

Welfare Reform and Social Indicators - Richmond County

	Richmond County	New York State
Population		
Number of Persons, 2000 Census	443,728	18,976,457
Percent change in population since 1990 Census	17.1%	5.5%
Poverty (Census Bureau Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates)		
Number of Persons in Poverty: 1997	39,492	2,814,460
Poverty Rate: 1997	9.7%	15.6%
Change in the Number of Persons in Poverty: 1995-1997	2,641	-31,753
Percent Change in the Number of Persons in Poverty: 1995 to 1997	7.2%	-1.1%
Child Poverty (Census Bureau Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates)		
Number of Children in Poverty: 1997	11,470	765,578
Child Poverty Rate: 1997	15.2%	23.8%
Change in Number of Children in Poverty: 1995 to 1997	1,180	1,177
Percent Change in Number of Children in Poverty: 1995 to 1997	11.5%	0.2%
Income and Poverty Data for 2000 (Census 2000 Supplemental Survey*)		
Poverty rate: Persons	8.4%	13.5%
Poverty rate: Families	6.1%	11.1%
Poverty rate: Children	11.9%	19.2%
Number of families with children with income below poverty in the past 12 months	3,329	393,977
Households with cash public assistance	3,574	293,396
Households with food stamp benefits	10,587	552,506
Median Annual Household Income	\$57,226	\$43,602
Economic Indicators		
Unemployment Rate: October 2001	5.1%	4.8%
Change in Resident Employment: December 1995 to October 2001	23,017	482,830
Percent Change in Resident Employment: December 1995 to October 2001	13.8%	6.0%
Median Annual Household Income: 1997	\$51,141	\$36,369
Annual Federal Poverty Guideline for a three-person family: 2001	\$14,630	
Annual Self-Sufficiency Standard for a single parent with two children: 2000	\$36,024	

* Data from the Census 2000 Supplementary Survey is not directly comparable with the 1995 and 1997 Census Bureau Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates.