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## First Look at Poverty and Health Insurance: Progress Slows for People in Need and Uninsured Americans

(Numbers in 1,000's)

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

	2017 Number		2017 Percent		2016 Number		2016 Percent	
	CPS	SPM	CPS	SPM	CPS	SPM	CPS	SPM
<b>All Poor</b>								
All Below 100% Poverty Line	39,698	44,972	12.3	13.9	40,616	44,752	12.7	14.0
All Below 200% Poverty Line	95,702	n/a	29.7	n/a	95,245	n/a	29.8	n/a
Children in Poverty	12,808	11,521	17.5	15.6	13,253	11,281	18.0	15.2
Children below 50% Poverty Line	5,864	n/a	8.0	4.8	6,027	n/a	8.2	4.4
Poor Families with Children with at Least 1 Worker <sup>1</sup>	3,557	n/a	10.0	n/a	3,749	n/a	10.5	n/a
All Poor Blacks	8,993	9,394	21.2	22.1	9,234	9,086	22.0	21.6
Poor Black Children	3,184	n/a	29.0	n/a	3,418	n/a	30.8	n/a
All Poor Hispanics	10,790	12,654	18.3	21.4	11,137	12,670	19.4	22.0
Poor Hispanic Children	4,639	n/a	25.0	n/a	4,890	n/a	26.6	n/a
All Poor Asians	1,953	2,948	10.0	15.1	1,908	2,774	10.1	14.7
Poor Asian Children	455	n/a	11.3	n/a	430	n/a	11.1	n/a
All Poor Whites (Not Hispanic)	16,993	19,249	8.7	9.8	17,263	19,446	8.8	9.9
Poor White Children (Not Hispanic)	4,026	n/a	10.9	n/a	4,050	n/a	10.8	n/a
Poor Families with Children Headed by Women	3,301	n/a	34.4	n/a	3,488	n/a	35.6	n/a
Average Amount Below the Poverty Line, Income for all Poor Families	\$10,819	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$10,505	n/a	n/a	n/a
Poor with Disability, 18-64	3,764	3,550	24.9	23.5	4,123	3,905	26.8	25.4
<b>All Uninsured</b>	28,543	n/a	8.8	n/a	28,052	n/a	8.8	n/a
With Private Insurance	217,007	n/a	67.2	n/a	216,203	n/a	67.5	n/a
With Employer Insurance	181,036	n/a	56.0	n/a	178,455	n/a	55.7	n/a
Uninsured Working Age, 18-64 Year Olds	23,935	n/a	12.1	n/a	23,530	n/a	11.9	n/a

1. Row reads: 10.0% of families with children with at least one worker are poor.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Income and Poverty in the United States: 2017, Current Population Survey; Supplemental Poverty Measure: 2017; Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2017; all released September 12, 2018.

Weighted Average Poverty Thresholds in 2017 by Size of Family	
One Person	\$12,488
Two People	\$15,877
Three People	\$19,515
Four People	\$25,094



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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		
	2017	2016
Social Security	27,027	26,110
Refundable tax credits	8,271	8,148
Housing subsidies	2,934	3,125
SNAP	3,424	3,585

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.