

# KIDS' HEALTH IN THE U.S.

## LIVING IN WORKING POOR HOUSEHOLDS

The U.S. Census Bureau recently released 2016 results from the National Survey of Children's Health (NSCH), which provides traditional measures of health status and access to care among children along with rich data on the social factors that determine health including family, neighborhood, and social context. Among the social determinants explored in the NSCH is kids living in working poor households. We highlight key 2016 findings for this indicator below.

### NATIONWIDE

**10,286,000 KIDS**

nationwide lived in "working poor" households in 2016.\* This represents approximately

**14.4 PERCENT**

of kids in the United States.



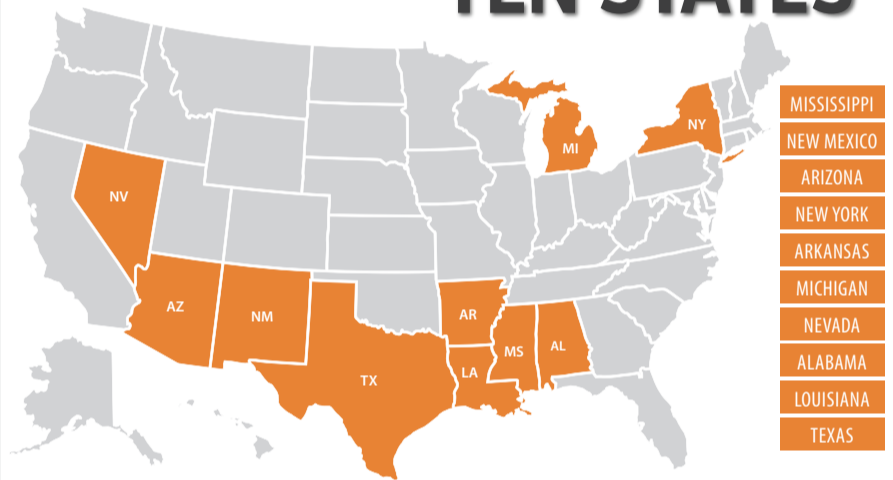
\*This measure represents children living in households with at least one full-time employed (working 50 of the last 52 weeks) parent with a household income less than 100% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

### IN THE STATES

**ONE-THIRD (3,436,000)**

of kids that lived in working poor households in 2016 resided in

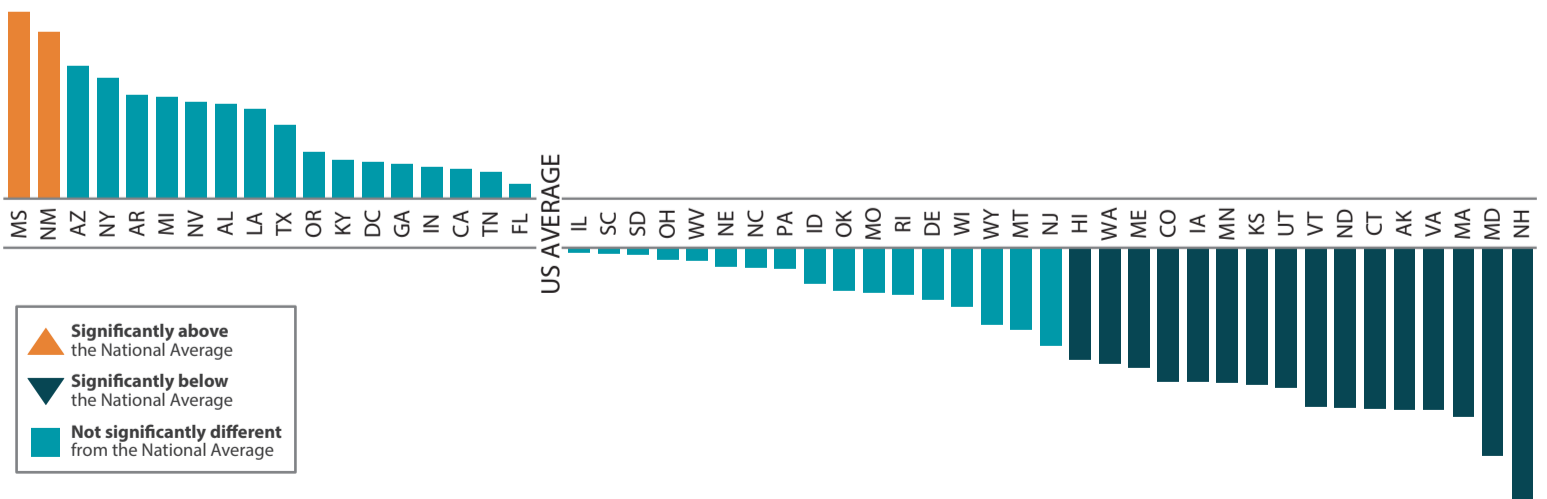
**TEN STATES**



### STATE VS. NATIONAL AVERAGE: % OF KIDS LIVING IN WORKING POOR HOUSEHOLDS

**14.4% NATIONAL AVERAGE**

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ● 17.5% <b>Alabama</b>    | ● 14.9% <b>Florida</b>   | ● 7.7% <b>Maryland</b>      | ● 19.8% <b>New Mexico</b>     | ● 14.2% <b>South Dakota</b>  |
| ● 9.2% <b>Alaska</b>      | ● 15.5% <b>Georgia</b>   | ● 9.0% <b>Massachusetts</b> | ● 18.3% <b>New York</b>       | ● 15.3% <b>Tennessee</b>     |
| ● 18.7% <b>Arizona</b>    | ● 10.8% <b>Hawaii</b>    | ● 17.7% <b>Michigan</b>     | ● 13.8% <b>North Carolina</b> | ● 16.8% <b>Texas</b>         |
| ● 17.8% <b>Arkansas</b>   | ● 13.3% <b>Idaho</b>     | ● 10.1% <b>Minnesota</b>    | ● 9.2% <b>North Dakota</b>    | ● 9.9% <b>Utah</b>           |
| ● 15.4% <b>California</b> | ● 14.3% <b>Illinois</b>  | ● 20.5% <b>Mississippi</b>  | ● 14.1% <b>Ohio</b>           | ● 9.3% <b>Vermont</b>        |
| ● 10.1% <b>Colorado</b>   | ● 15.4% <b>Indiana</b>   | ● 13.0% <b>Missouri</b>     | ● 13.0% <b>Oklahoma</b>       | ● 9.2% <b>Virginia</b>       |
| ● 9.2% <b>Connecticut</b> | ● 10.1% <b>Iowa</b>      | ● 11.8% <b>Montana</b>      | ● 15.9% <b>Oregon</b>         | ● 10.7% <b>Washington</b>    |
| ● 12.8% <b>Delaware</b>   | ● 10.0% <b>Kansas</b>    | ● 13.8% <b>Nebraska</b>     | ● 13.8% <b>Pennsylvania</b>   | ● 14.0% <b>West Virginia</b> |
| ● 15.6% <b>D.C.</b>       | ● 15.7% <b>Kentucky</b>  | ● 17.6% <b>Nevada</b>       | ● 12.9% <b>Rhode Island</b>   | ● 12.5% <b>Wisconsin</b>     |
|                           | ● 17.3% <b>Louisiana</b> | ● 6.2% <b>New Hampshire</b> | ● 14.3% <b>South Carolina</b> | ● 11.9% <b>Wyoming</b>       |
|                           | ● 10.6% <b>Maine</b>     | ● 11.3% <b>New Jersey</b>   |                               |                              |



Source: SHADAC analysis of the 2016 National Survey of Children's Health. Child and Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative, Data Resource Center for Child and Adolescent Health. (2018). 2016 National Survey of Children's Health (NSCH) (Excel) CAHMI DRC Data Set. U.S. Census Bureau. Retrieved March, 2018 from [www.childhealthdata.org](http://www.childhealthdata.org). Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

