

THE STATE OF THE POOR



The Fairfax County Community Action Advisory Board

This bookmark contains information about Fairfax County's low-income population. The data are drawn from the U.S. Census Bureau's *American Community Survey* (2010 data) and county resources.

Poverty in Fairfax County

In 2010, poverty for a family of four is defined as a family annual income of less than \$22,350 per year.

— of 1,075,696 people for whom poverty is determined —

62,278

(5.8% or 1 in 17) people live in poverty.

18,874

(7.2% or 1 in 14) children under age 18 live in poverty.

6,690

(8.1% or 1 in 12) children under age 5 live in poverty.

181,370

(16.9% or 1 in 6) county residents have incomes under 200 percent of poverty.

5,031

(4.8% or 1 in 20) persons over the age of 65 live in poverty.

The longer a person stayed in school, the less likely they are to live in poverty:

13% of adults with no high school diploma live in poverty



6.8% of adults with a high school diploma live in poverty



5.2% of adults with some college education live in poverty



2.4% of adults with a bachelor's or higher live in poverty



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Economic Security

The Weldon Cooper Center at University of Virginia estimated that the average household needs to earn approximately two times the poverty level to approach self-sufficiency income.

Statewide on average:

- A family of four with two children would need \$44,700 to meet their expenses.

Employment

- Unemployment rate is 4.6 percent (Sep. 2011, up from 3% in July, 2008)

Housing

- In 2010, the average monthly rent of a one-bedroom apartment was \$1,216, an increase of 22 percent since 2001.

Homelessness

- In 2011 there were 1,549 homeless persons in Fairfax County; 35% of them were children under age 18.

Health

- An estimated 144,873 or 13.5 percent, of county residents were without health insurance in 2010.

Child Care

- The cost of full-time preschool child care in Fairfax County in 2011 ranged from \$8,000 to \$13,000 per year.

Food

- In 2010-2011 school year, Fairfax County Public Schools reported that 44,018 students (or 25.5 percent of enrollment) were eligible for free and reduced lunch.



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