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As a complement to the new Race for Results publication recently released by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, the Utah KIDS COUNT Project also updated our 2015 comparison of Hispanic and non-Hispanic white children in Utah. In the most recent




## Utah KIDS COUNT DATA LINKS



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### A Comparison of Utah's Hispanic and Non-Hispanic White Children and Families



In the most recent release of the annual Utah KIDS COUNT publication, Measures of Child Well-Being in Utah, Hispanic youth numbered 157,849, almost double the number since 2000. As the number of Hispanic youth increases we have become increasingly concerned about racial disparities in indicators of child well-being.

As you can see from the data, Utah's Hispanic children are more at-risk for poor outcomes than their white non-Hispanic peers. The good news is that overall, child well-being indicators for Hispanic youth are trending positive. For example, in 2011 one third of Utah's Hispanic children lived in poverty, compared to a quarter in 2015. During the same time period, non-Hispanic white children living in poverty went from 11% to 9%.

This Data Link compares Utah's Hispanic children to white, non-Hispanic children with the goal of helping policymakers develop strategies that eliminate racial disparities and lead to improved child and family outcomes for all Utah's children.

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DATA LINKS is a publication series from the Utah KIDS COUNT Project, an Annie E. Casey funded program of Voices for Utah Children. The series is designed to highlight various data sources and help familiarize policymakers, the media and concerned citizens with queryable web-based information on child well-being in Utah.

This DATA LINKS features data on Hispanic children in Utah from the National KIDS COUNT Data Center, accessed at <http://datacenter.kidscount.org/search/>. Users can access hundreds of indicators, download data and create reports and graphics on the KIDS COUNT Data Center that support smart decisions about children and families.

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