While much of Appalachia has lost population since 2010, Southern Appalachia’s population has grown 4.7%.

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**Minority Population**

Minorities make up a small but growing share of Appalachia’s population.

**APPALACHIA**

- **18.2%**
- Up from 16.4% in 2010

**U.S.**

- **38.7%**
- Up from 36.2% in 2010

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**Minority Population by Group**

Among Appalachia’s minority populations, African Americans are the largest group, while Hispanics/Latinos are the fastest-growing.

**African Americans**

- Up from 9.2% in 2010 (9.7% in 2014)

**Hispanics/Latinos**

- Up from 4.2% in 2010 (4.9% in 2014)

**Other**

- Up from 3.0% in 2010 (3.6% in 2014)

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**Median Age**

Appalachia’s median age is higher than the nation’s.

**APPALACHIA**

- **40.9 years**

**U.S.**

- **38.0 years**

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In Appalachia, 30.6% of adults age 25+ with a bachelor’s degree earned it in a STEM field. The U.S. figure is 34.7%.
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**INCOME & POVERTY IN APPALACHIA**

**HOUSEHOLD INCOME**

Appalachia’s household income is

80%

of the U.S. average.

**APPALACHIA**

$62,299

**U.S.**

$77,866

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**POVERTY RATE**

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

**U.S.**

15.1% vs

**Appalachia**

16.7%

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**HOUSEHOLD INCOME BY SUBREGION**

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

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**POVERTY RATE BY AGE GROUP**

23.6% of Appalachian children live below the poverty level, compared with 21.2% of kids in the U.S.

9.4% of Appalachian adults age 65+ live below the poverty level. The U.S. rate is 9.3%.

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**LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION**

72.7%

of Appalachia’s working-age adults (ages 25-64) participate in the civilian labor force. The U.S. rate is 77.4%.

**UNEMPLOYMENT RATE**

6.1%

of Appalachia’s working-age adults in the civilian labor force are unemployed. This is equal to the U.S. rate.

**EMPLOYMENT LOCATION**

31.5% of Appalachian workers age 16+ work outside the county they live in, compared with 27.6% of U.S. workers.

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