

New York State Profile





Dear Colleague:

We are pleased to release this 11th Annual New York State Poverty Report. This Report is designed to be a useful resource for New York's Community Action Agencies, community based organizations, policy makers, advocates, community coalitions, and the general public. While the Report is not designed to recommend specific policy or system changes, it does provide essential data that we believe will inform dialogue about how to address the complex issue of poverty. It is our goal to provide the information needed to enhance the capacity of agencies to serve as effective, responsive community resources in the fight against poverty.

The key to the data is found on page two and also page 114. This Report is based on the American Communities Survey data that the US Census Bureau aggregates in five year reports. This report relied on the 2012-2016 reports.

Please note: many schools in high poverty districts have adopted the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), making all students eligible for free lunch, the 100% eligibility rates for those schools may impact county rates.

A digital copy of the Report can be found on the NYSCAA website at <https://nyscommunityaction.org/poverty-in-new-york/povertydata/>. Please feel free to download the entire report or specific county profiles.

As always, we welcome your feedback about the Report and can be reached directly from our homepage at www.nyscommunityaction.org or by phone at 518.690.0491.

Sincerely,

Karla Digirolamo, CEO
New York State Community Action Association

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 who is living in poverty.

ALL Census Reports cited are from the American Communities Survey FIVE year estimates (2012 - 2016). Access these reports at: factfinder2.census.gov

Data Key

Race & 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.



Education & Poverty Data



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 (livingwage.mit.edu), released in January, 2018.

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 two 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 2016 (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 charter schools or schools that do not administer NSLP. Data from New York State Education Department (NYSED), reporting students eligible for NSLP during January 2017.

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:
19,697,457

Population for whom poverty status is determined:

Overall
19,186,062
 Population Under 18
4,154,193
 Population 25 & Over
13,303,012
 Population over 65
2,797,589

15.5%
STATE
POVERTY
RATE

Living In Poverty

Individuals
 15.5% 2,967,564
 Children (Under 18)
 21.9% 910,806
 Adults 25+
 12.6% 1,669,668
 Senior Citizens 65+
 11.5% 320,216

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Race & Poverty

White 11.2% (1,387,004)
 African American 22.9% (678,013)
 Hispanic/Latino 25.4% (910,625)



Education & Poverty



Adult Population 25+: 13,303,012

Educational Attainment

No Degree	High School	Associate	Bachelors or Higher
13.8% (1,838,922)	26.2% (3,488,203)	24.9% (3,307,293)	35.1% (4,668,594)
Total*	Total*	Total*	Total*
29.4% (540,128)	15.1% (525,328)	10.9% (359,830)	5.2% (244,382)
Living in Poverty	Living in Poverty	Living in Poverty	Living in Poverty

*DUE TO ROUNDING, PERCENTAGES MAY NOT ADD UP PRECISELY TO 100%.



Living Wage for
 1 Adult, 1 Child
 Household
\$29.71

Employment & Poverty

Hourly Wage for
 FMR, 2BR Apartment
\$26.69

Median Income
\$41,004

Median Income
 w/High School Diploma
\$30,365

Health & Poverty

No Health Insurance

Employed
 10.7%
 Unemployed
 23.3%

Free/Reduced Lunch Program

48%

Gender & Poverty
High School Diploma Only



Median Earnings
\$35,472



Median Earnings
\$24,345

Of Those Families with
 Female Heads of Household
 and Children Present

37.9%
Live in Poverty

US Poverty Rate: 15.5% • NYS Poverty Rate: 15.7%