Accessing Poverty Statistics for Your Community

* Visit the Census Bureau American Fact Finder at [factfinder.census.gov/](http://factfinder.census.gov/)

* In “Community Facts”, type the location. (You can enter a whole state, county, city, town, or even ZIP Code.)

* On the drop down menu on the left, choose “Poverty”.

* The percentage at the top is the official poverty rate for all people in your location.

* Choose the top link: *Poverty Status in the Past 12 Months (Age, Sex, Race, Education, Employment)*.

* Take note of the overall poverty rate (highlighted).

* Take note of the Child Poverty rate (highlighted).

* Notice the discrepancy with the overall rate--children bear a disproportionate share of the poverty burden.

* Take note of the poverty rates among different racial and ethnic groups (highlighted). Certain communities of color also bear a disproportionate share of the poverty burden.

* This also includes data on the education and work experience of people living below the poverty line, which many Vincentians will find useful in their advocacy and programming.

* ‘Unrelated Individuals’ is a specific subset of data that most Vincentians will find is not relevant to their work.