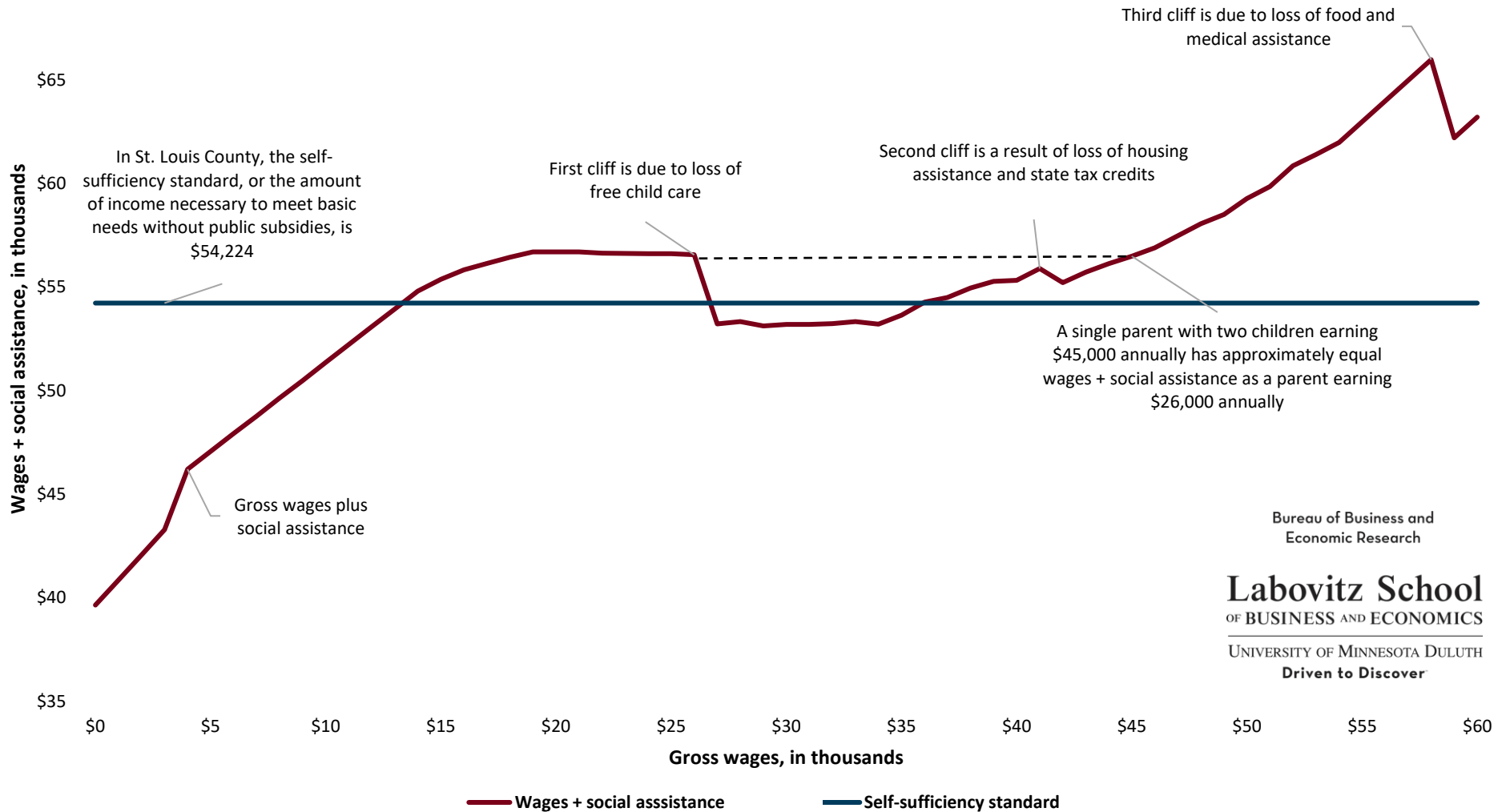


# A Single Parent Earning \$26,000 Has Little Incentive to Increase Hours or Accept Raise

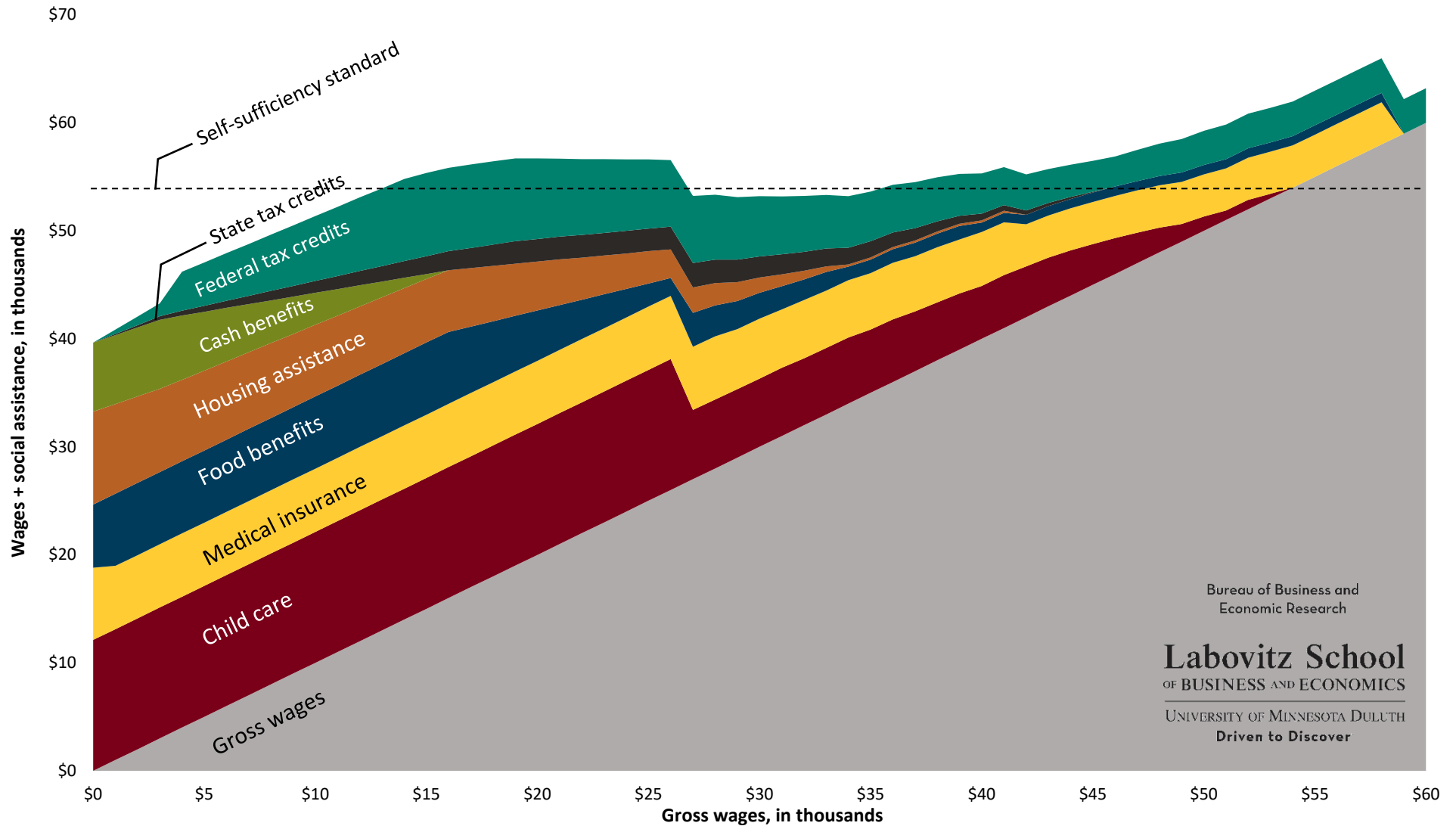
Gross wages plus social assistance for a single parent with two children, compared to the self-sufficiency standard for St. Louis County \$70



Source: Economic Stability Indicator, Children's Defense Fund Minnesota; Self-sufficiency Standard, University of Washington

# Loss of Social Assistance Creates Three Significant Cliffs for Low-Income Earners

Social assistance eligibility for a single parent with two children in St. Louis County



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Source: Economic Stability Indicator<sup>1</sup>, Children’s Defense Fund Minnesota; Self-sufficiency Standard, University of Washington

<sup>1</sup> Similar benefits were grouped for simplicity. SNAP, WIC, MFIP food benefit, and free school lunches were grouped as “food benefits,” Section 8 and energy assistance programs were grouped as “housing benefits,” the working family tax credit and MN child care tax credit were grouped as “state tax credits,” and the earned income tax credit and federal child and dependent tax credits were grouped as “federal tax credits.”