



**Poverty, Income & Health Insurance in Connecticut:
Summary of 2006 U.S. Census Data**

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Health Insurance - Connecticut & Nation – 2006 & 2005

| Uninsured indicator & data source | Connecticut 2006 % and # | United States 2006 % and # | United States 2005 % and # |
|---|-------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| Children uninsured, entire previous 12 months (CPS) | 6.0% (49,000) | 11.7% (8.7 million) significant increase | 10.9% (8.1 million) |
| Persons uninsured, previous 12 months (CPS) | 9.4% (325,000) | 15.8% (47.0 million) significant increase | 15.3% (44.8 million) |

Data from the U.S. Census Current Population Survey (CPS).

Change Over Time in Health Insurance – Connecticut

| Uninsured indicator & data source | Connecticut 2005-2006 2-year Average % and # | Connecticut 2004-2005 2-year Average % and # | Connecticut 2000-2001 2-year Average % and # |
|---|---|---|---|
| Children uninsured, entire previous 12 months (CPS) | 6.9% (56,500) | 7.4% (62,000) | 6.8% (56,000) |
| Persons uninsured, previous 12 months (CPS) | 10.2% (353,000) | 10.9% (381,000) | 9.4% (317,000) |

Data from the U.S. Census Current Population Survey (CPS). Two-year averages for uninsured children calculated by CT Voices for Children. **Comparisons to 2005-2006 data are not statistically significant.** Data reflect revised estimates by the US Census Bureau. As a result, data listed here may not match previously published health insurance data from the CPS.

Poverty & Income – Connecticut & Nation – 2006 & 2005

| Poverty/income indicator & data source | Connecticut 2006 % and # | Connecticut 2005 % and # | United States 2006 % and # | United States 2005 % and # |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| Persons with income less than Federal Poverty Level (CPS) | 8.0% (275,000) | * | 12.3% (36,460,000) | 12.6% (36,950,000) |
| Related children under 18 with income under FPL (ACS) | 10.7% (85,906) | 11.1% (90,764) | 17.9% (12,911,393) significant decrease | 18.2% (13,008,489) |
| All Children in Poverty (ACS) | 11.0 (88,582) | ** | 18.3% (13,285,569) | ** |
| Families with income below FPL (ACS) | 5.9% (52,378) | 6.2% (55,456) | 9.8% (7,282,926) significant decrease | 10.2% (7,605,363) |
| Median household income in 2006 dollars (ACS) | \$63,422 | \$62,939 | \$48,451 significant increase | \$47,758 |

Data from the U.S. Census Current Population Survey (CPS) and American Community Survey (ACS). **Unless specifically noted, comparisons to 2006 data are not statistically significant.**

*CPS data are not comparable on the state level across individual years. Comparisons over time in two-year averages are below.

** 2006 data include children living in group quarters, while 2005 data do not. For this reason, the numbers are not comparable.

Change Over Time in Poverty & Income – Connecticut

| Poverty/income indicator & data source | Connecticut 2005-2006 2-year Average % | Connecticut 2004-2005 2-year Average % | Connecticut 2000-2001 2-year Average % |
|---|--|--|--|
| Persons with income less than Federal Poverty Level (CPS) | 8.7% | 9.7% | 7.5% |

Data from the U.S. Census Current Population Survey (CPS). CPS sample size requires two-year averaging for comparisons over time. Statistical significance calculated with assistance from Coalition on Human Needs (chn.org). **Unless specifically noted, comparisons to 2005/2006 data are not statistically significant.**

| Poverty/income indicator & data source | Connecticut 2006 % and # | Connecticut 2004 % and # | Connecticut 2001 % and # |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Related children under 18 with income under FPL (ACS) | 10.7% (85,906) | 10.1% (83,362) | 9.7% (77,251) |
| Families with income below FPL (ACS) | 5.9% (52,378) | 6.2% (55,952) | 5.3% (46,935) |
| Median household income in 2006 dollars (ACS) | 63,422 | \$64,608 | \$64,220 |

Data from the U.S. Census American Community Survey (ACS). One year comparisons are valid for ACS data. Statistical significance calculated with assistance from Coalition on Human Needs (chn.org). **Unless specifically noted, comparisons to 2006 data are not statistically significant.**

Poverty & Income – Connecticut Cities - 2006

| City | Persons with income less than Federal Poverty Level (ACS) | Children under 18 in families with income under FPL (ACS) | Median household income in 2006 dollars (ACS) |
|-------------|---|---|---|
| Bridgeport | 20.6% | 29.5% | \$35,736 |
| Danbury | 3.5% | 3.6% | \$68,794 |
| Hartford | 30.3% | 43.4% | \$29,293 |
| New Britain | 20.2% | 34.4% | \$40,270 |
| New Haven | 21.0% | 27.6% | \$36,428 |
| Norwalk | 6.4% | 9.9% | \$64,895 |
| Stamford | 8.3% | 9.2% | \$71,030 |
| Waterbury | 19.7% | 33.5% | \$37,673 |

Data from the U.S. American Community Survey (ACS).

Poverty & Income – Connecticut Counties - 2006

| County | Persons with income less than Federal Poverty Level (ACS) | Children under 18 with income under FPL (ACS) | Median household income in 2006 dollars (ACS) |
|------------|---|---|---|
| Fairfield | 6.6% | 8.1% | \$76,671 |
| Hartford | 9.9% | 14.1% | \$58,666 |
| Litchfield | 6.3% | 8.3% | \$66,664 |
| Middlesex | 7.4% | 7.0% | \$68,739 |
| New Haven | 9.9% | 15.2% | \$56,840 |
| New London | 6.2% | 6.2% | \$59,719 |
| Tolland | 5.4% | 3.9% | \$69,862 |
| Windham | 9.3% | 10.4% | \$55,013 |

Data from the U.S. American Community Survey (ACS).

Poverty & Income – Connecticut Congressional Districts - 2006

| Congressional District | Persons with income less than Federal Poverty Level (ACS) | Children under 18 with income under FPL (ACS) | Median household income in 2006 dollars (ACS) |
|--|---|---|---|
| 1 st Congressional District (Rep. Larson) | 9.9% | 14.3% | \$57,757 |
| 2 nd Congressional District (Rep. Courtney) | 5.9% | 5.9% | \$64,708 |
| 3 rd Congressional District (Rep. DeLauro) | 8.9% | 13.0% | \$57,845 |
| 4 th Congressional District (Rep. Shays) | 7.8% | 9.5% | \$78,014 |
| 5 th Congressional District (Rep. Murphy) | 8.7% | 12.4% | \$62,510 |

Data from the U.S. American Community Survey (ACS).

Technical note:

Data Source. The United States Census Bureau released data from two surveys on August 28: the American Community Survey (ACS) and the Current Population Survey (CPS). The ACS (the newer survey of the two) has a significantly larger sample size than CPS. As a result, ACS can give reliable estimates for counties and for cities as small as 65,000 people and can be compared over time without relying on two-year averages. Given its smaller sample size, CPS state data must be averaged over multiple years to increase its reliability. In coming years, researchers increasingly will rely on ACS data as multiple years of comparative data become available for the first time. Because the surveys use different methodologies, ACS data should not be compared to CPS data. CT Voices' use of CPS and ACS data is informed by the advice and assistance of economists and analysts at the Center for Policy and Budget Priorities, the Economic Policy Institute and the Coalition for Human Needs.

Poverty, family income comparisons. In this analysis, CT Voices has used CPS data for estimates of statewide poverty for all residents, because these data can be compared to earlier years and therefore assessed for trends. Because the ACS, for the first time in these 2006 data, is including in its poverty count persons living in group quarters, comparisons to previous years are not possible.

In this analysis, CT Voices has used ACS data for median family income, family poverty and the number of related children in poverty. ACS data for these measures is representative and comparable over time because, by definition, they do not include people living in group quarters. However, for this reason the data also may underestimate poverty's prevalence. When looking at child poverty, for example the ACS data may slightly underestimate the total number of children in poverty, since children in juvenile justice facilities, group homes, hospitals, etc. would not be included in the ACS count.

Unless specifically noted in the comparison charts above, there were no statistically significant changes as calculated at the 90% confidence interval. Median income figures are in 2006 dollars (inflation adjusted) so they would not match estimates in earlier reports.

Health insurance coverage. Health insurance coverage data is available only through the CPS.