

10.11 POPULATION - Poverty Trends

Sources:

US Census Bureau, 2014 through 2023 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates, S1701, POVERTY STATUS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS

US Census Bureau, 2020 Experimental Data, XK202510 (Did not include county-level data)

Population Chester County	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020*	2021	2022	2023
Population for Whom Poverty Status is Determined	499,839	503,606	503,420	505,715	508,569	512,854	N/A	525,811	531,909	535,585
Number Below Poverty Level	37,174	28,778	36,998	32,121	35,449	29,862	N/A	36,131	28,310	32,825
% Below Poverty Level	7.4%	5.7%	7.3%	6.4%	7.0%	5.8%	N/A	6.9%	5.3%	6.1%
Individuals Below Poverty Ratio - 200 Percent of Poverty Level	89,750	81,055	83,135	78,096	77,179	78,036	N/A	72,827	73,914	78,505
% Individuals Below Poverty Ratio - 200 Percent of Poverty Level	18.0%	16.1%	16.5%	15.4%	15.2%	15.2%	N/A	13.9%	13.9%	14.7%
Populations, national, state, and regional	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020*	2021	2022	2023
US % Below Poverty Level	15.5%	14.7%	14.0%	13.4%	13.1%	12.3%	11.9%	12.8%	12.6%	12.5%
Pennsylvania % Below Poverty Level	13.6%	13.2%	12.9%	12.5%	12.2%	12.0%	10.9%	12.1%	11.8%	12.0%
Phila-Wilm-Camden Metro % Below Poverty Level	13.4%	13.1%	12.9%	12.8%	12.3%	11.8%	N/A	12.3%	11.4%	11.5%

Last Updated: Data accessed September 2024.

Notes:

*The Census Bureau did not release its standard 2020 ACS 1-Year estimates because of the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Instead, the Census Bureau released "Experimental Data" estimates for 2020, and only at the national and state level, but not the county level.

For more information on the 2020 Experimental Data go to <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/data/experimental-data.html>.