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FACT SHEET

Female Headed Households and Poverty

Poverty and the number of female headed households in Hinds, Madison and Rankin counties and the City of Jackson as reported in the U.S. Census Bureau 2006 American Community Survey (ACS) are examined.

Hinds County – 2006 ACS

Subject	All families				Married couple families				Female householder, no husband present			
	Total	<u>Margin of Error</u>	Percent below poverty level	<u>Margin of Error</u>	Total	<u>Margin of Error</u>	Percent below poverty level	<u>Margin of Error</u>	Total	<u>Margin of Error</u>	Percent below poverty level	<u>Margin of Error</u>
Families	56,317	+/-2,703	18.9%	+/-2.9	31,693	+/-2,398	5.2%	+/-1.5	21,109	+/-1,794	37.2%	+/-5.9
With related children under 18 years	31,738	+/-2,456	30.1%	+/-4.4	14,130	+/-1,770	8.0%	+/-3.2	15,687	+/-1,798	47.0%	+/-6.8

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006 American Community Survey

City of Jackson, MS – 2006 ACS

Subject	All families				Married couple families				Female householder, no husband present			
	Total	<u>Margin of Error</u>	Percent below poverty level	<u>Margin of Error</u>	Total	<u>Margin of Error</u>	Percent below poverty level	<u>Margin of Error</u>	Total	<u>Margin of Error</u>	Percent below poverty level	<u>Margin of Error</u>
Families	38,009	+/-2,665	24.1%	+/-3.7	18,554	+/-2,027	7.9%	+/-2.5	16,634	+/-1,855	40.0%	+/-6.3
With related children under 18 years	22,681	+/-2,420	36.3%	+/-5.4	8,964	+/-1,658	11.2%	+/-5.0	12,323	+/-1,738	51.1%	+/-6.8
Black Families	28,873	+/-2,194	29.6%	+/-4.9	11,744	+/-1,690	11.7%	+/-3.6	14,866	+/-1,698	41.6%	+/-7.1

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006 American Community Survey

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Madison County – 2006 ACS

Subject	All families				Married couple families				Female householder, no husband present			
	Total	Margin of Error	Percent below poverty level	Margin of Error	Total	Margin of Error	Percent below poverty level	Margin of Error	Total	Margin of Error	Percent below poverty level	Margin of Error
Families	22,045	+/-1,576	8.2%	+/-3.3	16,111	+/-1,400	2.9%	+/-2.6	5,115	+/-995	26.2%	+/-11.6
With related children under 18 years	12,493	+/-1,365	13.6%	+/-5.5	8,514	+/-1,150	4.9%	+/-4.8	3,557	+/-899	36.0%	+/-15.7

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006 American Community Survey

Rankin County – 2006 ACS

Subject	All families				Married couple families				Female householder, no husband present			
	Total	Margin of Error	Percent below poverty level	Margin of Error	Total	Margin of Error	Percent below poverty level	Margin of Error	Total	Margin of Error	Percent below poverty level	Margin of Error
Families	33,871	+/-2,063	9.7%	+/-2.9	25,186	+/-1,841	3.7%	+/-2.0	7,169	+/-1,212	29.9%	+/-11.4
With related children under 18 years	17,737	+/-1,856	13.9%	+/-4.7	11,718	+/-1,504	4.4%	+/-3.5	5,243	+/-1,179	37.2%	+/-13.7

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006 American Community Survey

Major Findings:

- Poverty rates for “All families” in the four jurisdictions examined ranged from 8.2% in Madison County to 24.1% in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.
- In all four jurisdictions examined, poverty rates for those “Female Householder, no husband present” households were **5 to 8 times higher** than households of “married-couple families.”
- For those “Female Householder, no husband present” households with “related children under 18 years.” poverty rates ranged from a ‘low’ of 36% in Madison County to a ‘high’ of 51% in the City of Jackson.

Conclusions/Policy Implications:

- For those jurisdictions included in this fact sheet, it appears female-headed households (especially with children under 18) and no husband present experienced higher levels of poverty than married couple households. Married couple households appear less inclined to be in poverty than non-married households.