**Children and Youth Living Below Poverty**

**number and percent children/youth ages birth-17 years (2018)**

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