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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

	2016 Number		2016 Percent		2015 Number		2015 Percent	
All Poor	CPS	SPM	CPS	SPM	CPS	SPM	CPS	SPM
All Below 100% Poverty Line	40,616	44,752	12.7	14.0	43,123	46,250	13.5	14.5
All Below 200% Poverty Line	95,245	n/a	29.8	n/a	100,894	n/a	31.7	n/a
Children in Poverty	13,253	11,281	18.0	15.2	14,509	12,026	19.7	16.2
Children below 50% Poverty								
Line	6,027	n/a	8.2	4.4	6,537	n/a	8.9	4.9
Poor Families with Children								
with at Least 1 Worker <sup>1</sup>	3,749	n/a	10.5	n/a	4,219	n/a	11.8	n/a
All Poor Blacks	9,234	9,086	22.0	21.6	10,020	9,527	24.1	22.8
Poor Black Children	3,418	n/a	30.8	n/a	3,651	n/a	32.9	n/a
All Poor Hispanics	11,137	12,670	19.4	22.0	12,133	12,862	21.4	22.6
Poor Hispanic Children	4,890	n/a	26.6	n/a	5,269	n/a	28.9	n/a
All Poor Asians	1,908	2,774	10.1	14.7	2,078	2,929	11.4	16.1
Poor Asian Children	430	n/a	11.1	n/a	466	n/a	12.3	n/a
All Poor Whites								
(Not Hispanic)	17,263	19,446	8.8	9.9	17,786	20,082	9.1	10.3
Poor White Children								
(Not Hispanic)	4,050	n/a	10.8	n/a	4,563	n/a	12.1	n/a
Poor Families with Children								
Headed by Women	3,488	n/a	35.6	n/a	3,682	n/a	36.5	n/a
Average Amount Below the								
Poverty Line, Income for all								
Poor Families	\$10,505	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$10,118	n/a	n/a	n/a
Poor with Disability, 18-64	4,123	3,905	26.8	25.4	4,358	4,054	28.5	26.5
All Uninsured	28,052	n/a	8.8	n/a	28,966	n/a	9.1	n/a
With Private Insurance	216,203	n/a	67.5	n/a	214,238	n/a	67.2	n/a
With Employer Insurance	178,455	n/a	55.7	n/a	177,540	n/a	55.7	n/a
Uninsured Working Age,								
18-64 Year Olds	23,530	n/a	11.9	n/a	24,594	n/a	12.5	n/a

1. Row reads: 10.5% of families with children with at least one worker are poor.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Income and Poverty in the United States: 2016, Current Population Survey; Supplemental Poverty Measure: 2016; Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2016; all released September 12, 2017.

Weighted Average Poverty Thresholds in 2016 by Size of Family					
One Person	\$12,228				
Two People	\$15,569				
Three People	\$19,105				
Four People	\$24,563				



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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						
	2016	2015				
Social Security	26,110	26,740				
Refundable tax credits	8,148	8,987				
Housing subsidies	3,125	2,970				
SNAP	3,558	4,601				

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.