

Poverty and Homelessness

How is Poverty Measured

- Income vs Expenses + People per household

Poverty Level Rates

2014 POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS STATES

Persons in family/household

Poverty guideline

For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$4,060 for each additional person.

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\$11,670

2

15,730

3

19,790

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23,850

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27,910

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31,970

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36,030

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40,090

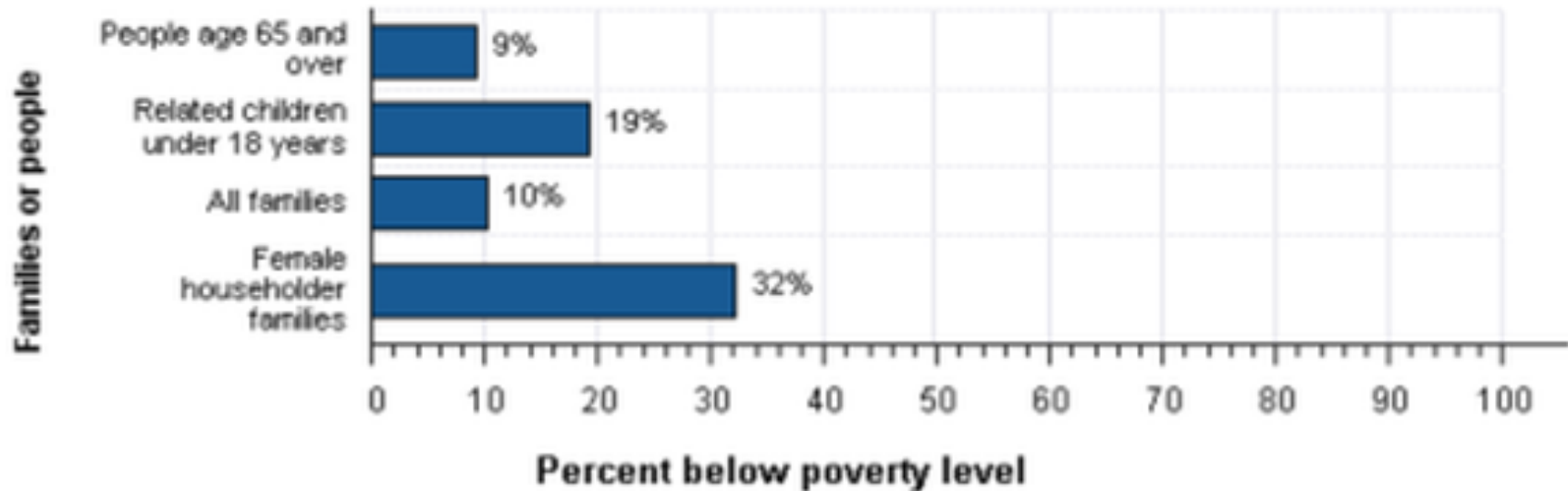
How Many People Live in Poverty Nationwide?

More than 15% of Americans live in poverty, including one in five children (22%), the highest rate in the industrialized world.

Almost 60% of Americans will spend at least one year below the poverty line at some point between ages 25 and 75

Poverty Rates in MI?

Poverty Rates in Michigan in 2005-2009



Source: American Community Survey, 2005-2009

Homelessness

- Youth
- Families
- Veterans
- All races/genders

Homelessness in US

- ▣ 33% of all homeless people were youths under the age of 24
- ▣ 48% of homeless individuals (without families) were found to be living without shelter
- Five states, California (22%), New York (13%), Florida (8%), Texas (5%), and Massachusetts (3%), accounted for more than half of the homeless population in the United States in 2013.

Homelessness in MI

- There are 86,189 homeless persons in Michigan
- 69 percent of homeless Michigan families are single mothers with children.
- The average age of a homeless adult is 32.7 years old.
- The average age of a homeless child is 7.6 years old
- Michigan is ranked 5th in the United States and 1st in the Midwest for number of homeless residents. California is ranked 1st in the nation.