

# Poverty and Well-Being Profiles (2023)

*Lamar County, MS*

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## Populations and Households in Poverty (2022)

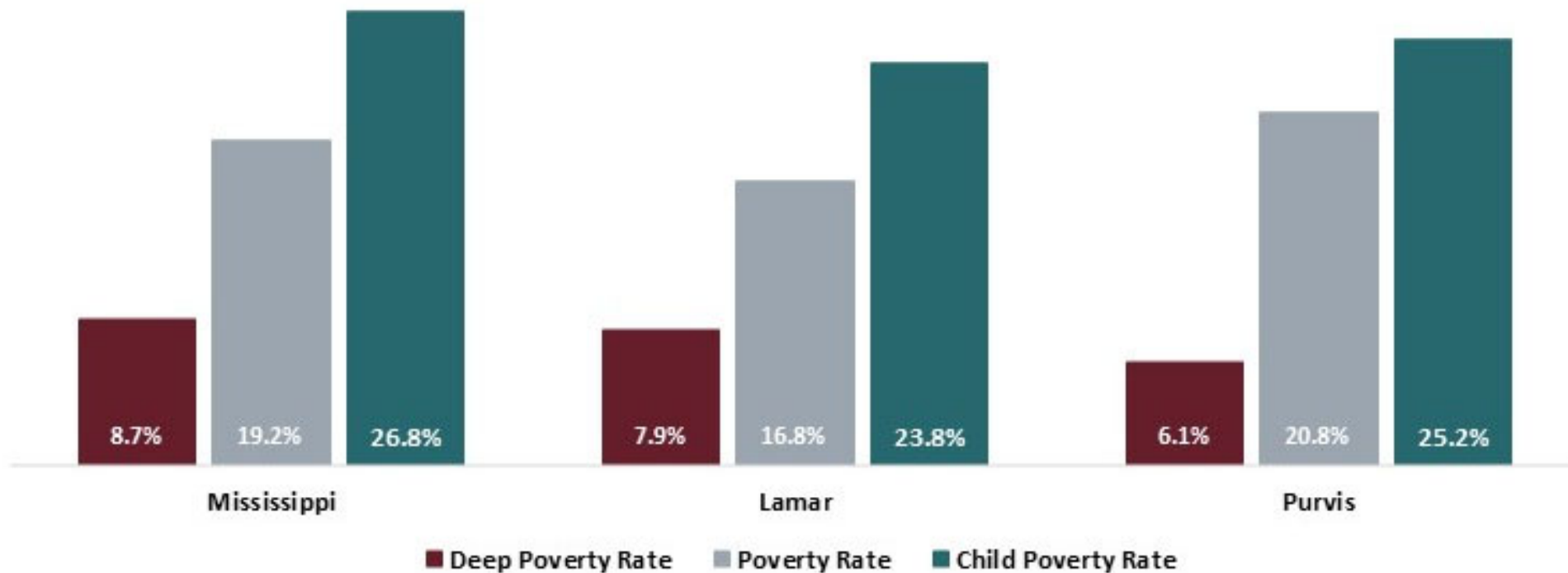
| Category              | Mississippi | Lamar  | Purvis* |
|-----------------------|-------------|--------|---------|
| Population**          | 2,858,819   | 63,869 | 1,650   |
| Households (HH)       | 1,121,269   | 24,896 | 667     |
| Population in Poverty | 548,804     | 10,759 | 343     |
| Child Poverty         | 26.8%       | 23.8%  | 25.2%   |
| Young Adult Poverty   | 21.7%       | 24.9%  | 17.9%   |
| Elder Poverty         | 13.4%       | 7.3%   | 8.7%    |

*\*Cities and towns listed in this profile are county seats.*

*\*\*Total population to determine poverty status — American Community Survey (ACS) Table S1701.*

Child is defined as a person under 18 years of age; young adult is defined as a person between 18 and 34 years of age; elder is aged 65 and over. Source: U.S Census Bureau ACS Estimates (2018-2022) for population of state, county, and county seat — Table S1701; Population in poverty for the state versus the United States or county/district and county seat — SAIPE, U.S Census Bureau.

## Poverty Rate Measures (2022)



Source: Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, U.S. Census Bureau ACS 2018-2022 --year estimates for poverty rates of the state versus the United States or county/district and county seat — Table S1701.

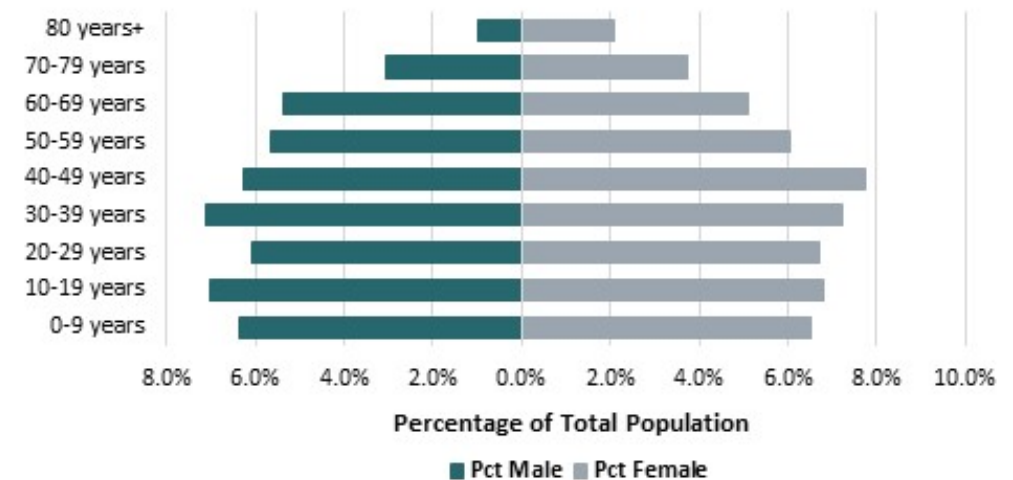
The U.S. Census Bureau uses a set of money income thresholds that vary by family size and composition to determine who is in poverty.

# Population Pyramid (2022)

## Mississippi



## Lamar



Population Pyramid: Shows the age-gender distribution of the given population. Age groups are depicted on the vertical axis and the percentage of the population on the horizontal axis. Gender is shown on the left/right sides. The population pyramid provides a picture of the composition of the population. Source: U.S. Census Bureau ACS 2018-2022 5-year estimates, Table S0101.

## Asset Poverty (2022)

| Category             | Mississippi | Lamar | Purvis |
|----------------------|-------------|-------|--------|
| Asset Poverty        | 28.0%       | 22.0% | N/A    |
| Liquid Asset Poverty | 45.0%       | 27.0% | N/A    |
| Zero Net Worth       | 16.0%       | 13.0% | N/A    |
| Unbanked             | 11.0%       | 7.0%  | N/A    |
| Underbanked          | 21.0%       | 14.0% | N/A    |

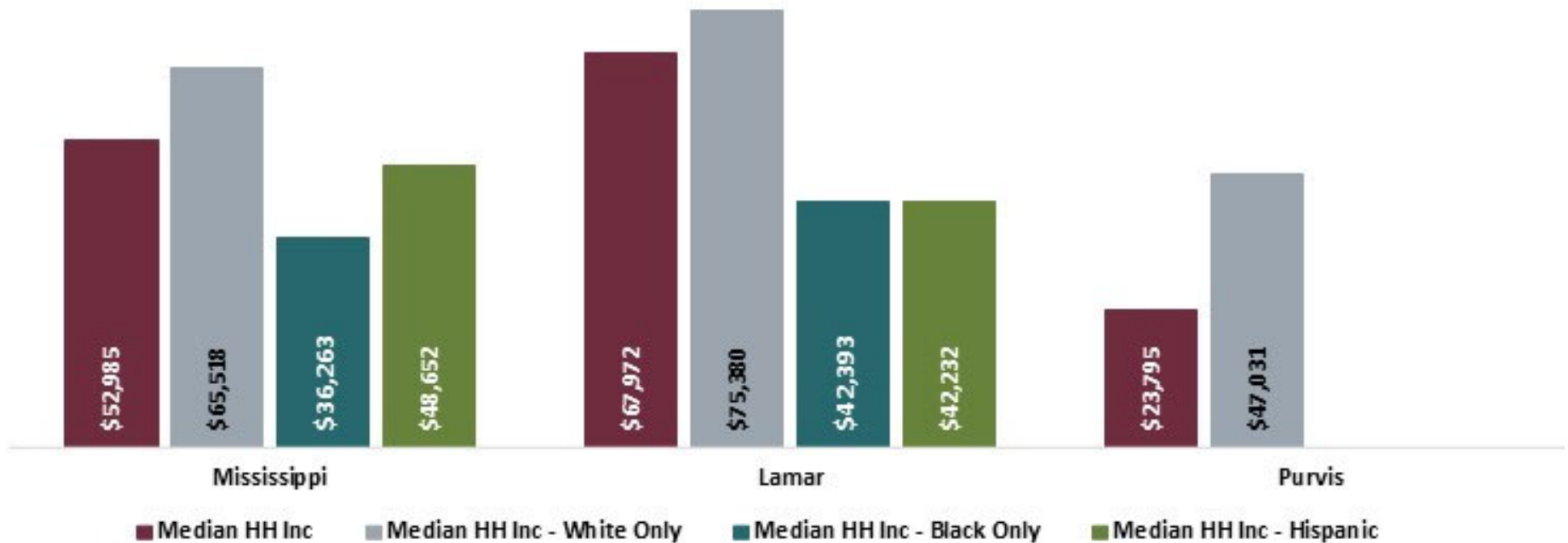
Source: Prosperity Now Scorecard — <https://scorecard.prosperitynow.org/>

## Percentage of Population by Race/Ethnicity (2022)

|             | White Only | Black Only | Hispanic |
|-------------|------------|------------|----------|
| Mississippi | 57.3%      | 36.9%      | 3.2%     |
| Lamar       | 74.4%      | 20.9%      | 3.1%     |
| Purvis      | 77.6%      | 19.3%      | 2.9%     |

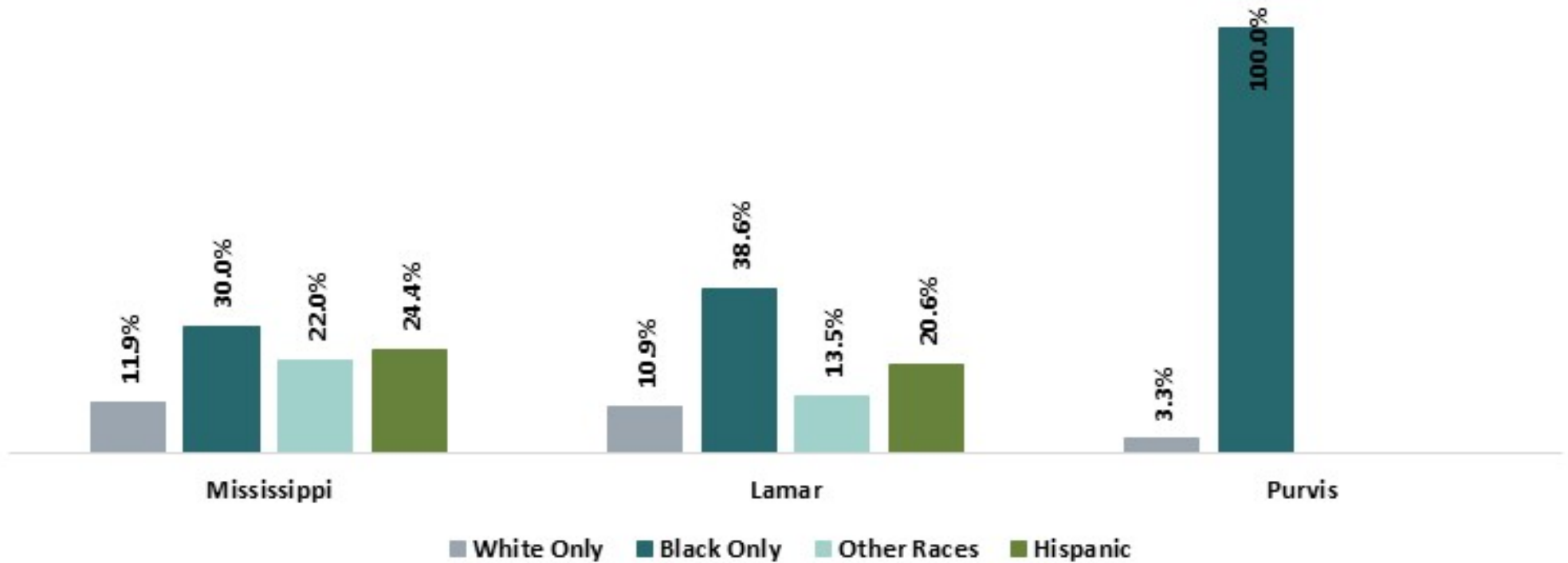
U.S. Census Bureau ACS 2018-2022 estimates

## Median Household Income by Race and Ethnicity (2021)



Source: Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, U.S. Census Bureau ACS 2018-2022 5-year estimates for median household income of the state and county. U.S. Census Bureau ACS 2018-2022 5-year estimates for median household income by race—Table B19013.

## Poverty Rate by Race and Ethnicity (2021)



Source: U.S. Census Bureau ACS 2018-2022 5-year estimates for median household income by race—Table S1701.

## Living Wage (2023)

|                 |              | Related children under 18 years of age |         |            |            |
|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------------------|---------|------------|------------|
|                 |              | None                                   | 1 Child | 2 Children | 3 Children |
| <b>1 Adult</b>  | Living Wage  | \$20.27                                | \$33.70 | \$40.60    | \$51.99    |
|                 | Poverty Wage | \$7.24                                 | \$9.83  | \$12.41    | \$15.00    |
| <b>2 Adults</b> |              |                                        |         |            |            |
| 1 Working FT    | Living Wage  | \$28.80                                | \$35.08 | \$40.60    | \$41.94    |
|                 | Poverty Wage | \$9.83                                 | \$35.08 | \$15.00    | \$17.59    |
| 2 Working FT    | Living Wage  | \$13.24                                | \$19.08 | \$20.67    | \$25.83    |
|                 | Poverty Wage | \$4.91                                 | \$6.21  | \$7.50     | \$8.79     |

Note: The living wage is the hourly rate that an individual must earn to support their family. The values are **per adult in a family**. The minimum wage is \$7.25 per hour. Full-time is considered as 2,080 hours per year. Living Wage Calculator — <http://livingwage.mit.edu/>



## Typical Expenses (2023)

| Annual Expense                        | 1 Adult<br>0 Children | 1 Adult<br>1 Child | 1 Adult<br>2 Children | 1 Adult<br>3 Children |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Food                                  | \$4,213               | \$6,211            | \$9,316               | \$12,382              |
| Child care                            | \$0                   | \$5,870            | \$11,739              | \$17,439              |
| Medical                               | \$2,742               | \$9,447            | \$9,333               | \$9,805               |
| Housing                               | \$10,056              | \$14,454           | \$14,454              | \$18,419              |
| Transportation                        | \$11,251              | \$13,020           | \$16,401              | \$18,872              |
| Other                                 | \$7,661               | \$12,369           | \$13,795              | \$17,384              |
| Required annual income<br>after taxes | \$35,922              | \$61,371           | \$75,039              | \$94,301              |
| Annual taxes                          | \$6,231               | \$8,729            | \$9,415               | \$13,840              |
| Required annual income                | \$42,153              | \$70,100           | \$84,454              | \$108,142             |

## Typical Expenses (2023)

| Annual Expense                        | 2 Adults<br>(1 wrkg FT)<br>0 Children | 2 Adults<br>(1 wrkg FT)<br>1 Child | 2 Adults<br>(1 wrkg FT)<br>2 Children | 2 Adults<br>(1 wrkg FT)<br>3 Children |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Food                                  | \$7,724                               | \$9,615                            | \$12,384                              | \$15,099                              |
| Child care                            | \$0                                   | \$0                                | \$0                                   | \$0                                   |
| Medical                               | \$6,445                               | \$9,333                            | \$9,805                               | \$9,392                               |
| Housing                               | \$11,894                              | \$14,454                           | \$14,454                              | \$18,419                              |
| Transportation                        | \$13,020                              | \$16,401                           | \$18,872                              | \$18,850                              |
| Other                                 | \$12,948                              | \$14,374                           | \$17,963                              | \$17,204                              |
| Required annual income<br>after taxes | \$52,032                              | \$64,178                           | \$73,478                              | \$78,964                              |
| Annual taxes                          | \$7,876                               | \$8,788                            | \$8,997                               | \$8,267                               |
| Required annual income                | \$59,908                              | \$72,966                           | \$82,475                              | \$87,231                              |

## Typical Expenses (2023)

| Annual Expense                     | 2 Adults<br>(2 wrkg FT)<br>0 Children | 2 Adults<br>(2 wrkg FT)<br>1 Child | 2 Adults<br>(2 wrkg FT)<br>2 Children | 2 Adults<br>(2 wrkg FT)<br>3 Children |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Food                               | \$7,724                               | \$9,615                            | \$12,384                              | \$15,099                              |
| Child care                         | \$0                                   | \$5,870                            | \$11,739                              | \$17,439                              |
| Medical                            | \$6,445                               | \$9,333                            | \$9,805                               | \$9,392                               |
| Housing                            | \$11,894                              | \$14,454                           | \$14,454                              | \$18,419                              |
| Transportation                     | \$13,020                              | \$16,401                           | \$18,872                              | \$18,850                              |
| Other                              | \$12,948                              | \$14,374                           | \$17,963                              | \$17,204                              |
| Required annual income after taxes | \$52,032                              | \$70,048                           | \$85,217                              | \$96,404                              |
| Annual taxes                       | \$7,578                               | \$9,336                            | \$10,393                              | \$11,067                              |
| Required annual income             | \$59,610                              | \$79,384                           | \$95,610                              | \$107,471                             |

# Definitions of Measures and Data Sources

| Measure                              | Definition                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Data Source                                                                                                                                   |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Poverty rate                         | Number of people with household income at or below 100% of the poverty threshold based on household size.                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                               |
| Deep poverty                         | HH incomes below 50% of the poverty threshold based on HH size.                                                                                                                                                     | Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey 2018-2022 5-year estimates for median household income. |
| Poverty threshold                    | Income dollar amount to determine a household's poverty status. Threshold vary according to the size of the household and the ages of its members.                                                                  |                                                                                                                                               |
| Household income                     | Income of the householder and all other people 15 years and older in the HH.                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                               |
| Median household income              | The point that divides the household income distribution into halves, one-half with income above the median and the other with income below the median.                                                             |                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Assets and Financial Security</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                               |
| Net worth                            | Assets minus liabilities (i.e., how much a person owns minus what is owed to others).                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                               |
| Zero net worth                       | Percentage of households that have zero or negative net worth.                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                               |
| (Liquid) asset poverty               | Percentage of household without sufficient net worth (based on liquid asset) to subsist at the poverty level for 3 months under a financial crisis such as a job loss, medical emergency, or the need to fix a car. | Prosperity Now Scorecard, Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP) 2023, U.S. Census Bureau.                                         |
| Liquid asset                         | Includes cash on hand or an asset that can be readily converted to cash (e.g., bank account, other interest-earning account, equity in stocks and mutual funds, and retirement accounts).                           |                                                                                                                                               |
| Unbanked                             | Percent of household not having a checking, savings, or money market account.                                                                                                                                       | National Survey of Unbanked and Underbanked Households, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.                                                |
| Underbanked                          | Percentage of household having a checking or savings account, but also obtaining financial products and services outside of the banking system.                                                                     |                                                                                                                                               |

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