ALABAMA IS THE NATION’S SIXTH POOREST STATE.

Nearly 900,000 of our neighbors – including 300,000 children – live below the poverty line.

Alabama Possible is a statewide 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that works to reduce systemic poverty and its root causes by inspiring Alabamians to pursue a state in which no individual’s quality of life is diminished by poverty. Our work includes increasing college access and success for low-income and first generation college-going students, disrupting misperceptions about poverty, and advocating for fact-based policy making.
## ALABAMA POVERTY DATA SHEET

### Terms and Definitions

**FOOD INSECURITY** - The USDA definition includes households with limited or uncertain access to adequate food including reports of reduced quality, variety, or desirability of diet and also includes households with members who went hungry or skipped meals at some point during the year.

**POVERTY RATE** - The percentage of persons or families who fall below the federal poverty line as calculated by the Census Bureau.

**UNEMPLOYMENT** - The annual average percentage of the work force that is unemployed. Persons are classified as unemployed if they did not have a job for work in the 4 weeks and are available for work.

### Sources

3. U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates - 2013
7. USDA, Alabama Department of Human Resources (2013)

### Alabama Poverty Data Sheet

**POVERTY RATE**

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<tr>
<th>Region</th>
<th>Total Population</th>
<th>All Persons</th>
<th>White</th>
<th>Black or African Hispanic</th>
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### Food Security

- ** marched 20% and 24%**
- **marked 10% and 15%**
- **shaded 6% and 11%**
- **highlighted 3% and 7%**