Charts for Child Trends' Food Insecurity Indicator

Figure 1

Percentage of Children (0-17) in Food-Insecure Households: Selected Years, 1995-2013

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Figure 2: Percentage of Children (0-17) in Food-Insecure Households, by Race and Hispanic Origin, 2013

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2 In these households, eating patterns of one or more children were disrupted and their food intake was reduced below a level considered adequate by their caregiver. Prior to 2009, the category “with very low food security among children” was labeled “food insecure with hunger among children.” USDA introduced the new label based on recommendations by the Committee on National Statistics.


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Figure 3: Percentage of Children (0-17) in Food-Insecure Households, by Family Structure, 2013

In Food-Insecure Households\(^1\)
- Married Couple: 14.7%
- Female head, no spouse: 20.5%
- Male head, no spouse: 37.1%

In Households with Very Low Food Security Among Children\(^2\)
- Married Couple: 0.7%
- Female head, no spouse: 2.0%

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Figure 4

Percentage of Children in Food-Insecure Households, by Poverty Status, 2012

- Below 100%
- 100-199% Poverty
- Above 200% Poverty

Note 1: either adult or children or both were food insecure. At times they were unable to acquire adequate food for active, healthy living for all household members because they had insufficient money and other resources for food.

Note 2: In these households, eating patterns of one or more children were disrupted and their food intake was reduced below a level considered adequate by their caregiver. Prior to 2009, the category “children with very low food security among children” was labeled “food insecure with hunger among children.” USDA introduced the new label based on recommendations by the Committee on National Statistics.