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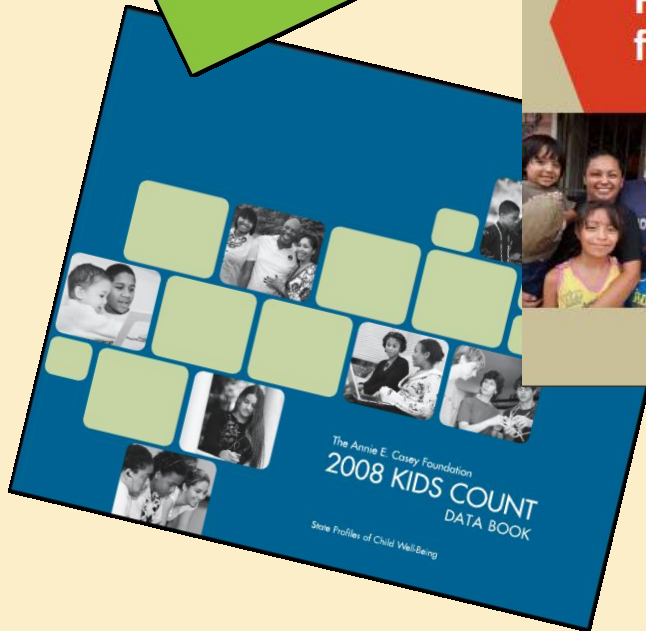


State Profiles of Child Well-Being

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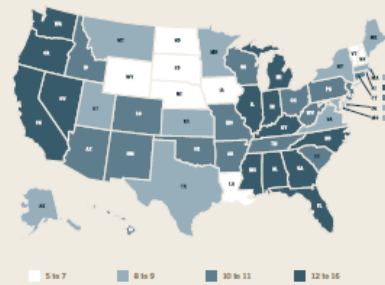
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Children With at Least One Unemployed Parent by State: 2010



Rate	Rank	State	Rate	Rank	State	Rate	Rank	State	Rate	Rank	State
5	12	Kansas	9	21	Pennsylvania	10	37	Michigan	12		
6	12	Maine	9	21	West Virginia	10	37	Mississippi	12		
6	12	Massachusetts	9	21	Wisconsin	10	37	North Carolina	12		
7	12	Minnesota	9	38	Arizona	11	37	Washington	12		
7	12	New York	9	38	Colorado	11	44	California	13		
7	12	Texas	9	38	Missouri	11	44	Illinois	13		
7	12	Virginia	9	38	New Mexico	11	44	Indiana	13		
7	21	Arkansas	10	38	Ohio	11	44	Kentucky	13		
8	21	Connecticut	10	38	South Carolina	11	44	Oregon	13		
8	21	Hawaii	10	38	Tennessee	11	48	Utah	14		
8	21	Iowa	10	37	Alabama	12	58	Nevada	16		
9	21	Alaska	10	37	Florida	12		D.C. District of Columbia	15		
9	21	Delaware	10	37	Georgia	12		R.R. Puerto Rico	N.A.		

N.A. Not Available
N.D. Not Reported
DASH: Population Estimates Based on Census Population Survey (CPS) Data: Monthly Data 2007-2010. Individuals are counted as unemployed only if they are actively seeking paid employment. Figures do not include day care workers.

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Family Stories

CHARLES LEACH III Atlanta, Georgia

"They give us a printout every day that lets us know what he's learning so mommy and daddy can teach the same thing."

As a young father trying to get a foothold in the work world during a tough economy, Charles Leach III, 21, of Atlanta says subsidized child care has not only eased his family's current financial struggle but it also is preparing his young son for a lifetime of learning.

"It keeps at least \$600 in our pocket each month. That's real important because I now just started back working," explains Leach, whose son attends the Early Learning and Literacy Resource Center in Atlanta free of charge, thanks to the Early Head Start program and Georgia's subsidized child care assistance program.

The Center also is helping 18-month-old Sonny learn age-appropriate skills before he starts kindergarten so that he is prepared to succeed in school and beyond. "The Center is like our family—we help them, and they help us," says Leach, who participates in the Center's parent training and activities, along with Sonny's mother Jessica Campbell, 24, a bank teller.

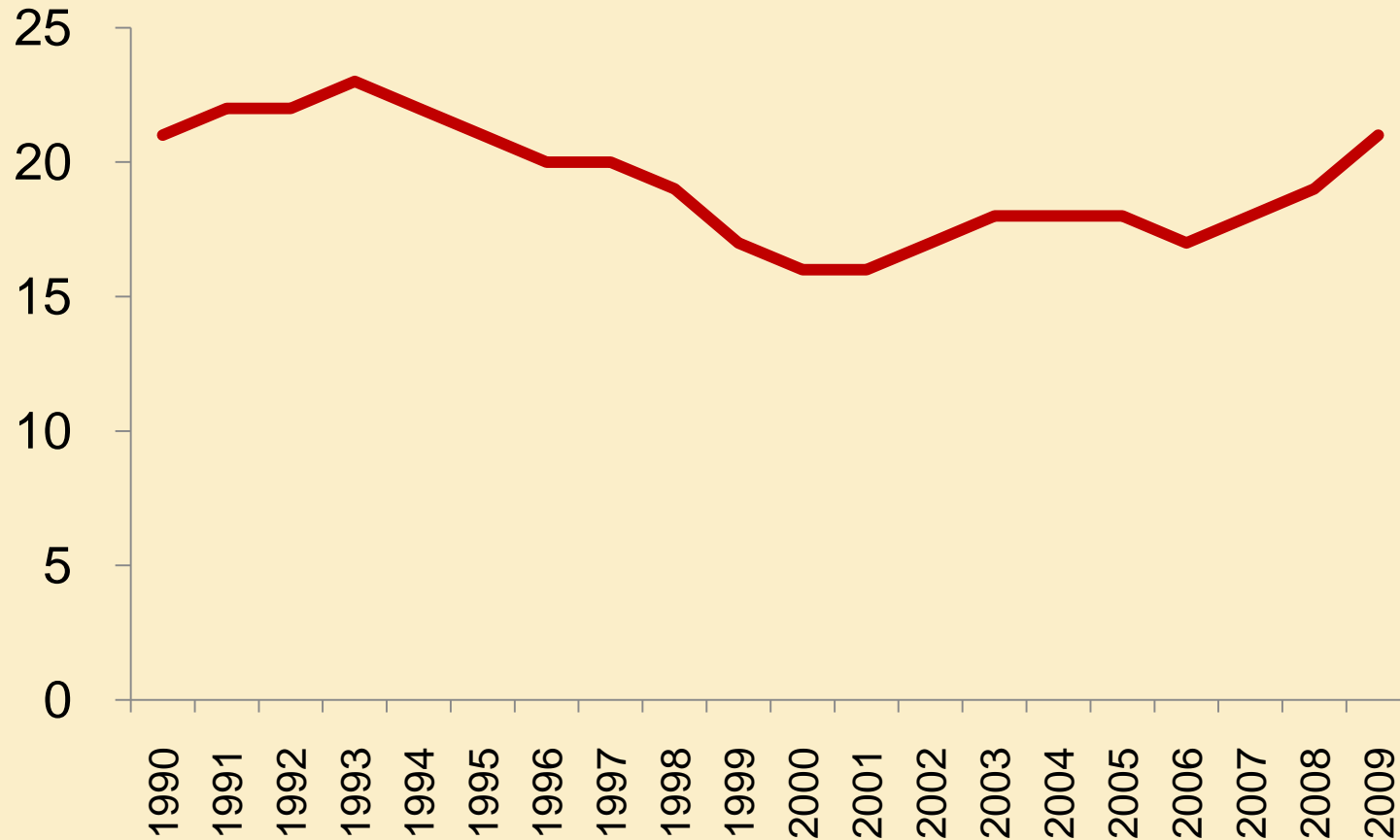




America's Children, America's Challenge

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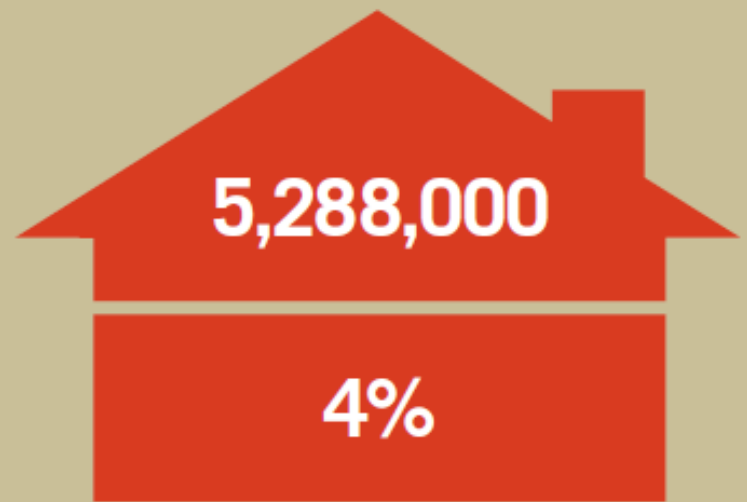
Recession Wipes Out Improvements in Child Poverty



Child Poverty Rate in 2009 equals that in 1990

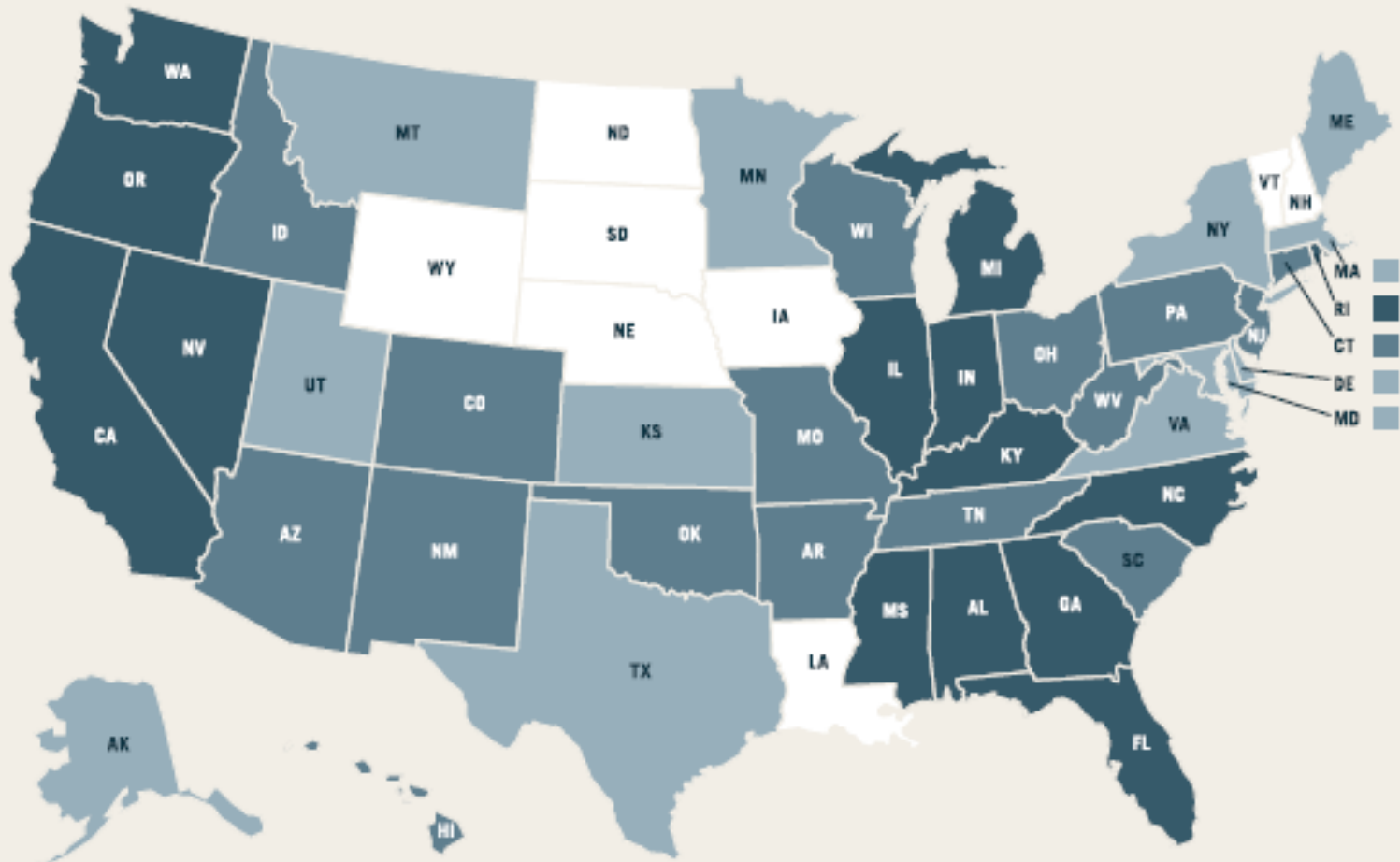


**Children With at Least One
Unemployed Parent: 2010**



**Children Affected by
Foreclosure Since 2007**

Percent of Children With at Least One Unemployed Parent by State: 2010



5 to 7

8 to 9

10 to 11

12 to 16

The Economic Picture Across the Last Decade

- How can parents get on a path of economic success?



What Research and Data Tell Us

- Children who grow up in low-income families are less likely to successfully navigate life's challenges and achieve future success
- Investing early in kids is critical: Achieving better outcomes is the most effective way to create better productivity and prosperity



Opportunities to Invest in a Two-Generation Strategy

- Parents need help to allow them to put their families on a path to economic success
- Strategies need to be in place to enhance a child's overall development



Opportunities to Invest in a Two-Generation Strategy

- Strengthen and modernize our unemployment insurance structure and promote foreclosure prevention
- Preserve programs that supplement poverty-level wages, offset the high cost of child care, and provide health insurance for parents and kids.
- Promote savings and asset protection



Opportunities to Invest in a Two-Generation Strategy

- Promote responsible parenthood and expand access to prenatal care for mothers-to-be
- Ensure children are developmentally ready to succeed in school
- Promote reading proficiency by the end of third grade



The Importance of Making Changes Now

- Policy makers face difficult budget decisions
- We must set strategies into action to ensure a more vibrant society for our kids



We Can Do Better for Our Nation's Kids



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