

PHILADELPHIA POVERTY FACT SHEET

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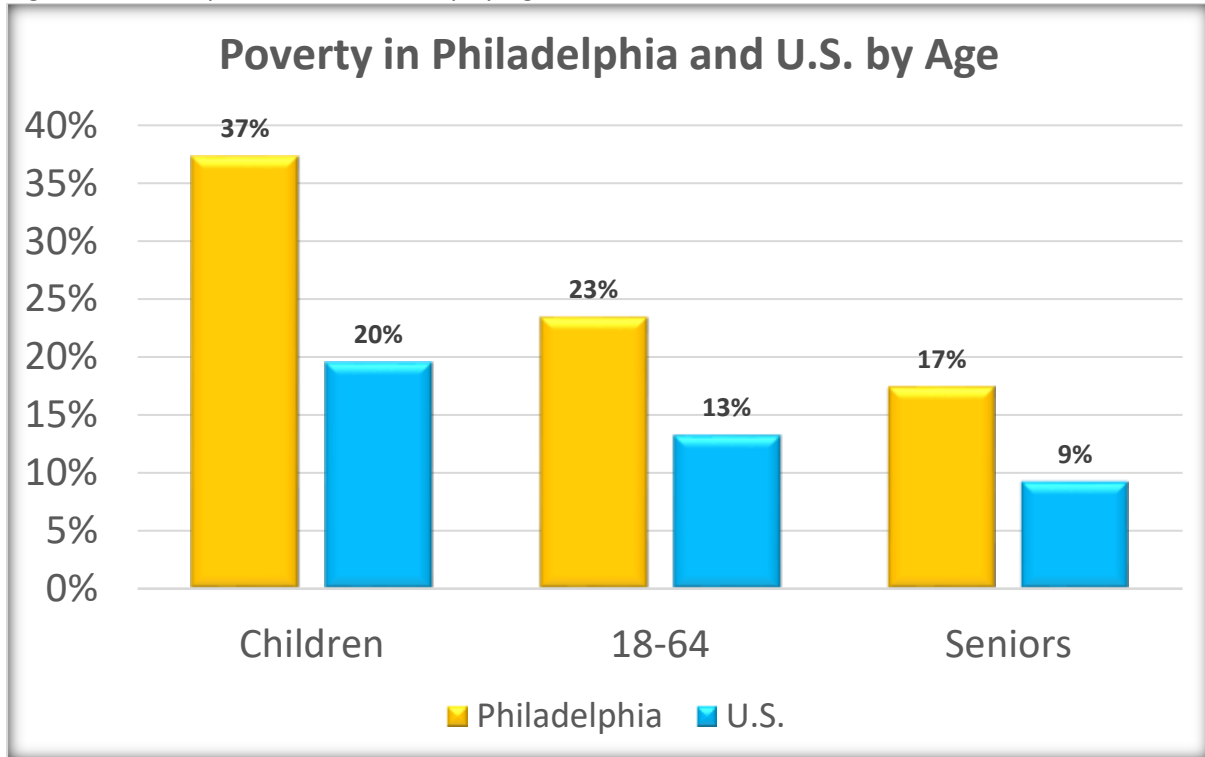
(Data from 2016 ACS Census Data)

| 2016 Poverty Rate | Overall | Under 18 | 18-64 | Over 65 | Non-Hispanic White | Non-Hispanic Black | Latino | Asian |
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| United States | 14.0% | 19.5% | 13.2% | 9.2% | 11.6% | 23.8% | 21.0% | 11.8% |
| Pennsylvania | 12.9% | 18.5% | 12.3% | 7.8% | 10.1% | 26.4% | 30.0% | 14.0% |
| Lancaster County/City | 11.0% | 17.8% | 9.6% | 6.3% | 9.1% | 31.3% | 32.6% | 15.7% |
| Harrisburg-Carlisle | 9.4% | 13.8% | 8.8% | 5.9% | 6.8% | 21.5% | 29.9% | 10.9% |
| Lebanon County | 9.3% | 12.9% | 9.4% | 4.5% | 8.2% | N/A | 22.1% | N/A |
| Philadelphia | 25.7% | 37.3% | 23.4% | 17.4% | 17.7% | 30.8% | 37.9% | 22.9% |
| Reading | 13.6% | 21.3% | 17.8% | 8.1% | 10.6% | 18.9% | 36.0% | 12.6% |
| York | 9.9% | 13.5% | 9.4% | 7.0% | 8.6% | 17.3% | 29.4% | N/A |

Poverty by Age in Philadelphia

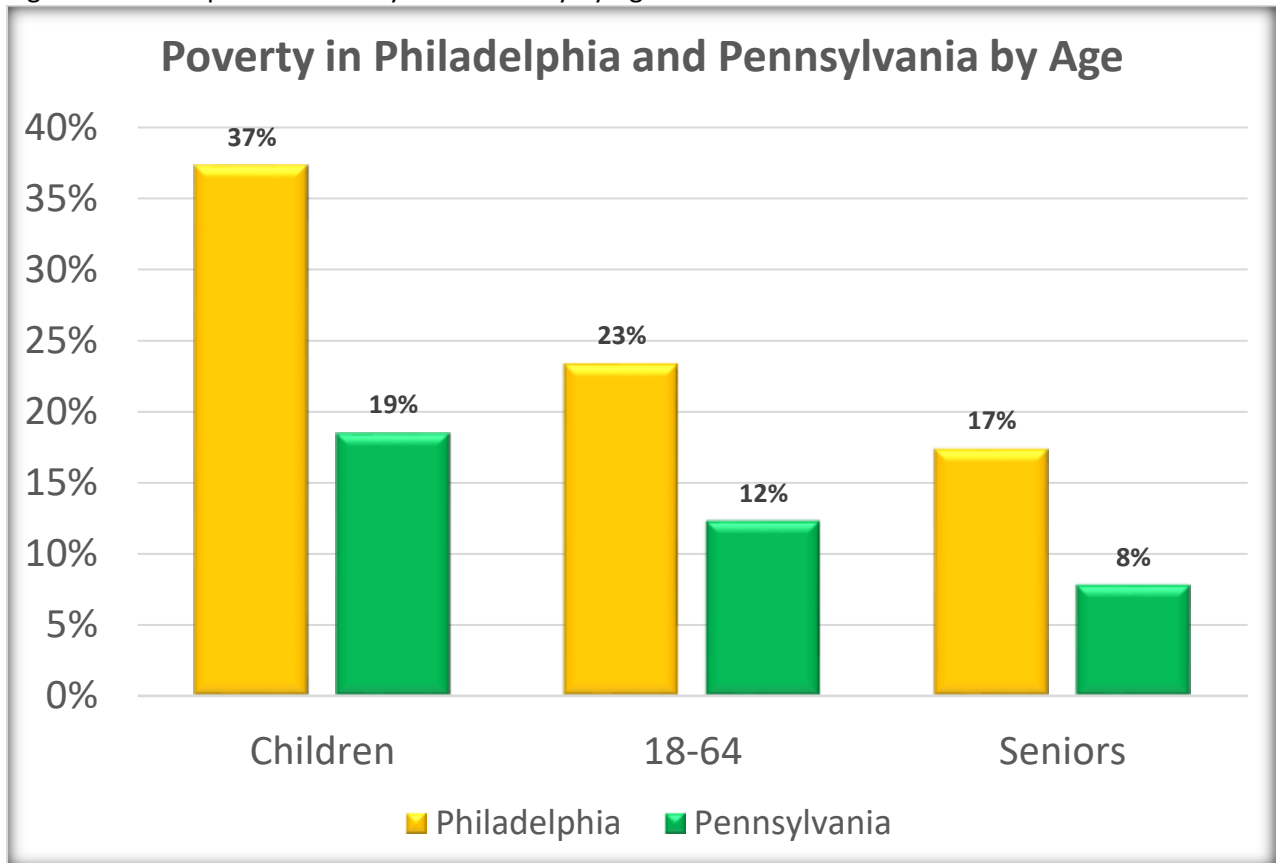
Analyzing poverty in Philadelphia according to age group, the highest rate of poverty is among children (under the age of 18) at 37.3%, while the lowest poverty rate is among seniors (individuals over the age of 65) at 17.4%. The poverty rate for the age group of 18-64 is 23.4%. When compared to the United States, the poverty rates for each age group are significantly higher in Philadelphia than in the United States.

Figure 1-Philadelphia and U.S. Poverty by Age



In the state of Pennsylvania, the poverty rate for children (under the age of 18) is 18.5% which is significantly lower than the poverty rate for children in Philadelphia (37.3%). For the age group of 18 to 64, the poverty rate in Pennsylvania is 12.3% and in Philadelphia, the poverty rate for this age group is 23.4%. For seniors (over the age of 65), the poverty rate is 7.8% in the state of Pennsylvania, and in Philadelphia, the poverty rate for seniors is 17.4%.

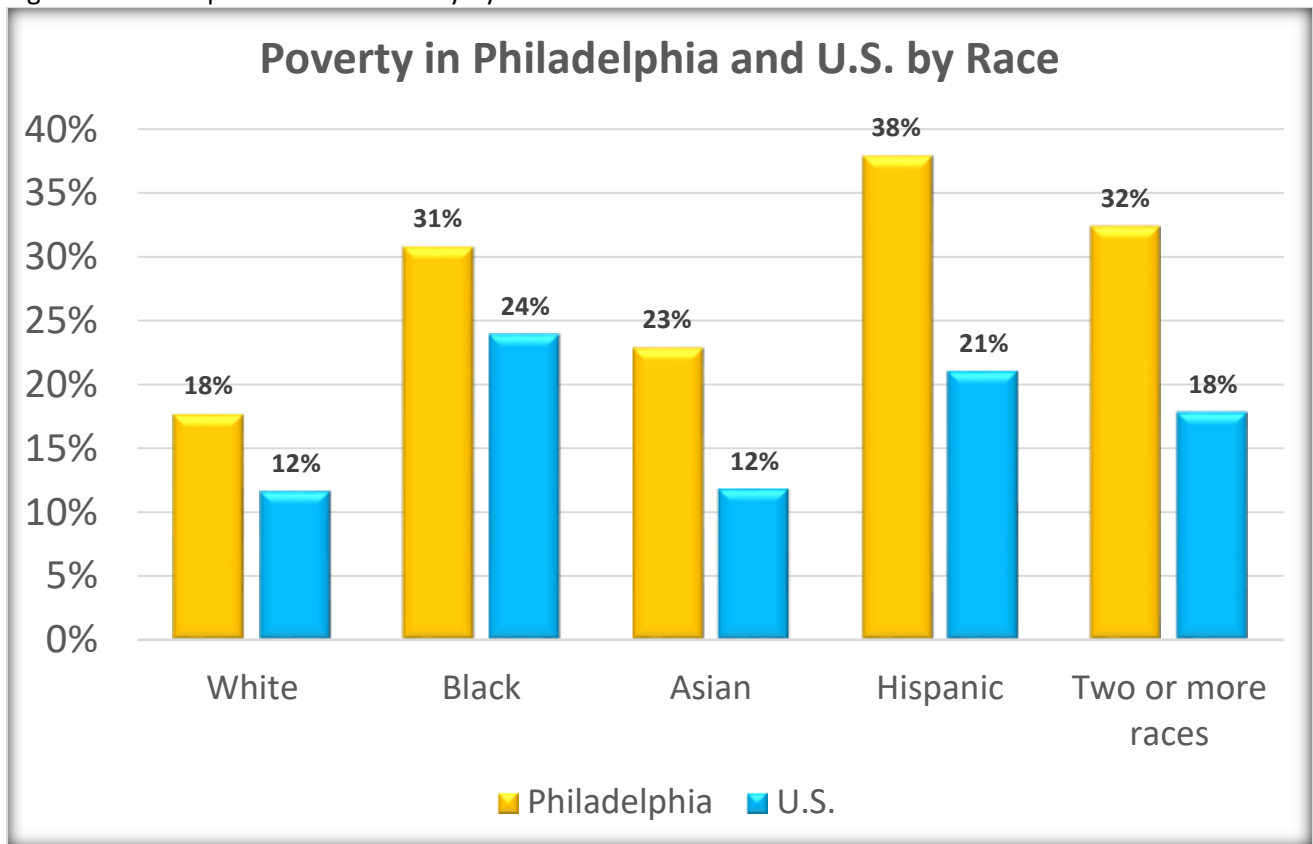
Figure 2-Philadelphia and Pennsylvania Poverty by Age



Philadelphia Poverty by Race

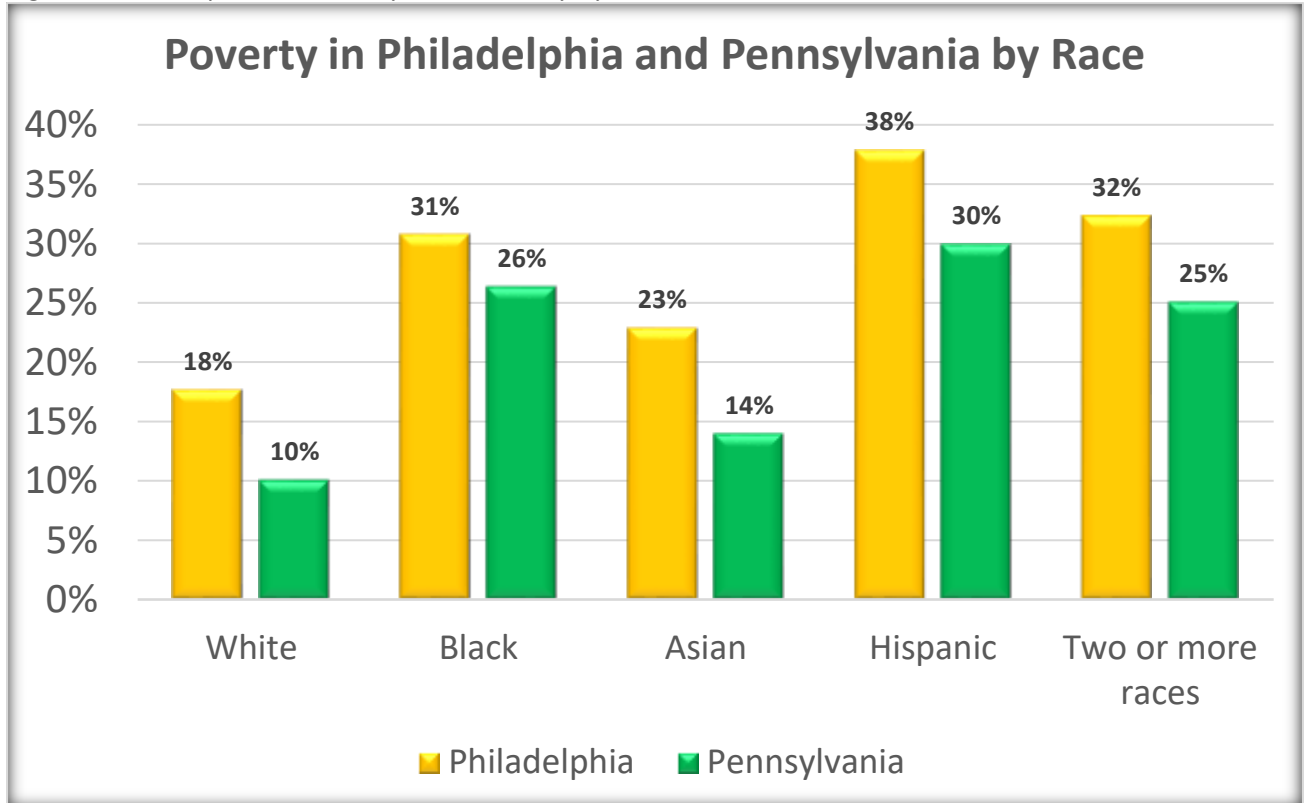
Poverty extends across racial groups and is even more profound among the minority populations living in Philadelphia. The highest rate of poverty is among Hispanic people at 37.9%, followed by people identifying as two or more races at 32.4%. Black people have the next highest rate of poverty at 30.8%. Among the Asian population, 22.9% are living in poverty. The White population has the lowest rate of poverty at 17.7%. Across all racial groups, poverty is higher in Philadelphia than it is in the United States.

Figure 3-Philadelphia and U.S. Poverty by Race



In the state of Pennsylvania, the highest rate of poverty is among Hispanic people with a poverty rate of 30%. Black people have the next highest rate at 26.4% which is closely followed by two or more races at 25.1%. Among the Asian population, the poverty rate for Pennsylvania is 14%, with White people having the lowest rate of poverty in Pennsylvania (10.1%). Comparing Philadelphia with the state of Pennsylvania as a whole, the poverty rates are higher in Philadelphia for all racial groups than the poverty rates for Pennsylvania.

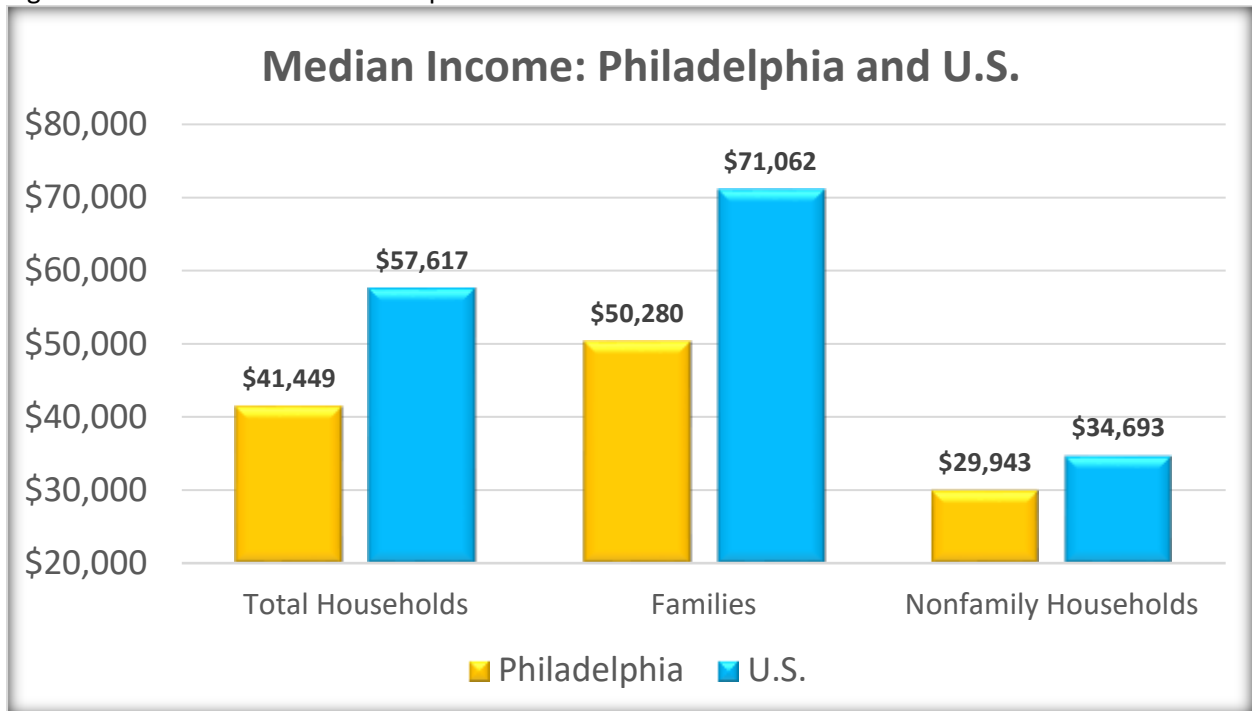
Figure 4-Philadelphia and Pennsylvania Poverty by Race



Median Income in Philadelphia

The median total household income for Philadelphia is \$41,449 which is significantly lower than the median total household income for the U.S. (\$57,617). For families, the median income for Philadelphia is \$50,280 which, is significantly lower than the median income for families in the U.S. (\$71,062). For nonfamily households, the median income for Philadelphia is \$29,943, which is lower than the median nonfamily household income for the U.S. (\$34,693).

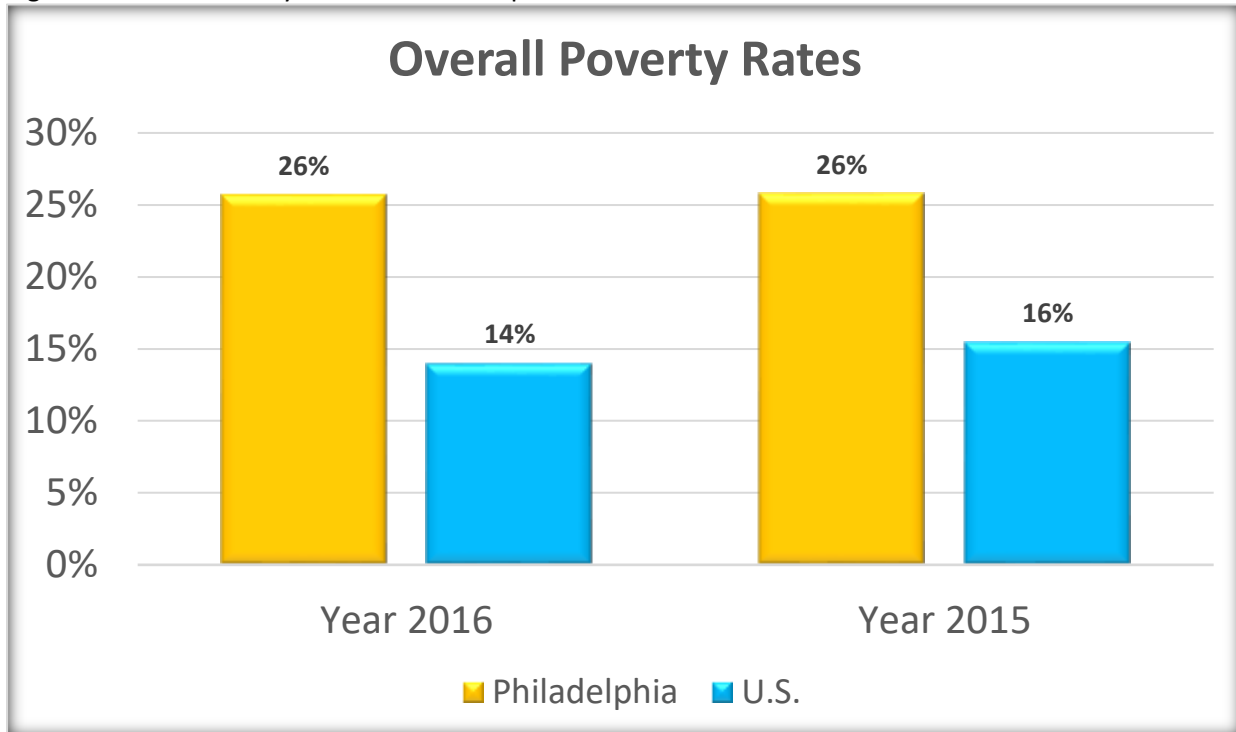
Figure 5-Median Income in Philadelphia and U.S.



Yearly Overall Rates of Poverty

The poverty rate in 2016 for the U.S. is at 14%, which is a slight decrease from the poverty rate of 15.5% in 2015. The poverty rate in Philadelphia in 2016 is at 26%, which is the exact same rate of poverty for Philadelphia in 2015. In both years, Philadelphia's rate of poverty is substantially higher than the poverty rates for the U.S.

Figure 6-Overall Poverty Rates for Philadelphia and U.S. in 2016 and 2015



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Sources:

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