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From War to Hope: Reinvigorating America’s Efforts to End Urban Poverty
50-year Poverty Trends

Poverty rate: 15%

Number in poverty: 46.5 MM
2013 Poverty Thresholds

$12,119  $15,600  $18,769  $23,624

Source: U.S. Census Bureau | Social, Economic, and Housing Statistics Division: Poverty | Last Revised: January 28, 2014
% in Poverty by Age

- Aged 65 and older: 21.8%
- Under age 18: 13.7%
- Aged 18 to 64: 9.1%
Race and Ethnicity

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Asians  1.9MM (11.7%)

Blacks  10.9MM (27.2%)

Hispanics  13.6MM (25.6%)

Whites  18.9MM (9.7%)
Nativity

Native-born | Naturalized | Noncitizens

0% | 5% | 20% | 15% | 20% | 25%

0MM | 10MM | 20MM | 30MM | 40MM
Poverty 2000 to 2012

- **Near (125%)**: 4% increase
- **Poverty (100%)**: 3.7% increase (15.5MM)
- **Extreme (50%)**: 2% increase
## Episodic Poverty

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<th>Median Length</th>
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<td>2005-07</td>
<td>27.1%</td>
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<td>2009-11</td>
<td>31.6%</td>
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Poverty by Region

- 11.0MM (15%)
- 8.9MM (14%)
- 19.1MM (17%)
- 7.5MM (14%)
Supplemental Poverty Measure

The Research Supplemental Poverty Measure, US Census Bureau, 2013
Supplemental Poverty Measure

Why Urban Poverty Persists?

• Economic Factors
• Social Stratification
• Discrimination
• Incarceration
• Family structure
“There, there it is again—the invisible hand of the marketplace giving us the finger.”
Average Household Income, 1967-2012
in 2012 dollars, by percentile

Source: Census Bureau
Employment After Recession

% Difference From End of Recession

Average Recovery

Current Recovery

Quarters After End of Recession
50% live in concentrated or extreme poverty

Population in extreme poverty 1/3
Concentrated Poverty

- Magnifies disadvantage
- Neighborhood effects persist into adulthood
- Children inherit disadvantage
Discrimination

- Education
- Employment
- Housing
- Sentencing
Discrimination

• Education
• Employment
• Housing
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Sentencing
Incarceration
Employment Rates

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<td>Young, white men</td>
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<td>96%</td>
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Source: Danziger and Ratner, 2010
2011 Poverty Rate for Children in

- Married-couple families: 10.9%
- Female-headed families: 47.7%
Percent of Families Headed by a Single Mother

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