# Poverty: 2018 and 2019

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### INTRODUCTION

Planners, policymakers, and community stakeholders use poverty estimates as key indicators to evaluate trends and current economic conditions within communities and to make comparisons across demographic groups. Federal and state governments often use these estimates to allocate funds to local communities. Government agencies and local organizations regularly use these estimates to identify the number of individuals and families eligible for various programs and to measure economic well-being.

This brief uses the 2018 and 2019 American Community Survey (ACS) 1-year estimates to analyze poverty rates for 2019, as well as the changes in poverty from 2018 for the nation, states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the most populous metropolitan areas.<sup>1, 2</sup> Additionally, this report discusses the distribution of people by income-to-poverty ratios for the aforementioned geographic areas, providing a picture of the depth of poverty and the proximity to poverty. This report provides estimates for calendar year 2019, the last year of the economic expansion spanning from June 2009 through February 2020. The data collection period for the 2019 ACS spanned January to December of 2019; estimates presented here do not reflect the subsequent COVID-19 pandemic, the associated public health response, or the end of the economic expansion.

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

In 2019, the ACS national poverty rate was 12.3 percent, a decline from 13.1 percent in 2018.<sup>3</sup> The 0.8 percentage-point decrease in the percent of the U.S. population with income below the poverty level was among the largest declines in year-to-year poverty rates since the inception of the ACS in 2005.<sup>4</sup> The ACS national poverty rate was the lowest rate since the beginning of the ACS in 2005.<sup>5</sup>



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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Metropolitan and micropolitan statistical areas (metro and micro areas) are geographic entities delineated by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for use by federal statistical agencies in collecting, tabulating, and publishing federal statistics. The term "Core Based Statistical Area" (CBSA) is a collective term for both metro and micro areas. A metro area contains a core urban area with a population of 50,000 or more individuals, and a micro area contains an urban core of at least 10,000 (but fewer than 50,000) individuals. For more information, see <www.census.gov /programs-surveys/metro-micro/about/omb-standards.html>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The U.S. Census Bureau reviewed this data product for unauthorized disclosure of confidential information and has approved the disclosure avoidance practices applied to this release. CBDRB-FY20-POP001-0201.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Following the standard specified by OMB in Statistical Policy Directive 14, data from the Current Population Survey Annual Social Economic Supplement (CPS ASEC) are used to estimate the official national poverty rate, which can be found in the report, "Income and Poverty in the United States: 2019," available at <www.census.gov/content/dam/Census/library /publications/2020/demo/p60-270.pdf>. The national poverty percentage does not include data for Puerto Rico.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The 0.8 percentage-point decline in poverty rates from 2018 to 2019 was not statistically different from the decline from 2014 to 2015.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> National poverty rates for the Census 2000 Supplementary Survey (C2SS), a precursor to the ACS, were 12.2 percent in 2000, 12.1 percent in 2001, 12.4 percent in 2002, 12.7 percent in 2003, and 13.1 percent in 2004. The C2SS poverty rate in 2000 was not statistically different from poverty rates in 2001 and 2002. The 2019 ACS poverty rate was not statistically different from the C2SS poverty rates in 2000, 2001, and 2002.

### **HOW POVERTY IS MEASURED**

Poverty status is determined by comparing annual income to a set of dollar values (called poverty thresholds) that vary by family size, number of children, and the age of the householder. If a family's before-tax money income is less than the dollar value of their threshold, then that family and every individual in it are considered to be in poverty. For people not living in families, poverty status is determined by comparing the individual's income to his or her poverty threshold.

The poverty thresholds are updated annually to account for changes in the cost of living using the Consumer Price Index (CPI-U). They do not vary geographically.

The ACS is a continuous survey, with people responding throughout the year. Since income is reported for the previous 12 months, the appropriate poverty threshold for each family is determined by multiplying the base-year poverty threshold from 1982 by the average of monthly CPI values for the 12 months preceding the survey month. The analysis in this report is based predominantly on the 2018 and 2019 ACS 1-year estimates. Since the survey is continuous, adjacent ACS years have income reference months in common. Therefore, comparing the 2018 ACS estimates with the 2019 ACS estimates is not an exact comparison of economic conditions in 2018 with those in 2019, and comparisons should be interpreted with caution.\*

For more information, see page 108 of "American Community Survey and Puerto Rico Community Survey 2019 Subject Definitions" at <www.census.gov /programs-surveys/acs/technical -documentation/code-lists.html>. For more information on ACS sample design and other topics, visit <www.census.gov /acs>.

- The poverty rate declined in nearly half of all states (23 states and the District of Columbia) between 2018 and 2019. Poverty rates did not increase in any state from 2018 to 2019.
- In 15 of the 25 most populous metropolitan areas,

the poverty rate declined between 2018 and 2019. None of the 25 most populous metropolitan areas saw poverty increase in 2019.

 In 2019, the proportion of people with income below
 50 percent of their poverty threshold declined nationally from 5.9 percent to 5.5 percent.

• The percentage of people in the United States with income less than 125 percent of their poverty threshold declined to 16.3 percent in 2019, from 17.4 percent in 2018.

<sup>\*</sup> For a discussion of this and related issues, see Howard Hogan, "Measuring Population Change Using the American Community Survey," *Applied Demography in the 21st Century*, eds. Steven H. Murdock and David A. Swanson, Springer Netherlands, 2008.



### POVERTY

In 2019, 12.3 percent of the total U.S. population had income below their respective poverty thresholds, a decline from the 2018 estimate of 13.1 percent. This was the sixth consecutive year that the percentage of the U.S. population in poverty, as measured by the ACS, has decreased (from 15.8 percent in 2013) and was the first instance of 6 consecutive years of decline since the inception of the ACS in 2005 (Figures 1 and 2).<sup>6</sup> In three states (California, Florida, and Georgia), poverty rates declined

for the sixth year in a row. In two states (Illinois and New York), poverty rates declined for a fifth consecutive year. In six additional states (Arizona, Michigan, North Carolina, Oregon, Tennessee, and Washington), poverty rates declined in 4 of the last 5 years.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> All year-to-year changes from 2005 to 2019, except 2005 to 2006, 2011 to 2012, and 2012 to 2013, were statistically significant.



A review of state poverty rates shows New Hampshire had the lowest 2019 rate at 7.3 percent, while Mississippi had among the highest at 19.6 percent (Table 1).<sup>7</sup> Figure 3 displays the percentage of people in poverty for all states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.<sup>8</sup> In 2019, eight states had poverty rates below 9.5 percent: Colorado, Hawaii, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, and Utah. Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma, West Virginia, and Puerto Rico had 2019 poverty rates of 15.0 percent or higher (Figure 3). States with poverty rates of less than 9.5 percent were concentrated in the New England and Mountain Census Divisions, while states with a poverty rate of 15.0 percent or higher were concentrated in the East South Central and the West South Central Census Divisions.<sup>9</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> The poverty rate for Mississippi (19.6 percent) was not statistically different from the poverty rate for Louisiana (19.0 percent).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> The classification categories used in Figure 3 and Figure 6 have been determined by the natural breaks (Jenks) method of categorization.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Census divisions are groupings of states and the District of Columbia that are subdivisions of the four census regions—Northeast, South, Midwest, and West. For a map as well as a list of states contained in each region and division. see <www.census.gov/geographies /reference-maps/2010/geo/2010-census -regions-and-divisions-of-the-united -states.html>. The New England Division includes Connecticut, Maine. Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont. The Mountain Census Division includes Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Nevada, Utah, and Wyoming. The East South Central Division includes Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, and Tennessee. The West South Central Division includes Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas.

### Table 1.

### Number and Percentage of People in Poverty in the Past 12 Months by State and Puerto Rico: 2018 and 2019

(For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see <www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/technical-documentation /code-lists.html>)

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Maine         151,541         7,765         11.6         0.6         141,803         9,329         10.9         0.7         -9,788         12,188         -0.8         0.9           Maryland         528,203         21,054         9.0         0.4         532,241         20,417         9.0         0.3         4,038         29,328         0.1         0.5           Massachusetts         663,918         20,551         10.0         0.3         652,763         91,9408         9.4         0.3         *-54,334         24,409         *-0.7         0.4           Mississipio         567,645         18,752         9.6         0.3         494,683         17,961         9.0         0.3         *-54,334         24,409         *-0.7         0.4           Mississipio         567,645         18,752         19.7         0.6         564,192         24,018         10.6         8         -3,453         30,471         -0.1         1.1           Mississipio         567,121         0.6         17,63         24,139         -0.4         1.1         Nethassa         206,341         9,767         11.0         0.5         379,664         19,101         12.5         0.6         -7,763         24,139         <													
Massachusetts       663.918       20.551       10.0       0.3       625.763       19.408       9.4       0.3       *-38.155       28.267       *-0.6       0.4         Michigan       1.373.349       26.495       14.1       0.3       1.269.062       30.302       13.0       0.3       *-104.287       40.4252       *-11       0.4         Minnesota       529.077       16.528       9.6       0.3       494,683       17.961       9.0       0.3       *-34.334       24.409       *-0.1       1.11         Missouri       786,330       21.180       13.2       0.4       770.175       23.258       12.9       0.4       -61.55       31.456       -0.3       15.11         Netraska       206.341       9.787       11.0       0.5       185.761       9.589       9.9       0.5       *-20.580       13.701       *-1.1       0.7         Newada       387.327       14.864       12.9       0.5       95.711       7.285       7.3       0.6       -4.509       9.789       -0.4       0.7         New Jark       2591.391       46.405       1.36       0.2       2.467.06       45.734       13.0       0.2       *-21.438       65.154       <	Maine		1 1			· · ·							
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Missouri       786,330       21,180       13.2       0.4       770,175       23,258       12.9       0.4       -16,155       31,456       -0.3       0.5         Montana       135,114       8,427       13.0       0.8       131,882       80,22       12.6       0.8       -3,232       11,635       -0.4       1.1         Nebraska       206,341       9,787       11.0       0.5       135,761       95,99       9.05       *-20,580       13,701       *-1.1       0.7         Nevada       387,327       14,864       12.9       0.5       379,564       19,019       12.5       0.6       -4,509       9,789       -0.4       0.7         New Jark       399,456       16,659       19.5       0.3       798,262       28,21       9.2       0.3       -33,871       36,868       -0.4       0.4         New Yark       2,591,391       46,405       13.6       2,467006       45,734       13.0       0.2       *+124,385       65,154       *-0.6       0.3         North Carolina       1,47,873       35,989       14.0       0.4       1,386,122       34,891       13.6       0.3       -31,811       48,997       *-0.6       0.5		,				· · ·				. ,	,		
Montana       135,114       8,427       13.0       0.8       131,882       8,022       12.6       0.8      3,232       11,635      0.4       1.1         Nebraska       206,341       9,787       11.0       0.5       185,761       9,589       9.9       0.5       *-20,580       13,701       *-1.1       0.7         Newdaa       387,327       14,864       12.9       0.5       379,64       19,019       12.5       0.6      7,763       24,139       -0.4       0.8         New Hampshire       100,220       6,538       7.6       0.5       95,711       7,785       7.3       0.6      4,509       9,789       -0.4       0.7         New Jersey       832,133       26,316       9.5       0.3       798,262       25,821       9.2       0.3       -33,871       36,868       -0.4       0.4         New Mexico       399,456       16,659       19.5       0.8       373,230       15,038       18.2       0.7       *-26,226       22,443       *-1.3       1.1         New Tampshire       1,417,873       35,989       14.0       0.4       1,366,122       34,831       13.6       0.3       -31,751       50,126       -0		,									,		
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Nevada         387,327         14,864         12.9         0.5         379,564         19,019         12.5         0.6        7,763         24,139         -0.4         0.8           New Hampshire         100,220         6,538         7.6         0.5         95,711         7,285         7.3         0.6         -4,509         9,789         -0.4         0.7           New Jersey         332,133         26,316         9.5         0.3         798,262         25,821         9.2         0.3         -33,871         36,686         -0.4         0.4           New Mexico         399,456         16,659         19.5         0.8         373,230         15,038         18.2         0.7         *26,226         22,443         *-1.3         1.1           New York         2,591,391         46,045         13.6         0.2         2,467,006         45,734         13.0         0.2         *-124,385         65,154         *-0.6         0.3         -31,751         50,126         -0.4         0.5           North Carolina         1,578,673         37,243         13.9         0.3         1,484,862         31,837         13.1         0.3         *-93,811         48,997         *-0.8         0.4         0.6 <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>   </td> <td></td> <td>,</td> <td></td> <td></td>											,		
New Hampshire         100,220         6,538         7.6         0.5         95,711         7,285         7.3         0.6        4,509         9,789         -0.4         0.7           New Jersey         832,133         26,316         9.5         0.3         798,262         25,821         9.2         0.3        33,871         36,868         -0.4         0.4           New Mexico         399,456         16,659         19.5         0.8         373,230         15,038         18.2         0.7         *-26,226         22,443         *-1.3         1.1           New York.         2,591,391         46,405         13.6         0.2         2,467,006         45,734         13.0         0.2         *-124,385         65,154         *-0.6         0.3           North Carolina         1,47,873         35,989         14.0         0.4         1,386,122         34,891         13.6         0.3         *-31,811         48,997         *-0.8         0.4           Ohio         1,578,673         37,243         13.9         0.3         1,484,862         31,837         13.1         0.3         *-93,811         48,997         *-0.8         0.4           Oklahoma         596,949         16,807 <td></td> <td></td> <td>1 1</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>· · ·</td> <td></td> <td>1</td> <td>   </td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>			1 1			· · ·		1					
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North Carolina       1,417,873       35,989       14.0       0.4       1,386,122       34,891       13.6       0.3       -31,751       50,126       -0.4       0.5         North Dakota       78,676       5,987       10.7       0.8       78,112       6,057       10.6       0.8      564       8,517       -0.1       1.2         Ohio       1,578,673       37,243       13.9       0.3       1,484,862       31,837       13.1       0.3       *-93,811       48,997       *-0.8       0.4         Oklahoma       596,949       16,807       15.6       0.4       583,029       15,382       15.2       0.4       -13,920       22,783       -0.4       0.6         Oregon       516,570       19,440       12.6       0.5       470,643       17,376       11.4       0.4       *-45,927       26,074       *-1.2       0.6         Pennsylvania       1,517,870       30,308       12.2       0.2       1,489,333       81,199       12.0       0.3       -28,537       48,762       -0.2       0.4         Rhode Island       131,205       9,492       12.9       0.9       110,244       9,715       10.8       10.5       66,67       13.1	New Mexico	399,456	16,659	19.5	0.8	373,230	15,038	18.2	0.7	*-26,226	22,443	*-1.3	1.1
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\* Statistically different from zero at the 90 percent confidence level.

<sup>1</sup> Poverty status is determined for individuals in housing units and noninstitutional group quarters. The poverty universe excludes children under the age of 15 who are not related to the householder, people living in institutional group quarters (e.g., nursing homes or correctional facilities), and people living in college dormitories or military barracks.

<sup>2</sup> Data are based on a sample and are subject to sampling variability. A margin of error is a measure of an estimate's variability. The larger the margin of error in relation to the size of the estimate, the less reliable the estimate. This number when added to or subtracted from the estimate forms the 90 percent confidence interval. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018 and 2019 American Community Survey and 2018 and 2019 Puerto Rico Community Survey, 1-Year Estimates.



Nearly half of all states in 2019 showed statistically significant declines in poverty rates as compared to 2018 (Figure 4). Poverty rates declined in 23 states and the District of Columbia; this was among the largest number of states with a year-to-year decrease since the ACS data collection began in 2005. No state experienced an increase in poverty rates from 2018 to 2019 (Table 1). This was the first time in 4 years that no state saw an annual increase in its poverty rate. According to the 2018 and 2019 Puerto Rico Community Surveys, the poverty rate for Puerto Rico was 43.5 percent in 2019, not statistically different from the rate of 43.1 percent in 2018.



### POVERTY IN METROPOLITAN AREAS

Table 2 shows the estimated number and percentage of people in poverty in 2018 and 2019 for the 25 most populous metropolitan areas. The Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV Metro Area (7.5 percent); the Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA Metro Area (7.8 percent); and the Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, CO Metro Area (7.9 percent) had three of the lowest poverty rates of these most populous metropolitan areas (Figure 5).<sup>10</sup> Conversely,

the San Antonio-New Braunfels, TX Metro Area (13.5 percent) had among the highest poverty rates of the 25 most populous metropolitan areas in 2019.<sup>11</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> The 2019 poverty rate for the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV Metro Area (7.5 percent); the Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA Metro Area (7.8 percent); and the Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, CO Metro Area (7.9 percent) were not statistically different.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> The 2019 poverty rate for the San Antonio-New Braunfels, TX Metro Area (13.5 percent); the Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach, FL Metro Area (13.5 percent); the Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX Metro Area (12.9 percent); and the Detroit-Warren-Dearborn, MI Metro Area (12.6 percent) were not statistically different.

Table 2.

Number and Percentage of People in Poverty in the Past 12 Months for the 25 Most Populous Metropolitan Areas: 2018 and 2019 (For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see <www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/technical-documentation/code-lists.html>)

			Below poverty in 2018	Below poverty in 2018			Below poverty in 2019	poverty 2019		Below poverty Change in poverty (2019 less 2018)	Change in poverty (2019 less 2018)	overty 2018)	
Numberi (48)         error (7)         Numberi (47)         error (47)         Numberi (47)         Numberi (47)         error (47)         Numberi (47)         Numberi (47)	Metropolitan areas		Margin of		Margin of		Margin of		Margin of		Margin of		Margin of
648,680         27,723         11.1         0.5         623,646         25,044         10.5         0.4         -25,034         37,360           435,506         15,233         90.1         0.6         258,075         16,582         94         0.6         -16,996         245,17           435,506         17,760         0.4         250,655         12,952         9.7         0.4         *25,037         14,358           837,090         30,758         11.2         0.3         550,656         12,955         17.9         0.4         *25,032         13,35         12,946           837,090         30,758         11.2         0.4         782,288         31,373         10.5         0.4         *25,034         77,492           837,090         30,555         14,35         52,048         31,373         10.5         0.4         *25,032         13,395           986,768         36,535         17.3         0.5         899,953         37,139         12.5         0.5         *39,956           17,750         36,532         11.2         0.5         899,953         37,139         12.6         0.5         *41,738         30,293           11,736,592         30,298         14,		Number¹	$(\pm)^2$		error (±) <sup>2</sup>	Number¹	error (±) <sup>2</sup>	Percent¹	error (±) <sup>2</sup>	Number¹		Percent <sup>1</sup>	error (±)²
275,066 $15,333$ $10,1$ $0,6$ $253,507$ $17,786$ $92.$ $0,4$ $253,582$ $17,786$ $22,51,782$ $243,737$ $14,358$ $243,3582$ $11,77499$ $86.$ $0.6$ $-54,787$ $24,3582$ $19,220$ $0,3758$ $11,7766$ $0.3$ $-64,787$ $24,3524$ $21,322$ $19,922$ $0,4$ $250,656$ $11,2$ $0.3$ $-64,787$ $24,3528$ $21,7492$ $47,358$ $232,093$ $14,652$ $80.$ $0.5$ $232,1745$ $11,26$ $0.5$ $253,1352$ $12,1667$ $12,2514$ $21,322$ $19,926$ $21,3492$ $21,3492$ $21,326$ $21,322$ $19,926$ $21,322$ $19,926$ $21,322$ $19,926$ $21,322$ $19,926$ $21,322$ $19,926$ $21,326$ $21,322$ $21,492$ $21,326$ $21,492$ $21,322$ $21,492$ $21,326$ $21,326$ $21,326$ $21,322$ $21,326$ $21,326$ $21,326$ $21,326$ $21,326$ $21,326$ $21,326$ $21$	Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Alpharetta, GA Metro Area	648,680	27,723	11.1	0.5	623,646	25,044	10.5	0.4	-25,034	37,360	-0.5	0.6
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837,090         30,758         11.2         0.4         *-54,802         4555           230,903         14,652         8.10         0.5         540,135         21,745         12.6         0.5         *-54,802         45,956           230,903         14,652         8.12         0.5         540,135         21,745         12.6         0.5         *-54,802         45,956           986,768         36,395         14.3         0.5         899,953         37,139         12.9         0.5         *-86,815         51,999           1,736,592         37,268         13.3         0.5         899,953         36,524         12.4         0.3         *-10,464         20,529           854,920         30,298         14,043         8.5         0.4         292,422         14,975         8.2         0.4         -10,464         20,529           302,886         14,043         8.5         0.4         292,422         14,975         8.2         0.6         -10,464         20,529           302,886         14,043         8.5         0.4         292,422         14,975         8.2         0.6         -41,778         30,293           302,886         14,043         8.5         0.6 <td>Charlotte-Concord-Gastonia, NC-SC Metro Area Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI Metro Area</td> <td>285,145 1,046,663</td> <td>1/,151 30,669</td> <td>11.2</td> <td>0.3</td> <td>250,656 981,876</td> <td>12,952 32,048</td> <td>9./ 10.6</td> <td>0.3</td> <td>*-52,487</td> <td>21,492 44,358</td> <td>* -1.5 * -0.6</td> <td>0.8</td>	Charlotte-Concord-Gastonia, NC-SC Metro Area Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI Metro Area	285,145 1,046,663	1/,151 30,669	11.2	0.3	250,656 981,876	12,952 32,048	9./ 10.6	0.3	*-52,487	21,492 44,358	* -1.5 * -0.6	0.8
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1,736,592       37,268       13.3       0.3       1,617,730       36,524       12.4       0.3       *-118,862       52,182         854,920       30,298       14.0       0.5       821,703       30,662       13.5       0.5       -33,217       43,106         302,886       14,043       8.5       0.4       292,422       14,975       8.2       0.4       -10,464       20,529         302,886       14,043       8.5       0.4       292,422       14,975       8.2       0.4       -10,464       20,529         351,017       20,292       13.9       0.8       309,279       22,492       11.6       0.3       *-221,829       69,192         351,017       20,292       13.3       0.4       599,913       26,981       11.8       0.5       -31,110       35,620         731,023       23,2355       12.3       0.4       599,913       26,981       11.8       0.5       -31,110       35,620         583,806       19,689       12.2       0.4       599,913       26,981       11.8       0.5       -45,743       20,992         583,806       19,689       12.2       0.5       25,5254       12.2       0.5       -45,743<	Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX Metro Area	986,768	36,395	14.3	0.5	899,953	37,139	12.9		*-86,815	51,999	*-1.4	0.8
854,920         30,298         14.0         0.5         821,703         30,662         13.5         0.5         -33,217         43,106           302,886         14,043         8.5         0.4         292,422         14,975         8.2         0.4         -10,464         20,529           351,017         20,292         13.3         0.2         2,189,593         50,436         11.6         0.3         *-221,829         69,192           351,017         20,292         13.3         0.2         2,189,593         50,436         11.6         0.3         *-21,829         69,192           351,017         20,292         13.3         0.4         699,913         26,981         11.8         0.5         *31,110         35,620           731,023         23,255         12.3         0.4         699,913         26,981         11.8         0.5         *31,110         35,620           583,806         19,689         12.23         0.4         599,279         12.1         0.5         *41,776         19,960           518,344         15,024         13.7         0.5         25,255         9.6         0.6         *45,630         20,793           518,540         14,376         14	Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA Metro Area	9	37,268	13.3	0.3	1,617,730	36,524	12.4	0.3	*-118,862	52,182	*-0.8	0.4
302,886         14,043         8.5         0.4         292,422         14,975         8.2         0.4         -10,464         20,529           2,411,422         47,368         12.3         0.2         2,189,593         50,436         11.6         0.3         *-221,829         69,192           731,027         20,292         13.9         0.8         309,279         22,492         12.1         0.9         *-41,738         30,293           731,023         23,255         12.3         0.4         699,913         26,981         11.8         0.5         -31,110         35,620           583,806         19,689         12.2         0.4         587,560         25,225         12.1         0.5         -31,110         35,620           238,600         19,689         12.2         0.4         587,560         25,225         12.1         0.5         -44,773         30,293           238,600         12,510         9.8         0.5         25,442         15,555         31,442         35,620           231,8334         15,509         13.4         0.5         27,466         13,5766         37,996         37,014         37,014           318,344         16,509         11.4	Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach, FL Metro Area	854,920	30,298	14.0	0.5	821,703	30,662	13.5		-33,217	43,106	-0.5	0.7
2,411,422       47,368       12.3       0.2       2,189,593       50,436       11.6       0.3       *-221,829       69,192         351,017       20,292       13.9       0.8       309,279       22,492       12.1       0.9       *-41,738       30,293         731,023       23,255       12.3       0.4       699,913       26,981       11.8       0.5       -31,110       35,620         583,806       19,689       12.2       0.4       587,560       25,225       12.1       0.5       -31,110       35,620         583,806       19,689       12.2       0.4       587,560       25,225       12.1       0.5       -37,110       35,620         583,806       19,689       12.5       0.4       587,560       25,225       9.6       0.6       -4,5,62       37,014         511,344       15,024       11.6       0.5       27,482       12.2       0.6       -45,630       37,014         511,3344       16,5024       11.6       0.5       27,482       12.5       0.6       -45,630       37,014         511,344       15,502       14,376       14,376       14,376       13.5       0.6       -42,630       26,708	Metro Area	302,886	14,043	8.5	0.4	292,422	14,975		0.4	-10,464	20,529	-0.3	0.6
731,023       23,255       12.3       0.4       699,913       26,981       11.8       0.5       -31,110       35,620         583,806       19,689       12.2       0.4       587,560       25,225       9.6       0.6       -1,756       19,960         238,600       12,510       9.8       0.5       236,844       15,553       9.6       0.6       -1,756       19,960       33,014       *         318,344       15,024       11.6       0.5       555,948       22,482       12.2       0.5       *-65,860       33,014       *         381,584       15,024       11.6       0.5       272,601       14,376       9.9       0.6       *-45,743       20,794       *         381,584       15,024       11.6       0.7       338,954       20,995       13.5       0.8       *-42,630       26,708       *         371,159       18,601       11.4       0.6       333,954       20,995       13.5       0.4       57,2630       *       42,530       26,360       *       *       42,630       26,708       *       *       42,630       26,708       *       *       41,704       *       *       41,704       * <td< td=""><td>New York-Newark-Jersey City, NY-NJ-PA Metro Area Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford, FL Metro Area</td><td>2,411,422 351,017</td><td>47,368 20,292</td><td>12.3 13.9</td><td>0.2 0.8</td><td>2,189,593 309,279</td><td>50,436 22,492</td><td>11.6 12.1</td><td>0.3 0.9</td><td>*-221,829 *-41,738</td><td>69,192 30,293</td><td>*-0.7</td><td>1.2 1.2</td></td<>	New York-Newark-Jersey City, NY-NJ-PA Metro Area Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford, FL Metro Area	2,411,422 351,017	47,368 20,292	12.3 13.9	0.2 0.8	2,189,593 309,279	50,436 22,492	11.6 12.1	0.3 0.9	*-221,829 *-41,738	69,192 30,293	*-0.7	1.2 1.2
583,806       19,689       12.2       0.4       587,560       25,225       12.1       0.5       3,754       32,000         238,600       12,510       9.8       0.5       236,844       15,553       9.6       0.6       -1,756       19,960         621,808       24,177       13.7       0.5       555,948       22,482       12.2       0.6       -1,756       19,960         318,344       15,024       11.6       0.5       575,948       22,482       12.2       0.5       *-65,860       33,014         318,344       15,024       11.6       0.5       272,601       14,376       9.9       0.5       *-45,743       20,794         381,584       16,509       15.4       0.7       338,954       20,995       13.5       0.8       *-42,630       26,708         371,159       18,601       11.4       0.6       333,862       19,484       8.2       0.6       *-37,297       26,708         388,670       16,854       8.7       0.6       333,984       10.3       0.6       *-37,297       26,360         388,670       16,854       8.7       0.6       333,986       0.4       *-37,297       26,360	Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MU Metro Area	731,023	23,255	12.3	0.4	699,913	26,981	11.8		-31,110	35,620	-0.5	0.6
238,600       12,510       9.8       0.5       236,844       15,553       9.6       0.6       -1,756       19,960         621,808       24,177       13.7       0.5       555,948       22,482       12.2       0.5       *-65,860       33,014         318,344       15,024       11.6       0.5       575,948       22,482       12.2       0.5       *-45,743       20,794         381,584       16,509       15.4       0.7       338,954       20,995       13.5       0.8       *-42,630       26,708         371,159       18,601       11.4       0.6       333,862       18,677       10.3       0.6       *-37,297       26,708         378,670       16,854       8.3       0.4       380,982       19,484       8.2       0.4       ~-35,709         388,670       16,854       8.3       0.4       380,982       19,484       8.2       0.4       ~-35,709         338,257       16,163       8.7       0.6       7.8       0.6       ~-37,297       26,762         338,257       16,163       8.7       0.6       330,799       17,468       7.8       0.6       ~-25,104       27,002         414,704	Phoenix-Mesa-Chandler, AZ Metro Area	583,806	19,689	12.2	0.4	587,560	25,225	12.1	0.5	3,754	32,000	-0.1	0.7
021,000     24,177     19.7     0.5     253,949     24,402     12.4     0.5     250,794       3118,344     15,024     11.6     0.5     272,601     14,376     9.9     0.5     *-45,743     20,794       371,159     18,601     11.4     0.7     338,954     20,995     13.5     0.8     *-42,630     26,708       371,159     18,601     11.4     0.6     333,862     18,677     10.3     0.6     *-37,297     26,708       378,670     16,854     8.3     0.4     380,982     19,484     8.2     0.4     ~35,178     25,762       338,670     16,854     8.3     0.4     380,982     19,484     8.2     0.4     ~35,178     25,762       338,257     16,163     8.7     0.4     305,079     17,468     7.8     0.4     ~35,179       414,704     18,378     13.4     0.6     389,600     19,782     12.4     0.6     ~25,104       468,140     16,015     7.6     0.3     41,4704     18,378     27,002	Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro, OR-WA Metro Area .	238,600	12,510	9.8	0.0	236,844	15,553	9.6	0.0	-1,756	19,960	 *	0.8
381,584     15,509     15,4     0.7     338,954     20,995     13.5     0.8     *-42,630     26,708       371,159     18,601     11.4     0.6     333,862     18,677     10.3     0.6     *-37,297     26,708       371,159     18,601     11.4     0.6     333,862     19,484     8.2     0.4     -7,688     25,762       388,670     16,854     8.3     0.4     380,982     19,484     8.2     0.4     -7,688     25,762       338,257     16,163     8.7     0.4     305,079     17,468     7.8     0.4     *-33,178     23,799       414,704     18,378     13.4     0.6     389,600     19,782     12.4     0.6     -25,104     27,002       468,140     19,378     13.4     0.6     389,600     19,782     12.4     0.6     -25,104     27,002	KIVERSIGE-San BErnardino-Untario, UA IMetro Area St. I. oniis. MO-II. Metro Area	218,208	24,1// 15 024	11.6	0.0 0.0	272 601	14 376	0 0	0.0 0.0	-45,743	20,014	0.4 	/ 0 0 0
371,159         18,601         11.4         0.6         333,862         18,677         10.3         0.6         *-37,297         26,360           388,670         16,854         8.3         0.4         380,982         19,484         8.2         0.4         -7,688         25,762           388,670         16,854         8.3         0.4         380,982         19,484         8.2         0.4         -7,688         25,762           338,257         16,163         8.7         0.4         305,079         17,468         7.8         0.4         *-33,178         23,799           414,704         18,378         13.4         0.6         389,600         19,782         12.4         0.6         -25,104         27,002           A68,140         19,015         7.6         0.7         46,557         21,467         7.6         0.6         -25,104         27,002	San Antonio-New Braunfels, TX Metro Area	381,584	16,509	15.4	0.7	338,954	20,995	13.5	0.8	*-42,630	26,708	*-1.9	1.1
388,670     16,854     8.3     0.4     380,982     19,484     8.2     0.4     -7,688     25,762       338,257     16,163     8.7     0.4     305,079     17,468     7.8     0.4     *-33,178     23,799       414,704     18,378     13.4     0.6     389,600     19,782     12.4     0.6     -25,104     27,002       468     7.8     0.4     305,079     17,468     7.8     0.4     *-33,178     23,799       414,704     18,378     13.4     0.6     389,600     19,782     12.4     0.6     -25,104     27,002       468     10.015     7.6     0.7     465,572     21,467     7.6     7.6     27,002	San Diego-Chula Vista-Carlsbad, CA Metro Area	371,159	18,601	11.4	0.6	333,862	18,677	10.3	0.6	*-37,297	26,360	*-1.1	0.8
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414,704 18,578 13.4 0.6 389,600 19,782 12.4 0.6 -25,104 27,002 19,782 12.4 0.6 -25,104 27,002	Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA Metro Area	338,257	16,163	8.7	0.4	305,079	17,468	7.8	0.4	*-33,178	23,799	6.0- *	0.6
	Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL Metro Area Washington-Arlington-Alexandria DC-VA-MD-WV	414,704	18,378	13.4	0.6	389,600	19,782	12.4	0.6	-25,104	27,002	*-1.0	0.9
23,202 700,1 <sup>-2</sup> 10.0 10.1 10.1 10.0 21,400,200 10.0 10.1 10.0 21,400 10.0 10.0 12,000 129,202	Metro Area	468,140	19,915	7.6	0.3	465,533	21,467	7.5	0.3	-2,607	29,282	-0.1	0.5

\* Statistically different from zero at the 90 percent confidence level.

Z Represents or rounds to zero.

<sup>1</sup> Poverty status is determined for individuals in housing units and noninstitutional group quarters. The poverty universe excludes children under the age of 15 who are not related to the householder, people living in institutional group quarters (e.g., nursing homes or correctional facilities), and people living in college dormitories or military barracks. <sup>2</sup> Data are based on a sample and are subject to sampling variability. A margin of error is a measure of an estimate's variability. The larger the margin of error in relation to the size of the estimate, the less reliable the estimate. This number when added to or subtracted from the estimate forms the 90 percent confidence interval. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018 and 2019 American Community Survey, 1-Year Estimates.



Despite having one of the highest poverty rates in 2019, the San Antonio-New Braunfels, TX Metro Area experienced a 1.9 percentage-point decline in its poverty rate between 2018 and 2019, falling from 15.4 percent in 2018. Poverty rates declined in 2019 for 15 of the 25 most populous metropolitan areas (Table 2). None of the most populous metropolitan areas experienced an increase in poverty rates in 2019. For the fifth year in a row, the percentage of people in poverty decreased in the three most populous metropolitan areas (the New York-Newark-Jersey City, NY-NJ-PA Metro Area; the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA Metro Area; and the Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI Metro Area). Figure 5 provides 2018 and 2019 poverty rates for these most populous metropolitan areas. Figure 6 provides 2019 poverty rates for CBSAs including metropolitan and micropolitan areas.<sup>12</sup> Geographically, concentrations of metropolitan and micropolitan areas with poverty rates of 22.0 percent or higher were observed in the West South Central and South Atlantic Census Divisions.<sup>13</sup> Alternatively, metropolitan and micropolitan areas with poverty rates below 8.0 percent were predominantly located in the Pacific and New England Divisions.<sup>14</sup>

Among metropolitan and micropolitan areas, the Heber, UT Micro area (4.1 percent) had among the lowest poverty rates in 2019.<sup>15</sup> The Gallup, NM Micro Area had among the highest

<sup>13</sup> The West South Central Census Division includes Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas. The South Atlantic Census Division includes Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia. For more information see <www.census.gov/geographies /reference-maps/2010/geo/2010-census -regions-and-divisions-of-the-united-states .html>.

<sup>14</sup> The Pacific Census Division includes Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon, and Washington. The New England Census Division includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont. For more information see <www.census.gov/geographies /reference-maps/2010/geo/2010-census -regions-and-divisions-of-the-united-states .html>.

<sup>15</sup> The 2019 poverty rate for the Heber, UT Micro area (4.1 percent) was not statistically different from poverty rates for the Barnstable Town, MA Metro Area (5.2 percent); the Concord, NH Micro Area (5.4 percent); the Ogden-Clearfield, UT Metro Area (5.6 percent); the Fairbanks, AK Metro Area (5.9 percent); the Bismarck, ND Metro Area (5.9 percent); and the Fond du Lac, WI Metro Area (6.2 percent), among others. 2019 poverty rates at 32.4 percent.<sup>16</sup>

### **DEPTH OF POVERTY**

The poverty rate is an estimate of the proportion of people with family or personal income below their poverty threshold. An income-to-poverty ratio evaluates how close a family's or individual's income is to their poverty threshold. It measures the depth of poverty for those with income below their poverty threshold.

In this report, the income-topoverty ratio is reported as a percentage. For example, an income-to-poverty ratio of 125 percent indicates a family or individual with income equal to 1.25 times their poverty threshold, while an income-to-poverty ratio of 50 percent identifies families or individuals with income equal to one-half of their poverty threshold. Families and individuals identified as in poverty and described in the preceding sections of this report had an income-to-poverty ratio of less than 100 percent.

Table 3 details the number and percentage of people with income below 50 percent of their poverty threshold in 2018 and 2019 for the nation, all states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. The percentage of the U.S. population with income below 50 percent of their poverty threshold declined to 5.5 percent in 2019, from 5.9 percent in 2018. This was the sixth consecutive annual decrease in the proportion of the U.S. population living with income below half their poverty threshold.

New Hampshire, at 3.1 percent, was the state with the lowest percentage of people with an income-to-poverty ratio below 50 percent in 2019. Louisiana (8.7 percent) and Mississippi (8.3 percent) had the highest proportions of people with income-topoverty ratios below 50 percent, and were the only two states in which 8.0 percent or more people lived below 50 percent of their poverty threshold.<sup>17</sup>

From 2018 to 2019, the percentage of people with an incometo-poverty ratio below 50 percent decreased in 18 states and the District of Columbia. During this period, only one state, Louisiana, saw an increase in the percentage of people with an income-to-poverty ratio below 50 percent, from 8.1 percent in 2018 to 8.7 percent in 2019.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Figure 6 is limited to CBSAs with a population of 65,000 or greater. Micropolitan areas can exceed 65,000 in population when including surrounding areas within the micropolitan borders defined by OMB. For more information on metropolitan and micropolitan areas, see <www.census.gov/programs-surveys /acs/geography-acs/reference-materials .html>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> The 2019 poverty rate for the Gallup, NM Micro area (32.4 percent) was not statistically different from poverty rates for the Lumberton, NC Micro Area (31.9 percent); the Dublin, GA Micro Area (29.3 percent); the Orangeburg, SC Micro Area (27.5 percent); the Athens, OH Micro Area (27.4 percent); and the McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, TX Metro Area (27.3 percent), among others.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> The percentage of people with an income-to-poverty ratio below 50 percent in Louisiana (8.7 percent) and Mississippi (8.3 percent) were not statistically different. The percentage of people with an income-to-poverty ratio below 50 percent in New Mexico was not statistically different from 8.0 percent.



### Table 3.

### Number and Percentage of People With Income Below 50 Percent of the Poverty Level by State and Puerto Rico: 2018 and 2019

(For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see <www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/technical-documentation /code-lists.html>)

	Below 50	0 percent o in 20:		evel	Below 50	) percent o in 20	of poverty l 19	evel	Change ir	poverty (2	2019 less 20	)18)
Area		Margin of error		Margin of error		Margin of error		Margin of error		Margin of error		Margin of error
	Number1	(±) <sup>2</sup>	Percent <sup>1</sup>	(±) <sup>2</sup>	Number1	(±) <sup>2</sup>	Percent <sup>1</sup>	(±) <sup>2</sup>	Number1	(±) <sup>2</sup>	Percent <sup>1</sup>	(±) <sup>2</sup>
United States	18,769,825	130,617	5.9	0.1	17,602,164	126,927	5.5	z	* <b>-1,167,661</b>	182,130	*-0.4	0.1
Alabama	363,398	15,146	7.6	0.3	331,570	17,091	6.9	0.4	*-31,828	22,836	*-0.7	0.5
Alaska	37,710	4,115	5.2	0.6	31,265	4,237	4.4	0.6	*-6,445	5,906	*-0.9	0.8
Arizona	440,556 196,541	17,575 11,349	6.3 6.7	0.3 0.4	443,347 182,068	23,084 12,288	6.2 6.2	0.3 0.4	2,791 -14,473	29,013 16,727	-0.1 -0.5	0.4 0.6
California	2,275,195	40,838	5.9	0.4	2,030,466	39,751	5.2	0.4	*-244,729	56,990	*-0.6	0.0
Colorado	255,879	12,214	4.6	0.2	252,005	16,263	4.5	0.3	-3,874	20,339	-0.1	0.4
Connecticut	157,621	10,739	4.5	0.3	161,001	11,999	4.7	0.3	3,380	16,103	0.1	0.5
Delaware	50,635	5,990	5.4	0.6	45,902	6,184	4.9	0.7	-4,733	8,609	-0.5	0.9
District of Columbia	64,617	7,441	9.7	1.1	48,918	6,663	7.3	1.0	*-15,699	9,988	*-2.4	1.5
Florida	1,230,013	33,744	5.9	0.2	1,176,117	37,695	5.6	0.2	*-53,896	50,592	*-0.3	0.2
Georgia	668,662	27,520	6.5	0.3	589,685	23,313	5.7	0.2	*-78,977	36,067	*-0.8	0.4
Hawaii	61,108 82,577	6,887 8,111	4.4 4.8	0.5 0.5	61,176 80,682	7,540 7,351	4.4 4.6	0.5 0.4	68 -1,895	10,212 10,947	Z -0.2	0.7 0.6
Illinois	695,247	22,723	5.6	0.3	630,012	22,945	5.1	0.4	*-65,235	32,292	*-0.5	0.3
Indiana	396,763	18,031	6.1	0.3	369,119	16,068	5.7	0.2	*-27,644	24,151	*-0.5	0.4
lowa	154,683	8,495	5.1	0.3	147,369	9,081	4.8	0.3	-7,314	12,435	-0.2	0.4
Kansas	143,862	9,057	5.1	0.3	131,234	9,218	4.6	0.3	-12,628	12,923	-0.4	0.5
Kentucky	325,902	16,763	7.5	0.4 0.3	302,990	16,564	7.0	0.4 0.4	-22,912	23,566	-0.5 *0.6	0.5 0.6
Louisiana	365,987 60,264	15,673 6,008	8.1 4.6	0.5	392,776 52,472	19,829 5,633	8.7 4.0	0.4	*26,789 -7,792	25,275 8,236	-0.6	0.6
	259,827	14,544		0.2	263,925	13,754	4.5	0.4	4,098	20,018	0.0	0.3
Maryland	309,113	12,277	4.4 4.6	0.2	205,925	16,548	4.5	0.2	-13,805	20,018	-0.2	0.3
Michigan	632,834	19,832	6.5	0.2	550,644	21,357	5.6	0.2	*-82,190	29,145	*-0.8	0.3
Minnesota	231,376	11,773	4.2	0.2	219,740	11,338	4.0	0.2	-11,636	16,345	-0.2	0.3
Mississippi	264,940	16,808	9.2	0.6	238,168	15,529	8.3	0.5	*-26,772	22,883	*-0.9	0.8
Missouri	335,885	14,154	5.7	0.2	347,031	14,406	5.8	0.2	11,146	20,195	0.2	0.3
Montana	56,235	5,526	5.4	0.5	54,383	5,290	5.2	0.5	-1,852	7,650	-0.2	0.7
Nebraska	85,297	6,090	4.5	0.3 0.4	80,013	6,073	4.3	0.3	-5,284	8,601	-0.3	0.5 0.5
Nevada New Hampshire	174,548 49,395	11,125 5,798	5.8 3.8	0.4	164,213 41,329	12,023 4,731	5.4 3.1	0.4 0.4	-10,335 *-8,066	16,380 7,483	-0.4 *-0.6	0.5
	371,646	15,844	4.3	0.4	361,529	16,791	4.1	0.4	-10,117	23,086	-0.1	0.3
New Jersey	187,319	11,963	4.3 9.1	0.2	160,794	12,221	7.8	0.2	*-26,525	17,102	*-1.3	0.3
New York	1,175,106	32,200	6.2	0.0	1,127,474	33,927	6.0	0.2	*-47,632	46,775	-0.2	0.2
North Carolina	622,599	21,330	6.2	0.2	616,903	23,265	6.0	0.2	-5,696	31,563	-0.1	0.3
North Dakota	39,586	4,192	5.4	0.6	35,963	4,880	4.9	0.7	-3,623	6,433	-0.5	0.9
Ohio	698,757	26,433	6.1	0.2	645,934	21,203	5.7	0.2	*-52,823	33,886	*-0.5	0.3
Oklahoma	264,068	8,846	6.9	0.2	253,762	11,587	6.6	0.3	-10,306	14,577	-0.3	0.4
Oregon Pennsylvania	229,916 693,015	12,862 25,901	5.6 5.6	0.3 0.2	215,906 674,228	10,061 23,993	5.2 5.4	0.2 0.2	-14,010 -18,787	16,330 35,306	-0.4 -0.1	0.4 0.3
Rhode Island	56,774	7,829	5.6	0.2	46,474	6,825	4.6	0.2	-10,300	10,386	*-1.0	1.0
South Carolina	334,323	16,953	6.8	0.3	314,754	15,483	6.3	0.3	-19,569	22,959	*-0.5	0.5
South Dakota	50,823	5,726	6.0	0.5	46,142	5,241	5.4	0.6	-4,681	7,762	-0.6	0.9
Tennessee	433,900	19,556	6.6	0.3	386,333	15,767	5.8	0.2	*-47,567	25,120	*-0.8	0.4
Texas	1,815,948	46,057	6.5	0.2	1,715,399	48,189	6.0	0.2	*-100,549	66,659	*-0.4	0.2
Utah	131,030	10,201	4.2	0.3	116,851	9,241	3.7	0.3	*-14,179	13,764	*-0.5	0.4
Vermont	28,406	3,889	4.7	0.6	29,784	3,302	5.0	0.6	1,378	5,102	0.2	0.8
Virginia	423,400	20,585	5.1	0.2	390,934	16,173	4.7	0.2	*-32,466	26,178	*-0.4	0.3
Washington	350,974 132,751	16,492 9,424	4.7 7.6	0.2 0.5	338,242 125,103	16,834 10,582	4.5 7.2	0.2 0.6	-12,732 -7,648	23,567 14,170	-0.2 -0.4	0.3 0.8
Wisconsin	274,093	9,424 11,506	4.8	0.5	260,705	11,992	4.6	0.0	-13,388	16,619	-0.4	0.8
Wyoming	28,721	3,603	5.1	0.2	24,022	3,956	4.3	0.2	-4,699	5,351	-0.8	0.9
Puerto Rico	734,815	20,630	23.2	0.7	737,603	19,359	23.3	0.6	2,788	28,291	0.1	0.9

\* Statistically different from zero at the 90 percent confidence level.

Z Represents or rounds to zero. <sup>1</sup> Poverty status is determined for individuals in housing units and noninstitutional group quarters. The poverty universe excludes children under the age of 15 who are not related to the householder, people living in institutional group quarters (e.g., nursing homes or correctional facilities), and people living in college dormitories or military barracks. <sup>2</sup> Data are based on a sample and are subject to sampling variability. A margin of error is a measure of an estimate's variability. The larger the margin of error in relation to the size

of the estimate, the less reliable the estimate. This number when added to or subtracted from the estimate forms the 90 percent confidence interval.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018 and 2019 American Community Survey and 2018 and 2019 Puerto Rico Community Survey, 1-Year Estimates.

Table 4 displays the number and percentage of people with an income-to-poverty ratio below 50 percent for the 25 most populous metropolitan areas in 2018 and 2019. In 2019, the Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI Metro Area; the Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA Metro Area: the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV Metro Area; and the Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, CO Metro Area had among the lowest percentage of people with income-to-poverty ratios below 50 percent, each with rates of 4.0 percent or less.<sup>18</sup> The Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL Metro Area had among the highest rate of individuals with income-to-poverty ratios below 50 percent, at 5.8 percent.<sup>19</sup>

The percentage of people with income below 50 percent of their poverty threshold declined in 9 of the 25 most populous metropolitan areas from 2018 to 2019, while none of the

 $^{\rm 19}$  In 2019, the percentage of people with an income-to-poverty ratio below 50 percent in the Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL Metro Area (5.8 percent) was not statistically different from the San Antonio-New Braunfels, TX Metro Area (5.7 percent); the Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach, FL Metro Area (5.7 percent); the Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA Metro Area (5.7 percent); the Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX Metro Area (5.6 percent); the Detroit-Warren-Dearborn, MI Metro Area (5.5 percent); and the Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD Metro Area (5.5 percent), among others,

largest metropolitan areas saw increases.

### **PROXIMITY TO POVERTY**

For those with income above their poverty threshold, an income-to-poverty ratio measures the proximity to poverty. Estimates of the percentage of people below 125 percent of their poverty threshold include the combined proportion of people whose income is below their poverty threshold (below 100 percent), as well as those whose income is just above their poverty threshold (from 100 percent to less than 125 percent).

Table 5 displays the number and percentage of people with an income-to-poverty ratio below 125 percent in 2018 and 2019 for the nation, all states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. In 2019, the percentage of people in the United States with an income-to-poverty ratio below 125 percent declined to 16.3 percent, from 17.4 percent in 2018.

Among the states, the percentage of individuals with an income-to-poverty ratio below 125 percent in 2019 was the lowest in New Hampshire (9.9 percent), with the highest rate in Mississippi (25.5 percent). From 2018 to 2019, the percentage of people with an income-topoverty ratio below 125 percent declined in more than two-thirds of states (35 states and the District of Columbia). No state saw an increase in the proportion of individuals with income below 125 percent of poverty in 2019.

Table 6 displays the number and percentage of people with an income-to-poverty ratio below 125 percent for 2018 and 2019 among the 25 most populous metropolitan areas. The Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV Metro Area had among the lowest percentages of people with an income-to-poverty ratio below 125 percent in 2019 (9.8 percent).<sup>20</sup> The Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach, FL Metro Area (18.3 percent); the San Antonio-New Braunfels, TX Metro Area (18.1 percent); and the Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX Metro Area (17.6 percent) had the highest proportions of people with income-topoverty ratios below 125 percent among the most populous metropolitan areas.<sup>21</sup>

In 2019, the percentage of people with an income-topoverty ratio below 125 percent decreased in 19 of the 25 most populous metropolitan areas (Table 6). None of the most populous metropolitan areas showed an increase in the percentage of people below this income-to-poverty ratio.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> In 2019, the percentage of people with an income-to-poverty ratio below 50 percent in the Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI Metro Area (3.6 percent); the Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA Metro Area (3.7 percent); the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV Metro Area (3.8 percent); and the Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, CO Metro Area (3.9 percent) were not statistically different from each other.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> In 2019, the percentage of people with an income-to-poverty ratio below 125 percent for the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV Metro Area (9.8 percent) was not statistically different from the Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA Metro Area (10.2 percent) and the San Francisco-Oakland-Berkeley, CA Metro Area (10.3 percent).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> In 2019, the percentage of people with an income-to-poverty ratio below 125 percent for the Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach, FL Metro Area (18.3 percent); the San Antonio-New Braunfels, TX Metro Area (18.1 percent); and the Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX Metro Area (17.6 percent) were not statistically different from each other.

Table 4.

# Number and Percentage of People With Income Below 50 Percent of the Poverty Level for the 25 Most Populous Metropolitan Areas: 2018 and 2019

(For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see <www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/technical-documentation/code-lists.html>)

	Below 50	percent in 20	percent of poverty level in 2018	' level	Below 50	D percent in 2	50 percent of poverty level in 2019	y level		Change in poverty (2019 less 2018)	poverty s 2018)	
Metropolitan areas		Margin of		Margin of		Margin of		Margin of		Margin of		Margin of
	Number¹	error (±) <sup>2</sup>	Percent <sup>1</sup>	$(\pm)^2$	Number <sup>1</sup>	error $(\pm)^2$	Percent <sup>1</sup>	error $(\pm)^2$	Number¹	$(\pm)^2$	Percent <sup>1</sup>	error (±) <sup>2</sup>
Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Alpharetta. GA Metro Area .	285.120	17.635	4.9	0.3	261.311	15.560		0.3	*-23.809	23.518	*-0.5	0.4
Baltimore-Columbia-Towson, MD Metro Area	138,364	11,182	5.1	0.4	135,658	11,403		0.4	-2,706		-0.1	0.6
Boston-Cambridge-Newton, MA-NH Metro Area	203,958			0.2	193,835	14,049		0.3	-10,123		-0.2	0.4
Charlotte-Concord-Gastonia, NC-SC Metro Area	117,769			0.4	108,210	8,246	4.2		-9,559		-0.0	0.5
Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI Metro Area	479,613	22,028	5.1	0.2	432,390	19,534	4.6	0.2	*-47,223	29,442	*-0.5	0.3
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX Metro Area	368,481	17,786		0.2	377,659	23,268		0.3	9,178	29,287	0.1	0.4
Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, CO Metro Area	109,491	8,103	3.8	0.3	113,045	12,015	3.9	0.4	3,554	14,492	0.1	0.5
Detroit-Warren-Dearborn, MI Metro Area	292,999	15,349	6.8	0.4	237,032	13,409	5.5	0.3	*-55,967	20,381	*-1.3	0.5
Metro Area	441.766	25.656	6.4	0.4	393.386	27.485	5.6	0.4	*-48.380	37.598	*-0.8	0.5
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA												
Metro Area	776,380	25,968	5.9	0.2	702,429	25,909	5.4	0.2	*-73,951	36,683	*-0.5	0.3
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach, FL												
Metro Area	349,950	20,147	5.7	0.3	346,460	23,507	5.7	0.4	-3,490	30,959	Z	0.5
Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI Metro Area	135,684	080 0	20	ч О	128 412	883	9 V	с U	CTC T-	10701	C U-	0.4
New York-Newark-Jersev City, NY-NJ-PA	100,001	2000		2	140,146	100,0		1	1,1,1	10,101	1.0	5
	1,076,245	31,014	5.5	0.2	987,658	N	5.2	0.2	*-88,587	45,235	*-0.3	0.2
Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford, FL Metro Area	145,541	13,962	Ω.	0.6	137,390	15,533	5.4	0.6	-8,151	20,886	-0.4	0.8
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-UE-MU Metro Area	239 849	20,810	7 2	С С	325,807	19 486	с С	50	-14 042	28,509	C U-	50
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Phoenix-Mesa-Chandler, AZ Metro Area	254,910	H	5.3	0.3	263,650	19,459	5.4 1.4	0.4	8,740	23,463	0.1	0.0 1
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro, OR-WA Metro Area .	111,565			0.4	109,/8/	8,655		0.4	-1,5/6	12,250	-0.1	0.0 7.7
Kiverside-san Bernardino-Untario, CA Metro Area	Z/T,0/0			4.0	700 0 1 T	L5,540		0.0	-12,560	22,151	-0-, v.0	0.0 0.1
St. Louis, MO-IL Metro Area	144,755			4.0	1129,945	9,209	7.4		*-14,/92	14,559	2.0- 2.0	0.0 1
san Antonio-Ivew Braunteis, IX Metro Area	CCU,OCT	TU,822	0.5	0.4	140,418	L2,4/8		C.U	-12,055	C82,11	0.0-	0.7
San Diego-Chula Vista-Carlsbad, CA Metro Area	185,018			0.5	159,042	10,475	4	0.3	*-25,976	18,268	*-0.8	0.6
San Francisco-Oakland-Berkeley, CA Metro Area	201,566			0.2	189,503	12,299		0.3	-12,063	16,758	-0.3	0.4
Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA Metro Area	160,378	10,425	4.1	0.3	146,110	10,203	3.7	0.3	-14,268	14,587	*-0.4	0.4
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL Metro Area	181,033	11,429		0.4	183,608	12,029		0.4	2,575	16,593	Z	0.5
Wasnington-Arlington-Alexandria, UC-VA-MU-WV Metro Area	233.313	13.532	3.8	0.2	232.414	14.300	3.8	0.2	-899	19.687	Z	0.3
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\* Statistically different from zero at the 90 percent confidence level.

Z Represents or rounds to zero.

<sup>1</sup> Poverty status is determined for individuals in housing units and noninstitutional group quarters. The poverty universe excludes children under the age of 15 who are not related to the householder, people living in institutional group quarters (e.g., nursing homes or correctional facilities), and people living in college dormitories or military barracks. <sup>2</sup> Data are based on a sample and are subject to sampling variability. A margin of error is a measure of an estimate's variability. The larger the margin of error in relation to the size of the estimate, the less reliable the estimate. This number when added to or subtracted from the estimate forms the 90 percent confidence interval. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018 and 2019 American Community Survey, 1-Year Estimates.

### Table 5.

## Number and Percentage of People With Income Below 125 Percent of the Poverty Level by State and Puerto Rico: 2018 and 2019

(For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see <www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/technical-documentation /code-lists.html>)

	Below 12	5 percent in 20		level	Below 12	5 percent in 20	of poverty 19	level		nange in p (2019 less		
Area	Number <sup>1</sup>	Margin of error (±) <sup>2</sup>	Percent <sup>1</sup>	Margin of error (±) <sup>2</sup>	Number <sup>1</sup>	Margin of error (±) <sup>2</sup>	Percent <sup>1</sup>	Margin of error (±) <sup>2</sup>	Number <sup>1</sup>	Margin of error (±) <sup>2</sup>		Margin of error (±) <sup>2</sup>
United States	55,643,386	285,786	17.4	0.1	52,189,901	299,896	16.3	0.1	*-3,453,485	414,260	*-1.1	0.1
Alabama	1,045,821	24,407	22.0	0.5	981,864	27,416	20.5	0.6	*-63,957	36,706	*-1.4	0.8
Alaska	100,355	8,445	13.9	1.2	98,446	7,934	13.8	1.1	-1,909	11,587	-0.1	1.6
Arizona	1,319,148	30,582	18.8	0.4	1,250,500	34,690	17.6	0.5	*-68,648	46,246	*-1.2	0.7
Arkansas	674,173	22,252	23.0	0.8	635,701	19,715	21.7	0.7	*-38,472	29,729	*-1.3	1.0
California	6,665,447	71,042	17.2	0.2	6,086,993	74,545	15.7	0.2	*-578,454	102,975	*-1.5	0.3
Colorado	718,908 470,748	21,637	12.9 13.6	0.4 0.4	699,596 450,066	23,771 14,602	12.4 13.0	0.4 0.4	-19,312 *-20,682	32,144	-0.5	0.6 0.6
Connecticut	149,652	14,430 10,574	15.0	0.4	450,066	11,443	13.0	0.4 1.2	*-17,150	20,529 15,580	-0.6 *-1.9	1.7
District of Columbia	133,555	9,550	20.0	1.1	109,845	8,894	16.3	1.2	*-23,710	13,050	*-3.6	1.9
Florida	3,859,725	56,890	18.5	0.3	3,585,002	62,204	17.0	0.3	*-274,723	84,296	*-1.5	0.4
Georgia	1,954,123	37,143	19.1	0.4	1,818,801	41,708	17.6	0.4	*-135,322	55,849	*-1.5	0.5
Hawaii	163,511	9,400	11.8	0.7	161,166	12,213	11.7	0.9	-2,345	15,411	-0.1	1.1
Idaho	295,600	14,637	17.2	0.9	273,965	15,127	15.6	0.9	*-21,635	21,049	*-1.5	1.2
Illinois Indiana	1,997,989	38,361	16.1	0.3	1,856,271	40,281	15.0	0.3	*-141,718 *-89,365	55,625	*-1.0	0.4
lowa	1,143,102 471,351	27,510 13,428	17.6 15.4	0.4 0.4	1,053,737 458,833	26,903 17,508	16.2 15.0	0.4 0.6	-12,518	38,478 22,064	*-1.4	0.6 0.7
Kansas	460,532	15,313	16.3	0.4	433,345	15,382	15.3	0.0	*-27,187	21,705	*-1.0	0.7
Kentucky	938,992	21,841	21.7	0.5	914,548	24,533	21.1	0.6	-24,444	32,847	-0.6	0.8
Louisiana	1,113,022	25,581	24.6	0.6	1,077,806	28,953	23.9	0.6	-35,216	38,635	-0.7	0.9
Maine	204,217	8,854	15.7	0.7	189,951	10,834	14.6	0.8	*-14,266	13,992	*-1.1	1.1
Maryland	697,991	24,498	11.8	0.4	694,399	25,832	11.8	0.4	-3,592	35,602	-0.1	0.6
Massachusetts	873,162	23,528	13.1	0.4	808,993	22,299	12.2	0.3	*-64,169	32,416	*-0.9	0.5
Michigan	1,782,688 713,715	30,630 21,854	18.2 13.0	0.3 0.4	1,648,088 673,897	29,960 19,915	16.9 12.2	0.3 0.4	*-134,600 *-39,818	42,847 29,567	*-0.8	0.4 0.5
Mississippi	744,760	23,296	25.8	0.4	734,425	26,175	25.5	0.4	-10,335	35,040	-0.3	1.2
Missouri	1,066,683	24,964	17.9	0.0	1,013,874	25,888	17.0	0.5	*-52,809	35,964	*-0.9	0.6
Montana	185,654	8,837	17.9	0.9	177,279	8,988	17.0	0.9	-8,375	12,604	-0.9	1.2
Nebraska	290,437	11,072	15.5	0.6	262,811	12,789	14.0	0.7	*-27,626	16,916	*-1.5	0.9
Nevada	521,573	17,305	17.4	0.6	494,197	22,200	16.3	0.7	-27,376	28,148	*-1.2	0.9
New Hampshire	136,377	7,751	10.4	0.6	130,309	8,919	9.9	0.7	-6,068	11,816	-0.5	0.9
New Jersey	1,117,605 526,096	30,244 18,026	12.8 25.6	0.3 0.9	1,063,153 481,979	28,303 17,597	12.2 23.5	0.3 0.9	*-54,452 *-44,117	41,422	*-0.6	0.5 1.2
New York	3,381,210	47,081	17.8	0.9	3,140,546	51,779	16.6	0.9	*-240,664	25,191 69,984	*-1.2	0.4
North Carolina	1,900,667	37,566	18.8	0.2	1,861,398	37,292	18.3	0.3	-39,269	52,933	*-0.6	0.5
North Dakota	107,592	7,286	14.6	1.0	105,170	6,736	14.2	0.9	-2,422	9,923	-0.4	1.3
Ohio	2,047,923	37,225	18.0	0.3	1,937,840	38,277	17.1	0.3	*-110,083	53,393	*-1.0	0.5
Oklahoma	783,754	18,556	20.5	0.5	761,813	15,770	19.8	0.4	-21,941	24,352	*-0.7	0.6
Oregon	705,051	23,407	17.1	0.6	623,030	20,289	15.1	0.5	*-82,021	30,976	*-2.1	0.8
Pennsylvania Rhode Island	2,012,077 170,195	36,769 10,611	16.2 16.7	0.3 1.0	1,928,704 144,221	39,045 11,157	15.6 14.2	0.3 1.1	*-83,373 *-25,974	53,633 15,397	*-0.7 *-2.6	0.4 1.5
South Carolina	985,027	27,829	19.9	0.6	936,288	30,700	18.7	0.6	*-48,739	41,436		0.8
South Dakota	149,965	8,291	17.6	1.0	136,771	8,274	16.0	1.0	*-13,194	11,713	*-1.6	1.4
Tennessee	1,331,724	28,056	20.2	0.4	1,222,131	29,999	18.4	0.5	*-109,593	41,074	*-1.8	0.6
Texas	5,559,872	70,409	19.8	0.3	5,199,158	88,613	18.3	0.3	*-360,714	113,180	*-1.5	0.4
Utah	393,198	19,189	12.6	0.6	375,627	16,615	11.9	0.5	-17,571	25,382	-0.7	0.8
Vermont	86,080	5,859	14.3	1.0	80,422	5,306	13.4	0.9	-5,658	7,904	-0.9	1.3
Virginia	1,146,100	32,142	13.9	0.4	1,084,287	29,145	13.1	0.4	*-61,813	43,388	*-0.8	0.5
Washington	1,002,777 415,783	26,160 16,392	13.6 23.7	0.4 0.9	964,782 369,252	27,656 14,772	12.9 21.2	0.4 0.8	-37,995 *-46,531	38,068 22,066	*-0.6 *-2.5	0.5 1.3
Wisconsin	415,783 845,387	20,021	14.9	0.9	369,252 791,725	14,772	13.9	0.8	*-53,662	22,066 27,462	*-1.0	0.5
Wyoming	82,292	7,326	14.9	1.3	74,394	6,645	13.9	1.2	-7,898	9,891	-1.4	1.8
Puerto Rico	1,648,770	25,958	52.1	0.8	1,664,313	23,336	52.5	0.7	15,543	34,906	0.5	1.1

\* Statistically different from zero at the 90 percent confidence level.

<sup>1</sup> Poverty status is determined for individuals in housing units and noninstitutional group quarters. The poverty universe excludes children under the age of 15 who are not related to the householder, people living in institutional group quarters (e.g., nursing homes or correctional facilities), and people living in college dormitories or military barracks.

<sup>2</sup> Data are based on a sample and are subject to sampling variability. A margin of error is a measure of an estimate's variability. The larger the margin of error in relation to the size of the estimate, the less reliable the estimate. This number when added to or subtracted from the estimate forms the 90 percent confidence interval.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018 and 2019 American Community Survey and 2018 and 2019 Puerto Rico Community Survey, 1-Year Estimates.

Table 6.

# Number and Percentage of People With Income Below 125 Percent of the Poverty Level for the 25 Most Populous Metropolitan Areas: 2018 and 2019

(For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see <www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/technical-documentation/code-lists.html>)

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$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	0	510,054	20,312	10.8	0.4	*-52,794	29,198	*-1.1	0.6
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$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	0	1,294,309	36,321	13.9	0.4	*-93,977	50,319	6 <sup>.0</sup> -*	0.5
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\* Statistically different from zero at the 90 percent confidence level.

<sup>1</sup> Poverty status is determined for individuals in housing units and noninstitutional group quarters. The poverty universe excludes children under the age of 15 who are not related to the householder, people living in institutional group quarters (e.g., nursing homes or correctional facilities), and people living in college dormitories or military barracks. <sup>2</sup> Data are based on a sample and are subject to sampling variability. A margin of error is a measure of an estimate's variability. The larger the margin of error in relation to the size of the estimate, the less reliable the estimate. This number when added to or subtracted from the estimate forms the 90 percent confidence interval. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018 and 2019 American Community Survey, 1-Year Estimates.

### WHAT IS THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY?

The American Community Survey (ACS) is a nationwide survey designed to provide communities with reliable and timely demographic, social, economic, and housing data for the nation, states, congressional districts, counties, places, and other localities every year. It has an annual sample size of about 3.5 million addresses across the United States and Puerto Rico and includes both housing units and group quarters (e.g., nursing facilities and prisons).\* The ACS is conducted in every county throughout the nation and every municipio in Puerto Rico (the Puerto Rico Community Survey). Beginning in 2006, ACS 1-year data have been released annually for geographic areas with populations of 65,000 and greater. For information on the ACS sample design and other topics, visit <www.census.gov/acs>.

### SOURCE AND ACCURACY

The data presented in this report are based on the ACS sample interviewed from January 2018 through December 2018 (2018 ACS) and the ACS sample interviewed from January 2019 through December 2019 (2019 ACS). The estimates based on these samples describe the average values of person, household, and housing unit characteristics over this period of collection. Sampling error is the uncertainty between an estimate based on a sample and the corresponding value that would be obtained if the estimate were based on the entire population (as from a

### HOW TO ACCESS AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY POVERTY DATA

The 2019 American Community Survey (ACS) 1-year estimates were released on Thursday, September 17, 2020. Releases from the 2019 ACS include the following data products:

September 17, 2020	1-year data release (data profiles, detailed tables, summary file, comparison profiles, selected population profiles, and subject tables) for geographies of 65,000 or greater
October 15, 2020	1-year Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS) file and supplemental 1-year estimates for geographies with populations of 20,000 or more
December 10, 2020	5-year data release (data profiles, detailed tables, summary file, comparison profiles, subject tables, and narrative profiles) for all geographies
January 14, 2021	5-year Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS) file

All ACS data products are now released on data.census.gov, the U.S. Census Bureau's primary data dissemination and digital content platform located at <a href="https://data.census.gov">https://data.census.gov</a>. The centralized experience allows data users of all skill levels to search tables, visualize and download data, and create custom statistics. ACS data from 2010 forward are available on data.census.gov. Historical estimates of Table 1 prior to 2010 can be found in the brief "Poverty: 2016 and 2017," in Appendix Table 1. See <<w style="text-align: center;">www.census.gov/library/publications/2018/acs/acsbr17-02.html>.</a>

An additional method for obtaining ACS data is through the Census Bureau's application programming interface (API) at <www.census.gov/developers/>. This tool provides the public with maximum flexibility to query data directly from Census Bureau servers.

Additional poverty estimates, publications, working papers, visualizations, and data from other surveys can be found at <www.census.gov/topics/income-poverty/poverty.html>.

<sup>\*</sup> While people living in group quarters are sampled in the ACS, those living in institutional group quarters (e.g., nursing homes or correctional facilities) are not included in the poverty universe.

census). Measures of sampling error are provided in the form of margins of error for all estimates included in this report. All comparative statements in this report have undergone statistical testing, and comparisons are significant at the 90 percent confidence level unless otherwise noted. In addition to sampling error, nonsampling error may be introduced during any of the operations used to collect and process survey data such as editing, reviewing, or keying data from questionnaires. For more information on sampling and estimation methods, confidentiality protection, and sampling and nonsampling errors, please see the 2019 ACS Accuracy of the Data document located at <www.census.gov /programs-surveys/acs /technical-documentation /code-lists.html>.

### NOTES

The Census Bureau also publishes poverty estimates based on the Current Population Survey Annual Social and Economic Supplement (CPS ASEC). For information on poverty estimates from the American Community Survey (ACS) and how they differ from those based on the CPS ASEC, see the factsheet available at <www.census.gov/topics /income-poverty/poverty /guidance/data-sources/acs -vs-cps.html>.