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First Look at Poverty and Health Insurance: Progress We Need to Build On

(Numbers in 1,000's)

Note: CPS = Current Population Survey

SPM = Supplemental Poverty Measure

	2015 Number 2015 Percent		2014 Number		2014 Percent			
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	n/a	31.7	n/a	105,343	n/a	33.4	n/a
Children in Poverty	14,509	11,929	19.7	16.1	15,540	12,360	21.1	16.7
Children below 50% Poverty								
Line	6,537	n/a	8.9	n/a	6,813	n/a	9.3	n/a
People in Families with								
Children with at Least 1								
Worker ¹	4,219	n/a	11.8	n/a	4,540	n/a	12.7	n/a
All Poor Blacks	10,020	9,575	24.1	23.0	10,755	9,662	26.2	23.4
Poor Black Children	3,651	n/a	32.9	n/a	4,090	n/a	37.1	n/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	n/a	28.9	n/a	5,745	n/a	31.9	n/a
All Poor Asians	2,078	2,921	11.4	16.0	2,137	2,999	12.0	16.8
Poor Asian Children	466	n/a	12.3	n/a	524	n/a	14.0	n/a
All Poor Whites (Not								
Hispanic)	17,786	19,638	9.1	10.0	19,652	20,943	10.1	10.7
Poor White Children (Not								
Hispanic)	4,563	n/a	12.1	n/a	4,679	n/a	12.3	n/a
Poor Families with Children								
Headed by Women	3,682	n/a	36.5	n/a	4,048	n/a	39.8	n/a
Average Amount Below the								
Poverty Line, Income for all								
Poor Families	\$10,118	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$10,137	n/a	n/a	n/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	n/a	9.1	n/a	32,968	n/a	10.4	n/a
With Private Insurance	214,238	n/a	67.2	n/a	208,600	n/a	66.0	n/a
With Employer Insurance	177,540	n/a	55.7	n/a	175,027	n/a	55.4	n/a
Uninsured Working Age, 18-								
64 Year Olds	24,594	n/a	12.5	n/a	27,867	n/a	14.2	n/a

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

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

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



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First Look:

Supplemental Poverty Measure: Programs Lift Millions Out of Poverty

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Number of People Lifted Out of Poverty, by Program						
	2015	2014				
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.