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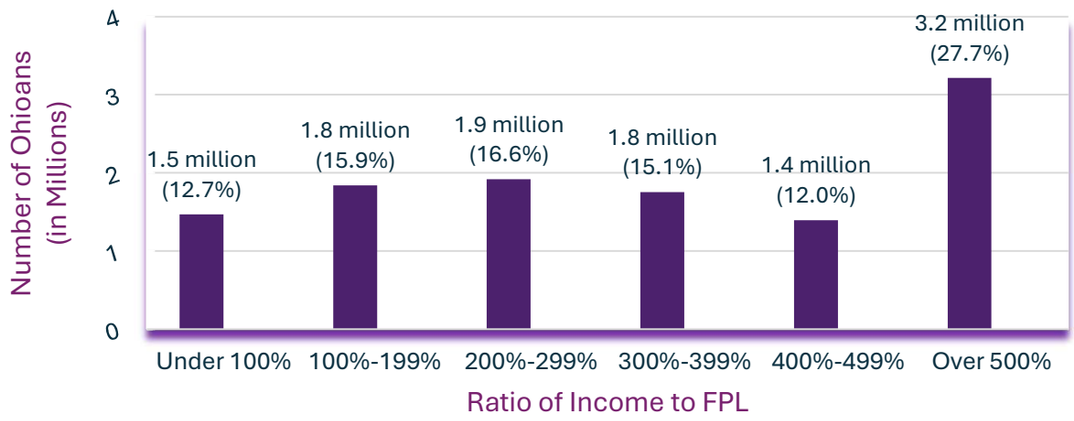
Poverty in Ohio

Ratio of Income to Federal Poverty Level (FPL) for Ohio, 2024*



- In 2024, an individual was below the FPL with an annual income of $15,060 and a family of three was below the FPL with an annual income of $25,820.
- Ohio had a total population of over 11.8 million in FY 2024.*
- About 1.5 million Ohioans (12.7%) had an income below the poverty line.
- The U.S. poverty rate was 12.1%. Ohio had the 14th highest poverty rate of all 50 states.
  - Louisiana had the highest poverty rate (18.7%) and New Hampshire had the lowest poverty rate (7.2%).

Select Characteristics for Ohioans Below the Poverty Rate

The following were below the poverty level in 2024:

16.5% of children under 18 years

17.9% of children under 5 years

19.6% of all families with 3 or more children

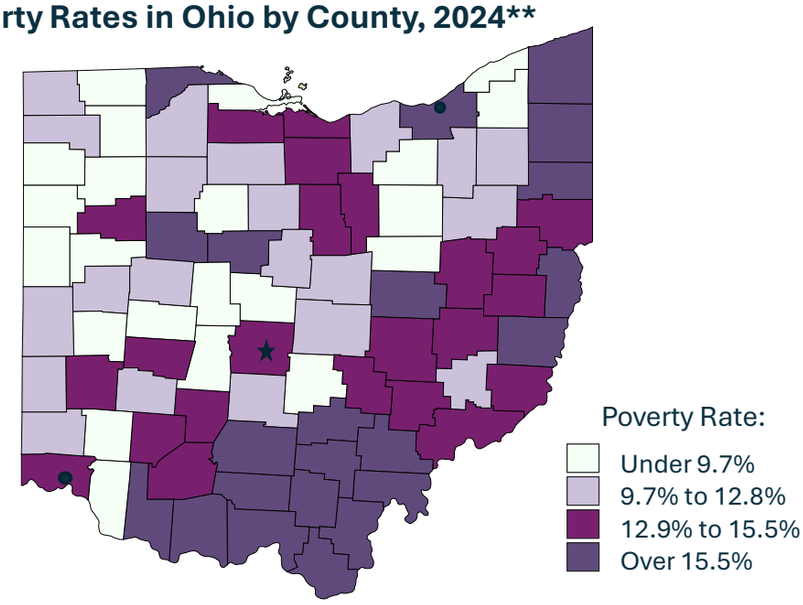
35.0% of female households with children (no spouse)

10.4% of seniors 65 and over

24.2% of Black or African Americans

Poverty Rates in Ohio by County, 2024**

5 Highest Rates	
Scioto	21.8%
Meigs	21.8%
Athens	21.5%
Pike	21.3%
Adams	20.2%



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2024 American Community Survey 1-year estimates

*Information presented is for the population for whom poverty status was determined. In Ohio, 11.6 million had status determined.

**Using 5-year estimates