

# The Urgent Once-in-a-Generation Chance

*Getting Congress to Invest in our Children and Youth*

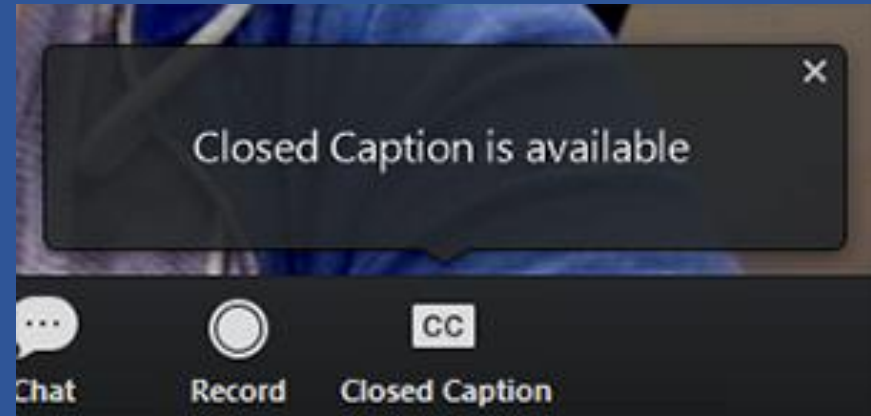


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# Once in a Generation

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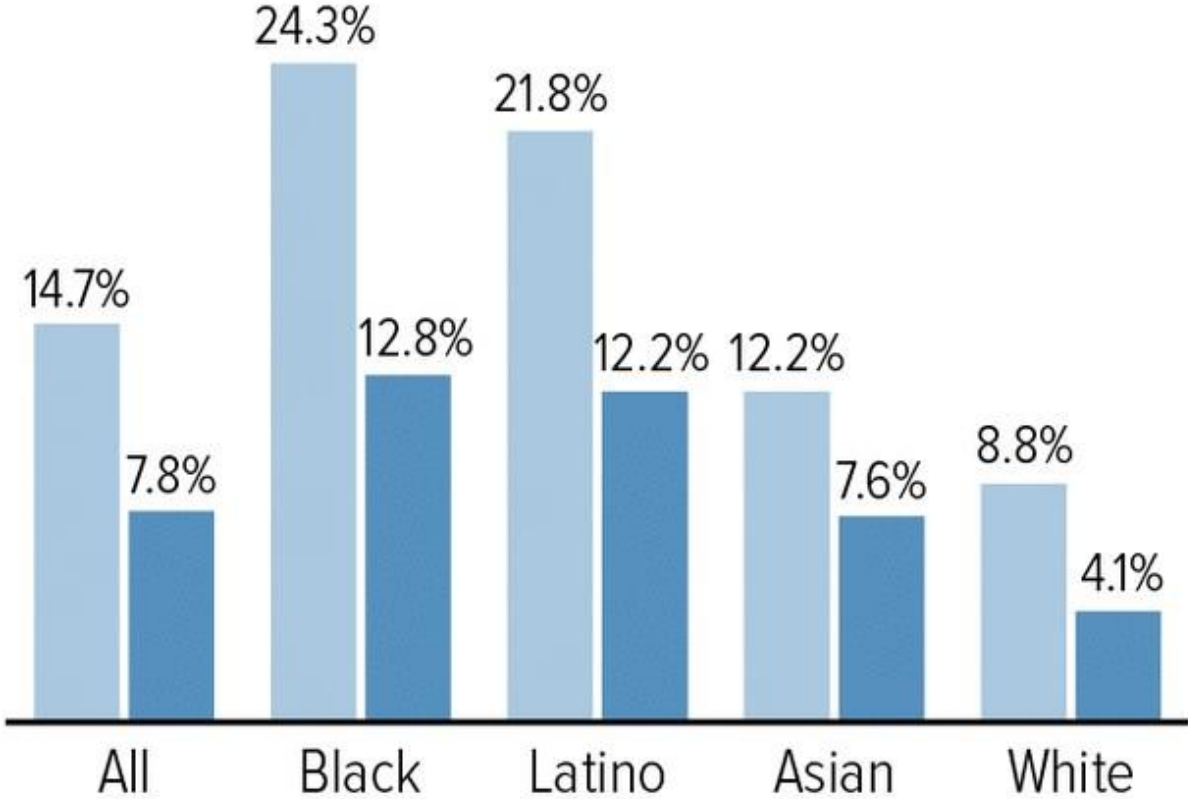
- American Jobs Plan
- American Families Plan
- Budget/Appropriations

# The Biden Plans

# Key Provisions of American Families Plan Would Cut Child Poverty Nearly in Half and Substantially Reduce Racial and Ethnic Gaps in Child Poverty

Percent of children in poverty in 2022

- Existing policy
- With American Families Plan



- Expanded Child Tax Credit
- Expanded Earned Income Tax Credit
- Expanded Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit
- Food: Summer EBT
- Pell Grants

(Columbia U. poverty researchers)

What would  
cut child  
poverty in  
half in  
2022?

- Make Child Tax Credit and EITC expansions permanent
- Expand housing vouchers, supply
- Keep SNAP and child nutrition increases: + territories
- Expand child care and early childhood programs
- Expand workforce/training programs/jobs
- National paid family/medical leave
- UI improvements
- Expand health coverage: + territories
- Extend eligibility to immigrants

More  
ways to  
help



# How to enact

- Bipartisan bills (needing 60 votes in the Senate)
- “Reconciliation” bills, only needing simple majority – spending, revenues
- Appropriations: need 60 votes in the Senate

# How to pass a reconciliation bill

- House and Senate agree on a budget resolution:

House in July? Senate in August?

- It includes instructions to committees to come up with spending and revenues plans
- Reconciliation bills to floors sometime after Labor Day?

# Reconciliation wrinkles

- Reconciliation bills have to have budgetary impact
- Senate parliamentarian decides
- Within 10-year window, does not have to be paid for
- If cost of item will extend beyond 10 years, has to be paid for, year by year
- Can't change Social Security
- Can't include regular appropriations

## •**No more caps!**

- Biden budget calls for 16.5% increase in domestic/international appropriations
- Biden calls for 1.6% increase in defense
- Controversies will slow enactment  
(needed by September 30)
- Likely at least one stop-gap spending bill (Continuing Resolution, aka “CR”)

## Appropriations:

Includes funding for housing vouchers, education, WIC, some child care, Head Start, jobs programs...

# TELL CONGRESS: REDUCE CHILD POVERTY PERMANENTLY

The American Rescue Plan, signed by President Biden in March, made substantial investments in children, youth and families—cutting child poverty in half. **But these investments only last one year.**

**As Congress negotiates how to invest in our future and what to include from President Biden's proposed \$4 trillion investment and tax plan, we need to ensure the needs of children, youth and families are a top priority.**

 [CLICK HERE](#) to send a message to your members of Congress calling on them to include the following policies in the forthcoming investment and tax package:

What you can do: [chn.org](https://chn.org); click **Take Action**

- Contact your Rep and Senators – set up group meeting/call
- Can you organize a group letter in your state?
- If you're in a state soon to eliminate pandemic UI, can you find people affected and tell press?
- Can you help parents get their Child Tax Credit?
- Can you write blogs, op-eds, LTE's, tweet/other social media?

## More Actions you can take

**CHN can help:**

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- Updates about opportunities to take action
- Ways to learn more
- State data and analyses from experts

We will  
share...

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