

POVERTY IN BELIZE, 2018

Poverty affects **201,616** persons living in Belize

Poverty is defined as the inability to attain a **minimum standard of living** – *World Bank*

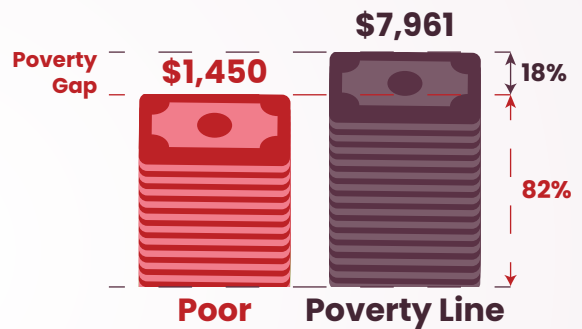


About **1 in 2 (52%)** of persons were living in poverty



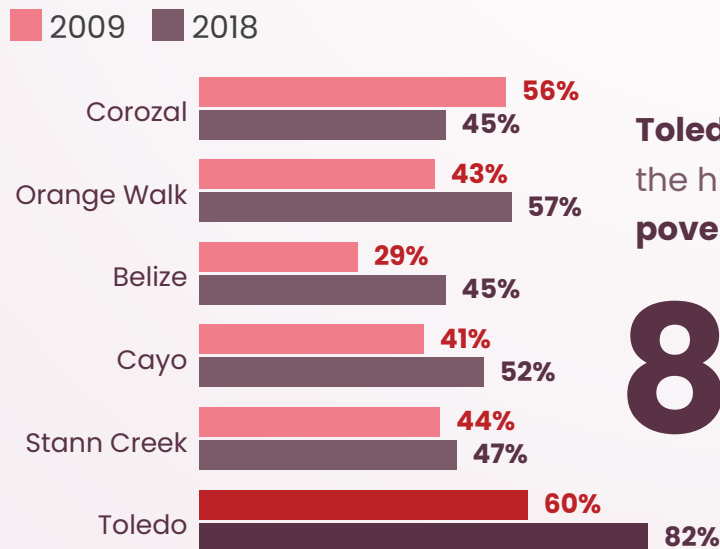
About **3 in 5 (60%)** of children under 14 were living in poverty

THE POVERTY GAP



In 2018 the average shortfall of the poor from the poverty line was **\$1,450** or a **Poverty Gap** of about **18%** of the cost of the poverty line

Poverty rates by district 2009 and 2018



Toledo registered the highest poverty rate at

82%

Poverty rates by area 2018



43%
Urban



59%
Rural

Poverty rates by sex 2018

