



First Look at Poverty and Health Insurance: Fewer Americans Have Health Insurance – And Millions Are Not Sharing in Economic Growth

(Numbers in 1,000's)

Number of People Lifted Out of Poverty, by Program*		
	2018	2017
Social Security	27,205	27,072
Refundable tax credits ¹	8,950	8,639
Housing subsidies	3,013	3,392
SNAP	3,210	3,427

Insurance Coverage**	2018 Number	2018 Percent	2017 Number	2017 Percent
All Uninsured	27,462	8.5	25,600	7.9
With Any Private Insurance	217,780	67.3	218,209	67.7
With Any Public Insurance	111,330	34.4	112,151	34.8
Uninsured Working Age, 19-64 Year Olds	22,690	11.7	21,248	11.0

All Poor***	2018 Number		2018 Percent		2017 Number		2017 Percent	
	SPM	CPS	SPM	CPS	SPM	CPS	SPM	CPS
All Below 100% Poverty Line	41,420	38,146	12.8	11.8	42,075	39,564	13.0	12.3
All Below 200% Poverty Line	n/a	93,594	n/a	28.9	n/a	95,550	n/a	29.6
Children in Poverty	10,096	11,869	13.7	16.2	10,532	12,759	14.2	17.4
Children below 50% Poverty Line	n/a	5,042	3.3	6.9	n/a	5,691	4.0	7.7
Poor Families with Children with at Least 1 Worker ²	n/a	3,365	n/a	9.5	n/a	3,528	n/a	9.9
All Poor Blacks	8,727	8,884	20.4	20.8	8,775	9,224	20.6	21.7
Poor Black Children	n/a	3,273	n/a	29.5	n/a	3,350	n/a	30.4
All Poor Hispanics	12,216	10,526	20.3	17.6	12,146	10,816	20.5	18.3
Poor Hispanic Children	n/a	4,436	n/a	23.7	n/a	4,643	n/a	25.0
All Poor Asians	2,749	1,996	13.9	10.1	2,743	1,891	14.0	9.7
Poor Asian Children	n/a	453	n/a	11.3	n/a	420	n/a	10.4
All Poor Whites (Not Hispanic)	16,932	15,725	8.7	8.1	17,689	16,619	9.0	8.5
Poor White Children (Not Hispanic)	n/a	3,265	n/a	8.9	n/a	3,793	n/a	10.2
Poor Families with Children Headed by Women	n/a	3,095	n/a	33.8	n/a	3,333	n/a	35.1
Average Amount Below the Poverty Line, Income for all Poor Families	n/a	\$10,452	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$10,550	n/a	n/a
Poor with Disability, 18-64	3,609	3,818	24.3	25.7	3,429	3,791	22.7	25.1

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



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Additional Notes:

1. 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.
2. Row reads: 10.5% of families with children with at least one worker are poor.

Weighted Average Poverty Thresholds in 2018 by Size of Family[†]	
One Person	\$12,784
Two People	\$16,247
Three People	\$19,985
Four People	\$25,701

Source:

* U.S. Census Bureau, The Supplemental Poverty Measure: 2018; updated October 7, 2019.

** U.S. Census Bureau, Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2018; released September 10, 2019.

*** U.S. Census Bureau, Income and Poverty in the United States: 2018, Current Population Survey; Supplemental Poverty Measure: 2018; released September 10, 2019.

[†] U.S. Census Bureau, Income and Poverty in the United States: 2018; released September 10, 2019.