

JEC Democrats Default on America Act State and District Factsheet Methods

District Data Methodologies

SNAP

Counts of households participating in the supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) are estimated by allocating state-level household [counts](#) as of January 2023 provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture down to congressional districts using the share of state-level SNAP participants per 118th congressional district from the 2021 American Community Survey (ACS) 1-year profile.

Medicaid

Counts of Medicaid participants are estimated by allocating state-level participant [counts](#) as of December 2022 provided by the Kaiser Family Foundation down to congressional districts using estimates produced by JEC staff of the share of state-level Medicaid participants per district from the 2021 ACS.

These JEC estimates of Medicaid participants are calculated by applying a state-level ratio of Medicaid participants to all public insurance participants, broken down by broad age categories (ACS 2021 1-year estimates pulled from the Census API).

- People under 19 with Medicaid or means tested public health insurance, alone or in combination, as a percentage of people under 19 with any public health insurance, alone or in combination.
- People 19 to 64 years old with Medicaid or means tested public health insurance, alone or in combination, as a percentage of people 19 to 64 years old with any public health insurance, alone or in combination.
- People 65 and over with Medicaid or means tested public health insurance, alone or in combination, as a percentage of people 65 and over with any public health insurance, alone or in combination.

These ratios are applied to district-level counts of public insurance participants at the (118th) congressional district level by broad age group, which are backed out from ACS 1-year profile [tables](#). In order to allocate total public plan participants in the district to age groups, we assume that all residents age 65 and over are public plan participants.

2021 American Community Survey

Counts of families below the poverty line, veterans, students, and rent-burdened families are estimates from the 2021 ACS 1-year profile [tables](#), re-released by congressional districts for the 118th Congress in January 2023. For each 118th congressional district, states-at-large, and the District of Columbia:

- Counts of families in poverty are estimated by multiplying the number of families by the percentage of families whose income in the past 12 months is below the poverty level.
- Counts of veterans are the number of civilians 18 years and over with veteran status.
- Counts of students are the sum of the population 3 years and over enrolled in kindergarten, elementary school (grades 1-8), and high school (grades 9-12).

- Counts of rent-burdened families are the sum of occupied units paying rent (excluding units where gross rent as a percent of income cannot be calculated) whose gross rent as a percentage of household income is 30.0% to 34.9% and 35.0% or more.

In order to allow for sampling and non-sampling errors, all variables are rounded to the thousands.

State Data Methodologies

SNAP

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Medicaid

Counts of Medicaid participants are estimates from the state-level participant [counts](#) as of December 2022 provided by the Kaiser Family Foundation.

2021 American Community Survey

Counts of families below the poverty line, veterans, students, and rent-burdened families are estimates from the 2021 ACS 1-year profile [tables](#), re-released by congressional districts for the 118th Congress in January 2023. Counts at the state-level and for the District of Columbia are estimated by summing across all congressional district counts within a state. For each 118th congressional district, states-at-large, and the District of Columbia:

- Counts of families in poverty are estimated by multiplying the number of families by the percentage of families whose income in the past 12 months is below the poverty level.
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