



**Upper East Tennessee
Human Development Agency**

Poverty Report

2016 Northeast Tennessee

Regional Data Analysis:

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Upper East Tennessee Human Development Agency

The Upper East Tennessee Human Development Agency (UETHDA) is dedicated providing the education, tools, and support to create a better life. As a Community Action Agency, UETHDA works to change people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes the northeast Tennessee region a better place in which to live. We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves.

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**Upper East Tennessee
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Dear Colleague:

We are pleased to release this Northeast Tennessee Poverty Report. This report covers the counties of Carter, Greene, Johnson, Hancock, Hawkins, Sullivan, Unicoi, and Washington.

We hope it is a useful tool for your community. This report is designed to be a comprehensive resource for the region's community based organizations, policy makers, advocates, community coalitions and the general public. While the report does not recommend specific policy or system changes, it does provide data to inform dialogue about how to address issues of poverty. Please refer to the Data Key on page 7 for more information.

The primary information came from the Census Bureau's reporting and reflects five years of data spanning from 2010 - 2014.

You will find the report digitally on UETHDA's website (www.uthda.org). You can also download the entire report or specific county profiles. We welcome your feedback about the report and can be reached through our website, or by phone at 423-246-6180.

Sincerely

Tim Jaynes
Executive Director



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Data Key

Population Data, Poverty, Family Poverty Rate, Educational Attainment, Literacy Skills, Race, and Health/Food, came from the Community Commons. org website using the following data:

The American Community Survey (ACS) is a nationwide, continuous survey designed to provide communities with reliable and timely demographic, housing, social, and economic data. The ACS samples nearly 3 million addresses each year, resulting in nearly 2 million final interviews. The ACS replaces the long-form decennial census; however, the number of household surveys reported annually for the ACS is significantly less than the number reported in the long-form decennial census. As a result, the ACS combines detailed population and housing data from multiple years to produce reliable estimates for small counties, neighborhoods, and other local areas. Negotiating between timeliness and accuracy, the ACS annually releases current, one-year estimates for geographic areas with large populations; three-year and five-year estimates are also released each year for additional areas based on minimum population thresholds.

Citation: U.S. Census Bureau: A Compass for Understanding and Using American Community Survey Data (2008).

For more information about this source, including data collection methodology and definitions, refer to the American Community Survey website.

The U.S. Census counts every resident in the United States. It is mandated by Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution and takes place every 10 years. The census collects information about the age, sex, race, and ethnicity of every person in the United States. The data collected by the decennial census determine the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives and is also used to distribute billions in federal funds to local communities. For more information about this source, refer to the United States Census 2010 website.

High School Graduation Rate

The data was obtained from the State of Tennessee Department of Education website: <https://www.tn.gov/education/topic/report-card>

Housing

The data was obtained through the Tennessee Housing Development Agency's Tennessee factsheet 2009-2013 https://s3.amazonaws.com/thda.org/Documents/Research-Planning/County-Level-Data/to-go-on-website_factsheet_13_5yr.pdf.

Employment

The data was obtained from US Census Bureau Report s1501 using the same report development as with the Population Data.

Employment - Living Wage

The data was obtained from <http://livingwage.mit.edu/>.

The living wage is defined as the wage needed to cover basic family expenses (basic needs budget) plus all relevant taxes. The living wage calculation does not include publicly provided income or housing assistance. Values are reported in 2014 dollars. To convert values from annual to hourly, a work-year of 2,080 hours (52, 40 hour work weeks) is assumed. The basic needs budget is calculated as follows:

Basic needs budget = Food cost + child care cost + (insurance premiums + health care costs) + housing cost + transportation cost + other necessities cost

Carter County

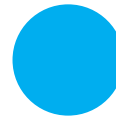
County Population: 57,438



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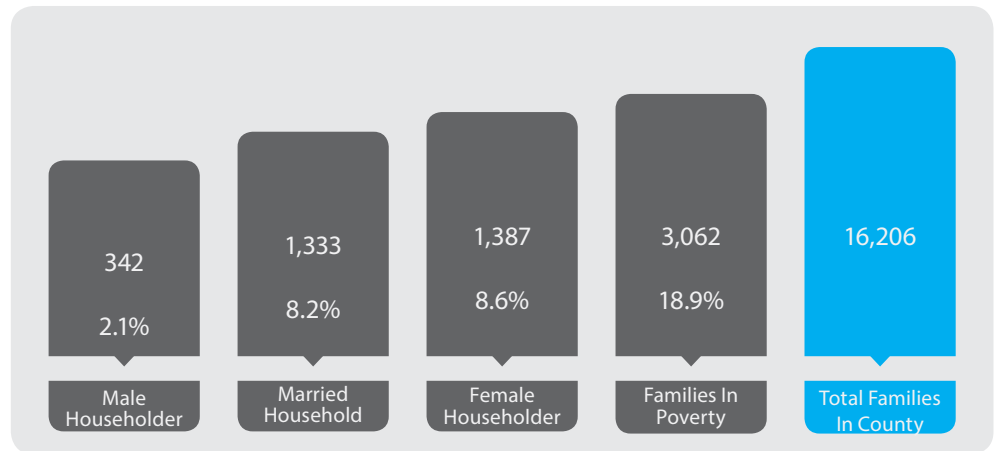
County Poverty Rate
All Ages

Living in Poverty - Total Individuals - Percent in Poverty



Individual
Poverty Rate

Family
Poverty
Rate



Education

Adults Lacking
Literacy Skills

14%

High School
Graduation

84.2%

Educational Attainment

No High School Diploma

County	19.80%	(7,674)
TN	15.61%	(676,887)
In Poverty	33.2%	(2,546)

Associates Degree

County	6.2%	(10,401)
TN	6.4%	(277,520)
In Poverty	12.9%	(1,338)

High School Diploma

County	38.3%	(15,322)
TN	33.1%	(1,435,296)
In Poverty	20.4%	(3,124)

Bachelors Degree Or Higher

County	16.1%	(6,541)
TN	23.8%	(1,032,026)
In Poverty	7.3%	(477)

Carter County

County Population 57,438



Median Income

\$31,842

Employment

Living Wage - Hourly - All Adults Full Time Employed

<p>Median Income Without High School Diploma</p> <p>\$17,309 - \$8.48 Hourly</p>	<p>1 Adult</p> <p>\$9.80</p>	<p>1 Adult</p> <p>1 Child</p> <p>\$19.79</p>
<p>Median Income With High School Diploma</p> <p>\$23,862 - \$11.70 Hourly</p>	<p>1 Adult</p> <p>2 Children</p> <p>\$23.20</p>	<p>2 Adults</p> <p>\$8.18</p>
<p>Median Income With Bachelor's Degree</p> <p>\$32,824 - \$16.09 Hourly</p>	<p>2 Adults</p> <p>1 Child</p> <p>\$11.00</p>	<p>2 Adults</p> <p>2 Children</p> <p>\$13.02</p>



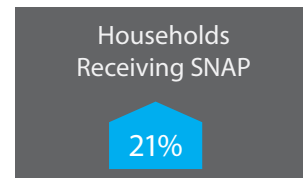
Housing

Homeowner

Ownership Rate 72.3% (17,411)
 Median Income of Owners \$39,546
 Median Monthly Cost \$915
 Median Cost per Income 22.3%
 Cost Burdened 21.5%
 Cost Burdened = Spends over 30% of income

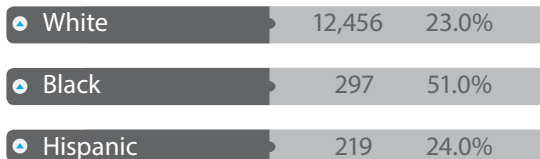
Renter

Renter Households 6,668
 Median Income of Renters \$17,989
 Median Monthly Cost of Rent \$537
 Median Cost per Income 31.1%
 Cost Burdened 43.2%
 Cost Burdened = Spends over 30% of income



Race

Living in Poverty - Individuals - Percent of Race



Households Receiving Food Stamps

Households Receiving SNAP 5,058
 Percent Below Poverty Level 61.20%
 Median Income \$14,911

Greene County

County Population: 68,679

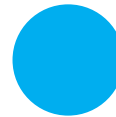


19.6%

County Poverty Rate
All Ages

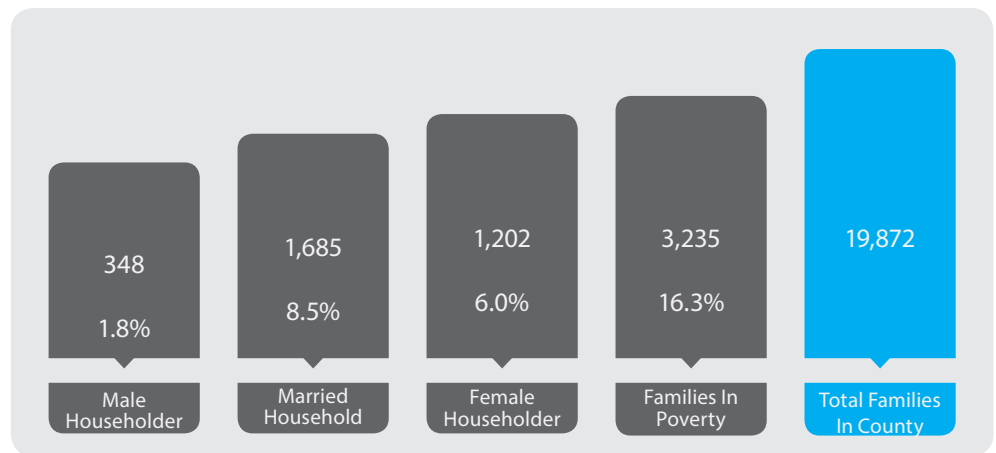
Living in Poverty - Total Individuals - Percent in Poverty

Individuals	13,056	19.6%
Children (Under 18)	13,056	29.8%
Seniors (65+)	1,612	13.5%



Individual
Poverty Rate

Family
Poverty
Rate



Education

Adults Lacking
Literacy Skills

14%

High School
Graduation

92.1%

Educational Attainment

No High School Diploma

County	19.60%	(9,169)
TN	15.61%	(676,887)
In Poverty	36.1%	(3,314)

Associates Degree

County	5.5%	(11,478)
TN	6.4%	(277,520)
In Poverty	14.1%	(1,616)

High School Diploma

County	41.3%	(19,810)
TN	33.1%	(1,435,296)
In Poverty	16.7%	(3,314)

Bachelors Degree Or Higher

County	15.5%	(7,554)
TN	23.8%	(1,032,026)
In Poverty	6.4%	(481)

Greene County

County Population 68,679



Median Income

\$35,545

Employment

Living Wage - Hourly - All Adults Full Time Employed

<p>Median Income Without High School Diploma</p> <p>\$18,730 - \$9.18 Hourly</p>	<p>1 Adult</p> <p>\$9.56</p>	<p>1 Adult</p> <p>1 Child</p> <p>\$19.37</p>
<p>Median Income With High School Diploma</p> <p>\$24,312 - \$11.92 Hourly</p>	<p>1 Adult</p> <p>2 Children</p> <p>\$22.88</p>	<p>2 Adults</p> <p>\$8.09</p>
<p>Median Income With Bachelor's Degree</p> <p>\$38,208 - \$18.73 Hourly</p>	<p>2 Adults</p> <p>1 Child</p> <p>\$10.79</p>	<p>2 Adults</p> <p>2 Children</p> <p>\$12.81</p>



Housing

Homeowner

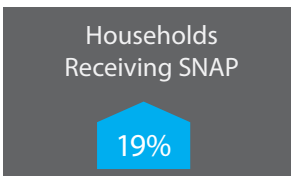
Ownership Rate 72.7% (20,857)
 Median Income of Owners \$41,469
 Median Monthly Cost \$930
 Median Cost per Income 23.4%
 Cost Burdened 21.5%
 Cost Burdened = Spends over 30% of income

Renter

Renter Households 7,820
 Median Income of Renters \$22,527
 Median Monthly Cost of Rent \$558
 Median Cost per Income 28.4%
 Cost Burdened 35.9%
 Cost Burdened = Spends over 30% of income

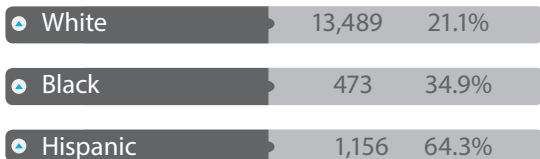


Health/Food



Race

Living in Poverty - Individuals - Percent of Race



Households Receiving Food Stamps

Households Receiving SNAP 5,359
 Percent Below Poverty Level 64.60%
 Median Income \$16,332

Hancock County

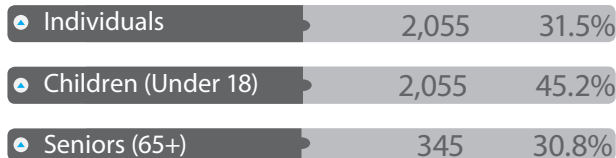
County Population: 6,737



31.5%

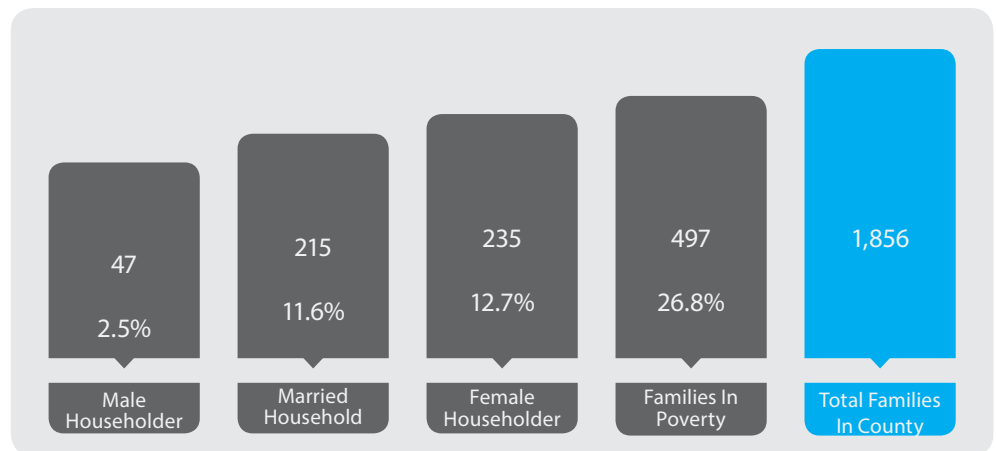
County Poverty Rate
All Ages

Living in Poverty - Total Individuals - Percent in Poverty



Individual
Poverty Rate

Family
Poverty
Rate



Education

Adults Lacking
Literacy Skills

18%

High School
Graduation

83.6%

Educational Attainment

No High School Diploma

County	23.70%	(1,111)
TN	15.61%	(676,887)
In Poverty	42.9%	(477)

Associates Degree

County	4.2%	(1,051)
TN	6.4%	(277,520)
In Poverty	18.6%	(195)

High School Diploma

County	43.5%	(2,025)
TN	33.1%	(1,435,296)
In Poverty	20.2%	(410)

Bachelors Degree Or Higher

County	10.1%	(481)
TN	23.8%	(1,032,026)
In Poverty	5.0%	(24)

Hancock County

County Population 6,737



Median Income

\$23,892

Employment

Living Wage - Hourly - All Adults Full Time Employed

<p>Median Income Without High School Diploma</p> <p>\$17,500 - \$8.58 Hourly</p>	<p>1 Adult</p> <p>\$9.46</p>	<p>1 Adult</p> <p>1 Child</p> <p>\$19.23</p>
<p>Median Income With High School Diploma</p> <p>\$23,566 - \$11.55 Hourly</p>	<p>1 Adult</p> <p>2 Children</p> <p>\$22.74</p>	<p>2 Adults</p> <p>\$7.87</p>
<p>Median Income With Bachelor's Degree</p> <p>\$31,630 - \$15.50 Hourly</p>	<p>2 Adults</p> <p>1 Child</p> <p>\$10.72</p>	<p>2 Adults</p> <p>2 Children</p> <p>\$12.74</p>



Housing

Homeowner

Ownership Rate 74.7% (2,118)
 Median Income of Owners \$30,714
 Median Monthly Cost \$738
 Median Cost per Income \$26.1%
 Cost Burdened 23.1%
 Cost Burdened = Spends over 30% of income

Renter

Renter Households 717
 Median Income of Renters \$13,014
 Median Monthly Cost of Rent \$365
 Median Cost per Income 28.4%
 Cost Burdened 25.1%
 Cost Burdened = Spends over 30% of income



Health/Food

No Health Insurance

17.1%

Free/Reduced Lunch

81%

Households Receiving SNAP

38%



Race

Living in Poverty - Individuals - Percent of Race

White	1,772	27.7%
Black	2	100.0%
Hispanic	0	0%

Households Receiving Food Stamps

Households Receiving SNAP 1,024
 Percent Below Poverty Level 60.30%
 Median Income \$13,787

Hawkins County

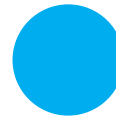
County Population: 56,759



21.1%

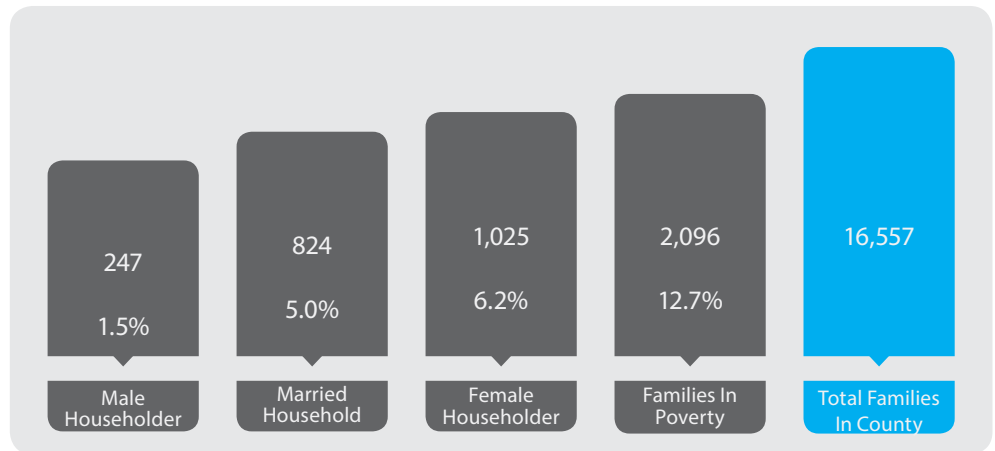
County Poverty Rate
All Ages

Living in Poverty - Total Individuals - Percent in Poverty



Individual
Poverty Rate

Family
Poverty
Rate



Education

Adults Lacking
Literacy Skills

15%

High School
Graduation

90.4%

Educational Attainment

No High School Diploma

County	18.70%	(7,429)
TN	15.61%	(676,887)
In Poverty	24.7%	(1,832)

Associates Degree

County	6.2%	(9,912)
TN	6.4%	(277,520)
In Poverty	9.7%	(960)

High School Diploma

County	43.3%	(17,246)
TN	33.1%	(1,435,296)
In Poverty	14.7%	(2,528)

Bachelors Degree Or Higher

County	13.0%	(5,186)
TN	23.8%	(1,032,026)
In Poverty	2.9%	(151)

Hawkins County

County Population 56,759



Median Income

\$36,102

Employment

Living Wage - Hourly - All Adults Full Time Employed

Median Income Without High School Diploma \$18,705 - \$9.17 Hourly	1 Adult \$9.79	1 Adult 1 Child \$19.59
Median Income With High School Diploma \$24,466 - \$11.99 Hourly	1 Adult 2 Children \$23.10	2 Adults \$8.06
Median Income With Bachelor's Degree \$42,545 - \$20.86 Hourly	2 Adults 1 Child \$10.90	2 Adults 2 Children \$12.92



Housing

Homeowner

Ownership Rate 76.9% (17,961)
 Median Income of Owners \$43,206
 Median Monthly Cost \$959
 Median Cost per Income \$22.1%
 Cost Burdened 18.1%
 Cost Burdened = Spends over 30% of income

Renter

Renter Households 5,387
 Median Income of Renters \$23,632
 Median Monthly Cost of Rent \$581
 Median Cost per Income 27.7%
 Cost Burdened 36.9%
 Cost Burdened = Spends over 30% of income

No Health Insurance

15.7%

Free/Reduced Lunch

64%



Health/Food

Households Receiving SNAP

18%



Race

Living in Poverty - Individuals - Percent of Race

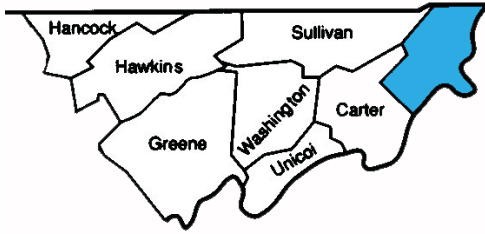
White	9,042	16.7%
Black	123	18.0%
Hispanic	209	29.5%

Households Receiving Food Stamps

Households Receiving SNAP 4,629
 Percent Below Poverty Level 54.90%
 Median Income \$16,169

Johnson County

County Population: 18,158



28.1%

County Poverty Rate
All Ages

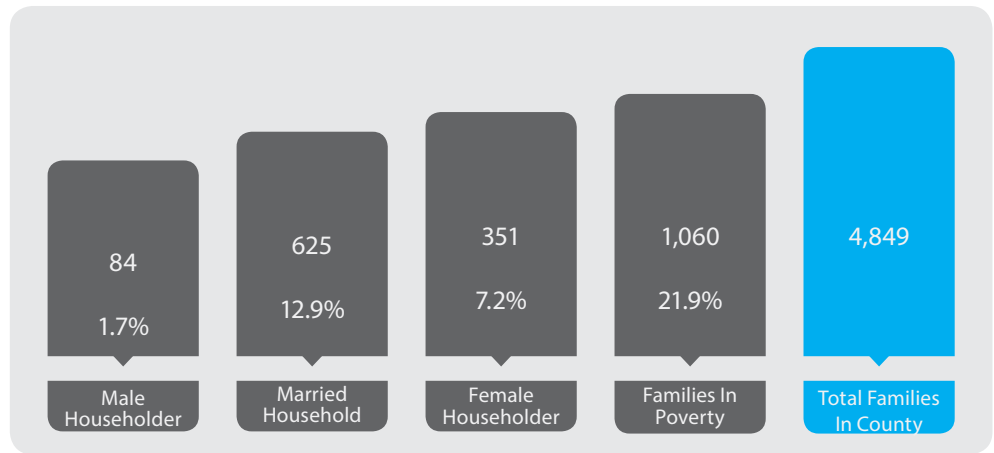
Living in Poverty - Total Individuals - Percent in Poverty

Individuals	4,535	28.1%
Children (Under 18)	4,535	38.3%
Seniors (65+)	3,311	16.2%



Individual
Poverty Rate

Family
Poverty
Rate



Education

Adults Lacking
Literacy Skills
18%

High School
Graduation
94.4%

Educational Attainment

No High School Diploma

County	25.80%	(2,915)
TN	15.61%	(676,887)
In Poverty	37.6%	(1,096)

Associates Degree

County	4.9%	(2,918)
TN	6.4%	(277,520)
In Poverty	18.5%	(539)

High School Diploma

County	41.6%	(4,945)
TN	33.1%	(1,435,296)
In Poverty	17.4%	(860)

Bachelors Degree Or Higher

County	9.2%	(1,221)
TN	23.8%	(1,032,026)
In Poverty	5.6%	(68)

Johnson County

County Population 18,158



Median Income

\$29,609

Employment

Living Wage - Hourly - All Adults Full Time Employed

<p>Median Income Without High School Diploma</p> <p>\$18,547 - \$9.09 Hourly</p>	<p>1 Adult</p> <p>\$9.46</p>	<p>1 Adult</p> <p>1 Child</p> <p>\$19.23</p>
<p>Median Income With High School Diploma</p> <p>\$20,823 - \$10.21 Hourly</p>	<p>1 Adult</p> <p>2 Children</p> <p>\$22.74</p>	<p>2 Adults</p> <p>\$7.85</p>
<p>Median Income With Bachelor's Degree</p> <p>\$36,327 - \$17.81 Hourly</p>	<p>2 Adults</p> <p>1 Child</p> <p>\$10.72</p>	<p>2 Adults</p> <p>2 Children</p> <p>\$12.74</p>



Housing

Homeowner

Ownership Rate 75.9% (5,250)
 Median Income of Owners \$34,785
 Median Monthly Cost \$905
 Median Cost per Income 25.9%
 Cost Burdened 25.8%
 Cost Burdened = Spends over 30% of income

Renter

Renter Households 1,671
 Median Income of Renters \$20,860
 Median Monthly Cost of Rent \$506
 Median Cost per Income 29.1%
 Cost Burdened 37.6%
 Cost Burdened = Spends over 30% of income

No Health Insurance

17.7%

Free/Reduced Lunch

70%



Health/Food

Households Receiving SNAP

25%



Race

Living in Poverty - Individuals - Percent of Race

White	3,646	22.7%
Black	30	48.4%
Hispanic	122	58.1%

Households Receiving Food Stamps

Households Receiving SNAP 1,712
 Percent Below Poverty Level 62.40%
 Median Income \$14,072

Sullivan County

County Population: 156,741

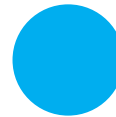


18.0%

County Poverty Rate
All Ages

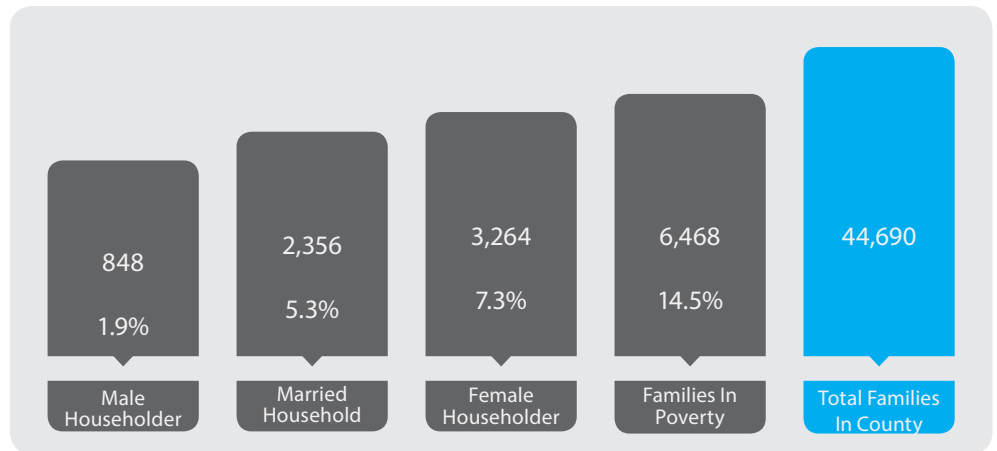
Living in Poverty - Total Individuals - Percent in Poverty

Individuals	27,819	18.0%
Children (Under 18)	27,819	27.9%
Seniors (65+)	2,737	9.4%



Individual
Poverty Rate

Family
Poverty
Rate



Education

Adults Lacking
Literacy Skills

12%

High School
Graduation

93.4%

Educational Attainment

No High School Diploma

County	15.30%	(16,642)
TN	15.61%	(676,887)
In Poverty	27.8%	(4,627)

Associates Degree

County	7.3%	(31,722)
TN	6.4%	(277,520)
In Poverty	12.2%	(3,875)

High School Diploma

County	35.3%	(39,192)
TN	33.1%	(1,435,296)
In Poverty	15.5%	(6,074)

Bachelors Degree Or Higher

County	21.2%	(23,787)
TN	23.8%	(1,032,026)
In Poverty	3.7%	(875)

Sullivan County

County Population 156,741



Median Income

\$39,479

Employment

Living Wage - Hourly - All Adults Full Time Employed

<p>Median Income Without High School Diploma</p> <p>\$17,844 - \$8.75 Hourly</p>	<p>1 Adult</p> <p>\$9.79</p>	<p>1 Adult</p> <p>1 Child</p> <p>\$19.59</p>
<p>Median Income With High School Diploma</p> <p>\$23,806 - \$11.67 Hourly</p>	<p>1 Adult</p> <p>2 Children</p> <p>\$23.10</p>	<p>2 Adults</p> <p>\$8.06</p>
<p>Median Income With Bachelor's Degree</p> <p>\$41,657 - \$20.42 Hourly</p>	<p>2 Adults</p> <p>1 Child</p> <p>\$10.90</p>	<p>2 Adults</p> <p>2 Children</p> <p>\$12.92</p>



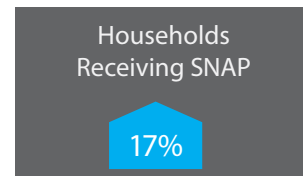
Housing

Homeowner

Ownership Rate 74.1% (49,109)
 Median Income of Owners \$49,112
 Median Monthly Cost \$1,015
 Median Cost per Income \$21.4%
 Cost Burdened 19.8%
 Cost Burdened = Spends over 30% of income

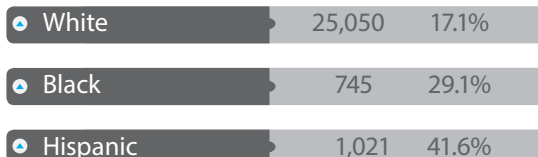
Renter

Renter Households 17,130
 Median Income of Renters \$21,338
 Median Monthly Cost of Rent \$605
 Median Cost per Income 30.3%
 Cost Burdened 43.9%
 Cost Burdened = Spends over 30% of income



Race

Living in Poverty - Individuals - Percent of Race



Households Receiving Food Stamps

Households Receiving SNAP 11,223
 Percent Below Poverty Level 62.60%
 Median Income \$15,123

Unicoi County

County Population: 18,254

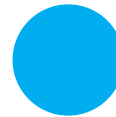


17.6%

County Poverty Rate
All Ages

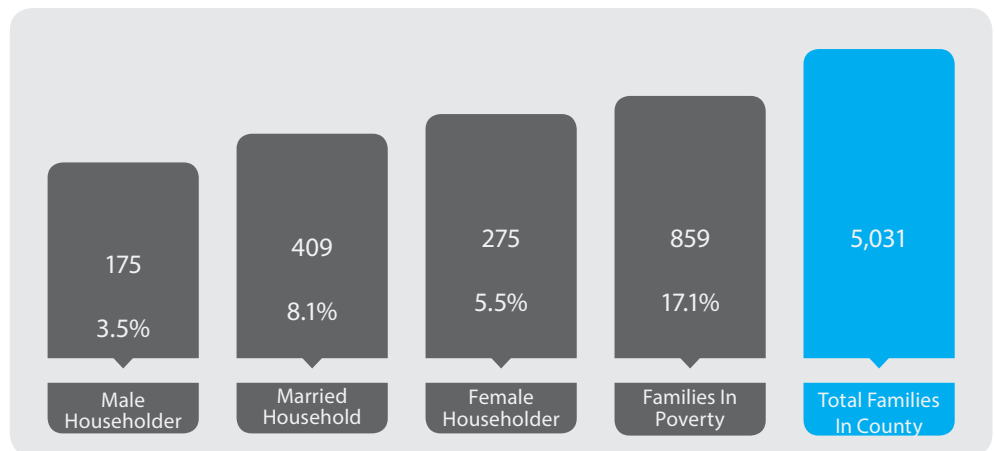
Living in Poverty - Total Individuals - Percent in Poverty

Individuals	3,122	17.6%
Children (Under 18)	3,122	28.9%
Seniors (65+)	411	11.8%



Individual
Poverty Rate

Family
Poverty
Rate



Education

Adults Lacking
Literacy Skills

15%

High School
Graduation

89.5%

Educational Attainment

No High School Diploma

County	22.80%	(2,841)
TN	15.61%	(676,887)
In Poverty	32.1%	(911)

Associates Degree

County	6.8%	(3,192)
TN	6.4%	(277,520)
In Poverty	11.8%	(378)

High School Diploma

County	39.6%	(5,238)
TN	33.1%	(1,435,296)
In Poverty	16.2%	(849)

Bachelors Degree Or Higher

County	13.5%	(1,774)
TN	23.8%	(1,032,026)
In Poverty	5.6%	(100)

Unicoi County

County Population 18,254



Median Income

\$32,292

Employment

Living Wage - Hourly - All Adults Full Time Employed

<p>Median Income Without High School Diploma</p> <p>\$14,815 - \$7.26 Hourly</p>	<p>1 Adult</p> <p>\$9.80</p>	<p>1 Adult</p> <p>1 Child</p> <p>\$19.79</p>
<p>Median Income With High School Diploma</p> <p>\$23,676 - \$11.61 Hourly</p>	<p>1 Adult</p> <p>2 Children</p> <p>\$23.30</p>	<p>2 Adults</p> <p>\$8.18</p>
<p>Median Income With Bachelor's Degree</p> <p>\$35,859 - \$17.58 Hourly</p>	<p>2 Adults</p> <p>1 Child</p> <p>\$11.00</p>	<p>2 Adults</p> <p>2 Children</p> <p>\$13.02</p>



Housing

Homeowner

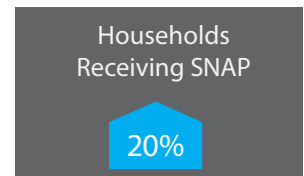
Ownership Rate 75.1% (5,705)
 Median Income of Owners \$40,030
 Median Monthly Cost \$900
 Median Cost per Income 23.0%
 Cost Burdened 20.1%
 Cost Burdened = Spends over 30% of income

Renter

Renter Households 1,896
 Median Income of Renters \$19,891
 Median Monthly Cost of Rent \$568
 Median Cost per Income 29.8%
 Cost Burdened 38.7%
 Cost Burdened = Spends over 30% of income



Health/Food



Race

Living in Poverty - Individuals - Percent of Race

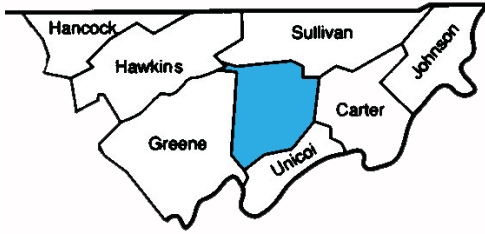


Households Receiving Food Stamps

Households Receiving SNAP 1,562
 Percent Below Poverty Level 60.10%
 Median Income \$13,991

Washington County

County Population: 123,891

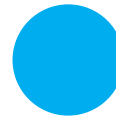


17.7%

County Poverty Rate
All Ages

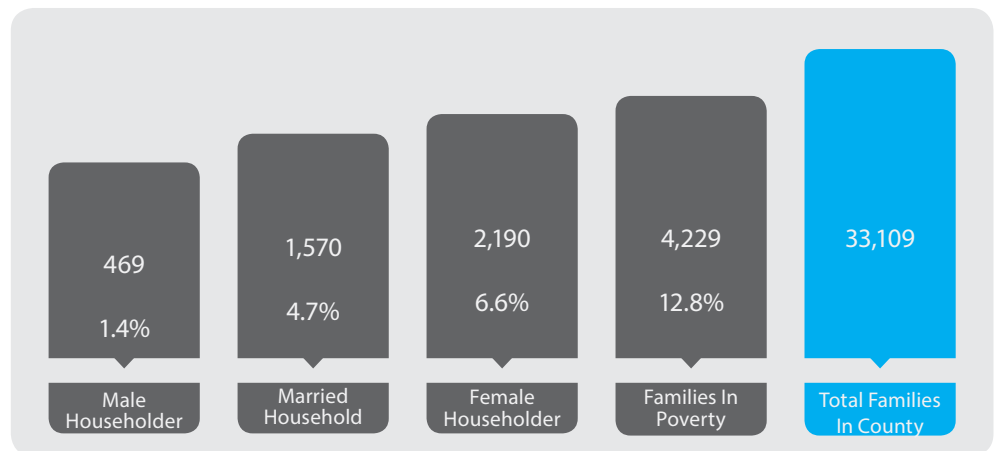
Living in Poverty - Total Individuals - Percent in Poverty

Individuals	21,420	17.7%
Children (Under 18)	21,420	23.5%
Seniors (65+)	1,636	8.8%



Individual
Poverty Rate

Family
Poverty
Rate



Education

Adults Lacking
Literacy Skills

11%

High School
Graduation

88.8%

No High School Diploma

County	12.90%	(10,368)
TN	15.61%	(676,887)
In Poverty	24.7%	(2,565)

Associates Degree

County	5.3%	(22,251)
TN	6.4%	(277,520)
In Poverty	13.7%	(3,051)

Educational Attainment

High School Diploma

County	29.9%	(24,865)
TN	33.1%	(1,435,296)
In Poverty	15.7%	(3,903)

Bachelors Degree Or Higher

County	30.8%	(25,792)
TN	23.8%	(1,032,026)
In Poverty	5.2%	(1,352)

Washington County

County Population 123,891



Median Income

\$42,075

Employment

Living Wage - Hourly - All Adults Full Time Employed

<p>Median Income Without High School Diploma</p> <p>\$19,197 - \$9.41 Hourly</p>	<p>1 Adult</p> <p>\$9.80</p>	<p>1 Adult</p> <p>1 Child</p> <p>\$19.79</p>
<p>Median Income With High School Diploma</p> <p>\$23,987 - \$11.76 Hourly</p>	<p>1 Adult</p> <p>2 Children</p> <p>\$23.30</p>	<p>2 Adults</p> <p>\$8.18</p>
<p>Median Income With Bachelor's Degree</p> <p>\$41,478 - \$20.33 Hourly</p>	<p>2 Adults</p> <p>1 Child</p> <p>\$11.00</p>	<p>2 Adults</p> <p>2 Children</p> <p>\$13.02</p>



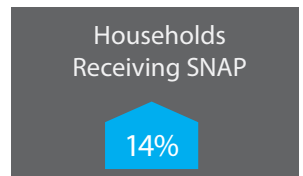
Housing

Homeowner

Ownership Rate 66.1% (34,209)
 Median Income of Owners \$53,644
 Median Monthly Cost \$1,108
 Median Cost per Income \$22.4%
 Cost Burdened 21.5%
 Cost Burdened = Spends over 30% of income

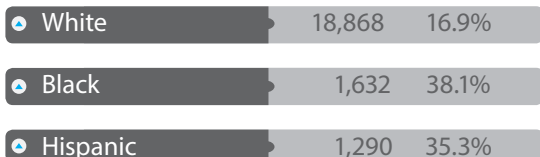
Renter

Renter Households 17,562
 Median Income of Renters \$21,892
 Median Monthly Cost of Rent \$662
 Median Cost per Income 30.6%
 Cost Burdened 44.9%
 Cost Burdened = Spends over 30% of income



Race

Living in Poverty - Individuals - Percent of Race



Households Receiving Food Stamps

Households Receiving SNAP 7,544
 Percent Below Poverty Level 60.10%
 Median Income \$14,498



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