



624,043 Oklahomans had incomes below the poverty level in 2016.

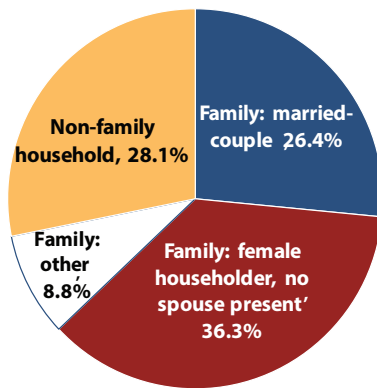
What is the Federal Poverty Level?

- The federal poverty level (FPL) was first established in 1965 at three times the cost of a basic food plan. The FPL is adjusted annually for inflation.
- Federal poverty rates consider only pre-tax income. They do not account for non-cash benefits like SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) or after-tax income like the Earned Income Tax Credit.
- While the measure has its flaws, federal poverty rates are useful as an estimate of the number of Oklahomans who are struggling in the private economy. The FPL is also used to determine eligibility for various public programs and benefits like Medicaid and SNAP.

2016 Federal Poverty Guidelines

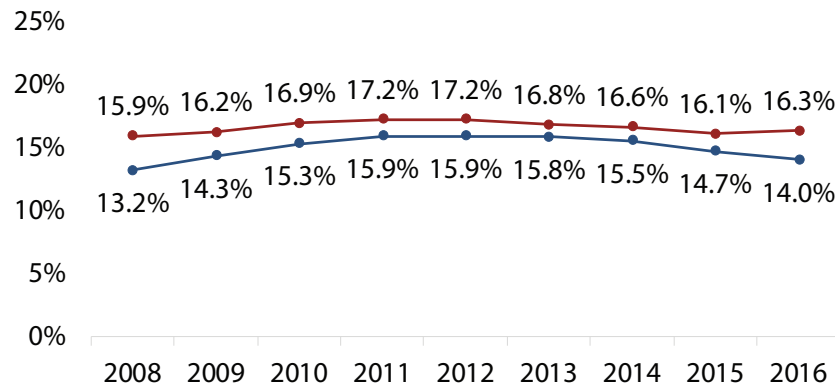
Household size	Poverty threshold
1	\$11,880
2	\$16,020
3	\$20,160
4	\$24,300
5	\$28,440
6	\$32,580
7	\$36,730
8	\$40,890

1 in 3 Oklahomans in poverty are in single-mother households; 1 in 4 are in married couple households

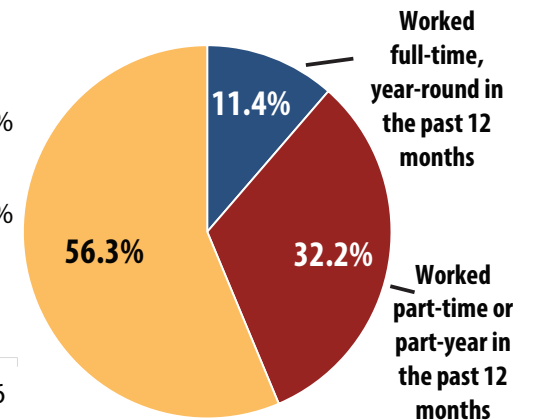


Poverty in Oklahoma remains above the national average

US vs. Oklahoma poverty rate, 2008 - 2016



2 in 5 Oklahomans in poverty have been employed in the past year

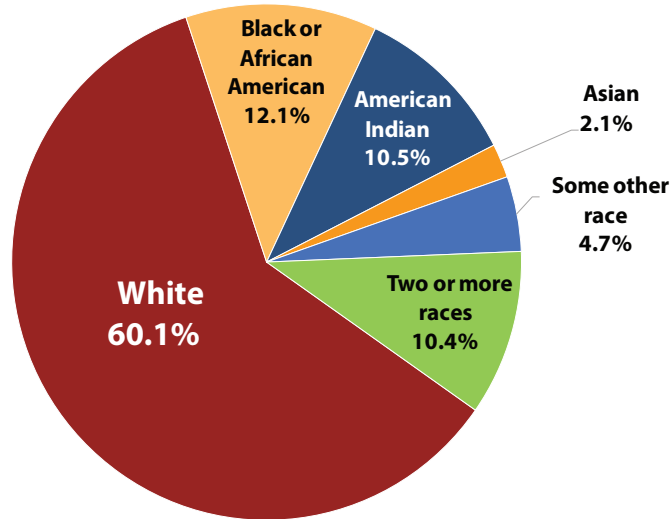


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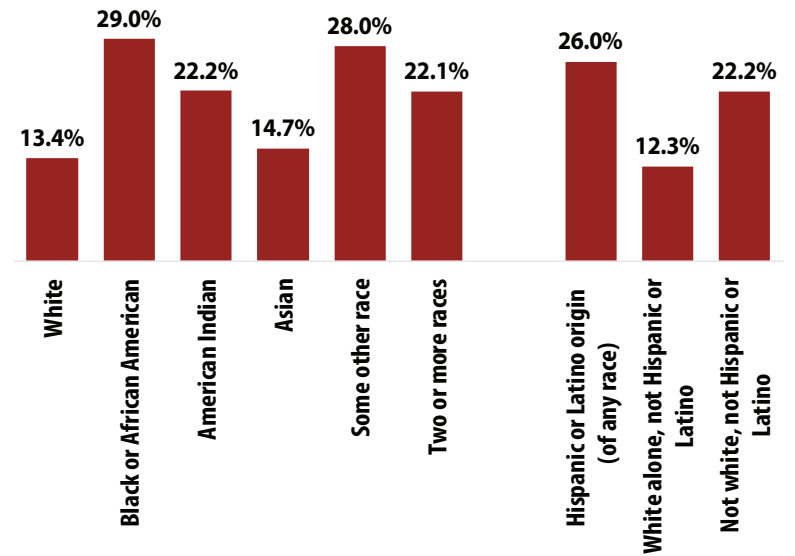
2016 Oklahoma Poverty Profile



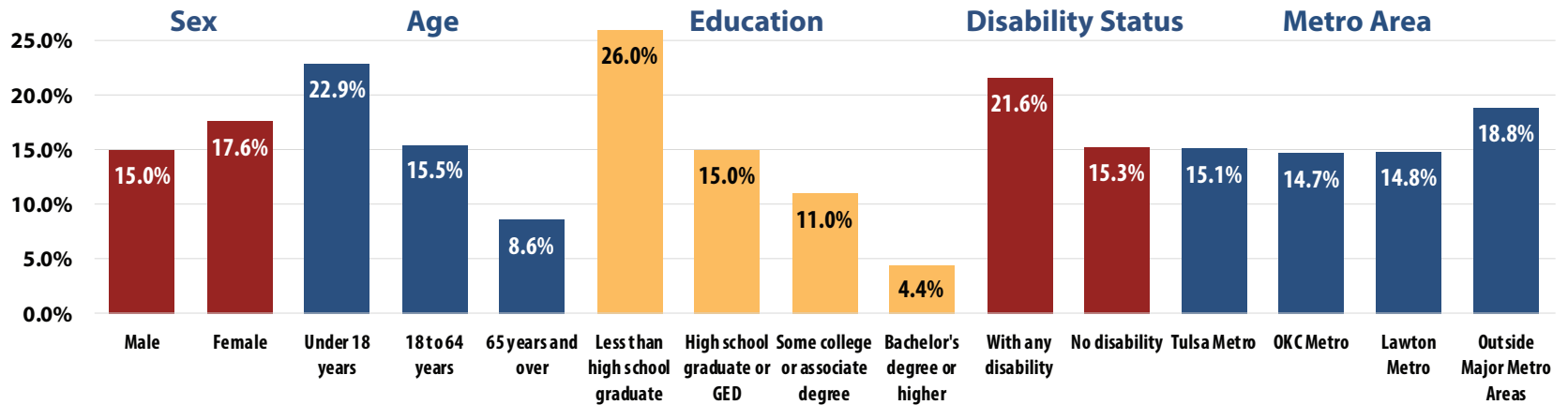
Most Oklahomans living in poverty are white, even though white Oklahomans have a lower overall poverty rate compared to other groups.



Within racial and ethnic groups, poverty rates are highest among Oklahomans of color.



Poverty Rates By...



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