

# Hartford Data Snapshot

## Children and Youth in Poverty



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Poverty is a significant, multifaceted issue impacting children and families in Hartford. Twenty-eight percent of Hartford residents live at or below the poverty level, and that percentage increases to 37% for children under 18. This is far higher than Connecticut's overall percentage of people living below the poverty level (9%) and the state level for youth (13%). We reviewed the available data about Hartford residents who lived below the poverty by neighborhood. The data are based on 5-year estimates from the US Census American Community Survey. The Census Bureau uses family income and size to determine poverty levels.

### Portion of Hartford Residents Living in Poverty by Neighborhood

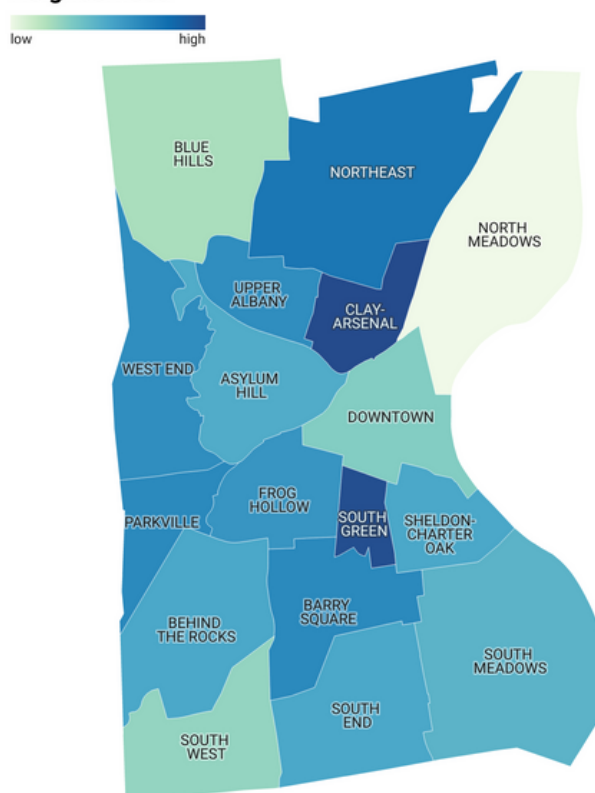
In some neighborhoods in Hartford, nearly half or half of the residents live below the poverty level, a much higher portion than the city's overall poverty rate of 28%. The Clay Arsenal neighborhood has the highest concentration of residents in poverty (50%). Even more alarming, 67% of children and youth in that neighborhood live in poverty.

#### Percentage of Total Population living in Poverty

BLUE HILLS	10%
NORTHEAST	38%
NORTH MEADOWS	0%
WEST END	32%
UPPER ALBANY	32%
CLAY-ARSENAL	50%
ASYLUM HILL	24%
DOWNTOWN	15%
FROG HOLLOW	30%
PARKVILLE	33%
SHELDON-CHARTER OAK	25%
SOUTH GREEN	49%
BEHIND THE ROCKS	25%
SOUTH MEADOWS	22%
BARRY SQUARE	33%
SOUTH END	25%
SOUTH WEST	13%

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#### Percentage of Hartford Residents Living in Poverty by Neighborhood



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Sources: American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year estimates, 2011-2015 and 2016-2020

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## Poverty and Race/Ethnicity

When examining the racial composition of Hartford, it is evident that minority groups are the most affected by poverty. Recent Census findings are that Hartford's population primarily comprises Hispanic or Latino residents at 45%, followed by Black or African American individuals at 35%.

## Hartford's Population by Race & Ethnicity

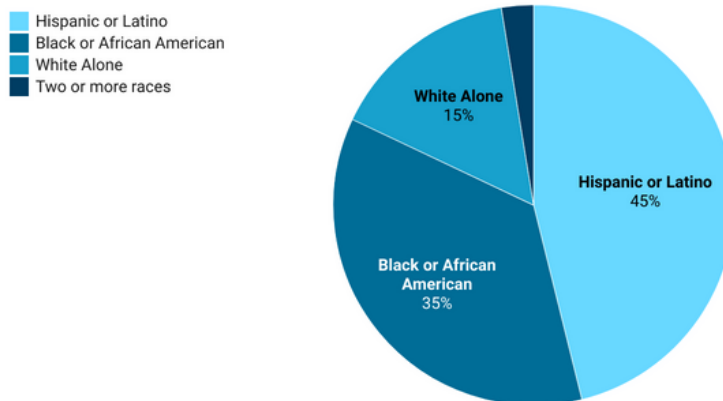


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## Incomes of Hartford Residents

The median household income in Hartford is \$36,154, significantly lower than the state's median household income of \$79,855. It's almost 50% less than the state's average.

## Median Household Income in Hartford Compared with CT



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## Family Structure

### The Percent of Children Under the Age of 18 Living in Single Parent Households in Hartford and CT

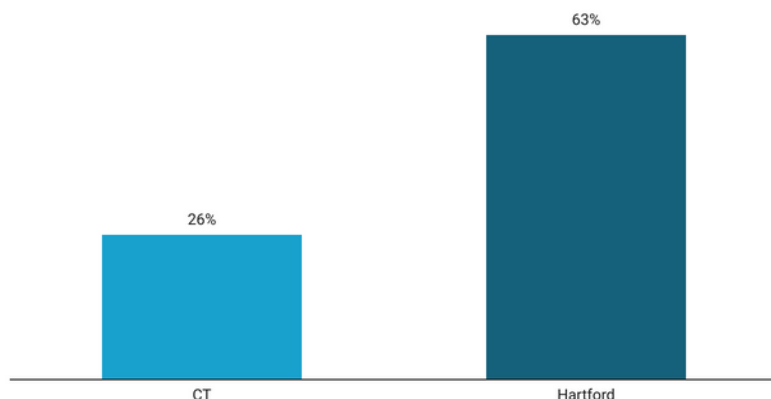


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The majority of families in Hartford are headed by single parents, who may face additional challenges in providing resources and financial support for their children. According to recent Census data, 63% of Hartford households with children under 18 years old were headed by single parents. By contrast, about 26% of households with children in CT were single-parent households. One parent present is specifically referred to as "Single Parent Families," and includes parents who have never been married, as well as those who have been widowed or gone through a divorce.

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