

Data Walk: Shawnee County POVERTY



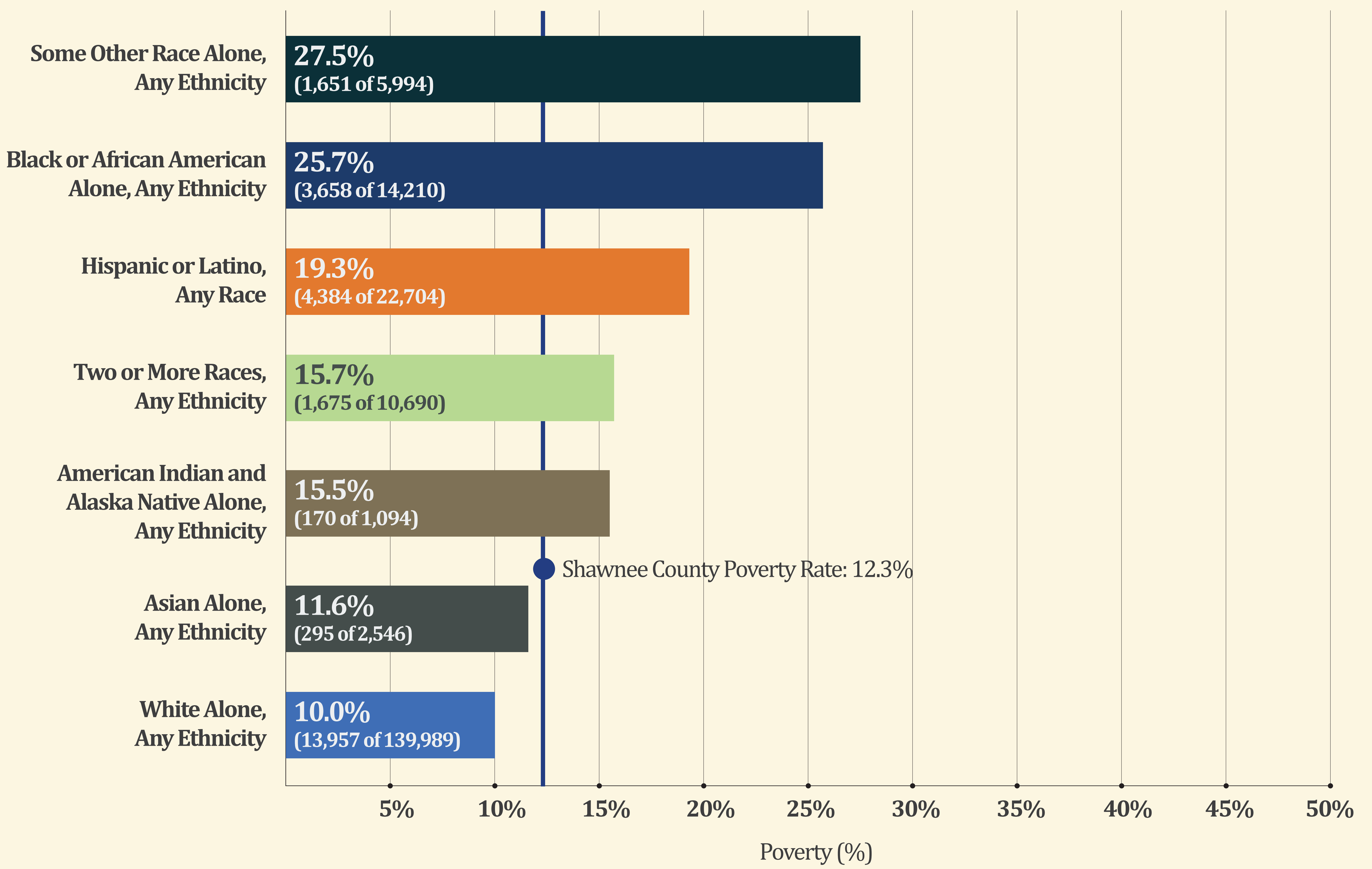
What This Measures:

Race and ethnicity for population living below 100 percent of Federal Poverty Level.

RACIAL DISPARITIES

Greater proportions of Black and Hispanic populations in Shawnee County experience poverty compared to their White counterparts

Poverty Rate by Racial and Ethnic Demographic Group in Shawnee County, 2017-2021
5-Year Estimate



Note: Total population in Shawnee County for which poverty is determined is 174,543. Population in Shawnee County earning less than 100 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (\$26,500 for a family of four in 2021) = 21,424 people. The category of Hispanic or Latino, Any Race, is not mutually exclusive with other categories. Source: Kansas Health Institute analysis of U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey (2017-2021) 5-year estimates Table S1701.

Why this is important: There is persistent over-representation of Black and Hispanic Americans among the population in poverty in the United States. **Racial disparities in poverty** are byproducts of **systemic racism** and **cumulative disadvantage** over the life course, including unequal economic opportunity and barriers to multigenerational social mobility.

(Source: U.S. Department of the Treasury, Health Affairs, BROOKINGS.)



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