Health during childhood is powerfully linked with social factors such as the income and education levels of a child’s family and his or her racial or ethnic group. This national snapshot of children ages 17 years or younger shows that:

- Two fifths of children nationwide live in poor or near-poor households, one third live in middle-income households and more than one fourth live in higher-income households.
- One third of children live in households where no one has schooling beyond high school, one third live with at least one person who has attended but not completed college and one third live with at least one college graduate.
- 57 percent of children nationwide are non-Hispanic white, 20 percent are Hispanic, 15 percent are non-Hispanic black, 4 percent are Asian or Pacific Islander, 1 percent are American Indian or Alaska Native and 3 percent are in another or more than one racial or ethnic group.