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First Look at Poverty, Hardship, and Health Insurance 2022: Federal Investments Pay Off and Lift Millions Out of Poverty

Number of People Lifted Out of Poverty, by Program (Numbers in 1,000's)					
(source: Poverty in the U.S.: 2021, the Supplemental Poverty Measure, Census Bureau) ¹					
2021 2020					
Social Security	26,338	26,146			
Refundable tax credits ^a	9,635	5,328			
Housing subsidies	2,411	2,435			
SNAP	2,805	2,933			
Unemployment Insurance	2,292	5,618			
Economic Impact/Stimulus	8,900	11,761			

Hardship (source: Census Household Pulse Survey) ²						
	Number (2022)	Percent (2022)	Number (2021)	Percent (2021)		
Adults, Trouble Paying for Usual	91.6m	40.0	59.7m	26.8		
Household Expenses						
Adults in Latinx Households, trouble w	19.5m	51.1	13.7m	37.5		
HH Expenses						
White, not Latino	51.0m	35.3	30.5m	21.5		
Black, not Latino	13.0m	52.6	10.4m	42.3		
Asian, not Latino	3.1m	26.3	2.2m	19.2		
Other/multiracial, not Latino	5.1m	52.8	2.9m	36.0		
Adults in Households w/children	12.3m	15.7	8.2m	10.4		
sometimes/often without enough to eat in						
previous 7 days						
Adults in Latinx HH w/children/not	3.6m	21.7	2.5m	14.7		
enough to eat						
White, not Latino	4.4m	10.4	3.2m	7.5		
Black, not Latino	3.0m	28.8	1.8m	17.0		
Asian, not Latino	0.3m	7.5	0.2m	4.3		
Other/multiracial, not Latino	0.9m	23.3	0.4m	13.1		
Adults Uninsured, 18-64 years	15.2m	9.7	17.0m	10.9		

CPS Health Insurance Coverage ³ (Numbers in 1,000's) (source: Health Insurance Coverage: 2021, Current Population Survey, Census Bureau) ³						
2021 Number 2021 Percent 2020 Number 2020 Percent						
All Uninsured	27,187	8.3	28,291	8.6		
With Any Private Insurance	216,366	66.0	217,896	66.5		
With Any Public Insurance	117,095	35.7	112,925	34.5		
Uninsured Working Age,						
19-64 Year Olds	22,646	11.6	23,103	11.9		
Uninsured Children Under Age 19	3,886	5.0	4,361	5.6		



CPS Mean Household Income (In 2021 dollars)							
(source: Income in the Uni	(source: Income in the United States: 2021, Current Population Survey, Census Bureau) ⁴						
2021 2009 Percent Change							
Lowest Quintile	\$14,859	\$14,624	1.6				
Second Quintile	\$41,025	\$37,035	10.8				
Middle Quintile	\$70,879	\$62,703	13.0				
Top 5%	\$480,236	\$373,921	28.4				

Columbia University Center on Poverty & Social Policy Monthly Poverty Rate Estimates ⁵					
With COVID Relief Without COVID Relief					
January 2021	13.2%	17.4%			
July 2021	12.0%	16.3%			
January 2022	14.7%	16.0%			
July 2022	14.5%	15.5%			

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All Below 100% Poverty Line	25,584	37,933	7.8	11.6	30,041	37,548	9.2	11.5
All Below 200% Poverty Line	n/a	90,584	n/a	27.6	n/a	89,679	n/a	27.5
Children in Poverty	3,829	11,149	5.2	15.3	7,196	11,789	9.7	16.0
Children below 50% Poverty								
Line	n/a	5,229	1.4	7.2	n/a	5,513	2.9	7.6
Poor Families with Children								
with at Least 1 Worker ^b	n/a	2,952	n/a	8.5	n/a	3,131	n/a	9.0
All Poor Blacks	4,998	8,583	11.3	19.5	6,435	8,556	14.7	19.6
Poor Black Children	917	3,056	8.1	27.3	1,908	3,038	16.9	27.7
All Poor Hispanics	7,022	10,690	11.2	17.1	8,672	10,520	14.0	17.0
Poor Hispanic Children	1,575	4,168	8.4	22.4	2,768	4,265	14.7	23.1
All Poor Asians	1,956	1,922	9.5	9.3	1,788	1,645	8.8	8.1
Poor Asian Children	217	371	5.1	8.8	288	352	6.7	8.4
All Poor Whites								
(Not Hispanic)	11,146	15,805	5.7	8.1	12,699	16,038	6.5	8.2
Poor White Children								
(Not Hispanic)	976	3,162	2.7	8.8	2,071	3,531	5.7	9.9
Poor Families with Children								
Headed by Women	n/a	2,912	n/a	31.3	n/a	2,978	n/a	32.1
Poor with Disability, 18-64	2,536	3,993	15.8	24.9	2,635	3,715	17.7	25.0

Note: SPM = Supplemental Poverty Measure; CPS = Current Population Survey



Additional Notes:

- a. 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.
- b. Row reads: 8.5% of families with children under 18 with at least one worker are poor.

Weighted Average Poverty Thresholds in 2021 by Size of Family ¹					
One Person	\$13,788				
Two People \$17,529					
Three People \$21,559					
Four People	\$27,740				

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