More than 747,000 of our neighbors — including 233,000 children — live below the poverty line.
### POVERTY RATE* by demographic

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<th>Total Population</th>
<th>16% or younger</th>
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### FOOD SECURITY

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<th>Food Insecurity Emergency</th>
<th>Any Food Insecurity</th>
<th>People with Food Insecurity</th>
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### EDUCATION

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<th>25 &amp; Older</th>
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<th>Women</th>
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### EMPLOYMENT

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### HEALTH INSURANCE*

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### Barriers to Prosperity

**Montgomery**

- College Enrollment Rate: 25%
- Workforce Participation: 57%
- Health Insurance: 39%

**Shelby**

- College Enrollment Rate: 35%
- Workforce Participation: 55%
- Health Insurance: 43%

**Fayette**

- College Enrollment Rate: 25%
- Workforce Participation: 52%
- Health Insurance: 41%

**Richland**

- College Enrollment Rate: 20%
- Workforce Participation: 48%
- Health Insurance: 38%

**Culleoka**

- College Enrollment Rate: 15%
- Workforce Participation: 45%
- Health Insurance: 36%

**Lowndes**

- College Enrollment Rate: 10%
- Workforce Participation: 40%
- Health Insurance: 32%

**Randolph**

- College Enrollment Rate: 5%
- Workforce Participation: 35%
- Health Insurance: 28%

**Jefferson**

- College Enrollment Rate: 3%
- Workforce Participation: 30%
- Health Insurance: 25%

**Marion**

- College Enrollment Rate: 2%
- Workforce Participation: 25%
- Health Insurance: 22%

**Lamar**

- College Enrollment Rate: 1%
- Workforce Participation: 20%
- Health Insurance: 18%

**Dallas**

- College Enrollment Rate: .5%
- Workforce Participation: 15%
- Health Insurance: 15%

**Blount**

- College Enrollment Rate: .2%
- Workforce Participation: 10%
- Health Insurance: 10%

**Baldwin**

- College Enrollment Rate: .1%
- Workforce Participation: 5%
- Health Insurance: 5%

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**Key to Barriers**

- **a** - Healthy People 2030 Objectives
- **b** - Health Insurance
- **c** - Workforce Participation
- **d** - Educational Attainment
- **e** - Food Insecurity

**Definitions**

- **Total Population**: The number of people 16 years of age and older who were interviewed as part of the American Community Survey.
- **Black or African American**: Persons who were interviewed and who reported having only Black or African American ancestry.
- **Hispanic or Latino**: Persons who were interviewed and who reported having all Hispanic or Latino ancestry.
- **White or Other**: Persons who were interviewed and who reported having only White or only non-Hispanic or non-Latino other ancestry.
- **Mixed or Multiple races**: Persons who were interviewed and who reported having more than one race.
- **American Indian**: Persons who were interviewed and who reported having all American Indian and Alaska Native ancestry.

**Notes**

- **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 a certificate, diploma, associate or bachelor degree.
- **FOOD INSECURITY**: Includes people who were sometimes or often hungry because the household did not have enough food.
- **HEALTH INSURANCE**: Includes public or private coverage. People who had no reported health coverage, or those whose only health coverage was Indian Health service, were considered uninsured or without coverage.

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