

More than 1 in 6—13.3 million—children in the United States are poor. There is great variation among the states, ranging from a low of 1 in 12 in New Hampshire to a high of almost 3 in 10 in Mississippi. The federal poverty line for a family of four in 2008 is \$21,200.

Child Poverty, 2006–2007

	Number Poor			Poverty Rate (percent poor)		
	Under age 18	Under age 5	Ages 5-17	Under age 18	Under age 5	Ages 5-17
Alabama	269,086	83,983	185,103	24.3%	27.6%	23.1%
Alaska	20,439	7,578	12,861	11.5	15.4	10.0
Arizona	330,910	112,548	218,362	20.2	23.0	19.0
Arkansas	177,805	55,736	122,069	25.8	28.7	24.6
California	1,591,295	489,469	1,101,826	17.3	18.7	16.7
Colorado	191,725	65,071	126,654	16.3	18.8	15.3
Connecticut	89,373	26,308	63,065	11.1	12.6	10.5
Delaware	29,382	10,422	18,960	14.7	17.9	13.4
District of Columbia	25,597	6,902	18,695	22.7	19.0	24.5
Florida	678,038	223,733	454,305	17.1	19.9	16.0
Georgia	490,381	166,171	324,210	19.7	23.3	18.3
Hawaii	27,608	9,684	17,924	9.8	11.2	9.1
Idaho	63,591	21,630	41,961	15.9	18.8	14.7
Illinois	525,294	160,039	365,255	16.6	18.2	16.0
Indiana	267,610	91,148	176,462	17.3	21.1	15.8
Iowa	94,586	33,530	61,056	13.6	17.4	12.1
Kansas	99,590	33,791	65,799	14.6	17.6	13.4
Kentucky	234,959	78,250	156,709	23.9	28.7	22.1
Louisiana	283,350	86,648	196,702	26.8	29.7	25.6
Maine	41,973	12,271	29,702	15.4	17.9	14.5
Maryland	140,058	40,255	99,803	10.5	10.9	10.3
Massachusetts	182,159	49,732	132,427	12.9	13.3	12.8
Michigan	468,400	143,080	325,320	19.4	22.9	18.2
Minnesota	148,649	49,539	99,110	12.0	14.2	11.1
Mississippi	220,446	71,456	148,990	29.3	34.1	27.5
Missouri	247,893	84,864	163,029	17.7	21.9	16.1
Montana	39,660	12,320	27,340	18.3	21.1	17.3
Nebraska	65,309	23,014	42,295	14.9	18.2	13.6
Nevada	99,670	29,151	70,519	15.3	15.3	15.3
New Hampshire	25,622	7,655	17,967	8.8	10.4	8.2
New Jersey	236,098	74,722	161,376	11.6	13.6	10.8
New Mexico	123,808	41,559	82,249	25.5	30.0	23.6
New York	844,424	252,879	591,545	19.4	21.4	18.7
North Carolina	426,047	140,920	285,127	19.5	22.6	18.3
North Dakota	18,937	7,130	11,807	13.4	17.7	11.7
Ohio	500,745	162,267	338,478	18.5	22.3	17.1
Oklahoma	198,555	70,915	127,640	22.5	27.8	20.4
Oregon	143,391	45,402	97,989	16.9	19.6	15.9
Pennsylvania	446,832	138,123	308,709	16.3	19.2	15.3
Rhode Island	40,468	12,568	27,900	17.5	20.6	16.4
South Carolina	218,250	74,342	143,908	20.9	25.5	19.1
South Dakota	32,511	12,464	20,047	16.8	22.5	14.5
Tennessee	331,269	113,375	217,894	23.0	28.5	20.9
Texas	1,512,819	521,764	991,055	23.2	26.7	21.7
Utah	88,741	31,051	57,690	11.0	12.4	10.4
Vermont	15,907	4,945	10,962	12.4	15.5	11.3
Virginia	233,841	72,217	161,624	13.0	14.4	12.5
Washington	226,424	73,716	152,708	15.0	17.8	14.0
West Virginia	86,277	29,482	56,795	22.8	28.8	20.6
Wisconsin	186,980	58,550	128,430	14.4	16.6	13.6
Wyoming	14,318	4,751	9,567	11.6	13.6	10.8
United States	13,097,100	4,229,120	8,867,980	18.0	20.8	17.0

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 2007 American Community Survey, Table B17001. Calculations by Children's Defense Fund.

Almost 1 in 13 children in the United States—5.8 million—lives in extreme poverty. A family of four is extremely poor in 2008 if their household income is below \$10,600, or half of the official poverty line. Young children are more likely than school-age children to live in extreme poverty.

Extreme Poverty Among Children: 2007

	Number in Extreme Poverty			Percent in Extreme Poverty		
	Under age 18	Under age 6	Ages 6-17	Under age 18	Under age 6	Ages 6-17
Alabama	124,561	49,125	75,436	11.3%	13.6%	10.1%
Alaska	7,851	2,849	5,002	4.4	4.7	4.3
Arizona	152,505	62,627	89,878	9.3	10.8	8.5
Arkansas	68,749	26,249	42,500	10.0	11.4	9.3
California	611,166	226,858	384,308	6.6	7.3	6.3
Colorado	89,519	34,731	54,788	7.6	8.5	7.2
Connecticut	42,695	16,409	26,286	5.3	6.6	4.7
Delaware	13,095	6,307	6,788	6.5	9.1	5.2
District of Columbia	13,570	5,709	7,861	12.0	13.5	11.2
Florida	276,783	116,018	160,765	7.0	8.8	6.1
Georgia	225,591	91,191	134,400	9.1	10.7	8.2
Hawaii	13,181	4,981	8,200	4.7	4.9	4.5
Idaho	24,241	9,095	15,146	6.0	6.6	5.8
Illinois	237,261	89,009	148,252	7.5	8.5	7.0
Indiana	129,755	53,767	75,988	8.4	10.5	7.3
Iowa	40,368	17,378	22,990	5.8	7.6	4.9
Kansas	42,816	17,769	25,047	6.3	7.8	5.5
Kentucky	106,618	44,766	61,852	10.9	13.7	9.4
Louisiana	124,373	49,697	74,676	11.7	14.1	10.6
Maine	17,779	6,660	11,119	6.5	8.1	5.8
Maryland	67,101	26,164	40,937	5.0	5.9	4.6
Massachusetts	86,554	31,645	54,909	6.1	7.1	5.7
Michigan	229,186	86,829	142,357	9.5	11.6	8.6
Minnesota	62,080	25,551	36,529	5.0	6.2	4.4
Mississippi	107,094	42,197	64,897	14.2	16.7	13.0
Missouri	114,660	49,206	65,454	8.2	10.8	6.9
Montana	15,422	6,579	8,843	7.1	9.4	6.0
Nebraska	30,498	12,952	17,546	7.0	8.6	6.1
Nevada	41,019	15,384	25,635	6.3	6.8	6.0
New Hampshire	11,715	4,334	7,381	4.0	4.9	3.6
New Jersey	110,410	42,397	68,013	5.4	6.5	4.9
New Mexico	54,113	22,083	32,030	11.1	13.5	9.9
New York	398,964	148,434	250,530	9.2	10.5	8.5
North Carolina	183,076	74,379	108,697	8.4	10.1	7.5
North Dakota	8,895	3,865	5,030	6.3	8.1	5.4
Ohio	244,966	99,280	145,686	9.1	11.4	7.9
Oklahoma	88,407	38,097	50,310	10.0	12.5	8.7
Oregon	60,920	21,515	39,405	7.2	7.8	6.9
Pennsylvania	209,545	82,521	127,024	7.6	9.6	6.8
Rhode Island	17,697	6,706	10,991	7.6	9.0	7.0
South Carolina	103,398	44,423	58,975	9.9	12.9	8.4
South Dakota	16,166	7,473	8,693	8.4	11.4	6.8
Tennessee	148,229	61,609	86,620	10.3	13.1	8.9
Texas	644,798	267,726	377,072	9.9	11.6	9.0
Utah	28,176	11,076	17,100	3.5	3.8	3.3
Vermont	5,888	2,406	3,482	4.6	6.3	3.9
Virginia	97,487	38,622	58,865	5.4	6.5	4.9
Washington	104,261	40,675	63,586	6.9	8.2	6.3
West Virginia	40,505	16,743	23,762	10.7	13.9	9.2
Wisconsin	75,959	29,904	46,055	5.9	7.1	5.2
Wyoming	6,314	2,811	3,503	5.1	6.8	4.3
United States	5,775,980	2,294,781	3,481,199	7.9	9.5	7.2

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 2007 American Community Survey, Table B17024. Calculations by Children's Defense Fund.

More than half of all poor children in the United States live in eight states: California, Texas, New York, Florida, Illinois, Ohio, Georgia and Michigan.

Largest Number of Poor Children: Top 10 States in 2007

	Number of poor children
California	1,591,295
Texas	1,512,819
New York	844,424
Florida	678,038
Illinois	525,294
Ohio	500,745
Georgia	490,381
Michigan	468,400
Pennsylvania	446,832
North Carolina	426,047

Highest Child Poverty Rates: Top 10 States (plus the District of Columbia) in 2007

	Percent of children who are poor
Mississippi	29.3%
Louisiana	26.8
Arkansas	25.8
New Mexico	25.5
Alabama	24.3
Kentucky	23.9
Texas	23.2
Tennessee	23.0
West Virginia	22.8
District of Columbia	22.7
Oklahoma	22.5

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 2007 American Community Survey, Table B17001. Calculations by Children's Defense Fund.

There are more poor White, non-Hispanic children than Black children. However, Hispanic and Black children are about three times as likely to live in poverty than White, non-Hispanic children. Children who live in inner cities, rural areas, in the South or in female-headed families are more likely to be poor. Children under age six are more likely to be poor than school-age children. Poverty and race are the primary factors underpinning the pipeline to prison. In fact, Black juveniles are about four times as likely as their White peers to end up being incarcerated.

Poor Children in America: A Portrait

	Number Poor (thousands) 2007	Percent Poor	
		2007	1973
<i>All persons younger than 18</i>	13,324	18.0%	14.4%
White ¹	8,771	15.0	n/a
Black ¹	4,178	33.7	n/a
Asian and Pacific Islander ¹	431	11.9	n/a
Hispanic (may be any race) ²	4,482	28.6	n/a
Non-Hispanic White ²	4,255	10.1	n/a
South	5,728	20.8	19.7
All other regions	7,596	16.4	11.6
Central city	5,961	24.9	20.4
Suburb	4,797	12.5	7.8
Rural (nonmetropolitan)	2,566	22.3	16.6
<i>Related to head of household</i>	12,843	17.6	14.2
White ¹	8,388	14.5	9.7
Black ¹	4,121	33.6	40.6
Asian and Pacific Islander ¹	404	11.3	n/a
Hispanic (may be any race) ²	4,360	28.2	27.8
Non-Hispanic White ²	4,005	9.7	n/a
In female-headed family	7,567	42.9	52.1
All other family types	5,276	9.5	7.6
Any family member works	9,096	13.3	n/a
Full-time year round	4,405	7.6	n/a
Head of family works	7,269	12.2	8.7
Full-time year round	3,152	7.2	4.1
Under age 6	5,101	20.8	15.7
Ages 6-17	7,701	15.9	13.6
<i>Comparison: Adults 18-64</i>	20,396	10.9	8.3
Seniors 65+	3,556	9.7	16.3

¹Starting with poverty data for 2002, the Census Bureau permits persons to choose more than one race; racial groups shown here may overlap.

²Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. White non-Hispanic means White alone (no other race) and not of Hispanic origin

n/a — Not available

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Current Population Survey, 2008 Annual Social and Economic Supplement and 1974 March Supplement. Calculations by Children's Defense Fund.

The number of poor children was at its lowest in 1973. Since 2000, both the number and the rate have risen. There are now 13.3 million poor children in the United States, an increase of 500,000 between 2006 and 2007. These numbers are expected to increase as families face the full impact of the recession.

Child Poverty: 1959–2007

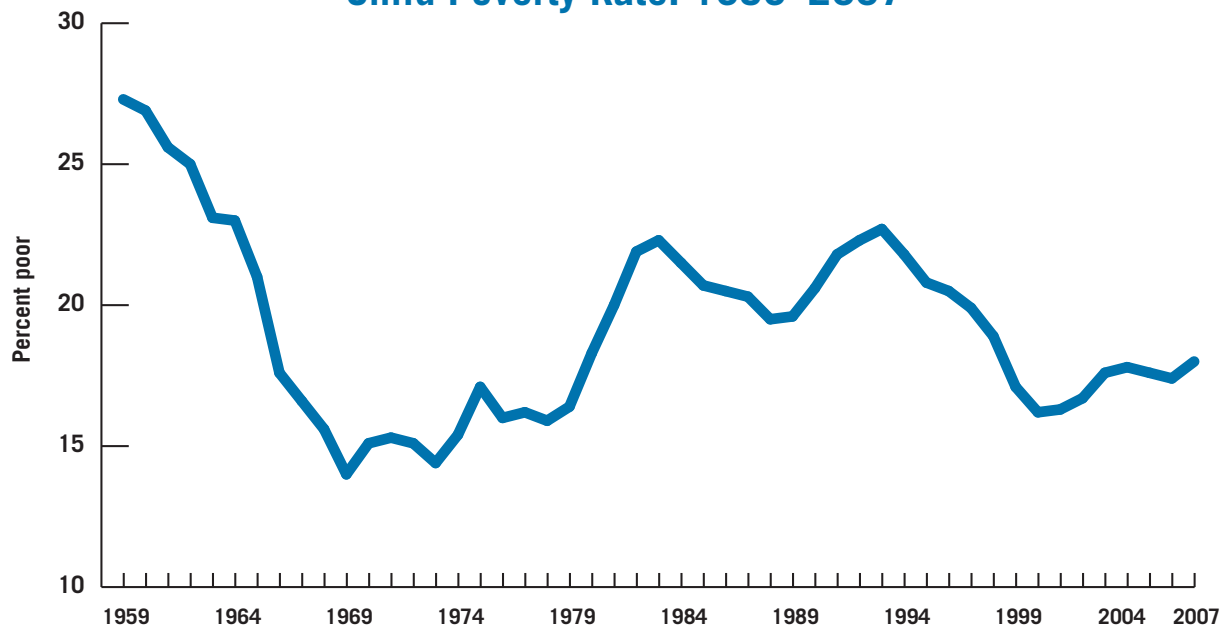
Year	Number of children under 18 who are poor	Child poverty rate	Number of children* under 6 who are poor	Poverty rate for children* under 6
1959	17,552,000	27.3%	n/a	n/a
1960	17,634,000	26.9	n/a	n/a
1961	16,909,000	25.6	n/a	n/a
1962	16,963,000	25.0	n/a	n/a
1963	16,005,000	23.1	n/a	n/a
1964	16,051,000	23.0	n/a	n/a
1965	14,676,000	21.0	n/a	n/a
1966	12,389,000	17.6	n/a	n/a
1967	11,656,000	16.6	n/a	n/a
1968	10,954,000	15.6	n/a	n/a
1969	9,691,000	14.0	3,298,000	15.3%
1970	10,440,000	15.1	3,561,000	16.6
1971	10,551,000	15.3	3,499,000	16.9
1972	10,284,000	15.1	3,276,000	16.1
1973	9,642,000	14.4	3,097,000	15.7
1974	10,156,000	15.4	3,294,000	16.9
1975	11,104,000	17.1	3,460,000	18.2
1976	10,273,000	16.0	3,270,000	17.7
1977	10,288,000	16.2	3,326,000	18.1
1978	9,931,000	15.9	3,184,000	17.2
1979	10,377,000	16.4	3,415,000	17.8
1980	11,543,000	18.3	4,030,000	20.5
1981	12,505,000	20.0	4,422,000	22.0
1982	13,647,000	21.9	4,821,000	23.3
1983	13,911,000	22.3	5,122,000	24.6
1984	13,420,000	21.5	4,938,000	23.4
1985	13,010,000	20.7	4,832,000	22.6
1986	12,876,000	20.5	4,619,000	21.6
1987	12,843,000	20.3	4,852,000	22.4
1988	12,455,000	19.5	5,032,000	22.6
1989	12,590,000	19.6	5,071,000	22.5
1990	13,431,000	20.6	5,198,000	23.0
1991	14,341,000	21.8	5,483,000	24.0
1992	15,294,000	22.3	5,781,000	25.0
1993	15,727,000	22.7	6,097,000	25.6
1994	15,289,000	21.8	5,878,000	24.5
1995	14,665,000	20.8	5,670,000	23.7
1996	14,463,000	20.5	5,333,000	22.7
1997	14,113,000	19.9	5,049,000	21.6
1998	13,467,000	18.9	4,775,000	20.6
1999	12,280,000	17.1	4,162,000	18.4
2000	11,587,000	16.2	4,066,000	17.8
2001	11,733,000	16.3	4,188,000	18.2
2002	12,133,000	16.7	4,296,000	18.5
2003	12,866,000	17.6	4,654,000	19.8
2004	13,041,000	17.8	4,747,000	20.0
2005	12,896,000	17.6	4,784,000	20.0
2006	12,827,000	17.4	4,830,000	20.0
2007	13,324,000	18.0	5,101,000	20.8

*Related children in families

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

The child poverty rate dropped substantially in the 1960s, then rose significantly in the early 1980s. Great strides were made in decreasing child poverty in the late 1990s, owing in part to the strong economy. However, the child poverty rate is higher in 2007 than at the beginning of the decade. Child poverty is closely tied to the overall health of the economy, rising in periods of recession.

Child Poverty Rate: 1959–2007



Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

Cash assistance to poor families has not kept pace with inflation. The maximum benefit for a three-person family in Mississippi is only 13 percent of the poverty line (\$2,040 in 2005). Even in the most generous states—Alaska, California, New York, Vermont and Wisconsin—maximum benefits are just above 50 percent of the poverty line. (The poverty line was \$16,090 for a family of three in 2005.)

AFDC/TANF Benefit Levels and Participation

	Maximum monthly benefit for a three-person family ¹						Number of welfare (AFDC/TANF) recipients		
	July 1970		January 2005			Percent change, 1970-2005	August 1996	March 2008	Percent Change ³
	Actual dollars	Inflation-adjusted value in 2005 ²	Actual dollars	As percent of 2005 poverty guideline	Rank				
Alabama	\$65	\$318	\$215	16.5%	47	-32.4%	100,662	40,186	-60.1%
Alaska	328	1,604	923	56.5	1	-42.5	35,544	8,466	-76.2
Arizona	138	675	347	26.6	32	-48.6	169,442	75,996	-55.1
Arkansas	89	435	204	15.6	49	-53.1	56,343	18,965	-66.3
California	186	909	679	55.4	2	-25.3	2,581,948	1,195,251	-53.7
Colorado	193	944	356	27.3	31	-62.3	95,788	22,260	-76.8
Connecticut	283	1,384	636	48.7	6	-54.0	159,246	39,204	-75.4
Delaware	160	782	338	25.9	36	-56.8	23,654	8,496	-64.1
District of Columbia	195	954	379	29.0	28	-60.3	69,292	11,965	-82.7
Florida	114	557	303	23.2	38	-45.6	533,801	77,480	-85.5
Georgia	107	523	280	21.4	42	-46.5	330,302	38,971	-88.2
Hawaii	226	1,105	570	37.9	13	-48.4	66,482	13,739	-79.3
Idaho	211	1,032	309	23.7	37	-70.1	21,780	2,187	-90.0
Illinois	232	1,134	396	30.3	25	-65.1	642,644	56,473	-91.2
Indiana	120	587	288	22.1	41	-50.9	142,604	117,361	-17.7
Iowa	201	983	426	32.6	21	-56.7	86,146	39,996	-53.6
Kansas	222	1,086	429	32.8	20	-60.5	63,783	31,002	-51.4
Kentucky	147	719	262	20.1	44	-63.5	172,193	58,681	-65.9
Louisiana	88	430	240	18.4	45	-44.2	228,115	22,262	-90.2
Maine	135	660	485	37.1	14	-26.5	53,873	23,968	-55.5
Maryland	162	792	473	36.9	15	-40.3	194,127	42,550	-78.1
Massachusetts	268	1,310	618	47.3	8	-52.8	226,030	90,531	-59.9
Michigan	219	1,071	459	35.1	19	-57.1	502,354	173,760	-65.4
Minnesota	256	1,252	532	40.7	11	-57.5	169,744	47,742	-71.9
Mississippi	56	274	170	13.0	51	-37.9	123,828	21,896	-82.3
Missouri	104	509	292	22.4	39	-42.6	222,820	86,405	-61.2
Montana	202	988	507	31.0	24	-48.7	29,130	8,008	-72.5
Nebraska	171	836	364	27.9	30	-56.5	38,592	16,232	-57.9
Nevada	121	592	348	26.6	32	-41.2	34,261	18,066	-47.3
New Hampshire	262	1,281	625	47.9	7	-51.2	22,937	9,886	-56.9
New Jersey	302	1,477	424	32.5	22	-71.3	275,637	79,136	-71.3
New Mexico	149	729	389	29.8	26	-46.6	99,661	33,531	-66.4
New York	279	1,364	577	52.9	4	-57.7	1,143,962	257,416	-77.5
North Carolina	145	709	272	20.8	43	-61.6	267,326	44,066	-83.5
North Dakota	213	1,042	477	36.5	16	-54.2	13,146	5,040	-61.7
Ohio	161	787	373	28.6	29	-52.6	549,312	173,264	-68.5
Oklahoma	152	743	292	22.4	39	-60.7	96,201	730	-99.2
Oregon	184	900	460	35.2	18	-48.9	78,419	44,406	-43.4
Pennsylvania	265	1,296	421	32.2	23	-67.5	531,059	128,842	-75.7
Rhode Island	229	1,120	554	42.4	9	-50.5	56,560	19,030	-66.4
South Carolina	85	416	205	15.7	48	-50.7	114,273	32,399	-71.6
South Dakota	264	1,291	483	38.4	12	-62.6	15,896	5,673	-64.3
Tennessee	112	548	185	14.2	50	-66.2	254,818	131,024	-48.6
Texas	148	724	201	17.1	46	-72.2	649,018	116,201	-82.1
Utah	175	856	474	36.3	17	-44.6	39,073	11,364	-70.9
Vermont	267	1,306	709	54.3	3	-45.7	24,331	8,858	-63.6
Virginia	225	1,100	389	29.8	26	-64.6	152,845	62,469	-59.1
Washington	258	1,262	546	41.8	10	-56.7	268,927	113,364	-57.8
West Virginia	114	557	453	26.0	34	-18.7	89,039	18,702	-79.0
Wisconsin	184	900	673	51.5	5	-25.2	148,888	37,522	-74.8
Wyoming	213	1,042	340	26.0	34	-67.4	11,398	513	-95.5
United States							12,077,254	3,741,535	-69.0

¹ Where benefits vary by program status, benefits shown are for families required to work. Benefits in Wisconsin are for families in community service.

Where benefits vary by place within a state, the highest benefit is generally shown.

² The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) inflation adjustment for converting July 1970 dollars to January 2005 dollars was 4.8897435897.

Sources: U.S. Congress, House of Representatives, Committee on Ways and Means, 2004 Green Book, WMCP 108-6, Table 7-13, at <<http://waysandmeans.house.gov/Documents.asp?section=813>>; and U.S. Congress, Library of Congress, Congressional Research Service, CRS Report for Congress, The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Block Grant: Responses to Frequently Asked Questions (August 1, 2007), Table 5; Federal Register, Vol. 69, No. 30 (February 13, 2004), p. 7336; and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Family Assistance, at <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ofa/data-reports/caseload/2008/caseload_2008_1.xls>. Calculations by Children's Defense Fund.

Three out of four child support cases have a court order, but only half actually collect payments due. States vary in collecting child support for children: Only six states collect payments on more than 70 percent of cases; 21 states and the District of Columbia collect payments in fewer than half the cases.

Child Support Enforcement: 2004

	Number of cases	Number with court order	Percent with court order	Number with collection	Percent with collection
Alabama	237,442	173,462	73.1%	119,735	50.4%
Alaska	46,543	40,410	86.8	31,138	66.9
Arizona	252,457	164,986	65.4	98,021	38.8
Arkansas	126,009	100,645	79.9	74,104	58.8
California	1,808,377	1,411,708	78.1	791,101	43.7
Colorado	140,344	118,894	84.7	57,454	40.9
Connecticut	210,311	141,627	67.3	86,864	41.3
Delaware	55,378	39,902	72.1	27,282	49.3
District of Columbia	92,847	32,425	34.9	17,683	19.0
Florida	692,563	484,519	70.0	403,430	58.3
Georgia	489,230	347,700	71.1	206,124	42.1
Hawaii	97,735	57,296	58.6	29,943	30.6
Idaho	95,209	74,261	78.0	49,374	51.9
Illinois	641,235	329,976	51.5	208,184	32.5
Indiana	326,452	230,270	70.5	154,998	47.5
Iowa	179,759	156,317	87.0	139,329	77.5
Kansas	131,550	96,032	73.0	67,806	51.5
Kentucky	316,895	240,304	75.8	143,612	45.3
Louisiana	275,666	196,532	71.3	127,904	46.4
Maine	64,199	57,981	90.3	40,713	63.4
Maryland	279,783	206,398	73.8	150,722	53.9
Massachusetts	256,229	190,187	74.2	115,298	45.0
Michigan	1,026,441	769,462	75.0	427,275	41.6
Minnesota	246,408	199,585	81.0	157,965	64.1
Mississippi	295,432	154,018	52.1	109,612	37.1
Missouri	383,044	309,084	80.7	177,988	46.5
Montana	41,400	32,945	79.6	25,120	60.7
Nebraska	98,992	78,126	78.9	61,619	62.2
Nevada	111,694	66,771	59.8	59,971	53.7
New Hampshire	37,699	30,528	81.0	26,675	70.8
New Jersey	361,553	287,313	79.5	230,486	63.7
New Mexico	74,130	36,023	48.6	26,510	35.8
New York	877,526	702,944	80.1	447,698	51.0
North Carolina	409,041	322,516	78.8	260,576	63.7
North Dakota	39,777	30,607	76.9	23,054	58.0
Ohio	938,356	671,682	71.6	518,342	55.2
Oklahoma	151,410	105,298	69.5	74,886	49.5
Oregon	249,048	168,055	67.5	115,625	46.4
Pennsylvania	567,389	476,882	84.0	420,084	74.0
Rhode Island	68,302	35,801	52.4	20,756	30.4
South Carolina	222,673	158,471	71.2	100,705	45.2
South Dakota	43,565	28,010	64.3	24,016	55.1
Tennessee	345,058	220,563	63.9	159,386	46.2
Texas	913,307	729,063	79.8	574,454	62.9
Utah	74,594	63,110	84.6	58,241	78.1
Vermont	23,503	20,673	88.0	16,944	72.1
Virginia	352,441	294,424	83.5	209,241	59.4
Washington	331,458	297,291	89.7	240,644	72.6
West Virginia	112,091	92,821	82.8	64,145	57.2
Wisconsin	339,654	278,205	81.9	221,649	65.3
Wyoming	37,084	31,073	83.8	23,327	62.9
United States	15,589,283	11,583,176	74.3	8,017,813	51.4

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Support Enforcement, Office of Child Support Enforcement FY 2004 Annual Report to Congress, Tables 43, 47 and 53, at http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/cse/pubs/2007/reports/annual_report/. Calculations by Children's Defense Fund.