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Dear Colleague:

We are pleased to release the 14th 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.

Much of the data contained in the report is based on the American Communities Survey (ACS) that the US Census Bureau aggregates in five year estimates (2015-2019), including poverty data for each of New York's twenty-seven Congressional Districts which can be found on page 110. The sources of data used in the report can be found on page 116.

A digital copy of the report can be found on the NYSCAA website (<https://www.nyscommunityaction.org/poverty-reports>). Please feel free to download the entire report or specific county profiles.

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

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Orr, CEO

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New York State Profile



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14.1%

New York State Poverty Rate

State Population:
19,572,319

Population for whom poverty status is determined:

- Overall
19,063,180
- Population Under 18
4,031,379
- Population 25 & Over
13,434,045
- Population over 65
3,051,799

Living In Poverty

- Individuals
14.1% (2,681,277)
- Children (Under 18)
19.6% (791,913)
- Adults 25+
11.7% (1,568,852)
- Senior Citizens 65+
11.5% (350,709)

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Education & Poverty

Education Attainment for Adults 25+ (13,434,045)



Total Population

No Degree	12.9%
High School	25.7%
Associate	24.4%
Bachelors +	36.9%

Living in Poverty

No Degree	28.0%
High School	14.6%
Associate	10.3%
Bachelors +	4.9%

Employment & Poverty

Living Wage for 1 Adult, 1 Child	\$36
Hourly Wage for FMR, 2BR Apt	\$32.53
Median Income	\$45,479
Median Income w/ HS Diploma	\$32,153
Male Median Earnings	\$39,044
Female Median Earnings	\$26,136



Health & Poverty



No Health Insurance	
Employed	7.7%
Unemployed	15.7%
Free/Reduced Lunch Program	75%

Gender & Poverty

Male	12.7% (1,174,844)
Female	15.3% (1,506,433)

Of those families with
Female Heads of Household
and Children Present

34.9%
Live in Poverty

Race & Poverty

White	10.4% (1,268,529)
African American	21.1% (621,618)
Hispanic/Latino	22.3% (808,858)

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