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Ingredients of a Good Start...
About KIDS COUNT
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Recession and Low-Income Working Families

CHILDREN LIVING IN LOW-INCOME WORKING FAMILIES

2008

17.0 MILLION CHILDREN

2013

18.7 MILLION CHILDREN

+ 1.7 million children

SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009 and 2013 American Community Surveys.
Child Poverty is more concentrated

**Children Living in High-Poverty Areas**

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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Number of Children</th>
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<tr>
<td>2000</td>
<td>6.3 million</td>
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<td>2009-2013</td>
<td>10.1 million</td>
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**Source**
U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Decennial Census and 2009-2013 American Community Survey.
Four Domains of Child Well-Being

- Economic Well-Being
- Education
- Health
- Family and Community
Economic Well-Being

- **Children in poverty**: 22% (2013) vs. 18% (2008)
- **Children whose parents lack secure employment**: 31% (2013) vs. 27% (2008)
- **Children living in households with a high housing cost burden**: 36% (2013) vs. 39% (2008)
- **Teens not in school and not working**: 8% (2013) vs. 8% (2008)
Education

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<th>Category</th>
<th>2011-13</th>
<th>2013</th>
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<th>2011/12</th>
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<tr>
<td>Children not attending preschool</td>
<td>54%</td>
<td>66%</td>
<td>N.A.</td>
<td>19%</td>
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<td>(4,428,000 children)</td>
<td>53%</td>
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<td>Worsened</td>
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<td>Fourth graders not proficient in reading</td>
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<td>66%</td>
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<td>Eighth graders not proficient in math</td>
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<td>High school students not graduating on time</td>
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<td>N.A.</td>
<td>19%</td>
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<td>N.A.</td>
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Health

- Low-birthweight babies:
  - 2013: 8.0% (315,099 babies)
  - 2008: 8.2%

- Children without health insurance:
  - 2013: 7% (5,234,000 children)
  - 2008: 10%

- Child and teen deaths per 100,000:
  - 2013: 24
  - 2008: 29

- Teens who abuse alcohol or drugs:
  - 2012-13: 6% (1,410,000 teens)
  - 2007-08: 8%
Family and Community

- **Children in single-parent families:**
  - 2013: 35%
  - 2008: 32%
  - 24,647,000 children

- **Children in families where the household head lacks a high school diploma:**
  - 2013: 14%
  - 2008: 16%
  - 10,533,000 children

- **Children living in high-poverty areas:**
  - 2013: 14%
  - 2006–10: 11%
  - 10,067,000 children

- **Teen births per 1,000:**
  - 2008: 40
  - 2013: 26
  - 273,105 births
State Rankings of Child Well-Being
State Rankings by Domains

**Economic Well-Being**

1. North Dakota
2. Wyoming
3. Nebraska
48. New Mexico
49. California
50. Mississippi

**Education**

1. Massachusetts
2. New Jersey
3. New Hampshire
48. Mississippi
49. New Mexico
50. Nevada

**Health**

1. Iowa
2. Minnesota
3. Massachusetts
48. New Mexico
49. Louisiana
50. Mississippi

**Family and Community**

1. New Hampshire
2. Utah
3. Vermont
48. Louisiana
49. New Mexico
50. Mississippi
# Race and Child Poverty

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<th>Race/Origin</th>
<th>Percentage of Children in Poverty</th>
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<td>National Average</td>
<td>22%</td>
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<td>African American</td>
<td>39%</td>
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<td>American Indian</td>
<td>37%</td>
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<td>Asian and Pacific Islander</td>
<td>14%</td>
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<td>Hispanic</td>
<td>33%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Non-Hispanic White</td>
<td>14%</td>
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<td>Two or More Races</td>
<td>23%</td>
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**Source:** U.S. Census Bureau, 2013 American Community Survey.
The Changing Demographics

- **2012**
  - African American: 14%
  - American Indian: 5%
  - Asian and Pacific Islander: 24%
  - Latino: 53%
  - Two or More Races: 4%
  - White: 1%

- **2015**
  - African American: 14%
  - American Indian: 5%
  - Asian and Pacific Islander: 25%
  - Latino: 51%
  - Two or More Races: 4%
  - White: 1%

- **2030**
  - African American: 14%
  - American Indian: 5%
  - Asian and Pacific Islander: 29%
  - Latino: 45%
  - Two or More Races: 6%
  - White: 1%

- **2050**
  - African American: 13%
  - American Indian: 6%
  - Asian and Pacific Islander: 36%
  - Latino: 36%
  - Two or More Races: 7%
  - White: 1%
Recommendations
Government interventions work

Child Poverty Using Supplemental Poverty Measure: 2011

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<th>Scenario</th>
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<td>With all government interventions</td>
<td>18%</td>
<td>13.0 million</td>
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<td>Without any government interventions</td>
<td>33%</td>
<td>+ 11.2 million</td>
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<td>Without any tax credits</td>
<td>24%</td>
<td>+ 4.8 million</td>
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<td>Without social security</td>
<td>20%</td>
<td>+ 1.5 million</td>
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<td>Without SNAP</td>
<td>20%</td>
<td>+ 2.1 million</td>
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<td>Without housing subsidies</td>
<td>19%</td>
<td>+ 1.0 million</td>
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Government programs cut child poverty from 33% to 18%, lifting 11 million children out of poverty.
State Earned Income Tax Credit Programs

Nearly 10 Million Households Benefit From State EITCs
What state legislators can do

NCSL Working Families: A Legislator’s Toolkit

Job Training
- Job Skills, Education and Workforce Development Resources
- Hire Power

Asset Building
- Tax Credits for Working Families
- State Earned Income Tax Credits Interactive Map
- 2014 EITC Legislation
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