

The federal poverty level is a relic set in the 1960s based predominantly on food costs. It does not take into account other costs such as housing, child care and health care. Policy makers agree that in the absence of an updated federal poverty line, we need to adopt a measure that reflects local living costs. In Arlington, 30% of our 2022 Area Median Income is \$42,690 for a family of 4 (which is about 150% of the federal poverty level). This is a more accurate reflection of poverty in our community. There are 10,000 households or 24,272 individuals living below this level. That is just over 10% of our population. Figures are for the most recent years they are available.

Statistic		Source	Notes								
2022 AMI family of 4	\$142,300	https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/il.html	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Area</th> <th>ACS₂₀₁₉ 1-Year Estimate</th> <th>CPI Inflation Factor</th> <th>FY 2022 Area MFI Estimate</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD HUD Metro FMR Area</td> <td>\$128,013</td> <td>1.11162</td> <td>(\$128,013 * 1.11162) = \$142,302</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Area	ACS ₂₀₁₉ 1-Year Estimate	CPI Inflation Factor	FY 2022 Area MFI Estimate	Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD HUD Metro FMR Area	\$128,013	1.11162	(\$128,013 * 1.11162) = \$142,302
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2022 ≤30% AMI family of 4	\$42,690	30% of \$142,300									
2020 # of individuals in Arlington living at ≤30% AMI	24,272	https://data.census.gov/cedsci/table?q=arlington%20va%20poverty%20ratio&y=2020&tid=ACSDT5Y2020.C17002	Below 150% federal poverty level can be used as a proxy for 30% AMI as they are very close in value. Note that the number of residents at this level is declining yr. after yr.								
2018 # of households at ≤30% AMI	10,057	https://www.arlingtonva.us/files/sharedassets/public/Housing/Documents/2020-NEEDS-ANALYSIS.pdf	Includes ~8000 renter households (Table 5)+ ~2000 owner households (Table 6) at/below 30% AMI								
2022 Highest poverty zipcode	22204 (14%)	https://data.census.gov/cedsci/table?q=22204%20income%20ratio&tid=ACSDT5Y2020.B17026									
2020 Highest poverty neighborhoods	-Buckingham -Columbia Heights /Arlington Mill -Barcroft	https://data.census.gov/cedsci/table?q=DP03&t=Poverty&g=1400000US51013102003,51013102200,51013102701&y=2020&tid=ACSST5Y2020.S1701	Below 150% federal poverty level: Buckingham-(CT 1020.03) 32% Columbia Hgts./Arl. Mill (CT 1022) -28% Barcroft- (CT 1027.01) 24%								
2019 School with highest free and reduced lunch	Carlin Springs Elementary School-81% FRL	https://www.apsva.us/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/SNPMonthlyEligibilityReport.pdf	Carlin Springs Elem-81% Randolph Elem-73% Barcroft, Barrett and Drew Elem. 61-62%								