

The 2nd Annual Living Wage in Whitehorse

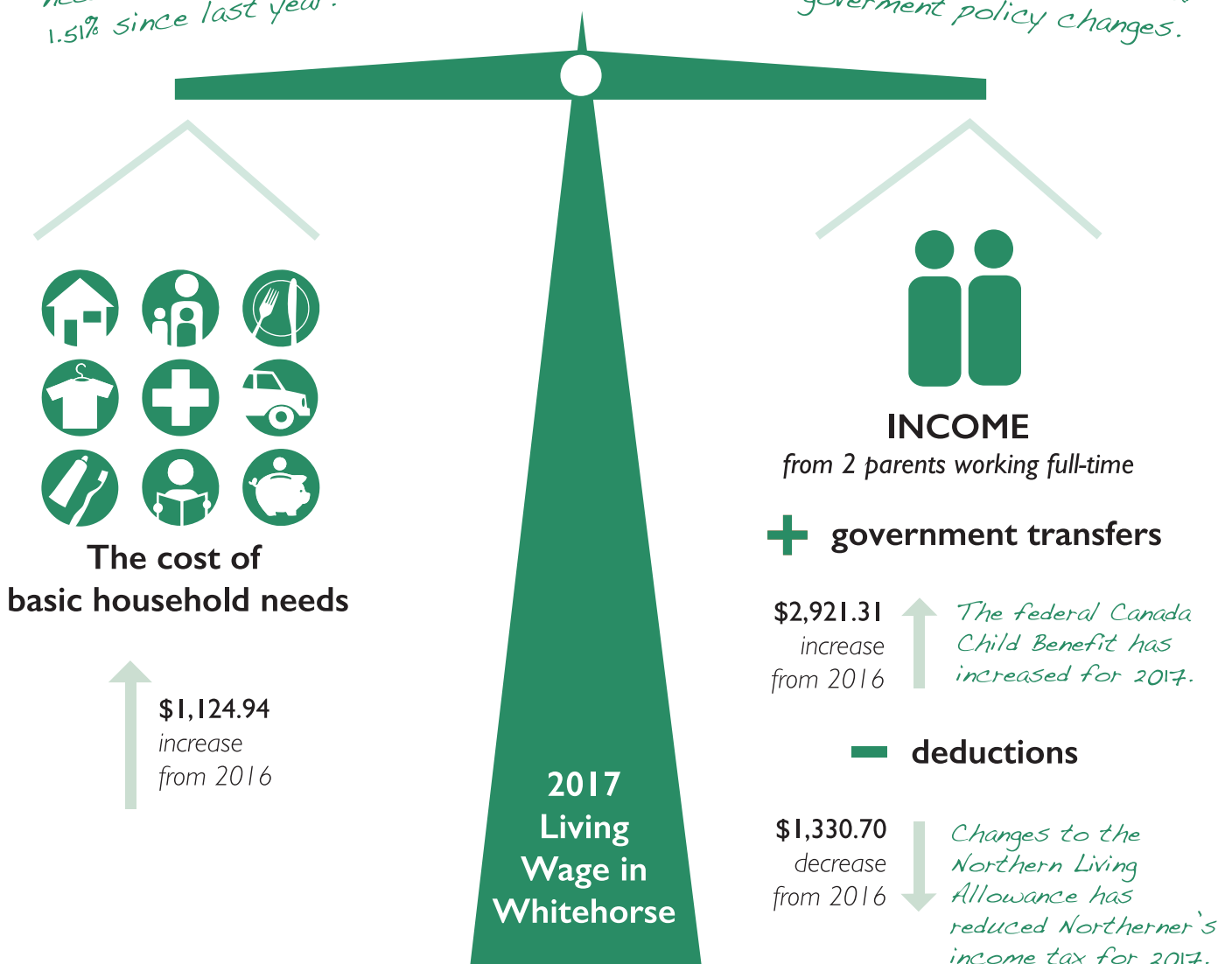
A **LIVING WAGE** equals the hourly wage that a family requires to obtain adequate food, shelter, clothing, transportation, health care, and other basic necessities.

\$18.26/hr
(working full-time)

\$0.86/hr less than 2016

The cost of basic needs has increased 1.51% since last year.

The increase in costs has been offset by two federal government policy changes.



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Want to learn more about the living wage in Whitehorse?
Read the full community report and calculation guide at

www.yapc.ca

Recommendations

All levels of government share responsibilities regarding various aspects of the tax-and-transfer system as well as the delivery of vital health and social services that impact affordability and the well-being of Yukoners. The Yukon Anti-Poverty Coalition recognizes that all levels of government, including First Nations governments and the Government of Canada, play a pivotal role in addressing poverty. The following recommendations focus on tools that the municipal and territorial government can implement locally to help improve affordability and alleviate poverty among Yukoners.



**Increase investments
in social housing**



**Enhance the Yukon
Child Benefit**



**Offer subsidized
transit passes to low
and modest-income
households**



**Expand public
transit service**



**Develop a
territory-wide universal
basic income program
in partnership with the
Government of Canada**



**Measure the rate of
low-income for each of
the territorial capitals
using the Northern
Market Basket Measure**

**Measure and track the
rate of food insecurity in
Yukon by participating in
all cycles of the Household
Food Security Survey
Module of the Canadian
Community Health Survey**



**Develop a
territory-wide food
cost monitoring
program**



**Report the rate at
which landlords include
utilities in the cost of
rental housing**

For more details and a comprehensive discussion of the recommendations, find the full report on our website.



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