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Philadelphia's Poor: Who they are, where they live, and how that has changed

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- History and Demographics
- Geography of Poverty



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HISTORY AND DEMOGRAPHICS

Overview



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- From 1970 to 2016, the last year for which numbers were available, Philadelphia's poverty rate rose by 10.3 percentage points. This increase is higher than any of the nation's 10 largest cities.
- In those years, the city lost about 380,000 residents and the number of jobs in the city fell 25 percent. Many of those who left were not poor. Their departure helped raise the poverty rate.
- In recent years, poverty has been relatively stable in Philadelphia, increasing less than 1 percentage point between 2006 and 2016.
- Among racial ethnic groups, Hispanics have the highest poverty rate in Philadelphia, but blacks represent the largest share of the city's poor.
- Working age adults represent the largest share of the city's poor when viewed by age cohort. Children have the highest poverty rate.



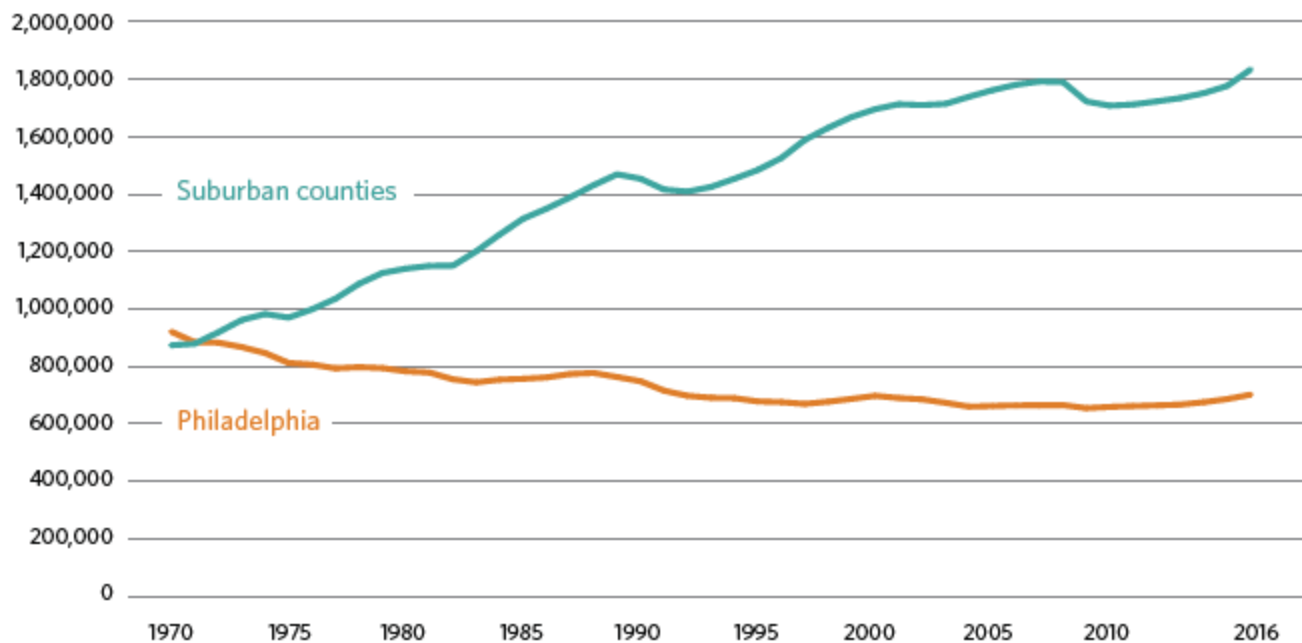
Poverty Rate Change, 1970 to 2016

| Most populous cities in 2016 | | | | Poorest large cities in 2016 | | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Percentage point change | 1970 | 2016 | | Percentage point change | 1970 | 2016 |
| Philadelphia | 10.3 | 15.4% | 25.7% | Detroit | 20.8 | 14.9% | 35.7% |
| Phoenix | 8.5 | 11.8% | 20.3% | Cleveland | 17.7 | 17.3% | 35% |
| Houston | 6.7 | 14.1% | 20.8% | Milwaukee | 15.3 | 11.4% | 26.7% |
| Los Angeles | 6.2 | 13.3% | 19.5% | Fresno | 10.7 | 17.4% | 28.1% |
| Dallas | 5.9 | 13.5% | 19.4% | Philadelphia | 10.3 | 15.4% | 25.7% |
| Chicago | 4.6 | 14.5% | 19.1% | Tucson | 10.2 | 13.9% | 24.1% |
| New York | 4.0 | 14.9% | 18.9% | Memphis | 6.1 | 20.8% | 26.9% |
| San Jose | 2.0 | 8.7% | 10.7% | Miami | 4.3 | 20.6% | 24.9% |
| San Diego | 1.1 | 12.0% | 13.1% | Atlanta | 2.0 | 20.4% | 22.4% |
| U.S. | 0.1 | 12.6% | 12.7% | U.S. | 0.1 | 12.6% | 12.7% |
| San Antonio | -3.3 | 21.8% | 18.5% | New Orleans | -3.1 | 26.8% | 23.7% |

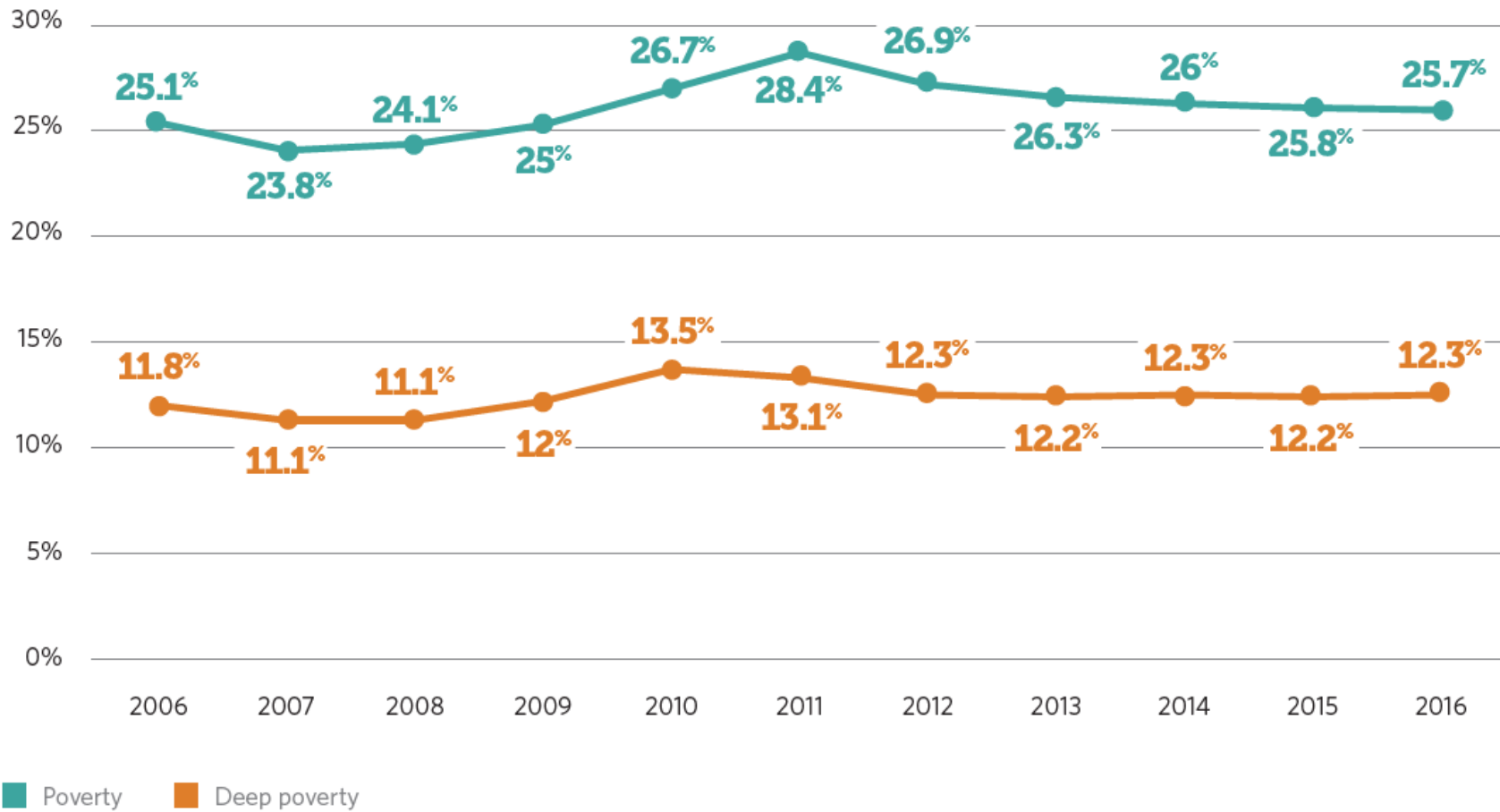


- The total number of jobs in the city fell 24 percent from 1970-2016, while the number of jobs in the city increased 110 percent.
- The types of jobs in the city also changed. The number of Philadelphian's working in blue collar occupations fell by more than half, while the number working in management and professional jobs grew 85 percent

Number of Jobs in Philadelphia and Suburban Counties, 1970-2016

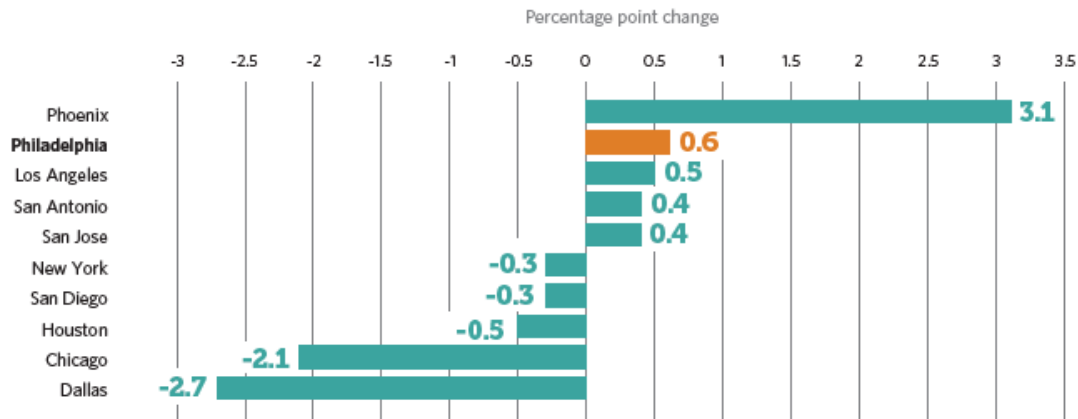


Poverty and Deep Poverty 2006-2016

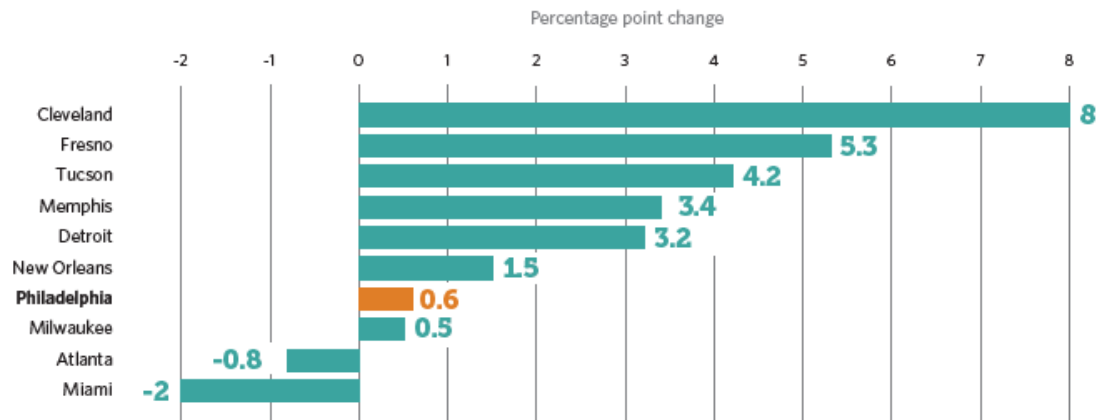


Poverty Rate Change 2006 to 2016

Most populous cities



Poorest large cities





Change in Share of the Overall and Poverty Populations 2006-2016

| | Share of the total population | | | Share of the poor population | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-------|-------------------------|------------------------------|-------|-------------------------|
| | 2006 | 2016 | Percentage point change | 2006 | 2016 | Percentage point change |
| Age | | | | | | |
| Under 18 years | 25.9% | 22.1% | -3.8 | 36.3% | 32.3% | -4 |
| 18 to 64 years | 61.4% | 65.1% | 3.7 | 53.8% | 59.1% | 5.3 |
| 65 years and over | 12.8% | 12.9% | 0.1 | 9.9% | 8.6% | -1.3 |
| Race/ethnicity | | | | | | |
| Black | 44.3% | 42.2% | -2.1 | 56.1% | 51.0% | -5.1 |
| Non-Hispanic white | 38.7% | 34.6% | -4.1 | 21.2% | 19.7% | -1.5 |
| Hispanic | 10.5% | 14.4% | 3.9 | 16.4% | 21.6% | 5.2 |
| Asian | 5.3% | 7.1% | 1.8 | 6.1% | 6.2% | 0.1 |

Poverty Rates for Selected Groups

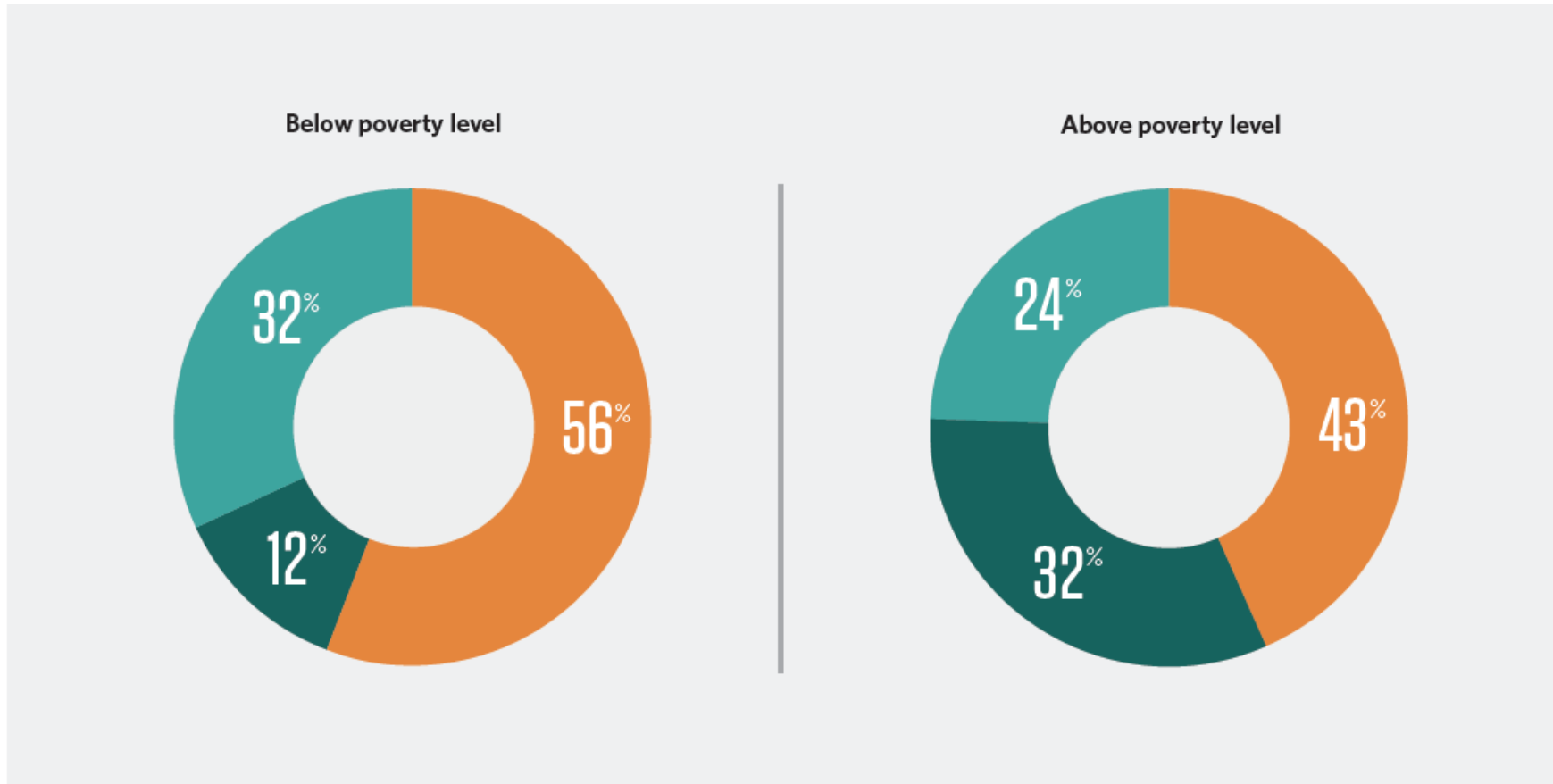
| | Percentage below poverty level | Estimated number below poverty level |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| All residents | 25.7% | 391,653 |
| Age | | |
| Under 18 years | 37.3% | 126,521 |
| 18 to 64 years | 23.4% | 231,336 |
| 65 years and over | 17.4% | 33,796 |
| Race/ethnicity | | |
| Black | 30.8% | 199,654 |
| Non-Hispanic white | 14.8% | 77,051 |
| Hispanic | 37.9% | 84,634 |
| Asian | 22.9% | 24,403 |

Households in Poverty



■ Households headed by married couples ■ Households headed by men ■ Households headed by women

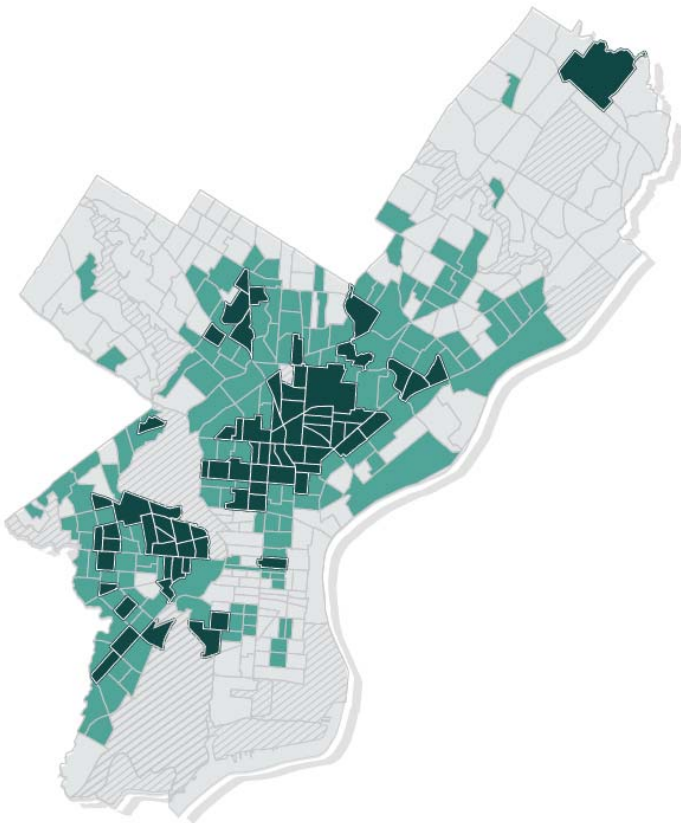
Households in Poverty



■ Nonfamily households ■ Households composed of families without children ■ Households composed of families with children

GEOGRAPHY OF POVERTY

Geography Findings

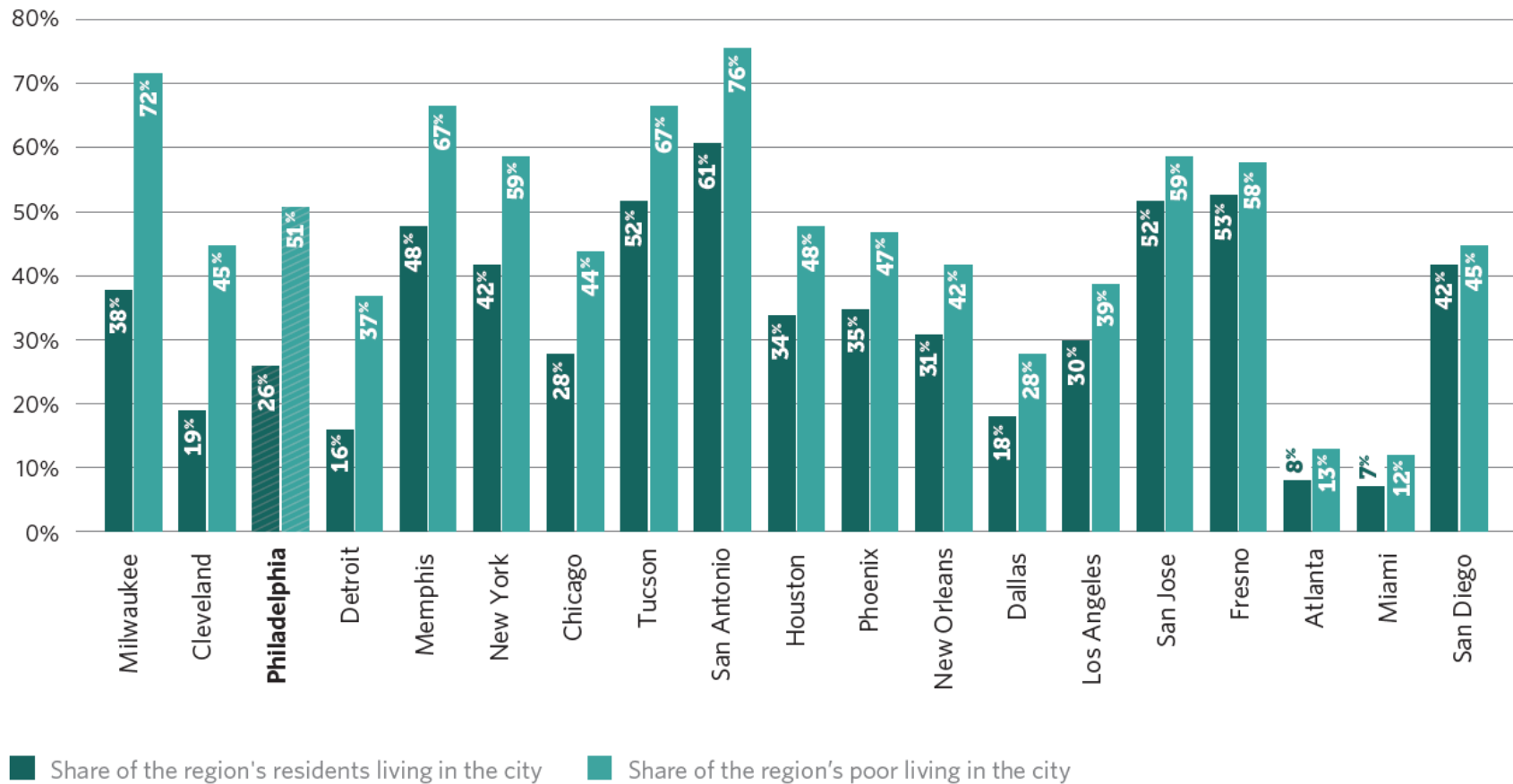


- The region's poor are more concentrated within the city of Philadelphia than the total population. 26 percent of the region's residents live inside the city, compared to 51 percent of the poor
- Inside the city, 60 percent of the population and 82 percent of the poor live in poverty areas—a noticeable increase since 1970
- Poor black and Hispanic residents live in high poverty areas at higher rates than poor, non-Hispanic whites, and they are more likely to live inside city.
- Hispanics in Philadelphia have a higher degree of ethnically concentrated poverty than Hispanics in most other cities and more than other racial groups in the city.

Regional Poverty

| Metro areas with the most populous cities | | Metro areas with the poorest large cities | |
|---|--------------|---|--------------|
| | Percentage | | Percentage |
| San Jose | 9.4% | Philadelphia | 12.9% |
| San Diego | 12.3% | Atlanta | 13.1% |
| Chicago | 12.4% | Milwaukee | 13.9% |
| Dallas | 12.7% | Cleveland | 14.5% |
| Philadelphia | 12.9% | Detroit | 14.9% |
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| San Antonio | 15% | Tucson | 18.4% |
| Los Angeles | 15% | Memphis | 19.4% |
| Phoenix | 15% | Fresno | 25.6% |

Population of the Region



Suburbanization of Poverty

Philadelphia
1970



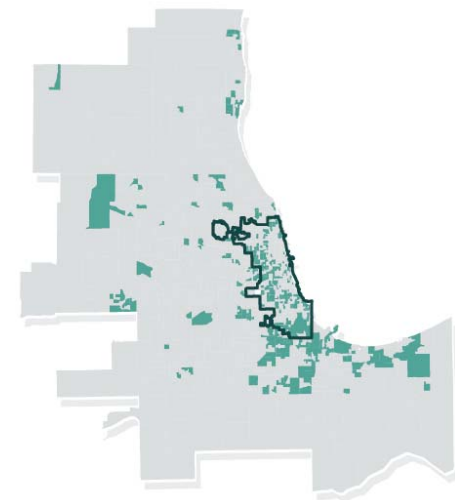
Philadelphia
2015



Chicago
1970

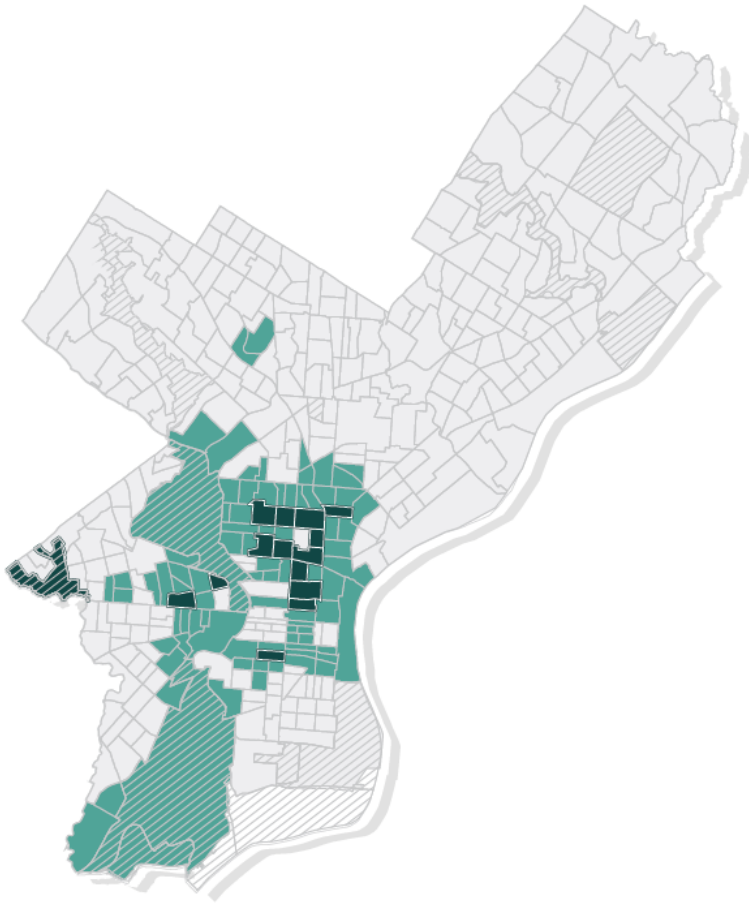


Chicago
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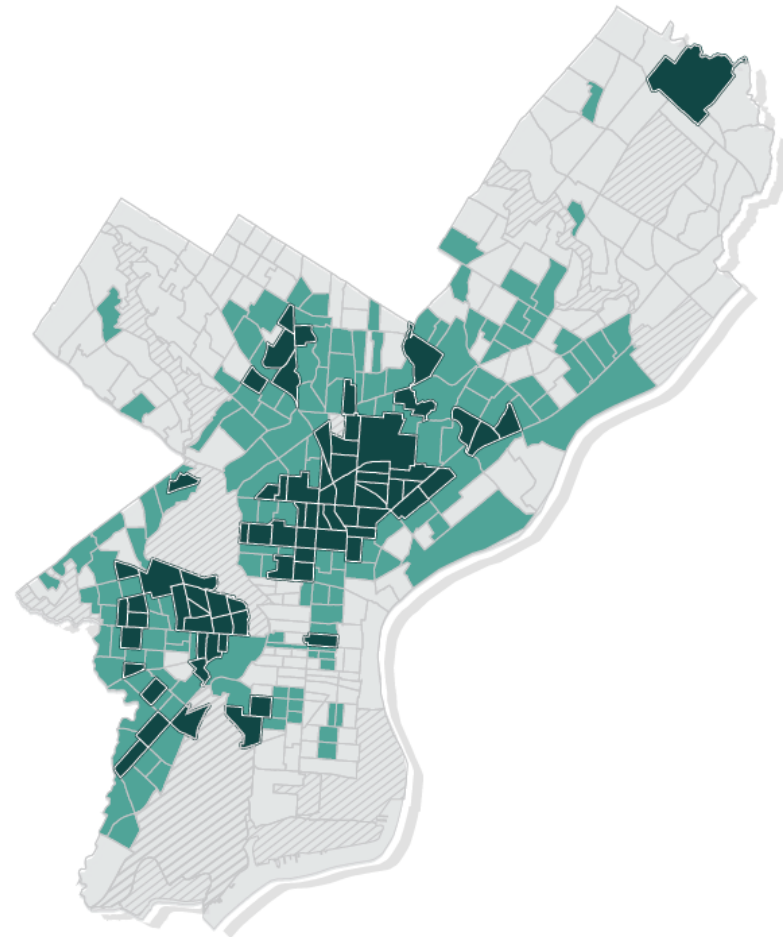


Poverty Areas in Philadelphia

1970



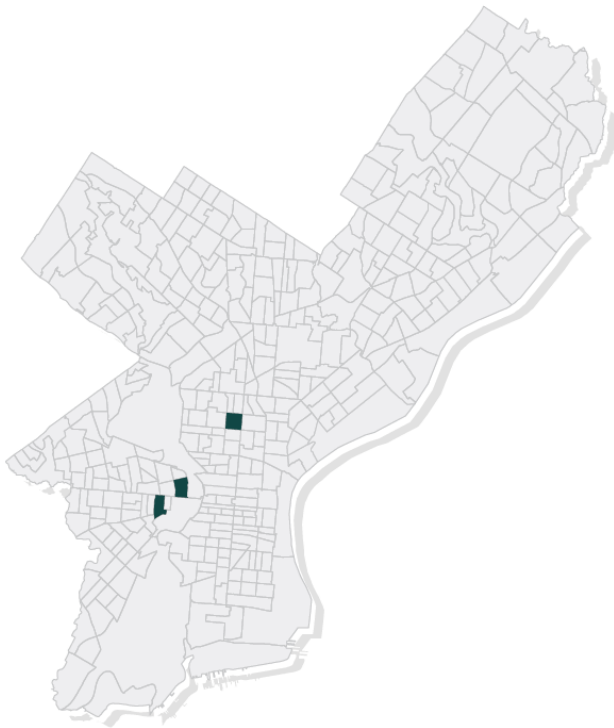
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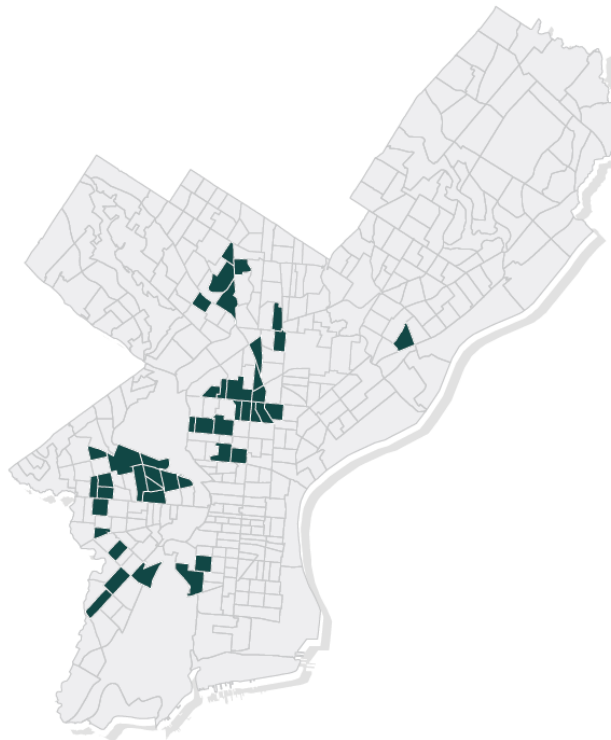
| | Living in nonpoverty areas | Living in poverty areas | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| | | 20-39% poverty | 40+% poverty |
| All residents | 40% | 41% | 19% |
| Non-Hispanic white | 69% | 26% | 5% |
| Black | 22% | 53% | 25% |
| Hispanic | 20% | 41% | 39% |
| Asian | 43% | 46% | 12% |
| Residents below poverty level | 18% | 46% | 36% |
| Non-Hispanic white | 44% | 38% | 18% |
| Black | 11% | 51% | 38% |
| Hispanic | 8% | 37% | 54% |
| Asian | 21% | 58% | 21% |
| Residents above poverty level | 48% | 39% | 13% |
| Non-Hispanic white | 73% | 24% | 3% |
| Black | 26% | 54% | 19% |
| Hispanic | 29% | 43% | 28% |
| Asian | 51% | 41% | 8% |

Racially and Ethnically Concentrated Poverty

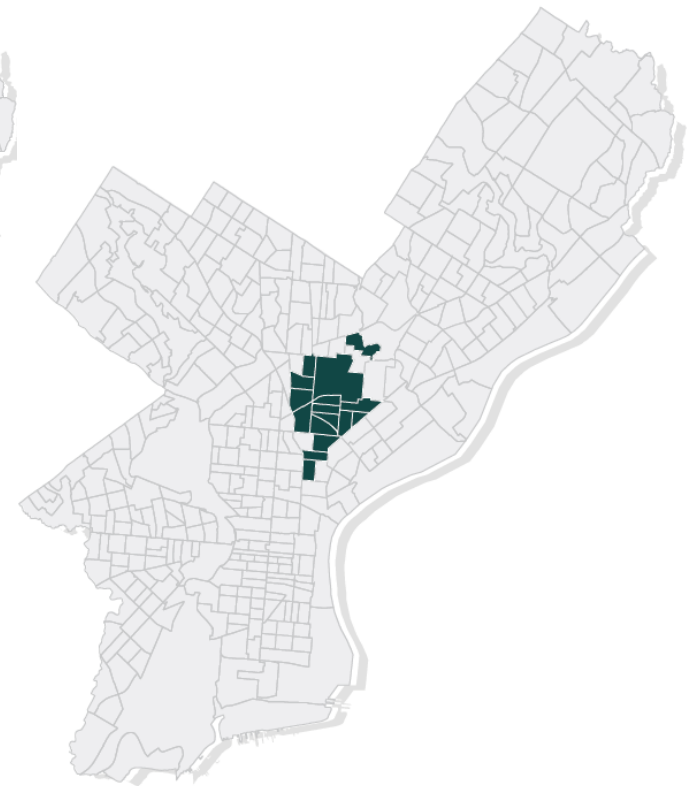
For non-Hispanic whites



For blacks



For Hispanics





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