

# POVERTY IN FAIRFAX COUNTY



**64,600** persons or 5.8% of Fairfax County residents live in poverty. These residents are more likely than others to live in poverty:

**7.8%** of children under 18 years old (20,550 children live in poverty).

**11.9%** of Hispanic and 9.9% of Black residents (21,206 Hispanics and 9,824 Blacks live in poverty).

**21.1%** of single-mothers with children under 18 years (4,264 families headed by single-mothers containing 9,523 children live in poverty).

**9.2%** of persons, age five and older, who speak a language other than English at home (36,630 other language speakers live in poverty).

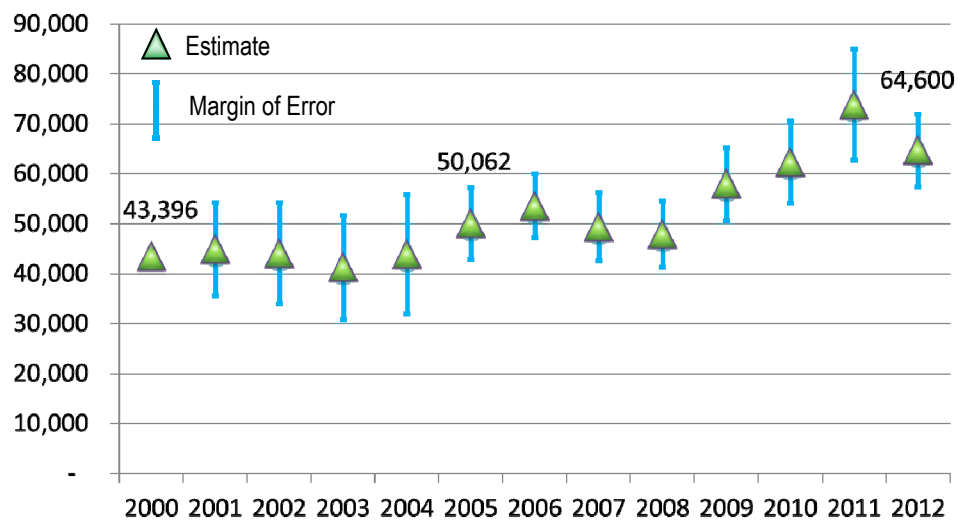
**9.5%** of men age 25 and older who have not pursued education beyond high school (7,128 men live in poverty).

**14.7%** of women age 25 and older who have not pursued education beyond high school (13,782 women live in poverty).

**10.5%** of persons age 18 and older who have a disability (6,735 persons with disabilities live in poverty).

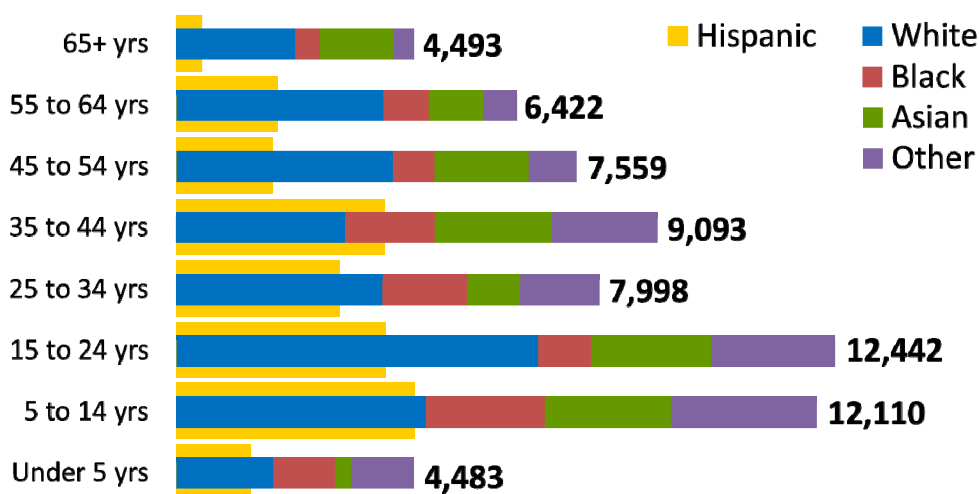
**9.5%** of foreign-born residents (31,729 immigrants live in poverty).

## Population Below Poverty Estimates and Margins of Error



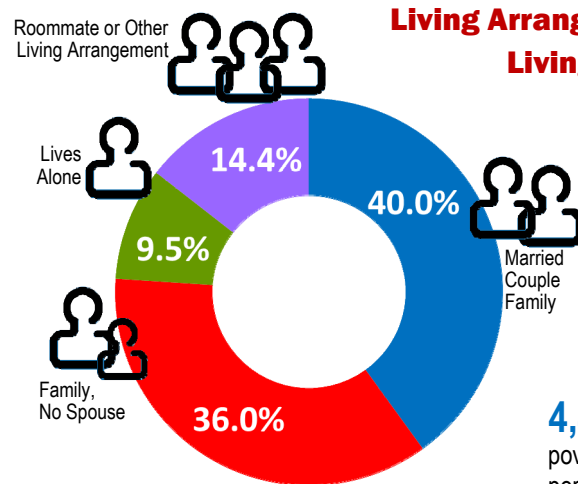
The number of persons living in poverty increased in Fairfax County since 2008. In addition, the poverty rate increased from 4.5% in 2000 to 5.8% in 2012. The increase in the poverty rate and in persons living in poverty was not caused by poverty-level persons moving into the county from other areas. The growth in poverty is more likely the result of lower income persons losing economic ground and slipping into poverty. The U.S. Census Bureau's 2012 poverty threshold used for determining who is living in poverty is \$11,945 for a single individual under age 65 and is \$23,364 for a family of four with three children.

## Persons Who Live in Poverty by Age, Race and Ethnicity



Note: Hispanics may be of any race.

## Living Arrangements of Persons Living in Poverty

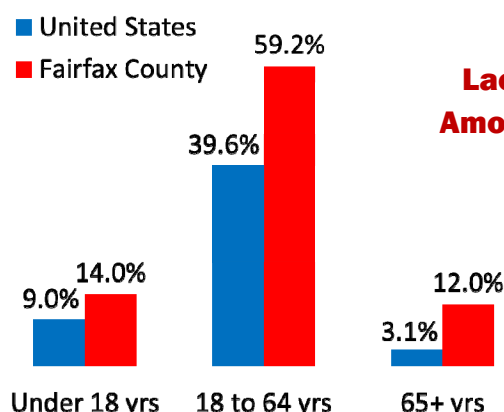
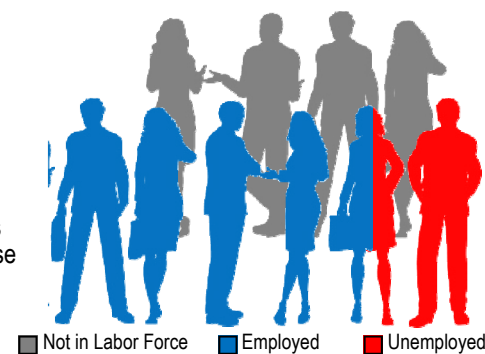


**20,550** children under age 18 years live below poverty. Among these children, 19,684 live with relatives - 46.2% in a married-couple family and 53.8% in a family with no spouse present. Among those living with parents (19,444 children), four out of five have at least one foreign-born parent.

**4,493** persons age 65 years or older live in poverty. More than three out of five of these persons are female.

## Employment Status Persons Living in Poverty Age 20 to 64 Years

**59.7%** of those persons age 20 to 64 years who live in poverty are in the labor force. Of those in the labor force, over three quarters are employed (77.4%).



## Lack of Health Care Coverage Among Persons Living in Poverty

Low income residents in Fairfax County are more likely to lack health insurance coverage than low income residents nationwide.

**41.5%** of those who live in poverty in Fairfax County lack health insurance coverage.

Source: Unless otherwise noted is the U.S. Census Bureau, 2012 American Community Survey. Prepared by: Anne Pickford Cahill, Economic, Demographic and Statistical Research; Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood and Community Services, October 2013.