# Poverty

**Impact Score**

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In the U.S., poverty refers to individuals and families whose income is below the Federal Poverty Guideline. The Federal Poverty Guideline in 2016 was $11,880 for an individual and $24,300 for a four-person household.

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| Health Impacts Increased risk of:   * Poor academic achievement * Crime * Greater health expenditures * Inadequate nutrition * Food insecurity * Some studies have shown a 2 times increased risk of Coronary Heart Disease | Comparison Percent of Population Below Federal Poverty Guideline, Marion Co. vs. other locations, 2016    Source: ACS 5 Year Summaries, 2010-2016 |
| Treatment  * Policy Changes * Social Reform | Trend Poverty, Marion Co. 2012-2016    Source: ACS 5 Year Summaries |

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| Risk Factors Risk factors for poverty in childhood include low parental education (where parents both lack a high school degree), non-employed parents, teen mothers, single-parents, large families with four or more children, children in families who have changed residences one or more times in the last 12 months, and households without English speakers.  Source: NCCP, National Center for Children in Poverty |
| Equity |
| Percent of Population Below Federal Poverty Guideline in Marion County, by Race  S:\EPI\Data Requests\DR3780 Health Equity and Poverty for CHA\DR3780 Poverty by Race2.png  Percent of Population Below Federal Poverty Guideline in Marion County, by Educational Attainment for those 25 years and over  S:\EPI\Data Requests\DR3780 Health Equity and Poverty for CHA\DR3780 Poverty by Education Status2.png |