

Poverty Rates in Erie and Erie County | Updated January 11, 2023



2012 Federal Poverty household income was \$11,344 (individual) and \$23,021 (family of four)
 2014 Federal Poverty household income was \$11,670 (individual) and \$23,850 (family of four)
 2016 Federal Poverty household income was \$11,880 (individual) and \$24,300 (family of four)
 2017 Federal Poverty household income is \$12,060 (individual) and \$24,600 (family of four)
 2018 Federal Poverty household income is \$12,140 (individual) and \$25,100 (family of four)
 2019 Federal Poverty household income is \$12,490 (individual) and \$25,750 (family of four)
 2020 Federal Poverty household income is \$12,760 (individual) and \$26,200 (family of four)
 2021 Federal Poverty household income is \$12,880 (individual) and \$26,500 (family of four)
 2022 Federal Poverty household income is \$13,590 (individual) and \$27,750 (family of four)

Poverty Rates for Overall Population

Population for whom poverty status is determined	United States Percent below Poverty Level	United States Percent below Poverty Level	Pennsylvania Below Poverty Line	Pennsylvania Percent below Poverty Level	Erie County Below Poverty Line	Erie County Percent below Poverty Level	City of Erie Below Poverty Level	City of Erie Percent below Poverty Level
2005	38,231,474	13.3%	1,420,396	11.9%	37,649	14.2%	18,390	20.2%
2006	38,757,253	13.3%	1,448,228	12.1%	44,219	16.5%	26,586	26.1%
2007	38,757,253	13%	1,393,026	11.6%	38,410	14.5%	22,534	24.6%
2008	39,108,822	13.2%	1,458,394	12.1%	38,591	14.5%	22,705	24.2%
2009	42,868,163	14.3%	1,516,705	12.5%	43,311	15.8%	22,683	23.1%
2010	46,215,956	15.3%	1,648,184	13.4%	46,718	17.4%	29,484	30.2%
2011	48,452,035	15.9%	1,6951,996	13.8%	44,205	16.4%	27,270	28%
2012	48,760,123	15.9%	1,693,285	13.7%	42,462	22%	24,725	25.7%
2013	48,810,818	15.8%	1,690,405	13.7%	49,005	18.3%	28,114	29.2%
2014	48,208,387	15.5%	1,682,212	13.6%	43,438	16.3%	23,944	25.1%
2015	46,153,077	14.7%	1,629,995	13.2%	46,429	17.5%	25,572	26.9%
2016	44,268,996	14%	1,592,045	12.9%	41,799	15.9%	25,499	27.3%
2017	42,583,651	13.8%	1,548,720	12.5%	41,865	16%	24,843	26.9%
2018	41,852,315	13.1%	1,517,870	12.2%	40,132	15.5%	24,614	27.1%
2019	39,490,096	12.3%	1,489,333	12.0%	44,656	17.4%	25,678	28.5%
2021	41,393,176	12.8%	1,519,032	12.1%	42,386	16.5%	20,693	23.3%

Poverty Rates by Employment Status

Employed Living In Poverty	United States below Poverty Level	United States Percent below Poverty Level	Pennsylvania below Poverty Level	Pennsylvania Percent below Poverty Level	Erie County below Poverty Level	Erie County Percent below Poverty Level	City of Erie below Poverty Level	City of Erie Percent below Poverty Level
2005	8,517,030	6.2%	283,421	5.0%	7,887	6.4%	3,573	8.8%
2006	8,733,238	6.2%	294,886	5.1%	9,600	7.6%	5,391	11.8%
2007	8,468,565	6.0%	282,188	4.8%	7,856	6.2%	4,523	11.0%
2008	9,040,908	6.2%	318,331	5.3%	8,264	6.6%	4,922	11.4%
2009	9,250,760	6.6%	291,321	5.0%	8,983	7.1%	5,650	12.4%
2010	9,759,572	7.1%	321,796	5.6%	9,518	7.7%	5,464	12.8%
2011	10,307,891	7.4%	314,832	5.4%	11,538	9.1%	6,331	14.7%

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2012	10,552,413	7.4%	333,576	5.7%	8,670	6.9%	4,122	9.7%
2013	10,872,843	7.5%	339,277	5.7%	9,561	7.5%	5,131	12.0%
2014	11,066,384	7.5%	348,891	5.8%	9,527	7.7%	5,159	12.3%
2015	10,532,329	7.0%	342,411	5.7%	10,418	8.3%	5,605	13.0%
2016	10,077,653	6.6%	336,192	5.6%	8,753	6.9%	4,640	11.5%
2017	9,512,092	6.2%	317,533	5.2%	7,719	6.4%	4,595	11.6%
2018	9,350,818	6.0%	424,942	6.5%	10,650	8.3%	6,665	15.5%
2019	8,918,835	5.7%	335,392	5.4%	9,951	8.1%	5,473	14.0%
2021	8,672,108	5.6%	288,208	4.7%	7,155	6.1%	3,503	9.1%

Poverty Rates by Employment Status

Unemployed Living in Poverty	United States below Poverty Level	United States Percent below Poverty Level	Pennsylvania below Poverty Level	Pennsylvania Percent below Poverty Level	Erie County below Poverty Level	Erie County Percent below Poverty Level	City of Erie below Poverty Level	City of Erie Percent below Poverty Level
2005	2,942,831	29.1%	105,947	26.0%	2,471	25.6%	1,425	35.2%
2006	2,744,987	28.7%	101,372	26.6%	3,076	31.8%	1,833	43.1%
2007	2,636,143	27.8%	98,540	27.0%	2,207	29.7%	1,379	45.0%
2008	2,782,629	28.3%	103,004	28.5%	2,727	27.5%	1,282	28.2%
2009	4,182,911	27.4%	146,306	25.2%	4,709	35.6%	2,029	38.1%
2010	4,978,163	29.8%	157,763	25.9%	3,946	31.1%	2,630	44.5%
2011	5,179,420	32.6%	169,515	28.5%	3,061	21.2%	2,022	32.1%
2012	4,872,011	33.3%	171,072	30.2%	4,229	34.8%	2,324	48.0%
2013	4,438,490	33.6%	165,442	31.1%	3,424	34.4%	2,657	55.2%
2014	3,854,681	33.9%	145,960	32.5%	3,018	32.6%	1,643	40.3%
2015	3,287,344	33.0%	122,866	30.7%	2,556	29.3%	1,381	40.4%
2016	2,872,590	31.3%	112,047	30.5%	3,845	49.8%	2,730	61.0%
2017	2,590,535	30.4%	101,502	29.8%	2,835	35.2%	2,139	53.6%
2018	2,393,406	30.0%	90,329	28.7%	1,655	29.2%	1,196	38.5%
2019	2,090,290	28.3%	84,102	28.9%	2,197	34.9%	1,575	46.2%
2021	2,874,391	27.6%	116,000	28.0%	3,229	33.0%	1,588	42.6%

Poverty Rates by Race/Nationality

White Population living in Poverty	United States below Poverty Level	United States Percent below Poverty Level	Pennsylvania below Poverty Level	Pennsylvania Percent below Poverty Level	Erie County below Poverty Level	Erie County Percent below Poverty Level	City of Erie below Poverty Level	City of Erie Percent below Poverty Level
2005	22,370,834	10.4%	929,560	9.2%	32,217	13.3%	13,625	19.0%
2006	22,657,417	10.5%	935,550	9.3%	32,862	13.6%	16,176	20.2%
2007	22,283,845	10.2%	898,087	8.9%	29,647	12.3%	14,742	20.0%
2008	23,934,719	10.7%	965,972	9.6%	28,994	12.1%	14,178	19.0%

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2009	26,270,749	11.7%	991,860	9.7%	34,948	14.4%	16,180	20.5%
2010	27,951,752	12.5%	1,076,294	10.6%	34,464	14.4%	18,860	25.0%
2011	29,260,632	13.0%	1,086,711	10.7%	32,228	13.5%	16,250	22.0%
2012	29,493,814	13.0%	1,078,384	10.6%	28,900	12.3%	12,402	17.8%
2013	29,701,062	13.0%	1,081,639	10.7%	37,390	15.8%	18,495	25.6%
2014	29,193,983	12.8%	1,068,947	10.6%	33,084	14.2%	14,900	21.5%
2015	28,027,149	12.2%	1,036,697	10.3%	35,409	15.1%	16,123	22.9%
2016	26,653,418	11.6%	1,015,549	10.1%	30,673	13.2%	15,769	22.3%
2017	25,668,489	11.1%	1,014,213	10.1%	28,978	12.7%	15,521	22.9%
2018	25,230,693	10.9%	937,874	9.4%	29,332	13.0%	15,031	22.5%
2019	23,828,085	10.3%	922,707	9.3%	31,826	14.4%	14,837	23.2%
2021	19,510,415	9.8%	855,801	9.1%	28,956	13.6%	9,289	15.9%

Poverty Rates by Race/Nationality

African American Population Living in Poverty	United States below Poverty Level	United States Percent below Poverty Level	Pennsylvania below Poverty Level	Pennsylvania Percent below Poverty Level	Erie County below Poverty Level	Erie County Percent below Poverty Level	City of Erie below Poverty Level	City of Erie Percent below Poverty Level
2005	8,889,138	25.6%	353,255	29.4%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2006	8,968,940	25.3%	351,178	29.0%	7,698	47.8%	7,594	49.3%
2007	8,806,842	24.7%	322,289	26.7%	4,508	34.4%	3,944	34.0%
2008	8,661,570	24.1%	332,244	27.4%	7,023	46.0%	6,588	47.7%
2009	9,407,955	25.8%	353,136	28.4%	4,474	31.6%	4,345	33.3%
2010	10,099,631	27.1%	367,398	28.4%	8,313	44.7%	7,488	45.5%
2011	10,543,367	28.1%	392,487	30.4%	7,223	40.0%	6,862	44.7%
2012	10,665,149	28.1%	387,800	29.5%	7,985	43.4%	7,470	45.3%
2013	10,538,290	27.6%	370,273	28.0%	6,829	37.9%	6,002	38.5%
2014	10,434,389	27.0%	392,947	29.5%	4,670	27.3%	4,589	28.7%
2015	9,905,872	25.4%	378,173	28.5%	6,795	37.2%	6,211	38.0%
2016	9,366,792	23.9%	350,149	26.4%	8,434	46.7%	7,904	52.0%
2017	9,122,033	23.0%	336,427	24.8%	6,059	36.1%	4,033	29.0%
2018	8,971,239	22.5%	350,658	26.1%	6,903	38.9%	6,285	41.2%
2019	8,557,464	21.2%	341,424	24.9%	7,634	47.9%	7,179	52.2%
2021	8,402,643	21.8%	316,173	24.8%	5,109	29.2%	4,933	31.4%

Poverty Rates by Race/Nationality

Hispanic/Latino Population Living in Poverty	United States below Poverty Level	United States Percent below Poverty Level	Pennsylvania below Poverty Level	Pennsylvania Percent below Poverty Level	Erie County below Poverty Level	Erie County Percent below Poverty Level	City of Erie below Poverty Level	City of Erie Percent below Poverty Level
2005	9,315,923	22.4%	152,104	31.7%	N/a	N/A	N/A	N/A
2006	9,293,416	21.5%	143,594	28.6%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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2007	9,219,100	20.7%	169,302	31.9%	2,823	43.1%	2,451	51.1%
2008	9,794,706	21.3%	171,576	29.9%	1,904	24.5%	N/A	N/A
2009	11,130,896	23.5%	181,706	29.3%	3,382	42.5%	2,883	48.1%
2010	12,306,535	24.8%	232,292	33.5%	2,910	31.6%	2,641	44.2%
2011	13,126,374	25.8%	239,624	33.3%	3,820	42.0%	3,560	49.0%
2012	13,157,055	25.4%	251,810	33.4%	3,772	38.5%	3,156	50.1%
2013	13,089,210	24.8%	258,190	33.2%	4,640	46.6%	4,103	59.5%
2014	13,079,584	24.1%	255,740	31.8%	3,964	39.8%	3,509	55.0%
2015	12,505,613	22.6%	252,451	30.3%	4,937	47.3%	4,240	55.9%
2016	11,814,468	21.0%	259,823	30.0%	4,763	44.9%	4,195	52.2%
2017	11,173,521	19.4%	260,303	28.7%	4,451	40.6%	3,590	53.2%
2018	11,025,445	18.8%	247,710	26.3%	5,225	45.7%	4,536	67.5%
2019	10,201,081	17.2%	252,255	26.2%	3,774	33.0%	2,531	28.2%
2021	10,759,082	17.5%	237,254	22.5%	4,081	32.2%	3,776	49.0%

Poverty Rates by Gender

Males Living in Poverty	United States Percent below Poverty Level	United States Percent below Poverty Level	Pennsylvania Below Poverty Line	Pennsylvania Percent below Poverty Level	Erie County Below Poverty Line	Erie County Percent below Poverty Level	City of Erie Below Poverty Level	City of Erie Percent below Poverty Level
2005	16,570,504	11.8%	593,269	10.3%	18,180	14%	8,887	20.5%
2006	16,963,560	11.9%	623,939	10.7%	20,677	15.7%	13,125	25.8%
2007	16,576,071	11.5%	586,789	10.1%	18,103	13.9%	11,074	25%
2008	17,208,986	11.8%	625,382	10.7%	17,152	13.1%	10,352	23.1%
2009	19,183,762	13.1%	648,467	11%	18,431	14.2%	10,130	21.3%
2010	20,850,219	14.1%	125,169	12.1%	20,766	15.9%	13,106	28.8%
2011	21,825,281	14.7%	749,598	12.5%	19,094	14.6%	11,627	25%
2012	21,910,739	14.6%	749,388	12.5%	19,094	15%	12,640	26.8%
2013	21,938,525	14.5%	752,986	12.5%	22,114	16.9%	12,446	26.1%
2014	21,590,918	14.2%	746,833	12.4%	18,733	14.5%	11,005	23.9%
2015	20,599,407	13.4%	719,852	11.9%	20,029	15.4%	10,945	23.7%
2016	19,760,056	12.8%	703,375	11.7%	18,741	14.6%	11,702	26.1%
2017	19,004,547	12.2%	675,818	11.2%	17,702	13.9%	11,067	24.4%
2018	18,550,942	11.9%	678,853	11.2%	19,406	15.4%	13,628	29.2%
2019	17,473,451	11.1%	661,362	10.9%	19,098	15.4%	11,586	26.5%
2021	18,518,155	11.6%	662,566	10.7%	16,633	13.3%	7,578	18.0%

Poverty Rates by Gender

Females Living in Poverty	United States Percent below Poverty Level	United States Percent below Poverty Level	Pennsylvania Below Poverty Line	Pennsylvania Percent below Poverty Level	Erie County Below Poverty Line	Erie County Percent below Poverty Level	City of Erie Below Poverty Level	City of Erie Percent below Poverty Level
2005	21,660,970	14.8%	827,127	13.4%	19,469	14.3%	9,503	19.9%

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2007	21,476,176	14.3%	806,237	13.1%	20,307	15.2%	11,460	24.2%
2008	17,208,986	11.8%	625,382	10.7%	17,152	13.1%	12,353	25.3%
2009	23,684,401	15.6%	868,238	13.9%	23,880	17.3%	12,553	24.8%
2010	25,365,737	16.5%	923,015	14.6%	25,952	18.8%	16,378	31.4%
2011	26,626,754	17.2%	946,398	14.9%	25,111	28.2%	15,643	30.8%
2012	26,849,384	17.2%	943,897	14.9%	22,802	16.7%	12,085	24.6%
2013	26,872,343	17.2%	937,469	14.8%	26,891	19.6%	15,668	32.3%
2014	26,617,496	16.8%	935,379	14.7%	24,705	18.0%	12,939	26.3%
2015	25,553,670	16%	910,143	14.3%	26,400	19.4%	14,627	30%
2016	24,508,940	15.2%	888,670	14.0%	23,058	17.1%	13,797	28.3%
2017	23,579,108	14.5%	872,906	13.7%	24,163	18.0%	13,776	29.3%
2018	23,301,373	14.3%	839,017	13.2%	20,726	15.6%	10,986	24.8%
2019	22,016,645	13.5%	827,971	13.0%	25,558	19.3%	14,092	30.3%
2021	22,875,021	13.9%	856,466	13.4%	25,753	19.5%	13,115	28.1%

Poverty Rates by Age Group

Children Under 18 living in poverty	United States Percent below Poverty Level	United States Percent below Poverty Level	Pennsylvania Below Poverty Line	Pennsylvania Percent below Poverty Level	Erie County Below Poverty Line	Erie County Percent below Poverty Level	City of Erie Below Poverty Level	City of Erie Percent below Poverty Level
2005	13,360,273	18.5%	460,616	16.7%	11,254	17.4%	5,704	24.1%
2006	13,285,569	18.3%	464,686	16.9%	16,515	25.6%	10,290	40%
2007	13,097,100	18%	446,686	16.3%	14,172	22.5%	8,950	40.7%
2008	13,240,870	18%	455,488	16.8%	13,471	21.9%	8,587	37.4%
2009	14,656,962	20%	466,638	17.1%	13,366	21.6%	6,838	30.2%
2010	16,386,500	22.5%	522,189	19.2%	15,142	24.7%	10,521	43.1%
2011	16,386,500	22.5%	521,160	19.2%	15,878	25.7%	10,730	47.3%
2012	16,396,863	22.6%	532,166	19.7%	13,414	22%	8,236	36.5%
2013	16,086,960	22.2%	516,390	19.4%	17,089	28.4%	9,649	45.5%
2014	15,086,960	21.7%	514,292	19.4%	13,550	22.7%	7,961	35.7%
2015	15,000,273	20.7%	512,793	19.4%	16,141	27.2%	8,615	38.2%
2016	14,115,713	19.5%	486,029	18.5%	14,252	24.4%	9,123	40.6%
2017	13,353,202	18.4%	444,486	17%	14,452	24.9%	9,373	43.5%
2018	12,997,532	18.0%	434,736	16.8%	11,961	21.1%	7,788	38.9%
2019	12,000,470	16.8%	434,904	16.9%	14,487	26.2%	9,245	44.6%
2021	12,243,219	16.9%	445,513	16.9%	15,211	27.2%	7,455	35.9%

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Under 5 Years Old	United States Percent below Poverty Level	United States Percent below Poverty Level	Pennsylvania Below Poverty Line	Pennsylvania Percent below Poverty Level	Erie County Below Poverty Line	Erie County Percent below Poverty Level	City of Erie Below Poverty Level	City of Erie Percent below Poverty Level
2015	4,448,211	22.8%	149,390	21.2%	5,782	36.7%	3,339	46.7%
2016	4,156,949	21.3%	141,094	20.2%	4,310	28.3%	3,152	42.1%
2017	3,932,969	20.2%	135,492	19.5%	5,072	34.1%	2,784	44.1%
2018	3,758,704	19.5%	121,224	17.6%	3,033	20.8%	1,851	38.4%
2019	3,457,689	18.2%	118,512	17.4%	4,523	30.8%	2,282	44.9%
2021	3,349,149	18.3%	120,064	18.0%	4,309	31.3%	2,639	41.7%

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