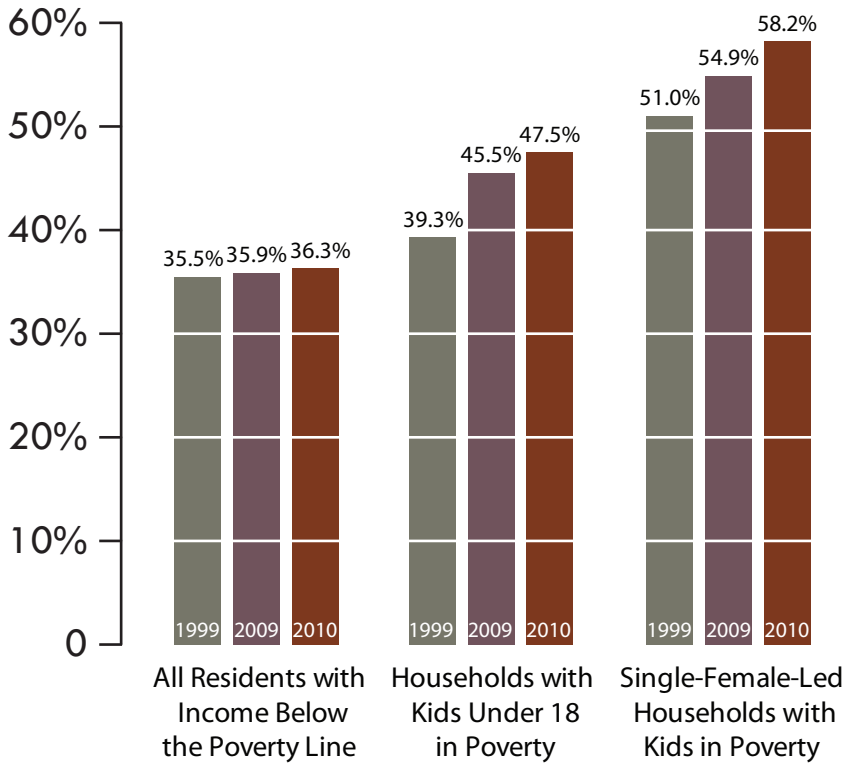


# Camden Poverty Trends

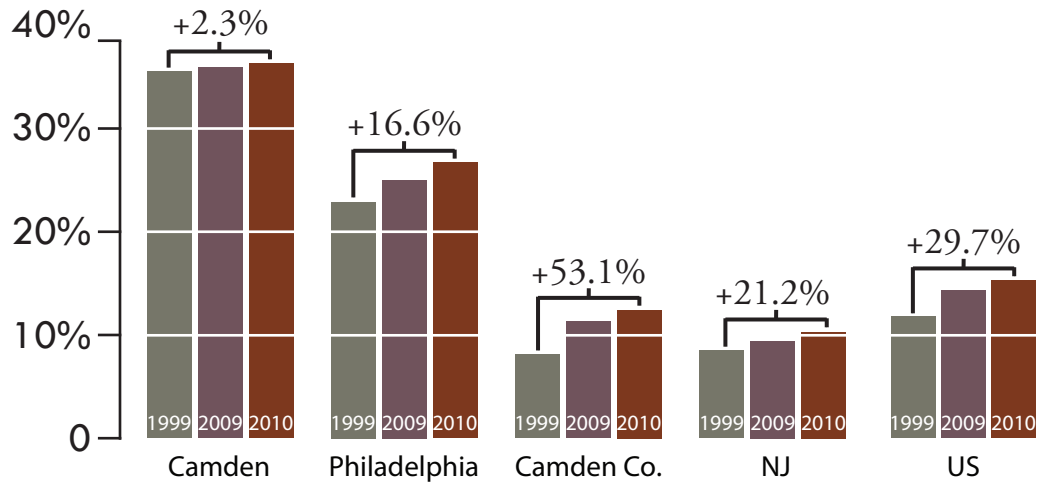
## Poverty Rates of Camden Residents and Families from 1999 to 2010



When examining the new 2010 Census figures, Camden's poverty rates are steady, but the numbers remain alarming. The poverty line, as defined by the Census, is a specific before-tax yearly income amount which varies according to age and household members. For instance, in 2010 a middle-aged couple with no kids would have to make less than \$14,602 over the previous 12 months to be living in poverty, whereas the poverty line for a family of six with four kids was set at \$29,137. In 2010, over a third of all residents, nearly a half of families with children (under 18), and nearly 60 percent of single-female-led families with children in Camden were living in poverty.

And while Camden's poverty rate is more than double the national average (15.3 percent) and almost triple that of Camden County (12.4 percent), poverty rates across the nation have been increasing, and for the most part at a faster rate than that of Camden. The city's overall 2010 poverty rate rose only slightly, remaining below 2007 and 2008 values.

## Comparison of Poverty Growth Rates, from 1999 to 2010



Camden County, Philadelphia, New Jersey and the country have all seen sizable increases over the last decade as the income inequality gap widens.

