

# THE STATE OF POVERTY

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NYS  
Annual  
Poverty  
Report



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Relatively  
Unchanged

## STATEWIDE POVERTY RATE

# 15.7%

2016: 15.6%

2015: 15.9%

2014: 15.6%

2013: 15.1%



# 2017 POVERTY REPORT DATA

Five year data – 2011 - 2015

Children under 18:	22.2%
Adults over 25:	12.7%
Senior Citizens over 65+:	11.5%
Hispanic/Latino:	25.9%
African American:	23.4%
White:	11.3%
Households <small>w/single mother head and children</small>	38.4%



# EDUCATION & POVERTY

Relatively unchanged

No HS Diploma or Equivalent: 29.3%

HS Diploma or Equivalent: 15.1%

Associate Degree: 10.9%

Bachelors Degree or Higher: 5.3%

## Gender Wage Gap

Also remains relatively unchanged –

Median earnings with high school diploma or equivalent:

All: \$30,084

Male: \$35,051

Female: \$24,140



Suffolk County

May 2

7.0 %

## COUNTY POVERTY RATE

Children under 18:	8.7%
Seniors 65+:	5.9%
Hispanic/Latino:	12.3%
African American:	12.9%



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**County Population:**  
**1,501,373**

*Population for whom poverty  
status is determined:*

Overall **1,471,614**  
Population Under 18 **334,513**  
Population 25 & Over **1,009,307**  
Population over 65 **214,080**

**7.0%**  
**COUNTY  
POVERTY  
RATE**

**Living In Poverty**

Individuals	7.0%	103,269
Children (Under 18)	8.7%	29,249
Adults 25+	6.2%	62,950
Senior Citizens 65+	5.9%	12,536

**Suffolk County**

EOC of Suffolk

[www.eoc-suffolk.com](http://www.eoc-suffolk.com)

**Race & Poverty**

White	5.6% (66,981)
African American	12.9% (14,283)
Hispanic/Latino	12.3% (32,096)



**Education & Poverty**



Adult Population 25+: 1,009,307

**Educational Attainment**

<b>No Degree</b>	<b>High School</b>	<b>Associate</b>	<b>Bachelors or Higher</b>
9.8% (99,352)	29.1% (293,905)	26.8% (269,966)	34.3% (346,084)
<b>Total*</b>	<b>Total*</b>	<b>Total*</b>	<b>Total*</b>
16.0% (15,859)	7.8% (22,843)	5.2% (14,065)	2.9% (10,183)
Living in Poverty	Living in Poverty	Living in Poverty	Living in Poverty

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



**Employment & Poverty**

Living Wage for  
1 Adult, 1 Child  
Household  
**\$29.79**

Hourly Wage for  
FMR, 2BR Apartment  
**\$30.92**

Median Income  
**\$47,635**

Median Income  
w/High School Diploma  
**\$36,823**

**Health & Poverty**

**No Health Insurance**

Employed  
10.5%  
Unemployed  
25.6%

**Free/Reduced Lunch Program**

**38%**

**Gender & Poverty**  
**High School Diploma Only**



Median Earnings  
**\$45,022**



Median Earnings  
**\$28,309**

Of Those Families with  
Female Heads of Household  
and Children Present

**21.9%**  
**Live in Poverty**

# OTHER DATA INCLUDED

The NYS Education Department reported: 46% of students were eligible for free or reduced lunch in January 2016.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology calculated the living wage for a household of one adult and one child: \$27.16.

National Low Income Housing Coalition's report "Out of Reach 2016" lists the hourly wage required for a fair market rate apartment with two bedrooms: \$26.69.



# 2017 Federal Poverty Guidelines

Number in Household	100%	125%	133%	138%	150%	200%	250%
1	\$12,060	\$15,075	\$16,040	\$16,643	\$18,090	\$24,120	\$29,700
2	\$16,240	\$20,300	\$21,599	\$22,411	\$24,360	\$32,480	\$40,050
3	\$20,420	\$25,525	\$27,159	\$28,180	\$30,630	\$40,840	\$50,400
4	\$24,600	\$30,750	\$32,718	\$33,948	\$36,900	\$49,200	\$60,750
5	\$28,780	\$35,975	\$38,277	\$39,716	\$43,170	\$57,560	\$71,100
6	\$32,960	\$41,200	\$43,837	\$45,485	\$49,440	\$65,920	\$81,450
7	\$37,140	\$46,425	\$49,396	\$51,253	\$55,710	\$74,289	\$91,850
8	\$41,320	\$51,650	\$54,956	\$57,022	\$61,980	\$82,640	\$102,250



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