Arlington Community Foundation   **Poverty in Arlington-Updated for 2023**

The federal poverty level is a relic set in the 1960s based predominantly on food costs. It does not take into account geographic variation and 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. 30% of Arlington's 2023 Area Median Income is $45,630 for a household of 4, which is about 150% of the federal poverty level. This is a more accurate reflection of poverty in our community. Just over 10% of Arlington's population is at or below this level. The 2021 American Community (Census) Survey shows that there are over 10,000 households or 24,000 individuals living below 30% of the AMI. The figures below are for the most recent years they are available. *Special thanks to Elizabeth Hardy, Arlington County Demographer, for her help with this data.*

Statistic		Source	Notes				
2023 AMI Household of 4	$152,100	https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/il.html		**Area**	**ACS$_{2021}$ 1-Year Estimate**	**CPI Inflation Factor**	**FY 2023 Area MFI Estimate**
				Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD HUD Metro FMR Area	$135,566	1.1217	($135,566 * 1.1217) = $152,100
2023 ≤30% AMI Household of 4	$45,630		30% of $152,100				
2021 # of individuals living at ≤30% AMI	24,009	ACS 2021 5-Year Estimate (C17002) https://data.census.gov/table?q=C17002&g=050XX00US51013	Below 150% federal poverty level can be used as a proxy for 30% AMI as they are very close in value.				
2021 # of households ≤30% AMI	10,418	ACS Public Use Microdata Sample 2021 5-Year Estimate https://data.census.gov/mdat/#/search?ds=ACSPUMS5Y2021	~8000 renter households + ~2000 owner households at/below 30% AMI (per 2018 Housing Division report)				
Zip code with highest number of individuals in poverty	22204 (1,280)	ACS 2021 5-Year Estimate (C17002) https://data.census.gov/table?q=22204+income+ratio&g=860XX00US22201,22202,22203,22205,22206,22207,22209,22211,22213					
2021 Highest poverty neighborhoods	-Buckingham -NW Aurora Highlands -Arlington Mill -NW Douglas Park	ACS 2021 5-Year Estimate https://data.census.gov/table?q=C17002&g=050XX00US51013$1400000	Below 30% AMI (150% federal poverty level): Buckingham-(CT 1020.03 and 1020.01) 30% /27% NW Aurora Highlands (CT 1035.05) 26% Arl. Mill/Forest Glen (CT 1022) -26% NW Douglas Park (CT 1027.01) 26%				
2019 school with highest free and reduced lunch (last yr. with data by school amongst high poverty schools)	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%				