**Disparities in Poverty and Income by Race**

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Disparities in income and poverty persist in Colorado, according to new data released by the U.S. Census Bureau today. The overall poverty rate in Colorado in 2012 was 13.7, but communities of color experienced rates nearly twice that amount - African-Americans at 29.7 percent, American Indians at 27.4 percent and Latinos at 24.8 percent. African-Americans and American Indians were almost three times more likely than whites to live in poverty in Colorado.

Median household income for Whites and Asians was significantly higher than for African Americans, Latinos and Native American Indians in Colorado.

While income for most groups remained flat from 2011 to 2012, Latinos saw a statistically significant decrease over that time, dropping $41,115 (in 2012 dollars) to $39,223, a decrease of just over $1,800.