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Dear Colleague:

We are pleased to release the 13th 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 sources of the data used in the report can be found on page 116. Much of the data is based on the American Communities Survey (ACS) that the US Census Bureau aggregates in five year estimates. This report relied on the 2014-2018 estimates.

In this edition, we have also included poverty data for each of New York's twenty-seven Congressional Districts, found on page 110. This data is drawn from the ACS 2013-2017 estimates.

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](http://www.nyscommunityaction.org) or by phone at 518.690.0491.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Orr, CEO

New York State Community Action Association

# New York State Profile





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**State Population:**  
**19,618,453**

*Population for whom poverty status is determined:*

Overall

**19,108,993**

Population Under 18

**4,067,164**

Population 25 & Over

**13,407,227**

Population over 65

**2,973,546**

**14.6%**  
**STATE**  
**POVERTY**  
**RATE**

Living In Poverty

Individuals

14.6% 2,797,985

Children (Under 18)

20.6% 835,815

Adults 25+

12.1% 1,618,818

Senior Citizens 65+

11.5% 340,735

## New York State

### New York State Community Action Association

[www.nyscommunityaction.org](http://www.nyscommunityaction.org)

## Race & Poverty

White	10.8% (1,312,096)
African American	21.6% (638,823)
Hispanic/Latino	23.6% (855,022)

VALUES REPRESENT THE PERCENT OF POPULATION IN POVERTY BY RACE.



## Education & Poverty



Adult Population 25+: 13,407,227

### Educational Attainment

No Degree	High School	Associate	Bachelors or Higher
13.3% (1,780,604)	25.9% (3,473,876)	24.5% (3,287,627)	36.3% (4,865,120)
<b>Total*</b>	<b>Total*</b>	<b>Total*</b>	<b>Total*</b>
28.7% (511,057)	14.8% (513,853)	10.6% (348,016)	5.1% (245,892)
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  
**\$30.92**

Hourly Wage for  
FMR, 2BR Apartment  
**\$30.76**

Median Income  
**\$43,296**

Median Income  
w/High School Diploma  
**\$31,506**

## Health & Poverty

### No Health Insurance

Employed	8.6%
Unemployed	17.7%

### Free/Reduced Lunch Program

 **71%**

## Gender & Poverty



Median Earnings  
**\$37,180**



Median Earnings  
**\$25,589**

Of Those Families with  
Female Heads of Household  
and Children Present

**36.4%**  
Live in Poverty

US Poverty Rate: 14.1% • State Poverty Rate: 14.6%