

Poverty Fact Sheet



United States in 2017

- Overall poverty rate **13.4%**
- Child poverty rate **18.4%**

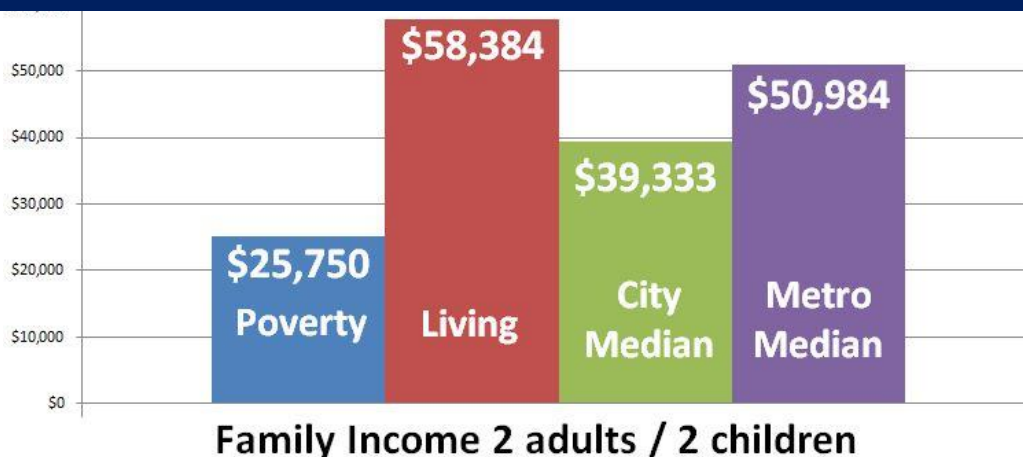
Memphis in 2017

- Overall poverty rate **24.6%**
 - Fourth highest rate of overall poverty among cities with populations greater than 500,000
- Child poverty rate **39.0%**
 - Second highest rate of child poverty among cities with populations greater than 500,000

2017 Poverty Rate	Overall	Under 18	18-64	Over 65	Non-Hispanic White	Non-Hispanic Black	Latino
United States	13.4%	18.4%	12.6%	9.3%	9.6%	22.9%	19.4%
Tennessee	15.0%	21.2%	14.2%	9.2%	12.1%	24.3%	24.5%
Memphis city, TN	24.6%	39.0%	20.7%	14.2%	12.3%	28.9%	33.3%
Memphis, TN-MS-AR Metro Ar.	17.1%	27.1%	14.6%	9.8%	8.1%	24.5%	29.4%

Source: 2018 Poverty Fact Sheet. Elena Delavega, PhD MSW. University of Memphis. Data from 2017 ACS 1-Year Estimates, Table S1701: Poverty Status in the Past 12 Months

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



Poverty and Living Wage reflect the 2019 updated values.

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	\$11.02	\$22.03	\$25.52	\$8.62	\$12.10	\$14.03
Poverty Wage	\$5.84	\$7.91	\$9.99	\$3.96	\$5.00	\$6.03
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	\$2,994	\$4,413	\$6,644	\$5,489	\$6,832	\$8,822
Child Care	\$0	\$5,975	\$8,575	\$0	\$5,975	\$8,575
Medical	\$2,208	\$6,821	\$6,478	\$5,371	\$6,478	\$6,560
Housing	\$7,476	\$9,885	\$9,885	\$7,476	\$9,885	\$9,885
Transportation	\$4,632	\$8,424	\$9,905	\$8,424	\$9,905	\$11,459
Other	\$2,824	\$4,697	\$5,099	\$4,697	\$5,099	\$5,935
Required annual income after taxes	\$20,124	\$40,214	\$46,586	\$31,456	\$44,174	\$51,236
Annual taxes	\$2,807	\$5,610	\$6,499	\$4,388	\$6,162	\$7,147
Required annual income before taxes	\$22,931	\$45,824	\$53,084	\$35,844	\$50,336	\$58,834

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

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