

Using data.census.gov: Exercise – People In Poverty

Poverty:

- You would like to find the percentage of American people who were living in poverty in 2012.
- How does the percentage of people living in poverty in 2012 compare to the percentage of people living in poverty in 2017?
- You would like to work with the data table on your computer. How would you get a file of this table onto your own computer?

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15.9% +/- 0.1% Poverty, All people in United States

Source 2012 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates
<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/>

Answer: 15.9%

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POVERTY STATUS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS

Survey/Program: American Community Survey
Years: 2012 Table: S1701

	United States					
	Total		Below poverty level		Percent below poverty level	
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error
Population for whom po...	306,086,063	+/-23,273	48,760,123	+/-231,580	15.9%	+/-0.1

How does the percentage of people living in poverty in 2012 compare to the percentage of people living in poverty in 2017?

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13.4% +/- 0.1% Poverty, All people in United States

Source 2017 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates
<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/>

Answer:
2012 - 15.9%,
2017 - 13.4%

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	Total		Below poverty level		Percent below poverty level	
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Population for whom po...	317,741,588	+/-22,450	42,583,651	+/-241,032	13.4%	+/-0.1

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The screenshot shows the United States Census Bureau website interface. At the top left is the logo. A search bar contains 'poverty 2017'. Below the search bar are navigation tabs: ALL, TABLES, MAPS, PAGES. The main content area is titled 'POVERTY STATUS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS' with subtext 'Survey/Program: American Community Survey' and 'TableID: S1701'. To the right of this title is a 'CUSTOMIZE TABLE' button highlighted with a red rectangle. Below the title is a table with columns for 'United States', 'Total', 'Below poverty level', and 'Percent below poverty level'. The table includes rows for 'Population for whom pov...', 'AGE', 'Under 18 years', 'Under 5 years', '5 to 17 years', 'Related children of ho...', '18 to 64 years', '18 to 34 years', '35 to 64 years', '60 years and over', '65 years and over', 'SEX', 'Male', 'Female', 'RACE AND HISPANIC OR ...', 'White alone', 'Black or African Americ...', and 'American Indian and AL...'. Each row contains columns for 'Estimate' and 'Margin of Error' for both the 'Total' and 'Below poverty level' categories.

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▼ AGE						
▼ Under 18 years	72,452,925	+/-41,324	13,353,202	+/-123,863	18.4%	+/-0.2
Under 5 years	19,457,844	+/-25,008	3,932,969	+/-52,324	20.2%	+/-0.3
5 to 17 years	52,995,081	+/-32,894	9,420,233	+/-89,021	17.8%	+/-0.2
Related children of hou...	72,127,045	+/-43,547	13,053,472	+/-123,212	18.1%	+/-0.2
▼ 18 to 64 years	195,788,184	+/-28,437	24,648,677	+/-120,787	12.6%	+/-0.1
18 to 34 years	71,729,535	+/-35,945	11,546,882	+/-75,005	16.1%	+/-0.1
35 to 64 years	124,058,649	+/-50,339	13,101,795	+/-72,892	10.6%	+/-0.1
60 years and over	69,590,727	+/-62,707	6,734,062	+/-50,731	9.7%	+/-0.1
65 years and over	49,500,479	+/-23,857	4,581,772			+/-0.1
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