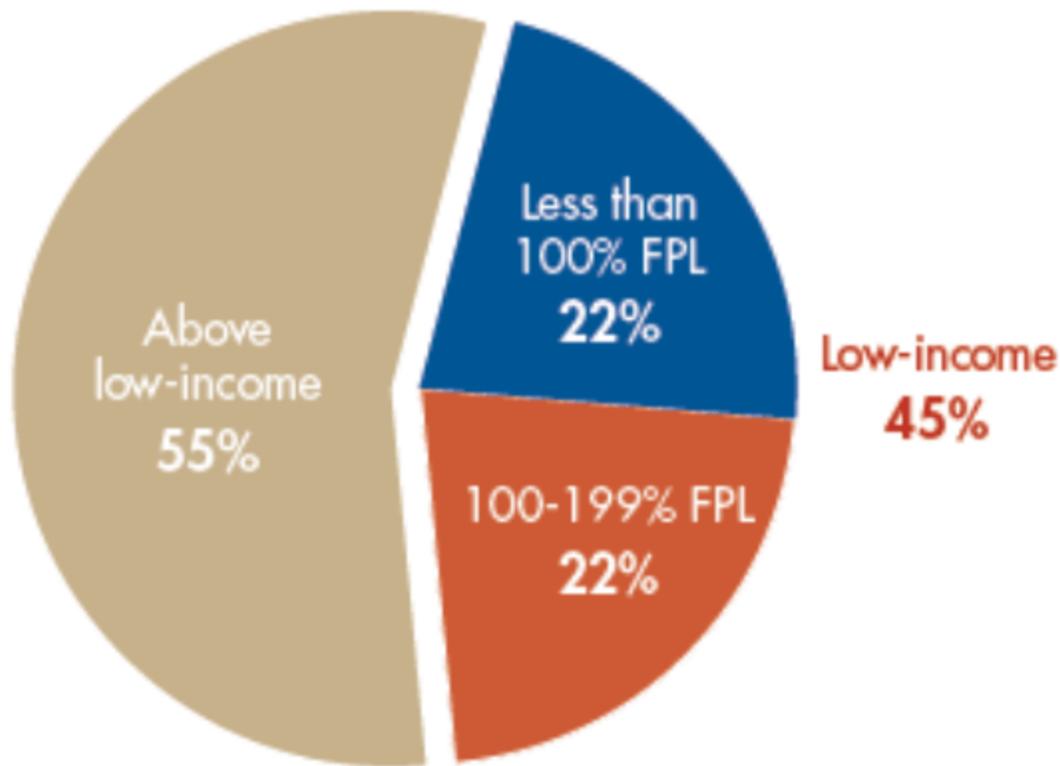


U.S. Poverty: By the Numbers

Children by family income, 2011



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Basic Facts About Low-Income Children: Children Under 18 Years, 2011

- U.S. poverty (less than \$17,916 for a family of three): 46.2 million people, 15.1 percent
- Children in poverty: 16.1 million, 22 percent of all children, including 39 percent of African-American children and 34 percent of Latino children. Poorest age group in country.
- Deep poverty (less than \$11,510 for a family of four): 20.4 million people, 1 in 15 Americans, including more than 15 million women and children
- People who would have been in poverty if not for Social Security, 2011: 67.6 million (program kept 21.4 million people out of poverty)

- People in the U.S. experiencing poverty by age 65: Roughly half
- Gender gap, 2011: Women 34 percent more likely to be poor than men
- Gender gap, 2010: Women 29 percent more likely to be poor than men
- Twice the poverty level (less than \$46,042 for a family of four): 106 million people, more than 1 in 3 Americans
- Jobs in the U.S. paying less than \$34,000 a year: 50 percent
- Jobs in the U.S. paying below the poverty line for a family of four, less than \$23,000 annually: 25 percent
- Poverty-level wages, 2011: 28 percent of workers
- Percentage of individuals and family members in poverty who either worked or lived with a working family member, 2011: 57 percent
- Families receiving cash assistance, 1996: 6.8 for every 100 families living in poverty
- Families receiving cash assistance, 2010: 27 for every 100 families living in poverty
- Impact of public policy, 2010: Without government assistance, poverty would have been twice as high — nearly 30 percent of population
- Percentage of entitlement benefits going to elderly, disabled or working households: Over 90 percent.
- Number of homeless children in U.S. public schools: 1,065,794
- Annual cost of child poverty nationwide: \$550 billion
- Federal expenditures on home ownership mortgage deductions, 2012: \$131 billion
- Federal funding for low-income housing assistance programs, 2012: Less than \$50 billion
