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**Dear Colleague:**

We are pleased to release the 17th 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 (2017-2021). The report also includes ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) data at the state and county level. ALICE data represents the growing number of families who are unable to afford the basics of housing, child care, food, transportation, health care, and technology.

The sources of all the data used in the report can be found on page 180. A digital copy of the Report is on the NYSCAA website <https://www.nyscommunityaction.org/poverty-reports> where you can choose to download the entire report or specific county profiles.

We welcome your feedback about the report, and NYSCAA staff can be reached directly from our homepage at [www.nyscommunityaction.org](http://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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**13.6%**  
 New York State  
 Poverty Rate

State Population:  
**19,994,379**

*Population for whom  
 poverty status is  
 determined:*

Overall  
**19,516,967**

Population Under 18  
**4,049,636**

Population 25 & Over  
**13,850,881**

Population 65 & Over  
**3,314,028**

### Living In Poverty

Individuals  
**13.6% (2,655,662)**

Children (Under 18)  
**18.1% (734,756)**

Adults 25 & Over  
**11.7% (1,614,625)**

Adults 65 & Over  
**12.2% (403,440)**

## Education & Poverty

Education Attainment for Adults 25+ (13,850,881)



### Total Population

No Degree	12.2%
High School	24.7%
Associate	24.0%
Bachelors +	39.1%

### Living in Poverty

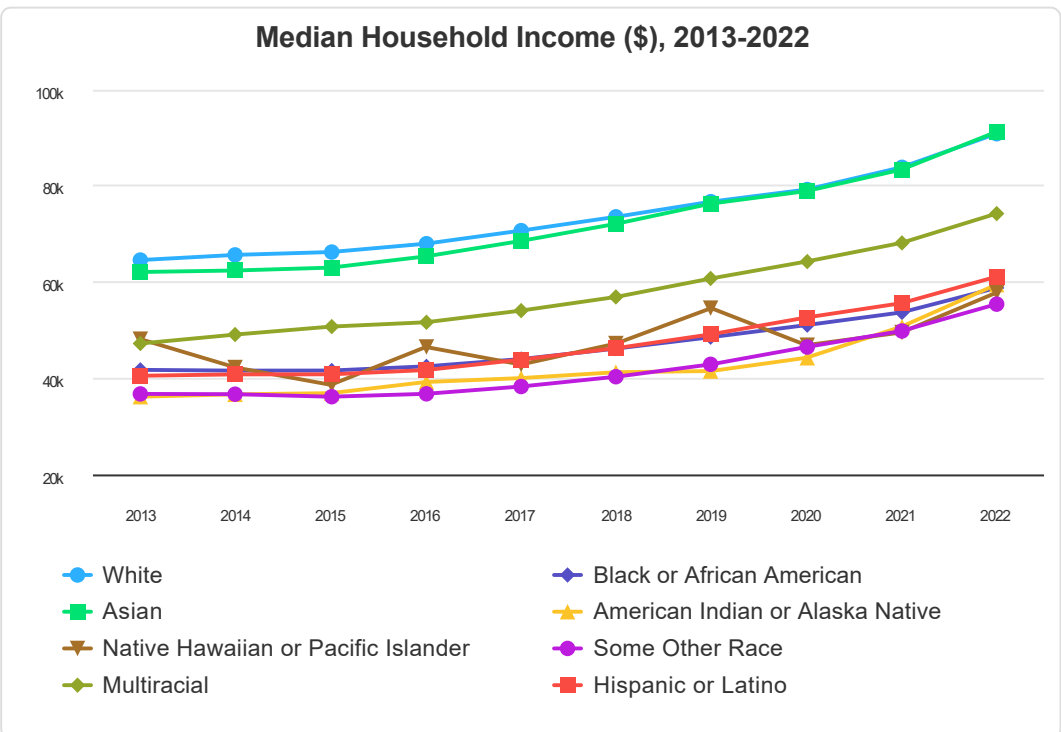
No Degree	27.5%
High School	15.3%
Associate	10.6%
Bachelors +	5.1%

## Employment & Poverty

Living Wage for 1 Adult, 1 Child	<b>\$48.16</b>
Hourly Wage for FMR, 2BR Apt	<b>\$40.08</b>
Median Income	<b>\$54,195</b>
Median Income w/ HS Diploma	<b>\$38,037</b>
Male Median Earnings	<b>\$45,264</b>
Female Median Earnings	<b>\$30,704</b>



## Median Household Income by Race & Ethnicity



ALICE: households that are **Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed**.

**31.1%**  
Households Live Below ALICE Threshold

Total Households:  
**7,758,644**

ALICE Households by Race & Ethnicity

White  
**1,364,596**

Black or African American  
**466,764**

Asian  
**219,669**

American Indian or Alaska Native  
**13,615**

Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander  
**1,051**

Some Other Race  
**307,640**

Multiracial  
**228,556**

Hispanic or Latino  
**561,436**

## Health Insurance & Poverty



### No Health Insurance

Employed **6.7%**  
Unemployed **13.9%**

## Gender & Poverty

Male **12.4% (1,185,513)**  
Female **14.7% (1,470,149)**

Of those families with Female Heads of Household and Children Present  
**32.6%**  
Live in Poverty

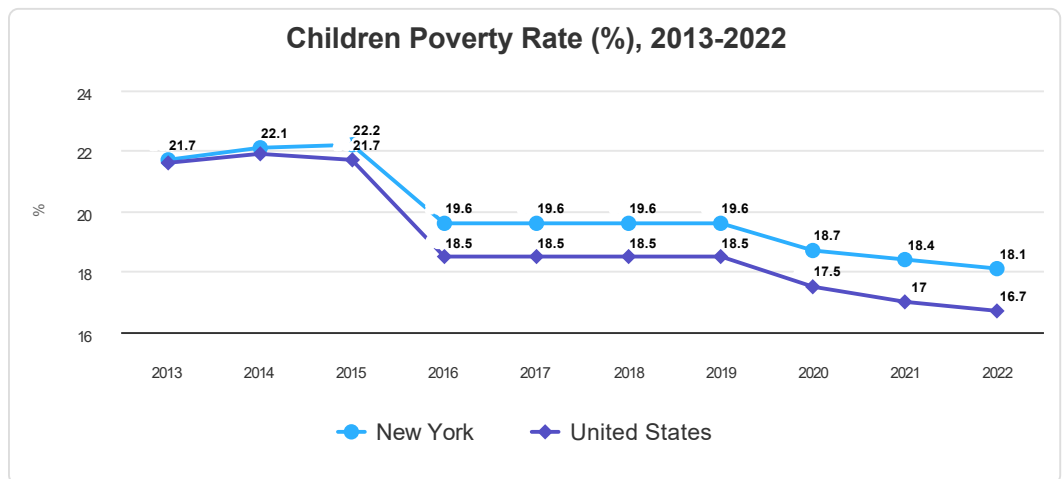
## Race, Ethnicity & Poverty

White **10.1% (1,156,701)**  
Black or African American **20.5% (597,402)**  
Asian **13.8% (238,648)**  
American Indian or Alaska Native **21.5% (19,507)**  
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander **26.5% (2,241)**  
Some Other Race **22.0% (405,465)**  
Multiracial **16.2% (235,698)**  
Hispanic or Latino **20.1% (767,815)**

## ALICE Household Monthly Survival Budget

1 Adult **\$2,733**      1 Adult and 1 School-age **\$4,077**  
1 Senior Adult **\$3,087**      2 Adults **\$3,831**  
1 Adult and 1 Pre-K **\$4,795**      2 Adults and 2 School-age **\$6,211**

## Children in Poverty



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