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| County | Poverty Rates (%) | | | Child (0-17) Poverty Rate (%) | | | Median Household Income (\$) | | |
|--------------|-------------------|-------|--------|-------------------------------|-------|--------|------------------------------|----------|----------|
| | 2007 | 2013 | Change | 2007 | 2013 | Change | 2007 (in 2013 \$) | 2013 | Change |
| Pennsylvania | 11.6% * | 13.7% | 2.1% | 15.9% * | 19.0% | 3.1% | \$54,574 * | \$52,007 | -\$2,567 |
| Adams | 7.4 | 8.9 | 1.5 | 8.7 * | 15.2 | 6.5 | 59,860 | 59,029 | -831 |
| Allegheny | 11.7 * | 13.8 | 2.1 | 16.1 | 18.5 | 2.5 | 52,131 | 51,424 | -707 |
| Armstrong | 13.3 | 15.2 | 2.0 | 18.2 | 22.3 | 4.1 | 45,520 | 43,191 | -2,329 |
| Beaver | 9.1 | 10.6 | 1.6 | 12.3 | 12.8 | 0.5 | 50,576 | 49,937 | -639 |
| Berks | 11.3 * | 14.4 | 3.1 | 16.1 * | 22.3 | 6.3 | 59,305 | 56,043 | -3,262 |
| Blair | 13.7 | 16.5 | 2.8 | 20.5 | 26.7 | 6.3 | 47,758 * | 42,164 | -5,594 |
| Bucks | 5.2 * | 6.1 | 1.0 | 4.9 * | 8.3 | 3.3 | 79,380 * | 73,594 | -5,786 |
| Butler | 8.3 | 9.3 | 1.0 | 10.1 | 8.3 | (1.7) | 61,106 | 58,233 | -2,873 |
| Cambria | 13.9 * | 16.4 | 2.5 | 22.2 | 24.9 | 2.7 | 42,125 | 41,423 | -702 |
| Carbon | NA | 15.7 | NA | NA | 29.4 | NA | NA | 44,017 | NA |
| Centre | 15.1 * | 19.8 | 4.7 | 7.3 * | 13.5 | 6.2 | 50,157 | 53,207 | 3,050 |
| Chester | 5.4 * | 7.0 | 1.6 | 4.5 * | 8.1 | 3.5 | 93,413 * | 83,633 | -9,780 |
| Clearfield | 15.8 | 16.4 | 0.6 | 23.3 | 25.1 | 1.8 | 40,750 | 39,236 | -1,514 |
| Columbia | 12.9 * | 18.7 | 5.8 | - | 22.8 | NA | 47,956 | 46,530 | -1,426 |
| Crawford | 13.8 | 13.9 | 0.1 | 15.8 | 18.5 | 2.7 | 40,689 * | 44,575 | 3,886 |
| Cumberland | 6.0 * | 8.5 | 2.5 | 5.8 * | 10.1 | 4.3 | 65,842 * | 60,088 | -5,754 |
| Dauphin | 11.1 * | 14.1 | 3.1 | 16.3 | 19.7 | 3.3 | 56,240 | 53,816 | -2,424 |
| Delaware | 9.8 | 10.8 | 1.0 | 12.8 | 13.4 | 0.6 | 67,670 | 64,822 | -2,848 |
| Erie | 14.5 * | 18.3 | 3.8 | 22.3 | 28.2 | 5.8 | 47,629 * | 44,292 | -3,337 |
| Fayette | 19.8 | 19.3 | (0.5) | 32.2 | 31.0 | (1.3) | 35,214 | 38,903 | 3,689 |
| Franklin | 7.8 * | 12.9 | 5.1 | 9.8 * | 20.4 | 10.7 | 52,787 | 54,303 | 1,516 |
| Indiana | 20.8 * | 14.1 | (6.7) | 25.3 * | 13.4 | (11.8) | 37,570 * | 45,266 | 7,696 |
| Lackawanna | 12.8 | 14.9 | 2.1 | 18.8 | 21.6 | 2.9 | 46,735 | 45,295 | -1,440 |
| Lancaster | 8.7 * | 10.4 | 1.7 | 12.4 | 13.9 | 1.5 | 59,279 | 56,922 | -2,357 |
| Lawrence | 14.3 | 12.8 | (1.5) | 22.4 | 16.9 | (5.4) | 45,781 | 43,425 | -2,356 |
| Lebanon | 8.6 | 10.9 | 2.2 | 13.8 | 13.3 | (0.5) | 52,479 | 55,973 | 3,494 |

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| Lehigh | 8.6 * | 14.8 | 6.1 | 12.1 * | 24.1 | 12.0 | 58,215 | 54,244 | -3,971 |
| Luzerne | 11.5 * | 16.4 | 4.9 | 17.9 * | 29.4 | 11.5 | 46,966 | 45,190 | -1,776 |
| Lycoming | 12.9 | 13.5 | 0.6 | 17.8 | 18.5 | 0.7 | 46,865 | 47,373 | 508 |
| Mercer | 10.4 * | 13.1 | 2.7 | 10.1 * | 20.3 | 10.1 | 46,182 | 44,222 | -1,960 |
| Monroe | 8.7 | 10.8 | 2.2 | 9.7 | 13.0 | 3.3 | 63,881 * | 55,536 | -8,345 |
| Montgomery | 5.3 * | 6.8 | 1.5 | 5.8 * | 8.0 | 2.2 | 83,138 * | 76,919 | -6,219 |
| Northampton | 7.5 * | 9.9 | 2.5 | 9.5 | 11.2 | 1.7 | 65,592 * | 60,482 | -5,110 |
| Northumberland | 12.9 | 14.1 | 1.3 | 16.6 | 22.3 | 5.7 | 41,109 | 41,011 | -98 |
| Philadelphia | 23.8 * | 26.3 | 2.5 | 34.5 | 35.9 | 1.4 | 39,732 * | 36,836 | -2,896 |
| Schuylkill | 12.0 | 13.3 | 1.3 | 15.9 | 19.7 | 3.8 | 45,882 * | 41,114 | -4,768 |
| Somerset | 10.3 | 11.7 | 1.4 | 14.5 | 15.9 | 1.4 | 42,191 | 43,429 | 1,238 |
| Washington | 9.2 | 10.8 | 1.5 | 10.9 | 14.3 | 3.4 | 53,140 | 55,124 | 1,984 |
| Westmoreland | 9.4 | 10.6 | 1.2 | 11.6 * | 16.1 | 4.6 | 51,744 | 51,531 | -213 |
| York | 8.9 * | 11.0 | 2.1 | 12.7 * | 18.1 | 5.5 | 61,926 * | 57,065 | -4,861 |

Notes. *2007 figure is statistically different at the 90 percent confidence level from the 2013 figure.

Only counties with populations of 65,000 or more are included in this table.

2007 poverty results for certain counties (Centre, in particular) may be unreliable due to significant populations in group quarters.

Source. Keystone Research and Pennsylvania Budget and Policy Center calculations based on the American Community Survey 2007-2013

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