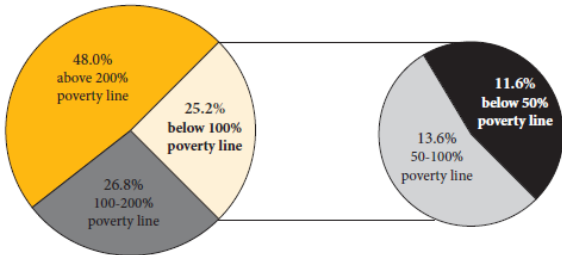


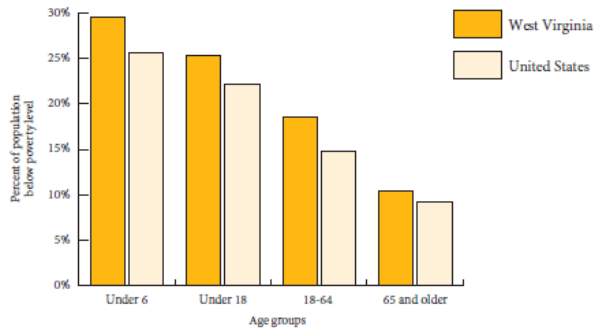
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 Child Poverty in West Virginia  
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <p>Child Poverty in West Virginia.....</p>                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|  <p>"The problem of poverty is the problem of youth, whether they hang around at the side of a muddy road in West Virginia or on a street corner in Harlem. They can be found, differing only in number, in every city and hamlet in the United States." ~Robert F. Kennedy</p> | <p>Child Poverty consists of Children that come from poor families or orphans being raised with limited, or in some cases absent, state resources.</p>                                                                                 |
| <p>More than half of West Virginia's children are low-income or poor</p>  <p>Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2011 American Community Survey.</p>                                                                                                                                   | <p>In West Virginia<br/>       One-in-four kids live below the poverty line and 52 percent live below the self-sufficiency standard - which is the income level where a family has enough to get by without relying on assistance.</p> |

Population below poverty level, 2011



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2011 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates, Table DP03.  
Note: Under 18 estimate is only for related children.

According to the 2011 American Community Survey, 25.8 percent of related West Virginia children (94,852) under the age of 18 lived in poverty compared with 22.2 percent of U.S. children.

children under age six suffer the highest poverty rates of all.



The factors that are most strongly associated with child poverty in West Virginia and the nation include race, family structure, parents' educational attainment, employment status, and disability.



In West Virginia, high concentrations of poverty have endured for decades due to physical isolation, exploitation of natural resources and labor, fewer assets and economic opportunities, and an overall lack of human and social capital.



These factors create poor families and the children fare worse than adults on poverty measures, and in turn including poor living conditions



and lack of warm clothes.



Most Children that live in poverty do not have the luxury of a sit down dinner with their family.....



1. ....They can't wait to get to school to have a hot meal.



The lack of Family income and healthcare can impact child well-being creating circumstances that make negative outcomes more likely to occur.



Such as..  
Physical problems,Cognitive difficulties,  
Social and emotional problems, and  
Behavioral problems.....  
which all can lead to Challenges in adulthood  
making it difficult to escape poverty life.



A solution may be hard to accomplish, but we can all join together to help to turnaround the circumstances facing our children living in poverty.

Together we can be the change!



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