

1. Lincoln does many things **exceptionally well** and these successes should be nurtured.

- Population has grown 16% since 2000
- Regularly among lowest unemployment rates in the U.S.
- Ranked 18<sup>th</sup> in metros for workers with college degrees
- Rising high school graduation and declining dropout rates
- Ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index (2013)
- On average have 44% of violent crime of other cities our size
- Lower rates of disease and death due to health risk behaviors

2. A growing proportion of Lincoln's population faces real **need**.

- Persons in poverty has increased 48% since 2005
- Per capita income, adjusted for cost of living trails U.S. average by \$1,400
- Six neighborhoods now in extreme poverty
- Homelessness has increased 41% since 2007

3. Lincoln's **children** are particularly vulnerable.

- 22% of children (12,500) are in poverty; that number has doubled since 2008
- 133% increase in LPS students receiving free lunch since 2000
- 74% of children under 6 have all parents in the workforce; 77% for children 6-17
- Disparities in educational attainment for children that are racial/ethnic minorities and receiving free/reduced lunch
- On any given day, 1,000 children are in out-of-home placement



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