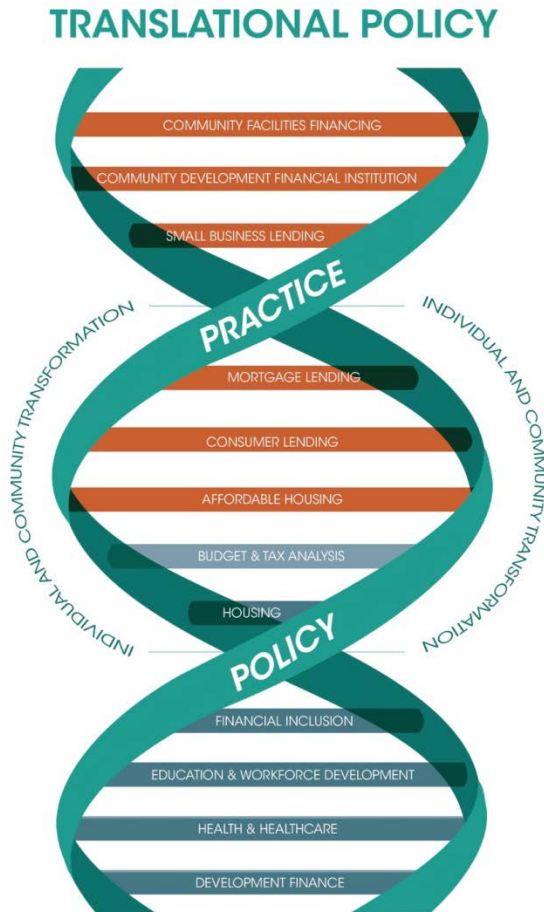




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# Translational Policy



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# Definitions

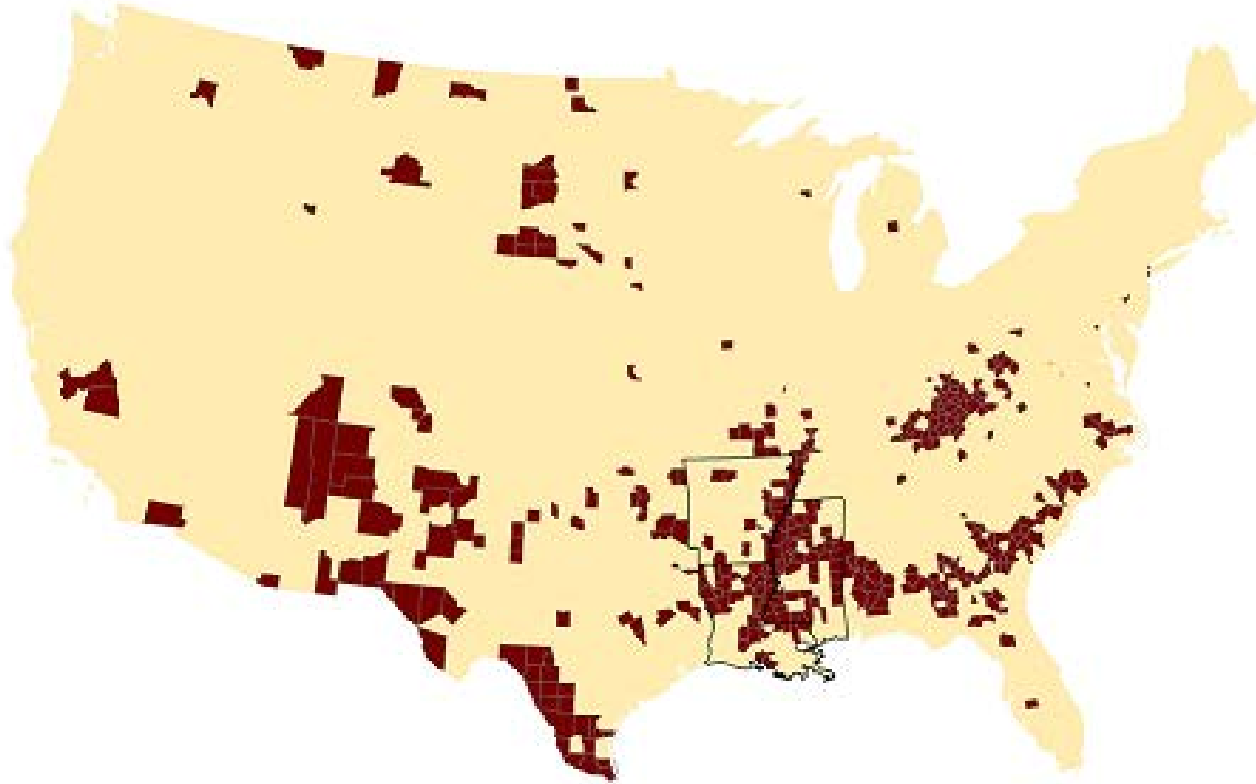
**Low-Income** – earning at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)

**Poor** – earning at or below the FPL

# Example

- A **low-income** working family of 4 earns \$48,500/year or less
- A **poor** working family of 4 earns \$24,250/year or less

# County Poverty Rates above 20% for at least 30 Years (in red)



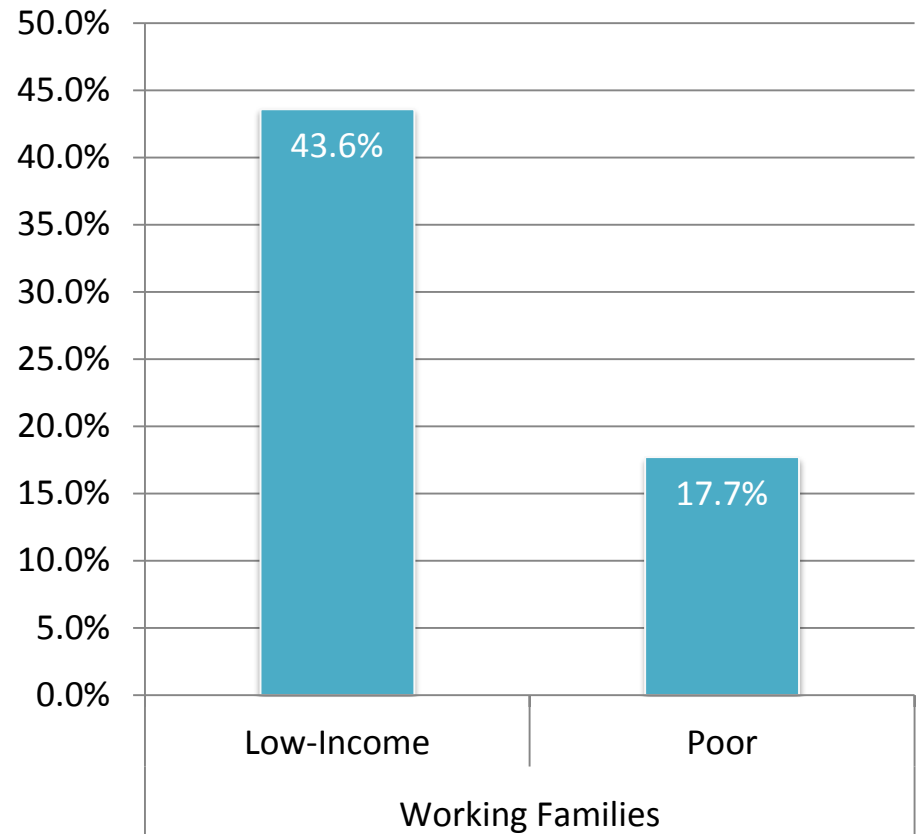
- Nationwide, 25% of persistently poor counties are in the Mid South
- Within these counties, 35 of the region's 39 Majority African American counties have had poverty rates **above 20% for 30 years**

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# The Working Poor

- 43.6% of Working Families are Low-Income
- 17.7% of Working Families are Poor

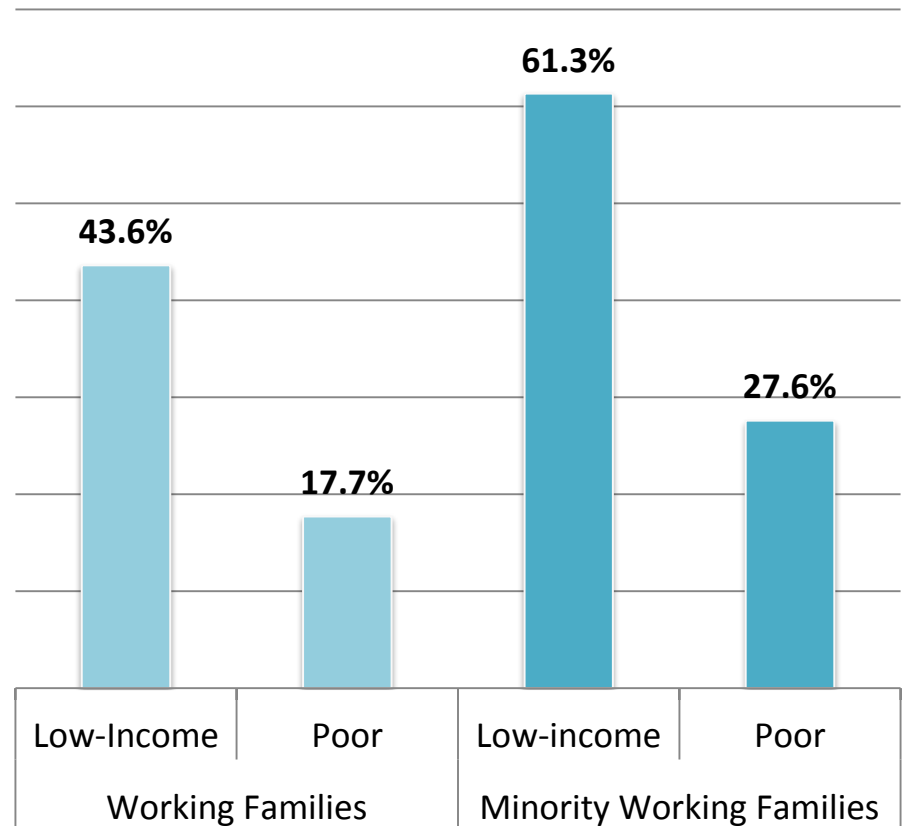


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# Minority Working Poor

- 61.3% of Working Families with a Minority Parent are Low-Income
- 27.6% of Working Families with a Minority Parent are Poor



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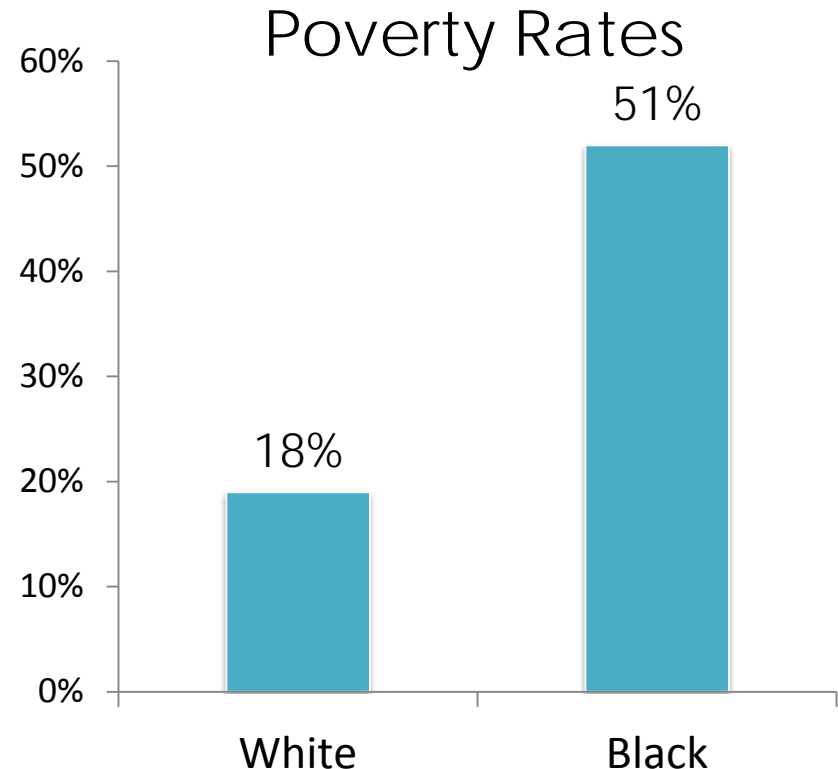
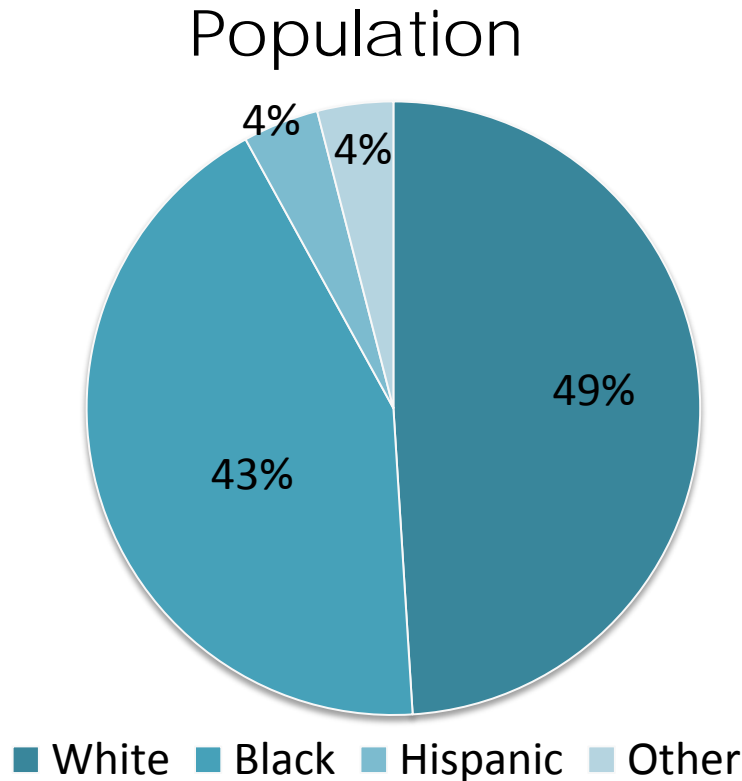




# Working Mothers

- Working mothers are overrepresented among the working poor
- Over 40% of Mississippi Women in Female-Headed, Low-Income Working Families have no Postsecondary Education

# MS Child Population & Poverty by Race, 2013

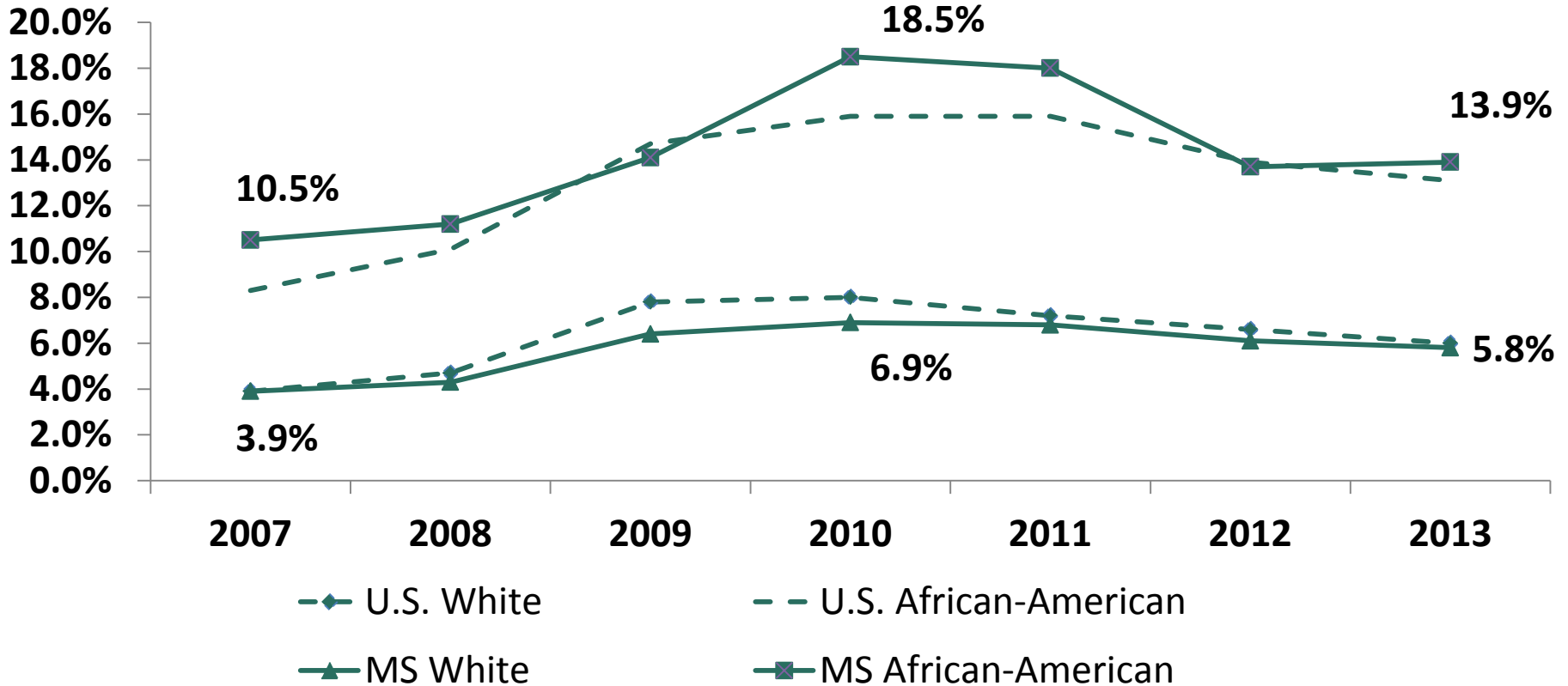


MS has the highest proportion of its child population that is African American and the smallest gap between white and black children by population in the country.

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Source: Annie E. Casey KIDS COUNT Data Center.

# Unemployment by Race 2013



- **Unemployment Rates for African Americans in MS are higher than for African Americans Nationwide**
- **Unemployment Rates for Whites in MS are lower or similar to Whites Nationwide**

Source: EPI analysis of CPS and LAUS data.

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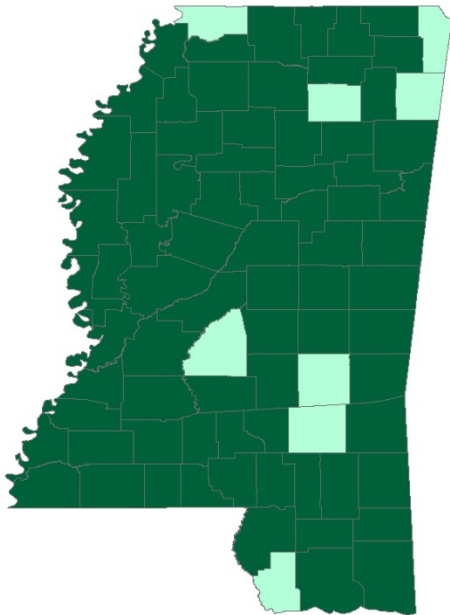


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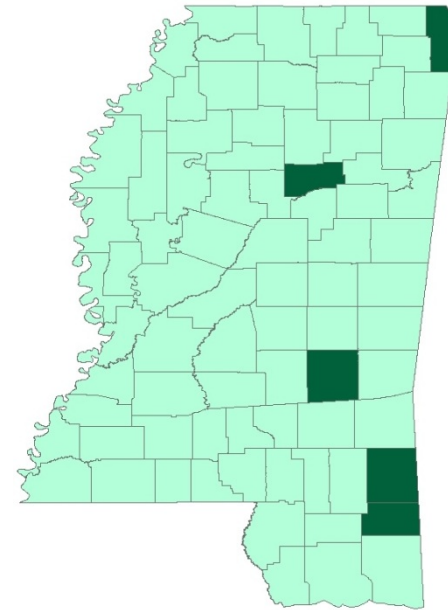
# Unemployment by County by Race 2012

(Rates equal to or above 10% are in Dark Green)

African American



White

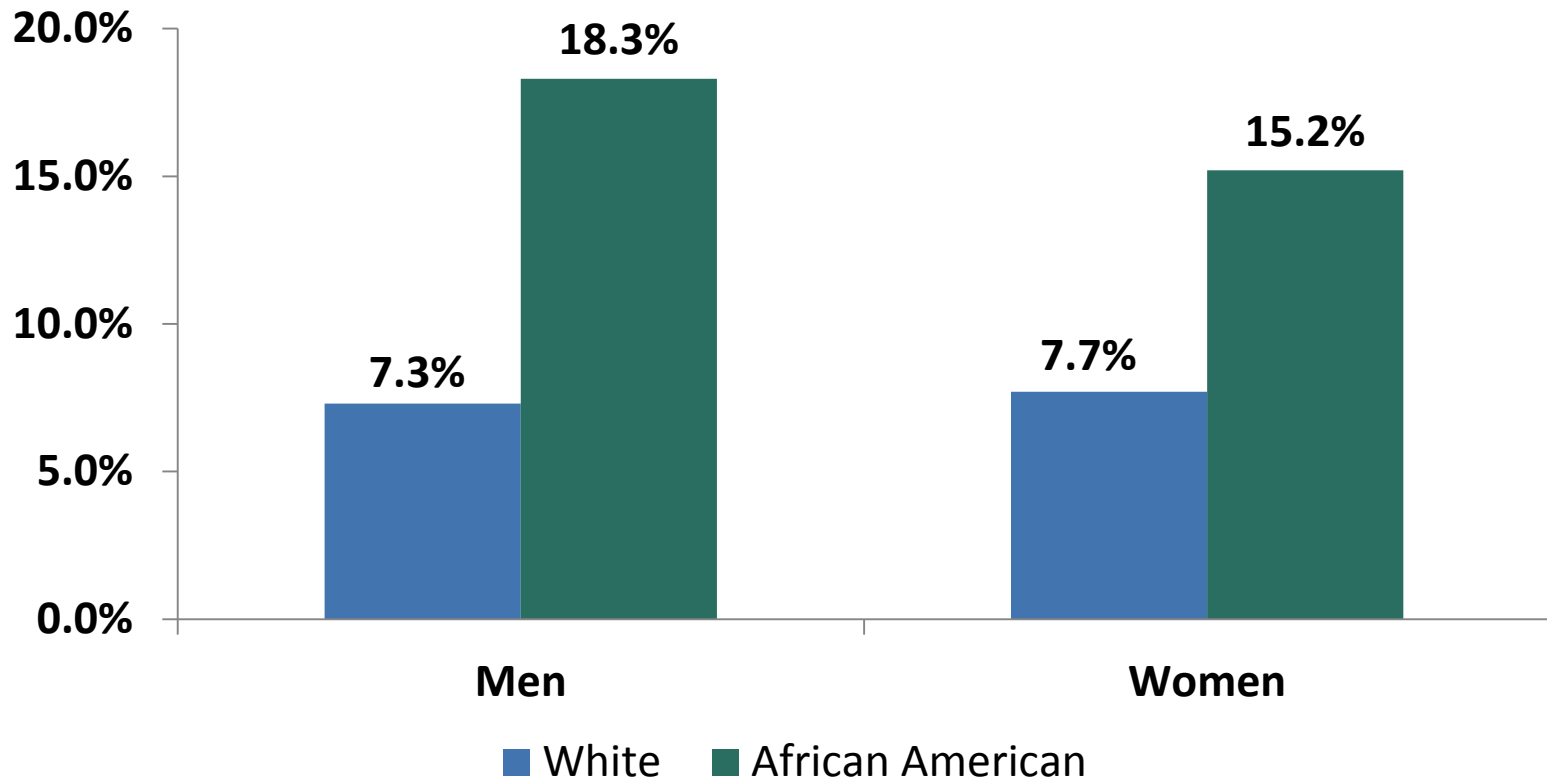


- In only 8 MS counties is the unemployment rate for African Americans below 10%
- In only 5 MS counties is the unemployment rate for whites above 10%

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# Unemployment Rates by Gender by Race 2011

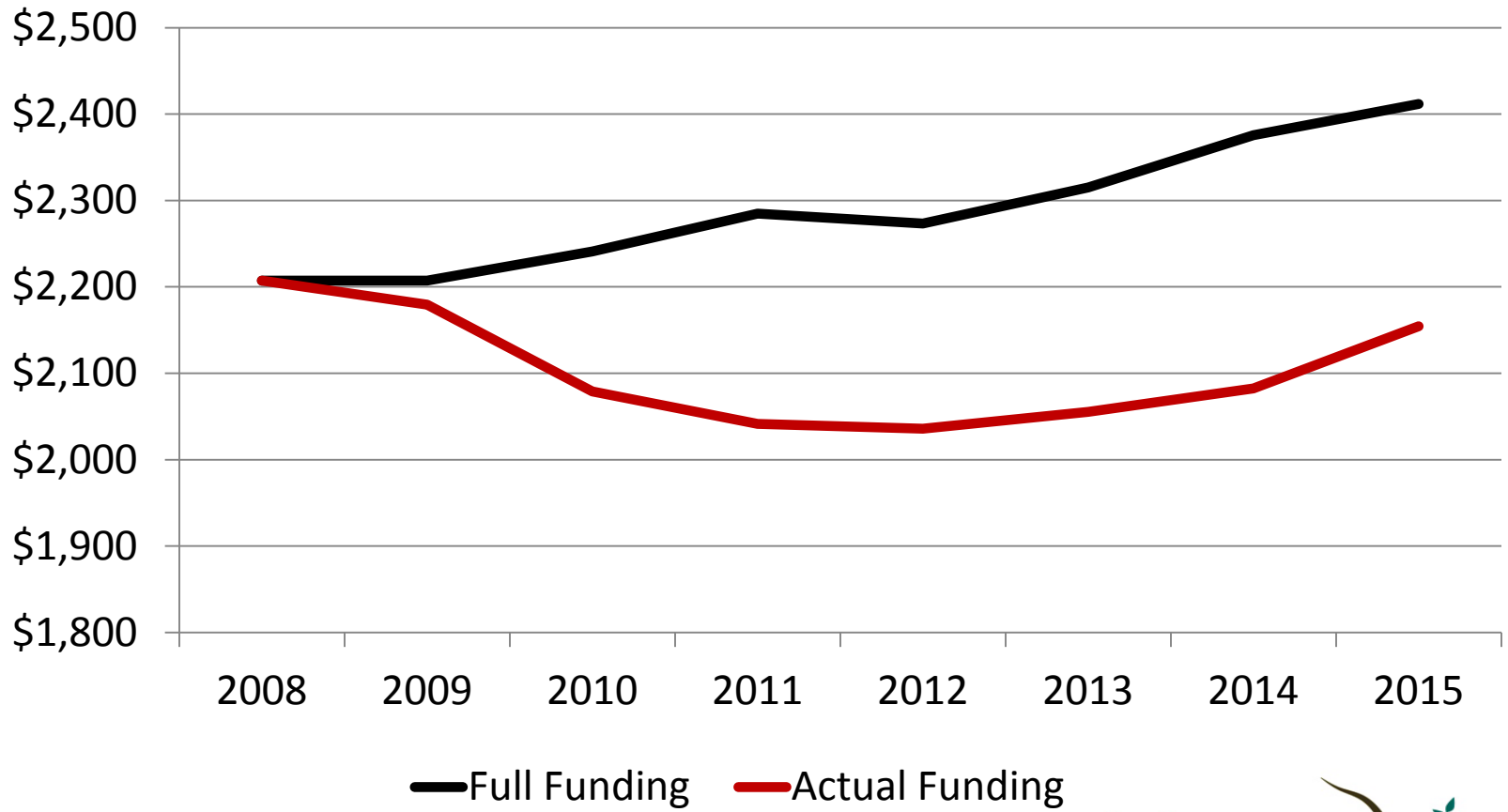


Source: Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning.

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# Mississippi has underfunded the education funding formula by \$1.5 billion since 2008

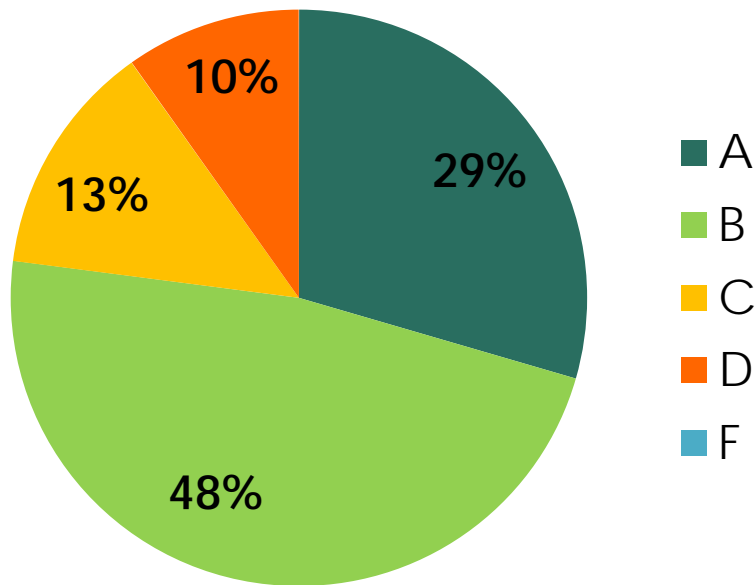


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Source: Mississippi Department of Education; HOPE Analysis.

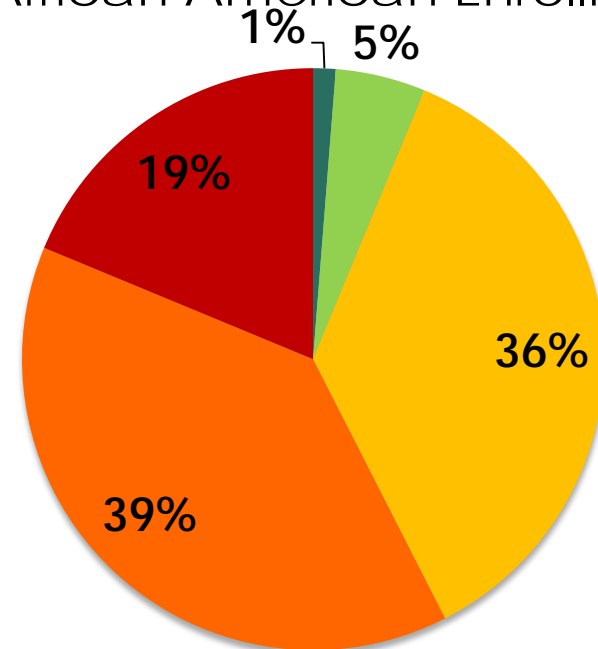


# School District Ratings by Race, 2012-2013

Rating by Districts with <50% African American Enrollment



Rating by Districts with >50% African American Enrollment



- 77% of majority white school districts are rated an A or B
- 6% of majority black school districts are rated A or B

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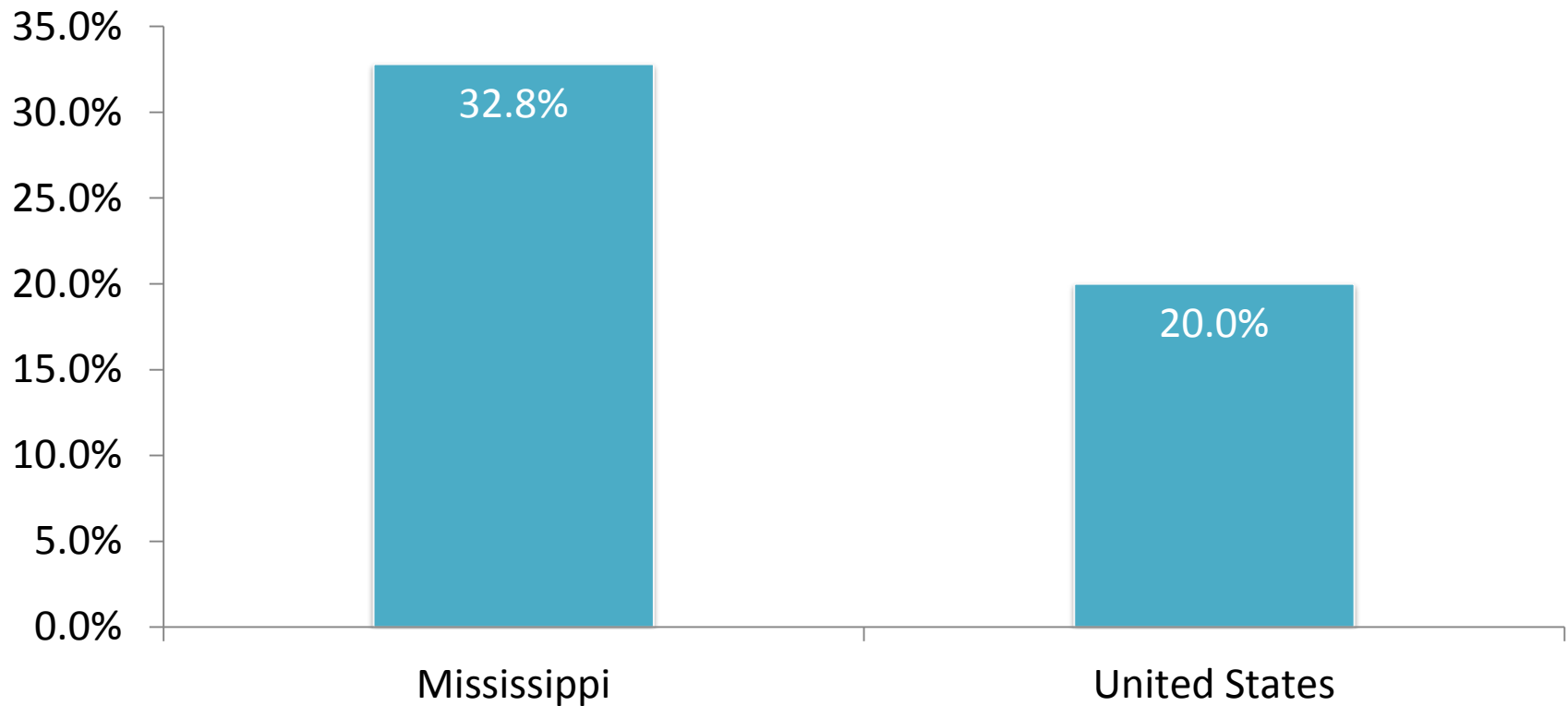
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# Underbanked Households

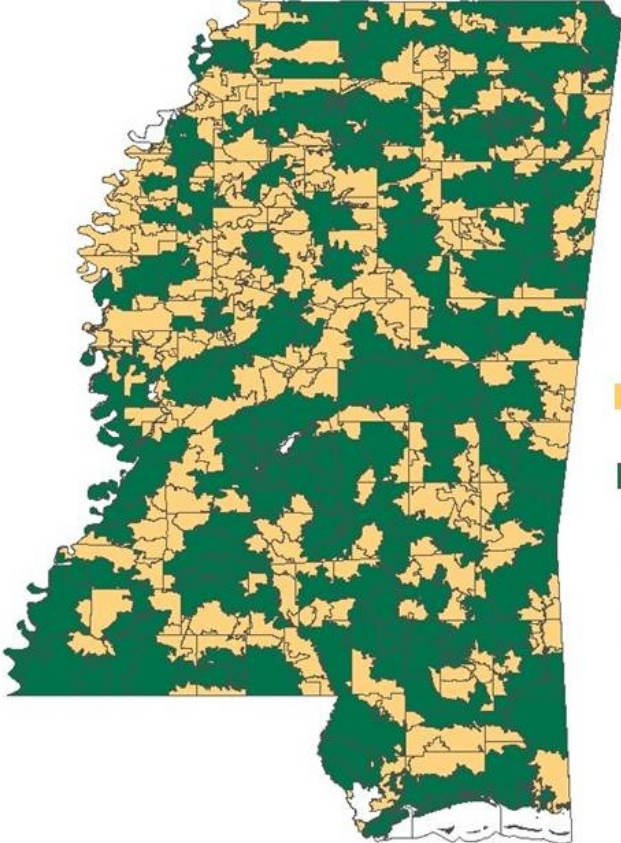


Note: 40% of African American households in MS are underbanked compared to 33.1% nationwide

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# Mississippi Bank Deserts



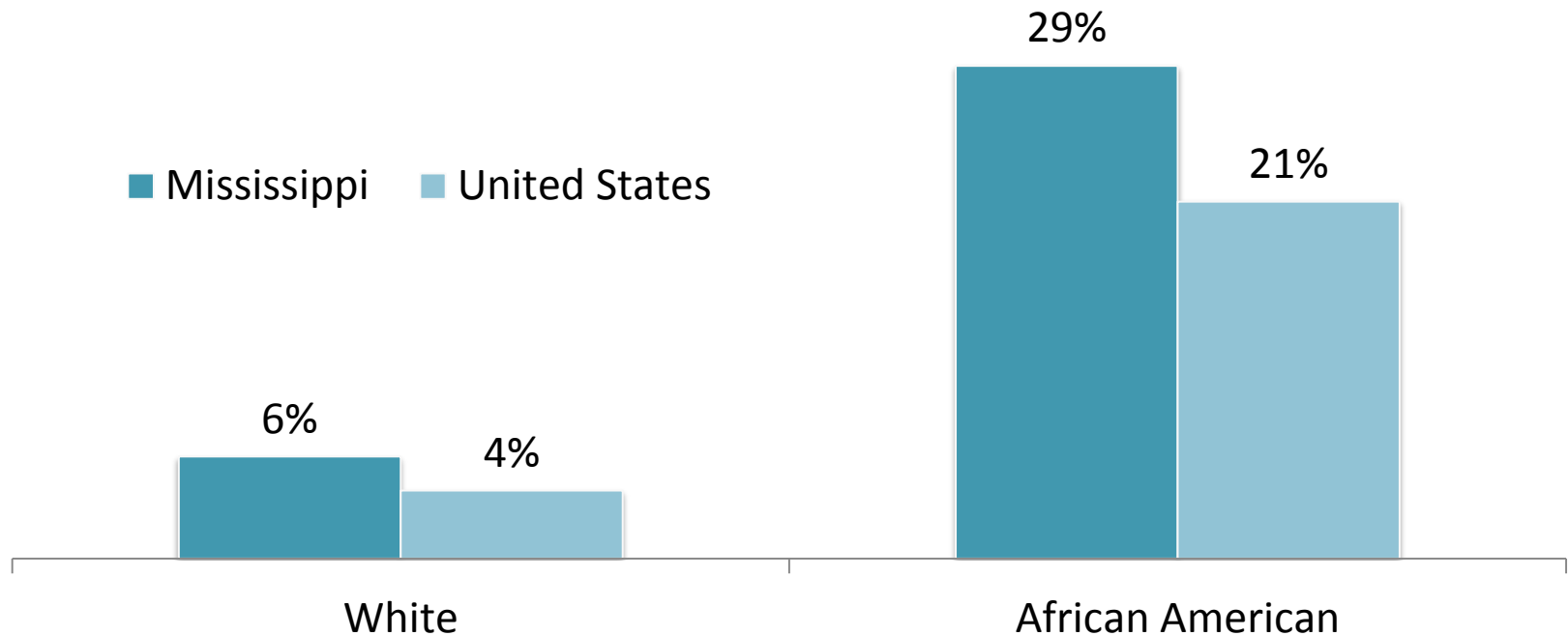
One or Zero Bank Branches

Two Plus Bank Branches

Note: Includes only standard ZIP Codes.

Source: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

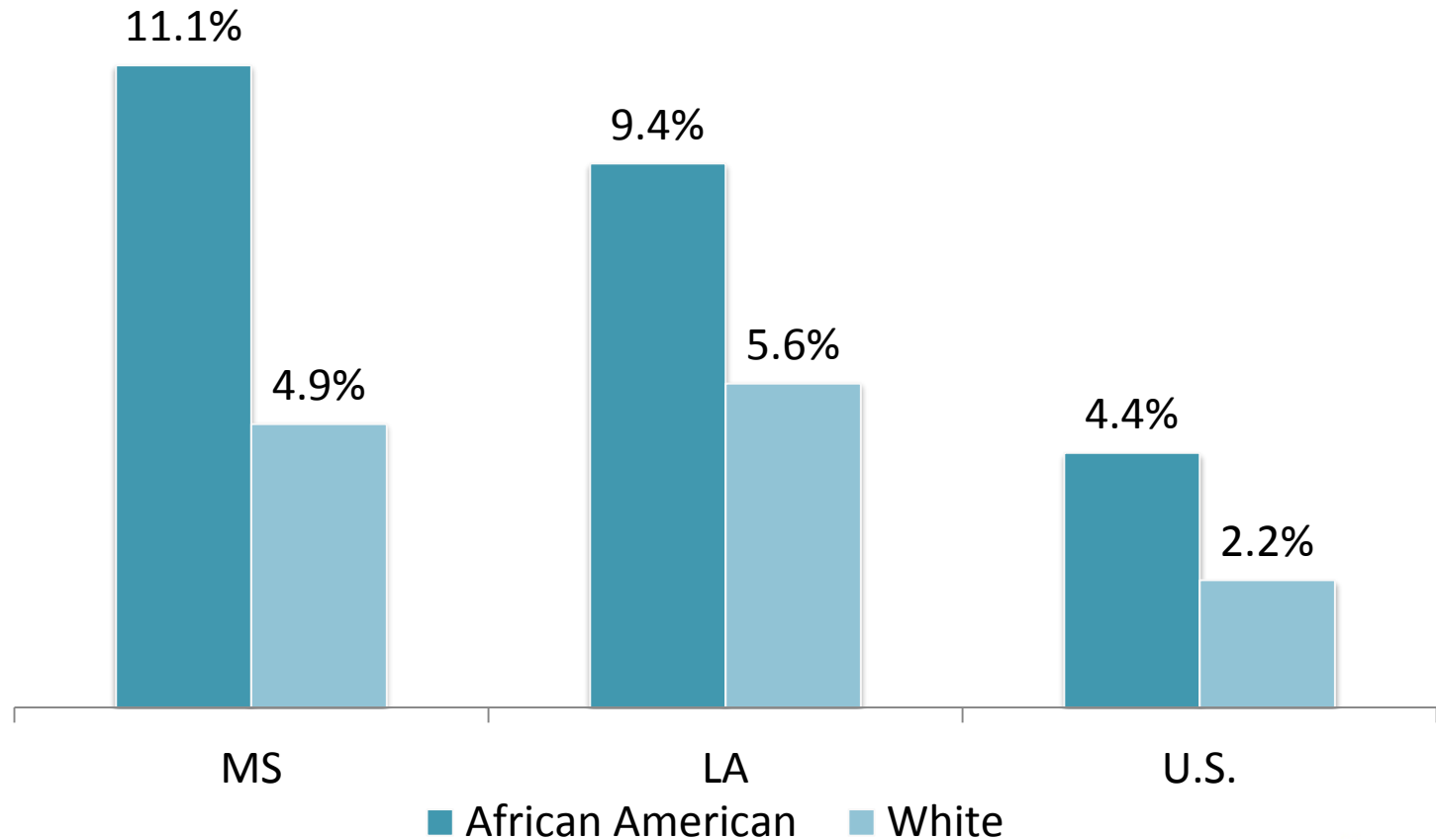
# Unbanked Households by Race – MS 2013



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# Percent of Mortgage Loans that were High Cost, 2012



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Source: Policy Map; HOPE Analysis of Home Mortgage Disclosure Act Data.

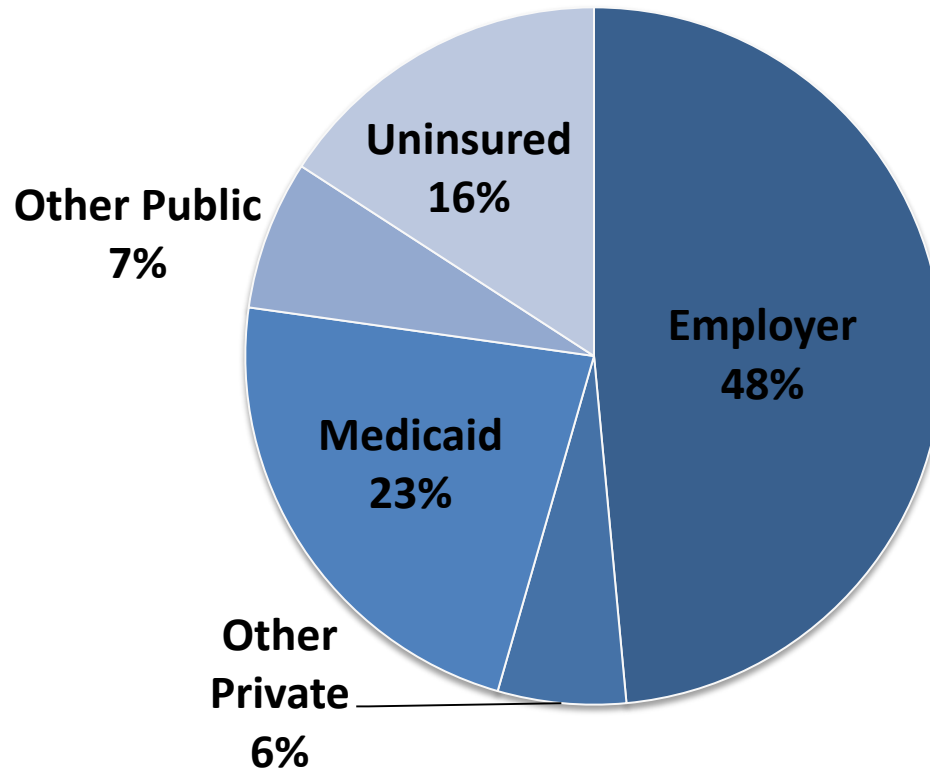
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# Health Insurance Coverage in Mississippi, 2013 Nonelderly Adults Under 64 Years of Age

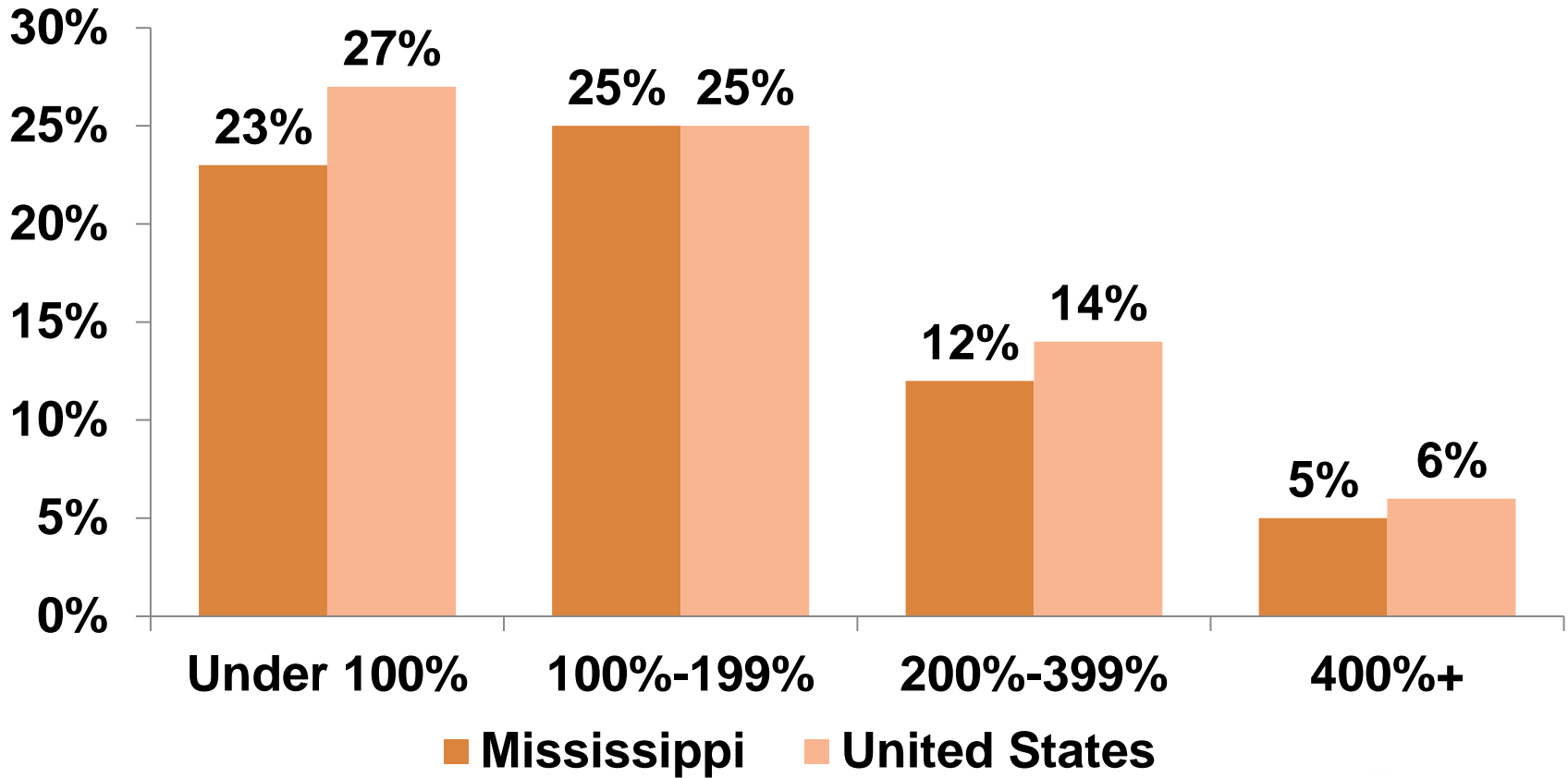


Source: Kaiser Family Foundation, State Health Facts

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# Uninsured Rates for Nonelderly by Federal Poverty Level, 2013



Source: Kaiser Family Foundation: State Health Facts

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# Infant Mortality Rate by Race/Ethnicity, 2009

Location	White	African American	Hispanic
Arkansas	6.6	12.6	5.1
Louisiana	6.9	12.8	3.8
Mississippi	7.2	13.4	6.3
Tennessee	6.4	14.9	6.5

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Source: Matthews, TJ, M.S., et. al. *Infant Mortality Statistics from the 2009 Period Linked Birth/Infant Death Data Set*. Division of Vital Statistics. National Vital Statistics Report, Vol 61, No. 8, January 24, 2013.





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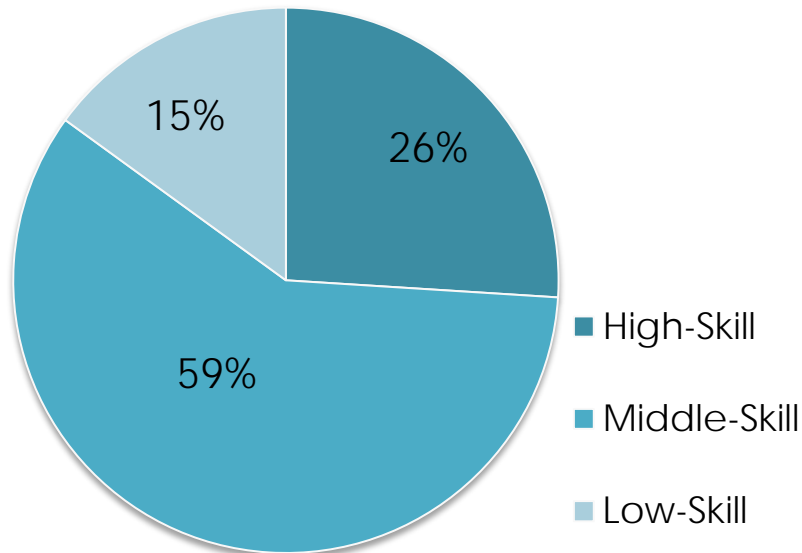
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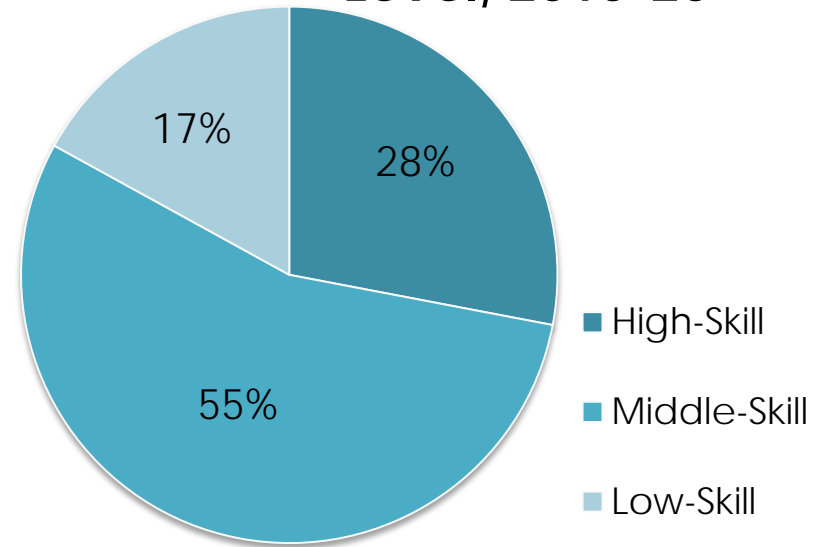


# Demand for Middle Skill Jobs is Strong and Will Stay Strong

## Jobs by Skill Level, 2012



## Job Openings by Skill Level, 2010-20

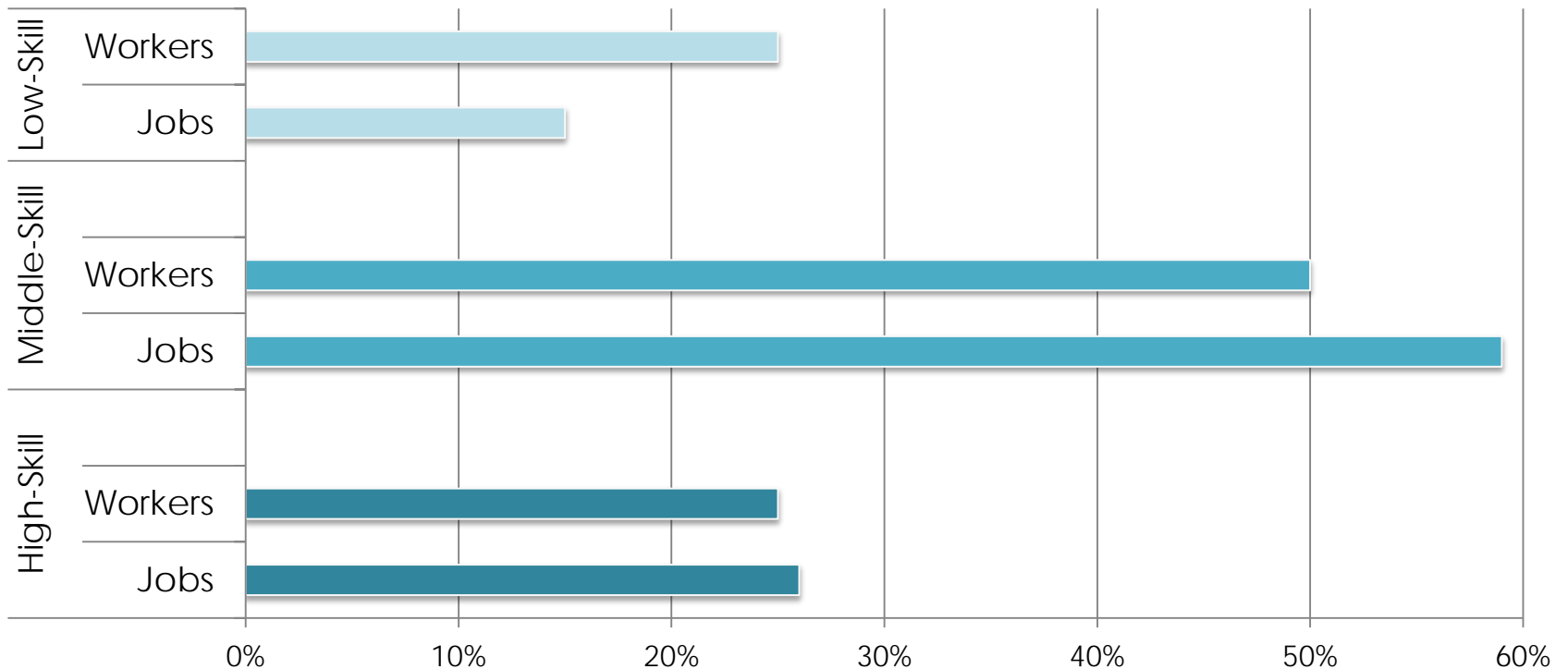


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# A Middle-Skill Gap

Mississippi Jobs and Workers by Skill Level, 2012



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# Closing the Skill Gap

“Helping low-skilled adults obtain postsecondary credentials would help a great deal, and perhaps the most powerful tool for accomplishing this goal is the American adult basic education system.”

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# Accessibility

Making workforce development programs readily accessible is essential to their integration into students' busy lives

Institutions like community colleges are primed to offer this service through diverse locations, flexible hours and local partnerships

# Why This Matters

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