



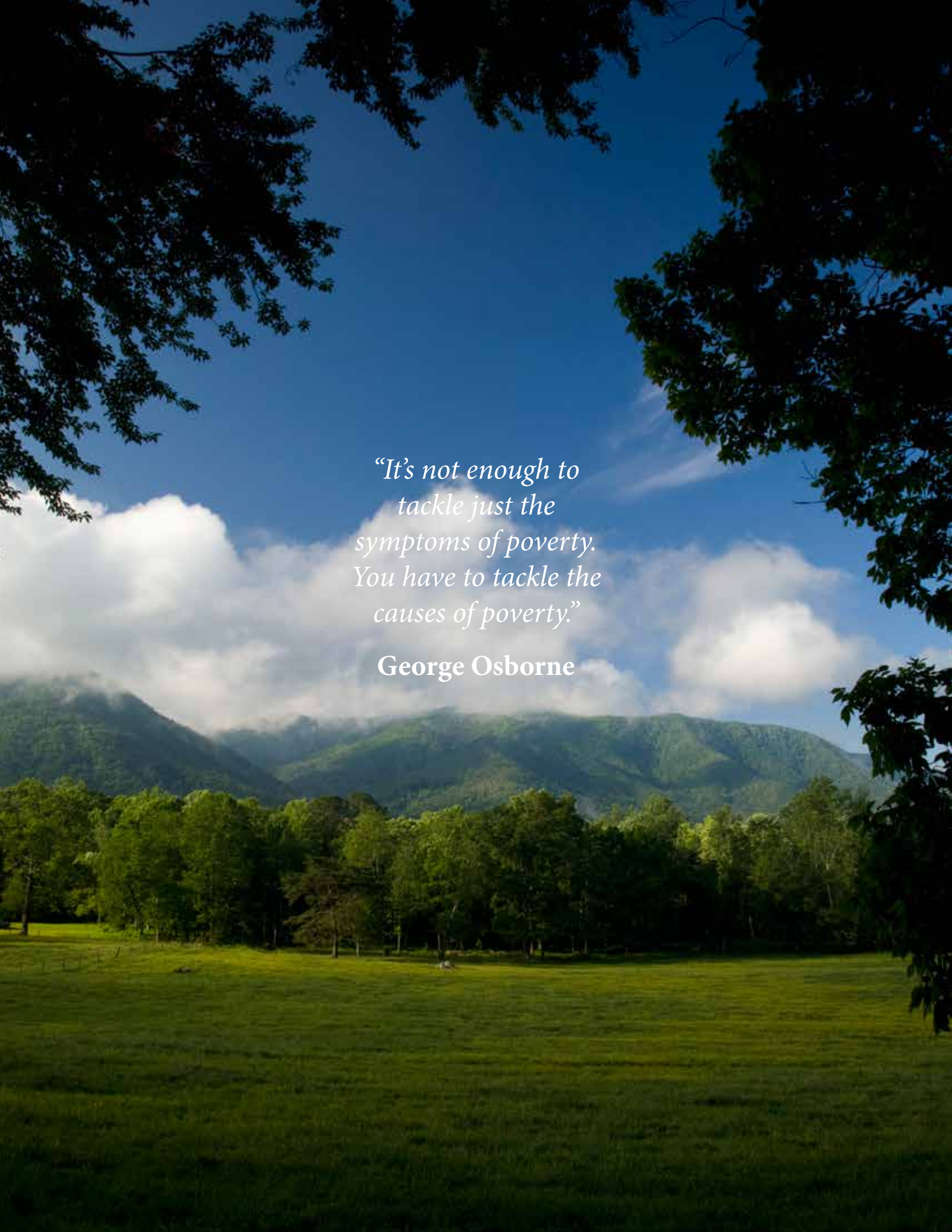
# 2022

## Northeast Tennessee Poverty Report



Upper East Tennessee  
Human Development Agency





*“It’s not enough to  
tackle just the  
symptoms of poverty.  
You have to tackle the  
causes of poverty.”*

**George Osborne**

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# From The Executive Director

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 5 for more information.

The primary information came from the Census Bureau's reporting and reflects five years of data spanning from 2016-2020.

You will find the report digitally on UETHDA's website ([www.uethda.org](http://www.uethda.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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## About Us

It was the Economic Opportunities Act of 1964 that allowed for the establishment of two Community Action Agencies to serve the region, starting in 1965. In October 1973, the two became one. The Johnson, Carter and Unicoi County Human Development Corp. merged with the Upper East Tennessee Economic Opportunity Authority Inc. (serving Hancock, Hawkins, Greene, Sullivan and Washington counties), forming the Upper East Tennessee Human Development Agency, Inc. (UETHDA) on October 1, 1973.

The respective County Commissions of each agency adopted resolutions officially recognizing the agency as the designated Community Action Agency.

UETHDA has encountered countless changes and experienced major transformations over the years. The agency has been successful because it has the flexibility to adapt to the changes. The basic philosophy of "Helping People, Changing Lives", and our mission of helping individuals and families to strengthen and develop, have remained unchanged.

From its humble beginnings consisting of Conduct and Administration, and a summer Head Start Program, UETHDA has grown to an annual budget of almost \$26 million. However, real community impact is not measured in dollars – it is measured in the positive changes that occur in people's lives because of what Community Action helps them accomplish.



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# Our Service Area

## Serving Eight Counties in Northeast Tennessee

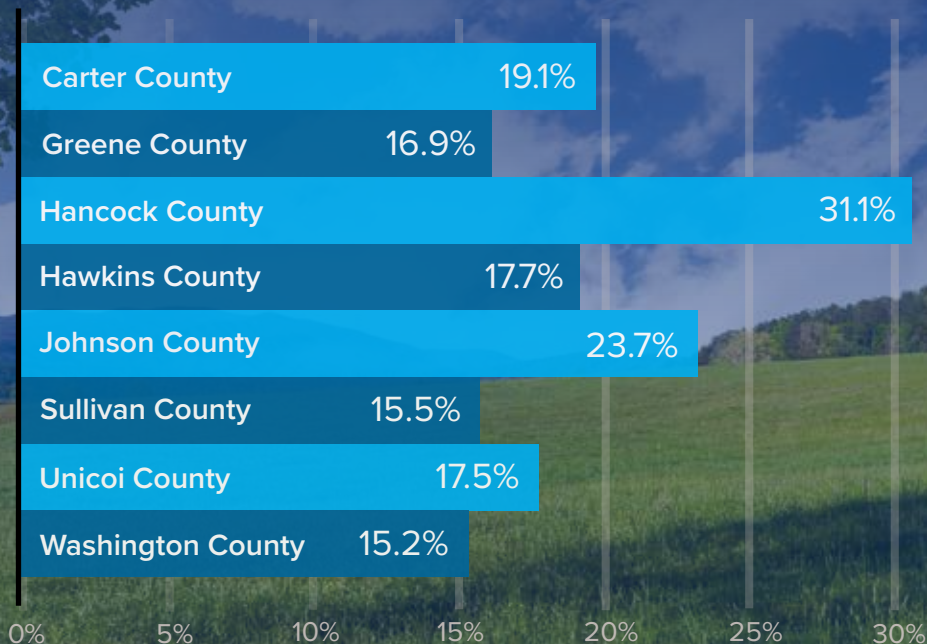
The Upper East Tennessee Human Development Agency is located in the northeast corner of Tennessee. Nestled along the Appalachian Mountains, it is in the heart of poverty-ridden America.

The following counties are served by the Agency: Carter, Greene, Hancock, Hawkins, Johnson, Sullivan, Unicoi and Washington.

In Tennessee, the median household income is \$54,833, while the national median household income is \$64,994. The state's per capita income is \$30,869, while the per capita income in the U.S. is \$35,384. Washington County has the highest per capita income in the UETHDA service area, \$29,850, which is higher than the state per capita income. Hancock County has the lowest per capita income, \$24,237.



## Poverty in Our Region



# Board of Directors

(R) Designated Representative (A) Alternate

## Board Officers

Kenneth Treadway  
Chairman

Charles VonCannon  
Vice Chairman

Sara Mietzner  
Secretary/Treasurer

## Public Sector

Patty Woodby  
Mayor, Carter County

Thomas Harrison  
Mayor, Hancock County

Jim Sells  
Mayor, City of Rogersville

Col. Pat W. Shull  
Mayor, City of Kingsport

Alonzo Collins

Carolyn Byrd (R)

Garland “Bubba” Evely  
Unicoi County Mayor

Mark DeWitte  
Mayor, Hawkins County

Larry Potter  
Mayor, Johnson County

Joe Grandy  
Mayor, Washington County

Jon Lundberg  
Tennessee Senator

Richard Venable  
Mayor, Sullivan County

Pat Wolfe (R)

Kevin Morrison  
Mayor, Greene County

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Sue Mallory

Karla Delph

Ruth Thomas

Pat Grindstaff

Patricia Bryant (A)

Jessie Reece (A)

Johnnie Mae Swagerty

Carolyn Mullenix

Alome Cole (A)

Kristin Davis

Dawn Farmer (A)

Deena Davis

Susan Payne

Van Dobbins (A)

Karen Cirilo (A)

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Jessica Smith  
Eastman

Dick Grayson  
Col. Henry Reyes

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Mike Harrison

# 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\\_fact-sheet\\_13\\_5yr.pdf](https://s3.amazonaws.com/thda.org/Documents/Research-Planning/County-Level-Data/to-go-on-website_fact-sheet_13_5yr.pdf).

## Employment

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

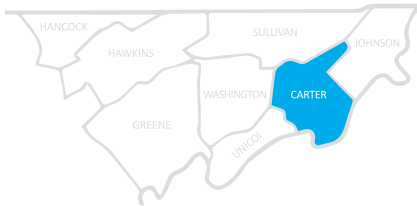
## Employment - Living Wage

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

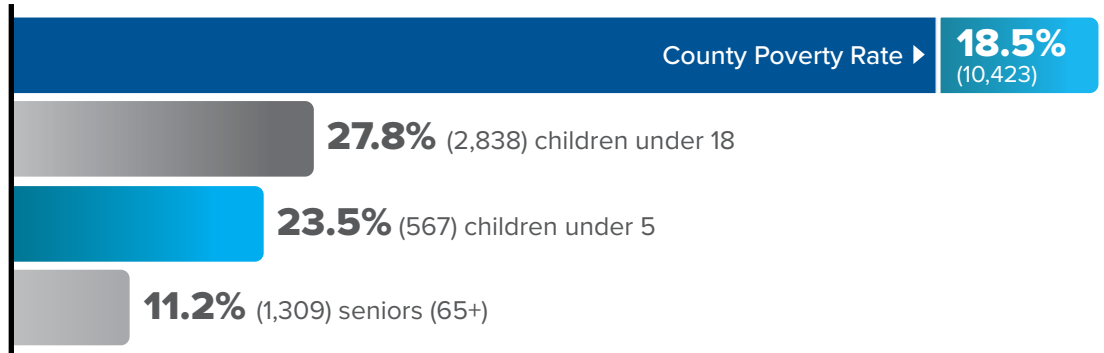


**19.1%**  
County Poverty Rate

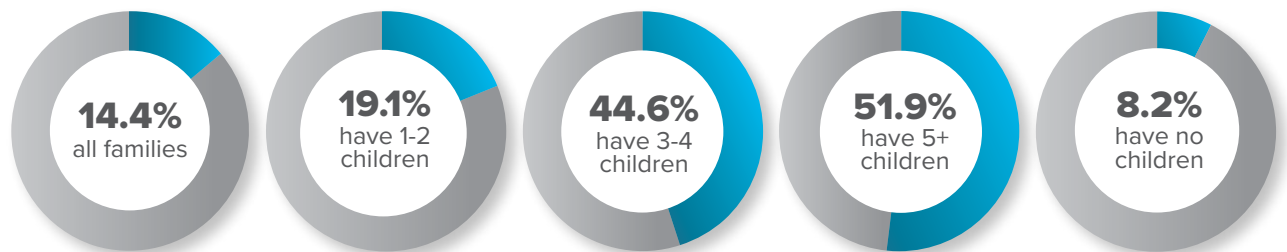
County Population  
**56,134**

## INDIVIDUALS in Poverty

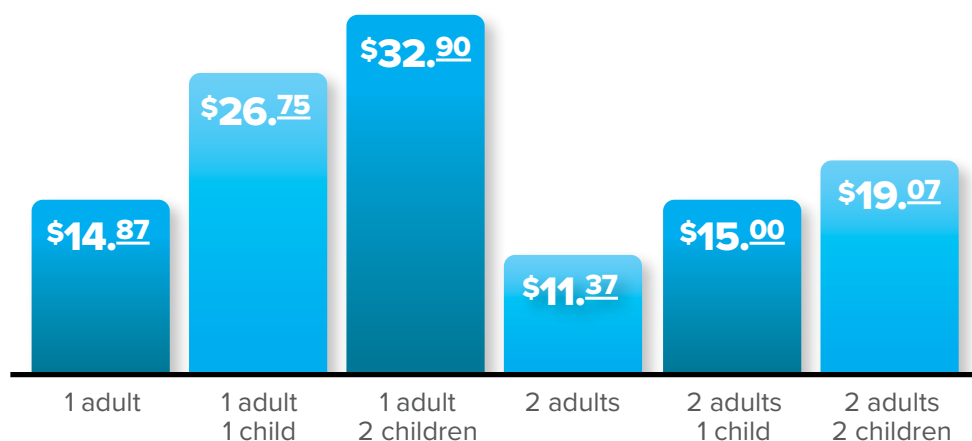
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## FAMILIES in Poverty



## LIVING WAGES



**57.4%**  
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REDUCED LUNCH

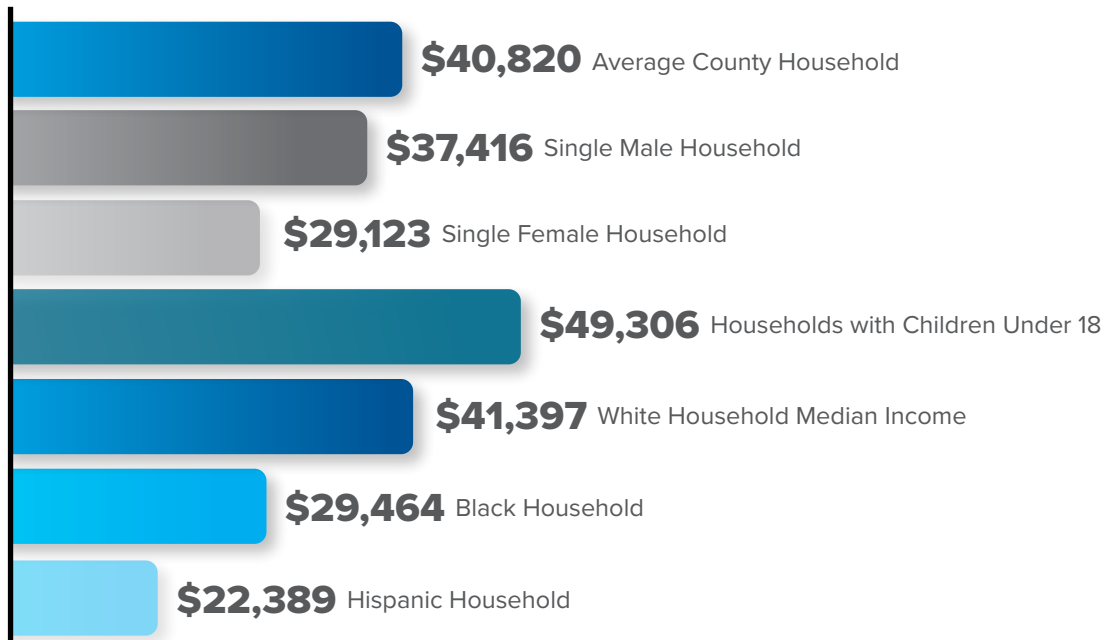
**15.7%**  
PERCENT HOUSEHOLDS  
RECEIVING SNAP

**12.1%**  
PERCENT NO  
HEALTH INSURANCE

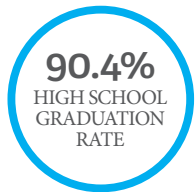


# Carter County

## MEDIAN INCOMES



## EDUCATION Attainment



### No High School Diploma

|                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Tennessee      | 11.8% (521,652) |
| Not in Poverty | 14.9% (5,865)   |
| In Poverty     | 27.7% (1,626)   |

### Some College or Associates Degree

|                |                   |
|----------------|-------------------|
| Tennessee      | 28.2% (1,299,212) |
| Not in Poverty | 28.6% (11,993)    |
| In Poverty     | 13.1% (1,577)     |

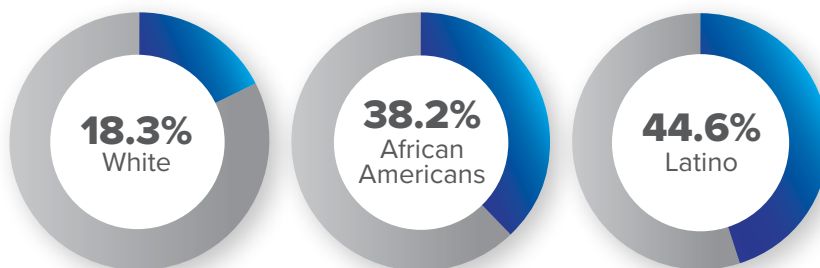
### High School Diploma

|                |                   |
|----------------|-------------------|
| Tennessee      | 31.8% (1,445,977) |
| Not in Poverty | 38% (15,623)      |
| In Poverty     | 20% (1,626)       |

### Bachelors Degree or Higher

|                |                   |
|----------------|-------------------|
| Tennessee      | 28.2% (1,303,919) |
| Not in Poverty | 18.5% (7,736)     |
| In Poverty     | 5.5% (426)        |

## RACIAL GROUPS in Poverty



## HOUSING

### Homeowner

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Ownership Rate                            | 72%      |
| Ownership Rate in Poverty                 | 9.6%     |
| Median Income of Owners                   | \$47,355 |
| Median Monthly Cost                       | \$958    |
| Cost Burdened                             | 8.1%     |
| Cost Burdened = Spends over 30% of income |          |

### Renter

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Renter Households                         | 28%      |
| Renters in Poverty                        | 31.5%    |
| Median Income of Renters                  | \$30,297 |
| Median Monthly Cost of Rent               | \$644    |
| Cost Burdened                             | 28.5%    |
| Cost Burdened = Spends over 30% of income |          |

# Greene County

# 16.9%

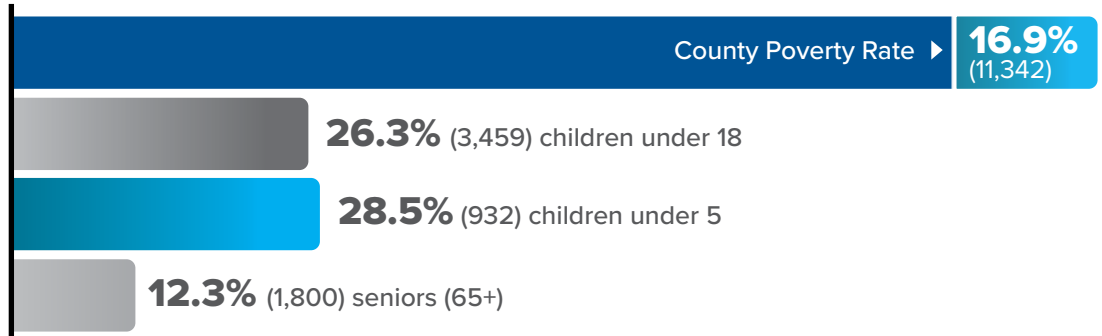
County Poverty Rate



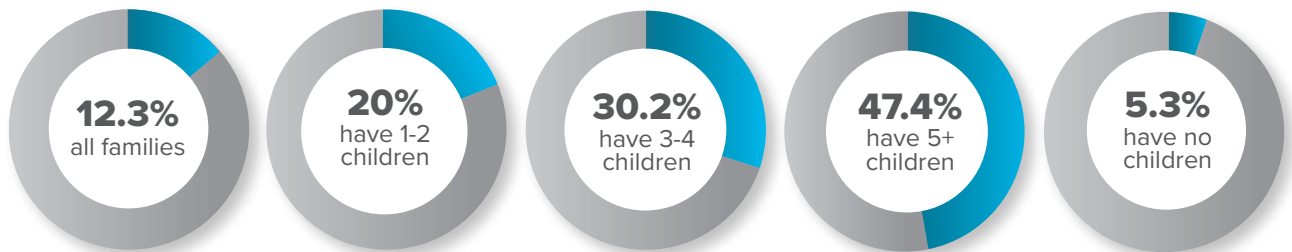
County Population  
**70,631**

## INDIVIDUALS in Poverty

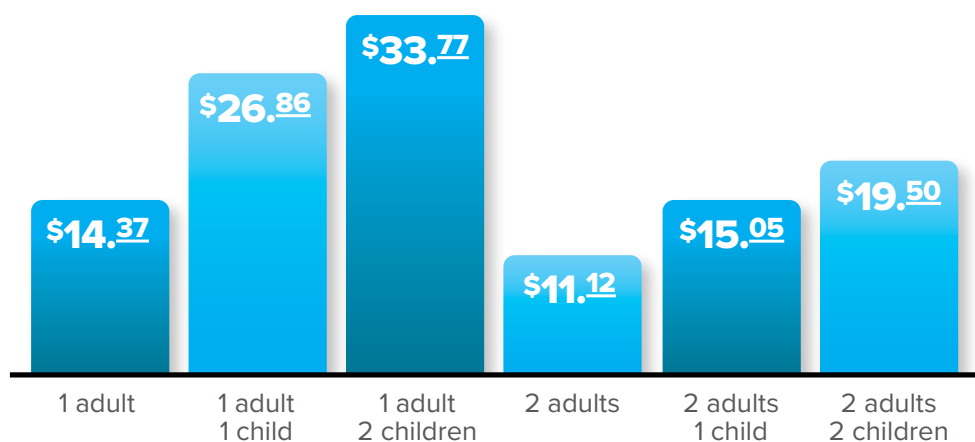
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## FAMILIES in Poverty



## LIVING WAGES



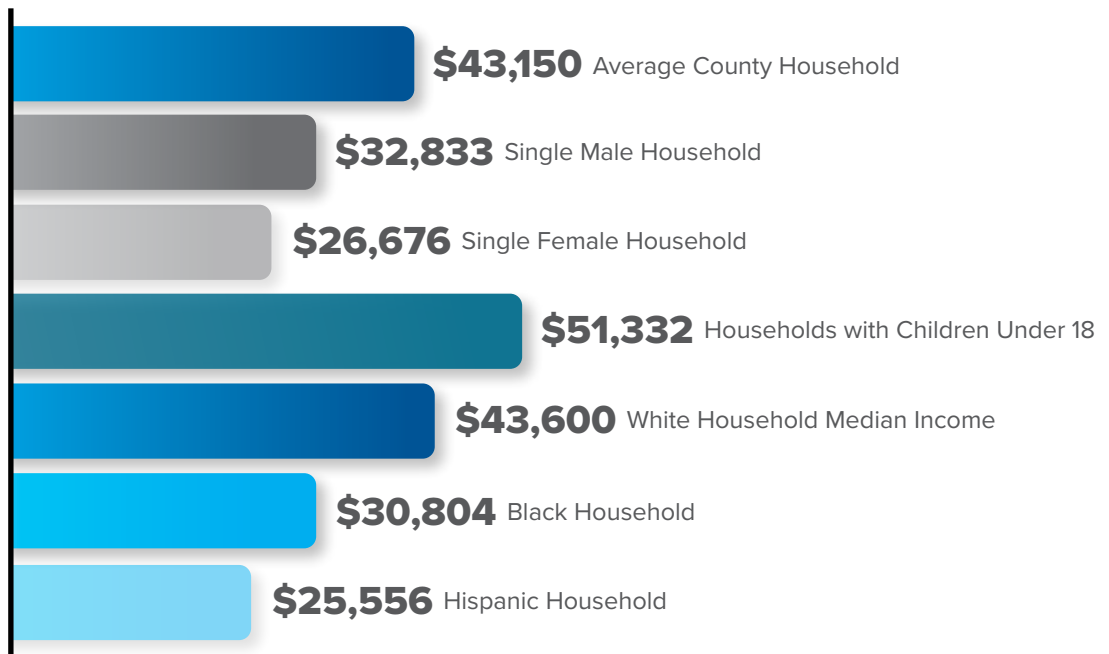
**48%**  
PERCENT FREE/  
REDUCED LUNCH

**13%**  
PERCENT HOUSEHOLDS  
RECEIVING SNAP

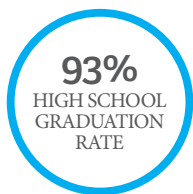
**9.3%**  
PERCENT NO  
HEALTH INSURANCE

# Greene County

## MEDIAN INCOMES



## EDUCATION Attainment

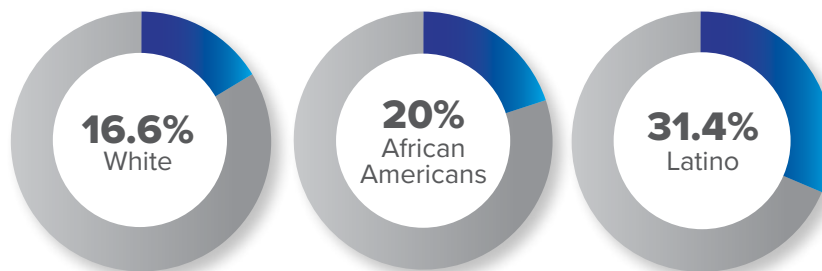


| No High School Diploma |                 | Some College or Associates Degree |                   |
|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Tennessee              | 11.8% (521,652) | Tennessee                         | 28.2% (1,299,212) |
| Not in Poverty         | 15.5% (7,413)   | Not in Poverty                    | 25.8% (12,712)    |
| In Poverty             | 29% (2,148)     | In Poverty                        | 10.3% (1,307)     |

| High School Diploma |                   | Bachelors Degree or Higher |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Tennessee           | 31.8% (1,445,977) | Tennessee                  | 28.2% (1,303,919) |
| Not in Poverty      | 42.7% (20,943)    | Not in Poverty             | 16.1% (8,002)     |
| In Poverty          | 15% (2,148)       | In Poverty                 | 4.3% (348)        |

## RACIAL GROUPS in Poverty

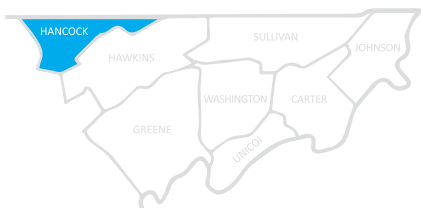


## HOUSING

| Homeowner                                 |          | Renter                                    |          |
|---|----------|---|----------|
| Ownership Rate                            | 75.8%    | Renter Households                         | 24.2%    |
| Ownership Rate in Poverty                 | 8.2%     | Renters in Poverty                        | 28%      |
| Median Income of Owners                   | \$50,847 | Median Income of Renters                  | \$27,199 |
| Median Monthly Cost                       | \$991    | Median Monthly Cost of Rent               | \$618    |
| Cost Burdened                             | 8.9%     | Cost Burdened                             | 33.7%    |
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# Hancock County

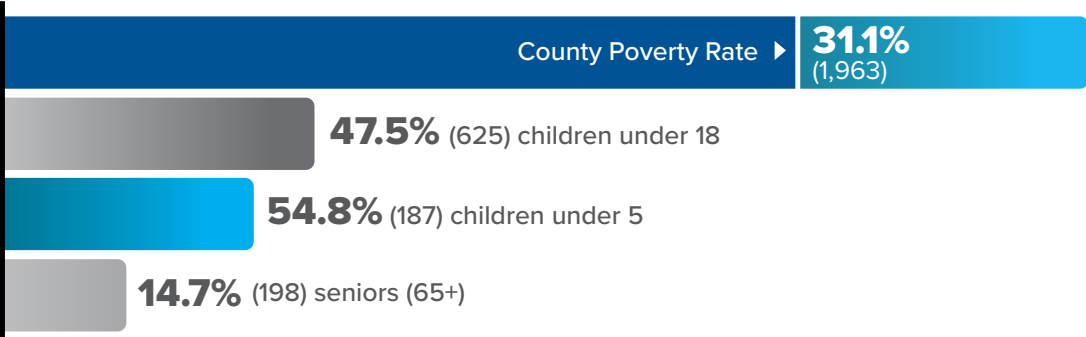


31.1%  
County Poverty Rate

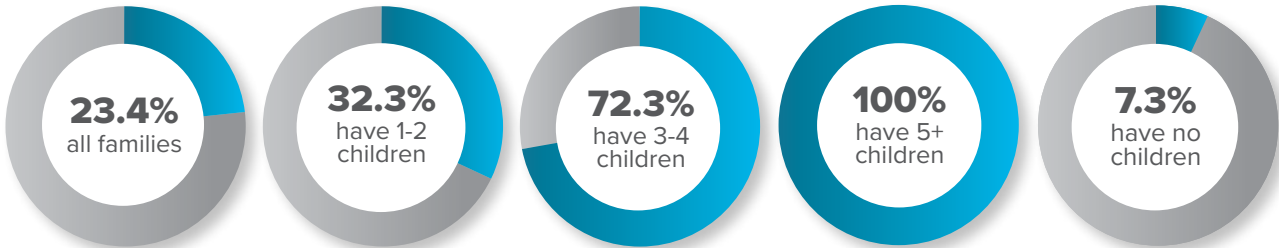
County Population  
6,787

## INDIVIDUALS in Poverty

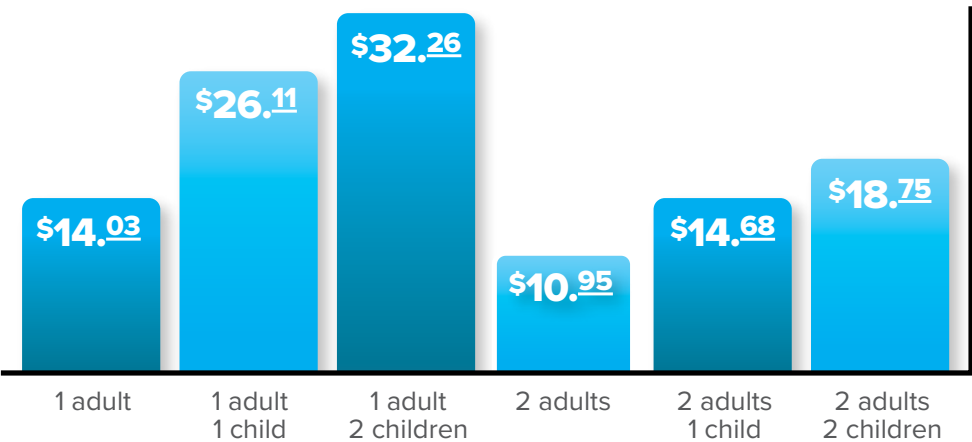
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## FAMILIES in Poverty



## LIVING WAGES



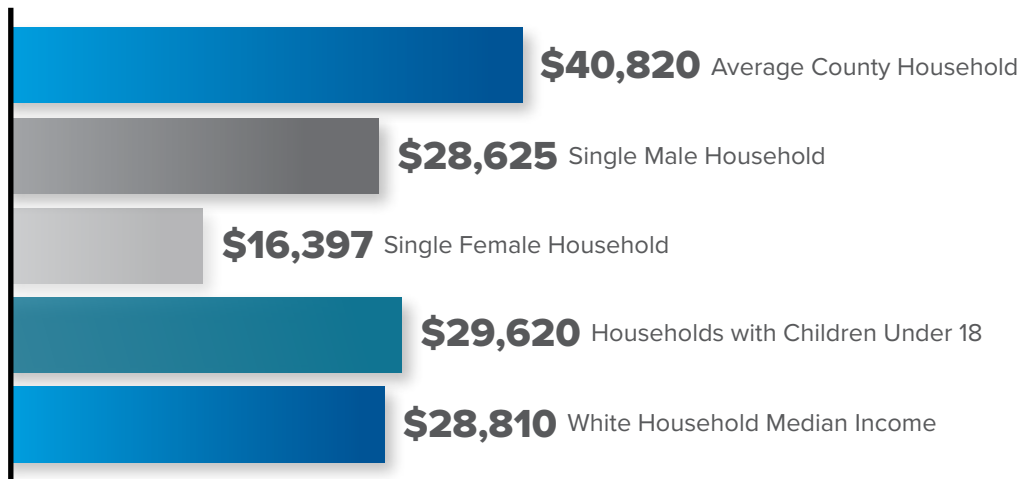
83.2%  
PERCENT FREE/  
REDUCED LUNCH

32.2%  
PERCENT HOUSEHOLDS  
RECEIVING SNAP

9.5%  
PERCENT NO  
HEALTH INSURANCE

# Hancock County

## MEDIAN INCOMES



## EDUCATION Attainment

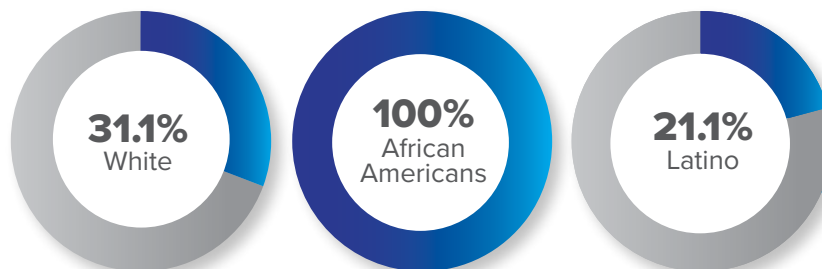


| No High School Diploma |                 | Some College or Associates Degree |                   |
|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Tennessee              | 11.8% (521,652) | Tennessee                         | 28.2% (1,299,212) |
| Not in Poverty         | 18.9% (830)     | Not in Poverty                    | 28.5% (1,324)     |
| In Poverty             | 37.6% (312)     | In Poverty                        | 24.4% (323)       |

| High School Diploma |                   | Bachelors Degree or Higher |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Tennessee           | 31.8% (1,445,977) | Tennessee                  | 28.2% (1,303,919) |
| Not in Poverty      | 41.9% (1,907)     | Not in Poverty             | 10.7% (502)       |
| In Poverty          | 26.8% (312)       | In Poverty                 | 4.8% (24)         |

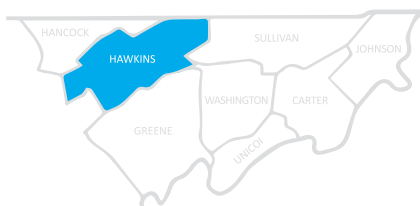
## RACIAL GROUPS in Poverty



## HOUSING

| Homeowner                                 |          | Renter                                    |          |
|---|----------|---|----------|
| Ownership Rate                            | 77.5%    | Renter Households                         | 22.5%    |
| Ownership Rate in Poverty                 | 15.2%    | Renters in Poverty                        | 57.3%    |
| Median Income of Owners                   | \$34,196 | Median Income of Renters                  | \$21,589 |
| Median Monthly Cost                       | \$879    | Median Monthly Cost of Rent               | \$472    |
| Cost Burdened                             | 10.1%    | Cost Burdened                             | 35.5%    |
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# Hawkins County



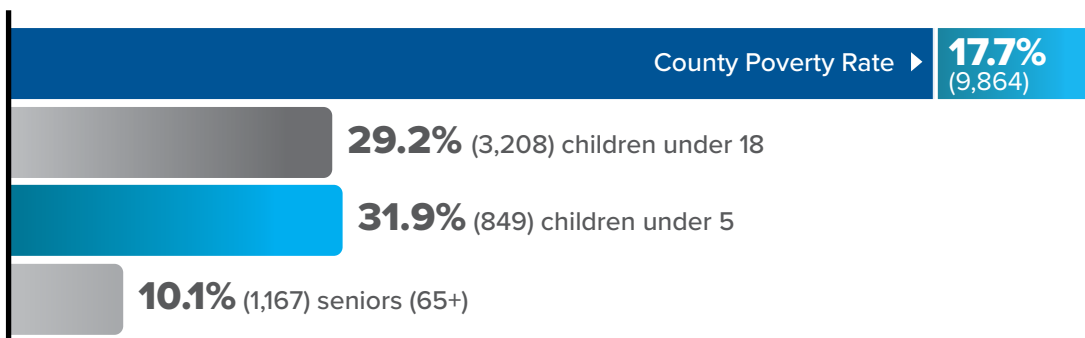
# 17.7%

County Poverty Rate

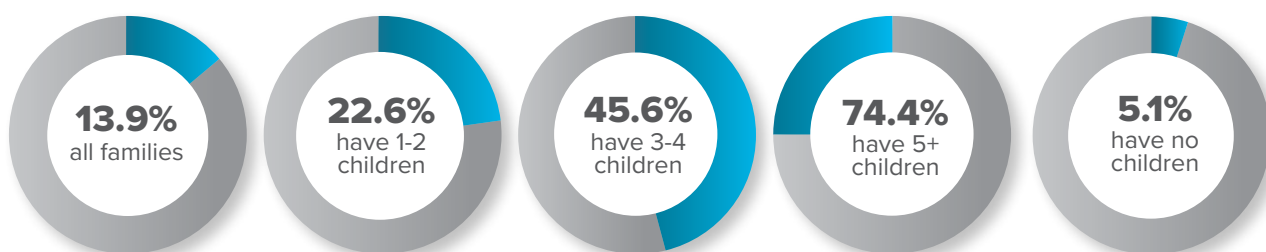
County Population  
**57,288**

## INDIVIDUALS in Poverty

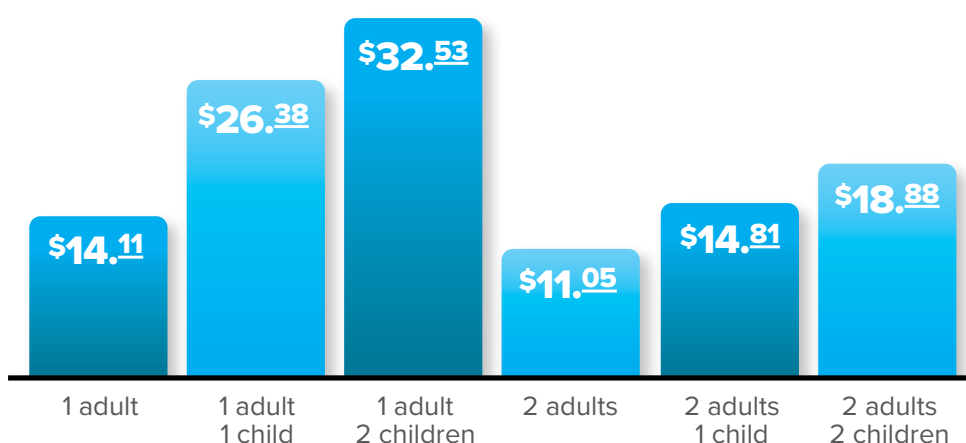
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## FAMILIES in Poverty



## LIVING WAGES



**52.6%**  
PERCENT FREE/  
REDUCED LUNCH

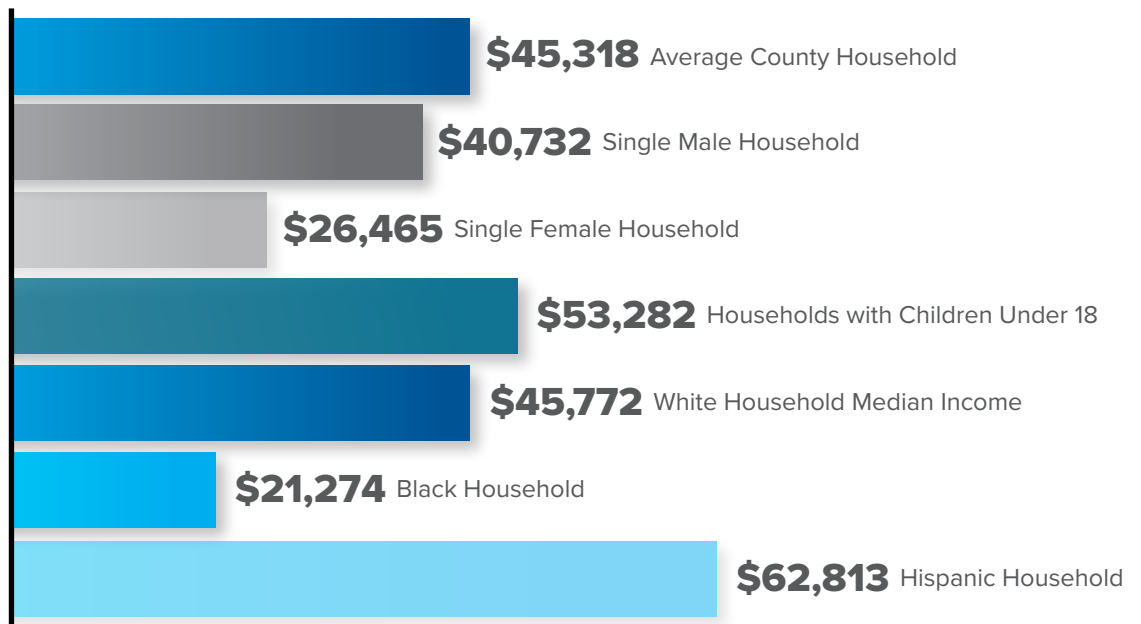
**14.1%**  
PERCENT HOUSEHOLDS  
RECEIVING SNAP

**8.8%**  
PERCENT NO  
HEALTH INSURANCE

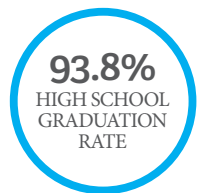


# Hawkins County

## MEDIAN INCOMES



## EDUCATION Attainment

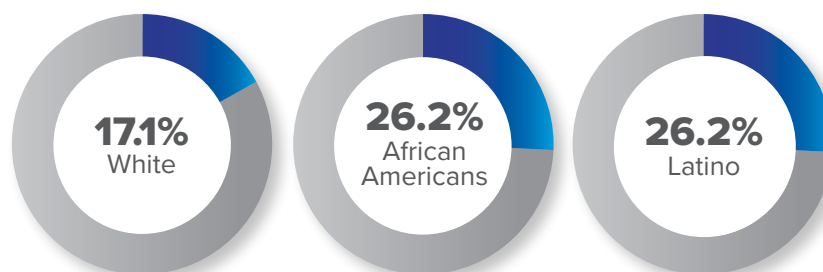


| No High School Diploma |                 | Some College or Associates Degree |                   |
|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Tennessee              | 11.8% (521,652) | Tennessee                         | 28.2% (1,299,212) |
| Not in Poverty         | 13.2% (5,207)   | Not in Poverty                    | 27.7% (11,320)    |
| In Poverty             | 33.5% (1,746)   | In Poverty                        | 10.9% (1,235)     |

| High School Diploma |                   | Bachelors Degree or Higher |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Tennessee           | 31.8% (1,445,977) | Tennessee                  | 28.2% (1,303,919) |
| Not in Poverty      | 42.3% (17,215)    | Not in Poverty             | 16.7% (6,867)     |
| In Poverty          | 15.4% (1,746)     | In Poverty                 | 4.5% (306)        |

## RACIAL GROUPS in Poverty



## HOUSING

| Homeowner                                 |          | Renter                                    |          |
|---|----------|---|----------|
| Ownership Rate                            | 76.5%    | Renter Households                         | 23.5%    |
| Ownership Rate in Poverty                 | 8.2%     | Renters in Poverty                        | 37.3%    |
| Median Income of Owners                   | \$51,813 | Median Income of Renters                  | \$26,256 |
| Median Monthly Cost                       | \$1,024  | Median Monthly Cost of Rent               | \$651    |
| Cost Burdened                             | 6.9%     | Cost Burdened                             | 36.1%    |
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# Johnson County

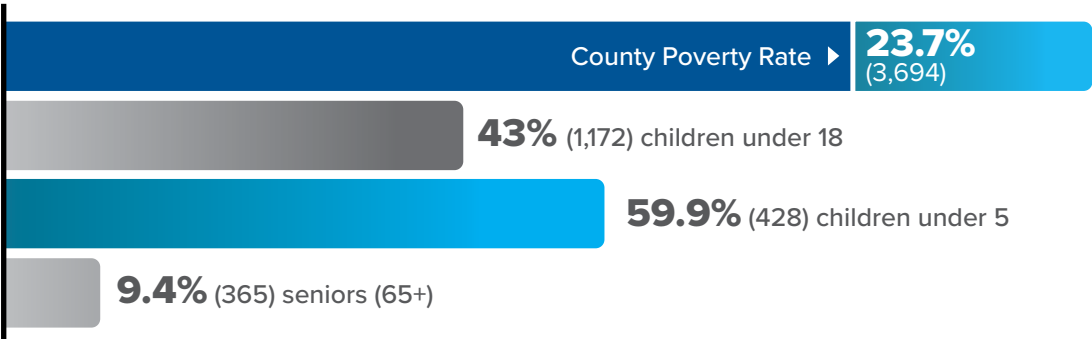


23.7%  
County Poverty Rate

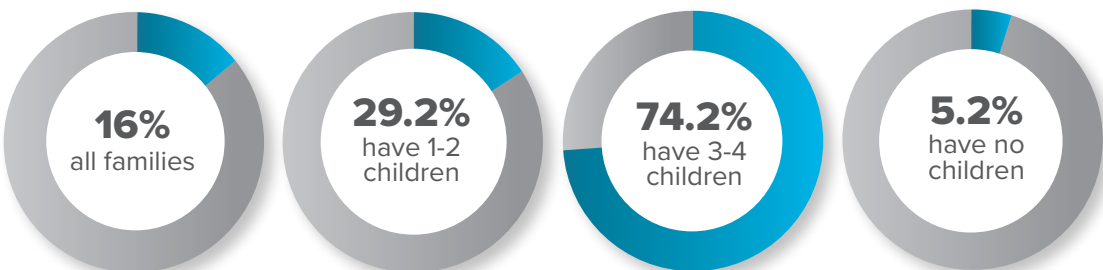
County Population  
15,573

## INDIVIDUALS in Poverty

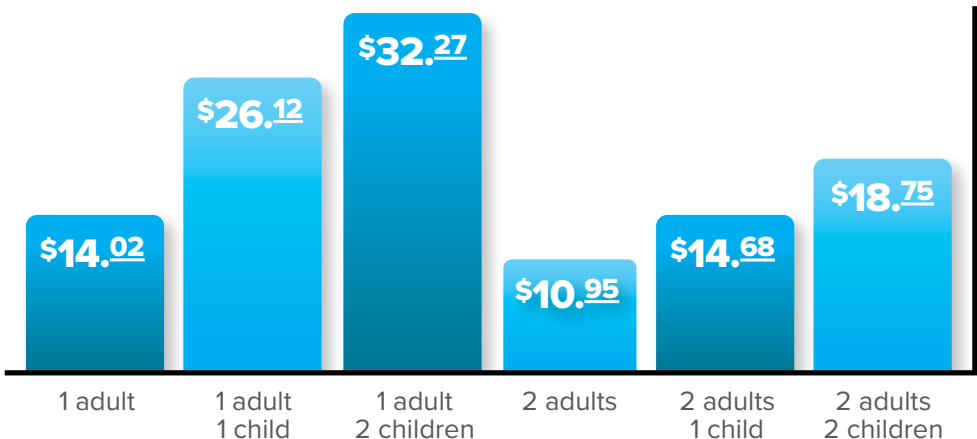
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## FAMILIES in Poverty



## LIVING WAGES



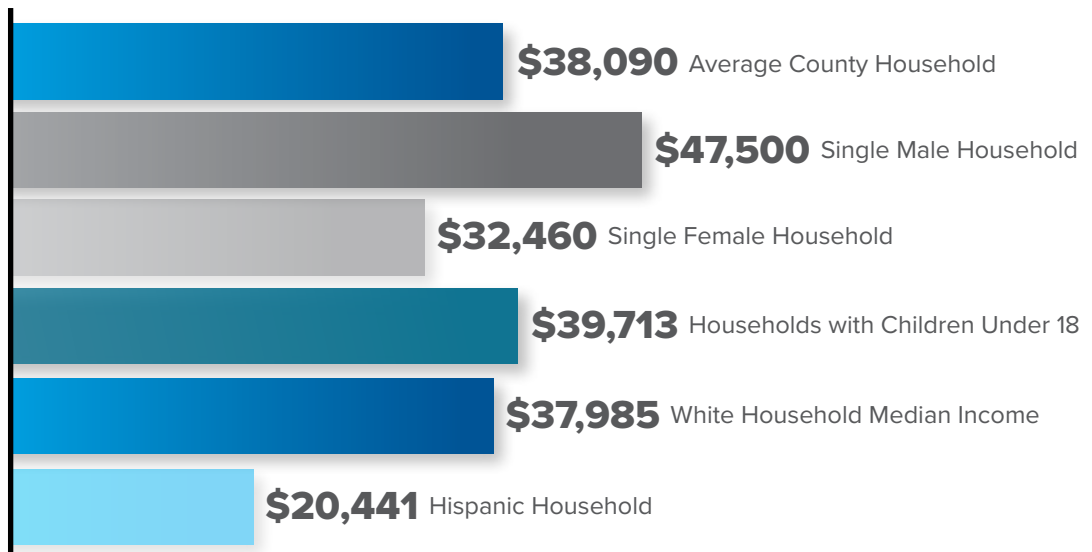
68%  
PERCENT FREE/  
REDUCED LUNCH

18.8%  
PERCENT HOUSEHOLDS  
RECEIVING SNAP

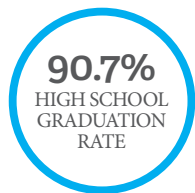
12.7%  
PERCENT NO  
HEALTH INSURANCE

# Johnson County

## MEDIAN INCOMES



## EDUCATION Attainment

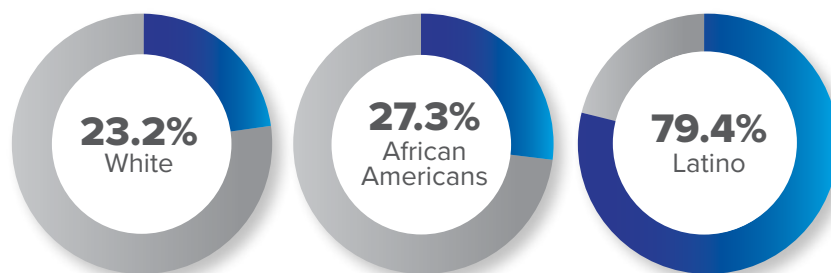


| No High School Diploma |                 | Some College or Associates Degree |                   |
|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Tennessee              | 11.8% (521,652) | Tennessee                         | 28.2% (1,299,212) |
| Not in Poverty         | 19.4% (2,053)   | Not in Poverty                    | 27.6% (3,551)     |
| In Poverty             | 43.9% (902)     | In Poverty                        | 12.8% (455)       |

| High School Diploma |                   | Bachelors Degree or Higher |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Tennessee           | 31.8% (1,445,977) | Tennessee                  | 28.2% (1,303,919) |
| Not in Poverty      | 38% (15,623)      | Not in Poverty             | 11.9% (1,580)     |
| In Poverty          | 20% (1,626)       | In Poverty                 | 4% (63)           |

## RACIAL GROUPS in Poverty

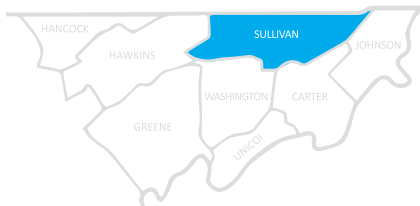


## HOUSING

| Homeowner                                 |          | Renter                                    |          |
|---|----------|---|----------|
| Ownership Rate                            | 75.5%    | Renter Households                         | 24.5%    |
| Ownership Rate in Poverty                 | 7.3%     | Renters in Poverty                        | 55.2%    |
| Median Income of Owners                   | \$45,538 | Median Income of Renters                  | \$18,732 |
| Median Monthly Cost                       | \$891    | Median Monthly Cost of Rent               | \$552    |
| Cost Burdened                             | 6.5%     | Cost Burdened                             | 43.8%    |
| Cost Burdened = Spends over 30% of income |          | Cost Burdened = Spends over 30% of income |          |



# Sullivan County

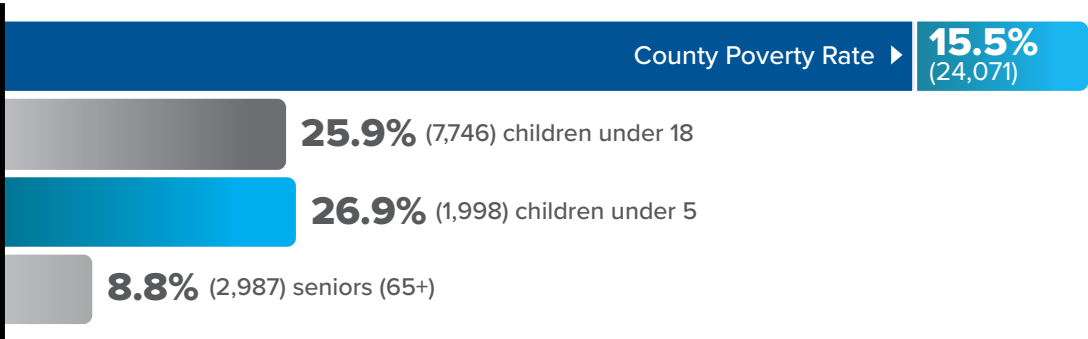


**15.5%**  
County Poverty Rate

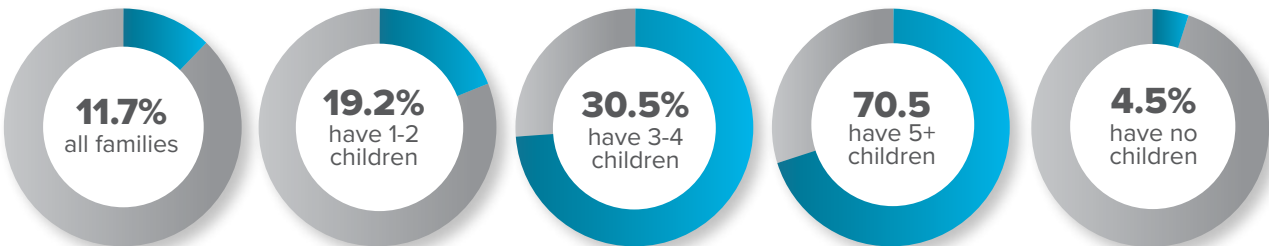
County Population  
**159,265**

## INDIVIDUALS in Poverty

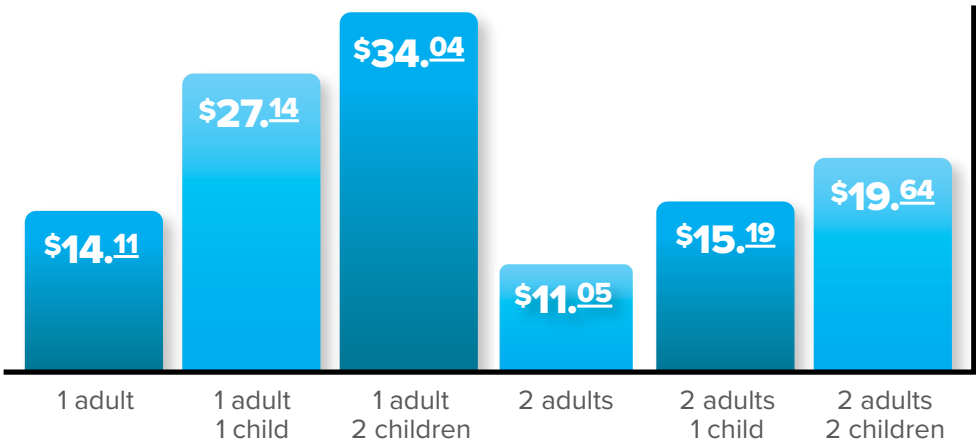
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## FAMILIES in Poverty



## LIVING WAGES



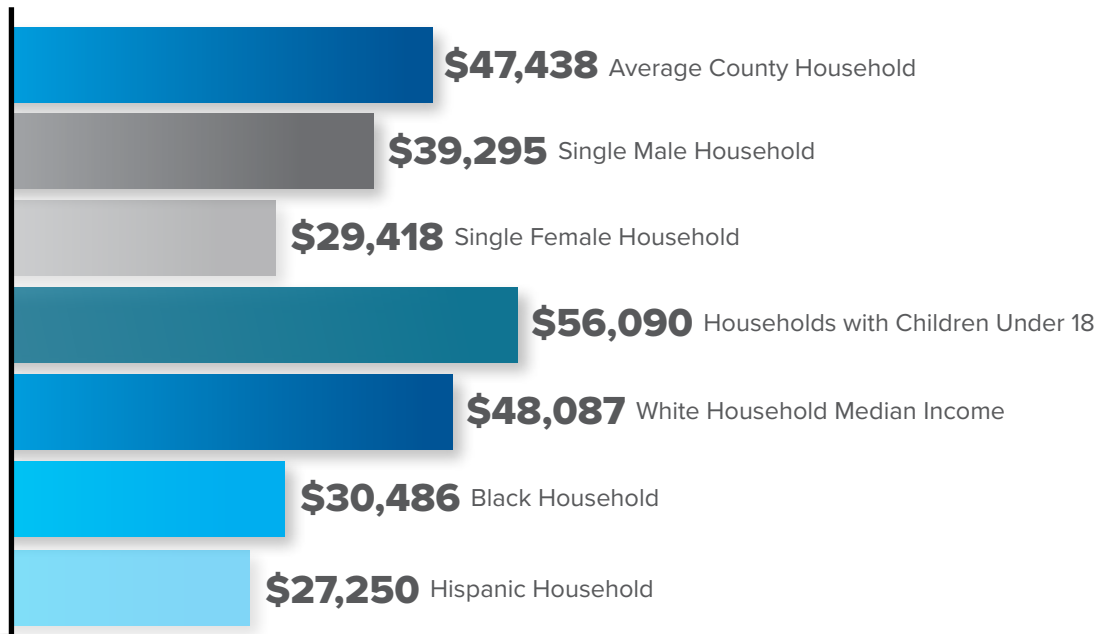
**40.6%**  
PERCENT FREE/  
REDUCED LUNCH

**13.4%**  
PERCENT HOUSEHOLDS  
RECEIVING SNAP

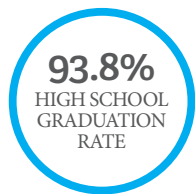
**8.8%**  
PERCENT NO  
HEALTH INSURANCE

# Sullivan County

## MEDIAN INCOMES



## EDUCATION Attainment

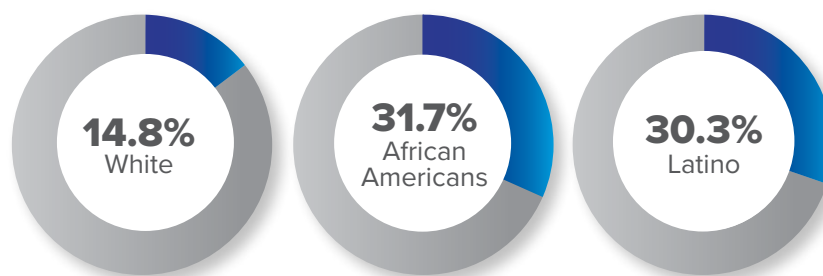


| No High School Diploma |                 | Some College or Associates Degree |                   |
|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Tennessee              | 11.8% (521,652) | Tennessee                         | 28.2% (1,299,212) |
| Not in Poverty         | 12.5% (14,023)  | Not in Poverty                    | 28.8% (32,854)    |
| In Poverty             | 28.2% (3,957)   | In Poverty                        | 9.4% (3,088)      |

| High School Diploma |                   | Bachelors Degree or Higher |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Tennessee           | 31.8% (1,445,977) | Tennessee                  | 28.2% (1,303,919) |
| Not in Poverty      | 34.1% (38,395)    | Not in Poverty             | 24.5% (28,184)    |
| In Poverty          | 15.5% (3,957)     | In Poverty                 | 4.3% (1,224)      |

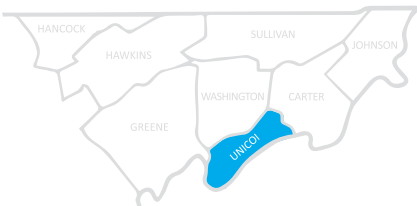
## RACIAL GROUPS in Poverty



## HOUSING

| Homeowner                                 |          | Renter                                    |          |
|---|----------|---|----------|
| Ownership Rate                            | 72.1%    | Renter Households                         | 27.9%    |
| Ownership Rate in Poverty                 | 5.5%     | Renters in Poverty                        | 34.5%    |
| Median Income of Owners                   | \$57,212 | Median Income of Renters                  | \$29,148 |
| Median Monthly Cost                       | \$1,057  | Median Monthly Cost of Rent               | \$679    |
| Cost Burdened                             | 6.4%     | Cost Burdened                             | 34.4%    |
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# Unicoi County

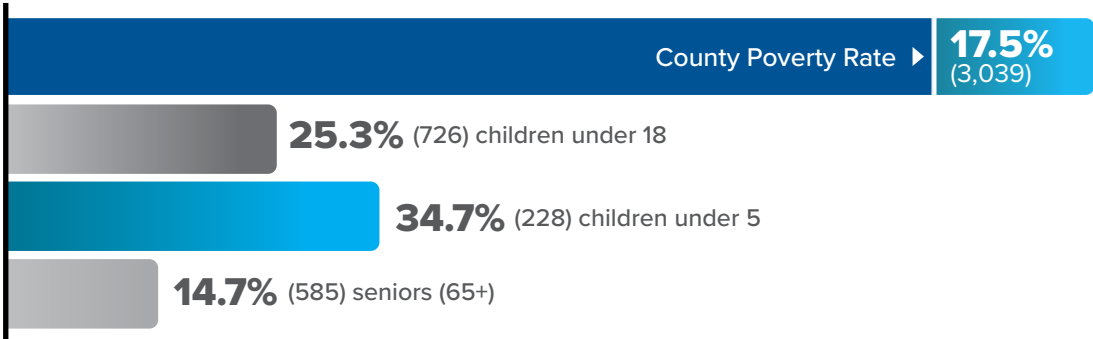


17.5%  
County Poverty Rate

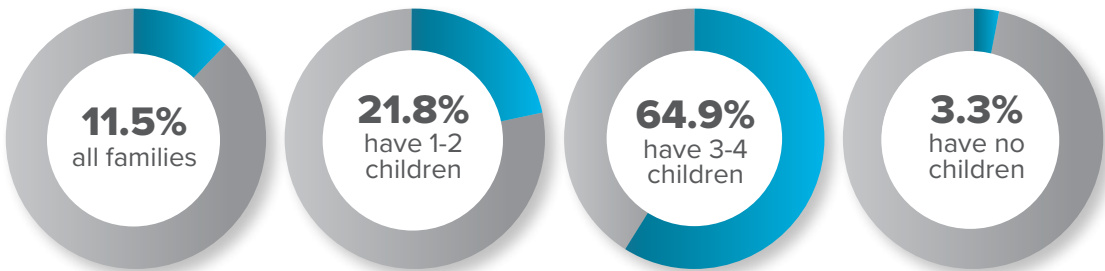
County Population  
17,698

## INDIVIDUALS in Poverty

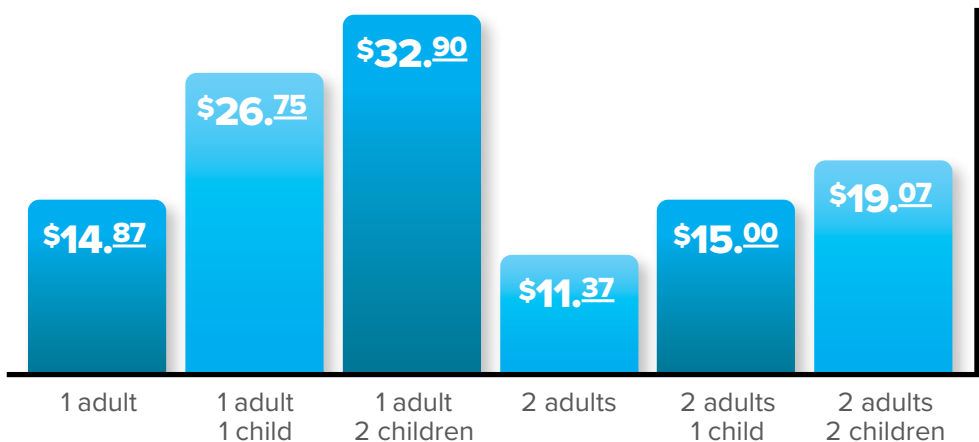
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## FAMILIES in Poverty



## LIVING WAGES



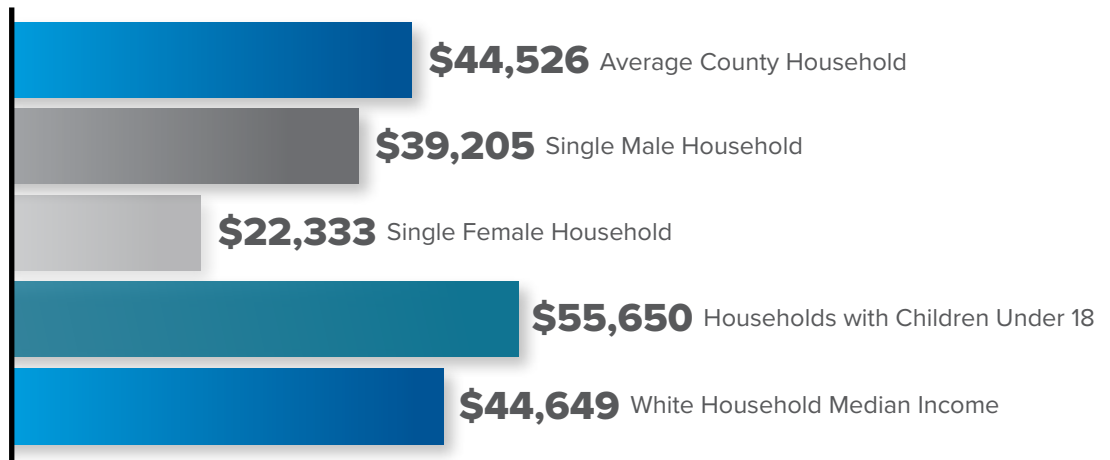
51.9%  
PERCENT FREE/  
REDUCED LUNCH

17.3%  
PERCENT HOUSEHOLDS  
RECEIVING SNAP

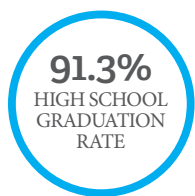
8.6%  
PERCENT NO  
HEALTH INSURANCE

# Unicoi County

## MEDIAN INCOMES

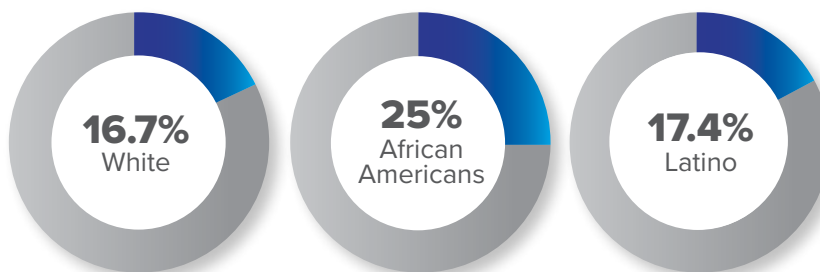


## EDUCATION Attainment



| No High School Diploma |                   | Some College or Associates Degree |                   |
|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Tennessee              | 11.8% (521,652)   | Tennessee                         | 28.2% (1,299,212) |
| Not in Poverty         | 14.4% (1,833)     | Not in Poverty                    | 31.6% (4,195)     |
| In Poverty             | 36% (660)         | In Poverty                        | 13.2% (553)       |
| High School Diploma    |                   | Bachelors Degree or Higher        |                   |
| Tennessee              | 31.8% (1,445,977) | Tennessee                         | 28.2% (1,303,919) |
| Not in Poverty         | 37.5% (4,938)     | Not in Poverty                    | 16.4% (2,193)     |
| In Poverty             | 13.1% (660)       | In Poverty                        | 9.5% (209)        |

## RACIAL GROUPS in Poverty



## HOUSING

| Homeowner                                 |          | Renter                                    |          |
|---|----------|---|----------|
| Ownership Rate                            | 72.5%    | Renter Households                         | 27.5%    |
| Ownership Rate in Poverty                 | 6.3%     | Renters in Poverty                        | 33%      |
| Median Income of Owners                   | \$49,525 | Median Income of Renters                  | \$25,187 |
| Median Monthly Cost                       | \$937    | Median Monthly Cost of Rent               | \$629    |
| Cost Burdened                             | 7.8%     | Cost Burdened                             | 37.6%    |
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# Washington County

# 15.2%

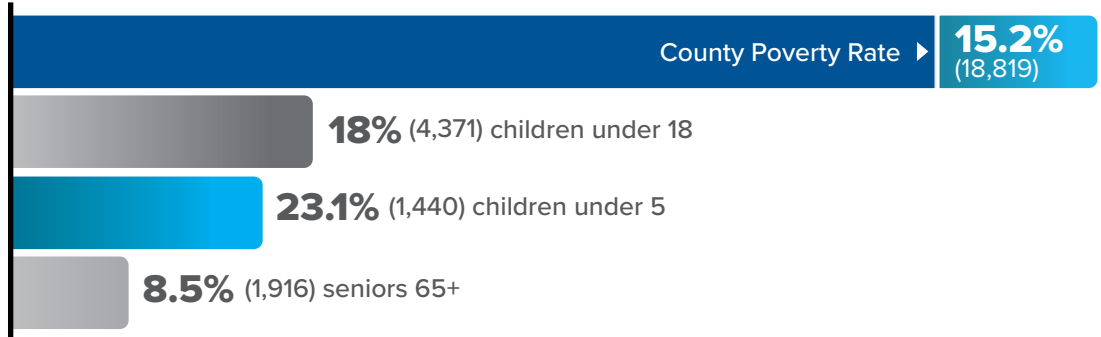
## County Poverty Rate



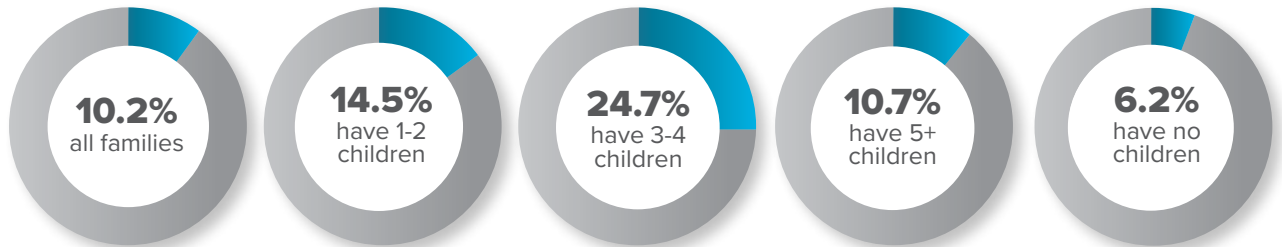
County Population  
**134,236**

### INDIVIDUALS in Poverty

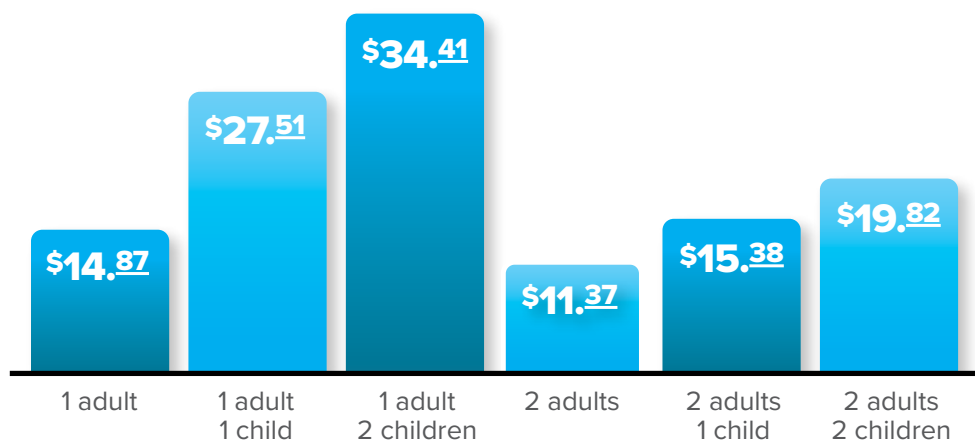
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### FAMILIES in Poverty



### LIVING WAGES



**32.6%**  
PERCENT FREE/  
REDUCED LUNCH

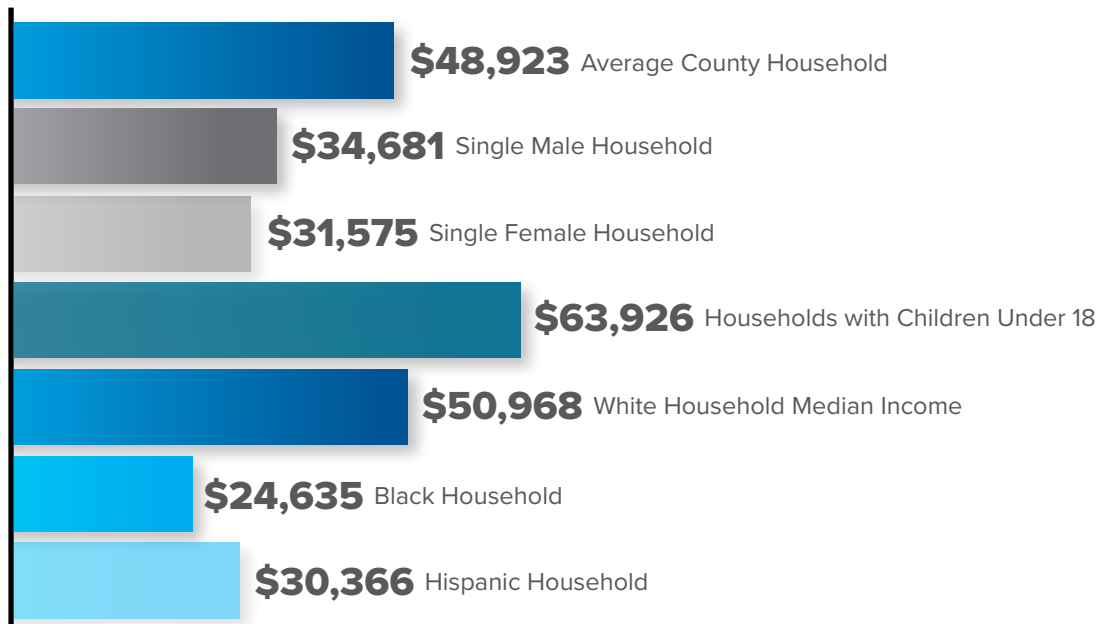
**11.6%**  
PERCENT HOUSEHOLDS  
RECEIVING SNAP

**9.3%**  
PERCENT NO  
HEALTH INSURANCE

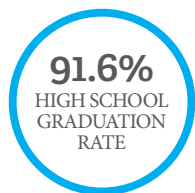


# Washington County

## MEDIAN INCOMES



## EDUCATION Attainment

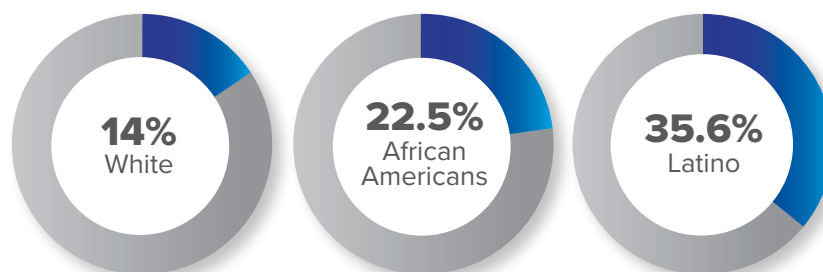


| No High School Diploma |                 | Some College or Associates Degree |                   |
|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Tennessee              | 11.8% (521,652) | Tennessee                         | 28.2% (1,299,212) |
| Not in Poverty         | 10.4% (8,762)   | Not in Poverty                    | 27.7% (24,305)    |
| In Poverty             | 23.8% (2,087)   | In Poverty                        | 13.3% (3,237)     |

| High School Diploma |                   | Bachelors Degree or Higher |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Tennessee           | 31.8% (1,445,977) | Tennessee                  | 28.2% (1,303,919) |
| Not in Poverty      | 29.5% (25,659)    | Not in Poverty             | 32.3% (28,541)    |
| In Poverty          | 13.6% (2,087)     | In Poverty                 | 6.4% (1,823)      |

## RACIAL GROUPS in Poverty



## HOUSING

| Homeowner                                 |          | Renter                                    |          |
|---|----------|---|----------|
| Ownership Rate                            | 64.1%    | Renter Households                         | 35.9%    |
| Ownership Rate in Poverty                 | 5.2%     | Renters in Poverty                        | 24.9%    |
| Median Income of Owners                   | \$64,094 | Median Income of Renters                  | \$27,486 |
| Median Monthly Cost                       | \$1,169  | Median Monthly Cost of Rent               | \$776    |
| Cost Burdened                             | 5.4%     | Cost Burdened                             | 40.1%    |
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