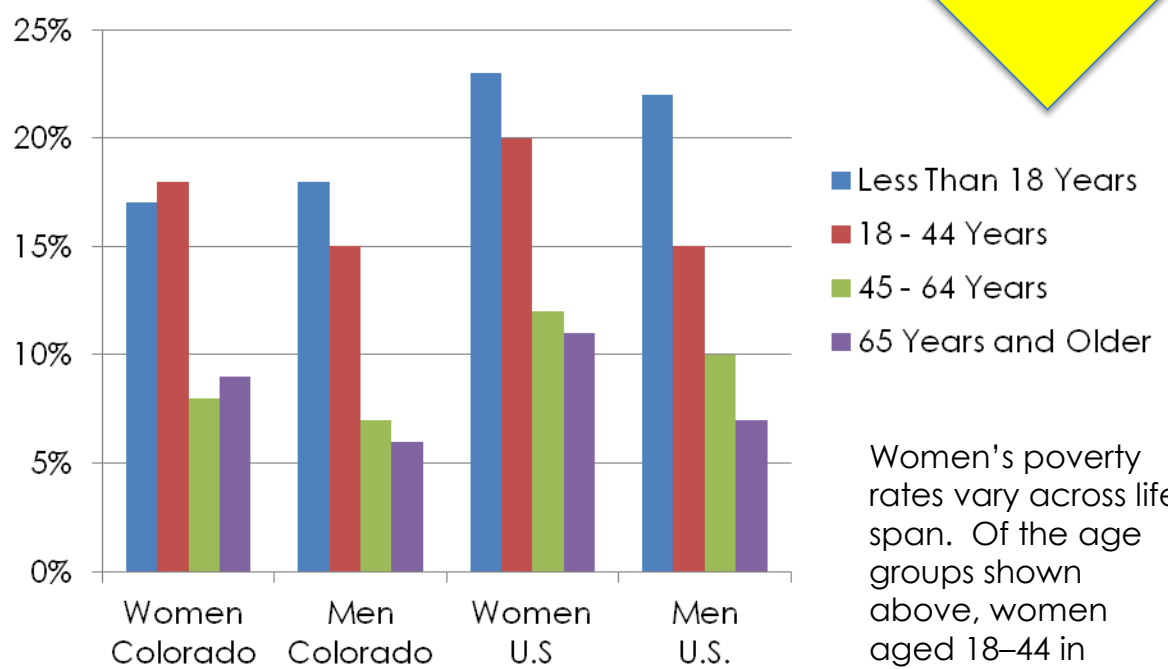
\$23,550 for family of four  
\$11,490 for single-person household

In 2011, about one in eight women aged 18 and older in the state had family incomes below the federal poverty line.

Single women in Colorado head a substantial portion (20%) of all family households with children under 18, and these households are disproportionately likely to live below the poverty line.



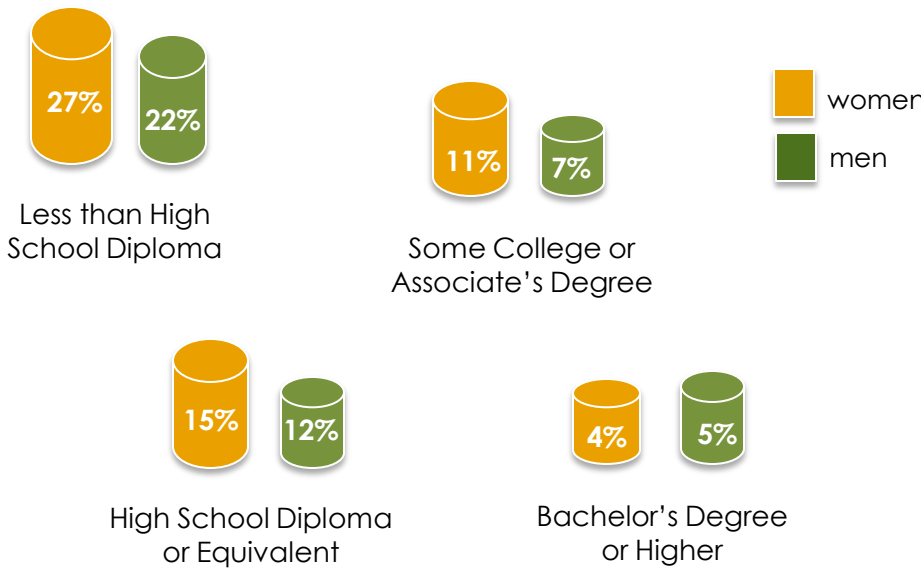
More than half of all families in poverty with dependent children in the state are headed by single women.



Women's poverty rates vary across life span. Of the age groups shown above, women aged 18-44 in Colorado have the highest poverty rate at 18 percent. The relatively high poverty rates for women in this age group may stem, in part, from the difficult economic circumstances that many single women with children face.



## EDUCATION protects women against poverty and opens up pathways to ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY and INDEPENDENCE.



### Poverty Rates for Women and Men Aged 25 Years or Older by Educational Attainment, Colorado, 2011

In Colorado, as in the United States as a whole, women with a bachelor's degree or higher are substantially less likely to be poor than those with lower levels of education.



**WOMEN** are vital to Colorado's economy, and work is vital to the economic self-sufficiency of Colorado's families. They are the sole job holders in over **1/3** of American families with children.

**Women's Bean Project** is a solution for domestic poverty. According to the Social Enterprise Alliance, based on research conducted by economists, the economic stimulus of a job created by social businesses such as Women's Bean Project is at least **\$80,000** per year. This figure takes into account a number of primary effects, including direct income, added consumption, social benefits and avoided social costs, as well as a number of secondary benefits.

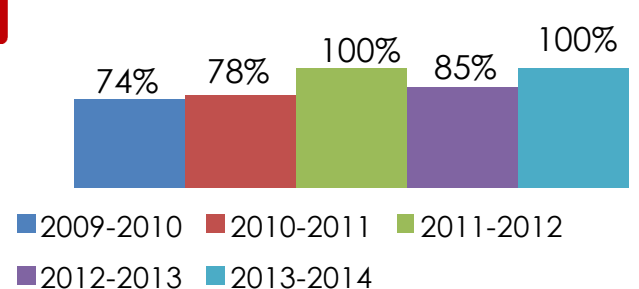


Has helped more than **800 WOMEN** move out of dependency and into personal responsibility and self-reliance through on-the-job training, as well as stabilization and personal development services. By employing women who come from backgrounds of chronic unemployment and poverty, Women's Bean Project helps them set a new course for their lives – creating a new future for themselves, their families, our communities and our economy.

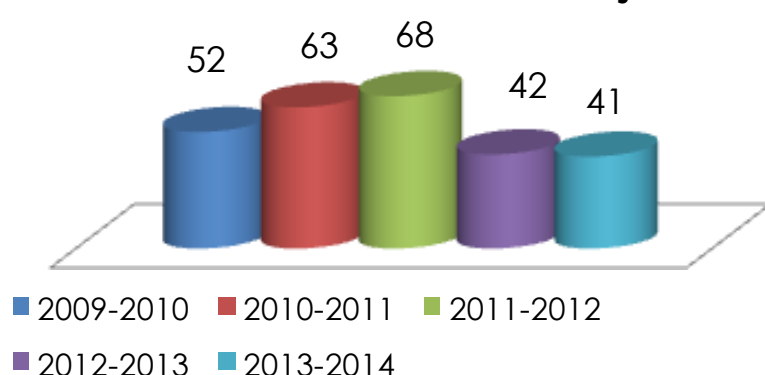


**60 WOMEN** each year who would otherwise not be employed, equating to **\$4.8 million** in stimulus to the economy each year.

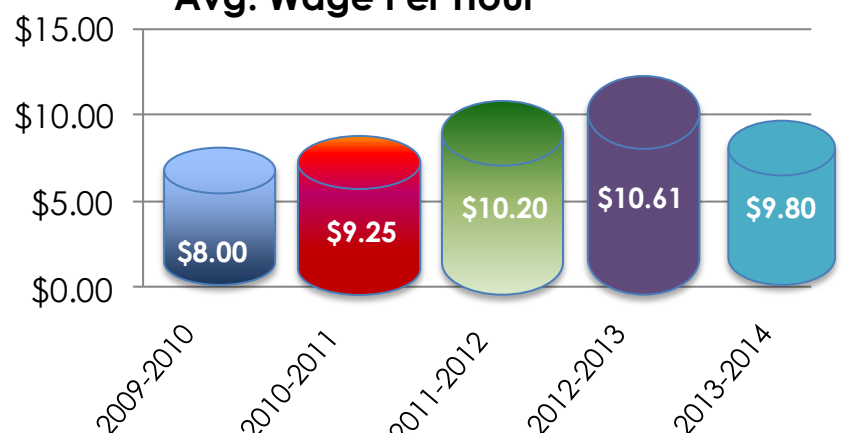
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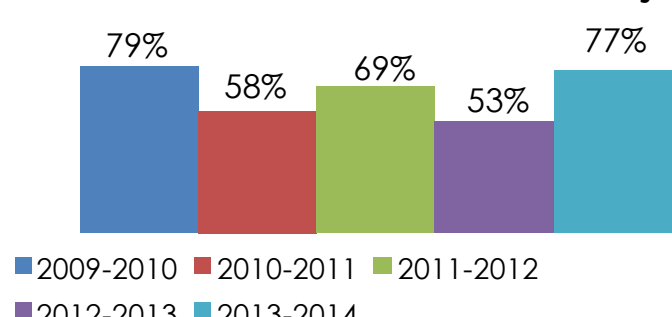
### Hired at Women's Bean Project



### Avg. Wage Per Hour



### Graduated Women's Bean Project



### 6-Month Job Retention

