

News from EPI By the numbers: 2010 income, poverty, and health insurance coverage  
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By the numbers: 2010 income, poverty, and health insurance coverage  
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This morning's release by the U.S. Census Bureau of the [2010 data on income, poverty, and health insurance coverage](#) is yet another reminder of the real and human consequences of the Great Recession and its aftermath. A first take:

### **Poverty**

**15.1%:** The share of the population in poverty in 2010

**22.0%:** The percent of children under 18 in poverty

**46.2 million:** The number of people in poverty in 2010

**\$22,113:** The poverty threshold for a family of four

**3.2 million:** The number of people kept out of poverty by unemployment insurance

**20.3 million:** The number of people kept out of poverty by Social Security

### **Income**

**-11.3%, -6.6%, -4.5%:** The change in family income between 2007 and 2010 for the bottom 20 percent, middle 20 percent, and the top 20 percent, respectively

**\$6,298:** The decline in median working-age household income from 2000 to 2010

**\$5,494:** The decline in median African-American household income from 2000 to 2010

**\$4,235:** The decline in median Hispanic household income from 2000 to 2010

### **Health insurance coverage**

**49.1 million:** The number of people under 65 without any health insurance

**13.6 million:** The decline in the number of people under 65 with employer-sponsored health insurance from 2000-2010

**10.5%:** The decline in the share of the under 65 population with employer-sponsored health insurance from 2000-2010