

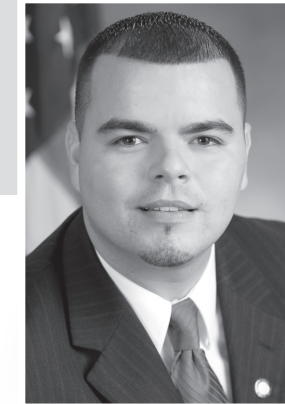
Child Poverty Rates in New York City

Source: Citizens' Committee for Children of New York Inc., 2013

Hispanic	Black
35.5%	25%
Of all children are Hispanic	Of all children are Black
40.1%	33.1%
Of Hispanic children live below the FPL	Of Black children live below the FPL
4.8%	8.6%
Hispanic infants (per 1,000 Hispanic live births) die before their first birthday	Black infants (per 1,000 Black live births) die before their first birthday
15.4%	13%
Of Hispanic students drop out of high school	Of Black students drop out of high school
57.6%	31.4%
Of all teens giving birth are Hispanic	Of all teens giving birth are Black
27.4%	54.9%
Of children in foster care are Hispanic	Of children in foster care are Black
30.4%	65.3%
Of all youth in juvenile detention are Hispanic	Of all youth in juvenile detention are Black
Asian	White
11.1%	23.8%
Of all children are Asian	Of all children are White
26.3%	18.6%
Of Asian children live below the FPL	Of White children live below the FPL
3.4%	2.8%
Asian infants (per 1,000 Asian live births) die before their first birthday	White infants (per 1,000 White live births) die before their first birthday
6%	7.9%
Of Asian students drop out of high school	Of White students drop out of high school
2.4%	6.8%
Of all teens giving birth are Asian	Of all teens giving birth are White
.7%	3.7%
Of children in foster care are Asian	Of children in foster care are White
1.6%	1.6%
Of all youth in juvenile detention are Asian	Of all youth in juvenile detention are White

For more information about this or any other issue please contact my legislative director Guillermo Martinez at 518-455-5514.

PAUPERTAS: SUFFER THE LITTLE CHILDREN!



Poverty: the state of one who lacks a usual or socially acceptable amount of money or material possessions; small means, humble circumstances, indigence

The U.S. Census defines family poverty level as \$24,250 for a family of 4

**A Message from Assemblyman Marcos A. Crespo
Chair, New York State Assembly Puerto Rican/Hispanic Task Force**

If the consequences of living in a nation with alarming rates of poverty, huge numbers of young and idle men, low educational attainment, and high levels of unskilled labor were non-threatening to our democracy and to civil society, then our lack of aggressive action towards eradicating indigence could be justified, even if immoral.

However, that is not the reality or the impact of these problems rooted in poverty! The relationship between poverty and the vast majority of our social ills is indisputable. Poverty destroys the soul, the mind, the body and communities. That is very clear in neighborhoods all across our State.

So Albany, we have a problem! Poverty rates for individuals, families, children and college educated youth are alarming. Family income has not kept pace with increasing costs of housing, health care and college tuition. To compound these problems, half of the residents of our state live in New York City, one of the most expensive metropolises on the planet. Another 25% live in three surrounding counties with the highest property taxes in the nation.

Poverty has become synonymous with income and wage inequality. The gap between the wealthiest New Yorkers and the neediest is wider than at any time in the history of our nation. In August of 2014, the U.S. Conference of Mayors warned us that these wage and income inequalities have become systemic and persistent. Their warning was clear: If allowed to continue these dynamics would threaten to dismantle the middle class, while also deteriorating our democratic principles.

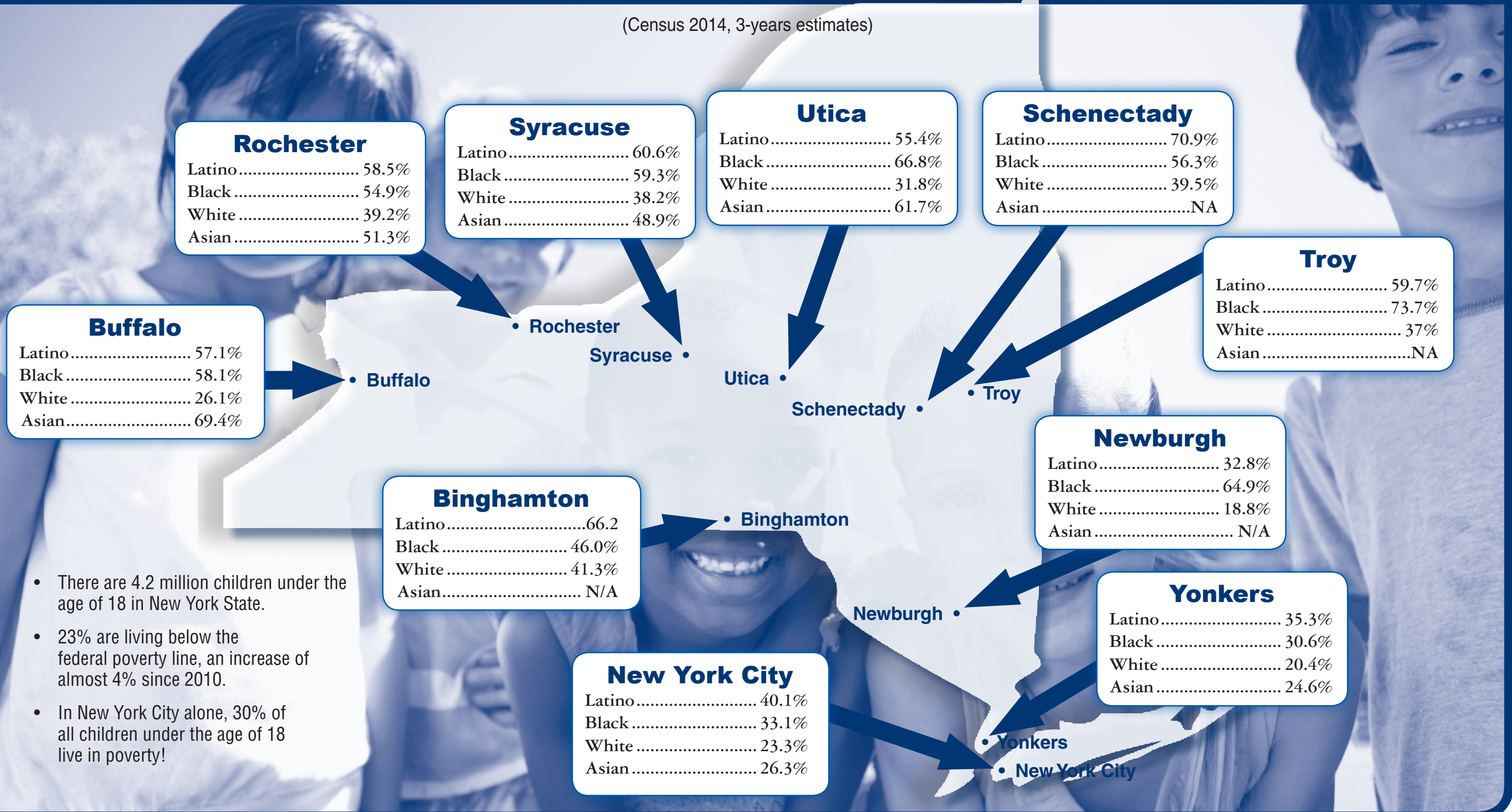
No group in our state has been more harmfully impacted by the growth in poverty than our children. The statistics highlighting widespread child poverty across New York cannot be disputed. To highlight this fact, I have provided a map of our state to illustrate child poverty in all its pervasiveness.

If a picture tells a thousand words, then this map draws out the miserable existence of millions of our children!



CHILD POVERTY RATES BY GROUP IN NEW YORK STATE MAJOR CITIES

(Census 2014, 3-years estimates)



- There are 4.2 million children under the age of 18 in New York State.
- 23% are living below the federal poverty line, an increase of almost 4% since 2010.
- In New York City alone, 30% of all children under the age of 18 live in poverty!