

US Children experiencing material hardships, by disability status and household income relative to the federal poverty level, 2002

Source: SL Parish, RA Rose, ME Andrews, M Grinstein-Weiss & EL Richman (2008). Material hardship in families raising children with disabilities. *Exceptional Children*, 75, 71-92.

For more information: slp@brandeis.edu

Level and Type of Hardship	Weighted Percentages							
	< 100% FPL		100-199% FPL		200-299% FPL		> 299% FPL	
	Disabled	Nondisabled	Disabled	Nondisabled	Disabled	Nondisabled	Disabled	Nondisabled
Experienced any type of hardship	83.7	81.0	86.3	72.5	68.9	56.2	44.8	30.9
One or more food hardships	69.5	63.0	72.4	49.2	40.4	29.6	20.7	10.7
One or more medical hardships	49.4	48.1	51.8	46.2	46.9	36.2	32.6	23.1
One or more housing/utility hardships	53.5	43.1	49.4	29.9	28.8	22.3	15.8	8.3
Worried that food would run out	61.6	56.1	65.2	42.2	33.4	25.9	18.1	8.9
Cut/skip meals because of lack of money	37.3	28.3	37.0	18.9	19.4	12.9	9.8	3.4
Food did not last	56.7	47.5	55.1	33.5	25.9	20.3	14.5	6.3
Received emergency food	35.7	21.5	31.0	13.7	22.5	6.3	10.9	5.5
Dental care postponed	27.6	19.4	34.1	21.8	33.3	19.6	21.7	13.2
Medical care postponed	21.1	12.4	21.1	10.7	16.7	11.1	12.4	7.7
Uninsured at any time	14.3	24.2	17.6	25.3	12.3	14.6	6.6	6.1
Did not have usual source of health care*	11.6	13.3	7.9	8.7	4.2	4.8	2.0	2.5
No phone for more than one day	31.9	23.2	24.9	13.8	9.3	7.9	6.3	2.0
Unable to pay rent	44.5	34.7	41.9	24.0	25.3	18.8	14.5	7.4
Moved in with others	12.2	14.9	9.0	6.6	3.0	7.7	15.3	2.4
Experienced all three types of hardship	26.3	21.6	29.2	14.4	13.4	8.0	7.3	2.6

Source: 2002 National Survey of America's Families. The Urban Institute.
 *In "Material Hardship in U.S. Familie Raising Children With Disabilities", this item was worded positively; here it is negative.