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First Look at Poverty, Hardship, and Health Insurance 2023: End of Child Tax Credit and other Pandemic Relief Programs Push Millions Into Poverty

Number of People Lifted Out of Poverty, by Program (Numbers in 1,000's) (source: Poverty in the U.S.: 2022, the Supplemental Poverty Measure, Census Bureau) ¹				
,	2022	2021		
Refundable Child Tax Credit	2,392	5,343		
Refundable tax credits ^a	6,417	9,635		
SNAP	3,670	2,805		
SNAP and school lunch	5,104	3,415		
Housing subsidies	2,641	2,411		
Social Security	28,930	26,340		

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(source: Poverty in the Un	nited States: 2022, Current Popula 2022 Number		ation Survey and Supplement 2022 Percent		2021 Number		ensus Bureau) ¹ 2021 Percent	
	SPM	CPS	SPM	CPS	SPM	CPS	SPM	CPS
All Below 100% Poverty								
Line ^b	40,900	37,920	12.4	11.5	25,580	37,930	7.8	11.6
All Below 200% Poverty								
Line	n/a	90,850	n/a	27.5	n/a	90,584	n/a	27.6
Children in Poverty	8,983	10,780	12.4	15.0	3,829	11,150	5.2	15.3
Children below 50%								
Poverty Line	n/a	4,789	3.3	6.7	n/a	5,229	1.4	7.2
Poor Families with Children								
with at Least 1 Worker ^c	n/a	2,946	n/a	8.6	n/a	2,952	n/a	8.5
All Poor Blacks	7,671	7,626	17.2	17.1	4,998	8,583	11.3	19.5
Poor Black Children	2,002	2,491	17.8	22.3	917	3,056	8.1	27.3
All Poor Hispanics	12,360	10,780	19.3	16.9	7,022	10,690	11.2	17.1
Poor Hispanic Children	3,681	4,057	19.5	21.7	1,575	4,168	8.4	22.4
All Poor Asians	2,502	1,866	11.6	8.6	1,956	1,922	9.5	9.3
Poor Asian Children	423	377	9.9	8.8	217	371	5.1	8.8
All Poor Whites								
(Not Hispanic)	17,680	16,690	9.1	8.6	11,150	15,810	5.7	8.1
Poor White Children	*							
(Not Hispanic)	2,524	3,371	7.2	9.7	976	3,162	2.7	8.8
Poor Families with Children								
Headed by Women	n/a	2,758	n/a	32.0	n/a	2,912	n/a	31.3
Poor with Disability, 18-64	3,641	3,801	23.0	24.0	2,536	3,993	15.8	24.9

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



Hardship: Percent of people reporting their households sometimes or often did not have enough to eat in the previous 7 days				
(source: Census Household Pulse Survey) ²				
	2023	2021		
Total	12.1	8.0		
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	16.5	12.5		
White alone, not Hispanic	9.4	5.7		
Black alone, not Hispanic	21.3	15.6		
Asian alone, not Hispanic	6.2	3.8		
2 or more races/other, not Hispanic	18.9	14.7		
Children in household	15.0	9.9		
No children in household	10.4	7.0		

CPS Health Insurance Coverage (Numbers in 1,000's) (source: Health Insurance Coverage: 2022, Current Population Survey, Census Bureau) ³					
	2022 Number	2022 Percent	2021 Number	2021 Percent	
All Uninsured	25,940	7.9	27,190	8.3	
With Any Private Insurance	216,500	65.6	216,400	66.0	
With Any Public Insurance	119,100	36.1	117,100	35.7	
Uninsured Working Age,					
19-64 Year Olds	21,210	10.8	22,646	11.6	
Uninsured Children Under Age 19	4,079	5.4	3,886	5.0	

CPS Mean Household Income (In 2022 dollars) (source: Income in the United States: 2022, Current Population Survey, Census Bureau) ⁴					
	2022	2021	2019	Percent Change 2019-2022	
Lowest Quintile	\$16,120	\$16,020	\$17,410	-7.4	
Second Quintile	\$43,850	\$44,240	\$46,300	-5.3	
Middle Quintile	\$74,730	\$76,430	\$78,520	-4.8	
Top 5%	\$499,900	\$517,800	\$513,800	-2.7	



Weighted Average Poverty Thresholds in 2022

\$14,880

\$18,900

by Size of Family¹

One Person

Two People

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. The SPM and CPS numbers are not entirely comparable, because SPM includes unrelated children under 15 years and the CPS does not. The

 Census Bureau provides a better comparison in its Table B-4 (page 45 of the report here

 https://www.census.gov/content/dam/Census/library/publications/2023/demo/p60-280.pdf) by adding the unrelated children under 15 to its Official Poverty (CPS) numbers. But because that correction is not available for all the subcategories included in our table, we used the CPS numbers from Table A-1 and POV-01 and POV-06 for consistency.
- c. Row reads: 8.5% of families with children under 18 with at least one worker are poor.

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