Use *The Appalachian Region: A Data Overview from the 2012–2016 American Community Survey*—also known as the Chartbook—to discover more about income and poverty in Appalachia. Authored by the Population Reference Bureau with the Appalachian Regional Commission, the Chartbook features data on income, employment, education, and other indicators at the regional, subregional, state, and county levels, and examines data change over recent years to show trends.

**Incomes & Poverty In Appalachia**

**Household Income**

Appalachia’s household income is **80%** of the U.S. average.

- **Appalachia**: $62,299
- **U.S.**: $77,866

**Poverty Rate**

Appalachia’s poverty rate is higher than the U.S. average.

- **U.S.**: 15.1%
- **Appalachia**: 16.7%

**Household Income by Subregion**

Within Appalachia, household income is highest in **Southern Appalachia** and lowest in **Central Appalachia**.

**Poverty Rate by Age Group**

- **Children**: 23.6% of Appalachian children live below the poverty level, compared with 21.2% of kids in the U.S.
- **Adults age 65+**: 9.4% of Appalachian adults age 65+ live below the poverty level. The U.S. rate is 9.3%.

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