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## First Look at Poverty and Health Insurance: <br> Progress We Need to Build On

(Numbers in 1,000's)
Note: CPS = Current Population Survey
SPM = Supplemental Poverty Measure

|  | 2015 Number |  | $\mathbf{2 0 1 5}$ Percent |  | 2014 Number |  | 2014 Percent |  |
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| All Poor | CPS | SPM | CPS | SPM | CPS | SPM | CSP | SPM |
| All Below 100\% Poverty Line | 43,123 | 45,651 | 13.5 | 14.3 | 46,657 | 48,390 | 14.8 | 15.3 |
| All Below 200\% Poverty Line | 100,894 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | 31.7 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | 105,343 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | 33.4 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| Children in Poverty | 14,509 | 11,929 | 19.7 | 16.1 | 15,540 | 12,360 | 21.1 | 16.7 |
| Children below 50\% Poverty <br> Line | 6,537 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | 8.9 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | 6,813 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | 9.3 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| People in Families with <br> Children with at Least 1 <br> Worker |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All Poor Blacks | 10,020 | 9,575 | 24.1 | 23.0 | 10,755 | 9,662 | 26.2 | 23.4 |
| Poor Black Children | 3,651 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | 32.9 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | 4,090 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | 37.1 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| All Poor Hispanics | 12,133 | 12,719 | 21.4 | 22.4 | 13,104 | 14,129 | 23.6 | 25.4 |
| Poor Hispanic Children | 5,269 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | 28.9 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | 5,745 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | 31.9 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| All Poor Asians | 2,078 | 2,921 | 11.4 | 16.0 | 2,137 | 2,999 | 12.0 | 16.8 |
| Poor Asian Children | 466 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | 12.3 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | 524 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | 14.0 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| All Poor Whites (Not <br> Hispanic) | 17,786 | 19,638 | 9.1 | 10.0 | 19,652 | 20,943 | 10.1 | 10.7 |
| Poor White Children (Not <br> Hispanic) | 4,563 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | 12.1 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | 4,679 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | 12.3 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| Poor Families with Children <br> Headed by Women | 3,682 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | 36.5 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | 4,048 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | 39.8 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| Average Amount Below the <br> Poverty Line, Income for all <br> Poor Families | $\$ 10,118$ | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\$ 10,137$ | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| Poor with Disability, 18-64 | 4,358 | 4,042 | 28.5 | 26.5 | 4,403 | 3,997 | 28.5 | 25.9 |
| All Uninsured | 28,966 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | 9.1 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | 32,968 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | 10.4 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| With Private Insurance | 214,238 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | 67.2 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | 208,600 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | 66.0 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| With Employer Insurance | 177,540 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | 55.7 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | 175,027 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | 55.4 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| Uninsured Working Age, 18- <br> 64 Year Olds | 24,594 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | 12.5 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | 27,867 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | 14.2 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |

1. Row reads: $14.1 \%$ of people in families with children with at least one worker are poor.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2015 and 2014 poverty data released September 13, 2016; Supplemental Poverty Measure 2015 report; Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2015

| Weighted Average Poverty Thresholds in 2015 <br> by Size of Family |  |
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| One Person | $\$ 12,082$ |
| Two People | $\$ 15,391$ |
| Three People | $\$ 18,871$ |
| Four People | $\$ 24,257$ |

## Coalition on Human Needs

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Supplemental Poverty Measure: Programs Lift Millions Out of Poverty
(Numbers in 1,000's)

| Number of People Lifted Out of Poverty, by Program |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
|  | $\mathbf{2 0 1 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 4}$ |
| Social Security | 26,585 | 25,900 |
| Refundable tax credits | 9,172 | 9,800 |
| Housing subsidies | 2,537 | 2,800 |
| SNAP | 4,595 | 4,700 |

Refundable tax credits include the portion of the Child Tax Credit and Earned Income Tax Credit available to low-income families that is in excess of their income tax liability.

