



## First Look at Poverty, Hardship, and Health Insurance 2023: Steep Losses in Child Tax Credit and Food Aid Push Millions Into Poverty

<b>Number of People Lifted Out of Poverty, by Program</b> (Numbers in 1,000's) (source: Poverty in the U.S.: 2023, the Supplemental Poverty Measure, Census Bureau) <sup>1</sup>			
	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Refundable Child Tax Credit	2,353	2,392	5,343
Refundable tax credits <sup>a</sup>	6,388	6,417	9,635
SNAP	3,427	3,670	2,805
School lunch	1,175	1,449	571
Housing subsidies	2,758	2,641	2,411
Social Security	27,620	28,930	26,340

<b>All Poor</b> (Numbers in 1,000's) (source: Poverty in the United States: 2023, Current Population Survey and Supplemental Poverty Measure, Census Bureau) <sup>1</sup>								
	<b>2023 Number</b>		<b>2023 Percent</b>		<b>2022 Number</b>		<b>2022 Percent</b>	
	<b>SPM</b>	<b>CPS</b>	<b>SPM</b>	<b>CPS</b>	<b>SPM</b>	<b>CPS</b>	<b>SPM</b>	<b>CPS</b>
All Below 100% Poverty Line <sup>b</sup>	42,840	36,790	12.9	11.1	40,900	37,920	12.4	11.5
All Below 200% Poverty Line	n/a	89,210	n/a	26.9	n/a	90,850	n/a	27.5
Children in Poverty	9,962	11,020	13.7	15.3	8,983	10,780	12.4	15.0
Children below 50% Poverty Line	n/a	4,786	3.6	6.6	n/a	4,789	3.3	6.7
Poor Families w/ Children with at Least 1 Worker <sup>c</sup>	n/a	2,913	n/a	8.5	n/a	2,946	n/a	8.6
All Poor Blacks (Black alone or in combination)	9,096	8,924	18.1	17.8	8,318	8,353	16.9	17.0
Poor Black Children (Black alone or in combination)	2,669	3,301	19.2	24.0	2,372	2,929	17.4	21.6
All Poor Hispanics	13,710	10,890	20.9	16.6	12,350	10,780	19.3	16.9
Poor Hispanic Children	4,212	4,279	22.0	22.5	3,681	4,057	19.5	21.7
All Poor Asians (Asian alone or in combination)	3,254	2,192	13.2	8.9	2,700	2,002	11.1	8.2
Poor Asian Children (Asian alone or in combination)	714	587	12.4	10.2	505	441	8.9	7.8
All Poor Whites (White alone, Not Hispanic)	17,030	14,890	8.8	7.7	17,680	16,690	9.1	8.6
Poor White Children (White alone, not Hispanic)	2,534	3,029	7.2	8.7	2,524	3,371	7.2	9.7
Poor Families w/ Children Headed by Women	n/a	2,735	n/a	31.6	n/a	2,758	n/a	32.0
Poor with Disability, 18-64	3,763	3,681	22.8	22.3	3,641	3,801	23.0	24.0

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



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<b>Hardship: Percent of people reporting their households sometimes or often did not have enough to eat in the previous 7 days</b> (source: Census Household Pulse Survey) <sup>2</sup>			
	<b>June/July, 2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2021</b>
Total	11.4	12.1	8.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	17.6	16.5	12.5
White alone, not Hispanic	8.4	9.4	5.7
Black alone, not Hispanic	19.3	21.3	15.6
Asian alone, not Hispanic	5.5	6.2	3.8
2 or more races/other, not Hispanic	16.3	18.9	14.7
Children in household	15.1	15.0	9.9
No children in household	9.4	10.4	7.0

<b>CPS Health Insurance Coverage (Numbers in 1,000's)</b> (source: Health Insurance Coverage: 2023, Current Population Survey, Census Bureau) <sup>3</sup>				
	<b>2023 Number</b>	<b>2023 Percent</b>	<b>2022 Number</b>	<b>2022 Percent</b>
All Uninsured	26,440	8.0	25,940	7.9
With Any Private Insurance	216,800	65.4	216,500	65.6
With Any Public Insurance	120,400	36.3	119,100	36.1
Uninsured Working Age, 19-64 Year Olds	21,470	10.9	21,214	10.8
Uninsured Children Under Age 19	4,439	5.8	4,079	5.4

<b>CPS Mean Household Income (In 2023 dollars)</b> (source: Income in the United States: 2023, Current Population Survey, Census Bureau) <sup>4</sup>				
	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>Percent Change 2021-2023</b>
Lowest Quintile	\$17,650	\$16,760	\$16,640	6.1
Second Quintile	\$47,590	\$45,590	\$45,940	3.6
Middle Quintile	\$80,730	\$77,700	\$79,370	1.7
Top 5%	\$526,200	\$519,800	\$537,800	-2.2



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One Person	\$15,480
Two People	\$19,680
Three People	\$24,230
Four People	\$31,200

## **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.

## **Sources:**

1. U.S. Census Bureau, Poverty in the United States: 2023, Current Population Survey released September 10, 2024, <https://www.census.gov/library/publications/2023/demo/p60-280.html>; <https://www.census.gov/data/tables/time-series/demo/income-poverty/cps-pov/pov-06.html>
- Where possible, CHN uses the following race and ethnicity categories as recommended for civil rights data: White alone, not Hispanic, Black alone or in combination (including Hispanic and non-Hispanic), Asian alone or in combination (including Hispanic and non Hispanic), and Hispanic (of any race).
2. U.S. Census Bureau, Household Pulse Survey. Calculations by Coalition on Human Needs: 2024 numbers are from Cycle 07, 6/25-7/22. 2023 numbers are averaged from survey responses from Week 59 (conducted June 28-July 10, 2023) and Week 60 (conducted July 26-Aug. 7, 2023). 2021 numbers are averaged from survey responses from Week 34 (conducted July 21-Aug. 2, 2021) and Week 35 (conducted Aug. 4-16, 2021). <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/household-pulse-survey/data.html>
3. U.S. Census Bureau, Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2023, Current Population Survey, 2023 Annual Social and Economic Supplement (CPS ASEC), released September 10, 2024. <https://www.census.gov/library/publications/2024/demo/p60-284.html>. For 2023 number and percentage of uninsured by age, see table H-04: <https://www.census.gov/data/tables/time-series/demo/income-poverty/cps-hi/hi.html>
4. U.S. Census Bureau, Income in the United States: 2023, Current Population Survey, 2023 Annual Social and Economic Supplements (CPS ASEC); released September 10, 2024. <https://www2.census.gov/library/publications/2024/demo/p60-282.pdf>