

Children's Defense Fund
2012 Child Poverty Data based on the 2012 American Community Survey
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Only 4 states saw statistically significant changes compared to 2011, and 43 states have rates that remain statistically significantly higher than in 2007:

	2012 Child Poverty Rate (%)	2011 Child Poverty Rate (%)	Absolute Change in Poverty Rate 2011 to 2012	Relative Change in the Poverty Rate 2011 to 2012	Statistically Significant Change?	2007 Child Poverty Rate (%)	Absolute Change in Poverty Rate 2007 to 2012	Relative Change in the Poverty Rate 2007 to 2012	Statistically Significant Change?
Alabama	27.5	27.6	-0.1	-0.4		24.3	3.2	13.2	Y
Alaska	13.9	14.5	-0.6	-4.1		11.5	2.4	20.9	Y
Arizona	27	27.2	-0.2	-0.7		20.2	6.8	33.7	Y
Arkansas	28.5	28.1	0.4	1.4		25.8	2.7	10.5	Y
California	23.8	22.8	1.0	4.4	Y	17.3	6.5	37.6	Y
Colorado	18.5	17.9	0.6	3.4		16.3	2.2	13.5	Y
Connecticut	14.8	14.9	-0.1	-0.7		11.1	3.7	33.3	Y
Delaware	17.4	17.5	-0.1	-0.6		14.7	2.7	18.4	
District of Columbia	26.5	30.3	-3.8	-12.5		22.7	3.8	16.7	
Florida	25.4	24.9	0.5	2.0		17.1	8.3	48.5	Y
Georgia	27.2	26.3	0.9	3.4		19.7	7.5	38.1	Y
Hawaii	17.1	17	0.1	0.6		9.8	7.3	74.5	Y
Idaho	20.7	20.4	0.3	1.5		15.9	4.8	30.2	Y
Illinois	20.7	21.6	-0.9	-4.2	Y	16.6	4.1	24.7	Y
Indiana	22.4	23	-0.6	-2.6		17.3	5.1	29.5	Y
Iowa	15.9	17.3	-1.4	-8.1		13.6	2.3	16.9	Y
Kansas	19	18.8	0.2	1.1		14.6	4.4	30.1	Y
Kentucky	26.5	27.4	-0.9	-3.3		23.9	2.6	10.9	Y
Louisiana	28.1	28.8	-0.7	-2.4		26.8	1.3	4.9	
Maine	20.9	18.8	2.1	11.2		15.4	5.5	35.7	Y
Maryland	13.8	13.5	0.3	2.2		10.5	3.3	31.4	Y
Massachusetts	15.4	15.2	0.2	1.3		12.9	2.5	19.4	Y
Michigan	24.9	24.8	0.1	0.4		19.4	5.5	28.4	Y
Minnesota	14.6	15.4	-0.8	-5.2		12	2.6	21.7	Y
Mississippi	34.7	31.8	2.9	9.1	Y	29.3	5.4	18.4	Y
Missouri	22.6	22.1	0.5	2.3		17.7	4.9	27.7	Y
Montana	20.3	19.7	0.6	3.0		18.3	2.0	10.9	
Nebraska	17.9	18.1	-0.2	-1.1		14.9	3.0	20.1	Y
Nevada	24	22.1	1.9	8.6		15.3	8.7	56.9	Y
New Hampshire	15.6	12	3.6	30.0	Y	8.8	6.8	77.3	Y
New Jersey	15.4	14.7	0.7	4.8		11.6	3.8	32.8	Y
New Mexico	29.3	30.7	-1.4	-4.6		25.5	3.8	14.9	Y
New York	22.8	22.6	0.2	0.9		19.4	3.4	17.5	Y
North Carolina	26	25.6	0.4	1.6		19.5	6.5	33.3	Y
North Dakota	13.2	14.6	-1.4	-9.6		13.4	-0.2	-1.5	
Ohio	23.8	24.2	-0.4	-1.7		18.5	5.3	28.6	Y
Oklahoma	24.1	23.4	0.7	3.0		22.5	1.6	7.1	Y
Oregon	23	23.6	-0.6	-2.5		16.9	6.1	36.1	Y
Pennsylvania	19.7	19.6	0.1	0.5		16.3	3.4	20.9	Y
Rhode Island	19.5	21.9	-2.4	-11.0		17.5	2.0	11.4	
South Carolina	26.9	27.8	-0.9	-3.2		20.9	6.0	28.7	Y
South Dakota	17.5	18.2	-0.7	-3.8		16.8	0.7	4.2	
Tennessee	25.8	26.3	-0.5	-1.9		23	2.8	12.2	Y
Texas	25.8	26.6	-0.8	-3.0	Y	23.2	2.6	11.2	Y
Utah	15.1	15.9	-0.8	-5.0		11	4.1	37.3	Y
Vermont	15.5	14.9	0.6	4.0		12.4	3.1	25.0	Y
Virginia	15.3	15.3	0.0	0.0		13	2.3	17.7	Y
Washington	18.5	18.3	0.2	1.1		15	3.5	23.3	Y
West Virginia	24.6	25.8	-1.2	-4.7		22.8	1.8	7.9	
Wisconsin	18.2	18.2	0.0	0.0		14.4	3.8	26.4	Y
Wyoming	16.9	15.6	1.3	8.3		11.6	5.3	45.7	Y

Source: U.S. Census Bureau. 2013. 2007, 2011 and 2012 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates, Table GCT1704. Accessed via American FactFinder 2: <http://factfinder2.census.gov>. Additional calculations by the Children's Defense Fund. Statistical significance is at 90% confidence level.

In 24 states, 40 percent or more of the Black children were poor

State	Number of Poor Children (2012)	Child Poverty Rate (2012)	Poverty Rate Rank (2012)
Kentucky	46,820	52.0	45
Oregon	9,815	51.7	44
Mississippi	167,297	51.6	43
Michigan	183,937	51.0	42
Wisconsin	56,228	50.2	41
Ohio	189,153	50.1	40
West Virginia	7,150	49.4	39
South Dakota	2,214	47.8	38
Nebraska	12,714	47.1	37
Arkansas	61,838	46.7	36
Louisiana	192,417	46.4	35
Minnesota	43,417	46.1	34
Alabama	152,775	45.7	33
Indiana	77,859	45.5	32
Missouri	82,494	45.2	31
Iowa	12,562	44.7	30
Illinois	213,235	44.6	29
Tennessee	125,391	42.4	28
Oklahoma	29,895	41.8	27
South Carolina	140,579	41.7	26
Colorado	25,123	41.1	24
Maine	1,655	41.1	24
North Carolina	217,736	40.9	23
Florida	335,424	40.4	22

Source: U.S. Census Bureau. 2013. "2012 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates," Table B17020B. Accessed via FactFinder2. Additional calculations by the Children's Defense Fund.

In 39 states, 30 percent or more of Hispanic children were poor

	Number of Poor Children (2012)	Child Poverty Rate (2012)	Child Poverty Rate Rank (2012)
Tennessee	53,601	46.2	50
Alabama	31,709	44.8	49
Mississippi	11,845	43.6	47
North Carolina	140,983	43.6	47
Georgia	144,097	43.1	46
Pennsylvania	115,570	42.4	45
Rhode Island	19,638	42.0	44
South Carolina	36,144	41.6	43
Kentucky	19,654	41.0	42
Arkansas	32,223	40.9	41
Montana	4,238	39.7	40
New Hampshire	5,588	39.1	39
Ohio	53,286	38.9	38
Indiana	60,307	38.6	37
Massachusetts	82,124	38.2	36
Missouri	30,279	37.7	35
Oklahoma	51,756	37.5	34
Arizona	259,642	37.4	33
Oregon	67,610	37.2	32
Utah	53,934	36.9	31
Idaho	26,383	36.2	30
Wisconsin	49,505	35.9	29
Maine	2,241	35.4	27
Michigan	60,352	35.4	27
Texas	1,187,019	35.1	26
New York	341,343	35.0	25
Connecticut	56,750	34.6	23
Washington	106,514	34.6	23
New Mexico	101,708	34.1	22
South Dakota	3,173	33.3	21
Kansas	40,754	33.0	20
Nebraska	23,121	32.5	19
California	1,503,860	32.0	18
Nevada	84,136	31.9	17
Delaware	8,993	31.6	16
Colorado	117,791	31.4	15
Florida	350,407	31.1	14
Iowa	20,094	30.9	13
Minnesota	32,096	30.4	12

Source: U.S. Census Bureau. 2013. "2012 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates," Table B17020I. Accessed via FactFinder2. Additional calculations by the Children's Defense Fund.

In 24 states, more than 25 percent of (or one in four) children under six lived in poverty

	Number of Poor Children (2012)	Child Poverty Rate (2012)	Child Poverty Rate Rank (2012)
Mississippi	95,424	39.0	50
New Mexico	57,298	33.5	49
Alabama	115,760	32.2	48
South Carolina	110,774	31.5	47
Arkansas	71,618	31.5	46
Georgia	250,258	31.0	45
Kentucky	101,191	30.6	44
Louisiana	111,786	30.3	43
Arizona	157,028	30.2	42
North Carolina	220,452	29.9	41
Michigan	195,679	29.0	40
Tennessee	138,723	28.9	39
Texas	660,536	28.7	38
Florida	362,801	28.4	37
Ohio	235,210	28.3	36
West Virginia	34,777	27.9	35
Oklahoma	85,579	27.7	34
Oregon	74,892	27.1	33
Indiana	137,076	27.0	32
Missouri	119,940	27.0	31
Nevada	59,664	27.0	30
Maine	20,670	26.0	29
California	760,003	25.3	28
New York	346,565	25.3	27

Source: U.S. Census Bureau. 2013. "2012 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates," Table B17001. Accessed via FactFinder2. Additional calculations by the Children's Defense Fund.