

Child Poverty in Wisconsin

In 2014, 18.1 percent of children under 18 (235,000 children) in the state were living below the poverty level.

This is a 36 percent increase from 2008, when 13.3 percent of children (172,000) were living in poverty. Wisconsin's child poverty rate ranks 21st in the nation, meaning 20 states have a lower child poverty rate than Wisconsin.

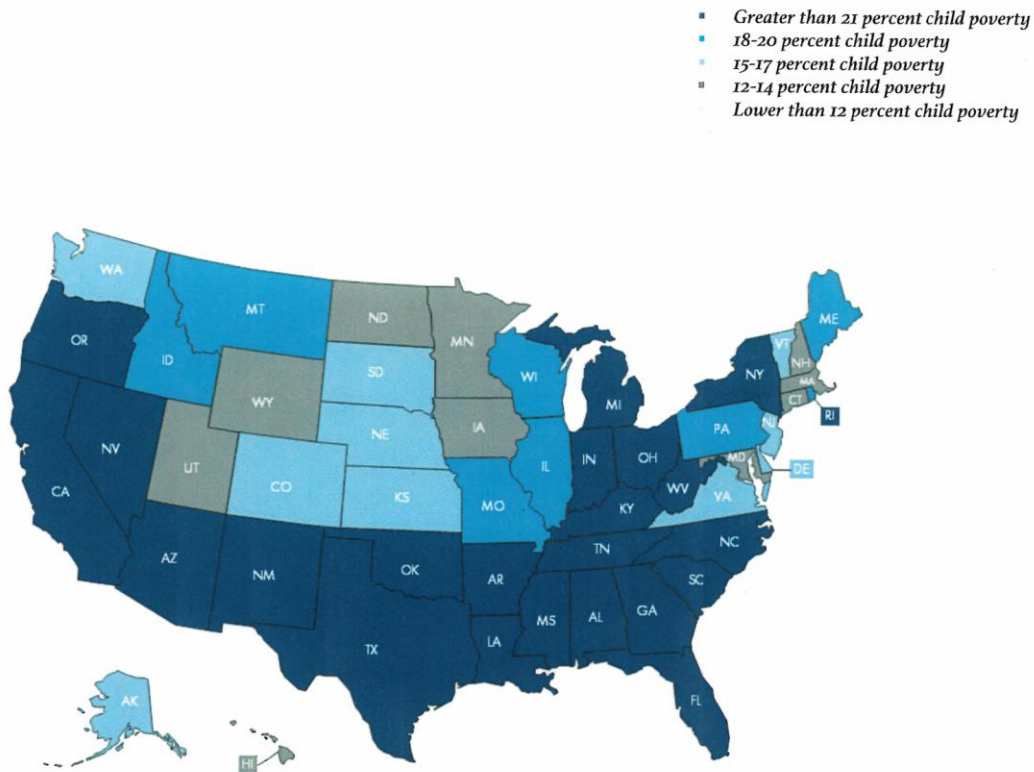
The poverty rate for Black children was 49 percent and for Hispanic children 35 percent, compared with 11 percent for white children. This means that in 2014, Black children in Wisconsin were over 4 times as likely to be living in poverty when compared with white children and Hispanic children were over 3 times as likely.

21 percent of children under the age of 5 (85,000 children) were living below the poverty line in 2014.

7 percent of children under 18 (95,000 children) were living in extreme poverty (living in households with incomes less than 50 percent below the federal poverty level). This is a slight increase from 2013.

The number of children under 18 living in areas of concentrated poverty in Wisconsin increased 74 percent since 2000. (70,000 in 2000 to 122,000 by 2013).

As of 2013, the highest rates of child poverty in Wisconsin were found in Menominee County, with a rate of 44.8 percent, and in Milwaukee County, with a rate of 35.7 percent.



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