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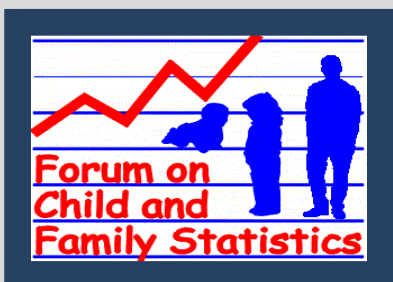
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# **The Federal Interagency Forum Model & America's Children: Key National Indicators of Well-Being**



# Forum Presentation Summary

- **Mission and Overview**
- **Model**
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# The Children's Forum

## Mission

To foster coordination, cooperation, and collaboration among Federal agencies and improve federal data related to children and families.

## Overview

**Founded in 1994 by six Federal member agencies and OMB**

**Formally established in April 1997 through Executive Order 13045**

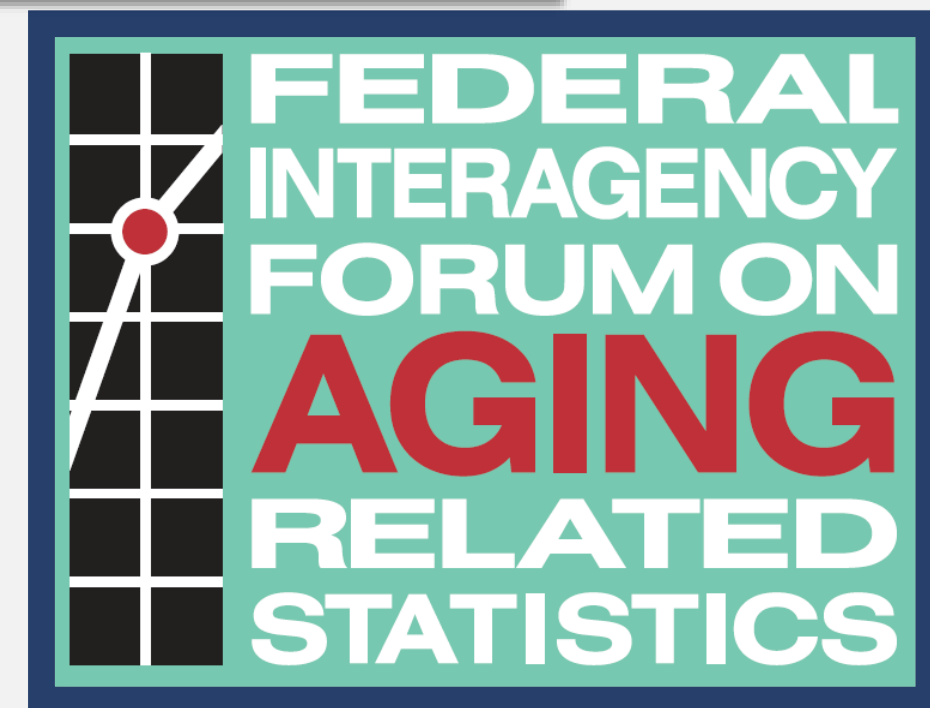
**Currently includes 23 Federal Agencies and Departments**

# The Forum Model: Federal Interagency Collaboration

**July 8, 2015**

Memo to Heads of  
Federal Agencies from  
Office of Information and  
Regulatory Affairs

- Establish frameworks for identifying report domains and key indicators



# Reaching Consensus

## Collaboration extends beyond the science

### Standard Operating Procedures

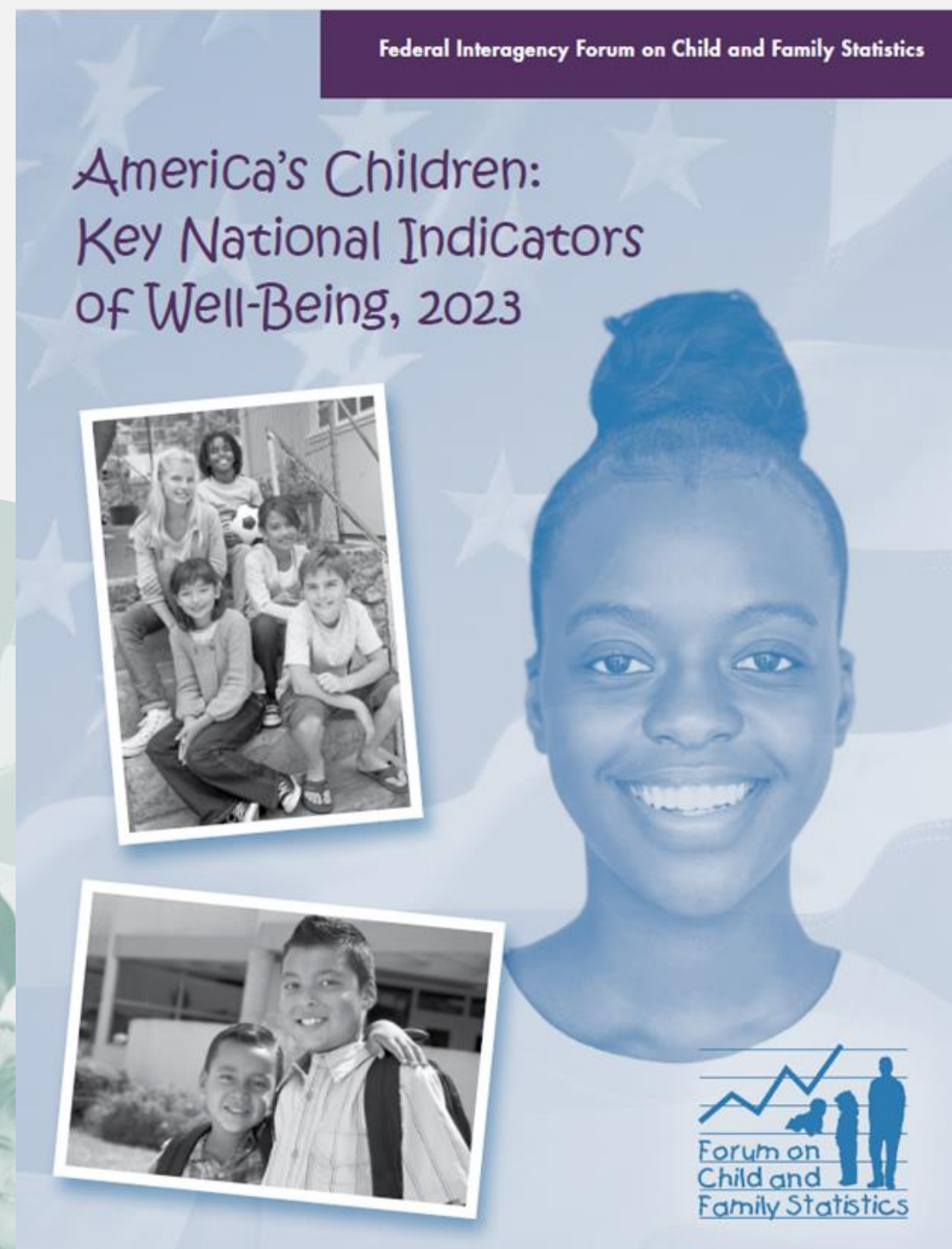
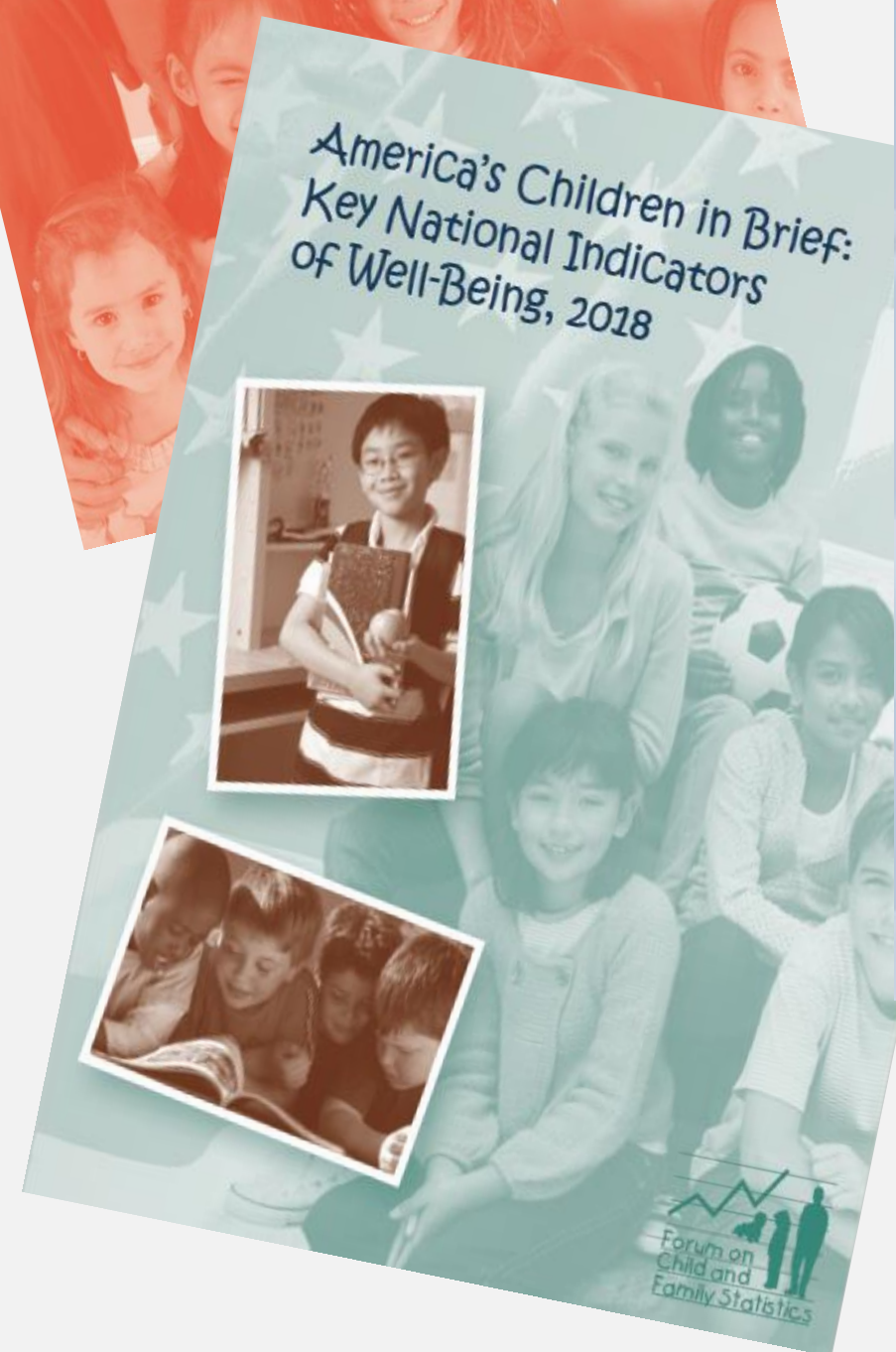
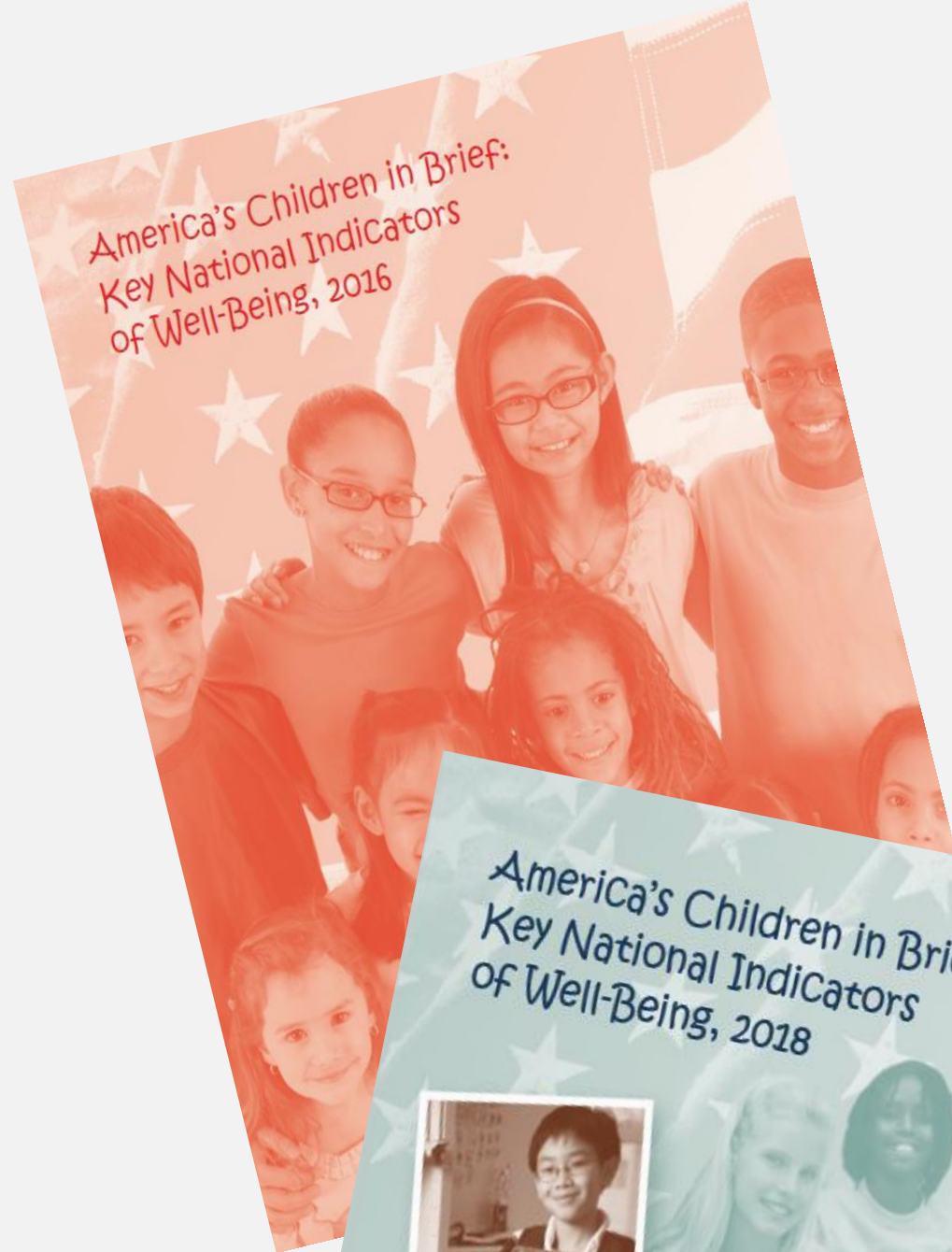
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- Establish criteria for evaluating data measures
- Establish technical report guidelines and report parameters

### Guiding Principles

- Broaden the scope of the report to extend beyond the usual population
- Modify data measures to reflect changes in methodology or to address more timely and relevant topics
- Engage for agency consensus

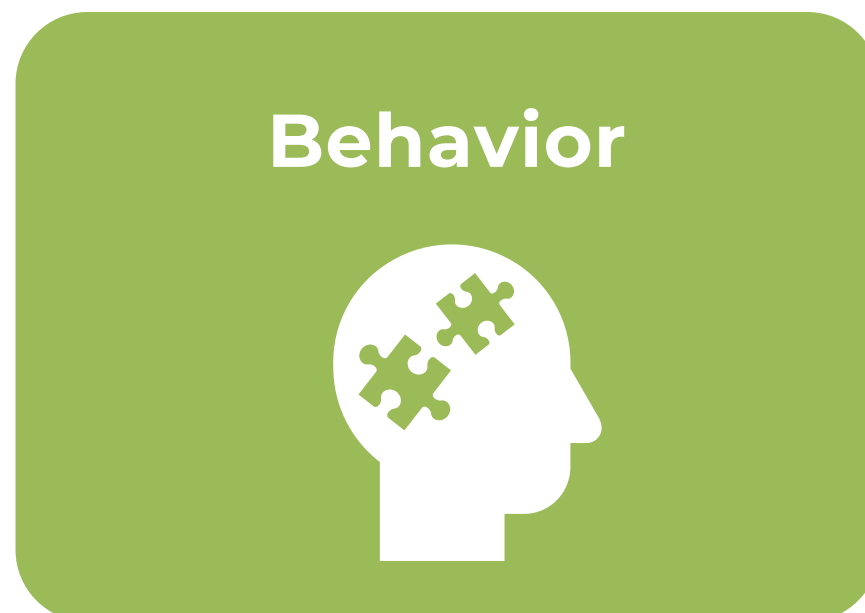
# Forum Agencies





# *America's Children* Key National Indicators of Well-Being, 2023

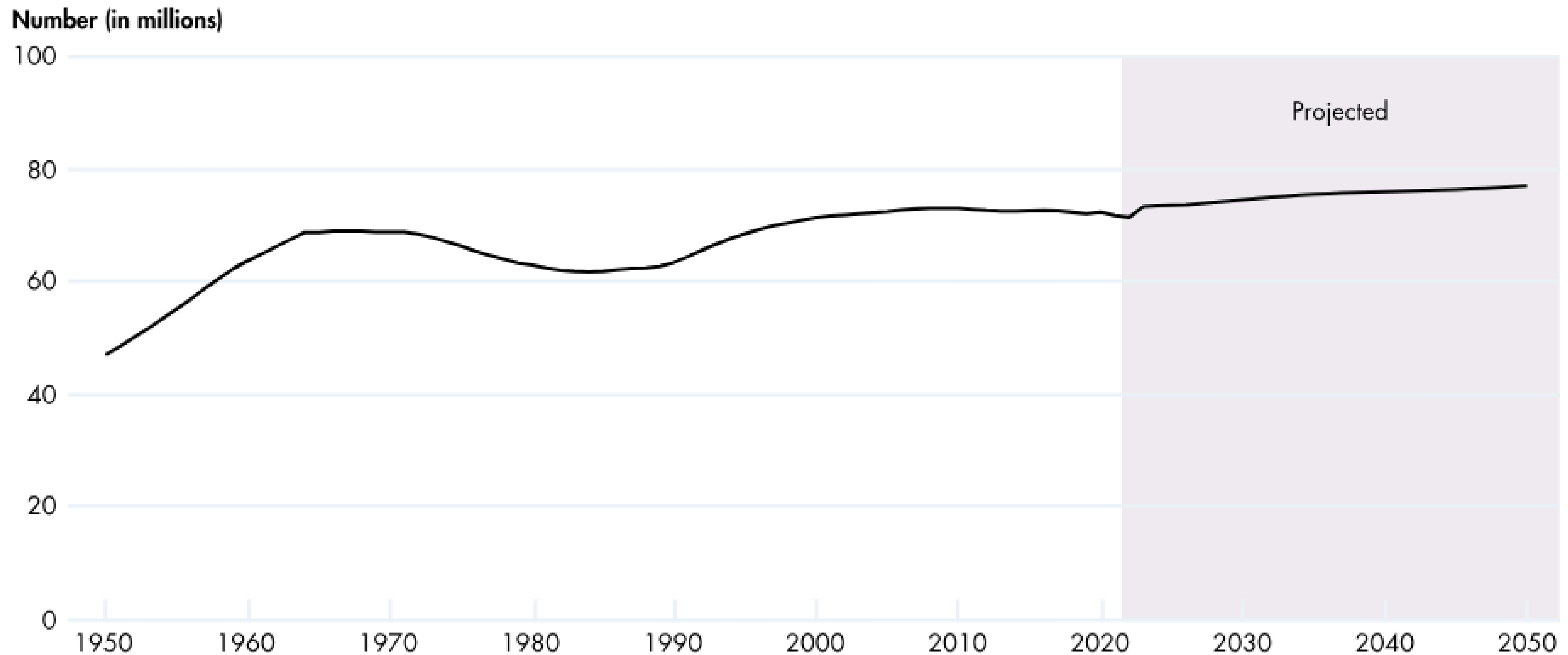
**Highlights selected indicators across the following domains:**





# Demographic Background

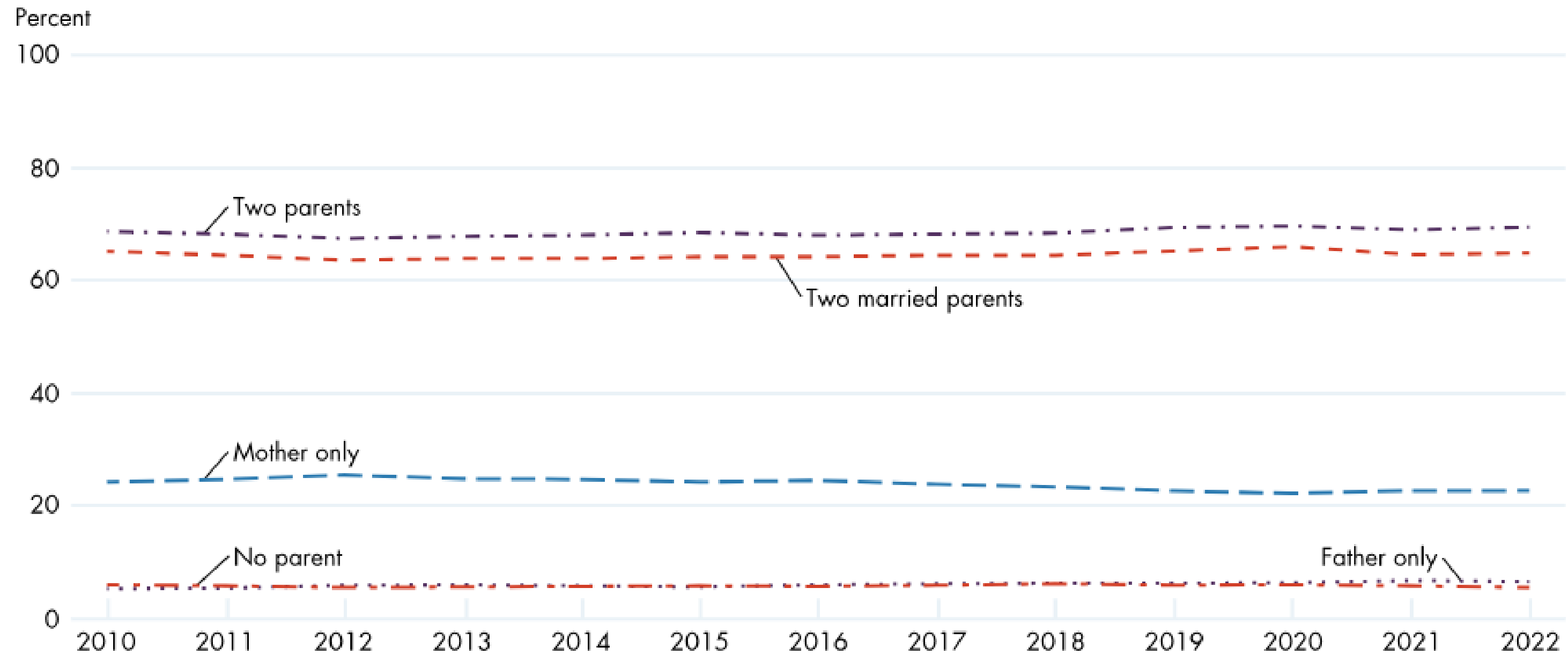
## NUMBER OF CHILDREN AGES 0-17 IN THE UNITED STATES, 1950-2022 AND PROJECTED 2023-2050



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division

# Family and Social Environment

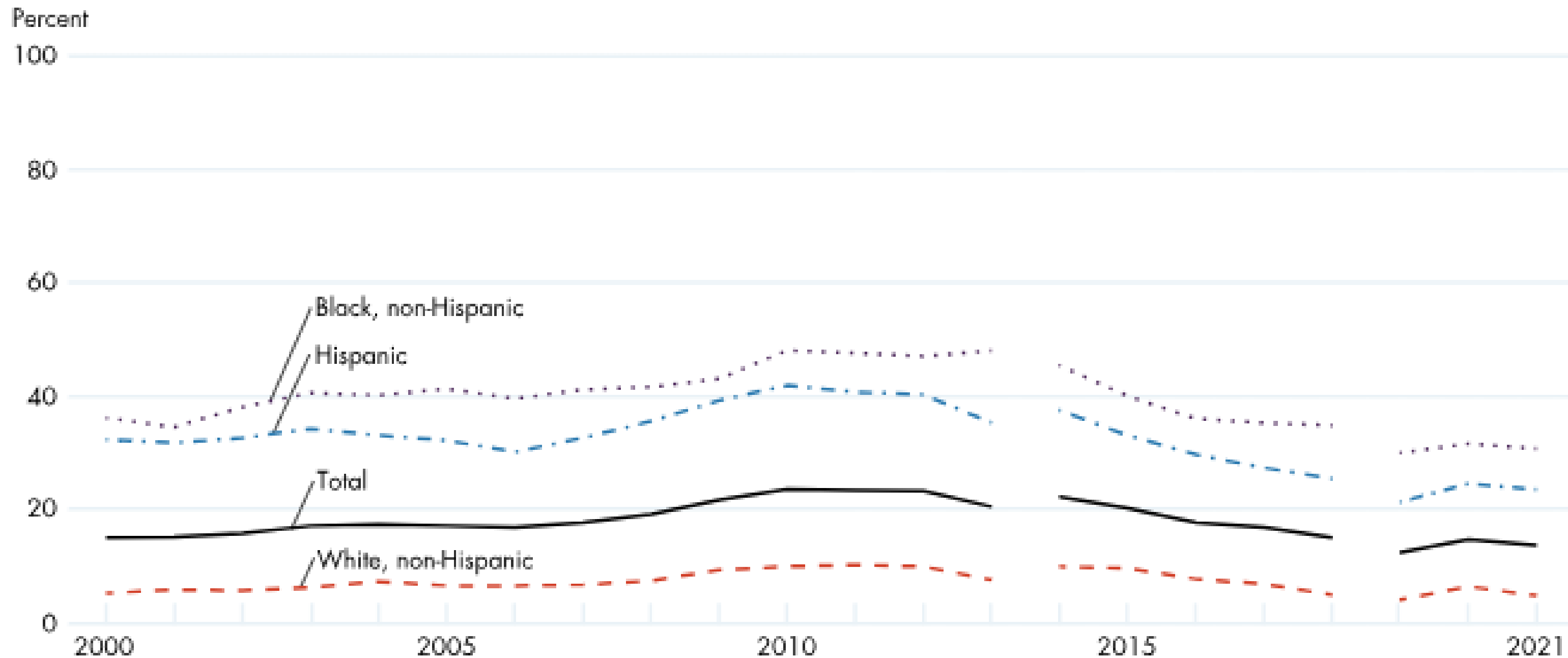
## NUMBER PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN AGES 0-17 BY PRESENCE OF PARENTS IN HOUSEHOLD, 2010-2022



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, Annual Social and Economic Supplement.

# Economic Circumstances

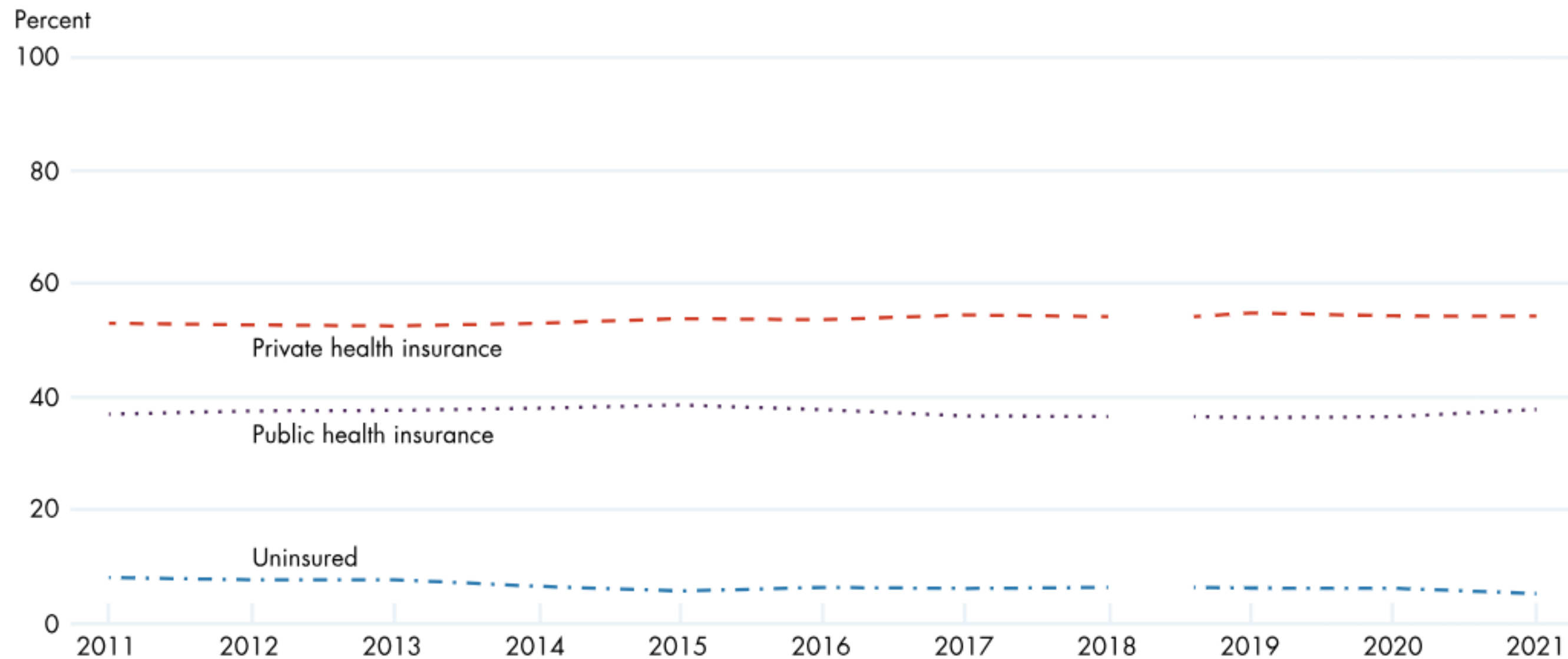
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# Health Care

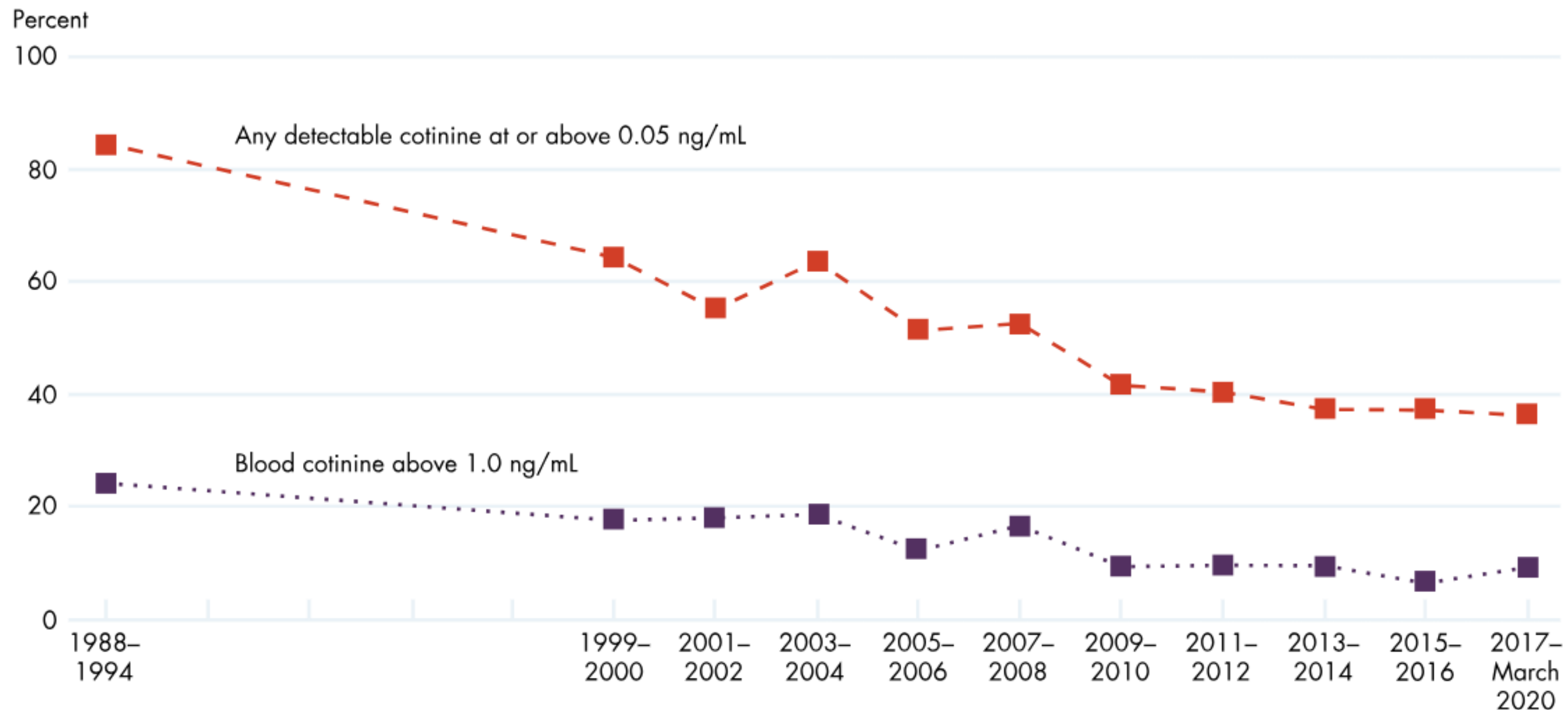
## PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN AGES 0-17 BY HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE STATUS AT THE TIME OF INTERVIEW, 2011-2021



Source: National Center for Health Statistics, [National Health Interview Survey](#).

# Physical Environment and Safety

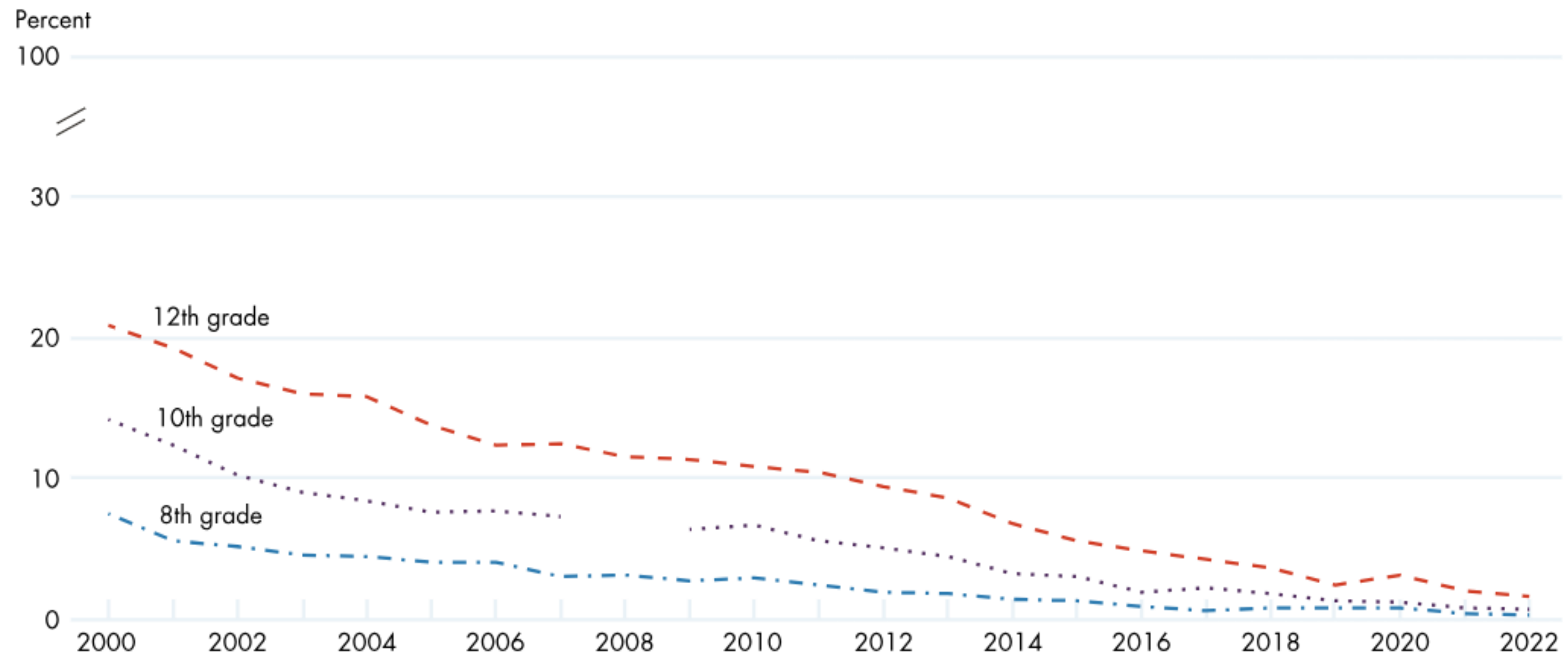
## PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN AGES 4-11 WITH SPECIFIED BLOOD COTININE LEVELS, SELECTED YEARS 1988-1994 THROUGH 2017-MARCH 2020



Source: National Center for Health Statistics, National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey

# Behavior

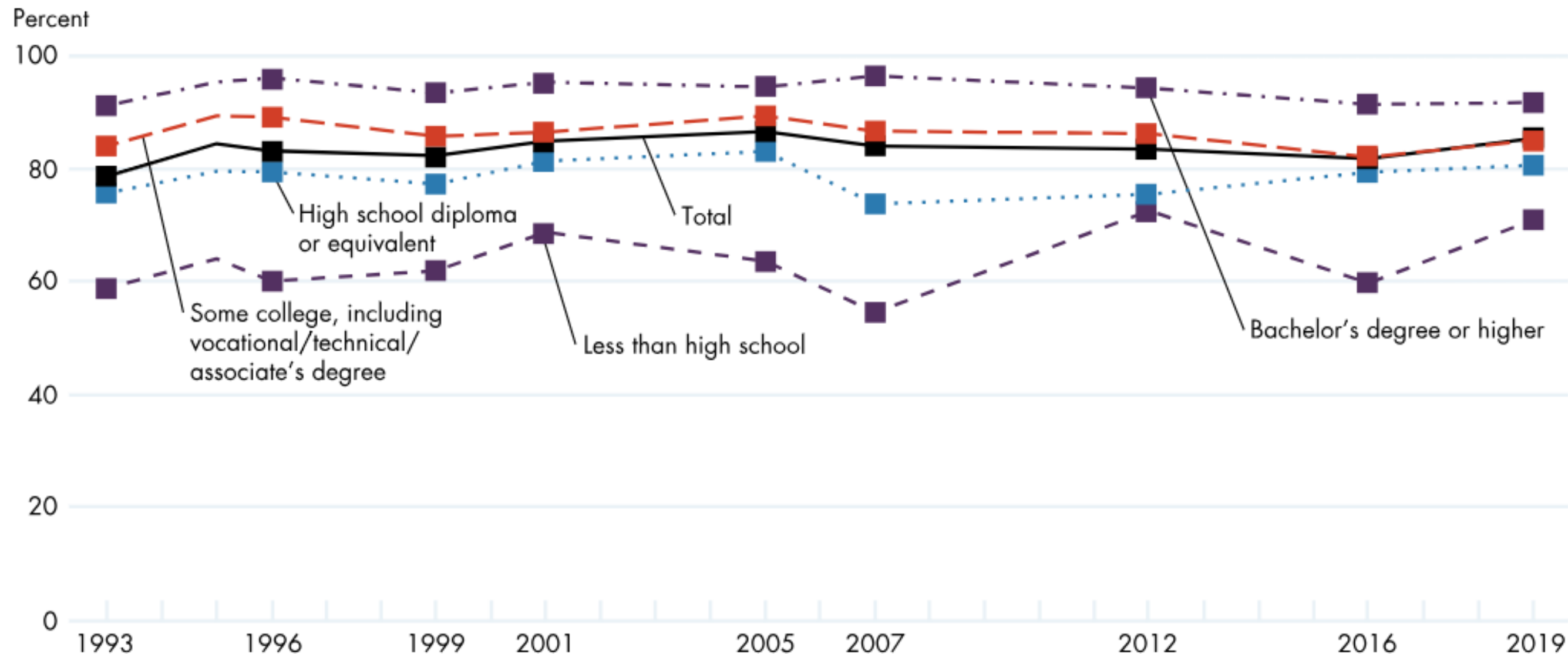
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Source: National Institute on Drug Abuse, Monitoring the Future Survey.

# Education

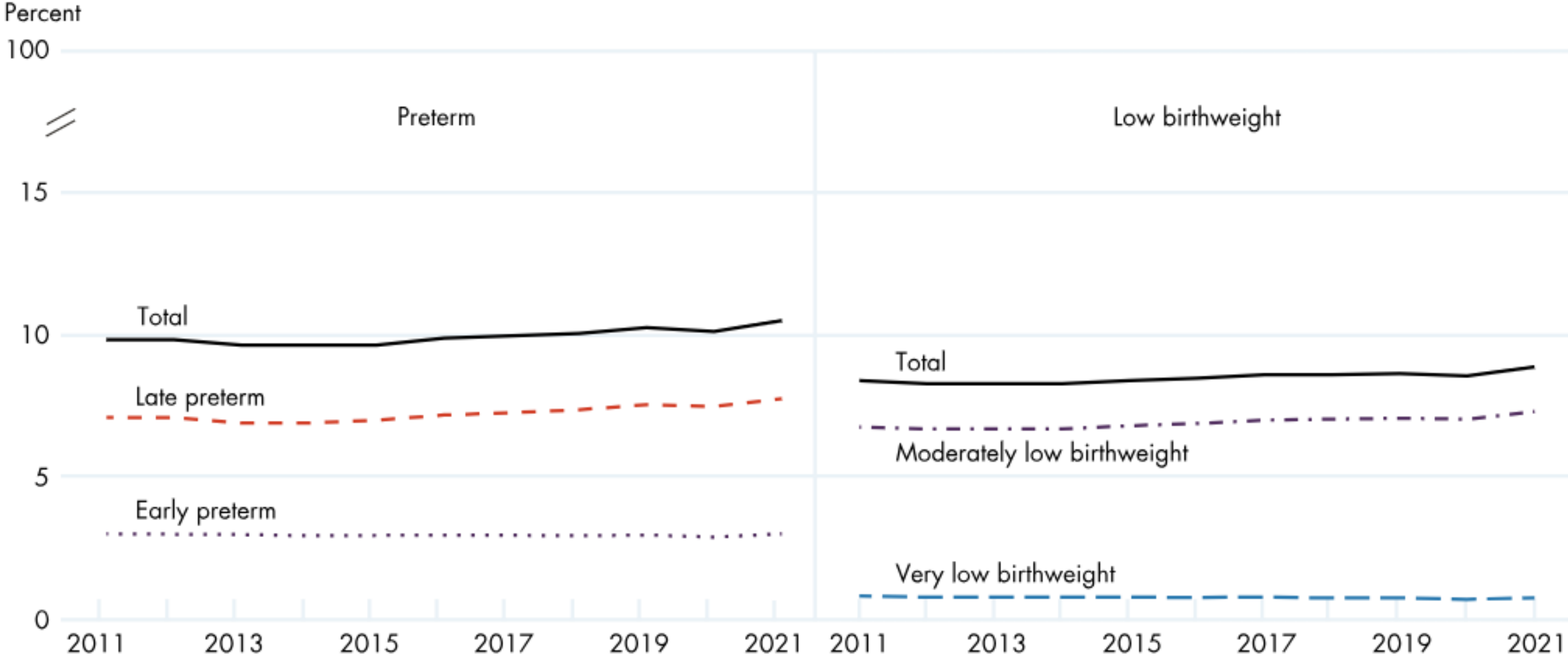
## NUMBER PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN AGES 3-5 WHO WERE READ TO THREE OR MORE TIMES IN THE LAST WEEK BY A FAMILY MEMBER BY MOTHER'S EDUCATION, SELECTED YEARS 1993-2019



Source: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, [National Household Education Surveys Program](#).

# Health

## PERCENTAGE OF INFANTS BORN PRETERM AND PERCENTAGE OF INFANTS BORN WITH LOW BIRTHWEIGHT, 2011-2021



Source: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System.



# Outreach



"The 2020 edition of America's Children in Brief focuses on differences across indicators of children's well-being by metropolitan status."

**Traci Cook** Staff Director  
Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics

Access the full report at [childstats.gov](https://childstats.gov).

## Joint Forum Innovation Workgroup

- Collaborations with Forum Agencies

## Social Media

- America's Children @childstats



# Closing Thoughts

- Charter, Mission & Vision
- Current and prior year reports, special publications and project deliverables
- Up-to-date data tables for each indicator
- Information on Forum members agencies and Forum committees

## Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics

This year's report, *America's Children: Key National Indicators of Well-Being, 2023*, provides updates on 41 key indicators of child and family well-being.

### America's Children: Key National Indicators of Well-Being, 2023



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### Data User Survey

Insights gained from this survey information will be used to more clearly define and better serve the needs of the Forum's target audiences.

[Take the survey ▶](#)

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# THANK YOU

I look forward to staying  
connected with you!



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