

# National Poverty in America Awareness Month: January 2025

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From the U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey (CPS) [<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/cps.html>], Annual Social and Economic Supplement (ASEC):

 Poverty in the United States: 2023 (September 10, 2024): [<https://www.census.gov/library/publications/2023/demo/p60-280.html>]

## Highlights

### *Official Poverty Measure*

- In 2023, the official poverty rate fell 0.4 percentage points to 11.1 percent. There were 36.8 million people in poverty in 2023, not statistically different from 2022 (Figure 1 and Table A-1).
- Between 2022 and 2023, the official poverty rate decreased for White and non-Hispanic White individuals; women; 18- to 64-year-olds; unrelated individuals; all workers; less than full-time, year-round workers; and those with some college. The only group to experience a statistically significant increase in their official poverty rate was the Two or More Races population (Figure 2 and Tables A-1 and A-2).



### *Supplemental Poverty Measure*


- The SPM rate in 2023 was 12.9 percent, an increase of 0.5 percentage points from 2022 (Figure 6 and Table B-3).
- The SPM child poverty rate increased 1.3 percentage points to 13.7 percent in 2023 (Figure 4 and Table B-3).
- Social Security continues to be the largest anti-poverty program, moving 27.6 million individuals out of SPM poverty in 2023 (Figure 10 and Table B-7).


## Key Stats


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey [<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/cps.html>] , Annual Social and Economic Supplement.

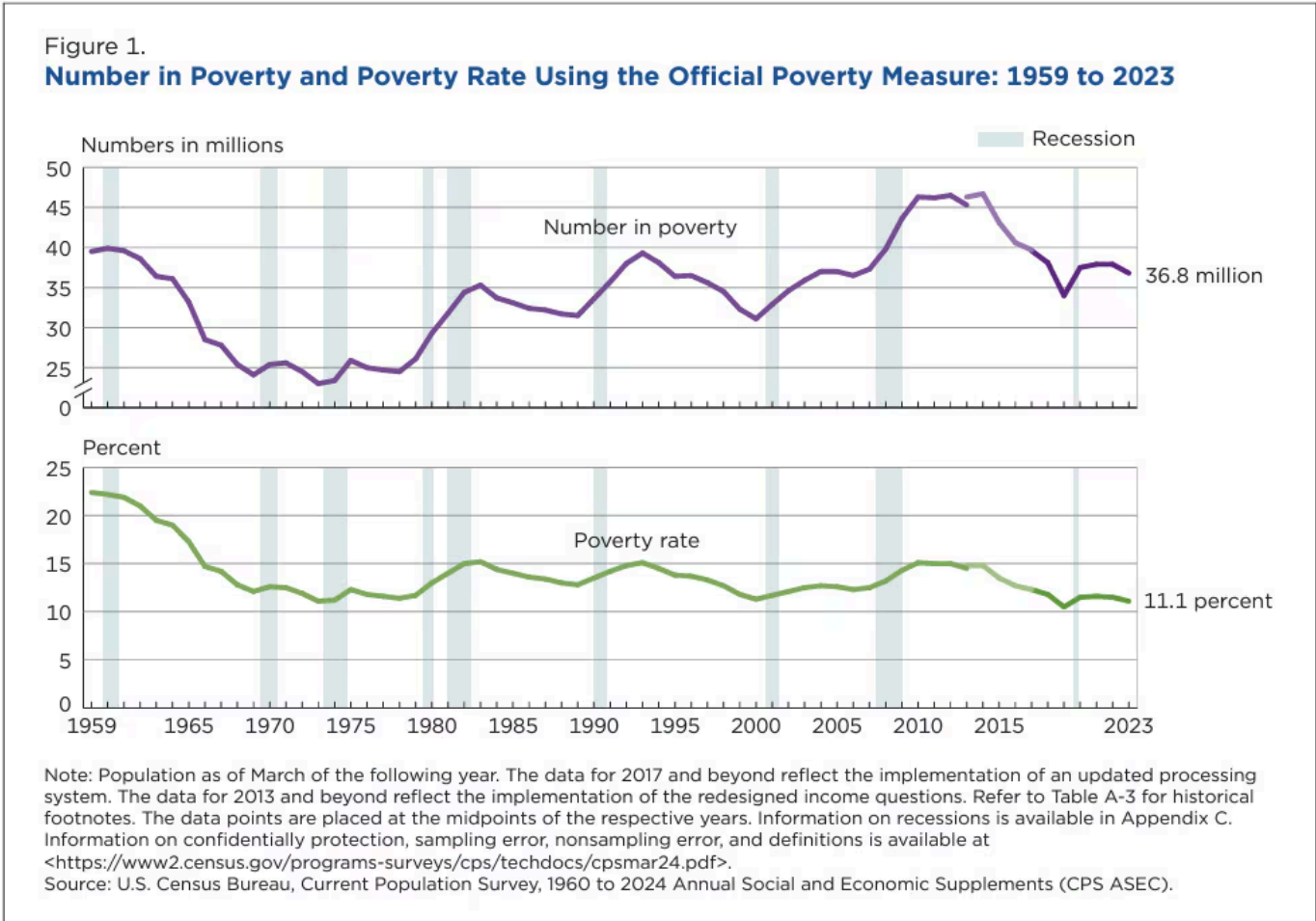
 Poverty in the United States: 2023 (September 10, 2023):[<https://www.census.gov/library/publications/2024/demo/p60-283.html>]

Figures, Official Poverty Measure:

 Figure 1. Number in Poverty and Poverty Rate Using the Official Poverty Measure: 1959 to 2023 (image below) [<https://www.census.gov/content/dam/Census/library/visualizations/2024/demo/p60-283/figure1.pdf>]

 Figure 2. People in Poverty Using the Official Poverty Measure: 2022 to 2023 [<https://www.census.gov/content/dam/Census/library/visualizations/2024/demo/p60-283/figure2.pdf>]

 Figure 3. Distribution of Total Population and Poverty by Race and Hispanic Origin Using the Official Poverty Measure: 2023 [<https://www.census.gov/content/dam/Census/library/visualizations/2024/demo/p60-283/figure3.pdf>]





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Note: Figure 1 shown above is cropped. Click on the image for the full figure, including notes and source.


## More Stats


From Census.gov / Topics / Income and Poverty [<https://www.census.gov/topics/income-poverty.html>] :

 Poverty [</topics/income-poverty/poverty.html>]  
If a family's total income is less than the official poverty threshold for a family of that size and composition, then they are considered to be in poverty.

 Poverty Data Tables [</topics/income-poverty/poverty/data/tables.html>]  
Statistics displayed in tables with columns and rows. Many tables are in downloadable in XLS, CVS and PDF file formats.

 Poverty Library[</topics/income-poverty/poverty/library.html>]

 Poverty News [</topics/income-poverty/poverty/news-updates/news.html>]  
View the latest as well as archived press releases on issues related to poverty.

 Poverty Publications [</topics/income-poverty/poverty/library/publications.html>]  
Here you will find the most recent poverty publications released by the Census Bureau.

 Poverty Visualizations [</topics/income-poverty/poverty/library/visualizations.html>]

Data visualized using charts, tables, maps, and other graphic elements.



#### Poverty Working Papers

Read research from Census Bureau experts related to income, poverty, and experimental poverty measures.

[/topics/income-poverty/poverty/library/working-papers.html]

Source: 2023 American Community Survey (ACS) [https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs] 1-year estimates.



S1701 Poverty Status in the Past 12 Months[https://data.census.gov/cedsci/table?q=S1701]



S1702 Poverty Status in the Past 12 Months of Families[https://data.census.gov/table/ACSST1Y2022.S1702?q=S1702]

#### From Data / Census Academy / Webinars:



The Exploration of Income, Poverty and Educational Census Data for Black and White Populations (January 25, 2024) [https://www.census.gov/data/academy/webinars/2024/exploring-the-diversity-of-census-bureau-data/exploration-of-income-poverty-educational-data.html]

#### From the Library / America Counts: Stories Behind the Numbers [https://www.census.gov/AmericaCounts] :



America Counts: Stories about Income and Poverty[https://www.census.gov/topics/income-poverty/stories.html]



A Look Back on 2024 Through U.S. Census Bureau Data (December 26, 2024) [https://www.census.gov/library/stories/2024/12/2024-year-in-review.html]



How Do Policies and Expenses Affect Supplemental Poverty Rates? (November 14, 2024) [https://www.census.gov/library/stories/2024/11/supplemental-poverty-measure-visualization.html]



Child Supplemental Poverty Measure Below Official Rate in 46 States (October 17, 2024) [https://www.census.gov/library/stories/2024/10/child-supplemental-poverty-measure.html]



Older Adults and Child Poverty Rates changes in Many States in 2023 (September 12, 2024) [https://www.census.gov/library/stories/2024/09/acs-child-poverty.html]



Supplemental Poverty Measure Rose in 2023 for Second Consecutive Year (September 10, 2024) [https://www.census.gov/library/stories/2024/09/supplemental-poverty-measure.html]



How Age and Poverty Level Impact Health Insurance Coverage (September 10, 2024) [https://www.census.gov/library/stories/2024/09/health-insurance-coverage.html]



Supplemental Poverty Measure Below Official Poverty Rate in 32 States (September 10, 2024) [https://www.census.gov/library/stories/2024/09/supplemental-poverty-measure-states.html]



Majority Of Older Adults in Poverty in 2021 Live Alone (June 25, 2024)[https://www.census.gov/library/stories/2024/06/elder-poverty.html]

#### From the Newsroom [https://www.census.gov/newsroom.html] :



Press Release: Census Bureau Releases Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates for States, Counties and School Districts (December 17, 2024) [https://www.census.gov/newsroom/press-releases/2024/small-area-income-and-poverty.html]



Press Kit: Income, Poverty and Health Insurance Statistics (September 10, 2024) [https://www.census.gov/newsroom/press-kits/2024/income-poverty-health-insurance.html]



News Release: Income, Poverty and Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2023 (September 10, 2024) [https://www.census.gov/newsroom/press-releases/2024/income-poverty-health-insurance-coverage.html]



Research Matters Blog: How Updating Annual Poverty Thresholds Impacts Poverty Rates (September 10, 2024) [https://www.census.gov/newsroom/blogs/research-matters/2024/09/supplemental-poverty-measure.html]



Random Samplings Blog: Difference Between the Supplemental and Official Poverty Measures (September 4, 2024) [https://www.census.gov/newsroom/blogs/random-samplings/2024/09/difference-supplemental-and-official-poverty-measures.html]



Stats for Stories: Equal Pay Day: March 12, 2024[https://www.census.gov/newsroom/stories/equal-pay-day.html]

## Outside Links



ChildStats.gov, Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics, Economic Circumstances [https://www.childstats.gov/americaschildren/table.s.asp]



The World Bank, Poverty, Overview[https://www.worldbank.org/en/topic/poverty/overview#1]



U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2022 Research Supplemental Poverty Measure Thresholds [https://www.bls.gov/pir/spm/spm\_thresholds\_2022.htm]



U.S. Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service, Rural Poverty & Well-Being [https://www.ers.usda.gov/topics/rural-economy-population/rural-poverty-well-being/]



U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Healthy People 2030 (social determinants of health), Poverty [https://health.gov/healthypeople/objectives-and-data/social-determinants-health/literature-summaries/poverty]

