

Population and Families Living Below Poverty

Source: U.S. Census Bureau; 2015-2019 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table B17024, B17010.

Geography	Population below 100% federal poverty level (FPL)	Families below poverty level (out of all families)	Families with children under 18 years below poverty level (out of families with children)
Central Region	18.1%	12.9%	20.7%
Central San Diego	14.1%	8.2%	14.6%
Mid-City	24.3%	16.7%	26.5%
Southeastern San Diego	15.7%	13.3%	19.4%
East Region	12.5%	9.0%	13.6%
Alpine	9.1%	6.9%	6.2%
El Cajon	17.8%	14.3%	21.2%
Harbison-Crest	8.2%	5.8%	6.8%
Jamul	7.5%	6.0%	8.3%
La Mesa	12.2%	8.1%	11.8%
Laguna-Pine Valley	6.7%	5.1%	8.5%
Lakeside	9.1%	5.4%	9.3%
Lemon Grove	12.3%	8.9%	12.7%
Mountain Empire	24.9%	19.2%	24.1%
Santee	7.6%	5.0%	7.6%
Spring Valley	11.6%	8.2%	12.3%
North Central Region	10.0%	5.4%	7.4%
Coastal	8.5%	3.6%	4.8%
Del Mar-Mira Mesa	5.9%	4.3%	5.2%
Elliott-Navajo	7.5%	5.0%	6.7%
Kearny Mesa	11.4%	7.4%	11.4%
Miramar	7.6%	4.8%	6.0%
Peninsula	9.3%	5.2%	7.2%
University	24.9%	6.2%	9.0%
North Coastal Region	8.8%	5.7%	8.9%
Carlsbad	6.3%	4.0%	5.7%
Oceanside	10.9%	7.5%	13.0%
Pendleton	7.4%	6.1%	7.5%
San Dieguito	6.2%	4.0%	4.6%
Vista	11.1%	6.7%	11.3%
North Inland Region	9.2%	6.2%	9.3%
Anza-Borrego Springs	13.7%	1.9%	0.0%
Escondido	13.7%	10.1%	16.1%
Fallbrook	10.9%	8.6%	15.4%
North San Diego	5.7%	4.0%	4.7%
Palomar-Julian	10.8%	4.6%	9.2%
Pauma	8.5%	6.4%	7.1%
Poway	5.0%	3.3%	4.2%
Ramona	6.0%	3.3%	4.0%
San Marcos	10.1%	6.2%	9.0%
Valley Center	9.1%	6.2%	10.3%
South Region	12.0%	9.9%	12.7%
Chula Vista	14.4%	11.9%	15.8%
Coronado	5.8%	4.5%	6.3%
National City	18.8%	16.3%	21.2%
South Bay	15.0%	13.0%	16.8%
Sweetwater	6.1%	4.7%	5.6%
San Diego County	11.6%	7.8%	11.6%

Population poverty status was only determined for people not institutionalized, living in military group quarters, in college dormitories, and/or people ages 0-14 living alone or with unrelated roommates (not family).

Family poverty status is determined by aggregating income from two or more people who are related through birth, marriage, or adoption, including income for persons over the age of 14 living in the house and related to the householder. Families may or may not include children under the age of 18.

Families with children under 18 poverty status- Out of families with children under the age of 18, not out of all family households, the percentage that were determined to be living below the federal poverty level (FPL).

Poverty status is determined by matching people's annual income before tax to sets of dollar amounts (also known as poverty thresholds) which will vary depending on the number of people in the family, number of children under the age of 18, and the age of householder (i.e., under age 65 or over age 65). If the annual income before tax is under the dollar amount for their threshold, the family and everyone in it living in the same household are determined to be in poverty. The income of anyone else living in the house not related, or in the family, is not considered for this threshold. In fact, these individuals would be compared to their own poverty threshold. In order to account for changes in cost of living year to year, poverty thresholds are updated every year by the Census Bureau per the Consumer Price Index (CPI-U). Poverty thresholds are the same for all geographies in the United States. While cost of living may differ geographically, these thresholds do not.

How to interpret these data: In 2019, 11.6% of people, 7.8% of families, and 11.6% of families that had children under the age of 18 in San Diego County were in poverty.

