

Ending Child Poverty in the U.S.

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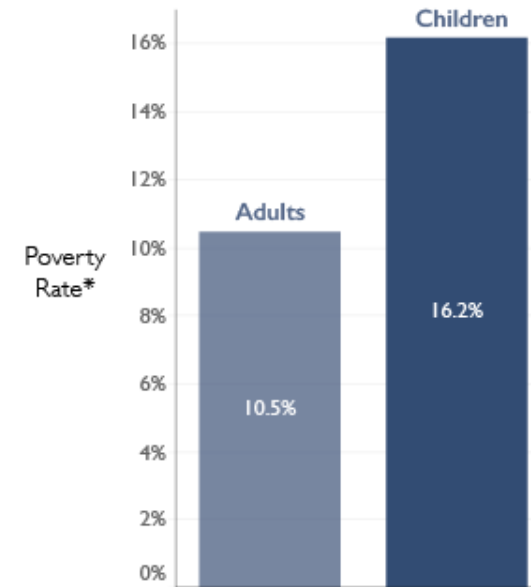
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Child Poverty Remains High

- Economic gains not reaching low income families with children
- Using official poverty measure, 16.2 percent of children living in poverty (11.9 million)
- Children of color experience poverty 3x times the rate of white children
- Children 54 percent more likely to live in poverty than adults

Children Were **54.4 Percent** More Likely than Adults to Live Under the Poverty Line in 2018

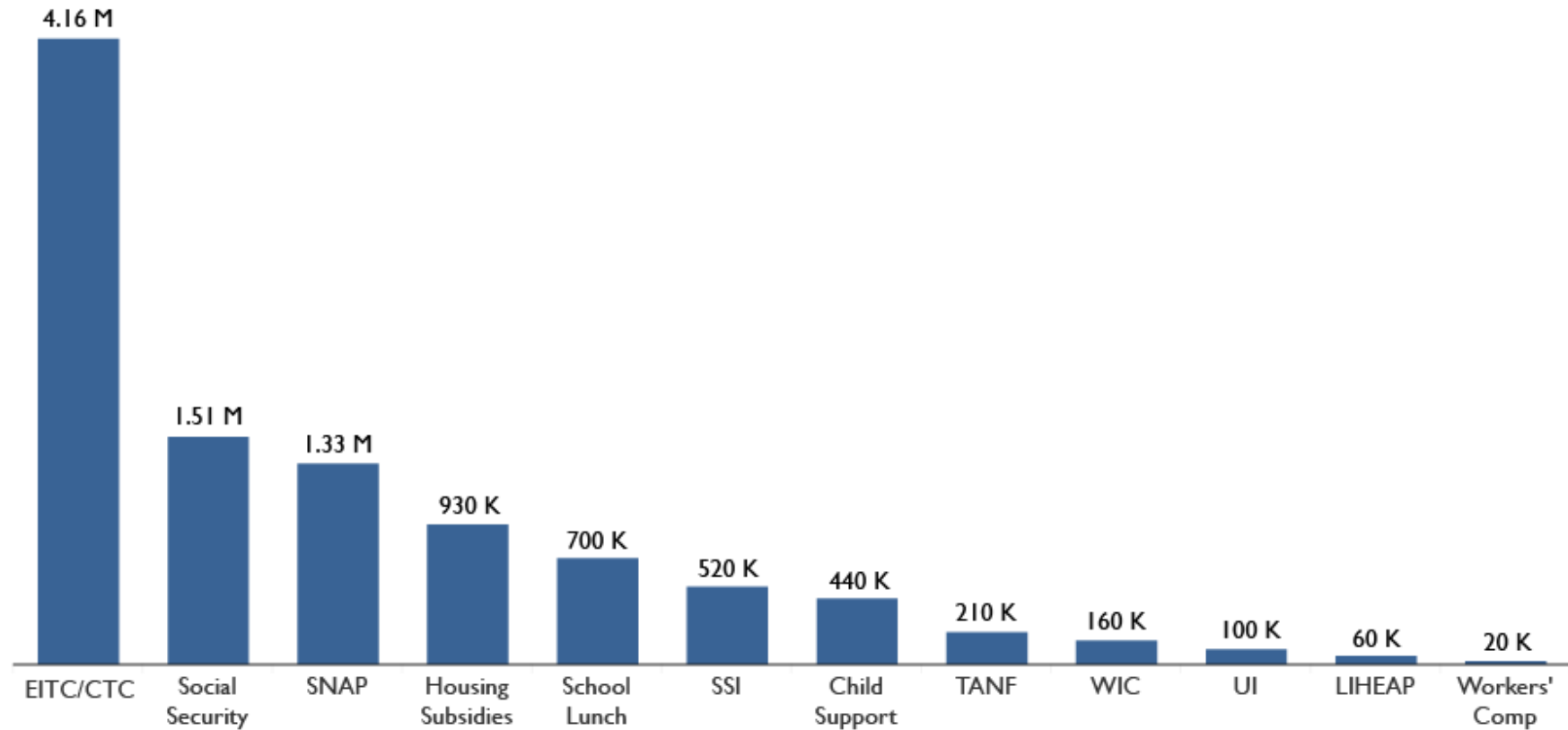


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Data: U.S. Census Bureau, "Income and Poverty in the United States in 2018", September 2019, Table B-1.
*The Official Poverty Line in 2018 was \$25,465 for a family of four with two children.

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BENEFIT PROGRAMS LIFTED MILLIONS OF CHILDREN OUT OF POVERTY IN 2018



Data: U.S. Census Bureau, "Supplemental Poverty Measure: 2018", September 2019





Roadmap to Reducing Child Poverty: New Landmark Study from the National Academies

Findings confirm:

- Child poverty is a solvable problem if we have the political will to address it.
- Currently other countries are making progress, we should follow their lead
- It makes smart economic sense to reduce child poverty
- Work requirements don't work

We Made Progress in the Past



FIGURE S-2 Child Poverty Rates as Measured by the Supplemental Poverty Measure (SPM), 1967–2016, Using the Current Population Survey Annual Social and Economic Supplement (CPS ASEC). Copyright National Academy of Sciences

Roadmap to Reducing Child Poverty: New Landmark Study from the National Academies

Lays out two policy packages that could cut our child poverty rate in half within a decade:

- Includes increases and improvements to SNAP, tax credits (EITC, CDCTC, CTC), housing vouchers, minimum wage
- An annual \$3,000 child allowance per child would have the biggest impact and would in fact cut deep poverty in half within a decade.

Impact of Policy and Program Changes

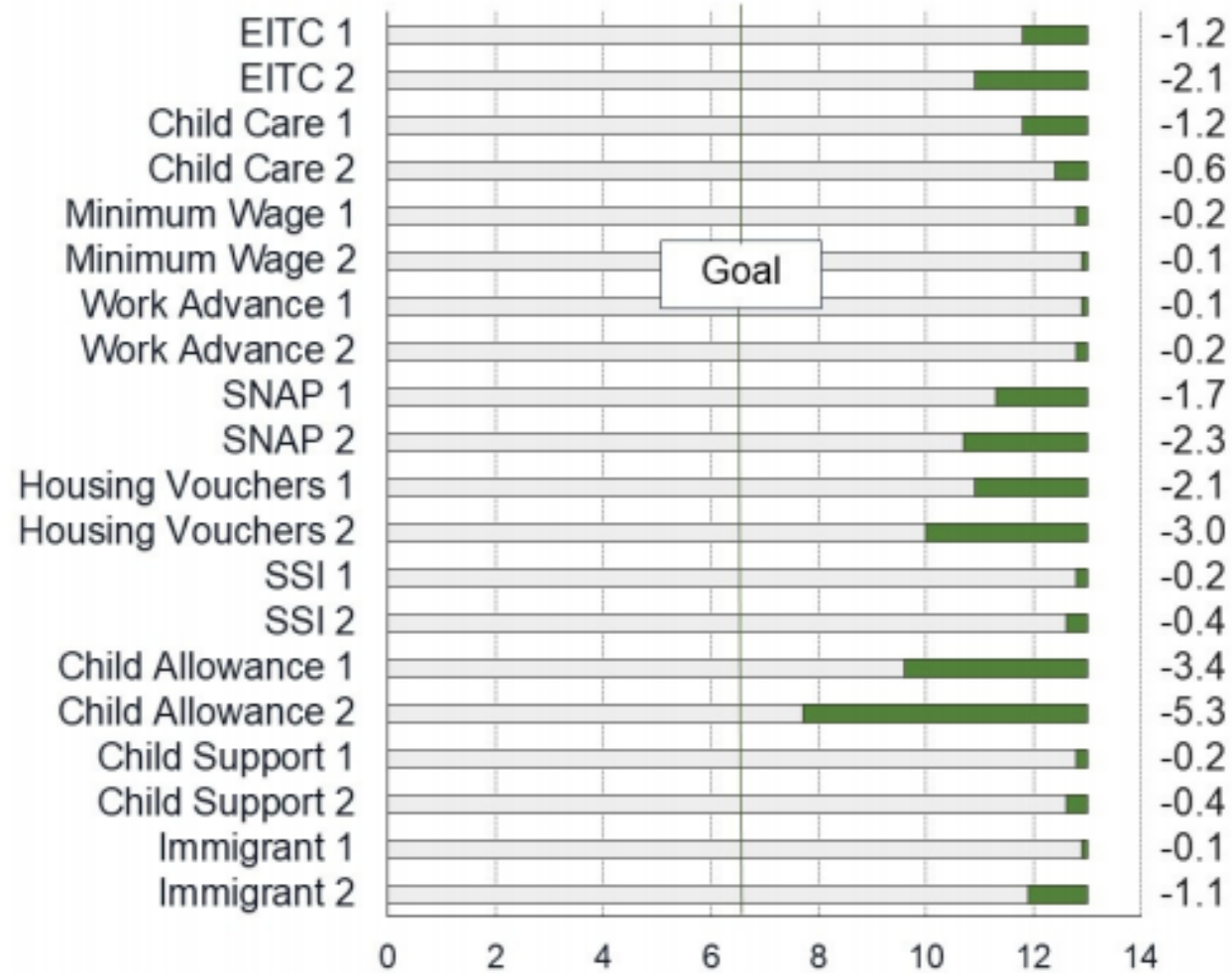


FIGURE 5-1 Simulated Child Poverty Rates Using 100% TRIM3 SPM under Proposed Programs.
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End Child Poverty U.S. Campaign



- Study confirms that progress on child poverty is possible, now its time to act!
- End Child Poverty U.S. is a national campaign to set a target to cut child poverty in half within 10 years/eliminate it within 20 years
 - Expect reintroduction of the *Child Poverty Reduction Act* soon
- We hope you will join us – join the listserv and receive materials at www.endchildpovertyus.org and follow us on Twitter @CPAG_USA

Q&A

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