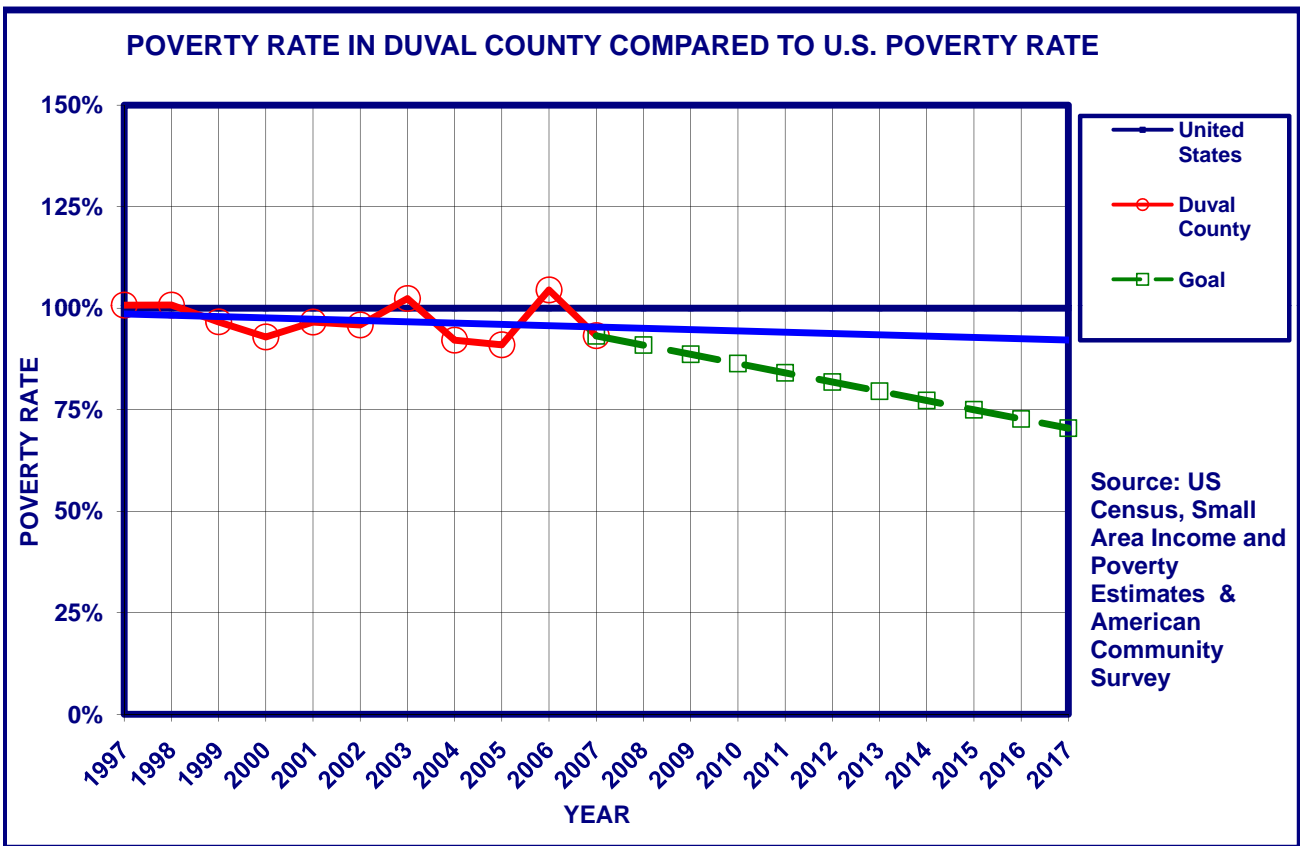


## 5. Poverty Rate

### a. For All Duval County Residents in Poverty

- i. Reduce Duval County's poverty rate to 50 percent of the U.S. average poverty rate in 20 years.**

Blueprint for Prosperity's goal is to raise the income for all Duval County residents. Achieving this goal requires reducing the percent of residents living in poverty. Based on the most recent U.S. Census's American Community Survey estimates for 2006 and 2007, national poverty rates have held at decade-high levels for 2005 through 2007, while Florida poverty rates declined. Duval County poverty rates peaked at a decade-high level of 13.9 percent in 2006 but dropped to 93.2 percent of the U.S. level in 2007.



Poverty Rate:

|               | 1999  | 2000  | 2001  | 2002  | 2003  | 2004  | 2005  | 2006  | 2007  |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Duval County  | 11.5% | 10.5% | 11.3% | 11.6% | 12.8% | 11.7% | 12.1% | 13.9% | 12.4% |
| Florida       | 12.4% | 11.7% | 12.6% | 12.8% | 13.0% | 11.9% | 12.8% | 12.6% | 12.1% |
| United States | 11.9% | 11.3% | 11.7% | 12.1% | 12.5% | 12.7% | 13.3% | 13.3% | 13.3% |

Duval as  
Percent of  
U.S. Poverty  
Rate

|       |       |       |       |        |       |       |        |       |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| 96.6% | 92.9% | 96.6% | 95.9% | 102.4% | 92.1% | 91.0% | 104.5% | 93.2% |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|

Source: U.S. Census Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates & American Community Survey (2006 & 2007 data)