

Child Support Received: 2023

Survey of Income and Program Participation Snapshots

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4.0 million parents received child support in the form of cash payments.

This money can be legally mandated by a court, arranged informally between parents, or gifted in the absence of any arrangement. About 80.8 percent of the parents who received cash child support payments had a legal or informal agreement with the child's other parent.

2.6 million parents received in-kind support from a nonresident parent.

In-kind support may include groceries, clothes, or diapers. It can also include payments for medical expenses, child care, or other costs associated with the child.

\$28.0 billion in cash child support payments was received by parents in 2023.

The average monthly reported amount was \$671.

Child Support in the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP)

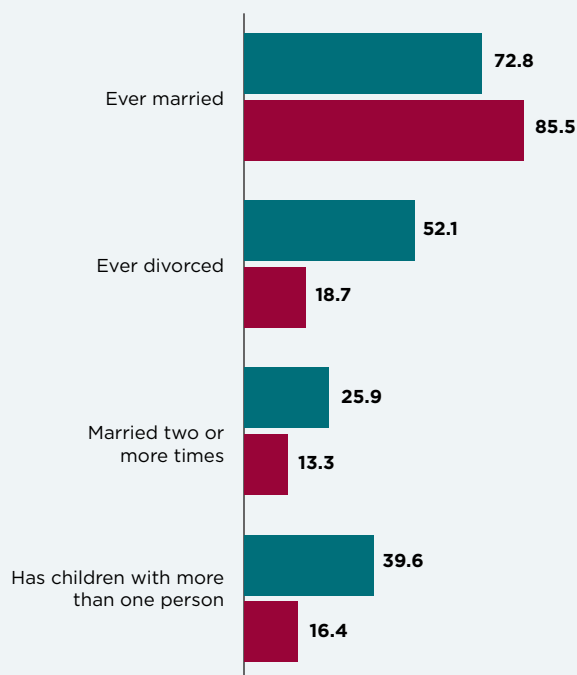
Child support is generally understood to be cash payments made to custodial parents to support children with whom a parent does not live. However, child support can also include in-kind support, which includes noncash transfers of goods such as groceries or clothes. Since child support can be ordered by a court in some states until a child is 21 years old, the SIPP measures child support for parents living with children under the age of 21.

More information on child support and other social safety net programs is available in [fact sheets](#), [detailed program participation tables](#), [data visualizations](#), [reports](#), and [topic pages](#).

Marriage and Fertility Patterns of Parents Living With a Child Under the Age of 21 by Receipt of Cash Child Support: 2023

(In percent)

■ Parents who received any child support payments during the year
■ All parents



Educational Attainment of Parents Aged 25 and Over Who Received Child Support by Type of Child Support: 2023

(In percent)

■ Received only cash child support payments
■ Received only in-kind support
■ Received both in-kind support and cash child support payments

