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The RESULTS U.S. Poverty Policy Forum

May 20, 2021

Welcome!

Our Anti-Oppression Values

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RESULTS is a movement of passionate, committed everyday people. Together we use our voices to influence political decisions that will bring an end to poverty. Poverty cannot end as long as oppression exists. We commit to opposing all forms of oppression, including ableism, ageism, classism, colonialism, homophobia, racism, religious discrimination, sexism, transphobia, white saviorism, and xenophobia.

At RESULTS we pledge to create space for all voices, including those of us who are currently experiencing poverty. We will address oppressive behavior in our interactions, families, communities, work, and world. Our strength is rooted in our diversity of experiences, not in our assumptions.

With unearned privilege comes the responsibility to act so the burden to educate and change doesn't fall solely on those experiencing oppression. When we miss the mark on our values, we will acknowledge our mistake, seek forgiveness, learn, and work together as a community to pursue equity.

There are no saviors — only partners, advocates, and allies. We agree to help make the RESULTS movement a respectful, inclusive space.

Find all our anti-oppression resources at: <https://results.org/volunteers/anti-oppression/>

May is AAPI Heritage Month

Congress Passes Bill To Counter The Rise In Anti-Asian Hate Crimes

Updated May 18, 2021 · 9:40 PM ET



BARBARA SPRUNT



Rep. Judy Chu, chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, speaks about the COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act ahead of its passage at the U.S. Capitol on Tuesday.

Kevin Diebohn/Getty Images

<https://www.npr.org/2021/05/18/997847571/congress-passes-bill-to-counter-the-rise-in-anti-asian-hate-crimes>

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Source: National Alliance to End Homelessness;
<https://endhomelessness.org/state-of-homelessness-a-look-at-race-and-ethnicity/>

U.S. Poverty “Asks”

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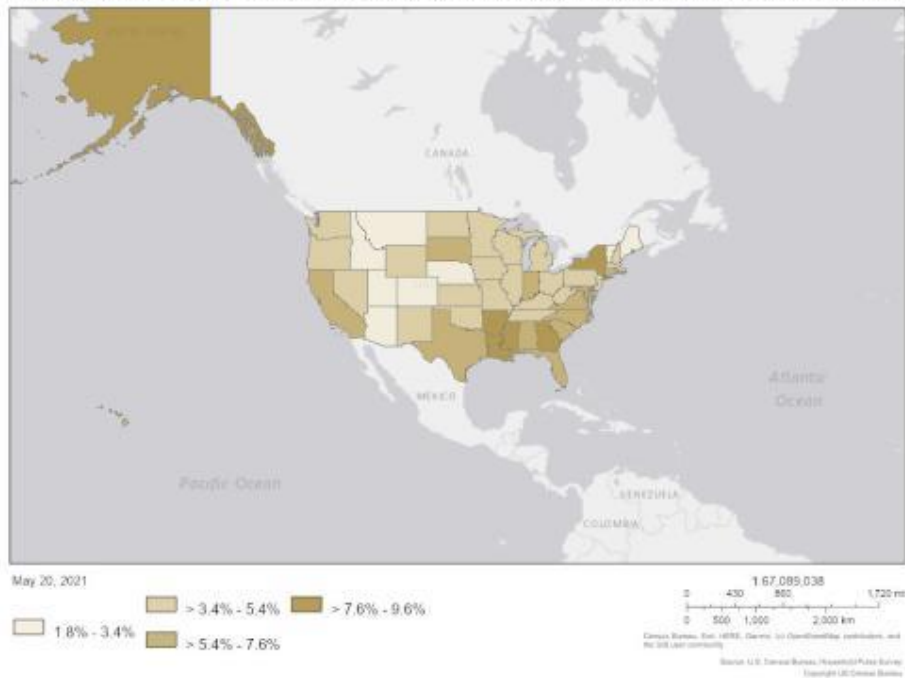
Urge them to speak to leadership, urging them to focus on bold and long-term anti-poverty policies:

- Making 2021 EITC/CTC provisions permanent
- Rental assistance (likely via Housing Choice Vouchers) should be universal for all those who qualify – with multi-year guaranteed funding

Housing Unaffordability + Instability Persist

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Housing Insecurity (Missed payment and low confidence), Household Pulse Survey: Week 29



- **33** - Percentage of adults living in households not current on rent or mortgage where eviction or foreclosure in the next two months is either very likely or somewhat likely
 - **7.48 million** - # of adults who are not current on rent or mortgage payments and who have slight or no confidence that their household can pay next month's rent or mortgage on time
- Source: US Census Bureau – Household Pulse Survey
- In the 5 states and 27 cities, landlords have filed for **342,289** evictions during the pandemic.
 - **4,912** evictions were filed last week.

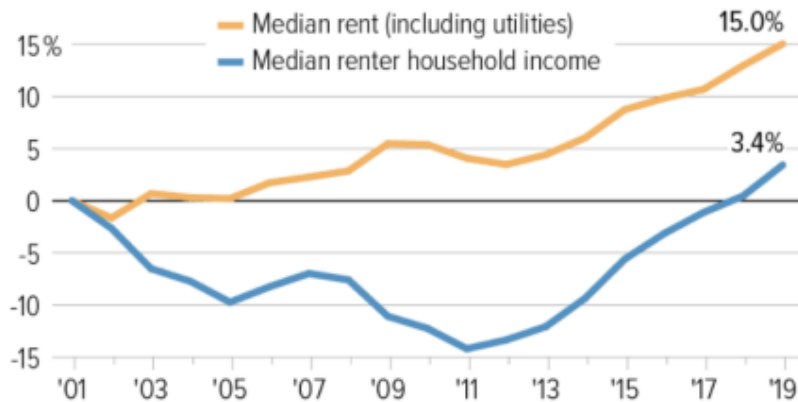
Source: <https://evictionlab.org/eviction-tracking/>

Source: <https://www.census.gov/data/experimental-data-products/household-pulse-survey.html>

Rent Increases + Incomes Out-of-Sync

Renters' Incomes Haven't Caught Up to Housing Costs

Percent change since 2001, adjusted for inflation



Source: CBPP tabulations of the Census Bureau's American Community Survey

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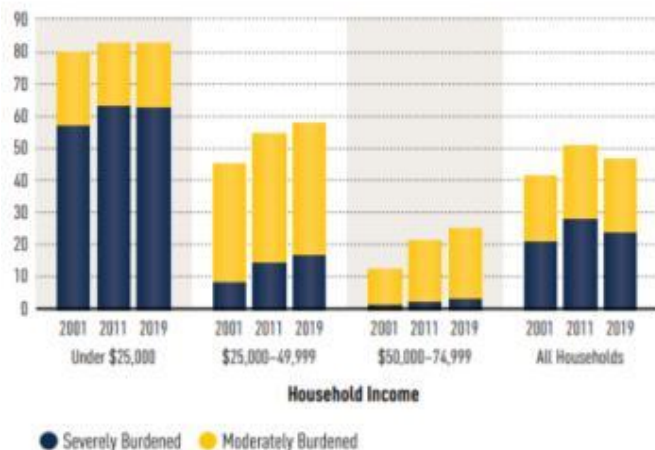
Sources: <https://bit.ly/3hJHKut>; <https://www.jchs.harvard.edu/state-nations-housing-2020>

Rent Burdened Pre-Pandemic + Racial Disparities

FIGURE 1

Heading Into the Pandemic, Renter Cost Burden Rates Were Already High and Moving Up the Income Scale

Share of Renter Households with Cost Burdens (Percent)



Notes: Incomes are adjusted for inflation using the CPI-U for All Items. Moderately (severely) cost-burdened households pay 20–49% (50% or more) of income for housing. Households with zero or negative income are assumed to have severe burdens, while households paying no cash rent are assumed to be without burdens.

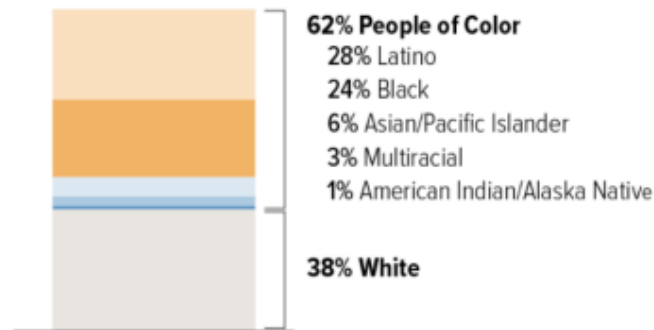
Source: JCHS tabulations of US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates.

FIGURE 1



Majority of Low-Income Renters With Severe Cost Burdens Are People of Color

Share of 24 million renters in low-income households that pay over half their income for housing, by race/ethnicity



Note: Low-income = household earns less than 80% of the local median income. Latino category may contain individuals of any race that identify as Latino or Hispanic; other categories exclude individuals that identify as Latino or Hispanic. Chart excludes individuals identifying as some other race, representing .4% of the total.

Source: CBPP analysis of 2014–2018 American Community Survey microdata and 2018 HUD area median income limits.

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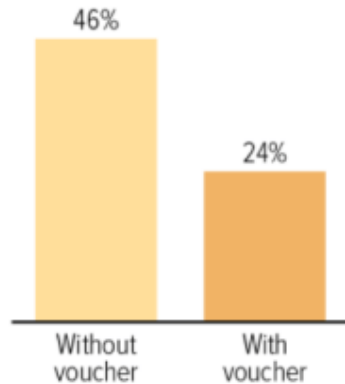
Sources: <https://bit.ly/3hJHKut>; <https://www.jchs.harvard.edu/state-nations-housing-2020>; <https://www.cbpp.org/research/housing/more-housing-vouchers-most-important-step-to-help-more-people-afford-stable-homes>

FIGURE 2

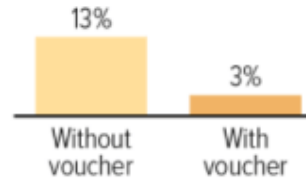

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Housing Choice Vouchers Sharply Reduced Crowded Housing, Homelessness, and Frequent Moves, Study Shows

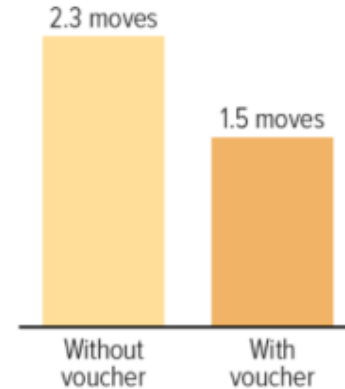
Vouchers reduced the number living in crowded housing by half...



... reduced homelessness by three-quarters



... and reduced the number of moves over a five-year period by more than one-third.



Note: The chart compares the housing status of low-income families in six U.S. cities who were randomly selected to receive a voucher and used it for at least part of the previous year to families in a control group who did not use vouchers. Families experiencing "crowded housing" were living in housing that has less than one room per household member. Number of moves reflects the average moves over a 4.5- to 5-year period since random assignment.

Source: Michelle Wood, Jennifer Turnham, and Gregory Mills, "Housing Affordability and Family Well-Being: Results from the Housing Voucher Evaluation," Housing Policy Debate, 2008.

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Demand Congress To Expand Long-Term Rental Assistance

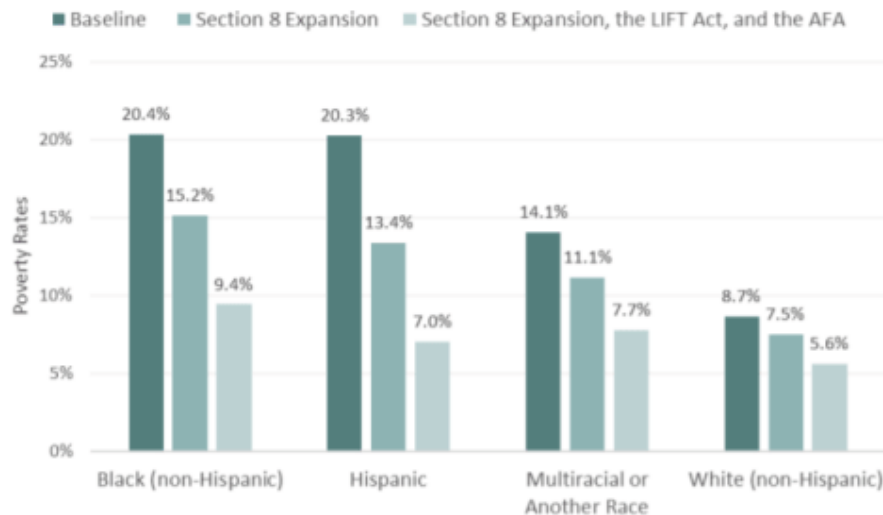
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- Biden's Presidential Campaign: Universal HCVs
- Short-term rental assistance through American Rescue Plan Act
- Currently, HCVs funded via annual appropriations. Biden's FY2022 budget proposal called for 200,000 more vouchers.
- No additional expansion of rental assistance in Administration's recovery proposals

Expanding Rental Assistance Lifts Children Out of Poverty

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Figure 2. Predicted Poverty Rates with the Section 8 Expansion and the Combined Policies, by Race and Ethnicity



- HCV expansion = lift 9 million people out of poverty
- Combined with EITC/CTC expansion = lift 20 million people out of poverty, cut poverty rate by half, cut child poverty rate by nearly 75 percent

Source: Authors' calculations using data from the 2019 Annual Social and Economic Supplement to the Current Population Survey.
Data retrieved from IPUMS-CPS, University of Minnesota, www.ipums.org.

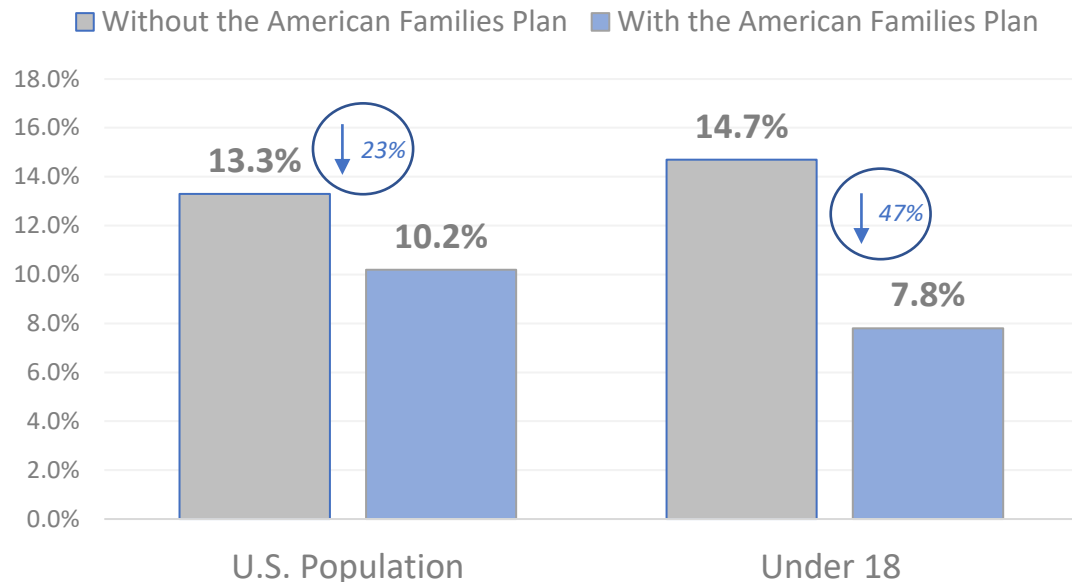
Source: <https://bit.ly/3f1dE3F> (Center on Poverty and Social Policy, Columbia University)

Tax credits for low-income workers and families should be expanded permanently.

- COVID relief makes temporary changes, so key to make permanent in a recovery package
- The Administration proposed to permanently increase the EITC for younger workers and others who are not raising children in their homes, along with making the CTC fully available to low-income families.
- But Administration proposal does not make full CTC expansion permanent – we need to push Congress to do so!
 - We can pay for this by asking the wealthy and corporations to finally pay their fair share.

Anti-poverty potential of the American Families Plan

Projected 2022 poverty rates with and without the American Families Plan



The American Families Plan includes:

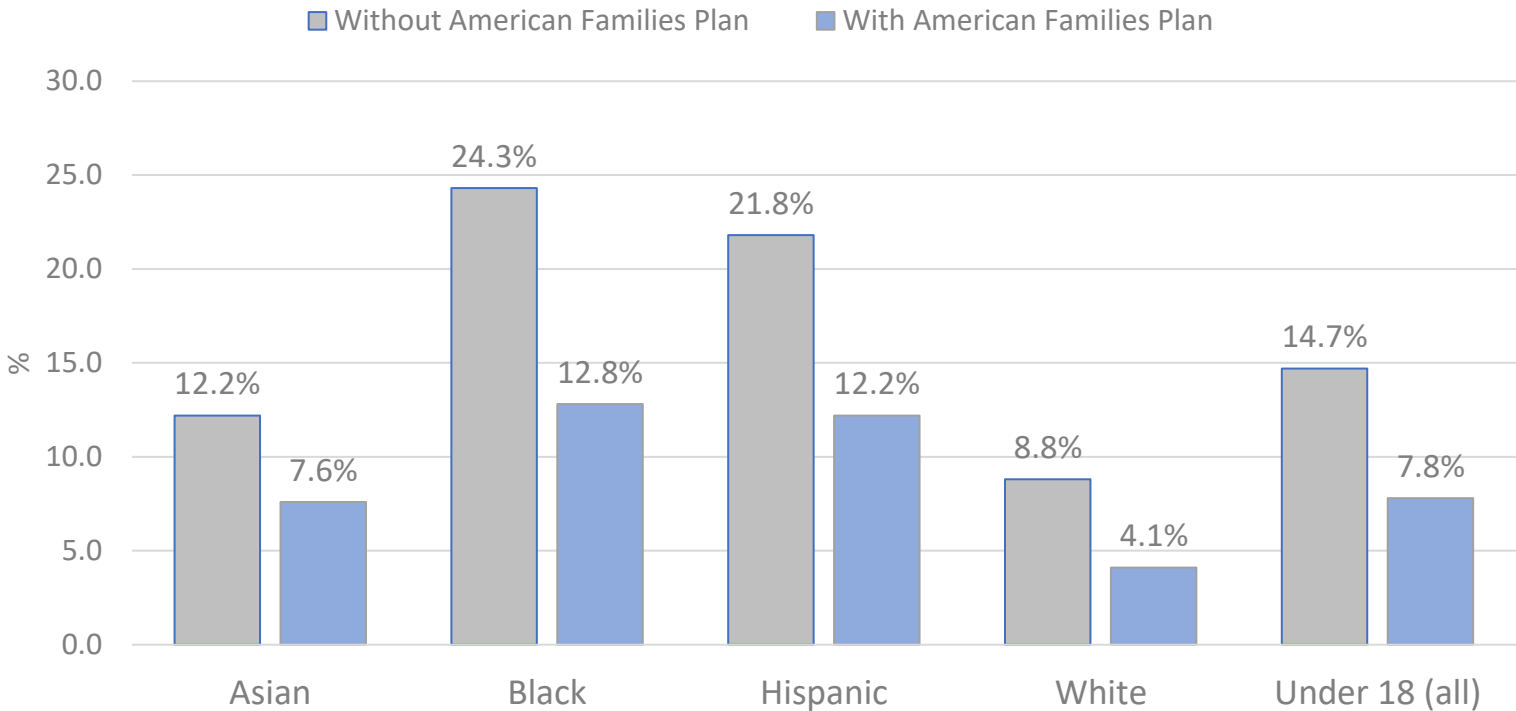
- Expansion of subsidized childcare
- An expansion of the CDCTC
- A fully refundable Child Tax Credit (\$3000/\$3600)
- An expanded Earned Income Tax Credit for childless workers
- Expansion of Summer-EBT benefits
- Expansion of the Pell Grant

Based on: [Collyer, Curran, Hartley, Parolin, Wimer \(2021\)](#)

Access all results at: <https://www.povertycenter.columbia.edu/s/Poverty-Reduction-Analysis-American-Families-Plan-CPSP-2021.pdf>

Anti-poverty potential of American Families Plan: CHILDREN

Projected 2022 child poverty rates with and without the American Families Plan



***Note:** projections are approximate; estimates of potential anti-poverty impact for children across racial and ethnic groups using pre-pandemic data also available – see Table A1. on pg. 6 of <https://www.povertycenter.columbia.edu/s/Poverty-Reduction-Analysis-American-Families-Plan-CPSP-2021.pdf>

- For impacts of CTC expansion specifically (using pre-pandemic data), see our [January 2021 American Family Act fact sheet](#)
 - *Poverty impacts by children's age, family type, disability status, race/ethnicity at 50% SPM, 100% SPM, 200% SPM and across all states*
- Please reach out with data questions and potential requests for analysis: megan.curran@columbia.edu

*****IMPORTANT NOTE*****

Our poverty projections assume full take-up of the CTC; results represent what is possible if all who are eligible receive it.

To achieve these poverty reductions, **access remains key!**

COMPARING THE PLANS

COMBINED CTC / EITC FOR 3 KIDS 2 YOUNG, 1 OLD



Now is the time to be bold.



Table 1. Poverty Impacts of the AFA and the AFA combined with the Section 8 Expansion, Children under age 18 by Race/Ethnicity

	Baseline Poverty Rate	With AFA	Percent reduction	With AFA and Section 8 expansion	Percent reduction
Overall	13.7%	7.9%	42%	4.9%	64%
Black, non-Hispanic	23.7%	11.4%	52%	7.3%	69%
Hispanic	21.7%	12.9%	41%	6.2%	71%
Multiracial or another race, non-Hispanic	12.4%	7.7%	38%	5.2%	58%
White, non-Hispanic	7.0%	4.5%	36%	3.5%	51%

Combining a Child Tax Credit expansion with Section 8 housing voucher expansion cuts child poverty for all children & helps narrow the racial child poverty gap

Now is the time to be bold.

Opportunity to secure large-scale policies that:

- Dramatically reduce child poverty
- Start to address racial inequities

Why is it key for members of Congress to speak to Leadership?

- While primary negotiations are focused on bipartisan infrastructure legislation, conversations happening in next few weeks about their recovery priorities
- As Congress moves large-scale legislation, key that Congressional leaders/negotiators their peers care about poverty and equity

Also key to build long-term bipartisan support for these policies

Action Resources

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Main Resources

- Monthly Action Sheets: <https://results.org/volunteers/monthly-actions/>
- Lobby Resources: <https://results.org/volunteers/lobbying/>
- Laser Talks: <https://results.org/volunteers/laser-talks/>
- Lobby Report Form: www.tinyurl.com/RESLobbyReport

U.S. Poverty Resources

- Census Household Pulse data <https://www.census.gov/data-tools/demo/hhp/#/?measures=EXR>
- State housing data <https://nlihc.org/housing-needs-by-state>
- Columbia University poverty data on expanding CTC: www.tinyurl.com/ColumbiaCTC and expanding HCVs with CTC: www.tinyurl.com/ColumbiaHousingCTC

May U.S. Poverty Action

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On the heels of your amazing lobbying during the First 100 Days, generate media in support of bold housing and tax policies as part of economic recovery.

Submit letters to the editor and op-eds urging Congress to expand rental assistance and to make the EITC and CTC provisions permanent.

The **May 2021 U.S. Poverty Action** has template LTEs and other resources at: <https://results.org/volunteers/monthly-actions/>

RESULTS International Conference

June 12-13, 2021



- Interactive online event
- Exciting speakers
- Advocacy skill & issue workshops
- Coordinated Advocacy Week, June 14-18

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Please register today if you plan to participate in
Advocacy Week



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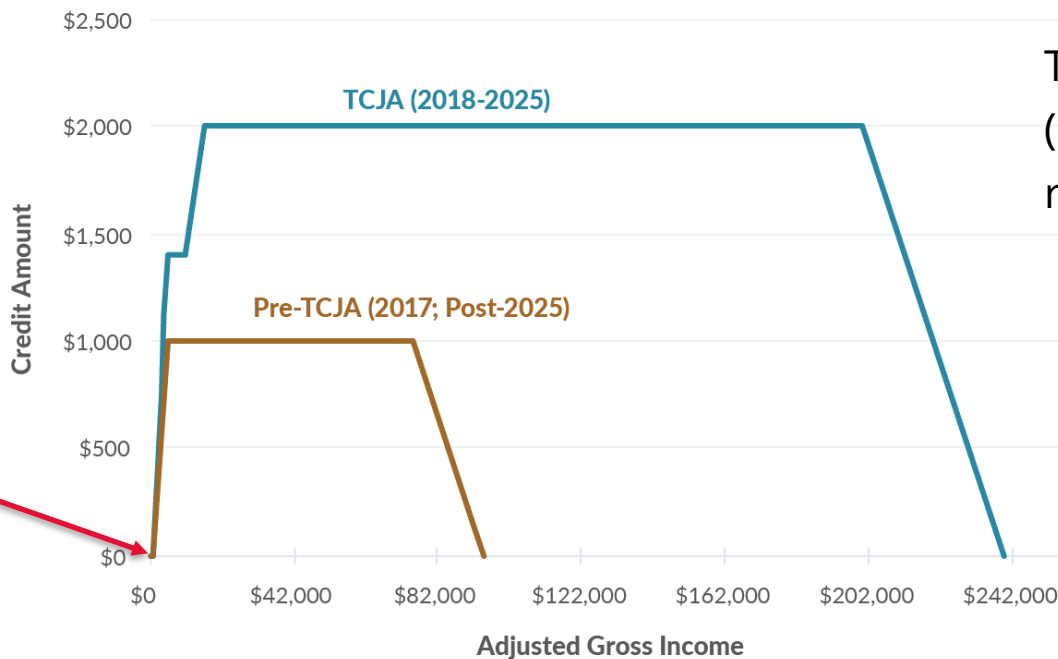
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Suggested Housing Talking Points

- Key data
- Rents + Home Prices in your neighborhood
- Rent Affordability / Rent/Mortgage Burdens
- Importance of housing stability – including your own story!
- Evictions
- Homelessness

Visual: Previous CTC

Child Tax Credit for Single Parent with One Child, Tax Year 2019



TCJA = 2017 tax law
(passed via budget
reconciliation)

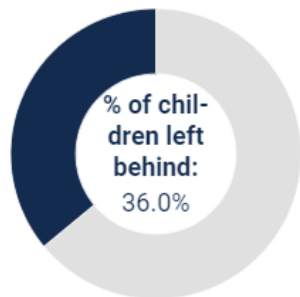
Flat here since
families under
\$2,500 in income
do not get any CTC

Source: Author's calculations.

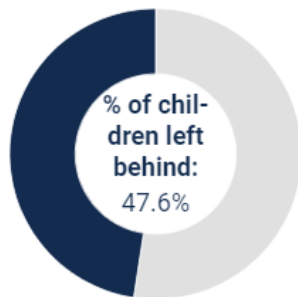
Who Is Left Behind by a Lack of Full Refundability?

More than one-third of children (39 percent) live in families that do not qualify for the full federal Child Tax Credit. That statistic is even more pronounced when broken out by race and ethnicity. Making the credit fully refundable would reach those children left behind.

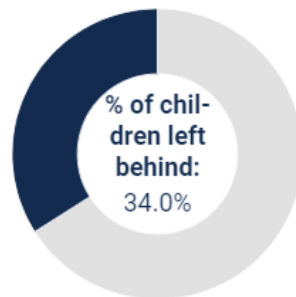
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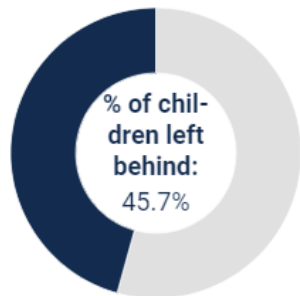
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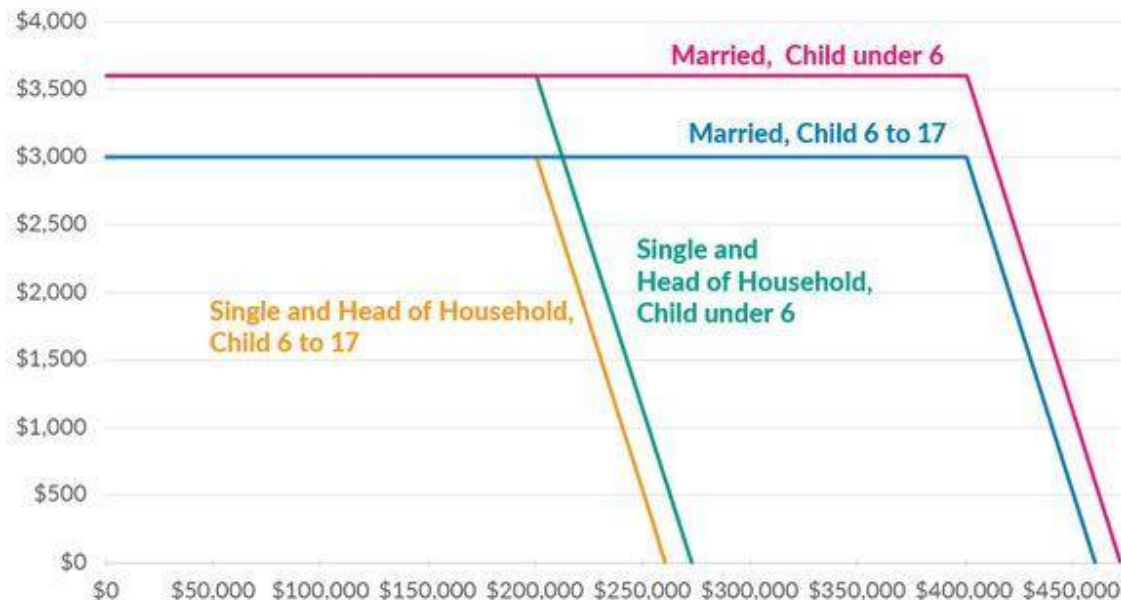
Child Tax Credit changes key

Visual: Expanding CTC

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Proposed Expansion of the Child Tax Credit

Child Tax Credit Expansion Under the Proposed American Rescue Plan

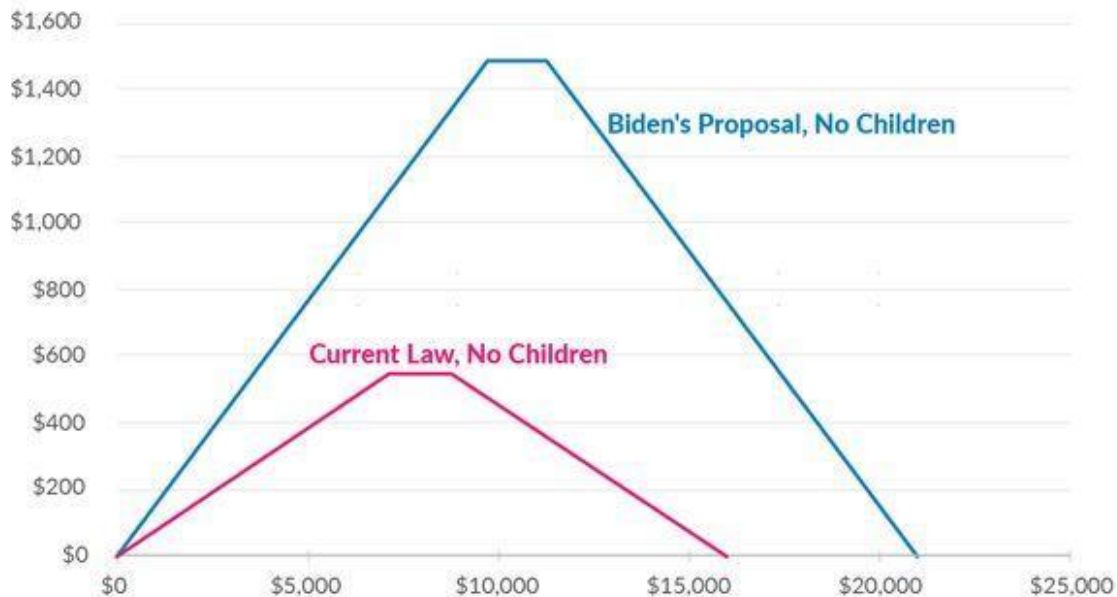


Source: Author calculations based on President-elect Biden's "American Rescue Plan" Proposal

Visual: Expanding EITC

Biden Would Expand the EITC for Workers without Children

Approximate EITC credit amounts for a single filer with no children



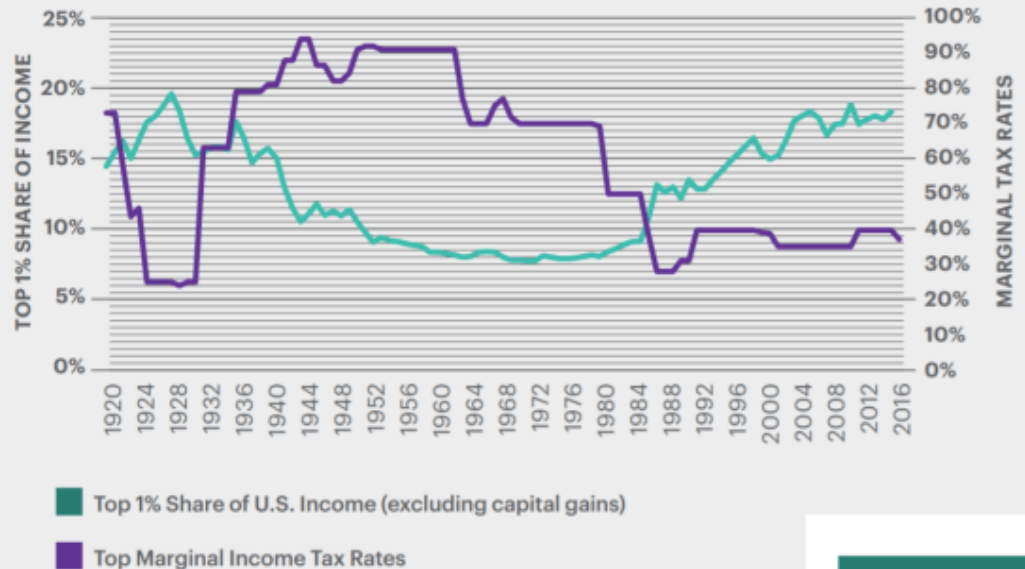
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Make Corporations Pay Their Fair Share

- A Trump-era tax break reduced the top corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent.
- This tax cut deprived the country of needed revenues— an estimated \$200 billion annually
- It benefited wealthy (mostly white & male) shareholders instead of low-income workers.
- The American Jobs Plan proposed raising the corporate tax rate and closing other corporate tax loopholes.

Make Wealthy Individuals Pay Their Fair Share

- Trump-era tax cuts lowered the top tax rate from 39.6 percent to 37 percent
- The top rate only applies to the very wealthiest people—who are disproportionately white and male.
- As the top tax rate goes down, income inequality gets worse →
- The American Families Plan proposes restoring this tax rate.



Tax Income From Wealth Like Income From Work

- Wealthy people receive a significant amount of their income from their wealth—selling assets like boats, stocks, and businesses—not from working.
- This income is taxed at a lower rate (20 percent at most).
- Wealthy people can delay paying these taxes and sometimes avoid paying them entirely.
- Women and people of color are more likely to receive income from working—and have less wealth--and so benefit from this tax break less.
- The American Families Plan includes raising tax rates on capital gains on households making over \$1 million & ending the "stepped up" basis loophole.

Tax Inheritance Meaningfully

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- Trump-era tax breaks made the estate tax much less effective—in 2018, only .06 percent of estates were taxed.
- Inheritance plays a huge role in wealth disparities. It accounts for 40 percent of all wealth!
- The estate tax is a powerful tool for leveling the playing field between those who inherit wealth (disproportionately white families) and those who rely on income from labor (disproportionately people of color).

Enforce Tax Laws Against the Rich & Powerful

- IRS funding has been slashed by a third in recent years, decreasing tax enforcement against corporations and the very rich.
- Many wealthy individuals and corporations are able to avoid paying their taxes at all.
- This causes (at least) a \$600 billion loss in revenues a year—revenues that could have been invested in women & families.
- The American Families Plan would increase IRS funding to boost enforcement against those with the highest incomes.

Questions?