America's Children and the Environment, Third Edition

DRAFT Indicators

Environments and Contaminants: Contaminated Lands

EPA is preparing the third edition of *America's Children and the Environment* (ACE3), following the previous editions published in December 2000 and February 2003. ACE is EPA's compilation of children's environmental health indicators and related information, drawing on the best national data sources available for characterizing important aspects of the relationship between environmental contaminants and children's health. ACE includes four sections: Environments and Contaminants, Biomonitoring, Health, and Special Features.

EPA has prepared draft indicator documents for ACE3 representing 23 children's environmental health topics and presenting a total of 42 proposed children's environmental health indicators. This document presents the draft text, indicators, and documentation for the contaminated lands topic in the Environments and Contaminants section.

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Contaminated Lands

Accidents, spills, leaks, and improper disposal and handling of hazardous materials and wastes have resulted in tens of thousands of contaminated sites across the United States. The nature of the contaminants and the hazards they present vary greatly from site to site. Common categories of land contaminants include industrial solvents, petroleum products, metals, residuals from manufacturing processes, pesticides, and radiological materials, as well as naturally occurring substances. Contaminated lands can threaten human health and the environment, in addition to hampering economic growth and the vitality of local communities.

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11 The presence of contaminated soils in a particular location may or may not have health

- 12 consequences. Soils, unlike air and water, are not intentionally inhaled, absorbed, or ingested.
- 13 Contaminants diffuse more slowly through soil than through air or water, so contaminants are
- 14 rarely distributed uniformly across a contaminated site. Soils are a concern if children are
- 15 playing, attending school, or residing on contaminated land. People and pets may track
- 16 contaminated soils and dusts into homes where infants and toddlers are playing. Some
- 17 contaminants may harm or penetrate the skin, and by touching or playing in them children may
- 18 come into direct contact with toxins, microbes, or other hazardous materials. Children may ingest
- 19 soils through hand-to-mouth play or by eating without first washing their hands after having
- 20 touched contaminated soil. Soil dust may be inhaled when particles are carried on the wind.
- Larger inhaled soil particles are deposited in the upper airways during normal breathing, while small and fine particles can find their way to the deep parts of the respiratory system where they
- small and fine particles can find their way to the deep parts of the respiratory system where they can be very damaging. The most crucial step to minimizing risks to children from contaminated
- 24 soils is to prevent these exposures.
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- 26 In addition, contaminated land may contribute to pollution of ground water, surface water,
- ambient air, and foods, creating additional potential human exposure routes. For example,
- 28 consumption of fish caught at or near a contaminated site or consumption of drinking water from
- 29 contaminated groundwater or surface water sources may contribute to an increased risk of 30 exposure originating from the contaminated land. When drinking water sources are affected at
- 30 exposure originating from the contaminated land. When drinking water sources are affected at
- EPA-tracked contaminated sites, an alternate water supply is provided, in some cases
 permanently.
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34 Cleanup of contaminated lands may be conducted by EPA, other federal agencies, states, tribes,

- 35 municipalities, or the company or party responsible for the contamination. EPA's programs for
- assessing and cleaning up contaminated lands currently track roughly 22 million acres of land
- across the United States, or just under 1% of the entire U.S. land mass. EPA and its partners
- 38 conduct work on contaminated lands through federally mandated programs such as the
- 39 Superfund and Corrective Action programs. Superfund aims to clean up some of the most highly
- 40 polluted abandoned commercial, industrial, and residential properties in the country. The
- 41 Corrective Action program, implemented under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act 42 (BCPA) aims to control and alarm up releases at homedous must structure to the second sec
- 42 (RCRA), aims to control and clean up releases at hazardous waste treatment, storage, and 43 disposal facilities. Other programs that focus on management of contaminated lands include
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Brownfields, underground storage tanks, and programs for RCRA hazardous waste sites other 1 2 than Corrective Action sites. 3 4 EPA prioritizes sites for cleanup using information from initial investigations regarding possible 5 threats to human health or the environment. The focus is to protect people from the most 6 contaminated lands and to clean up these sites to a standard that is protective, and that state, local 7 or tribal governments and communities deem appropriate based on the future uses of the 8 individual site. EPA and partner agencies work to contain possible routes for exposure as soon as 9 possible, so that sites attain a standard called "Protective for People" (PFP).^{1,2} 10 11 During the assessment and cleanup process, when a potential pathway for exposure is identified, 12 a process is normally initiated for the pathway to be minimized or eliminated. For Superfund 13 sites and for hazardous waste facilities requiring Corrective Action, EPA or authorized state 14 regulators assess contaminated media, exposure pathways, risks from complete pathways, and 15 the significance of any risks. If no significant human health risks are identified, a determination 16 is made that the site is PFP. If significant human health risks are or may be present, regulators 17 work to choose site-specific controls (e.g., fencing, caps, containment walls) and cleanup 18 activities (e.g., excavation, groundwater treatment) necessary to reduce the risks and achieve PFP 19 status. 20 21 PFP status is reviewed annually in the Superfund program. If additional contamination or 22 previously unrecognized pathways of exposure are identified, a site that is designated as PFP 23 may be redesignated as non-PFP until pathways of exposure are controlled. 24 25 Designation of a site as PFP indicates that known pathways of exposure have been controlled, 26 although additional cleanup work may remain. Consequently, PFP sites pose a reduced risk to 27 children compared with sites that have not yet been designated PFP. However, sites that are not 28 designated PFP include many that have not yet been adequately assessed; it is unknown whether there is a significant risk to human health from these sites. In the absence of information that 29 30 identifies children who are actually exposed to hazards from contaminated lands, assessing the 31 number of children who live near sites that are not designated PFP provides an approximation of 32 the potential scope of risk. 33 34 Children who have been exposed to contaminants do not all experience the same health 35 outcomes. A good deal of evidence indicates that, due to genetic or socio-cultural factors or a 36 combination of the two, different populations will have different outcomes from the same 37 exposure. Some populations will have worse outcomes and others will have outcomes that are 38 less severe. Socio-cultural factors that can play a critical role in determining physical and 39 psychological health include family income, unemployment, nutrition, education, housing and 40 infrastructure, race, gender, class, access to health services, social cohesion, participation in local decision-making, exercise, and health related behaviors (e.g., smoking, drug abuse).³⁻¹⁰ Together 41 with genetic factors, sociologic factors help to explain why different individuals and different 42 43 communities experience different risks as a consequence of exposures or threats of exposures to 44 contaminants, toxins, or microbes in the soil, air, or water.

- 1 Of the many sociologic determinants of health, the relationships between race/ethnicity and
- 2 health status and between lower levels of income and less optimal health are among the most
- documented.¹¹⁻¹⁴ Because these factors are related to many of the other sociologic determinants,
- 4 they are frequently used as proxies for a larger set of factors. For these reasons, the following 5 indicators of abildron living in provinity to contaminated lands focus on differences by
- 5 indicators of children living in proximity to contaminated lands focus on differences by
- 6 race/ethnicity and family income level.

- **Indicator E9: Percentage of children ages 0-17 years living**
- 2 within one mile of Superfund and Corrective Action sites that
- 3 were not "Protective for People," 2009
- 4 Indicator E10: Percentage of children living near selected
- 5 contaminated lands by race, ethnicity and family income,

6 compared with children's distribution in the general U.S.

7 population, 2009

Overview

Indicators E9 and E10 present information about children living within one mile of Superfund sites or RCRA Corrective Action sites that were not designated as "Protective for People" (PFP) as of October 1, 2009. Site boundaries were estimated and a computer mapping tool was used to identify all land areas within one mile of each of these sites. Data from the U.S. Census were then used to estimate the population of children living within these areas. Indicator E9 provides information about U.S. children living within one mile of these selected sites, including the percentage of children in proximity by race, ethnicity, and family income. Indicator E10 compares the race/ethnicity profile of children living within one mile of these selected sites with the profile for all children living in the United States.

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9 Corrective Action and Superfund Sites

- 10 These indicators use data from EPA's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response,
- specifically from the RCRA Corrective Action Program and the Superfund Program. As of
- 12 October 1, 2009 there were 1,657 Corrective Action and Superfund sites, totaling more than 10
- 13 million acres, that had not been designated as "Protective for People" (PFP).² Of the 3,746
- 14 Corrective Action sites at that time, 1,300 were not PFP. Of the 1,727 Superfund sites, a total of
- 15 357 were not PFP. The location and extent of each site are characterized by the latitude and
- 16 longitude of a single point within that site, and the area (total acres) of the site, obtained from the
- 17 official documentation for each site.ⁱ
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- 19 Some of the largest sites that EPA oversees are federal facilities that can be hundreds of
- 20 thousands of acres in size. Among the sites that were not PFP in 2009, 47 Corrective Action sites
- 21 and 62 Superfund sites were federal facilities.

22 Estimating Site Areas and Children's Proximity

- 23 For purposes of indicator calculation, the actual land area within each site was approximated
- 24 using the latitude/longitude and acreage information. A circle whose area equaled the site's
- 25 acreage was drawn around each site's latitude/longitude identification point. It is important to

ⁱ Actual boundaries of the sites are available in digital form for only a few sites.

- 1 note that these areas are not the actual site boundaries, and are not expected to reflect the actual
- 2 area of contamination. Contamination will likely be determined by factors such as the release of
- 3 waste, the contours of the land, and groundwater flow. Sites also have hotspots (areas with high
- 4 levels of contamination) and areas that have been remediated or were never contaminated. The
- site boundaries are therefore likely to overestimate the area of a site that is contaminated.
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- Nonetheless, approximating the area of a site with a circle is a reasonable assumption tr
 provides the best available information for this analysis.
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9 To identify land areas in proximity to the selected contaminated lands, a one-mile buffer was

10 drawn around the circle representing each site. Data on total child population, and population by

- 11 race and ethnicity, were collected from the 2000 Census for children living in Census blocks
- 12 whose center point was within the one-mile buffer boundary. Information on family income
- 13 levels (percentage above and below poverty level, by race and ethnicity) was extrapolated for 14 these blocks from Census block group data. Data from the 2000 census were used in order to
- 14 these blocks from Census block group data. Data from the 2000 census were used in or 15 obtain necessary population race/ethnicity and income statistics at the local level; this
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- 16 information is not available in the 2009 census estimates.ⁱⁱ

17 Data Presented in the Indicators

- 18 Each indicator presents a characterization of the population of children living within one mile of
- 19 Superfund or RCRA Corrective Action sites that were not designated as PFP as of October 1,
- 20 2009. Indicator E9 shows the percentage of children living within one mile of a site, by
- 21 race/ethnicity and family income. Indicator E10 shows the proportion of children of each race
- and ethnicity among those living in proximity to the selected sites, compared with the
- 23 race/ethnicity proportions among all children in the United States. This comparison is also made
- 24 for children living in homes with incomes below poverty level. Tables of values for these
- 25 indicators at the state level are available in the Appendix to this document.
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- 27 Data for seven race/ethnicity groups are presented in the indicators: White, Black, Asian,
- 28 American Indian or Alaska Native (AIAN), Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (NHOPI),
- 29 Other Races, and Hispanic. "Other Races" includes those who are of multiple races. Children of
- 30 Hispanic ethnicity may be of any race. Data presented by race do not include any designation of
- 31 ethnicity; for example, "Black" includes both Hispanic and non-Hispanic Black children.
- 32 Hispanic children are thus represented twice. Three family income categories are presented in the
- indicators: all incomes, below the poverty level, and greater than or equal to the poverty level.
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- 35 PFP designations were made for the first time in 2009; trend data are not reported because PFP
- 36 designations are not available for earlier years.ⁱⁱⁱ
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- For purposes of these indicators, proximity to a site is used as a surrogate for potential exposure to contaminants found at these sites. The indicators do not imply any specific relationship

ⁱⁱ A greater percentage of children were living in poverty in 2009 than in 2000; therefore, these calculations will understate the proportion of children below poverty living in proximity to the selected contaminated lands in 2009. ⁱⁱⁱ These data cannot be compared to Indicator E9 from previous editions of *America's Children and the Environment*. Previous versions considered only Superfund sites; represented each site as a single point, rather than an area; and did not consider PFP designation.

- 1 between childhood illness and a child's proximity to a Superfund or Corrective Action site.
- 2 Information on amounts of environmental contamination, which would be a source of exposure
- 3 to children, is generally available for these sites, but information on the extent to which children
- 4 are actually exposed is not generally available. Because of the ways in which children can be
- 5 exposed to land contaminants and the potential for certain contaminants to move into
- 6 groundwater or to vaporize through soil, the proximity to contaminated sites may increase the
- 7 potential for exposure and the possible health consequences, but proximity to a site does not
- 8 mean that there will always be exposure. Nor does proximity to a site represent risks of adverse 9 health effects. The risk of exposure posed to children varies significantly across all the different
- 9 health effects. The risk of exposure posed to children varies significantly across all the different
 10 types of contaminated sites and the different activities of children on or near the sites. Many sites
- 10 types of contaminated sites and the different activities of children on of hear the sites. Many site 11 do not pose risks outside of property boundaries.
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- 13 These indicators present a high-end approximation of children at risk from the Corrective Action
- 14 and Superfund sites that are not PFP, but do not include children near the much larger universe
- 15 of Brownfield sites, leaking underground storage tanks, and sites addressed solely by state, tribal,
- 16 and local authorities or private companies. While the indicators include those RCRA Corrective
- 17 Action sites assumed to have the most potential for contamination, these sites represent only a
- 18 subset of waste treatment, storage, or disposal facilities currently regulated by EPA. The
- 19 indicators also do not capture the proportion of children living near contaminated sites that are
- 20 yet to be identified. Access to uncontrolled contamination remains the greatest risk of potential
- 21 exposure, and risks are most likely to have been greatest prior to intervention by EPA and
- 22 partner agencies. The ultimate cleanup of these sites best assures reduced health risks for
- children by eliminating the possibility of exposure and promotes the health of their communities
- since cleanup opens the way for sustainable redevelopment and revitalization opportunities.



1 Indian and Alaskan Native (AIAN) children.



- living within one mile of a selected site, about 21% were Black. Black children account for about 30% of all U.S. children in homes below poverty level; among children below poverty level living within one mile of a selected site, about 38% were Black.
- The percentages of Asian children, Hispanic children, and children of Other Races among children living close to the selected sites were also greater than the percentages of these children in the entire U.S. population, considering all incomes and considering only those in homes with incomes below poverty level.

2 Data Tables

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| Table E9: Percentage of children ages 0 to 17 years living within one mile ofSuperfund and Corrective Action sites that are not "Protective for People," 2009 | | | | | | |
|---|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|--|--|
| Race / Ethnicity | All Incomes | < Poverty Level | ≥ Poverty Level | | | |
| All Races/Ethnicities | 5.8% | 7.7% | 5.4% | | | |
| White | 4.7% | 5.9% | 4.6% | | | |
| Black | 8.1% | 9.6% | 7.4% | | | |
| American Indian/Alaska Native | 5.1% | 3.7% | 5.5% | | | |
| Asian | 8.6% | 10.5% | 8.3% | | | |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | 10.4% | 11.8% | 10.2% | | | |
| Other Races† | 8.5% | 9.3% | 8.3% | | | |
| Hispanic | 8.0% | 8.5% | 7.8% | | | |

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DATA: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, CERCLIS, and RCRAInfo

Table E10: Percentage of children living near selected contaminated lands* by race/ethnicity and family income, compared with children's distribution by race/ethnicity in the general U.S. population, 2009

| Race / Ethnicity | Population | All Incomes | < Poverty Level | | |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|--|--|
| White | Children living near selected sites | 55.6% | 36.0% | | |
| | All children | 68.6% | 47.3% | | |
| Black | Children living near | 21.1% | 37.6% | | |

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| | selected sites | | | |
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| | All children | 15.1% | 30.1% | |
| American Indian/Alaska Native | Children living near selected sites | 1.0% | 0.8% | |
| hative | All children | 1.2% | 1.7% | |
| Asian | Children living near selected sites | 5.1% | 3.5% | |
| | All children | 3.4% | 2.6% | |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | Children living near selected sites | 0.3% | 0.2% | |
| | All children | 0.2% | 0.1% | |
| Other Races† | Children living near selected sites | 17.0% | 21.8% | |
| | All children | 11.6% | 18.1% | |
| Hispanic | Children living near selected sites | 23.5% | 31.7% | |
| | All children | 17.1% | 28.7% | |

*Within one mile of Superfund and Corrective Action sites that are not "Protective for People."

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1 Metadata

| Metadata for | EPA Superfund Program and the RCRA Corrective Action Program Site Information |
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| Brief description of the data set | A list of all Superfund sites and RCRA Corrective Action sites that are not designated "Protective for People." The list includes the site name, state in which the site is located, whether the site is a federal facility, latitude, longitude, and the acreage. |
| Who provides the data set? | The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Superfund Program and the RCRA Corrective Action Program provide data from two independent databases. |
| | Superfund site information is reported in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Information System (CERCLIS) Database. CERCLIS includes lists of involved parties and site status (e.g., Human Exposure Under Control, Ground Water Migration Under Control, and Site Wide Ready for Anticipated Use) and the measures Construction Completion and Final Assessment Decisions. |
| | Information on RCRA Corrective Action sites is maintained in the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Information (RCRAInfo) Database. RCRAInfo includes site status (e.g., Human Exposure Under Control) among other types of data. For both programs, status designation of Human Exposure Under Control was used as the milestone to determine "Protective for People" (PFP). |
| How are the data gathered? | Acreage and latitude/longitude information in RCRAInfo is collected from a variety of sources, such as RCRA permit applications, owners or operators, or public documents. Acreage and latitude/longitude information in CERCLIS is obtained from Preliminary Assessment reports, Site Inspection reports, Records of Decision, Five Year Reviews, or other official site documents. |
| | Acreage in RCRAInfo refers to the entire site. In CERCLIS, there are a number of types of acreage data. The CERCLIS field labeled "property boundary acreage" was used for calculation of Indicators E9 and E10. Although not meant to serve as estimates of the contaminated acres for Superfund sites, this information is similar to the acreage in RCRAInfo for Corrective Action facilities. |
| | For Corrective Action facilities, updates and progress are recorded by Regional or authorized State program staff as milestones are achieved. As Superfund site information changes, the CERCLIS database is updated by EPA regional offices. |
| | EPA undertook a one-time effort to collect site acreage starting in 2007. These data are updated whenever more accurate information |

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| | is obtained. | | | | | |
| What documentation is available describing data collection procedures? | Not applicable. | | | | | |
| What types of data relevant for children's environmental health indicators are available from this database? | Latitude, longitude, and estimated acres for contaminated sites. | | | | | |
| what is the spatial representation of the database (national or other)? | identified. | | | | | |
| Are raw data (individual measurements or survey responses) available? | Latitude/longitude and acreage are available for each site. | | | | | |
| How are database files obtained? | Requests for datasets from CERCLIS or RCRAInfo must be made to EPA offices. | | | | | |
| | Summary information on individual Corrective Action or Superfund sites can be found at: http://www.epa.gov/osw/hazard/correctiveaction/facility/index.htm | | | | | |
| | and http://cfpub.epa.gov/supercpad/cursites/srchsites.cfm respectively. | | | | | |
| | Some of the information in CERCLIS and RCRAInfo (name, address, cleanup progress) is also available on the EPA webpages "Envirofacts" and "Cleanups in My Community," http://www.epa.gov/enviro/ and http://iaspub.epa.gov/Cleanups/ | | | | | |
| Are there any known data quality or data analysis concerns? | The site latitude and longitude specify a point at the site, which could represent the location of the site entry point or of some other area within the site. | | | | | |
| | Actual geographic boundaries of each site (or contaminated areas on each site) are not available in digital form. In absence of geographic boundaries, CERCLIS boundary acres and RCRAInfo site acreage were used to estimate entire site area, fenceline to fenceline. No effort was made to approximate site shape. It is not specified if all site acres are areas of suspected contamination or areas of known contamination. Thus, the area used to represent each site is larger than the area of actual, known contamination. | | | | | |
| | The PFP performance measure reports the number of acres and sites at which there is no complete pathway for human exposures to unacceptable levels of contamination, based on current site conditions. Non-PFP sites are of three types: sites where a possible | | | | | |

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| | exposure route has been identified, sites that have not been fully assessed, or sites that have not been reviewed for the PFP measure. Thus, non-PFP sites include both sites where there is a possible route of human exposure and sites where there may be no existing exposure routes. |
| What documentation is available describing QA procedures? | Not applicable. |
| For what years are data available? | Data represent site status, including PFP designation, as of October 2009. PFP designations are not available for earlier years. |
| What is the frequency of data collection? | Data collection frequency varies. Information is updated as site information changes. |
| What is the frequency of data release? | Data are released on a yearly basis. |
| Are the data comparable across time and space? | The determination of PFP status for Superfund sites is slightly different from the determination for Corrective Action facilities: see <i>Interim Guidance for OSWER Cross-Program Revitalization</i> <i>Measures</i> , available at http://www.epa.gov/landrecycling/measureresources.htm. Acres used to describe site area are collected differently for sites in each program (see above). Procedures applied within each program will be consistent over time. Contamination level and exposure potential will vary across sites. |
| Can the data be stratified by race/ethnicity, income, and location (region, state, county or other geographic unit)? | This site list does not contain information on race/ethnicity or income. The data can be stratified by location, specifically by state. Additionally, the latitude and longitude are provided for each site, which allows for more exact location stratifications and for linkage to Census data on local population demographics. |

2 **Methods**

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6 Indicator E9: Percentage of children ages 0-17 years living within one mile of Superfund and Corrective Action sites that are not "Protective for People," 2009

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> 9 Indicator E10: Percentage of children living near selected contaminated lands, by race/ethnicity

10 and family income, compared with children's distribution by race/ethnicity in the general U.S. population, 2009

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13 **Summary**

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15 EPA's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response has compiled data on contaminated lands

16 from the RCRA Corrective Action Program and the Superfund Program. These data include the

17 latitude and longitude, site areas, and whether or not the site has been designated as "Protective

18 for People," as of October 1, 2009. Indicators E9 and E10 present information about children

19 living within one mile of Superfund or RCRA Corrective Action sites that were not designated as

20 "Protective for People" (PFP) as of October 1, 2009. A computer mapping tool was used to

21 identify all land areas within one mile of the estimated boundary of each of these sites. Data from

22 the year 2000 U.S. Census were then used to estimate the population of children ages 0 to 17 years living within these areas. Indicator E9 gives the percentages of children living within one 23

24 mile of these selected sites, by race/ethnicity, and family income. Indicator E10 gives the

25 percentages of each race/ethnicity for children living within one mile of these selected sites and

the percentages of each race/ethnicity for all U.S. children, for all incomes and for children 26

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29 **Overview of Data Files** 30

31 The following files are needed to calculate this indicator.

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• all nonPFP sites 7 22 2010FINAL.xls. This file is an Excel file that gives the site information for all RCRA Corrective Action Program and the Superfund Program sites that were not designated PFP as of October 1, 2009. This file was obtained from EPA's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response. The variables needed for this indicator are the latitude, longitude, and the boundary acres.

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39 • Census 2000 data for the entire United States. For each Census Block, we needed the 40 Block FIPS code, the latitude and longitude of the Census Block centroid, and the populations by sex, age, and race/ethnicity for the following race/ethnicity groups: White, 41 42 Black, AIAN, Asian, NHOPI, Other, Two or More Races, and Hispanic. For each Census 43 Block Group, we needed the Block Group FIPS code, the populations of each 44 race/ethnicity group for ages 0 to 17, and the populations of each race/ethnicity group for

| 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 | ages 0 to 17 below poverty for the following race/ethnicity groups: White, Black, AIAN, Asian, NHOPI, Other, Two or More Races, and Hispanic. The Block and Block Group populations were summed over both sexes and all ages 0 to 17 years. The populations of the Other and Two or More Races groups were also summed to give the populations for the "Other Races" group. These files were obtained from Geolytics, Inc. at www.geolytics.com. The same data can be downloaded from the Census Bureau at http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/DatasetMainPageServlet?_ds_name=DEC_2000_SF3_U&_program=DEC&_lang=en . For the Block group population data, select Census 2000 Summary File 1, Tables P12A to P12H. For the Block Group population data, select Census 2000 Summary File 3, Tables P145A to P145H and P159A to P159H. |
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| 11 12 | Census data at the Block level were obtained using Summary File 1 data, which is a complete |
| 12 | enumeration of the year 2000 population. To estimate populations below poverty and at or above |
| 14 | poverty, Census data at the Block Group level were obtained using Summary File 3 data, which |
| 15 | are from a sample of about one sixth of the year 2000 population. To account for the missing |
| 16 | data from persons not included in the Census 2000 "long form" data used for Summary File 3, |
| 17 | the Census used the statistical method of iterative proportional fitting to weight the Block Group |
| 18 | data so that the total estimated populations in each weighting area match the Summary File 1 |
| 19 | complete enumeration data for the household type, long form sampling rate, householder status, |
| 20 | and the combination of age group, sex, and race/ethnicity group. Generally, weighting areas were formed of contiguous geographic units within counties and were required to have a minimum |
| $\frac{21}{22}$ | sample of 400 people. Thus the total populations for the Block Groups in the Summary File 3 |
| 22 | data will not exactly match the total populations for the Block Groups in the Summary File 1 |
| 23 | data but the total populations will match for the weighting areas counties and higher |
| 25 | geographical areas. For more details, see the Technical Documentation for Summary File 3 |
| 26 | found at http://www.census.gov/prod/cen2000/doc/sf3.pdf. |
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| 30 | 1. Source data pull. |
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| 32 | Obtain the Block data from the Census 2000 files for the entire United States. |
| 33 24 | specifically, obtain sex by age counts for the white population, Black population, AIAN |
| 34 35 | Population, Asian population, NHOPT population, Other population, and Two of More Races populations. Also obtain the Hispanic athricity say by age counts for the Block |
| 36 | nonulation. Obtain the nonulation counts of the same race/ethnicity groups by age from |
| 37 | the Block Group data for all income levels and for the populations of each race/ethnicity |
| 38 | group by age below the poverty level. |
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| 40 | 2. Aggregate Census data. |
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| 42 | For each race/ethnicity group, sum the Block or Block Group populations over the age |
| 43 | groups 0–4, 5–9, 10–14, and 15–17, and, for Blocks, over the two sexes. Sum the |
| 44 | populations for the Other and Two or More Races groups to create the "Other Races" |
| 45 | race/ethnicity group. The Block Group populations are summed into one field for each |
| 46 | race/ethnicity group for the total population of children ages 0 to 17 years, and into |

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- another field for the population below poverty of children ages 0 to 17 years for each race/ethnicity group.
- 33 3. Spatially select blocks that intersect the contaminated lands buffer file.

For each contaminated land site in the RCRA Corrective Action Program and the Superfund Program file of sites not PFP, create circles with centers at the given latitude and longitude and areas equal to the given boundary area. Increase the radius of each circle by one mile to create a buffer area extending one mile beyond the circular boundary. The original land area polygon (i.e., circle) based on the Excel file, and the resulting one-mile buffer are dissolved into one polygon (i.e., circle). That combined polygon is used to select all Block centroids that intersect the contaminated land, including the buffer area. This process creates all combinations of contaminated land areas with Blocks that intersect them. If two contaminated lands overlap and contain the same Block centroid, then the same Block would be returned twice, once it is linked to each contaminated land.

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4. Create poverty level proportions from the Block Group and join them back to the Block table.

20 The Blocks are a smaller Census division that rolls up directly into the Block Group 21 level. Many Blocks may make up one Block Group, and Census does not release poverty 22 data at the Block level, so the proportion of children under poverty for each race/ethnicity 23 group at the Block Group level is applied to all the corresponding Blocks. For each Block 24 Group and race/ethnicity group, calculate the proportion of children below poverty as the 25 ratio of the population ages 0 to 17 years below poverty to the total population ages 0 to 17 years for the same race/ethnicity group.^{iv} Join the Block and Block Group tables using 26 27 the entire Block Group FIPS code, and the left 12 digits for the Blocks. For each Block in 28 that Block Group, calculate the number of children below poverty for each race/ethnicity 29 group by multiplying the total number of children in that race/ethnicity group and Block 30 by the Block Group proportion of children below poverty in that same race/ethnicity group. For each Block in that Block Group, calculate the number of children at or above 31 32 poverty for each race/ethnicity group by subtracting the number of children below 33 poverty for that race/ethnicity group from the total number of children in that 34 race/ethnicity group. 35

Proportion of children below poverty in Block Group BG and race/ethnicity group r = Number of children below poverty in Block Group BG and race/ethnicity group r / Number of children in Block Group BG and race/ethnicity group r

Number of children below poverty in Block B and race/ethnicity group r

^{iv} Since the Block Group total children's populations include children with unknown poverty status as well as children below poverty and at or above poverty, the proportions of children below poverty in a Block Group are underestimated using this calculation method. In addition, since the proportions of children below poverty were higher in 2009 compared with the 2000 Census, the proportions of children below poverty in 2009 will be further underestimated. As a result, the numbers of children below poverty are underestimated and the numbers of children at or above poverty are overestimated in these indicator calculations.

| 1 2 3 | Number of children in Block B and race/ethnicity group r × Proportion of children below poverty in Block Group BG and race/ethnicity group r (assuming Block B is part of Block Group BG) |
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| 4 5 6 7 | Number of children at or above poverty in Block B and race/ethnicity group r = Number of children in Block B and race/ethnicity group r – Number of children below poverty in Block B and race/ethnicity group r |
| 8 9 10 | 5. Aggregate the data for all Blocks in the United States. |
| 10 11 12 | Sum the populations over all Blocks in the United States by race/ethnicity and family income. |
| 13 14 15 | Number of children in income group i and race/ethnicity group $r = \Sigma$ Number of children in income group i and race/ethnicity group r and Block B |
| 10 17 18 | where this sum is over all Blocks in each state (given by the first two characters in the FIPS code) or across the nation. |
| 19 20 21 | 6. Aggregate the data for all selected Blocks in the United States. |
| 22 23 24 25 26 27 | Use the result from step 3 that lists all Blocks that intersect contaminated lands. Remove duplicated Blocks that intersect more than one facility's contaminated land by applying a "distinct" function on the selected Block data with facility identifiers removed. This returns only one instance of each selected Block. Sum the populations over all selected Blocks in the United States by race/ethnicity and family income. |
| 27 28 29 30 | Number of children in income group i and race/ethnicity group r living within one mile of contaminated lands = Σ Number of children in income group i and race/ethnicity group r and Block B |
| 31 32 33 34 | where this sum is over all selected Blocks (counting each selected Block once only) in each state (given by the first two characters in the FIPS code) or across the nation. |
| 35 36 | 7. Calculate the percentages of children living within one mile of contaminated lands. |
| 37 38 39 | Divide the number of children living within one mile of contaminated lands by the total number of children. |
| 40 41 42 43 44 45 | Percentage of children in income group i and race/ethnicity group r living within one mile of contaminated lands in each state and across the nation = Number of children in income group i and race/ethnicity group r living within one mile of contaminated lands / Number of children in income group i and race/ethnicity group r $\times 100\%$ |

| 1 2 | 8. Calculate the percentages of each race/ethnicity for children living within one mile of contaminated lands and for all children. |
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| 3 4 5 6 7 | Divide the number of children of each race/ethnicity living within one mile of contaminated lands by the total number of children of all races and ethnicities living within one mile of contaminated lands. Divide the number of children of each race/ethnicity by the total number of children of all races and ethnicities. |
| 8 9 10 | Percentage of children living within one mile of contaminated lands that are in race/ethnicity group r in each state and across the nation = |
| 11 12 13 | Number of children in race/ethnicity group r living within one mile of contaminated lands / Number of children living within one mile of contaminated lands \times 100% |
| 14 15 16 | Percentage of children that are in race/ethnicity group r in each state and across the nation = |
| 17 18 | Number of children in race/ethnicity group r / Number of children × 100% |
| 19 20 21 | Percentage of children in income group i that are in race/ethnicity group $r =$ Number of children in income group i and race/ethnicity group r / Number of children in income group i × 100% |
| 22 23 24 25 | 9. Calculate the percentages of each income group i for each race/ethnicity group r for children living within one mile of contaminated lands and for all children for each state and across the nation |
| 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 | Divide the number of children of each race/ethnicity in income group i living within one mile of contaminated lands by the total number of children of all races and ethnicities in income group i living within one mile of contaminated lands for each state and across the nation. Divide the number of children of each race/ethnicity in income group i by the total number of children of all races and ethnicities in income group i for each state and across the nation. |
| 33 34 35 36 | Percentage of children in income group i living within one mile of contaminated lands that are in race/ethnicity group r in each state and across the nation = |
| 30 37 38 39 | Number of children in income group i and race/ethnicity group r living within one mile of contaminated lands / Number of children in income group i living within one mile of contaminated lands \times 100% |
| 40 41 42 43 44 | Percentage of children in income group i that are in race/ethnicity group r in each state and across the nation = Number of children in income group i and race/ethnicity group r / Number of children in income group i \times 100% |
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46 **Questions and Comments**

- Questions regarding these methods, and suggestions to improve the description of the methods,
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- Children and the Environment website. 4

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Appendix – Children Living in Proximity to Selected Contaminated Lands, by State

Table A1. Children in Proximity to Selected Contaminated Lands

| State | Total Children's Population | All Children | White | Black | Asian | AIAN | NHOPI | Other Races | Hispanic |
|-------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|---------|---------|--------|--------|----------------|----------|
| USA | 72,293,812 | 4,189,378 | 2,327,225 | 882,026 | 211,705 | 43,099 | 13,212 | 712,111 | 985,841 |
| AL | 1,123,422 | 53,743 | 29,230 | 21,824 | 526 | 251 | 59 | 1,853 | 1,596 |
| AK | 190,717 | 68,180 | 41,923 | 5,166 | 4,109 | 6,028 | 1,053 | 9,901 | 5,642 |
| AZ | 1,366,947 | 95,817 | 56,780 | 4,998 | 1,012 | 2,028 | 226 | 30,773 | 54,391 |
| AR | 680,369 | 16,044 | 13,494 | 710 | 436 | 331 | <`10 | 1,072 | 889 |
| CA | 9,249,829 | 602,450 | 232,162 | 70,676 | 67,662 | 6,727 | 3,864 | 221,359 | 329,276 |
| СО | 1,100,795 | 89,867 | 59,112 | 9,168 | 1,969 | 1,121 | 285 | 18,212 | 24,422 |
| СТ | 841,688 | 85,940 | 52,734 | 15,695 | 1,969 | 383 | 42 | 15,117 | 23,190 |
| DE | 194,587 | 12,293 | 7,778 | 3,581 | 176 | 26 | < 10 | 729 | 963 |
| DC | 114,992 | 7,342 | 1,108 | 5,853 | 69 | 23 | 19 | 270 | 243 |
| FL | 3,646,340 | 56,368 | 22,967 | 28,305 | 970 | 252 | 25 | 3,849 | 4,635 |
| GA | 2,169,234 | 30,261 | 10,489 | 16,704 | 679 | 108 | 53 | 2,228 | 2,723 |
| HI | 295,767 | 34,743 | 2,370 | 513 | 16,541 | 46 | 4,058 | 11,215 | 3,520 |
| ID | 369,030 | 16,659 | 14,887 | 202 | 105 | 323 | 18 | 1,124 | 1,180 |
| IL | 3,245,451 | 328,677 | 158,068 | 79,738 | 11,627 | 1,630 | 154 | 77,460 | 124,194 |
| IN | 1,574,396 | 82,828 | 54,707 | 18,448 | 453 | 350 | 54 | 8,816 | 10,917 |
| IA | 733,638 | 26,064 | 21,163 | 3,015 | 165 | 154 | < 10 | 1,559 | 1,648 |
| KS | 712,993 | 27,823 | 17,058 | 3,481 | 578 | 271 | 30 | 6,405 | 9,653 |
| KY | 994,818 | 11,650 | 7,967 | 2,278 | 111 | 86 | 67 | 1,141 | 1,080 |
| LA | 1,219,799 | 20,276 | 6,920 | 12,442 | 321 | 60 | 10 | 523 | 496 |
| ME | 301,238 | 17,423 | 16,258 | 256 | 187 | 107 | 15 | 600 | 291 |
| MD | 1,356,172 | 81,783 | 49,938 | 23,986 | 2,383 | 467 | 51 | 4,958 | 4,168 |
| MA | 1,500,064 | 130,142 | 88,938 | 8,270 | 7,588 | 711 | 102 | 24,533 | 28,879 |
| MI | 2,595,767 | 101,621 | 52,321 | 41,059 | 1,171 | 536 | 22 | 6,512 | 5,036 |
| MN | 1,286,894 | 40,278 | 20,010 | 8,439 | 3,301 | 1,934 | 59 | 6,535 | 5,616 |
| MS | 775,187 | 3,022 | 1,551 | 1,382 | 15 | < 10 | - | 66 | 72 |
| MO | 1,427,692 | 90,022 | 42,327 | 39,667 | 2,173 | 390 | 71 | 5,394 | 4,972 |
| MT | 230,062 | 10,018 | 9,125 | 27 | 58 | 388 | < 10 | 415 | 338 |
| NE | 450,242 | 59,200 | 38,936 | 12,475 | 602 | 648 | 51 | 6,488 | 8,077 |
| NV | 511,799 | 8,354 | 6,515 | 505 | 98 | 127 | 44 | 1,065 | 1,729 |
| NH | 309,562 | 8,567 | 7,457 | 198 | 138 | 30 | < 10 | 742 | 937 |
| NJ | 2,087,558 | 199,212 | 120,971 | 35,342 | 12,668 | 689 | 87 | 29,455 | 49,182 |
| NM | 508,574 | 15,591 | 6,853 | 182 | 233 | 4,251 | < 10 | 4,065 | 6,125 |
| NY | 4,690,107 | 333,831 | 213,811 | 51,884 | 21,697 | 3,070 | 175 | 43,194 | 49,103 |
| NC | 1,964,047 | 51,265 | 19,755 | 26,503 | 1,386 | 264 | 27 | 3,330 | 3,972 |
| ND | 160,849 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| OH | 2,888,339 | 209,867 | 136,040 | 55,964 | 1,500 | 663 | 74 | 15,626 | 14,135 |
| OK | 892,360 | 4,639 | 2,808 | 123 | 15 | 1,023 | < 10 | 667 | 386 |
| OR | 846,526 | 9,918 | 7,461 | 580 | 277 | 181 | 47 | 1,372 | 1,334 |

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| State | Total Children's Population | All Children | White | Black | Asian | AIAN | NHOPI | Other Races | Hispanic |
|-------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|---------|--------|--------|-------|-------|----------------|----------|
| PA | 2,922,221 | 410,328 | 256,878 | 99,582 | 11,763 | 1,049 | 207 | 40,849 | 48,669 |
| RI | 247,822 | 31,460 | 23,161 | 1,775 | 571 | 233 | 33 | 5,687 | 6,948 |
| SC | 1,009,641 | 106,499 | 69,164 | 31,567 | 1,925 | 226 | 37 | 3,580 | 3,588 |
| SD | 202,649 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| TN | 1,398,521 | 46,898 | 25,779 | 16,918 | 534 | 185 | 69 | 3,413 | 2,846 |
| TX | 5,886,759 | 178,446 | 96,408 | 31,459 | 3,899 | 1,259 | 218 | 45,203 | 89,648 |
| UT | 718,698 | 22,274 | 17,082 | 627 | 276 | 296 | 95 | 3,898 | 5,373 |
| VT | 147,523 | 3,449 | 3,055 | 77 | 110 | 13 | < 10 | 192 | 90 |
| VA | 1,738,262 | 68,272 | 36,636 | 20,048 | 4,154 | 219 | 84 | 7,131 | 7,903 |
| WA | 1,513,843 | 82,382 | 38,953 | 12,777 | 13,700 | 1,807 | 1,493 | 13,652 | 9,693 |
| WV | 402,393 | 7,192 | 6,291 | 553 | 50 | < 10 | < 10 | 288 | 34 |
| WI | 1,368,756 | 190,400 | 101,826 | 57,004 | 9,755 | 2,120 | 100 | 19,595 | 26,039 |
| WY | 128,873 | _ | _ | - | - | - | - | _ | - |

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Table A2. Children Below Poverty Level in Proximity to Selected Contaminated Lands

| State | Total Children's Population | Total children below poverty and in proximity | % below poverty in proximity who are White | % below poverty in proximity who are Black | % below poverty in proximity who are Asian | % below poverty in proximity who are AIAN | % below poverty in proximity who are NHOPI | % below poverty in proximity who are Other Races | % below poverty in proximity who are Hispanic |
|-------|-----------------------------------|---|--|--|--|---|--|---|---|
| USA | 72,293,812 | 853,713 | 36.0% | 37.6% | 3.5% | 0.8% | 0.2% | 21.8% | 31.7% |
| AL | 1,123,422 | 13,195 | 26.7% | 70.5% | 0.2% | 0.0% | - | 2.5% | 1.9% |
| AK | 190,717 | 6,196 | 40.6% | 9.1% | 12.2% | 17.4% | 0.6% | 19.5% | 10.8% |
| AZ | 1,366,947 | 23,672 | 51.1% | 4.9% | 0.3% | 1.9% | 0.1% | 41.7% | 79.1% |
| AR | 680,369 | 1,945 | 71.5% | 15.2% | 0.1% | 2.2% | 0.0% | 11.1% | 9.8% |
| CA | 9,249,829 | 133,047 | 31.1% | 15.9% | 7.4% | 0.7% | 14.2% | 44.7% | 68.3% |
| CO | 1,100,795 | 13,775 | 52.6% | 15.2% | 2.3% | 1.1% | 0.0% | 28.8% | 44.3% |
| СТ | 841,688 | 13,872 | 40.0% | 25.0% | 0.3% | 0.2% | 0.0% | 34.5% | 52.5% |
| DE | 194,587 | 1,387 | 29.0% | 63.0% | 0.0% | 0.2% | 0.0% | 7.8% | 11.2% |
| DC | 114,992 | 2,404 | 0.5% | 98.6% | 0.1% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.8% | 0.3% |
| FL | 3,646,340 | 16,424 | 19.8% | 74.9% | 0.9% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 4.4% | 6.2% |
| GA | 2,169,234 | 7,292 | 20.3% | 70.1% | 2.2% | 0.2% | 0.0% | 7.1% | 8.5% |
| HI | 295,767 | 4,094 | 6.9% | 0.2% | 28.0% | 0.1% | 15.7% | 36.8% | 17.8% |
| ID | 369,030 | 2,733 | 88.5% | 0.7% | 0.2% | 2.1% | 0.0% | 8.5% | 9.5% |
| IL | 3,245,451 | 71,147 | 28.7% | 45.3% | 2.7% | 0.1% | 0.2% | 23.2% | 37.6% |
| IN | 1,574,396 | 20,077 | 50.3% | 38.1% | 0.2% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 11.4% | 13.2% |
| IA | 733,638 | 4,741 | 63.2% | 27.9% | 0.6% | 0.1% | 0.0% | 8.2% | 5.5% |
| KS | 712,993 | 5,192 | 46.8% | 22.8% | 1.2% | 0.3% | 0.0% | 28.8% | 42.5% |
| KY | 994,818 | 1,851 | 71.0% | 24.2% | 0.8% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 3.9% | 2.4% |
| LA | 1,219,799 | 7,791 | 13.2% | 84.8% | 0.8% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 1.1% | 1.1% |
| ME | 301,238 | 2,559 | 94.9% | 1.0% | 0.3% | 0.7% | 0.0% | 3.1% | 0.4% |
| MD | 1,356,172 | 10,841 | 35.7% | 58.3% | 1.1% | 0.2% | 0.0% | 4.8% | 3.5% |
| MA | 1,500,064 | 26,571 | 48.8% | 8.8% | 7.6% | 0.3% | 0.1% | 34.4% | 42.4% |
| MI | 2,595,767 | 23,523 | 28.7% | 64.5% | 0.3% | 0.3% | 0.0% | 6.2% | 3.7% |
| MN | 1,286,894 | 8,853 | 21.4% | 40.0% | 12.3% | 6.2% | 0.0% | 20.1% | 15.4% |

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| State | Total Children's Population | Total children below poverty and in proximity | % below poverty in proximity who are White | % below poverty in proximity who are Black | % below poverty in proximity who are Asian | % below poverty in proximity who are AIAN | % below poverty in proximity who are NHOPI | % below poverty in proximity who are Other Races | % below poverty in proximity who are Hispanic |
|-------|-----------------------------------|---|--|--|--|---|--|---|---|
| MS | 775,187 | 572 | 31.7% | 62.5% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 5.8% | 3.5% |
| MO | 1,427,692 | 25,707 | 25.9% | 66.8% | 1.2% | 0.1% | 0.0% | 6.0% | 4.3% |
| MT | 230,062 | 1,811 | 87.1% | 0.3% | 0.9% | 7.1% | 0.0% | 4.6% | 2.3% |
| NE | 450,242 | 11,377 | 40.9% | 44.8% | 0.1% | 0.8% | 0.0% | 13.5% | 14.6% |
| NV | 511,799 | 1,365 | 66.9% | 12.8% | 0.0% | 1.5% | 0.0% | 18.8% | 24.8% |
| NH | 309,562 | 825 | 78.4% | 2.2% | 0.4% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 19.1% | 32.0% |
| NJ | 2,087,558 | 28,696 | 35.0% | 36.7% | 3.1% | 0.1% | 0.0% | 25.1% | 39.5% |
| NM | 508,574 | 3,821 | 27.1% | 0.8% | 0.0% | 38.0% | 0.0% | 34.0% | 53.2% |
| NY | 4,690,107 | 55,938 | 44.9% | 30.9% | 5.3% | 0.7% | 0.0% | 18.2% | 21.3% |
| NC | 1,964,047 | 12,832 | 17.4% | 75.8% | 1.1% | 0.2% | 0.0% | 5.6% | 7.9% |
| ND | 160,849 | - | - | - | - | - | 0.0% | - | - |
| OH | 2,888,339 | 51,598 | 45.8% | 45.2% | 0.2% | 0.1% | - | 8.7% | 7.9% |
| OK | 892,360 | 1,251 | 53.6% | 3.8% | 0.1% | 27.2% | 0.0% | 15.2% | 8.5% |
| OR | 846,526 | 2,102 | 69.4% | 15.9% | 0.0% | 1.1% | 0.5% | 13.3% | 16.6% |
| PA | 2,922,221 | 84,155 | 35.2% | 44.5% | 2.4% | 0.1% | 0.0% | 17.7% | 23.4% |
| RI | 247,822 | 6,392 | 51.0% | 12.5% | 1.4% | 0.3% | 0.0% | 34.7% | 49.0% |
| SC | 1,009,641 | 16,765 | 30.0% | 66.0% | 0.2% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 3.8% | 3.9% |
| SD | 202,649 | - | - | - | - | - | 0.0% | - | - |
| TN | 1,398,521 | 8,712 | 27.6% | 66.0% | 0.3% | 0.1% | - | 6.0% | 4.9% |
| TX | 5,886,759 | 45,645 | 45.0% | 25.7% | 0.8% | 0.3% | 0.0% | 28.2% | 61.5% |
| UT | 718,698 | 3,346 | 61.2% | 5.4% | 1.1% | 2.5% | 0.0% | 29.7% | 48.9% |
| VT | 147,523 | 376 | 87.8% | 0.0% | 4.5% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 7.7% | 1.5% |
| VA | 1,738,262 | 9,461 | 27.5% | 59.0% | 2.9% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 10.5% | 10.9% |
| WA | 1,513,843 | 13,452 | 28.6% | 25.2% | 18.3% | 2.4% | 1.5% | 24.5% | 15.5% |
| WV | 402,393 | 2,004 | 83.6% | 12.5% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 3.7% | 0.2% |
| WI | 1,368,756 | 42,328 | 23.0% | 59.6% | 5.0% | 0.9% | 0.0% | 11.5% | 16.8% |
| WY | 128,873 | - | - | - | - | - | 0.0% | - | _ |

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Table A3. All U.S. Children Below Poverty Level

| State | Total Children's Population | Total Children Below Poverty (0- 17) | % below poverty who are White | % below poverty who are Black | % below poverty who are Asian | % below poverty who are AIAN | % below poverty who are NHOPI | % below poverty who are Other Races | % below poverty who are Hispanic |
|-------|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|--|---------------------------------------|--|---|---|
| USA | 72,293,812 | 11,079,53 7 | 47.3% | 30.1% | 2.6% | 1.7% | 0.1% | 18.1% | 28.7% |
| AL | 1,123,422 | 226,937 | 36.1% | 61.4% | 0.3% | 0.3% | 0.0% | 1.9% | 2.2% |
| AK | 190,717 | 20,667 | 40.6% | 3.7% | 4.1% | 38.6% | 0.6% | 12.4% | 5.6% |
| AZ | 1,366,947 | 243,101 | 48.2% | 4.1% | 0.5% | 15.7% | 0.0% | 31.4% | 56.5% |
| AR | 680,369 | 138,958 | 52.6% | 41.6% | 0.2% | 0.6% | 0.1% | 5.0% | 6.2% |
| CA | 9,249,829 | 1,662,650 | 38.0% | 11.1% | 7.6% | 1.0% | 0.2% | 42.2% | 63.0% |
| CO | 1,100,795 | 113,583 | 59.4% | 8.5% | 1.7% | 1.6% | 0.0% | 28.9% | 48.6% |
| СТ | 841,688 | 80,304 | 42.5% | 27.6% | 1.1% | 0.2% | 0.0% | 28.7% | 41.5% |
| DE | 194,587 | 21,919 | 37.7% | 50.5% | 0.9% | 0.1% | 0.0% | 10.8% | 14.3% |
| DC | 114,992 | 33,871 | 3.8% | 90.6% | 0.9% | 0.1% | 0.0% | 4.7% | 7.6% |

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| | | Total | 0/ 11 | 0/ h alarra | 0/ h =1=== | 0/ h alarra | 0/ h =1==== | % below | 0/ h alarra |
|-------|------------|-------------|---------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|---------|-------------|
| | Total | Children | % Delow | % Delow | % Delow | % below | % Delow | poverty | % Delow |
| State | Children's | Below | who are | who are | who are | who are | who are | who are | who are |
| | Population | Poverty (0- | White | Black | Asian | AIAN | NHOPI | Races | Hispanic |
| FL | 3,646,340 | 592,987 | 47.3% | 41.6% | 0.8% | 0.2% | 0.0% | 10.0% | 24.0% |
| GA | 2,169,234 | 346,726 | 30.9% | 62.2% | 0.9% | 0.1% | 0.0% | 5.9% | 8.2% |
| HI | 295,767 | 38,205 | 12.0% | 1.0% | 17.0% | 0.1% | 25.1% | 44.9% | 18.4% |
| ID | 369,030 | 48,862 | 81.3% | 0.3% | 0.2% | 2.6% | 0.0% | 15.5% | 22.8% |
| IL | 3,245,451 | 430,887 | 37.9% | 45.5% | 1.6% | 0.1% | 0.0% | 14.9% | 23.2% |
| IN | 1,574,396 | 175,830 | 64.9% | 28.0% | 0.4% | 0.1% | 0.0% | 6.6% | 7.1% |
| IA | 733,638 | 73,108 | 80.1% | 9.8% | 1.0% | 0.6% | 0.0% | 8.4% | 8.0% |
| KS | 712,993 | 78,161 | 64.8% | 17.2% | 1.2% | 1.0% | 0.0% | 15.9% | 19.1% |
| KY | 994,818 | 193,606 | 80.8% | 16.4% | 0.2% | 0.1% | 0.0% | 2.6% | 1.5% |
| LA | 1,219,799 | 306,698 | 25.6% | 71.8% | 0.8% | 0.4% | 0.0% | 1.3% | 1.5% |
| ME | 301,238 | 37,352 | 94.0% | 1.3% | 0.9% | 1.2% | 0.0% | 2.5% | 1.2% |
| MD | 1,356,172 | 131,880 | 31.2% | 61.0% | 2.0% | 0.1% | 0.0% | 5.6% | 5.8% |
| MA | 1,500,064 | 164,449 | 53.9% | 15.4% | 5.2% | 0.2% | 0.0% | 25.2% | 32.4% |
| MI | 2,595,767 | 331,320 | 47.3% | 43.4% | 1.1% | 0.6% | 0.0% | 7.7% | 6.5% |
| MN | 1,286,894 | 109,371 | 57.0% | 17.1% | 9.9% | 4.8% | 0.0% | 11.2% | 9.5% |
| MS | 775,187 | 199,001 | 23.8% | 74.6% | 0.3% | 0.4% | 0.0% | 0.8% | 0.9% |
| MO | 1,427,692 | 206,814 | 62.8% | 32.0% | 0.5% | 0.3% | 0.0% | 4.5% | 3.5% |
| MT | 230,062 | 40,556 | 72.8% | 0.2% | 0.3% | 22.2% | 0.0% | 4.6% | 3.5% |
| NE | 450,242 | 50,804 | 68.6% | 15.6% | 0.6% | 3.2% | 0.0% | 11.9% | 15.2% |
| NV | 511,799 | 65,663 | 55.2% | 16.5% | 1.5% | 2.1% | 0.1% | 24.5% | 42.9% |
| NH | 309,562 | 21,495 | 91.5% | 1.5% | 1.2% | 0.1% | 0.0% | 5.7% | 6.9% |
| NJ | 2,087,558 | 214,780 | 39.5% | 36.5% | 3.3% | 0.1% | 0.0% | 20.6% | 32.8% |
| NM | 508,574 | 119,919 | 46.0% | 1.7% | 0.3% | 20.6% | 0.0% | 31.4% | 61.2% |
| NY | 4,690,107 | 867,708 | 39.6% | 31.5% | 4.6% | 0.5% | 0.0% | 23.8% | 34.4% |
| NC | 1,964,047 | 291,692 | 38.7% | 50.7% | 0.7% | 2.0% | 0.0% | 7.8% | 9.9% |
| ND | 160,849 | 20,490 | 69.5% | 0.8% | 0.2% | 25.4% | 0.0% | 4.2% | 2.9% |
| OH | 2,888,339 | 383,007 | 56.8% | 37.1% | 0.5% | 0.1% | 0.0% | 5.5% | 3.9% |
| OK | 892,360 | 162,159 | 52.6% | 18.5% | 0.5% | 14.3% | 0.0% | 14.1% | 11.6% |
| OR | 846,526 | 112,963 | 71.8% | 3.5% | 1.8% | 2.0% | 0.1% | 20.9% | 24.9% |
| PA | 2,922,221 | 393,789 | 56.8% | 31.5% | 1.8% | 0.1% | 0.0% | 9.9% | 12.2% |
| RI | 247,822 | 38,369 | 51.5% | 13.5% | 3.5% | 0.9% | 0.0% | 30.5% | 39.5% |
| SC | 1,009,641 | 177,182 | 29.9% | 66.9% | 0.2% | 0.2% | 0.0% | 2.7% | 3.0% |
| SD | 202,649 | 32,207 | 52.4% | 0.7% | 0.1% | 42.5% | 0.0% | 4.3% | 2.3% |
| TN | 1,398,521 | 233,733 | 55.2% | 40.9% | 0.4% | 0.1% | 0.0% | 3.5% | 3.0% |
| ΤX | 5,886,759 | 1,134,042 | 53.8% | 18.3% | 1.1% | 0.3% | 0.0% | 26.5% | 63.0% |