

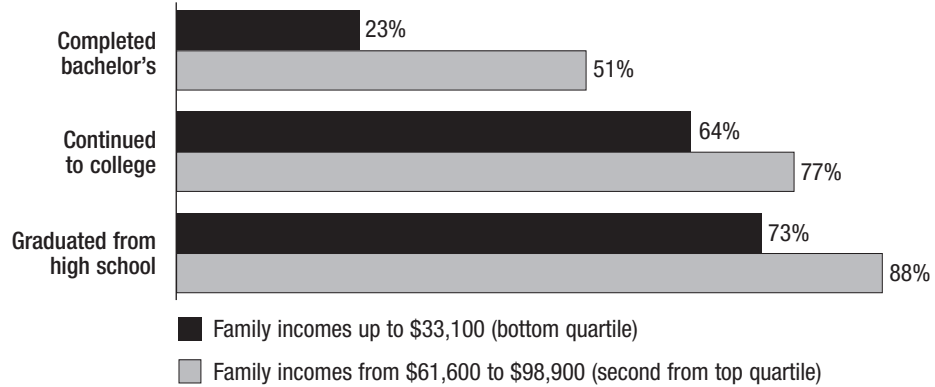


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REPORTING SIGNIFICANT TRENDS AFFECTING EDUCATION PROGRESS IN THE SREB STATES

Education Participation and Attainment, Dependent 18- to 24-Year-Olds, 2010



Source: Tom Mortenson, *Postsecondary Opportunity*, based on U.S. Census Bureau data.

Growing Proportion of Children in Poverty Means More Education Challenges

New data show that a larger percentage of children in SREB states continue to live in poverty than in other regions of the country: 26 percent in 2010. That's 7.1 million children and 44 percent of all children in poverty in the nation. The increase in children living in poverty in SREB states from 2005 to 2010 totaled 1.1 million — nearly equaling the entire increase in the rest of the country.

Research on children from low-income families shows that, on average, they graduate

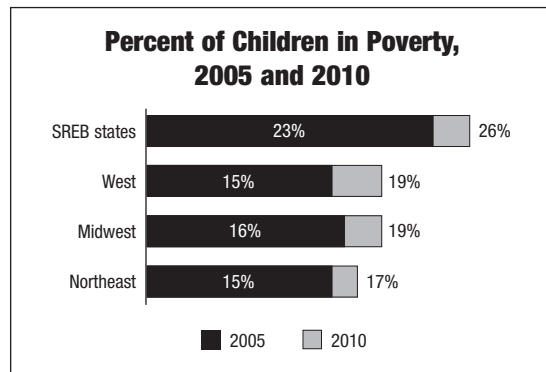
from high school, continue to college and complete bachelor's degrees at much lower rates than children from more affluent families. Children from poverty-level families have even lower rates.

As poverty levels grow, almost all SREB states face greater challenges in achieving the education improvement and college attainment goals that will ensure the region's continued social and economic vitality.

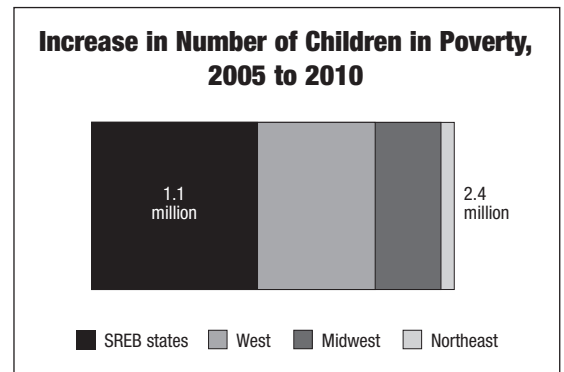
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Poverty Rates in the Population and Among Children

(Updates Table 11, *SREB Fact Book on Higher Education, 2011*)

	Overall Poverty Rate ¹			Poverty Among Children Under 18 ²					
	2010	National Rank		Change (in percentage points) 2005 to 2010	Rate 2010	Estimated Number	National Rank		Change in Number in Poverty 2005 to 2010
		2005	2010				2005	2010	
50 states and D.C.	14.2			1.6	21.6	16,026,284			2,424,405
SREB states ³ as a percent of U.S. ⁴	16.1 113.4			1.4	25.6 118.5	7,093,996 44.3			1,069,474 44.1
Alabama	16.1	6	10	-0.1	27.7	313,272	8	4	35,736
Arkansas	16.5	7	9	0.9	27.6	196,351	6	5	23,997
Delaware	11.3	47	36	2.8	18.1	37,275	36	35	8,001
Florida	14.6	24	18	2.8	23.5	940,467	25	16	230,575
Georgia	17.5	17	6	4.4	24.8	618,261	15	13	142,895
Kentucky	17.3	7	7	1.7	26.3	268,977	11	7	43,104
Louisiana	18.0	4	5	0.6	27.3	305,174	3	6	-29,210
Maryland	9.7	43	46	0.3	13.0	175,868	50	48	26,534
Mississippi	21.3	1	1	3.0	32.5	245,175	2	1	10,236
North Carolina	16.1	12	10	1.7	24.9	568,525	13	12	116,312
Oklahoma	14.3	17	20	1.2	24.7	229,813	9	14	26,338
South Carolina	14.9	15	17	0.7	26.1	281,992	10	8	46,729
Tennessee	16.1	10	10	1.1	25.7	384,233	12	9	73,713
Texas	17.2	5	8	0.7	25.7	1,770,393	6	9	203,475
Virginia	10.6	42	40	1.1	14.5	269,012	43	43	26,818
West Virginia	15.7	7	13	0.1	25.5	98,624	5	11	-1,595
West ³ as a percent of U.S. ⁴	12.7 89.4			1.9	19.0 88.0	3,412,246 21.3			759,835 31.3
Alaska	10.8	40	39	1.2	12.9	24,272	36	49	-2,547
Arizona	19.2	12	2	4.8	24.4	398,356	14	15	88,049
California	15.4	16	15	2.2	22.0	2,048,140	20	19	298,972
Colorado	11.9	34	32	1.5	17.4	213,802	38	37	49,355
Hawaii	11.5	46	34	2.7	13.9	42,183	44	47	4,419
Idaho	13.3	38	27	3.3	19.0	81,593	26	29	11,752
Montana	13.4	12	25	-1.0	20.1	44,922	16	25	509
Nevada	13.4	32	25	2.6	22.0	146,293	34	19	55,191
New Mexico	19.1	3	3	1.6	30.0	155,872	4	3	25,165
Oregon	12.7	21	30	0.6	21.6	187,192	23	22	31,023
Utah	9.1	43	49	-0.3	15.7	137,137	49	41	53,524
Washington	11.2	29	37	-0.2	18.2	288,170	32	32	58,215
Wyoming	9.6	37	48	-0.5	14.3	19,383	48	45	5,607
Midwest ³ as a percent of U.S. ⁴	13.4 94.0			1.9	18.8 86.8	3,019,968 18.8			436,300 18.0
Illinois	13.2	21	28	1.1	19.4	606,553	30	26	82,351
Indiana	15.6	29	14	4.2	21.7	348,651	28	21	82,498
Iowa	10.2	34	42	-0.2	16.3	118,558	39	39	18,178
Kansas	13.6	26	23	2.0	18.4	133,812	32	31	27,404
Michigan	14.2	20	21	2.0	23.5	549,188	22	16	80,961
Minnesota	10.5	50	41	3.0	15.2	195,042	46	42	46,840
Missouri	14.6	28	18	3.1	20.9	297,571	19	24	27,200
Nebraska	10.2	40	42	0.6	18.2	83,633	35	32	17,328
North Dakota	11.6	36	33	1.4	16.2	24,337	42	40	4,356
Ohio	14.1	26	22	2.5	23.3	634,696	20	18	110,211
South Dakota	13.5	19	24	0.8	18.2	36,975	24	32	1,414
Wisconsin	10.2	32	42	-0.6	19.1	255,520	40	27	67,916
Northeast ³ as a percent of U.S. ⁴	10.9 76.8			1.0	16.7 77.3	2,057,084 12.8			87,499 3.6
Connecticut	8.3	45	50	-0.9	12.8	104,478	46	50	6,573
Maine	12.0	23	31	0.1	17.8	48,739	27	36	-2,280
Massachusetts	10.9	39	38	1.0	14.3	202,822	41	45	3,788
New Hampshire	7.1	51	51	1.5	10.0	28,684	51	51	-193
New Jersey	9.8	49	45	2.0	14.5	299,210	45	43	48,793
New York	15.3	11	16	0.7	21.2	915,621	18	23	38,707
Pennsylvania	11.4	31	35	0.4	19.1	532,364	28	27	54,758
Rhode Island	13.1	25	29	1.4	19.0	42,506	17	29	-4,687
Vermont	9.7	48	46	1.7	16.7	21,577	31	38	171
District of Columbia	18.1	1	4	-0.2	30.4	30,790	1	2	-3,696

¹ To improve accuracy, the overall poverty rates are three-year averages. For example, the 2010 figures are averages of the 2008, 2008 and 2010 estimates.

² For families of four, an annual income of \$22,050 was the federally defined poverty threshold in 2010.

³ The regional rates are the median of the state rates in each region. The regional total estimated number of children in poverty may not equal the sum of the numbers shown because of rounding.

⁴ Percentages of nation may not calculate from the figures shown because of rounding.

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau: *Current Population Survey*; "Historical Poverty Tables: State Poverty Rates, Three-Year Averages" (2012) and *American Community Survey 2010*, "Percent of Children Under 18 Years Below Poverty Level in the Past 12 Months" (2012) — (www.census.gov).

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