

Tennessee And Shelby County 2008 Census Poverty Report

Percent of People Below the Poverty Line

	State of Tennessee	Shelby County
2006	16.2%	18.3%
2007	15.9%	20.1%
2008	15.5%	18.0%

Percent of Children under 18 years Below the Poverty level

	State of Tennessee	Shelby County
2006	22.7%	27.7%
2007	23.0%	30.6%
2008	21.5%	27.7%

Poverty Status of Families with Children under the Age of 18

Family Description	State of Tennessee			Shelby County		
	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008
All Families	12.4%	12.0%	11.6%	14.0%	16.1%	20.3%
Married Couples Families	5.8%	5.6%	5.5%	3.3%	4.0%	4.5%
Female Head of Household, No Husband Present	35.5%	34.3%	32.6%	32.7%	39.2%	40.6%

Poverty Status by Age, Sex and Race

Subject	State of Tennessee			Shelby County		
	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008
Total Population for Whom Poverty Status is Determined	16.2%	16.2%	15.5%	18.3%	20.1%	18.0%
Age						
Under the age of 18	22.7%	23.0%	21.8%	27.7%	30.6%	27.7%
Sex						
Male	13.7%	13.9%	13.6%	16.6%	18.0%	15.9%
Female	17.3%	17.8%	17.2%	19.9%	22.0%	19.9%
Race						
White	13.3%	12.8%	13.0%	6.5%	7.9%	7.7%
African American	28.3%	26.7%	26.3%	28.0%	30.5%	26.0%
Asian	11.0%	11.5%	9.7%	N/A	25.1%	12.3%
Hispanic or Latin origin	31.4%	28.0%	29.0%	26.9%	25.1%	31.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau. www.census.gov
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