

# FAMILIES IN POVERTY IN MEMPHIS, TN

## The Characteristics of Families in 2020 (2019 ACS-Census)

### By Family Structure

- There are 142,433 families in Memphis
- There are 72,167 married couple families
- There are 57,258 female householder families
- 48% of families have 2 people or fewer
- 40% of families have 3 or 4 people
- 10% of families have 5 or 6 people
- 2% of families have 7 or more people

### By Race

- There are 90,991 (63.9%) Black or African American families
- There are 2,500 (1.8%) Asian families
- There are 8,221 (5.8%) Hispanic or Latino families – this figure is probably inexact, as Shelby County Schools lists approximately 14.9% of its students as Hispanic or Latino
- There are 39,533 (27.8%) Non-Hispanic White families

### Poverty

	Percent
Families in poverty	19.9%
Families below 50 percent of poverty level	9.1%
Married couple families in poverty	7%
Married couple families with children under 5 in poverty	7.5%
Married couple families with children under 18 in poverty	11.3%
Female householder families in poverty	35.1%
Female householder families with children under 5 in poverty	52.6%
Female householder with children under 18 in poverty	46.6%
Householder 65 years and over under poverty	8.7%
Female householder 65 and over under poverty	14.8%
By family size	
Total Families under poverty	
2 people	13.5%
3 or 4 people	22.0%
5 or 6 people	36.1%
7 or more people	47.5%
Married Couple families under poverty	
2 people	4.4%
3 or 4 people	5.9%
5 or 6 people	17.6%

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7 or more people	31.2%
Female householder under poverty	
2 people	23.8%
3 or 4 people	39.9%
5 or 6 people	56.8%
7 or more people	72.8%
<b>By Race</b>	
Black or African American families alone under poverty	25.5%
Black or African American married couple families under poverty	8.3%
Black or African American female householder family under poverty	36.5%
Asian families alone under poverty	8.3%
Asian Alone married couple families under poverty	4.3%
Asian Alone female householder family under poverty	18.0%
Non-Hispanic White under poverty	6.1%
Non-Hispanic White married couple families under poverty	3.0%
Non-Hispanic White female householder family under poverty	19.4%
Hispanic families alone under poverty	28.1%
Hispanic married couple families under poverty	22.3%
Hispanic female householder family under poverty	57.8%
<b>By Educational Attainment</b>	
Less than high school graduate	39.9%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	27.4%
Some college, associate's degree	19.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher	4.4%
<b>By Educational Attainment for Female Headed Households</b>	
Less than high school graduate	55.1%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	41.9%
Some college, associate's degree	32.2%
Bachelor's degree or higher	9.0%

Data from the 2019 ACS from the Bureau of the Census. Tables S1702, B17010B, B17010D, B17010H, & B17010I.