

# The 2017 Poverty Snapshot

## New Jersey

Too many New Jerseyans are still experiencing economic hardship

Nearly **883,000** New Jerseyans lived in poverty in 2017

That is

**10%**

of NJ's population



ranks

**45th**

in percent of poor people among all states

Children and people with disabilities remain very vulnerable

**16.8%** of people with disabilities in New Jersey lived in poverty in 2017



**13.9%** of NJ children lived in poverty in 2017



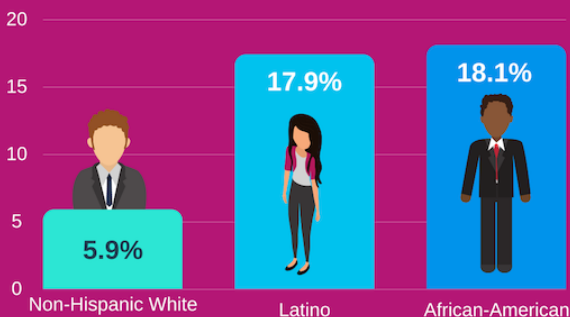
NJ ranks

**35th**

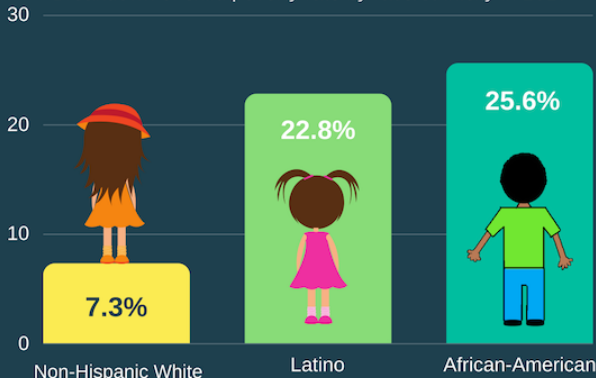
in child poverty rate

Communities of Color in New Jersey Are Disproportionately Poor

Breakdown of poverty rate by race/ethnicity in 2017



Breakdown of child poverty rate by race/ethnicity in 2017



# Near and Deep Poverty in **New Jersey**

**200% Poverty Line:  
Near-poor**



**50% Poverty Line:  
Deep Poverty**

**100% Poverty Line**

62% of households earning less than \$20K/year paid more than half of income on rent

Over **387,000** New Jerseyans lived in deep poverty in 2017

## **Working Hard**

Struggling folks are working:  
In fact, in **62.3%** of poor families, one or more people worked at least part-time or part of 2017



*yet still*

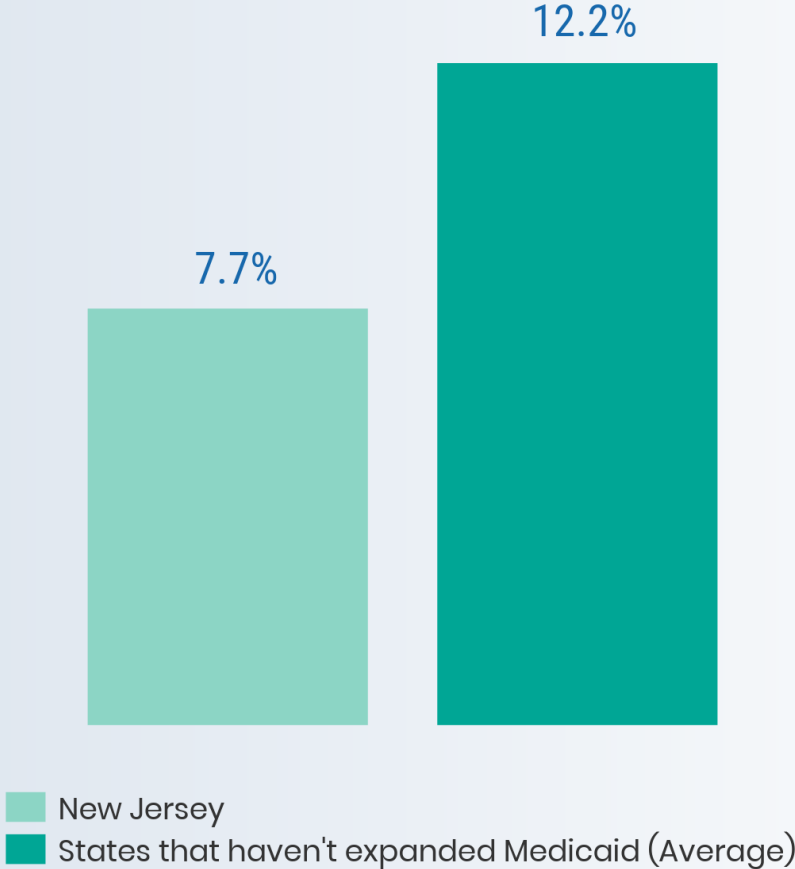
## **Food Insecure**

Working, however is often not enough. About **8.6%** of NJ households could not always afford enough food.



# New Jersey Has Fewer Uninsured Because It Expanded Medicaid

Percentage of people uninsured in 2017

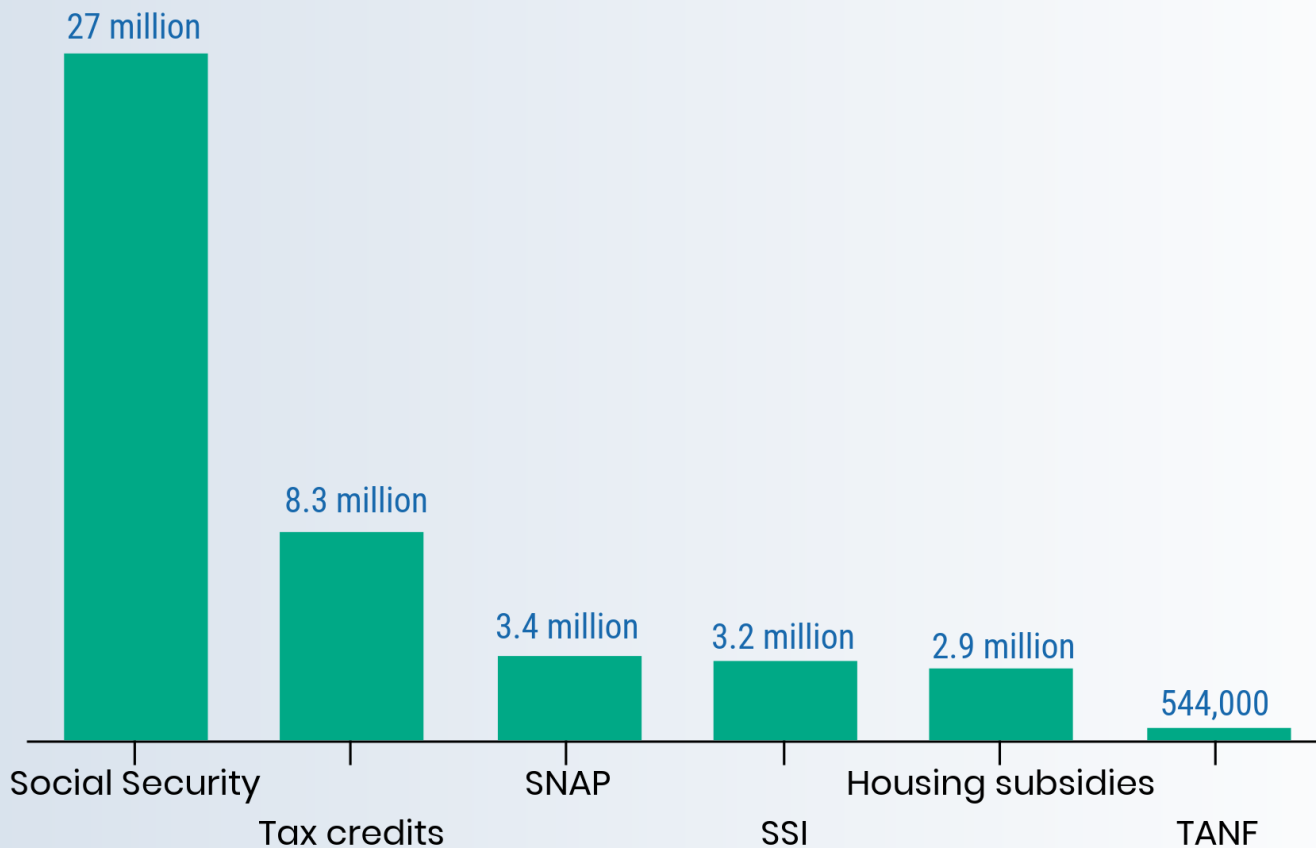


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Medicaid expansion: The Affordable Care Act allows states to expand Medicaid eligibility to uninsured adults and children whose incomes are at or below 138% of the federal poverty level  
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2017

# Federal Low-Income Programs Lift Millions Out of Poverty

Numbers of people lifted above poverty line in 2017



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- Refundable tax credits: Earn Income Tax Credit and refundable portion of Child Tax Credit
- SNAP: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
- Housing subsidies: Public housing and tenant vouchers
- SSI: Social Security Insurance
- TANF: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Supplemental Poverty Measure, 2017