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## CPS 2007 and 2008 Poverty of Related Children 5-17 Years



### What is this indicator?

The Current Population Survey (CPS) is a monthly survey of households conducted by the Bureau of Census for the Bureau of Labor Statistics. It provides a comprehensive Body of data on the: labor force, employment, unemployment and persons not in the labor force (US Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2010).

The definition of poverty follows the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB's) Directive 14, the Census Bureau uses a set of money income thresholds that vary by family size and composition to detect who is poor. If a family's total income is less than that family's threshold, then that family, and every individual in it, is considered poor. The poverty thresholds do not vary geographically, but they are updated annually for inflation with the Consumer Price Index (CPI-U). The official poverty definition counts money income before taxes and excludes capital gains and noncash benefits (such as public housing, medicaid, and food stamps).

### What are the key findings?

The number and percentage of children ages 5 through 17 years of age have increased for 35 states from 2007 to 2008 for 100 percent of the federal poverty level. The fifteen states that stayed the same or decreased were Alabama, Connecticut, Florida, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

The number and percentage of children ages 5 through 17 years of age have increased for 36 states from 2007 to 2008 for 125 percent of the federal poverty level. The fourteen states that decreased were Arkansas, Connecticut, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Utah, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin.

**Poverty Status by State: 2007 and 2008**  
**Below 100% and 125% of Poverty-Related Children 5 to 17 Years of Age**

	2007 POVERTY					2008 POVERTY				
	All income levels	Below 100% of poverty /5		Below 125% of poverty /5		All income levels	Below 100% of poverty (5)		Below 125% of poverty (5)	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent		Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>United States</b>	52,833	8,727	16.5	11,704	22.2	52,639	9,166	17.4	12,242	23.3
<b>Alabama</b>	782	188	24.1	216	27.7	825	188	22.8	235	28.5
<b>Alaska</b>	136	10	7.3	14	10.1	130	10	7.8	15	11.3
<b>Arizona</b>	1,221	239	19.6	295	24.2	1,206	282	23.3	359	29.8
<b>Arkansas</b>	512	94	18.4	129	25.2	502	93	18.4	123	24.6
<b>California</b>	6,737	1,123	16.7	1,645	24.4	6,672	1,266	19	1,667	25
<b>Colorado</b>	857	98	11.4	122	14.2	858	124	14.4	172	20
<b>Connecticut</b>	606	75	12.3	92	15.1	606	54	9	89	14.7
<b>Delaware</b>	145	17	11.4	24	16.7	140	18	12.7	31	22.5
<b>District of Columbia</b>	74	22	(B)	29	(B)	71	21	(B)	27	(B)
<b>Florida</b>	2,962	499	16.9	664	22.4	2,884	443	15.4	690	23.9
<b>Georgia</b>	1,800	327	18.2	432	24	1,779	347	19.5	422	23.7
<b>Hawaii</b>	205	22	10.8	33	16.2	190	29	15.4	38	20.1
<b>Idaho</b>	280	35	12.5	48	17.3	289	38	13.1	59	20.3
<b>Illinois</b>	2,194	294	13.4	397	18.1	2,202	393	17.8	503	22.9
<b>Indiana</b>	1,153	195	16.9	250	21.7	1,155	246	21.3	306	26.5
<b>Iowa</b>	495	52	10.5	59	12	509	65	12.7	91	17.8
<b>Kansas</b>	487	66	13.5	91	18.6	489	84	17.2	116	23.7
<b>Kentucky</b>	737	145	19.7	203	27.5	692	144	20.8	177	25.6
<b>Louisiana</b>	770	155	20.2	195	25.4	816	195	23.9	257	31.5
<b>Maine</b>	204	26	12.8	33	16.4	203	31	15.3	40	19.7
<b>Maryland</b>	999	103	10.3	119	11.9	947	88	9.3	144	15.3
<b>Massachusetts</b>	1,052	157	15	199	18.9	1,090	198	18.1	230	21.1
<b>Michigan</b>	1,784	270	15.1	369	20.7	1,773	329	18.6	422	23.8
<b>Minnesota</b>	857	99	11.6	126	14.7	831	116	14	151	18.2
<b>Mississippi</b>	527	172	32.6	206	39	551	119	21.5	185	33.5
<b>Missouri</b>	1,038	218	21	272	26.2	992	168	17	214	21.6
<b>Montana</b>	154	19	12.4	28	18.2	149	25	16.9	33	21.9
<b>Nebraska</b>	321	37	11.4	49	15.4	313	42	13.4	57	18.3
<b>Nevada</b>	442	50	11.2	74	16.7	453	66	14.5	85	18.7
<b>New Hampshire</b>	226	11	4.7	16	7.1	221	18	8.1	25	11.3
<b>New Jersey</b>	1,495	143	9.6	253	16.9	1,513	215	14.2	276	18.3
<b>New Mexico</b>	352	48	13.6	72	20.5	355	82	23	102	28.9

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		Number	Percent	Number	Percent		Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>New York</b>	3,234	624	19.3	854	26.4	3,141	611	19.5	787	25.1
<b>North Carolina</b>	1,595	327	20.5	442	27.7	1,604	251	15.7	381	23.7
<b>North Dakota</b>	106	10	9.5	17	15.6	103	14	13.8	19	18.9
<b>Ohio</b>	1,976	320	16.2	412	20.8	1,946	377	19.4	471	24.2
<b>Oklahoma</b>	672	114	16.9	166	24.8	610	122	19.9	170	27.8
<b>Oregon</b>	624	89	14.3	117	18.7	634	94	14.9	151	23.8
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	1,963	280	14.3	382	19.4	2,021	272	13.5	347	17.2
<b>Rhode Island</b>	163	20	12.1	25	15.7	164	27	16.2	33	20
<b>South Carolina</b>	759	144	19	196	25.9	747	129	17.2	170	22.8
<b>South Dakota</b>	140	16	11.7	23	16.5	142	24	17.2	29	20.6
<b>Tennessee</b>	1,055	203	19.3	278	26.4	1,023	201	19.6	273	26.7
<b>Texas</b>	4,564	1,024	22.4	1,272	27.9	4,647	982	21.1	1,359	29.2
<b>Utah</b>	556	57	10.3	93	16.7	579	47	8.1	66	11.3
<b>Vermont</b>	91	9	10.1	11	12	90	7	8	11	12.1
<b>Virginia</b>	1,290	159	12.3	224	17.3	1,363	165	12.1	228	16.7
<b>Washington</b>	1,123	115	10.2	179	16	1,103	124	11.2	154	13.9
<b>West Virginia</b>	285	65	22.9	77	27.2	266	57	21.6	79	29.6
<b>Wisconsin</b>	941	132	14	168	17.9	954	115	12	160	16.8
<b>Wyoming</b>	92	9	9.9	12	12.9	94	11	11.7	12	13.2

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