

New Income and Poverty Census Data Released

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New Census Data Released Today

Today the U.S. Census Bureau released the state-level results of its 2017 American Community Survey (ACS) which includes topics such as income and poverty.

Income

Utah is not keeping pace with the rest of the nation. Despite a median household income increase of 4%, (\$65,977 in 2016 to \$68,358 in 2017), **Utah dropped to 13th place nationally after an 11th place finish in 2016.**

Poverty

Utah's poverty and child poverty rates both improved slightly in 2017, 9.7% and 10.7%, from 10.2% and 11.1% respectively. **Percentages broken out by race/ethnicity tell another story.**

Race/Ethnicity	% in Poverty
Hispanic/Latino	16.7%
Black/African American	18.4%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	24.6%
Asian	12.3%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	12.3%
White	8.7%

Significance of the New Census Data

For several years Utah has experienced rapid demographic change. Utah's growing minority populations face higher rates of poverty and child poverty. Census data helps Utah meet this challenge and prepare the future workforce by finding solutions to ensure families are secure and successful.

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