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**First Look at Poverty, Hardship, and Health Insurance 2024:  
Federal Cuts to Basic Needs Programs Prevent Progress and Threaten More Uninsured**

<b>Number of People Lifted Out of Poverty, by Program (Numbers in 1,000's)</b> (Source: Poverty in the U.S., 2024, the Supplemental Poverty Measure, Census Bureau) <sup>1</sup>				
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Refundable Child Tax Credit	2,453	2,353	2,392	5,343
Refundable tax credits <sup>a</sup>	6,768	6,388	6,417	9,635
SNAP	3,585	3,427	3,670	2,805
School lunch	1,136	1,175	1,449	571
Housing subsidies	2,134	2,758	2,641	2,411
Social Security	28,700	27,620	28,930	26,340

<b>All Poor (Numbers in 1,000's)</b> (Source: Poverty in the U.S., 2024, Current Population Survey and Supplemental Poverty Measure, Census Bureau) <sup>1</sup>								
	<b>2024 Number</b>		<b>2024 Percent</b>		<b>2023 Number</b>		<b>2023 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	43,690	35,880	12.9	10.6	42,840	36,790	12.9	11.1
All Below 200% Poverty Line	n/a	87,960	n/a	26.1	n/a	89,210	n/a	26.9
Children in Poverty	9,744	10,350	13.4	14.3	9,962	11,020	13.7	15.3
Children below 50% Poverty Line	n/a	4,508	3.3	6.2	n/a	4,786	3.6	6.6
Poor Families with Children with at Least 1 Worker <sup>b</sup>	n/a	2,845	n/a	8.2	n/a	2,913	n/a	8.5
All Poor Black individuals (Black alone or in combination)	10,240	9,236	20.2	18.2	9,096	8,924	18.1	17.8
Poor Black Children (Black alone or in combination)	2,974	3,349	21.4	24.3	2,669	3,301	19.2	24.0
All Poor Hispanics individuals	13,910	10,280	20.3	15.0	13,710	10,890	20.9	16.6
Poor Hispanic Children	4,231	3,961	21.5	20.2	4,212	4,279	22.0	22.5

	2024 Number		2024 Percent		2023 Number		2023 Percent	
	SPM	CPS	SPM	CPS	SPM	CPS	SPM	CPS
All Poor Asian individuals (Asian alone or in combination)	3,119	1,976	11.7	7.4	3,254	2,192	13.2	8.9
Poor Asian Children (Asian alone or in combination)	598	426	9.5	6.8	714	587	12.4	10.2
All Poor Whites (White alone, Not Hispanic)	16,840	14,560	8.7	7.6	17,030	14,890	8.8	7.7
Poor White Children (White alone, not Hispanic)	2,290	2,809	6.7	8.2	2,534	3,029	7.2	8.7
Poor Families with Children Headed by Women	n/a	2,774	n/a	30.6	n/a	2,735	n/a	31.6
People with Disability below Poverty Line, 18-64	3,710	3,443	22.5	20.9	3,763	3,681	22.8	22.3

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

<b>Hardship: Percent of people reporting their households sometimes or often did not have enough to eat in the past 7 days</b> (Source: Household Pulse, Census Bureau, calculations by CHN) <sup>2</sup>		
	<b>August 2021 (Percent)</b>	<b>August 20 – September 16, 2024 (Percent)</b>
Total	8.0	12.0
With children	10.0	15.0
White	6.0	9.0
Latino	13.0	16.0
Black	15.0	23.0
Asian	4.0	8.0
Other/2 or more races	12.0	18.0

<b>CPS Health Insurance Coverage<sup>3</sup> (Numbers in 1,000's)</b> (Source: Health Insurance Coverage: 2024, Current Population Survey, Census Bureau) <sup>3</sup>				
	<b>2024 Number</b>	<b>2024 Percent</b>	<b>2023 Number</b>	<b>2023 Percent</b>
All Uninsured	27,110	8.0	26,440	8.0
With Any Private Insurance	222,700	66.1	216,800	65.4
With Any Public Insurance	119,700	35.5	120,400	36.3
Medicare	64,360	19.1	62,550	18.9
Medicaid	59,440	17.6	62,700	18.9
VA and CHAMPVA	3,888	1.2	3,171	1.0
Uninsured Working Age, 19-64 Year Olds	21,826	11.0	21,465	10.9
Uninsured Children Under Age 19	4,661	6.1	4,439	5.8

<b>CPS Mean Household Income (In 2024 dollars)</b>				
(Source: Income in the United States: 2024, Current Population Survey, Census Bureau) <sup>4</sup>				
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>Percent Change (2004 – 2024)</b>
Lowest Quintile	\$18,460	\$18,530	\$16,170	14.2
Second Quintile	\$49,380	\$49,270	\$41,370	19.4
Middle Quintile	\$84,390	\$83,550	\$70,090	20.4
Top 5%	\$560,000	\$546,700	\$416,500	34.5

<b>Weighted Average Poverty Thresholds in 2024 by Size of Family</b>	
(Source: Official Poverty Measure)	
One person	\$15,940
Two people	\$20,220
Three people	\$24,950
Four people	\$32,130
Five people	\$38,110
Six people	\$43,130
Seven people	\$48,970
Eight people	\$54,740
Nine people or more	\$64,900

**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: 8.2% of families with children under 18 with at least one worker are poor in 2024.

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