2019 Legislative Brief Methodology

CAHS

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As one of Connecticut's leading anti-poverty organizations, and the state's Annie E. Casey Foundation KIDS COUNT® grantee, CAHS recognizes that family economic security is at the core of children's educational, health, and socio-emotional outcomes. In all of our work, CAHS recognizes that child outcomes exist in the context of family stability. We are committed to pushing for greater funding for and attention to efficient, effective two-generational strategies which can enable families to move out of poverty toward prosperity, for a stronger, more robust Connecticut economy. We are equally committed to advocating for policies which provide for greater racial equity and access to opportunity as we work toward a society where race and ethnicity are no longer predictors of child and family well-being.

Children Living Below 200% of the Federal Poverty Line (FPL)

Data Source

U.S. Census Bureau, 2012-2016 American Community Survey Estimates, Table B17024, B17024B, B17024D, B17024F, B17024G, B17024H and B17024I.

Methodology

The total number of children under 18 years living in households with incomes below 200% of the FPL are summed across age groups under 18 years. The sum of children less than 18 living below 200% of the FPL is divided by the total number of children under 18 years to calculate the percentage of children living in households with income below 200% of the FPL.

Number of Single Parent Households

Data Source

U.S. Census Bureau, 2013-2017 American Community Survey Estimates, Table B11004.

Methodology

The number of households with a male householder, no wife present with related children under 18 years and a female householder, no husband present with related children under 18 years are summed. The sum of single-parent households is divided by the sum of all families with related children under 18 years to calculate the percentage of single-parent families.

Number of Kids Enrolled in Care4Kids

Data Source

Connecticut Office of Early Childhood, Number of Children Paid by Age Category and Service Setting, November 2018 retrieved from: https://www.ctcare4kids.com/care-4-kids-program/reports/.

Methodology

A monthly, unduplicated count of children enrolled in Care4Kids was provided by the Office of Early Childhood. Counts under 6 — excluding zeroes — were suppressed by the Office of Early Childhood.

Number of Housing Cost Burdened Units

Data

U.S. Census Bureau, 2013-2017 American Community Survey Estimates, retrieved from http://data.ctdata.org/dataset/cost-burdened-households-by-county.

Methodology

Counts of households that spend 30% or more of annual household income on housing costs are summed. Denominators for percentages are the total number of households in a given geography.

Low Birthweight Births

Data

Connecticut Department of Public Health, Vital Statistics, 2015, Table 4.

Methodology

The total numbers and percentages of low birthweight births were obtained from State Department of Public Health Vital Statistics tables. Counts under 6 — excluding zero — were suppressed by CAHS, as were percentages generated from suppressed totals. Suppressed counts and percentages are indicated by "<6" and "–". Denominators used for calculating percentages exclude records with missing data.

Disconnected Youth

Data

U.S. Census Bureau, 2012-2016 American Community Survey Estimates, Table B14005.

Methodology

The total numbers of youth who not in school and not working are summed for those aged 16-19. These totals are divided by the total population aged 16-19 to calculate the percentage of youth aged 16-19 who are disconnected. Counts under 6 — excluding zero — were suppressed by CAHS, as were percentages generated from suppressed counts. Suppressed counts are indicated by "<6" and "–".