Black Hawk County has a higher population below the federal poverty level than the Iowa and U.S. average.

In Black Hawk County, 14.9% of Whites, 25.6% of Two or More races, and 27.5% of Black/African Americans were below the Federal Poverty Level in the last 12 months (2017).

16.5% of children in Black Hawk County were living below the Federal Poverty Level compared to 12.6% of the Iowa average (2017).

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**Population Below Poverty Level in Last 12 Months**

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**Food Insecurity in Black Hawk County**

- Percent of total households receiving Food Stamps/SNAP (2017): 14.2%
- Percent of children eligible for free or reduced price lunch (2017): 50.0%
- Percent of food insecurity for Black Hawk County population (2014-2016): 14.3%
- Number of emergency food pantries in Black Hawk County: 18
- Number of Meals given through Kids Café: 75,499

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**Income in Black Hawk County**

Black Hawk County had a lower median household income than the Iowa and United States average.

According to the Community Health Survey, self-reported family gross annual income before taxes differed by race and ethnicity.

Unemployment rate in Black Hawk County was 5.3% (2017).

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**Median Household Income**

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**Family’s Gross Annual Income Before Taxes by Race/Ethnicity**

- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Hispanic or Latino
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- Other (please specify)
- Two or More Races
- White or Caucasian

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**Source**

Census Bureau

Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

Child and Family Policy Center

Community Health Survey