

POVERTY AWARENESS MONTH

January is Poverty Awareness Month, a month long initiative that calls attention to the growth in poverty in the United States. In our South Florida community, we must reflect on how and why poverty continues to impact so many people's lives within our communities.

HOW POVERTY IS MEASURED

The poverty line is a way to measure poverty status. The poverty measure compares pre-tax cash income against a threshold that is set at three times the cost of a minimum food diet. It is also adjusted for family size.

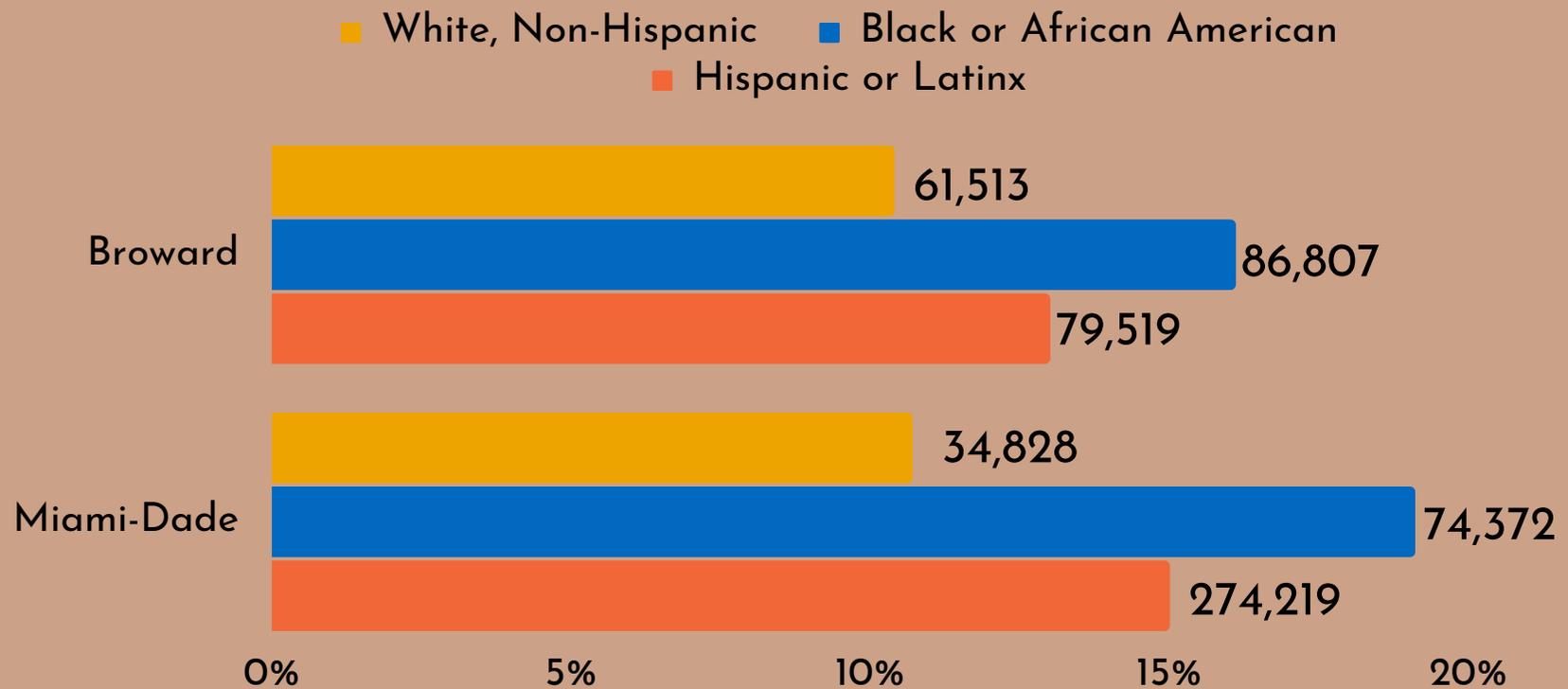


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MEN AND WOMEN
IN BROWARD
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**ABOUT 390,000
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IN MIAMI-DADE
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The poverty line is the minimum income for a person or family to survive. It is the minimum standard of living.

POVERTY STATUS BY RACE/ETHNICITY



More black people live below the poverty level compared to other races/ethnicities. Almost 20% of the black population lives in poverty in Miami-Dade.

The data is in proportion to the rest of the people that are of the same race/ethnicity within the respective county.

PERCENT OF POPULATION BELOW POVERTY LEVEL BY AGE

BROWARD

MIAMI-DADE

12.4%

18 to 34 years

13.7%

9.8%

35 to 64 years

11.9%

15.3%

65 years and over

21.3%

The age group with the highest percent of people below the poverty level is people 65 years and older.



POVERTY STATUS OF SINGLE MOTHER FAMILIES

BROWARD

10.4%

Of White single mother families live in poverty

22.5%

Of Black single mother families live in poverty

23.3%

Of Hispanic/Latinx single mother families live in poverty

MIAMI-DADE

16.5%

Of White single mother families live in poverty

22.8%

Of Black single mother families live in poverty

20.2%

Of Hispanic/Latinx single mother families live in poverty

Single mothers are much more likely to live in poverty than married couples. In South Florida, black and Hispanic/Latinx mothers fare even worse.

