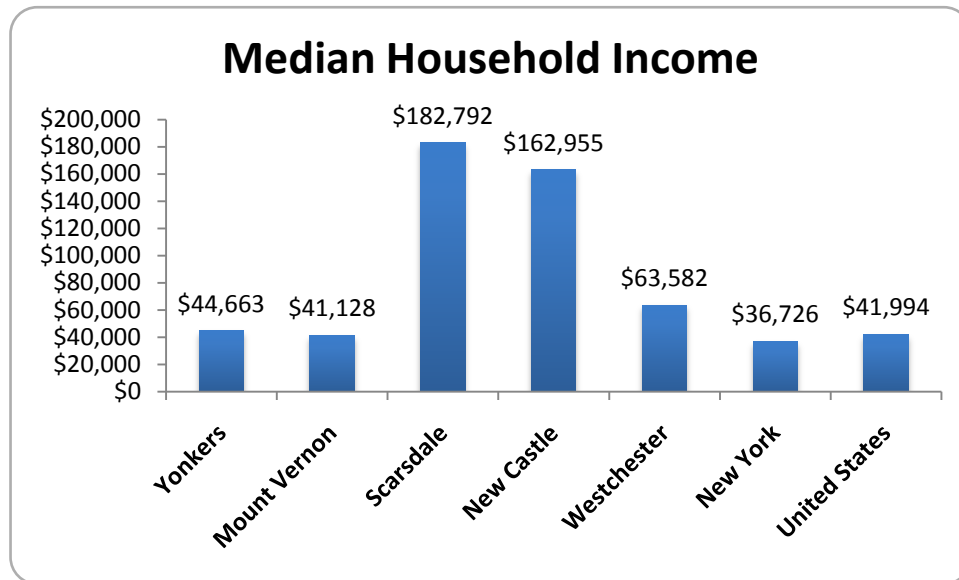
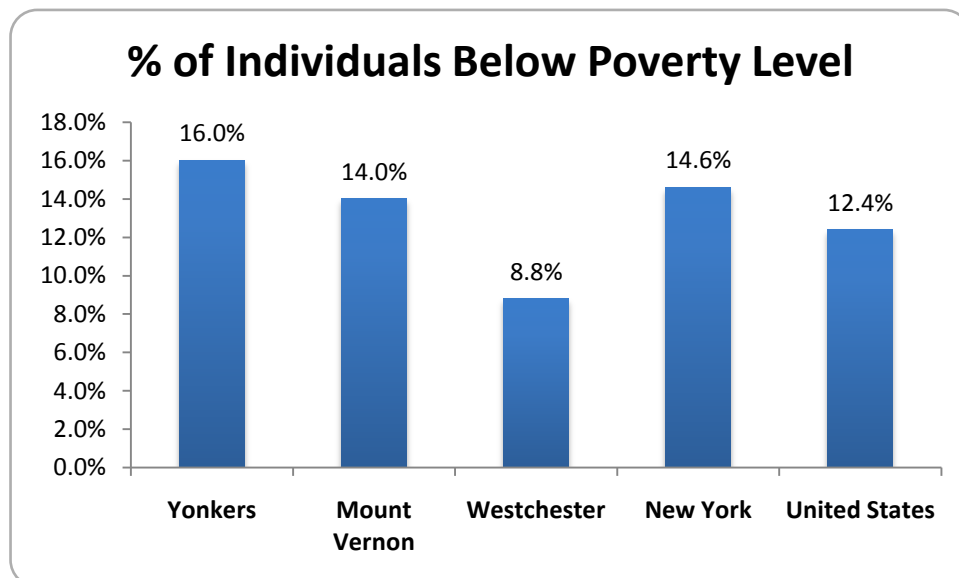


## ECONOMY

Westchester County typically ranks among the wealthiest counties in the country according to 2000 census data variables with the 12<sup>th</sup> highest per capita income and the 9<sup>th</sup> highest personal per capita income in the country. Median household income is much higher in Westchester than in New York or within the United States as represented in the chart below. Income levels within the county represent a wide range of income groups with the highest median incomes being in Scarsdale at \$182,792 and New Castle at \$162,955 and the lowest levels found in Yonkers at \$44,663 and Mount Vernon at \$41,128.



While the percentage of persons living below the poverty level in Westchester County has decreased slightly in the last few years and is lower than state and national figures, the percentages again vary by geographical location. While 8.8 percent of the persons within the county fell below the poverty level in the 2000 census, the percentage was 3.6 percent for towns, 6.5 percent for villages and 13.2 percent for cities. Over 15.5 percent of Yonkers residents and 13.7 percent of Mount Vernon residents fell below the poverty level.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census and American Community Survey data