Barriers to Prosperity: Data Sheet 2020



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				POVERTY RATE												EDUCATION						
	Total population⁴	All Persons ³	White ²	Black or African American²	Hispanic or Latino ²	Children ³	Adults Older Than 65 ²	Female-Headed Households With Related Children ²	Individuals 25 & Older Who Are Less Than High School Graduates ²	Individuals 25 & Older Who Graduated From High School or Have A GED ²	Individuals 25 & Older Who Have Some College Or An Associate's Degree ²	Individuals 25 & Older Who Have A Bachelor's Degree Or Higher ²	Overall Food Insecurity⁵	Child Food Insecurity⁵	SNAP Recipients ⁶	Population 25 & Older Who Is A High School Graduate or Higher ²	Population 25 & Older Who Has A Bachelor's Degree or Higher ²	2-year College Enrollment Rate ⁷	4-year College Enrollment Rate ⁷	Total College Enrollment Rate ⁷	Workforce Participation Rate of the Population 16 & Older ²	Median Household Income ³
United States	328,239,523	13.1%	10.0%	24.2%	21.0%	18.0%	9.3%	37.5%	25.8%	13.9%	9.9%	4.4%	12.5%	17.0%	11.5%	87.7%	31.5%	25.5%	43.6%	69.1%	63.3%	\$61,937 \$40,881
Alabama	4,903,185	13.8%	11.0%	28.4%	32.2%	10.3%	9.7%	40.9%	30.1%	16.0%	6.6%	4.4%	12.0%	10.8%	12.3%	89.7%	24.9%	31.8%	30.2%	60.8%	50.3%	\$49,881 \$50,338
Baldwin	223,234	9.8%	8.9%	22.0%	18.6%	13.9%	8.0%	35.0%	23.3%	12.4%	7.8%	3.7%	11.6%	18.9%	8.2%	90.3%	31.3%	31.7%	30.9%	62.6%	58.5%	\$57,588
Barbour	24,686	30.9%	13.8%	42.6%	48.3%	43.9%	16.2%	60.6%	37.0%	24.1%	11.5%	3.7%	22.0%	27.6%	21.5%	73.0%	12.2%	36.9%	19.7%	56.7%	46.0%	\$34,382
Blount	57,826	21.8% 13.2%	14.5%	12.9% 8.1%	4.3%	18.0%	8.1%	46.1%	25.2%	15.1%	2.8% 8.6%	6.9% 3.2%	14.3% 10.7%	22.1%	12.5% 8.7%	83.2% 80.2%	11.5%	23.5% 40.4%	24.0% 17.6%	47.5% 58.0%	47.4% 48.6%	\$46,064
Bullock	10,101	42.5%	4.4%	39.0%	68.6%	68.3%	20.8%	66.5%	32.4%	26.9%	19.6%	0.2%	24.8%	27.9%	23.7%	75.2%	13.3%	13.0%	30.0%	43.0%	52.7%	\$29,267
Butler	19,448	24.5% 19.5%	13.2%	34.3%	77.6%	36.3%	13.1%	49.5%	32.4%	21.5% 16.4%	14.5% 12.2%	6.8% 4.6%	20.6% 15.7%	24.7%	21.8%	84.6% 84.1%	16.1%	52.2% 25.2%	18.1%	70.2%	53.0% 57.1%	\$37,365 \$45,400
Chambers	33,254	18.7%	12.6%	20.9%	34.0%	30.7%	10.9%	32.8%	30.3%	14.4%	10.0%	3.6%	17.9%	22.0%	16.6%	81.4%	13.2%	39.5%	17.8%	57.3%	56.3%	\$39,917
Cherokee	26,196	16.3%	14.8%	14.3%	26.2%	24.7%	11.8%	60.6%	32.2%	11.3%	9.1%	5.3%	12.5%	20.6%	11.7%	80.2%	12.9%	35.4%	20.3%	55.7%	48.6%	\$42,132
Chilton	12,589	22.1%	12.4%	34.6%	73.8%	32.1%	12.5%	45.2%	37.1%	16.4%	12.5%	6.6%	13.1%	22.1%	20.0%	82.2%	14.2%	28.0% 53.9%	19.6%	47.6% 66.4%	54.6% 44.1%	\$47,547
Clarke	23,622	22.8%	13.8%	39.0%	24.2%	31.7%	15.9%	66.2%	36.5%	25.0%	14.4%	8.1%	22.9%	25.7%	19.9%	81.2%	12.6%	37.9%	24.8%	62.7%	45.2%	\$40,741
Clay	13,235	17.6%	15.0%	27.1%	50.9%	25.8%	15.2%	58.7%	35.5%	13.4%	8.3%	2.2%	14.5%	21.5%	10.0%	75.5%	10.2%	48.2%	18.5%	66.7%	54.6%	\$39,201 \$46,405
Coffee	52,342	13.8%	10.6%	29.1%	21.4%	21.9%	8.9%	37.5%	25.4%	13.1%	9.9%	3.2%	14.2%	21.9%	12.6%	86.2%	23.4%	45.8%	24.6%	70.4%	59.8%	\$55,122
Colbert	55,241	13.8%	13.4%	26.1%	23.6%	21.0%	10.9%	44.4%	23.5%	15.1%	13.0%	4.1%	14.7%	22.2%	12.0%	84.4%	18.7%	45.5%	24.2%	69.6%	53.9%	\$49,055
Conecuh Coosa	12,067	24.4% 18.9%	9.4%	30.3% 23.1%	0.0%	40.1%	16.0%	38.4%	30.6%	17.5%	11.5% 8.6%	10.5%	20.9%	26.3%	20.1%	80.8% 79.6%	10.7%	43.1%	23.9%	66.9% 50.0%	43.3% 47.3%	\$32,613 \$42.423
Covington	37,049	19.9%	15.4%	36.0%	37.3%	29.5%	11.4%	53.5%	28.7%	15.2%	13.9%	4.9%	14.6%	22.6%	16.4%	82.9%	14.9%	51.2%	20.8%	72.0%	54.3%	\$40,203
Crenshaw	13,772	19.5%	13.0%	23.2%	8.7%	30.8%	11.7%	36.0%	25.4%	14.5%	10.2%	3.1%	15.8%	21.3%	17.7%	78.4%	15.6%	35.2%	30.3%	65.5%	54.1%	\$39,057 \$45,706
Dale	49,172	14.5%	16.0%	28.8%	13.7%	24.4%	10.1%	52.7%	30.7%	17.3%	11.4%	5.7%	16.1%	20.1%	17.4%	85.8%	17.0%	40.2%	17.9%	58.9%	56.7%	\$45,790 \$45,309
Dallas	37,196	31.4%	13.2%	38.1%	23.8%	48.0%	17.3%	57.0%	37.8%	28.0%	20.8%	4.6%	27.2%	29.8%	32.3%	80.7%	15.1%	51.5%	14.4%	65.9%	51.6%	\$34,035
DeKalb Elmore	71,513 81,209	21.3% 11.2%	17.4% 8.6%	11.3%	47.6%	29.6% 16.3%	12.0% 6.7%	52.6% 40.1%	34.1% 25.8%	16.2%	12.1% 5.6%	6.7% 3.8%	12.4% 13.3%	22.8% 19.5%	16.0%	74.1% 86.4%	12.7%	46.2% 19.8%	11.7% 35.8%	58.0% 55.6%	53.6% 56.0%	\$39,491 \$60.367
Escambia	36,633	23.6%	16.7%	39.9%	25.8%	32.8%	12.9%	58.2%	34.7%	21.4%	18.0%	5.2%	18.4%	24.1%	19.1%	81.5%	12.7%	40.3%	18.9%	59.2%	47.0%	\$38,418
Etowah	102,268	17.5%	13.3%	30.9%	38.6%	28.8%	8.2%	53.5%	29.3%	12.6%	10.4%	3.8%	14.6%	22.8%	11.8%	84.5%	17.7%	37.1%	20.1%	57.2%	54.4%	\$44,903
Franklin	31,362	19.2%	14.9%	18.3%	40.7%	30.1%	13.5%	50.6%	25.2%	14.6%	9.4%	8.3%	14.4%	25.6%	14.4%	76.8%	12.9%	52.3%	12.5%	60.5%	55.7%	\$39,254 \$39,388
Geneva	26,271	21.3%	21.4%	42.4%	35.5%	29.5%	10.2%	75.5%	34.6%	19.5%	11.9%	5.7%	14.8%	25.2%	16.4%	79.1%	11.1%	47.9%	12.4%	60.3%	51.8%	\$37,823
Greene Hale	8,111 14 651	30.1% 25.6%	17.2%	42.5%	97.9%	44.0%	27.1% 19.9%	61.8% 46.0%	38.9% 46.2%	42.8%	17.0%	4.8%	29.7% 22.2%	34.4%	27.1%	75.9% 83.6%	10.1%	16.3% 36.1%	31.4%	47.7%	39.3% 49.0%	\$28,524 \$34 724
Henry	17,205	17.9%	10.4%	21.9%	6.4%	27.2%	12.6%	47.9%	21.6%	13.5%	10.4%	2.5%	14.2%	19.6%	14.7%	80.2%	18.0%	45.0%	20.5%	65.5%	52.7%	\$46,027
Houston	105,882	16.5%	11.4%	33.7%	27.8%	21.9%	9.9%	51.2%	28.3%	17.2%	11.5%	4.6%	16.5%	22.7%	16.2%	85.7%	21.0%	35.7%	21.3%	57.0%	57.7%	\$47,993 \$41,020
Jefferson	658,573	16.1%	9.1%	25.2%	30.4%	20.8%	10.2%	49.7%	30.3%	18.4%	13.5%	4.7%	17.8%	20.8%	14.0%	89.7%	32.4%	22.7%	43.8%	66.5%	62.2%	\$55,013
Lamar	13,805	17.4%	18.4%	40.6%	39.0%	25.3%	10.6%	62.7%	31.5%	16.5%	14.1%	2.3%	15.2%	25.4%	16.2%	82.4%	12.5%	66.7%	5.6%	72.2%	52.0%	\$40,936
Lauderdale	92,729	14.0% 19.3%	13.3%	27.4%	25.5%	17.9%	8.7%	43.3%	32.5%	11.0%	10.9%	4.0%	14.0% 13.4%	21.4%	9.9%	87.4% 79.0%	23.9%	40.9%	27.6%	68.5% 60.4%	55.8% 49.9%	\$48,707 \$43,909
Lee	164,542	19.0%	18.8%	29.4%	19.5%	19.3%	9.7%	47.7%	29.0%	16.9%	12.2%	6.3%	17.0%	20.7%	8.9%	90.5%	34.1%	33.3%	31.3%	64.6%	60.6%	\$48,937
Limestone	98,915	11.4%	11.5%	18.2%	31.7%	15.8%	10.1%	41.8%	28.3%	12.8%	7.6%	4.0%	12.2%	19.6%	7.2%	84.3%	25.5%	34.4%	24.6%	59.0%	57.4%	\$64,863
Macon	18,068	30.2%	15.1%	27.7%	32.3%	39.6%	13.7%	48.4%	33.9%	19.5%	20.7%	4.8%	26.4% 25.6%	29.4%	23.5%	81.7%	20.7%	17.3%	30.7%	40.0%	40.3% 51.7%	\$32,495
Madison	372,909	11.9%	7.9%	24.8%	33.4%	16.9%	8.1%	39.7%	31.7%	15.0%	10.1%	3.1%	13.8%	19.1%	9.0%	91.1%	41.7%	27.2%	44.0%	71.2%	64.0%	\$63,755
Marengo Marion	18,863	24.0%	12.8%	29.0% 45.7%	44.8%	34.5%	18.8%	39.1% 43.5%	30.1%	27.4%	13.3%	2.7% 8.1%	22.0% 13.3%	24.8%	21.4%	83.8% 79.7%	15.4%	23.1%	42.3%	65.4% 68.6%	46.3% 52.2%	\$37,733 \$37,887
Marshall	96,774	18.3%	16.7%	36.8%	50.3%	27.9%	9.5%	55.3%	32.6%	16.6%	12.8%	5.3%	12.2%	23.1%	12.7%	80.9%	19.2%	44.8%	17.6%	62.4%	55.5%	\$46,233
Mobile	413,210	20.8%	12.5%	29.9%	22.7%	31.4%	10.1%	49.4%	29.6%	17.1%	13.8%	4.7%	17.9%	23.0%	17.7%	86.2%	22.9%	25.3%	29.8%	55.1%	56.9%	\$43,598 \$20,556
Montgomery	226,486	20.1%	8.2%	27.6%	42.9%	31.3%	11.0%	50.8%	35.2%	20.8%	13.2%	4.4%	24.1%	22.4%	20.6%	85.6%	32.1%	9.0%	42.8%	51.8%	43.4% 61.6%	\$39,550 \$49,640
Morgan	119,679	13.2%	10.1%	30.0%	38.3%	20.1%	10.2%	46.0%	31.0%	13.1%	9.3%	2.9%	12.9%	21.1%	11.5%	83.3%	21.7%	35.4%	23.2%	58.6%	57.2%	\$52,797
Perry Pickens	8,923 19,930	35.3% 23.1%	23.2%	48.5%	40.4%	52.8% 30.8%	20.4%	69.8% 71.3%	46.2% 37.2%	40.2%	26.0%	7.9% 6.9%	28.6% 18.9%	32.9%	32.0%	78.1% 80.6%	15.7% 13.5%	34.6% 45.9%	19.1% 13.5%	53.6% 59.4%	34.5% 47.4%	\$26,814 \$37,586
Pike	33,114	23.6%	18.5%	37.3%	32.3%	30.6%	12.3%	60.4%	32.2%	12.8%	14.6%	8.7%	21.0%	24.5%	17.8%	81.0%	23.6%	17.0%	40.8%	57.8%	55.4%	\$37,259
Randolph	22,722	19.7%	15.5%	20.2%	59.0%	31.4%	11.5%	51.4%	23.9%	16.9%	9.3%	8.1%	15.3%	23.0%	19.6%	78.8%	14.9%	53.8%	8.0%	61.8%	49.8%	\$40,546
Shelby	217,702	∠1.7% 8.0%	6.8%	∠5.0% 12.1%	26.0%	8.9%	6.2%	43.0%	23.4%	9.1%	6.9%	0.7% 3.1%	9.3%	22.3% 15.9%	4.9%	83.3% 92.2%	42.1%	20.4%	≥1.6% 52.0%	52.4% 72.4%	58.9% 66.2%	৯ও9,104 \$75,663
St. Clair	89,512	12.0%	12.8%	15.3%	23.4%	15.0%	10.9%	27.5%	33.6%	11.5%	7.7%	3.6%	11.7%	19.3%	10.3%	84.8%	16.5%	33.6%	28.7%	62.4%	59.2%	\$57,284
Sumter Talladega	12,427 79 978	34.7% 19.3%	17.1% 13.5%	36.9% 29.6%	61.5% 60.1%	48.1% 26.4%	30.0%	66.1% 45.5%	43.1%	31.0% 15.6%	22.1% 12.9%	12.1% 3.4%	27.7% 17.2%	28.4%	23.5% 14.6%	84.2% 81.0%	21.8%	22.8% 33.9%	26.8%	49.6% 57.9%	44.6% 52.2%	\$27,859 \$41,630
Tallapoosa	40,367	19.7%	11.3%	40.8%	50.4%	30.7%	9.2%	62.3%	28.9%	14.7%	14.2%	4.6%	16.6%	24.3%	15.8%	80.5%	18.3%	49.3%	20.0%	69.3%	51.0%	\$42,205
Tuscaloosa	209,355	16.8%	11.6%	27.0%	25.7%	20.9%	7.6%	40.8%	25.3%	15.5%	10.3%	4.8%	16.4%	19.8%	10.4%	88.4%	30.3%	33.4%	29.5%	62.9%	59.6%	\$52,557
Walker Washington	16,326	17.9% 17.6%	21.0%	40.1%	51.6%	24.7%	10.5%	54.3% 72.4%	31.3%	17.3%	12.2%	8.8%	14.6% 17.2%	24.5%	13.7%	80.9% 80.4%	11.6%	43.7%	15.8%	59.5% 59.6%	52.3% 44.6%	\$45,434 \$44,424
Wilcox	10,373	33.4%	9.3%	39.7%	100.0%	50.6%	20.6%	57.3%	42.5%	22.4%	25.7%	7.5%	29.3%	30.6%	35.0%	76.9%	12.5%	32.6%	19.6%	52.2%	40.1%	\$25,385
Winston	23,629	18.6%	15.4%	90.6%	23.4%	27.6%	9.5%	51.3%	24.4%	12.2%	13.2%	1.9%	13.1%	24.0%	11.4%	78.1%	13.5%	54.7%	11.6%	66.3%	50.0%	\$41,156
	Total population⁴	All Persons ³	White ²	Black or African American ²	Hispanic or Latino ²	Children ³	Adults Older Than 65 ²	Female-Headed Households With Related Children ²	Individuals 25 & Older Who Are Less Than High School Graduates ²	Individuals 25 & Older Who Graduated From High School or Have A GED ²	Individuals 25 & Older Who Have Some College Or An Associate's Degree ²	Individuals 25 & Older Who Have A Bachelor's Degree Or Higher ²	Overall Food Insecurity⁵	Child Food Insecurity⁵	SNAP Recipients ⁶	Population 25 & Older Who Is A High School Graduate or Higher ²	Population 25 & Older Who Has A Bachelor's Degree or Higher ²	2-year College Enrollment Rate ⁷	4-year College Enrollment Rate ⁷	Total College Enrollment Rate ⁷	Workforce Participation Rate of the Population 16 & Older ²	Median Household Income ³

Terms and Definitions

CHILDREN – Individuals under the age of 18.

COLLEGE ENROLLMENT RATE – The percent of high school graduates who enrolled in college during the year after graduation. College includes technical and academic programs resulting in valuable credentials at two- and four-year colleges and universities.

FOOD INSECURITY – Multiple indications of disrupted eating patterns and reduced food intake or reduced quality, variety, or desirability of diet.

POVERTY RATE – The percent of persons (or families) whose cash income is below the federal poverty threshold as calculated by the Census Bureau.

SNAP – The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) provides nutrition benefits to low-income individuals and families that are used at stores to purchase food.

WORKFORCE PARTICIPATION – Represents the proportion of people at least 16 years old - including students, people with disabilities, full-time parents/caregivers, and retirees - which is in the labor force.

Sources

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