



New York State Community Action Association
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Dear Colleague:

We are pleased to release the 15th 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 (2016-2010). ACS data collections were significantly impacted during the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to this, there was a delay in the release of the revised data. You can read more, [here](#).

We are excited to announce that the report now 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 report this year does **not** include Free Lunch data. This is one of the many impacts of COVID, as schools provided lunch to all students during the pandemic, regardless of income.

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](#), 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 electronically, [here](#), or by phone at 518.690.0491.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Orr, CEO

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Education & Poverty

Education Attainment for Adults 25+ (13,451,535)



Total Population

No Degree	12.5%
High School	25.2%
Associate	24.4%
Bachelors +	37.8%

Living in Poverty

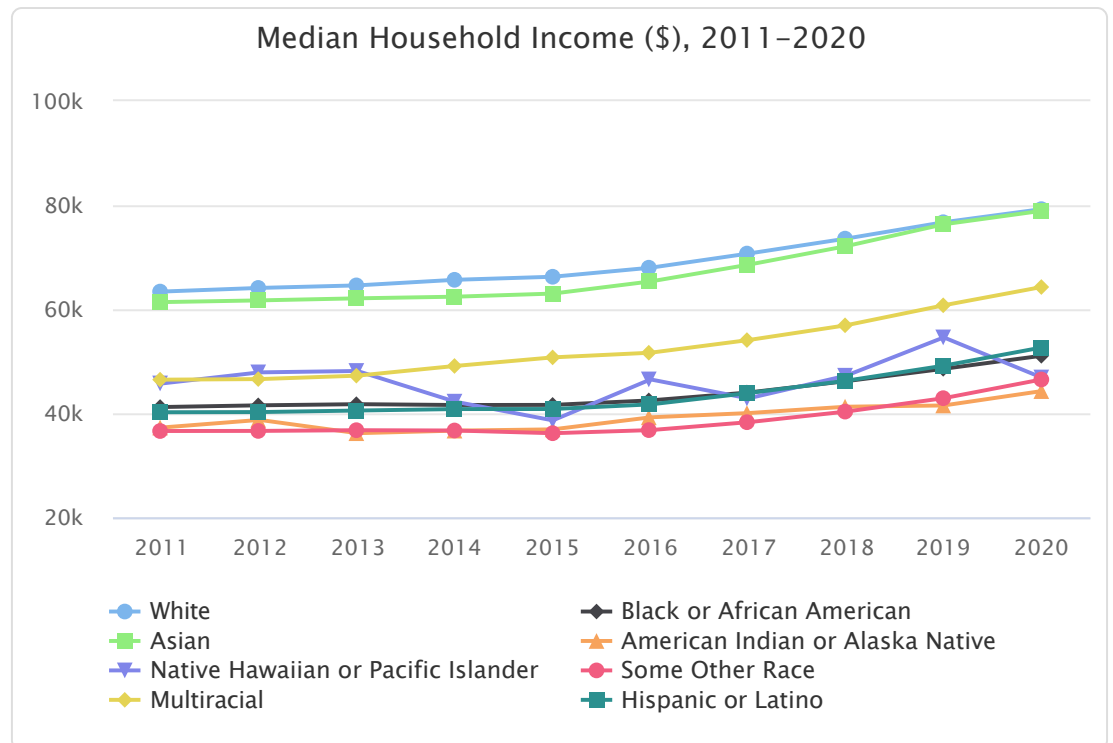
No Degree	27.4%
High School	14.4%
Associate	10.1%
Bachelors +	4.9%

Employment & Poverty

Living Wage for 1 Adult, 1 Child	\$37.46
Hourly Wage for FMR, 2BR Apt	\$34.03
Median Income	\$47,089
Median Income w/ HS Diploma	\$33,263
Male Median Earnings	\$40,100
Female Median Earnings	\$26,750



Median Household Income by Race & Ethnicity



13.6%
New York State
Poverty Rate

State Population:

19,514,849

Population for whom poverty status is determined:

Overall
19,009,098

Population Under 18
3,994,613

Population 25 & Over
13,451,535

Population 65 & Over
3,126,319

Living In Poverty

Individuals
13.6% (2,581,048)

Children (Under 18)
18.7% (746,203)

Adults 25 & Over
11.4% (1,531,011)

Adults 65 & Over
11.5% (359,842)