

Economic Opportunity in Oklahoma

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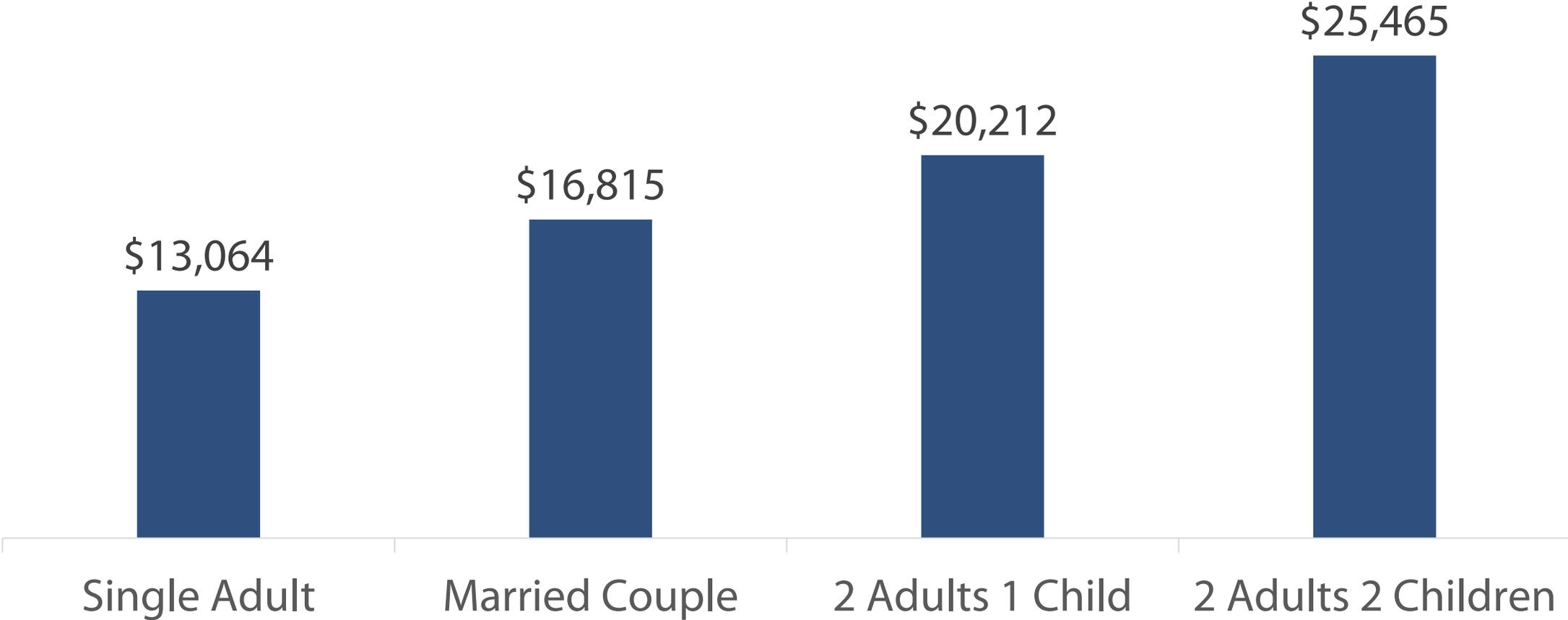
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The Federal Poverty Threshold

- Adopted in 1965 as part of the Great Society program efforts
- Based on the cost of a minimally adequate 1960 diet, tied to the Consumer Price Index
- Adjustments for family size and type



Federal Poverty Thresholds – 2018

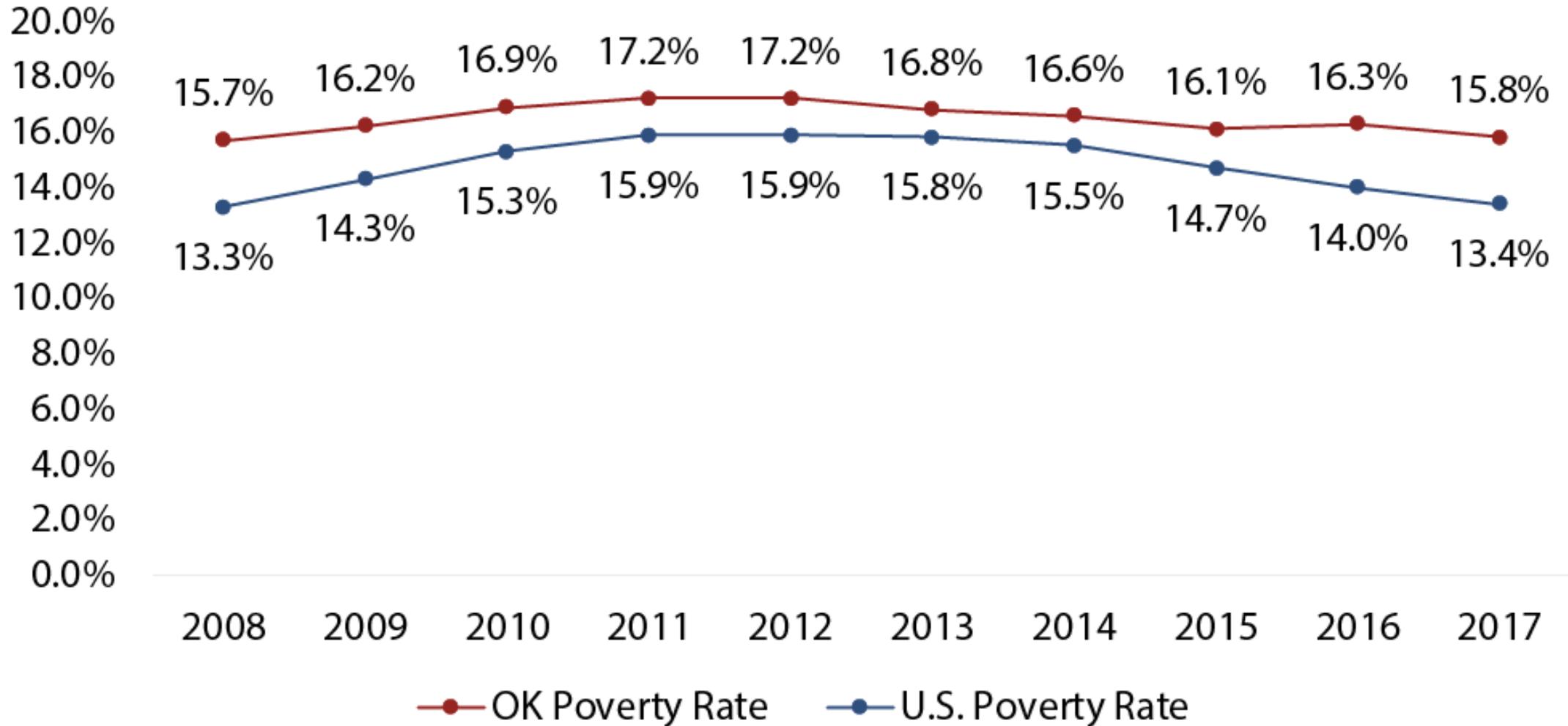


Supplemental Poverty Measure

- Poverty thresholds are set at the 33rd percentile of expenditures on food, clothing, shelter, and utilities (FCSU) multiplied by 1.2 to account for non-FCSU needs.
- Includes all post-tax income as well as non-cash benefits, then subtracts all necessary expenses (like child care costs and out-of-pocket medical expenses).
- Gives us a better estimate of how many Americans don't have enough resources to meet their needs.



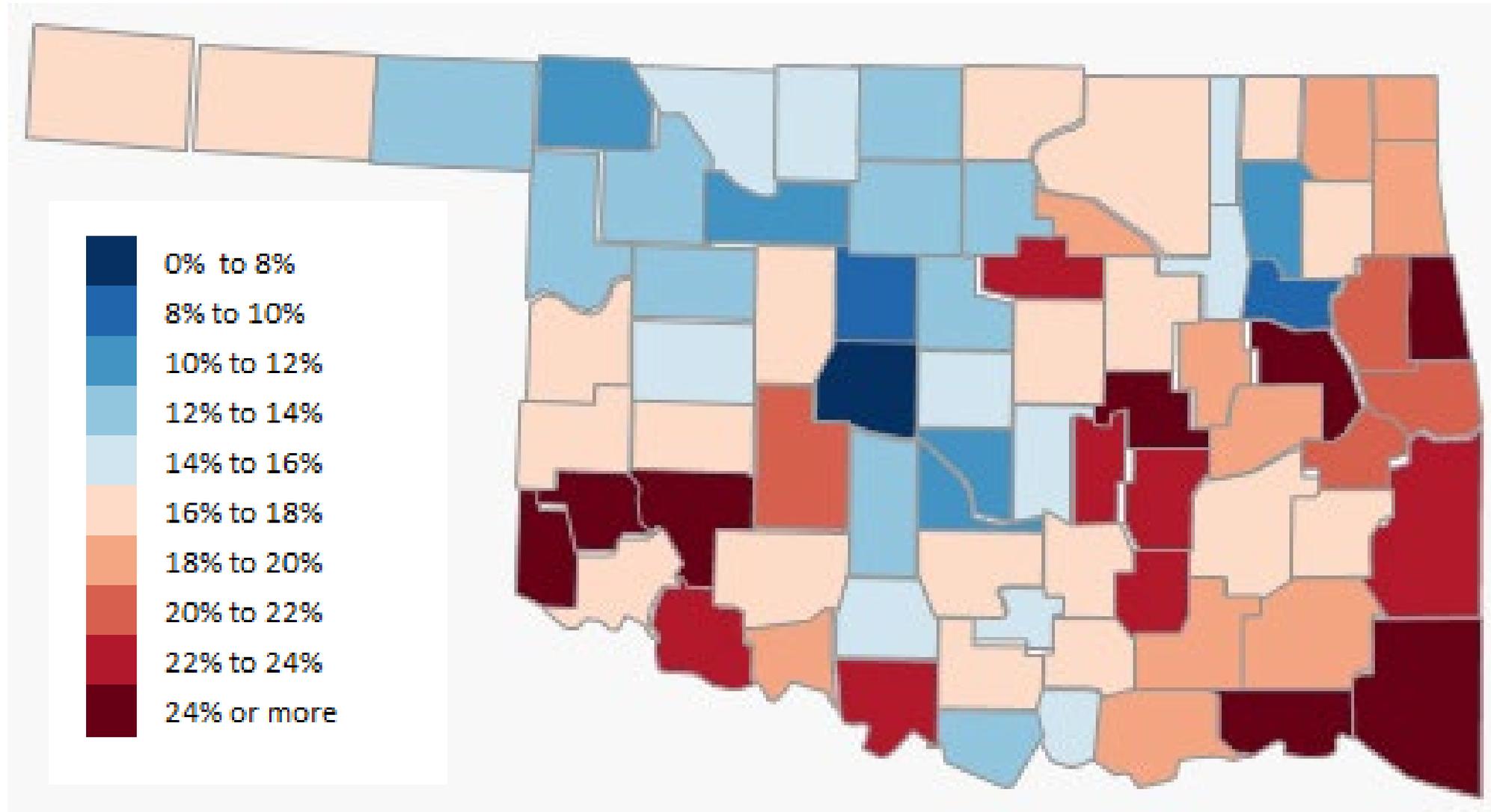
Poverty in Oklahoma



Source: American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau



Poverty by County



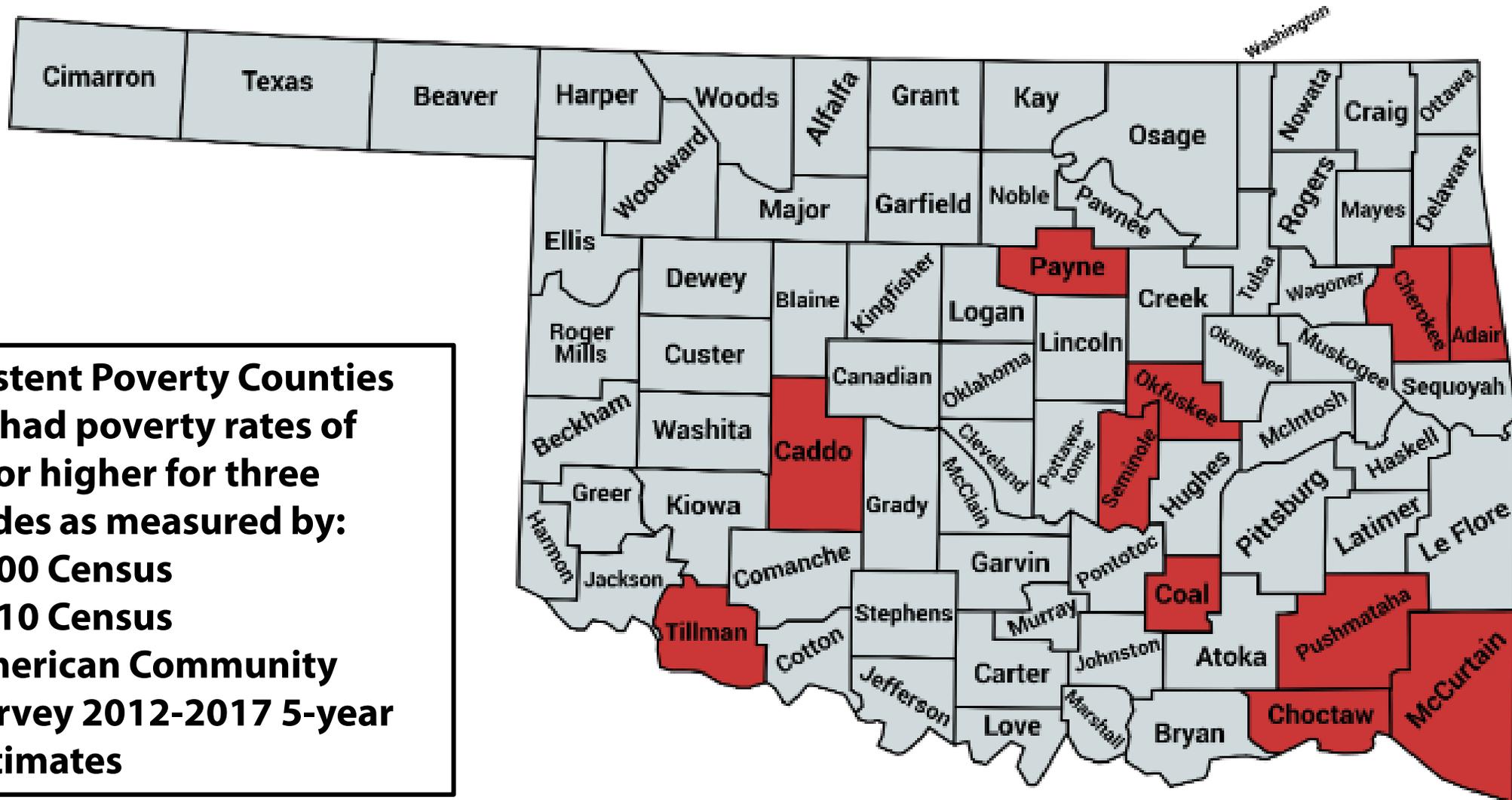
Source: 2017 Small Area Income & Poverty Estimates, U.S. Census Bureau



Persistent Poverty in Oklahoma

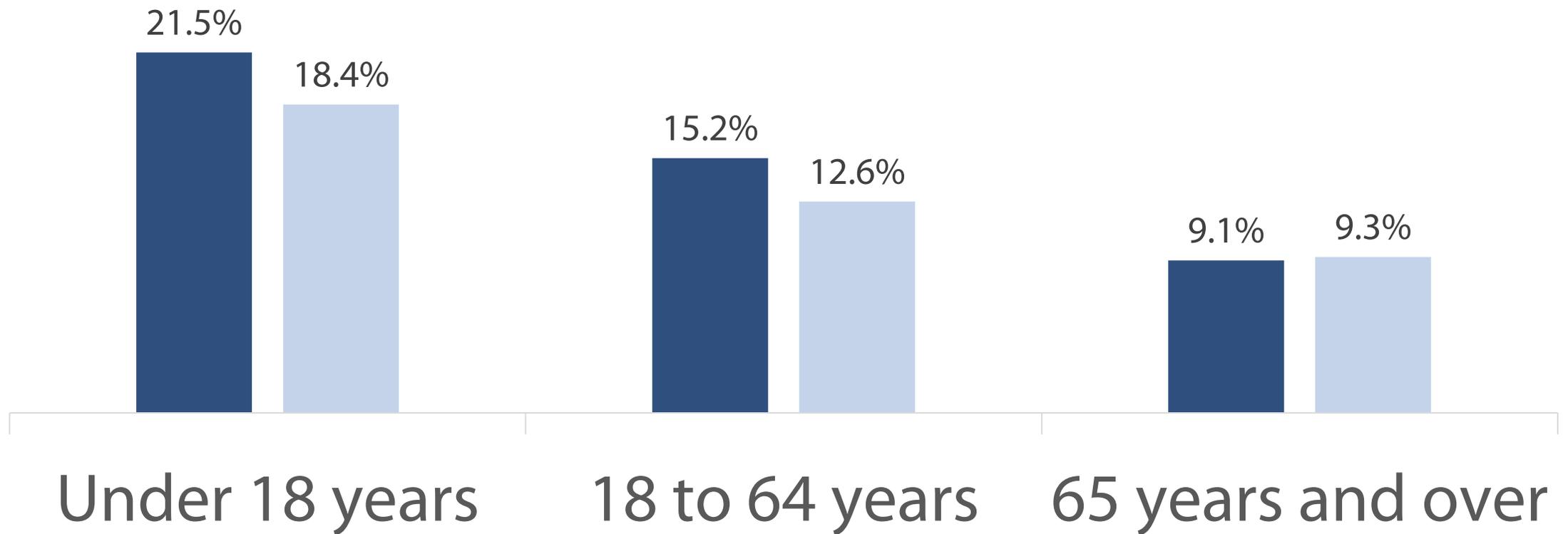
Persistent Poverty Counties have had poverty rates of 20% or higher for three decades as measured by:

- 2000 Census
- 2010 Census
- American Community Survey 2012-2017 5-year estimates

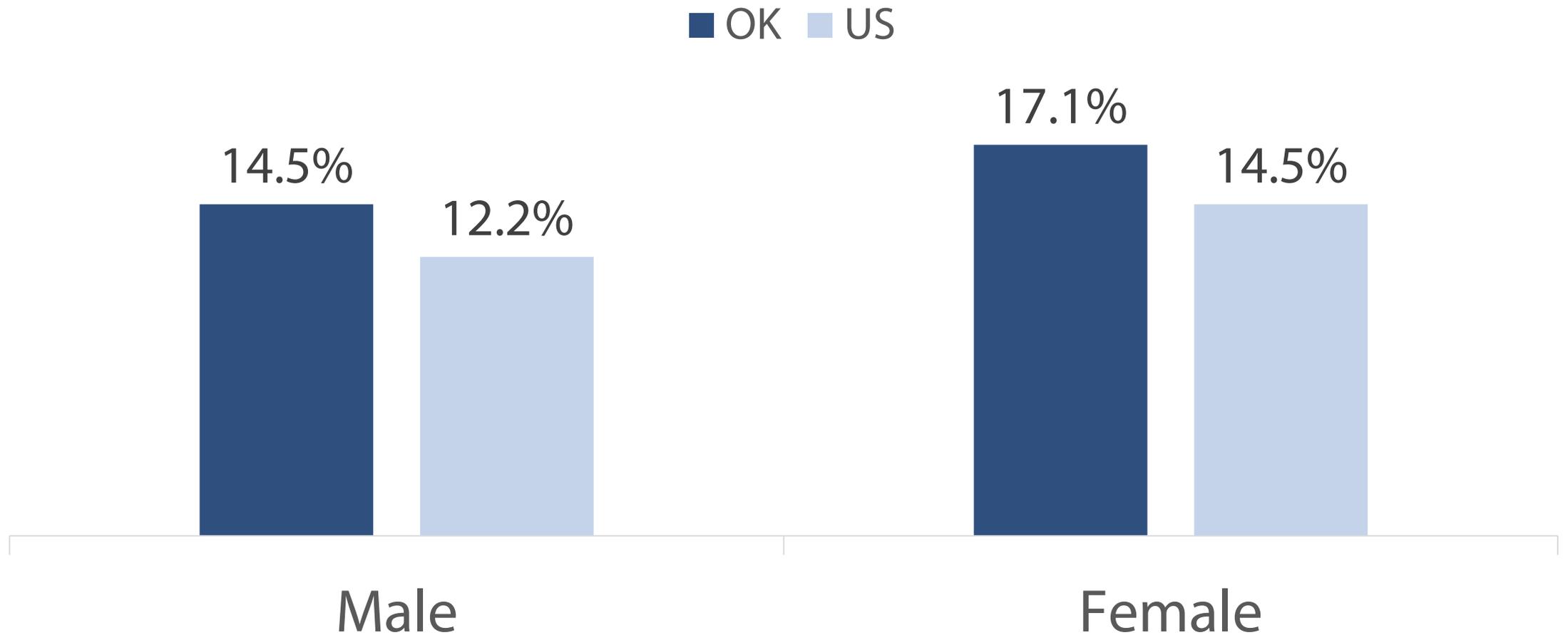


Poverty by Age

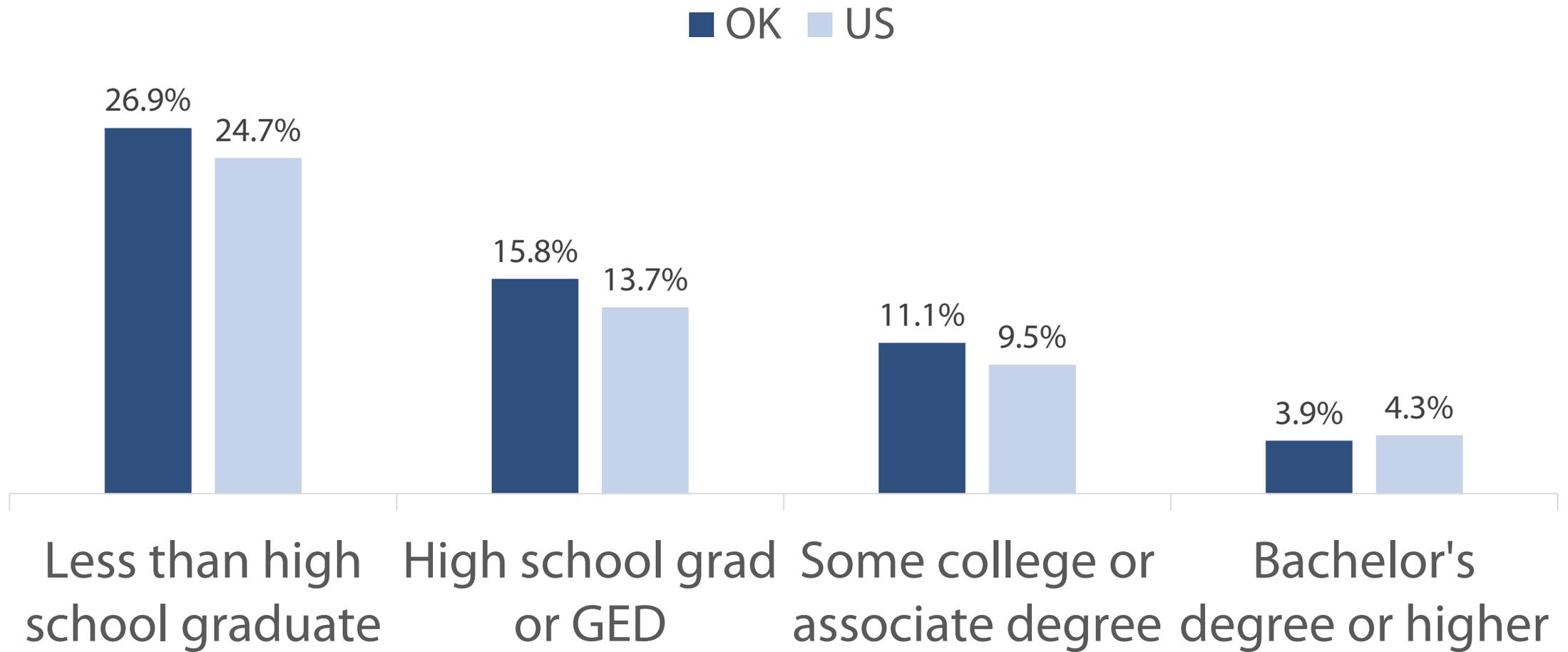
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Poverty by Sex

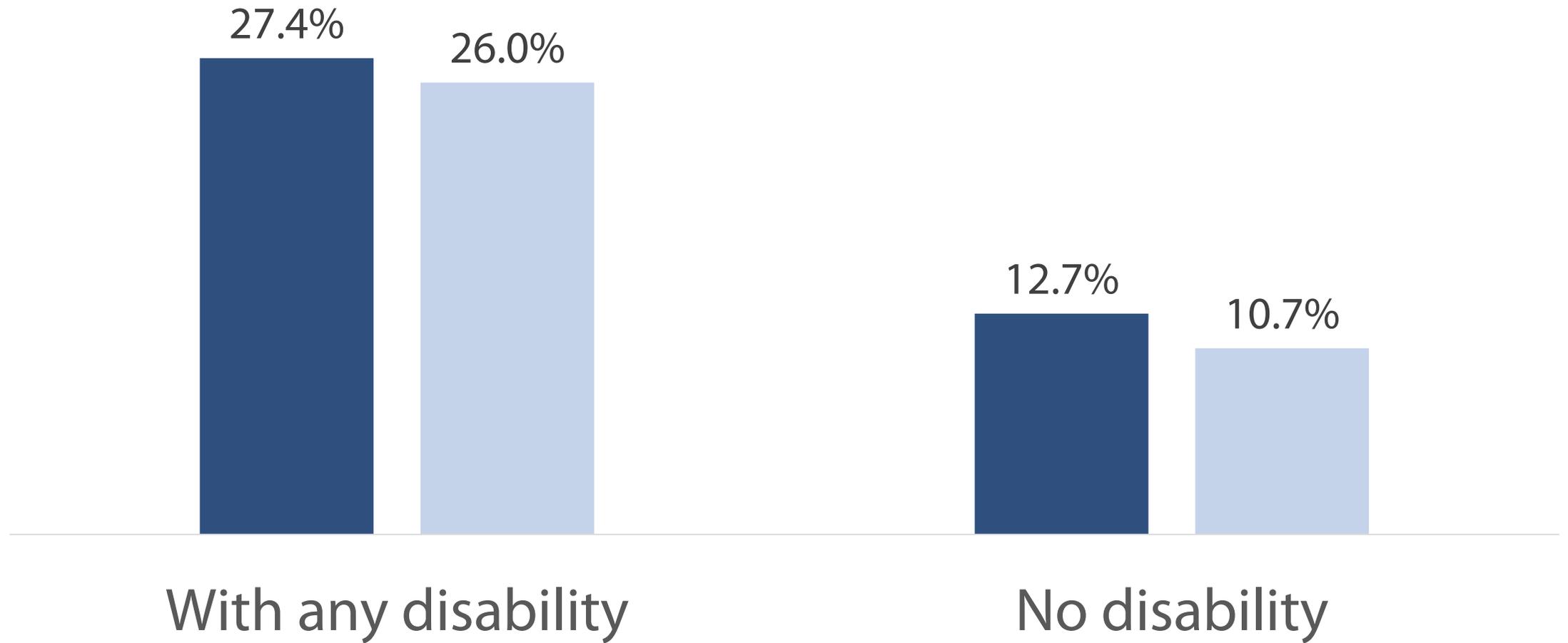


Poverty by Education

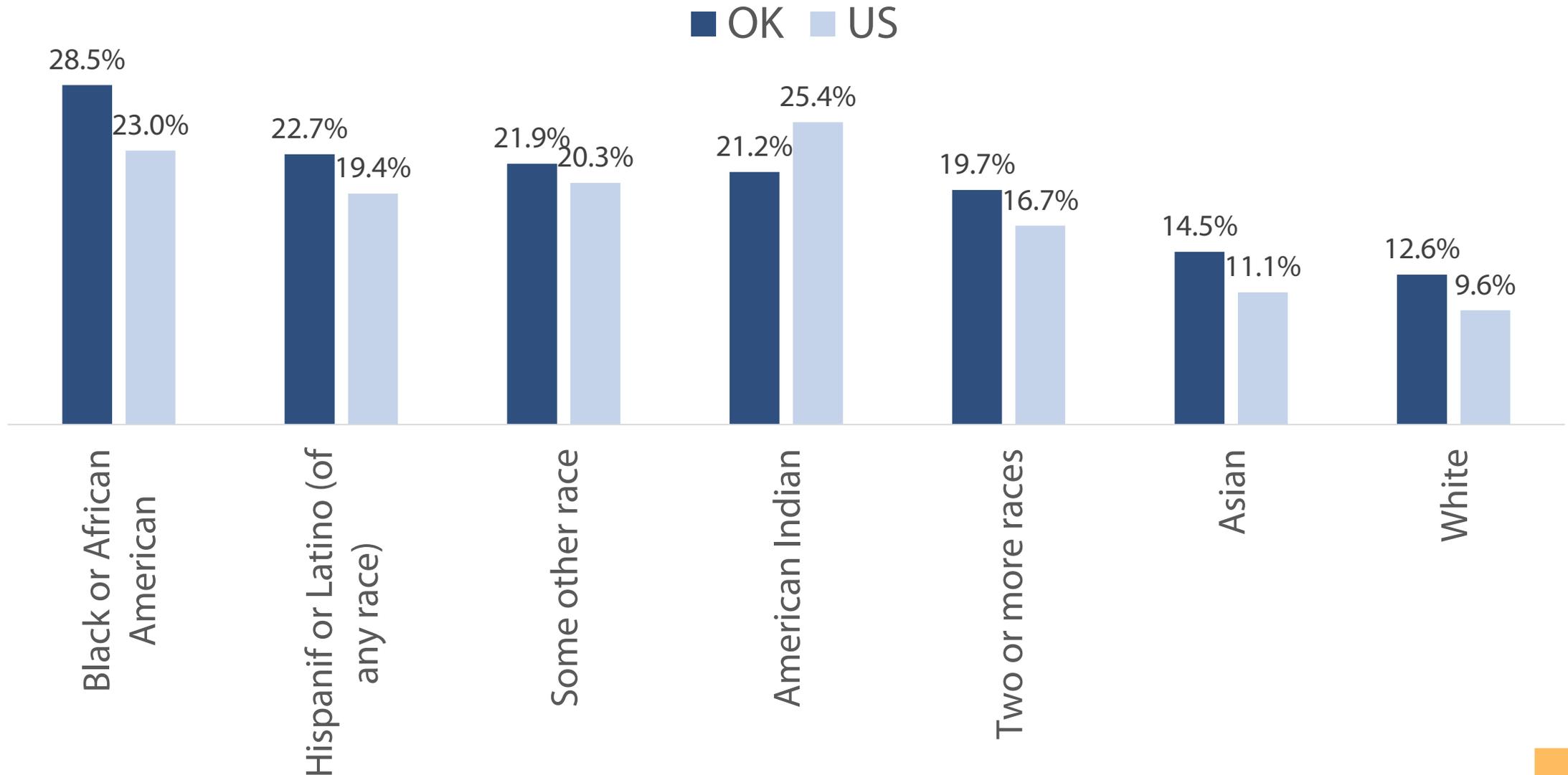


Poverty by Disability Status

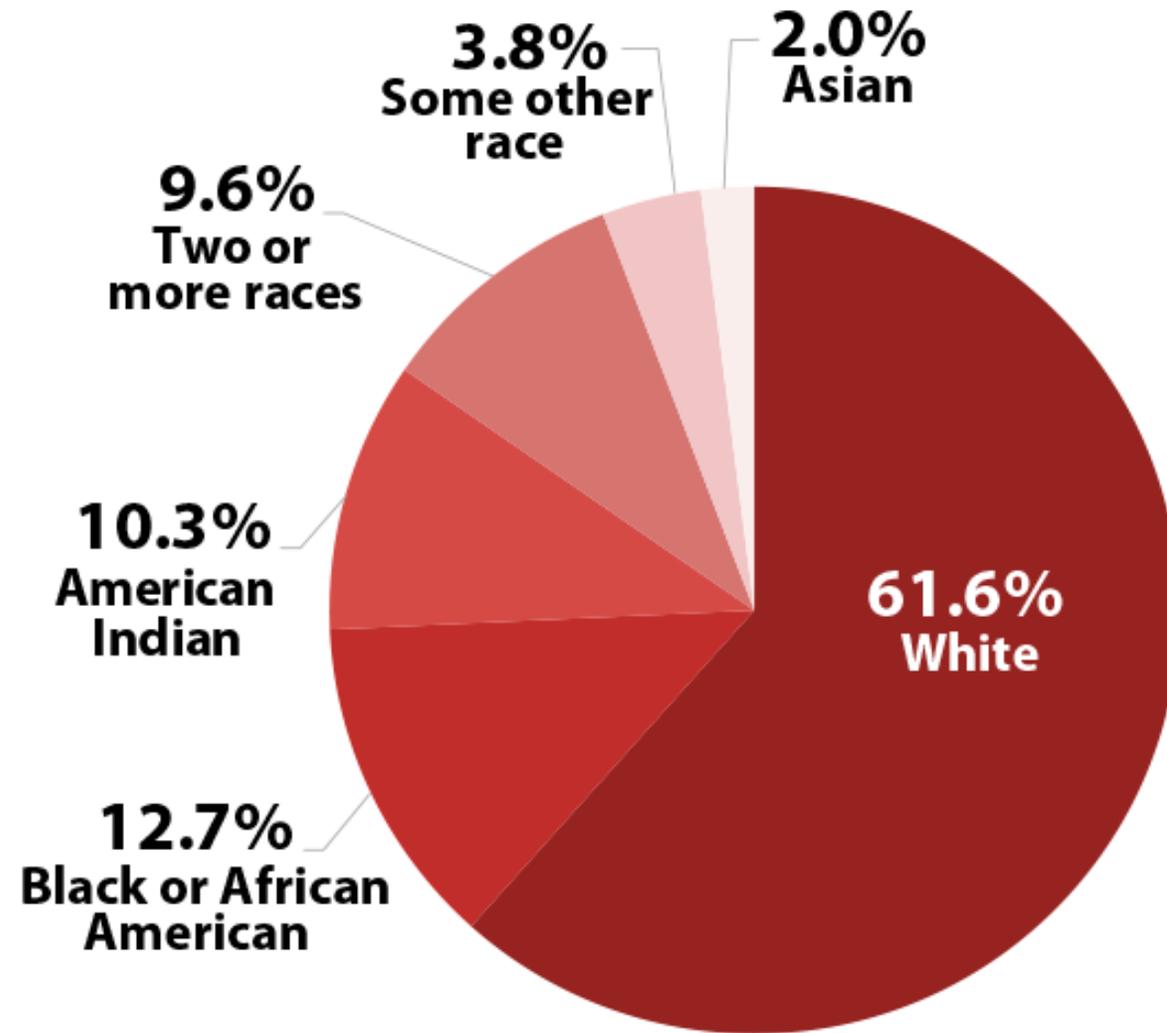
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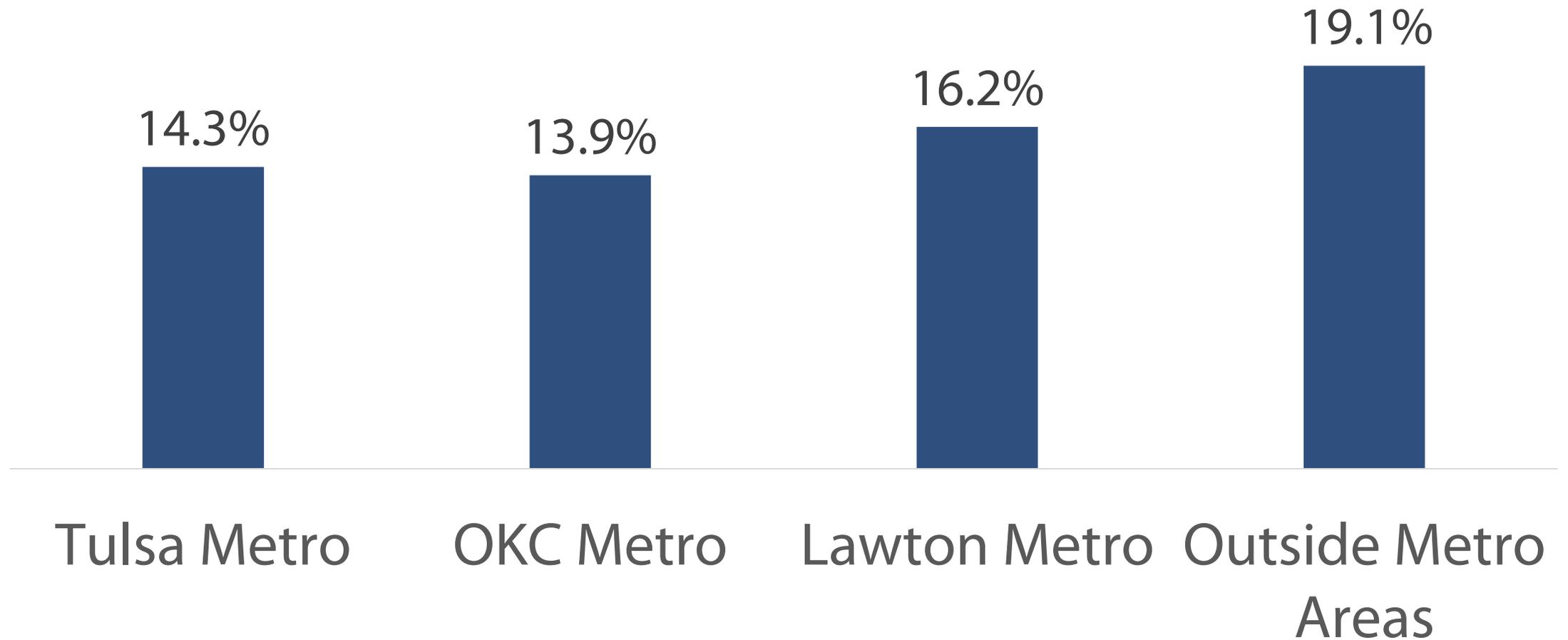
Poverty by Race and Ethnicity



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Urban and Rural Poverty



Serious Illness

Cost of College

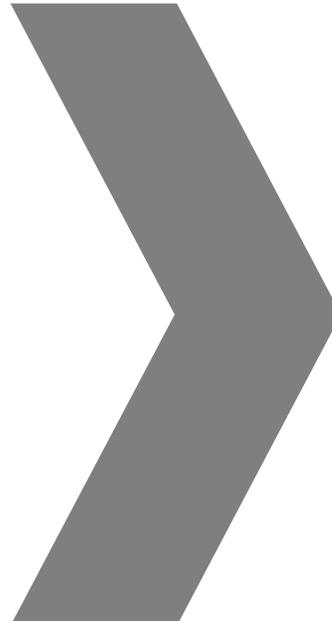
Lack of quality jobs

Justice Involved



Debt
Lost Income

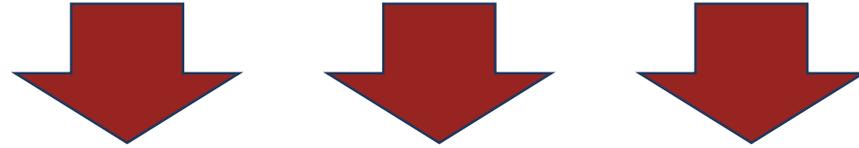
Low-wage jobs
Unemployment



Poverty &
Financial
Insecurity



Lack of Resources



Reduced access to credit and greater debt

Limited housing options

Transportation challenges

Unsteady employment

Subpar educational options



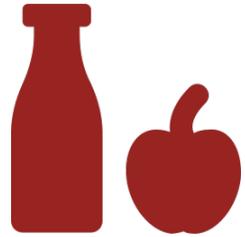
The “safety net” is...

- A network of programs targeted at individuals and families living in poverty or near-poverty
 - Most are federal programs that are administered at the state or local level
 - Most have a means test to determine eligibility
- Current safety net is commonly considered to include 13 programs that help people and families meet their core needs





Education & Jobs



Nutrition



Health Care



General Needs



Panel: The Lived Experience of Poverty

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