

## Living in Poverty (New Jersey, 2007): Facts

- Over 722,000 persons in New Jersey (more than 8.5% of the population) live at or below the federal poverty level (\$15,219 per year for a family of three).
- Of those living at or below the poverty level, almost 237,000 were Hispanic/Latino and almost 202,000 were Black/African American.
- 89,000 families in which at least one adult worked full time had annual incomes at or below the poverty level.
- 63,000 single-parent households with dependent children in which the parent worked full time, had incomes at or below the federal poverty level.
- Given the actual cost of living in New Jersey, “true poverty” is closer to two times the federal poverty level here. In fact, an income of twice the federal poverty level for a family of three (\$30,438) is still less than a family needs to afford the average rent for a two-bedroom apartment.
- In New Jersey, over 20% of the population (1.7 million people) earn less than two times the federal poverty level.

Source: Beyond Diversity Resource Center