

# U.S. Poverty Policy Request

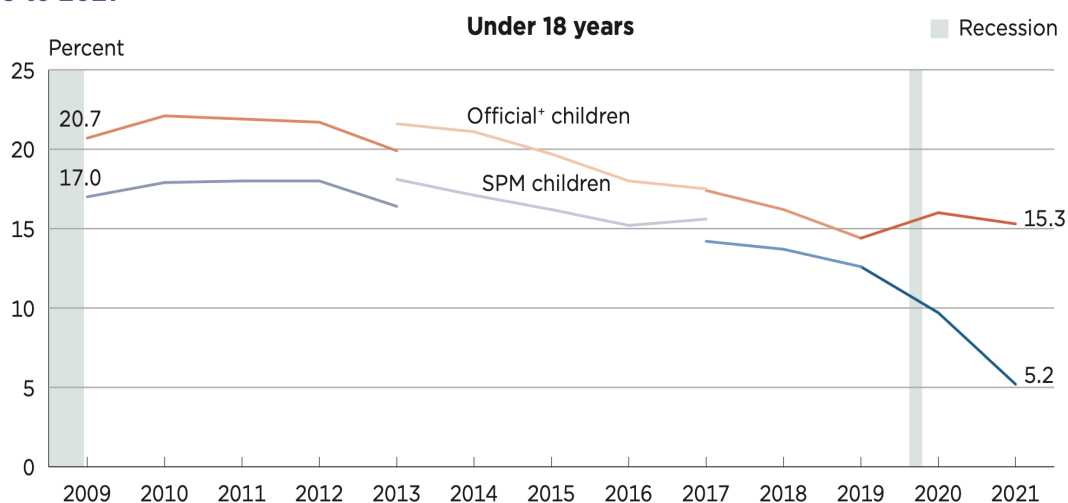
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## Cosponsor the American Family Act

The American Family Act will expand the CTC and decrease child poverty

The Child Tax Credit provides cash assistance directly to families, allowing them to decide how to navigate the ups and downs of the economy. In 2021, the expanded CTC helped families cover the costs of raising children, stay stably housed, and meet basic needs. Census Bureau data proved that expanding the CTC dramatically reduces child poverty. Overall, from 2020 to 2021 child poverty fell by 46 percent—primarily because of the CTC.

Figure 7.  
**Poverty Rates Using the Official\* and Supplemental Poverty Measures by Age Group: 2009 to 2021**



Because this highly effective policy was not extended at the end of 2021 or 2022, Reps. Rosa DeLauro, Suzan DelBene, and Ritchie Torres are introducing the *American Family Act* (AFA) which will bring back the most important aspects of the 2021 CTC such as making the CTC fully refundable, available monthly for all children, and increasing the benefit amount to \$3,600 (ages 0-5) and \$3,000 (ages 6-17).

Representatives DeLauro, DelBene, and Torres are seeking original cosponsors for the AFA. **RESULTS urges you to consider becoming an original cosponsor of the American Family Act.** It's critical that we send a loud and clear message to Congress that children and families should be prioritized in our tax code. Cosponsoring the AFA is a powerful way to support a proven strategy to reduce child poverty.

Please see the Dear Colleague letter for information on how to be an original cosponsor. We will follow up with you soon to see if you have any questions or so you can let us know the AFA has your support!