



FAST facts

AFRICAN-AMERICAN HUNGER & POVERTY FACTS

Includes Most Recent Data Available as of January 16th, 2025

FOOD INSECURITY

Source (US):

2024 United States
Department of
Agriculture (USDA).
Food Security Status of
U.S. Households in 2023.

Food security means access by all people at all times to enough food for an active, healthy life.

U.S.

- **23.3 percent, or more than 4 million (3,967,000)** African-American households in the United States are food insecure. The national African-American food insecurity rate is **74 percent higher than** the national household food insecurity rate of 13.5 percent.

NYS

- **23.0 percent** of African-Americans in New York State are food insecure. The New York State African-American food insecurity rate is **72 percent higher** than New York State's overall food insecurity rate of 13.4 percent.

Sources:

Map the Meals Gap
(2022). Feeding America.
2024.

*(Note that this data is
released two years after it
is collected.)*

NYC

- **25.0 percent** of African-Americans in New York City are food insecure. The New York City African-American food insecurity rate is **67 percent higher** than New York City's overall food insecurity rate of 15.0 percent.

BRONX

- **30.0 percent** of African-Americans in the Bronx are food insecure. The Bronx' African-American food insecurity rate is nearly **49 percent higher** than Bronx' overall food insecurity rate of 20.2 percent.
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BROOKLYN

- **24.0 percent** of African-Americans in Brooklyn are food insecure. Brooklyn's African-American food insecurity rate is **58 percent higher** than Brooklyn's overall food insecurity rate of 15.2 percent.

MANHATTAN

- **31.0 percent** of African-Americans in Manhattan are food insecure. Manhattan's African-American food insecurity rate is **more than double** the Manhattan's overall food insecurity rate of 14.9 percent.

QUEENS

- **18.0 percent** of African-Americans in Queens are food insecure. Queens' African-American food insecurity rate is **44 percent higher** than Queens overall food insecurity rate of 12.5 percent.

STATEN ISLAND

- **23 percent** of African-Americans in Staten Island are food insecure. Staten Island's African-American food insecurity rate is **double** Staten Island's overall food insecurity rate of 11.5 percent.

POVERTY

Source: 2023 American Community Survey. U.S. Census Bureau. 2024.

(Note that this data is released one year after it is collected.)

The U.S. poverty threshold is approximately \$21,960 annually for a household of three.

U.S

- An estimated **20.8 percent, or more than 8.1 million (8,125,920)** African-Americans in the U.S. are considered living below the federal poverty level. The national African-American poverty rate is **66 percent higher** than the national poverty rate of 12.5 percent.

NYS

- An estimated **20.5 percent, or more than 551 thousand (551,745)** African-Americans in New York State are considered living below the federal poverty level. New York State's African-American poverty rate is **44 percent higher** than New York State's poverty rate of 14.2 percent.
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NYC

- An estimated **21.70 percent, or more than 384 thousand (384,411)** African-Americans in New York City are considered living below the federal poverty level. New York City's African-American poverty rate is **19 percent higher** than New York City's poverty rate of 18.2 percent.

BRONX

- An estimated **23.9 percent, or more than 106 thousand (106,272)** African-Americans in the Bronx are considered living below the federal poverty level. Bronx' African-American poverty rate is **14 percent lower** than Bronx' poverty rate of 27.9 percent.

BROOKLYN

- An estimated **20.9 percent, or more than 144.5 thousand (144,506)** African-Americans in Brooklyn are considered living below the federal poverty level. Brooklyn's African-American poverty rate is **10 percent higher** than Brooklyn's poverty rate of 19 percent.

MANHATTAN

- An estimated **28.3 percent, or nearly 64 thousand (63,802)** African-Americans in Manhattan are considered living below the federal poverty level. Manhattan's African-American poverty rate is **81 percent higher** than Manhattan's poverty rate of 15.6 percent.

QUEENS

- An estimated **13.4 percent, or nearly 51 thousand (50,936)** African-Americans in Queens are considered living below the federal poverty level. Queens' African-American poverty rate is **2 percent lower** than Queens' poverty rate of 13.7 percent.

STATEN ISLAND

- An estimated **31.6 percent, or nearly 15 thousand (14,298)** African-Americans in Staten Island are considered living below the federal poverty level. Staten Island's African-American poverty rate is higher by **more than 2 times** Staten Island's poverty rate of 13.20 percent.
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**SUPPLEMENTAL
NUTRITION
ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM (SNAP)**

Source: 2023 American
Community Survey. U.S.
Census Bureau. 2024

U.S.

- **24.8 percent**, or nearly **4.0 million (3,973,001)** African American households in the United States rely on SNAP.

NYS

- **24.5 percent**, or more than **310 thousand (310,990)** African American households in New York State rely on SNAP.

NYC

- **29.6 percent**, or more than **220 thousand (220,350)** African-American households in New York City rely on SNAP.

BRONX

- **31.2 percent**, or nearly **66 thousand (65,995)** African-American households in the Bronx rely on SNAP.

BROOKLYN

- **35.9 percent**, or nearly **86 thousand (85,770)** African-American households in Brooklyn rely on SNAP.

MANHATTAN

- **28.9 percent**, or more than **33 thousand (33,816)** African-American households in Manhattan rely on SNAP.

QUEENS

- **20.30 percent**, or nearly **31 thousand (31,065)** African-American households in Queens rely on SNAP.

STATEN ISLAND

- **15.3 percent**, or more than **3.5 thousand (3,704)** African-American households in Staten Island rely on SNAP.
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MEDIAN INCOME

Source: 2023 American Community Survey. U.S. Census Bureau. 2024.

(Note that this data is released one year after it is collected.)

U.S.

- The median income for African-American households in the United States is **\$53,927** which is **31 percent lower** than the national median household income of \$77,719.

NYS

- The median income for African-American households in New York State is **\$60,927**, which is **26 percent lower** than New York State's median household income of \$82,095.

NYC

- The median income for African-American households in New York City is **\$59,333** which is nearly **23 percent lower** than New York City's median household income of \$76,577.

POPULATION

Source: 2023 American Community Survey. U.S. Census Bureau. 2024.

(Note that this data is released one year after it is collected.)

U.S.

- More than **39 million (39,083,010)** African-Americans are living in the U.S., or 11.9 percent of the total population.

NYS

- Nearly **2.7 million (2,696,019)** African-Americans are living in New York State, or 15.4 percent of New York State residents.

NYC

- Nearly **1.8 million (1,774,477)** African-Americans are living in New York City, or 22 percent of New York City residents.

BRONX

- More than **444 thousand (444,113)** African-Americans are living in the Bronx, or 33.5 percent of Bronx residents.

BROOKLYN

- Nearly **691 thousand (690,861)** African-Americans are living in Brooklyn, or 27.3 percent of Brooklyn residents.

MANHATTAN

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- More than **233 thousand (233,476)** African-Americans are living in Manhattan, or 14.3 percent of Manhattan residents.

QUEENS

- Nearly **379.5 thousand (379,495)** African-Americans are living in Queens, or 17.1 percent of Queens' residents.

STATEN ISLAND

- Nearly **46.3 thousand (46,298)** African-Americans are living in Staten Island, or 9.5 percent of Staten Island residents.
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