

The Impact of COVID-19 on Poverty & Families in Poverty

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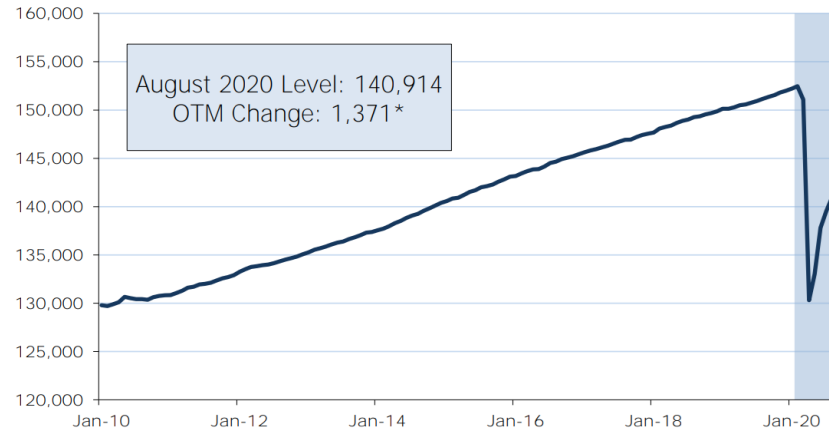
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COVID-19's Devastating Consequences for the Economy

- 11.5 million fewer jobs than in February.
- Nearly 30 million currently receive unemployment or have applied recently

Employment in total nonfarm
January 2010–August 2020
Seasonally adjusted, in thousands

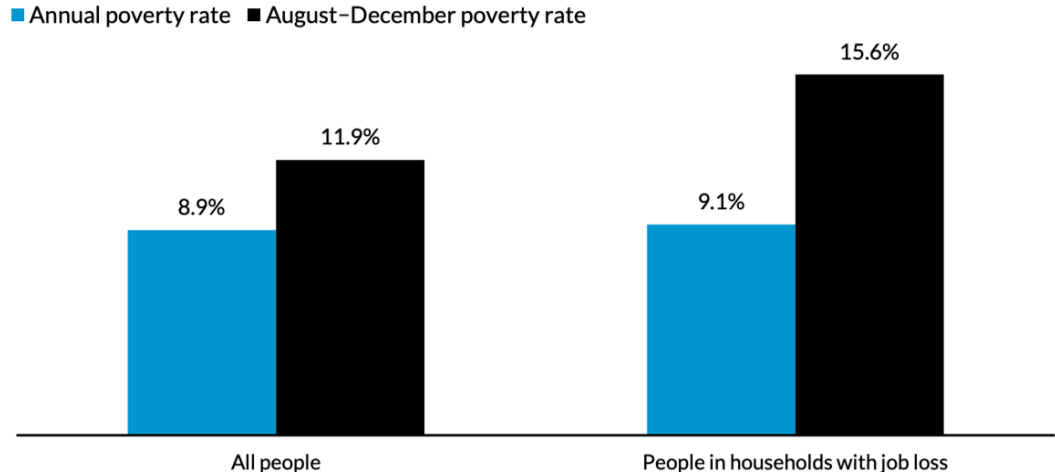


Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Employment Statistics survey, September 04, 2020.
Shaded area represents recession as denoted by the National Bureau of Economic Research.
Most recent 2 months of data are preliminary.
* denotes significance.

Poverty & Economic Insecurity

- Further destabilizes families already struggling
- Poverty rates for the final months of 2020 are projected to increase without legislative action

Projected Poverty Rate in 2020, Annual Compared with August to December, with Only Currently Enacted Policies in Place



Source: Urban Institute, 2020 Poverty Projections: Assessing Three Pandemic-Aid Policies

Housing & Food Insecurity



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- About one-third of adults (31%) reported that their families:
 - (1) could not pay the rent, mortgage, or utility bills,
 - (2) were food insecure, or
 - (3) went without medical care because of the cost at some point in the last 30 days
- Before the CDC issued its national moratorium on evictions, estimates predicted between 30 million and 40 million people could face eviction in the next several months.

Disproportionate Impact of the Pandemic



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- Infections & deaths concentrated in lower-income communities & communities of color
- Lower- income families are more likely:
 - (1) to experience several financial impacts of the pandemic and
 - (2) to possess fewer financial resources to draw on
- More likely to experience regular financial worry

Hardships Faced by Children & Families in Poverty



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38.9 percent of adults in families that lost jobs or income live with a child under age 6.

- Childcare costs, less likely to have option to work remotely
- Disadvantages in remote learning formats
- Food insecurity