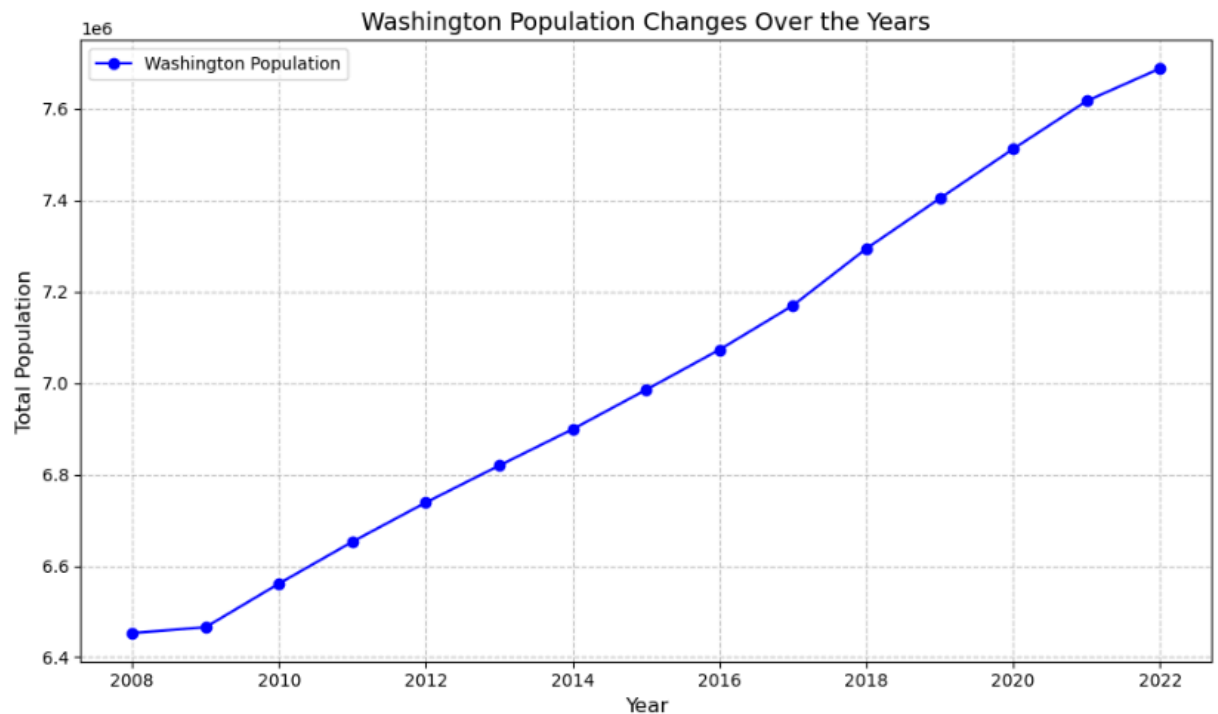


Dear Benjamin,

As a proud Washington native and advocate, I am committed to ensuring our beautiful state will continue to thrive and that no community will be left behind. Over these last few weeks on the campaign trail I have reviewed critical data that highlight both our progress and our challenges ahead. Through this I wanted to share some key findings because these findings directly lead to my vision for a stronger and more equitable Washington.

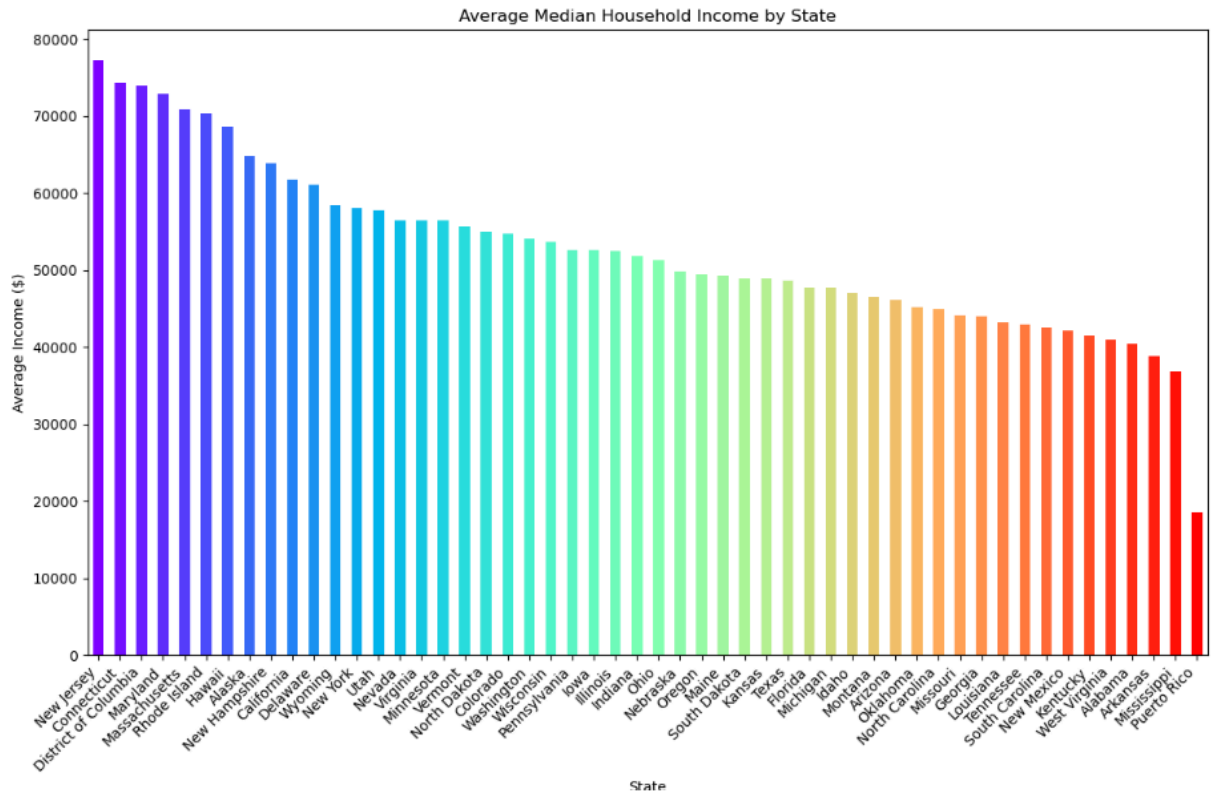
The Numbers Tell a Story

1) High Population Growth



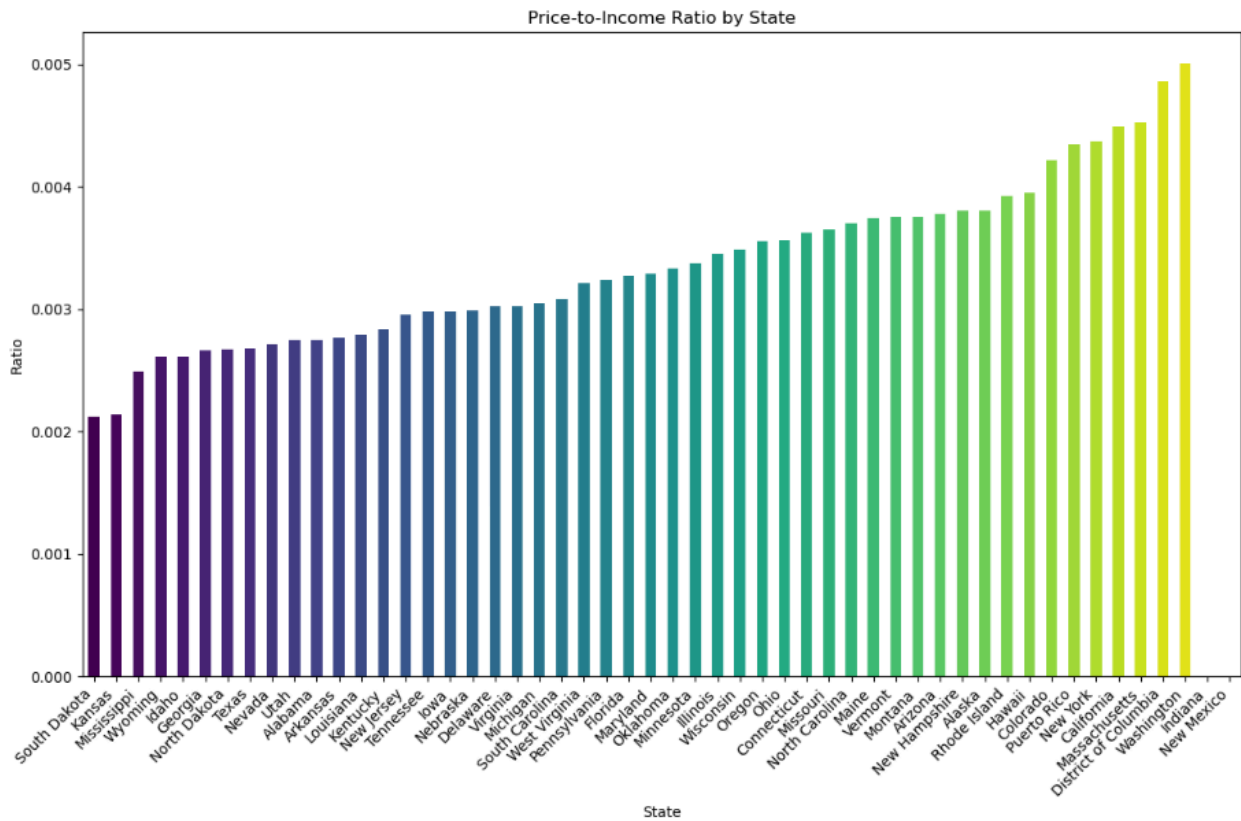
- a) Through the years Washington has had a steady growth in residents, this is a testament to our states appeal as a place to live, work and have a family. However growth has also come with increased demands on housing, schools and infrastructure.

2) Ranked 12th in Average Median Household Income



- a) This is a testament to the strength of our local economy and the opportunities available to our residents. With a strong economic backbone it is essential that we continue to ensure that prosperity is accessible to all.

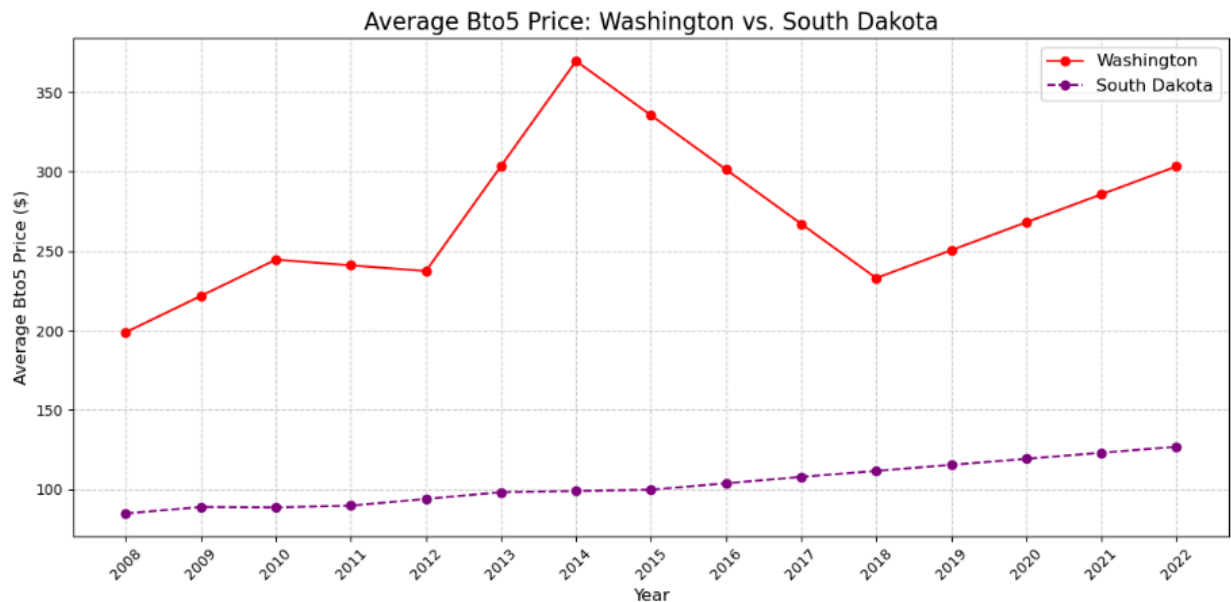
3) Child Care Price to Income Comparisons



- a) Despite Washington's strong rank in median household income our state is ranked the lowest in the nation for childcare affordability, with the highest price to income ratio for families. This shows that child care costs take up a larger portion of household income here than anywhere else in the US. Addressing this challenge is essential to ensure all families can succeed and every child will have access to quality care without a financial strain on their family.

A Closer Look

1) Comparing Washington with South Dakota (Ranked 1st in price to income ratio)



- a) While comparing the child care costs between Washington and South Dakota there are many glaring differences. Washington for example has experienced large spikes overtime and a much higher rate of increase in child care costs over recent years. In contrast South Dakota has seen a steady but slower rate of increase. This highlights the opportunity for Washington to create proactive solutions to stabilize the costs and to support Washington families.

What Does This Mean For You

As the population in Washington continues to grow, families across the state are working harder than ever to manage the ever rising child care costs with their daily needs. These numbers are concerning, although our state is among the best in offering competitive pay the cost of child care is a strong barrier for many families.

This challenge is a top priority for me and if elected I will address it by:

- 1) Making Child Care Affordable
 - a) I will advocate for policies that will cap child care expenses as a percentage of household income and support subsidies for middle and low income families.
- 2) Support Child Care Providers
 - a) I will push to increase funding for child care centers to ensure higher competitive wages for employees, better training, and improved facilities, making it possible for every child to have access to quality care.
- 3) Tax Credits for Families

- a) I will introduce and expand child care tax credits for working parents that will assist in offsetting the financial burden.

Your Voice Matters

Child care is not only a personal issue, it is an economic one that will actively affect our state's future. Washington families deserve a government that is prioritizing their daily needs and providing solutions to face the challenges they are facing. That is why I want to hear back from you!

- Are child care prices impacting your family's budget or career choices?
- Do you have ideas on how the state can better support families like yours?

Your input will help shape our campaign and help bring real policy changes to Washington. Lets work in unison to make a Washington that we are proud of, where all parents are able to succeed, children can thrive, and no one is limited by the cost of child care.

Join me in this fight for Washington families by replying to this email, attending a town hall, or sharing your story on social media with the hashtag [#BiedigerForWA](#). Together we will build a future where every family has the support they need to succeed.

With Gratitude,
Allison Biediger
Candidate for WA Governor