

Poverty Fact Sheet



United States in 2016

- Overall poverty rate **14.0%**
- Child poverty rate **19.5%**

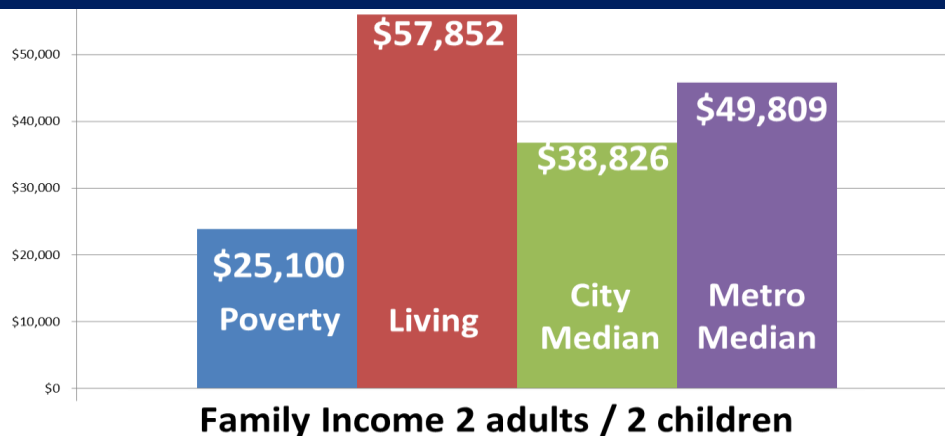
Memphis in 2016

- Overall poverty rate **26.9%**
 - Highest rate of overall poverty among cities with populations greater than 1,000,000
- Child poverty rate **44.7%**
 - Highest rate of child poverty among cities with populations greater than 1,000,000

2016 Poverty Rate	Overall	Under 18	18-64	Over 65	Non-Hispanic White	Non-Hispanic Black	Latino
United States	14.0%	19.5 %	13.2%	9.2%	10.0%	23.8%	21.0%
Tennessee	15.8%	22.6%	15.0%	8.9%	12.5 %	26.3%	27.7%
Memphis city, TN	26.9%	44.7%	22.6%	11.4%	13.3%	32.3%	N/A
Memphis, TN-MS-AR Metro Ar.	19.4%	30.8%	16.8%	9.5%	9.4%	28.3%	30.1%

Source: 2017 Poverty Fact Sheet. Elena Delavega, PhD MSW. University of Memphis. Data from 2016 American Community Survey

Poverty vs. Living vs. Median City of Memphis & Metro Area



Living Wage Calculation for Memphis, TN

Hourly Wages	1 Adult	1 Adult 1 Child	1 Adult 2 Children	2 Adults	2 Adults 1 Child	2 Adults 2 Children
Living Wage	\$10.75	\$21.90	\$24.86	\$8.56	\$11.77	\$13.91
Poverty Wage	\$5.00	\$7.00	\$9.00	\$3.00	\$4.00	\$5.00
Minimum Wage	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25

Living wage- hourly rate that an **individual** must earn to support their family, if they are working full-time (40 hours a week- 2080 hours per year).

Poverty Wage- The poverty threshold is an administrative threshold defined by the Department of Health and Human Services to determine eligibility for certain financial assistance from the federal government

Typical Expenses for Memphis, TN

Annual Expenses	1 Adult	1 Adult 1 Child	1 Adult 2 Children	2 Adults	2 Adults 1 Child	2 Adults 2 Children
Food	\$2,986	\$4,394	\$6,613	\$5,474	\$6,807	\$8,786
Child Care	\$0	\$5,938	\$8,522	\$0	\$5,938	\$8,522
Medical	\$2,237	\$6,684	\$6,403	\$5,239	\$6,403	\$6,461
Housing	\$7,504	\$9,910	\$9,910	\$7,504	\$9,910	\$9,910
Transportation	\$4,236	\$8,754	\$9,189	\$8,754	\$9,189	\$11,032
Other	\$2,656	\$4,294	\$4,736	\$4,294	\$4,736	\$6,059
Required annual income after taxes	\$19,618	\$39,974	\$45,374	\$31,265	\$42,984	\$50,769
Annual taxes	\$2,737	\$5,576	\$6,330	\$4,361	\$5,996	\$7,082
Required annual income before taxes	\$22,355	\$45,551	\$51,704	\$35,626	\$48,980	\$57,852

These figures show the individual expenses that went into the living wage estimate.

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