

# 2020: A YEAR IN REVIEW

The COVID-19 pandemic created an ongoing economic crisis that has highlighted the strengths and shortfalls of our social policy and programs. Our expertise in measuring poverty and our work on income support has been especially salient in 2020. We also established a novel method of forecasting poverty throughout the COVID-19 crisis to help inform policy decisions in real-time. We released research on cash assistance, the Child Tax Credit, the impact of policy interventions and poverty projections during the COVID-19 crisis, and the state of poverty in New York City.

## POVERTY AND SOCIAL POLICY BRIEFS

**Monthly Poverty to Spike After Expiration of the CARES Act Unemployment Benefits:** 4.8 million more people would move into poverty in January 2021 without CARES Act unemployment benefits

**Parental Unemployment Reaches Historic Highs During the COVID-19 Pandemic**

**Monthly Poverty Rates in the United States during the COVID-19 Pandemic**

**The CARES Act and Poverty in the COVID-19 Crisis:** Promises and pitfalls of the recovery rebates and expanded unemployment benefits

**Teenage & Young Adult Dependents Left Out of Cash Payments in COVID-19 Crisis**

**Forecasting Estimates of Poverty During the COVID-19 Crisis:** Poverty rates in the United States could reach highest levels in over 50 years

**The Case for Cash Allowances for Children during Economic Crises:** SNAP is critical, but leaves out 21 million low-income children

**Housing Vouchers and Tax Credits:** Pairing the proposal to transform Section 8 with expansions to the EITC and the Child Tax Credit could cut the national poverty rate by half

**A Poverty Reduction Analysis of the American Family Act**

**Children Left Behind in Larger Families:** The uneven receipt of the Federal Child Tax Credit by children's family size

**The Case for Counting Children in a Carbon Tax Dividend Plan:** Net benefits and poverty implications for a per capita dividend

**Comparing Recent Income Maintenance Proposals:** Universal Basic Income, Negative Income Tax, and Child Allowance

**Income Guarantee Benefits and Financing:** Poverty and Distributional Impacts

*The Center on Poverty and Social Policy at the Columbia School of Social Work produces cutting-edge research to advance our understanding of poverty and the role of social policy in New York City and the United States.*

## FEATURED PRESS MENTIONS

**How COVID has impacted poverty in America.** PBS Frontline.

 **Pandemic Poverty: The CARES Act kept millions from going hungry. Why won't the Senate Renew it?** *Democracy Now!*

**Why hunger can grow even when poverty doesn't.** *The New York Times.*


**Vast federal aid has capped rise in poverty, studies find.** *The New York Times.*

**Joe Biden and Kamala Harris's proposals could cut poverty in half.** *Vox.*


**Joe Biden's surprisingly visionary housing plan, explained.** *Vox.*

**These charts show how economic progress has stalled for Black Americans since the Civil Rights era.** *CNN.*

**Black families were hit hard by the pandemic. The effects on children may be lasting.** *The New York Times.*

 **Millions of Americans slipped into poverty when stimulus ran out.** *Yahoo Finance!*

**A gloomy prediction on how much poverty could rise.** *The New York Times.*

 **Trump's tax reform is leaving millions of poor children behind.** *The Los Angeles Times.*

## EVENTS

**Income Support in Crisis and Beyond.** CPSP Annual Conference.

**How Would a Child Allowance Impact Child Poverty?** Presented with The Century Foundation's Bernard L. Schwartz Rediscovering Government Initiative.

**We Built This: How Federal Policy Segregated America.** Poverty and Social Policy Seminar with Dr. Jacob Faber of New York University.

## POVERTY TRACKER

**The State of Poverty and Disadvantage in New York City**

**Spotlight on Hunger:** Food hardship in New York City is rising as New Yorkers wait for a second federal stimulus bill

**Spotlight on Policing:** Despite the end of stop-and-frisk, Black New Yorkers continue to be over-policed

**Spotlight on COVID-19:** Nearly half of all New York City workers lost employment income from the pandemic, deepening economic insecurity and racial inequity across the city

**The COVID-19 Pandemic and the Housing Crisis:** Pandemic Exacerbates Racial Divide in Housing Crisis

**Paid Sick Leave in New York City:** How are workers and families being protected during the COVID-19 pandemic?

**Disability in New York City:** Poverty, Hardship, and COVID-19

## FEATURED OUTSIDE RESEARCH

**Unleashing the Power of Poor and Low-Income Americans,** Robert P. Hartley and the Poor People's Campaign.

**A Better Child Tax Credit During the COVID-19 Crisis,** Megan A. Curran and the Century Foundation.

**What a Child Allowance Like Canada's Would Do for Child Poverty in America,** Sophie Collyer et al. and the Century Foundation.

**With COVID, the Case for a Child Allowance Becomes Even Clearer,** First Focus Campaign for Children.

**What We Owe Young Children: An Anti-Racist Policy Platform for Early Childhood,** Center for the Study of Social Policy.

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