

NYS Profile





Dear Colleague:

We are pleased to release this Ninth Annual New York State Poverty Report. We hope it is a useful tool for you and your community. The Report is designed to be a comprehensive resource for New York's Community Action Agencies, community based organizations, policy makers, advocates, community coalitions and the general public. While the report does not recommend specific policy or system changes, it does provide data to inform dialogue about how to address issues of poverty and income inequality. For your convenience, a key to the data is found on page two and also on page 112.

Due to changes in the Census Bureau's reporting, we are no longer able to provide three year data; we have used five year data, spanning 2010 - 2014 whenever using census report data. The Census Bureau no longer compiles three year data reports.

Another change this year is reflected in the data regarding eligibility for free or reduced cost school lunch. Many schools in high poverty districts have adopted the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) which makes all students eligible for free lunch. The eligibility rates for those schools 100% which may impact county rates.

You will find the report digitally on the NYSCAA website (<http://nyscommunityaction.org/poverty-in-new-york/povertydata/>). You can download the entire report or specific county profiles. We welcome your feedback about the report and can be reached directly from our home page (www.nyscommunityaction.org) or by phone at us at 518-690-0491.

Sincerely,

Karla Digirolamo, CEO

Maps:

On each county profile page, the map of NYS is included, with the county highlighted in red. The inset map shows the county map with the county seat noted. On city profile pages, the map of NYS is again included, with the county highlighted in grey and the cities noted in red. Inset map is the county, with cities noted.

Population Data:

The population is the official count of people from the US Census Bureau's (USCB) BO1003 report.

The Population for Whom Status is Determined reflects the size of census samples and is provided in USCB report S1701.

Poverty Data:

The poverty rate includes all individuals living in poverty. The numbers are then broken down in three other categories: children under 18, adults over 25 and adults over 65.

The percentage of each group living in poverty is followed by the number of individuals that percentage represents.

Families in Poverty Data is from USCB Report S1702 and indicates the percentage of all families with a female head of household and at least one child under 18 that are living in poverty.

ALL Census Reports cited are from the American Communities Survey FIVE year estimates (2010 - 2014).

Access these reports at: factfinder2.census.gov

Data Key

Race & Poverty Data



Education & Poverty Data



Please see census.gov for more specific definitions for any of the data sourced from USCB reports.

Data on race is based on self-identification. There are a minimum of five categories from which to select, including White and Black/African American. People are able to self-identify as more than one race. People who identify their origin as Hispanic, Latino or Spanish may be of any race. The data is from USCB Report S1701).

The top numbers provided, next to the dark blue squares, indicate the total for each category, as a percentage of the entire population and number of individuals. The number below, next to the lighter square, shows the percentage of all people in that category living in poverty and total number of individuals that indicates.

This data is from USCB Report S1701.

Income & Poverty Data



Median Income - Total income is the sum of the amounts reported for wage/salary income, self employment income,, interest, dividends, rental income, royalty income, income from estates or trusts, Social Security or Railroad Retirement income, Supplementary Social Security, public assistance or welfare payments, retirement/survivor/disability pensions and all other income. The data is from USCB Report S1501.

Living Wage - The wage listed is the wage an individual would need to earn as the sole provider for a household consisting of themselves and one child based on the typical expenses in that county or city. This wage is a minimum estimate of the cost of living for a low wage family. Data from Massachusetts Institute of Technology Living Wage Calculator (www.livingwage.mit.edu).

Hourly Wage - The hourly rate listed is that which one person would need to earn working year round, 40 hours per week in order to afford a 2 bedroom apartment at the fair market rate (FMR) for that county, assuming 30% of income is spent on housing. Data is provided by the National Low Income Housing Coalition 's report: Out of Reach 2015 (www.nlihc.org).

Health & Poverty Insurance

Based on self reporting this includes people who have: insurance from a current/former employer, insurance purchased directly from an insurance company, Medicare, Medicaid, Medical Assistance, any government assistance plan for people with low income or disability, TRICARE or military health care, VA, Indian Health Service or any other type of health insurance or health coverage plan. Data from USCB Report S2701.

Free/Reduced Lunch Program



Of students who attend public schools where National School Lunch Program (NSLP) is offered, the percentage of enrollment that is eligible for free or reduced lunches. This does not represent those attending private schools or schools that do not administer NSLP. Data is provided by Hunger Solutions New York.

Female Head of Household Of all households with a female head of household and children under 18, this is the percentage living in poverty. The data is from USCB Report S1702.



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State Population:
19,594,330

Population for whom poverty status is determined:

Overall **19,082,682**
Population Under 18 **4,203,772**
Population 25 & Over **13,124,632**
Population over 65 **2,655,913**

15.6% STATE POVERTY RATE

Living In Poverty
Individuals 15.6% 2,978,521
Children (Under 18) 22.1% 929,832
Adults 25+ 12.5% 1,641,780
Senior Citizens 65+ 11.4% 303,910

New York State

New York State Community Action Association
www.nyscommunityaction.org

Race & Poverty

White	11.3% (1,401,545)
African American	23.5% (692,260)
Hispanic/Latino	25.9% (901,347)



Education & Poverty



Adult Population 25+ - 13,124,632

Educational Attainment

No Degree	High School	Associate	Bachelors or Higher
14.3% (1,879,563) Total	26.8% (3,511,642) Total	24.9% (3,265,223) Total	34.0% (4,468,204) Total
28.8% (541,545) Living in Poverty	14.9% (522,072) Living in Poverty	10.6% (344,806) Living in Poverty	5.2% (233,357) Living in Poverty



Employment & Poverty

Median Income
\$40,394

Median Income
w/High School Diploma
\$30,052

Living Wage for
1 Adult, 1 Child
Household
\$26.19

Hourly Wage for
FMR, 2BR
Apartment
\$25.67

Health & Poverty

No Health Insurance
Employed **13.1%**
Unemployed **29.3%**

**Free/Reduced
Lunch Program**

58%

Gender & Poverty

High School Diploma Only



Median Income
\$34,966



Median Income
\$24,407

Of Those Families with
Female Heads of Household
and Children Present

38.4%
Live in Poverty

US Poverty Rate: 15.6% • NYS Poverty Rate: 15.6%