



CHILDHOOD RISK

ACE: Socioeconomic Hardship

INDICATOR

Percent of children whose families often had financial difficulties, such as not having money for food or other necessities.

Numerator Number answering "Very Often" or "Somewhat Often"

Denominator Children aged 0-17

DESCRIPTION

This is a proxy measure for toxic stress and is included as an Adverse Childhood Experience. Parents answer the question, "Since [child's name] was born, how often has it been very hard to get by on your family's income, for example, it was hard to cover the basics like food or housing? Would you say very often, somewhat often, not very often, or never?"

IMPORTANCE

Food insecurity, or other physiological needs, can be sources of chronic stress that hinder a child's ability to develop successful relationships, learn effectively, or otherwise go through normal childhood development (Maslow, 1943).

LIMITATIONS

- The National Survey of Children's Health (NSCH) is completed by the parent or caregiver who may choose not to admit financial difficulties.

ADDITIONAL ANALYSES

Wisconsin Analyses

Race/Ethnicity
Data not available.

National Analyses

Race/Ethnicity	% of Children with Hardship
Asian, non-Hispanic	13.9%
Black, non-Hispanic	36.6%
Hispanic	28.7%
White, non-Hispanic	21.6%
Other, non-Hispanic	30.7%

SOURCE

Maslow, A. H. (1943). A theory of human motivation. *Psychological review*, 50(4), 370.

National Survey of Children's Health. (2016). Data query from the Child and Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative, Data Resource Center for Child and Adolescent Health website. Retrieved from www.childhealthdata.org.

YEAR:

2016

WI	US	Best	Worst
23.2%	25.4%	41.5% DC	59.7% WV

PAST YEAR:

2011/2012

WI	US
25.4%	25.7%