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CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORKERS ALONG THE FOOD CHAIN

BY THE FOOD CHAIN WORKERS ALLIANCE



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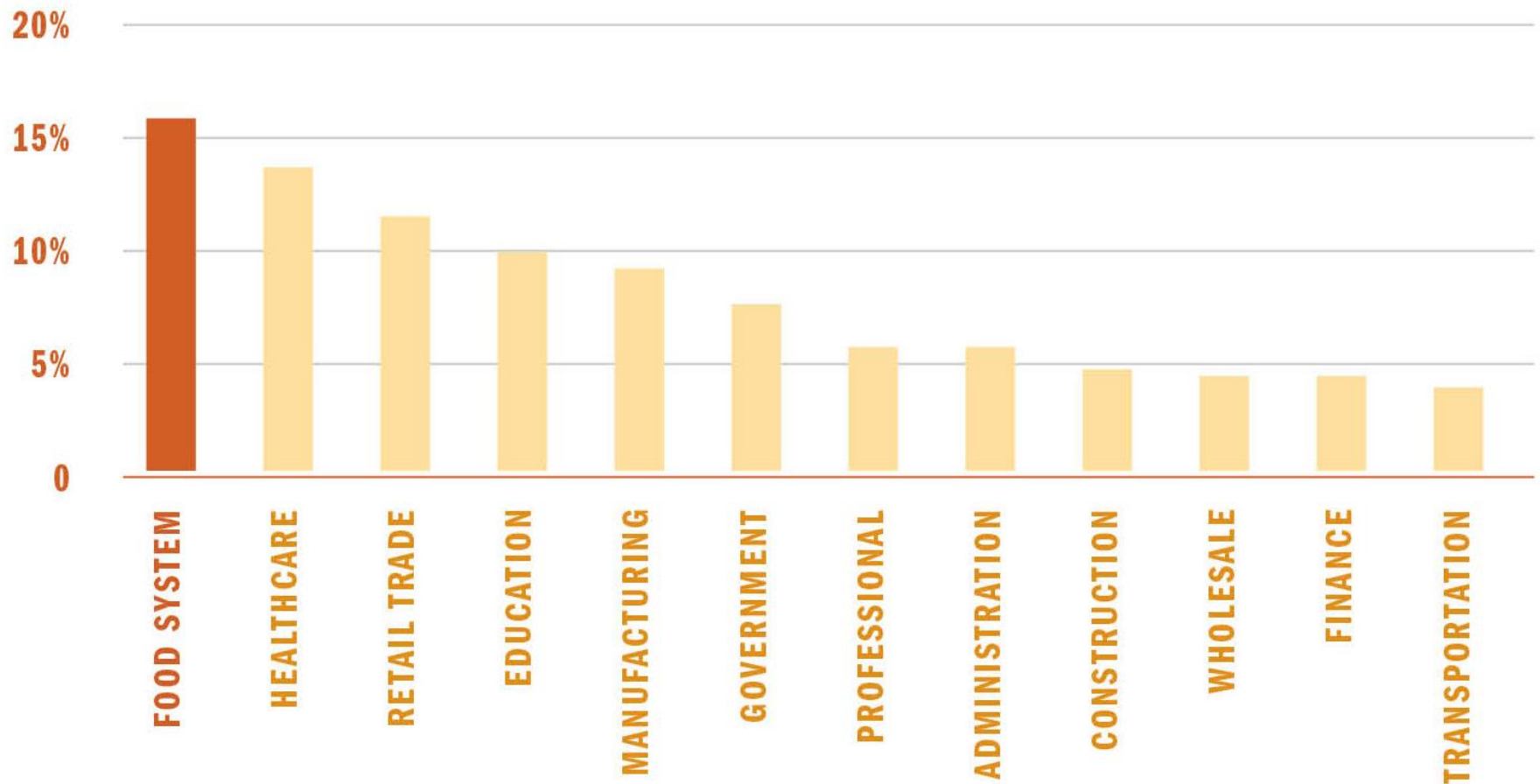
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FOOD SYSTEM WORKERS AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE U.S. WORKFORCE 2010



Source: 2010 Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Employment Statistics (BLS OES) for all sectors except food sector. Food Sector is our calculation based on 2010 data from the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2007 U.S. Department of Agriculture's Census of Agriculture, and 2009 U.S. Census figures for fishing industry employment numbers.

WAGES

MEDIAN WAGE \$9.65

%

WAGE SEGMENT

23%

Subminimum wage

37.6%

Poverty wage

25.8%

Low wage

13.5%

Living wage



HEALTH AND SAFETY

52%

Did not receive health and safety training from employer

32.7%

Did not receive proper equipment to do their job

11.7%

Did something that put their own safety at risk

57.2%

Suffered injury or health problem on the job

Source: Food Chain Workers Alliance Survey Data



ACCESS TO BENEFITS

79%

Do not have paid sick days or do not know if they do

83%

Do not receive health insurance from employer

58%

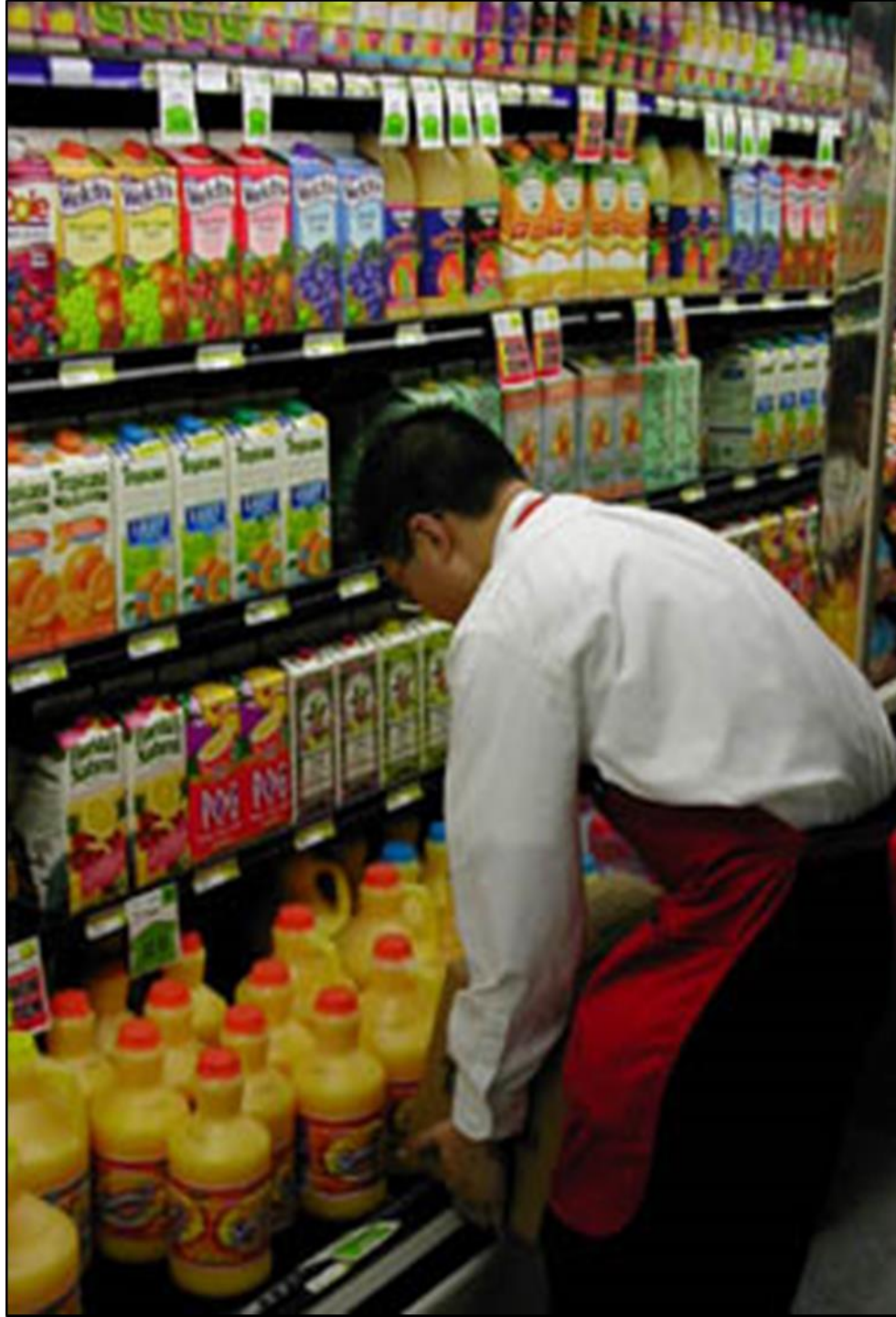
Do not have any health care coverage at all

53%

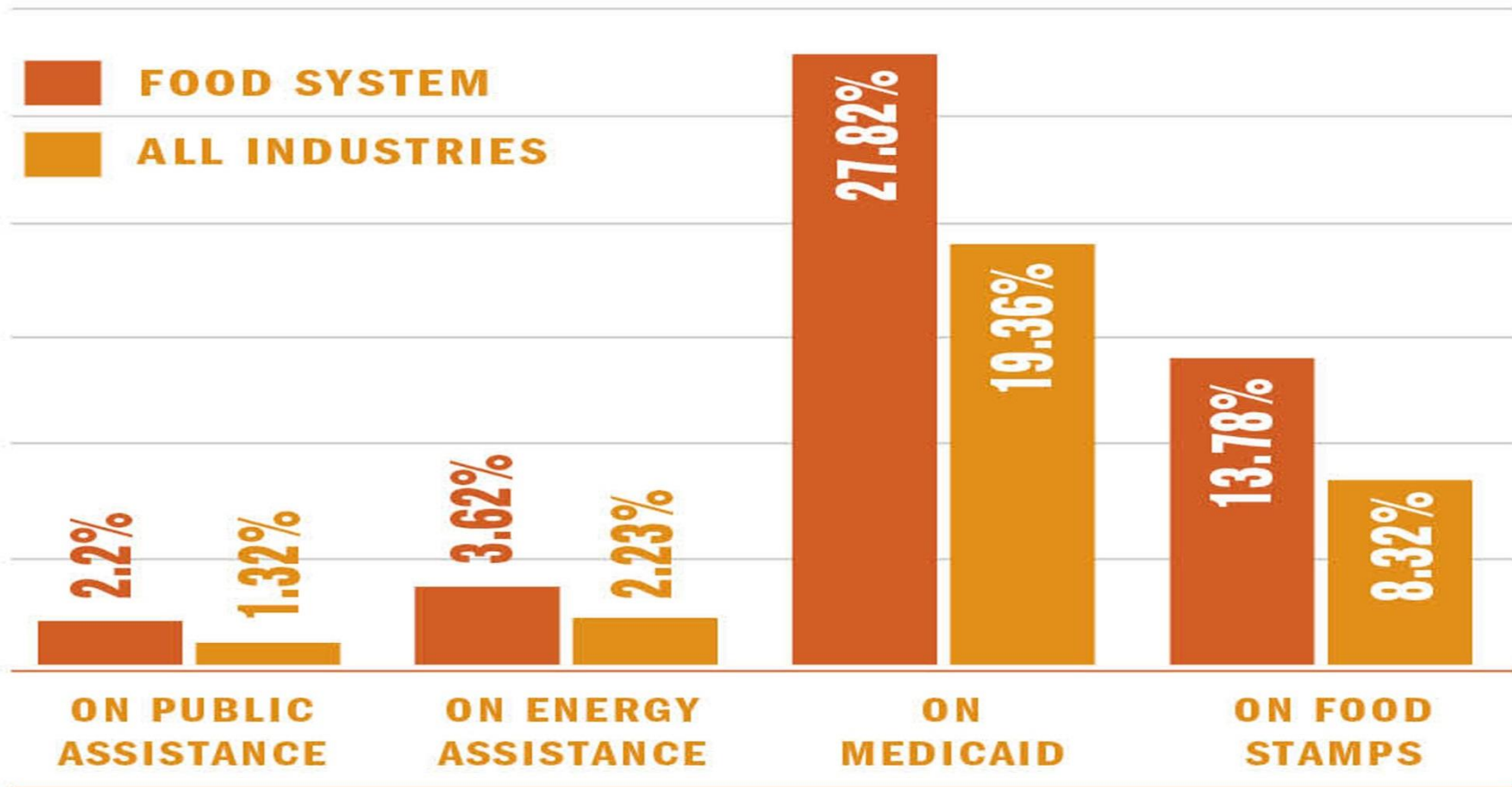
Have worked when sick

35%

Used emergency room for primary care

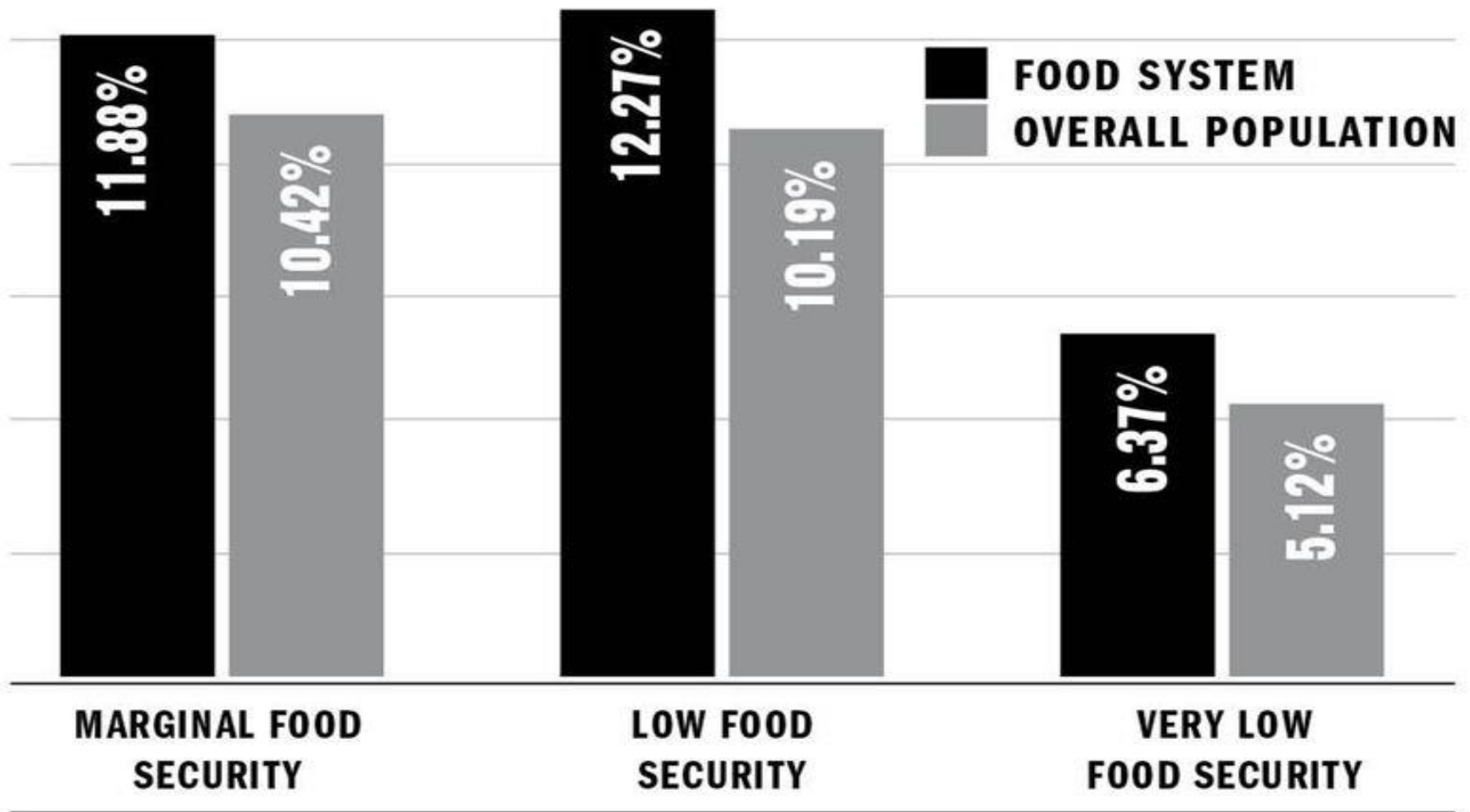


USE OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE BY FOOD SYSTEM WORKERS V. U.S. WORKFORCE, 2010



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics 2010

FOOD SECURITY AMONG FOOD SYSTEM WORKERS V. OVERALL POPULATION 2010



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics 2010

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LAFPC Good Food Values for Purchasers



- **Local Economies:** Support small and mid-sized agricultural and food processing operations within the local area or region.
- **Environmental Sustainability:** Source from producers that employ sustainable production systems that reduce or eliminate synthetic pesticides and fertilizers; avoid the use of hormones, antibiotics, and genetic engineering; conserve soil and water; protect and enhance wildlife habitat and biodiversity; and reduce on-farm energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions.
- **Valued Workforce:** Provide safe and healthy working conditions and fair compensation for all food chain workers and producers from production to consumption.
- **Animal Welfare:** Provide healthy and humane care for livestock.
- **Nutrition:** Promote health and well-being by offering generous portions of vegetables, fruit, and whole grains; reducing salt, added sugars, fats, and oils; and eliminating artificial additives.



FOOD RETAIL EXPANSION to SUPPORT HEALTH

A study conducted for the Mayor's Food Policy Taskforce by the New York City Departments of Health and City Planning and New York City Economic Development Corporation showed that many low-income neighborhoods across the city are underserved by neighborhood grocery stores. The resulting lack of nutritious, affordable fresh food in these neighborhoods has been linked to higher rates of diet-related diseases, including heart disease, diabetes and obesity.

In response, the City, in partnership with the City Council, has established the Food Retail Expansion to Support Health, or FRESH program. FRESH, an initiative of Mayor Bloomberg's Five-Borough Economic Opportunity Plan, promotes the establishment and retention of neighborhood grocery stores in underserved communities by providing zoning and financial incentives.



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Food processing & distribution workers organizing for justice

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A case for Raising the Minimum Wage

Nearly six million workers would be lifted out of poverty if the minimum wage were raised to \$10.10 as has been proposed in Congress, of which 60%, or over three and a half million would be people of color.

Over 500,000 of these would be restaurant workers, and nearly 300,000 of these would be workers of color.




**REALIZING THE DREAM:
How the Minimum Wage Impacts Racial Equity in the
Restaurant Industry and in America
BY THE RESTAURANT OPPORTUNITIES CENTERS UNITED
AND**

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Note: This petition is a project of The Welcome Table and

Tell Congress: Don't Let Food Workers Go Hungry

By The Welcome Table ([Contact](#))

To be delivered to: The United States House of Representatives and The United States Senate

PETITION STATEMENT

Raising the minimum wage for the benefit of 29 million low-wage workers would only increase food costs at most by 10 cents a day for consumers.

As a consumer, I am willing to pay an extra dime a day for my food so that close to 8 million food system workers and 21 million additional low-wage workers can receive a much deserved raise to help them meet their basic needs.

I ask that you support the Miller-Harkin Fair Minimum Wage

