Do children coexisting with a veteran parent experience
odds of living in or near poverty that are different from
children who are not coexisting with a veteran parent?

Among children coexisting with a veteran parent, do the
odds of living in or near poverty differ across race and
Hispanic origin groups?

Are Children with a Veteran Parent More or Less Likely
To Live in or Near Poverty?

The regression model suggests children coexisting
with a veteran parent experience odds of living in or near
poverty that are 58% more likely for Black children with no
such parent.

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Percent of Children who Live: With a Veteran Parent

In 2019, 73% of children lived with a veteran parent.
26.7% of children lived in or near poverty.
11.3% of children with a veteran parent lived in or near poverty, compared to 27.6% of those with no such parent.

Are the Odds of Living in or Near Poverty Similar Across Race and Hispanic Origin for Children Coexisting with a Veteran Parent?

The odds of living in or near poverty that are 58% more likely for Black children without a veteran parent.

Black children with a veteran parent experienced higher odds of living in or near poverty than White children with a veteran parent.

Black children with a veteran parent were 3.0 times more likely to be in or near poverty than White children with a veteran parent.

However, among White, Hispanic, and Other children with a veteran parent, the odds of living in or near poverty did not significantly differ.

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RQ1: Children with a Veteran Parent Are More Likely to Live in or Near Poverty

RQ2: Does Living in or Near Poverty Differ by Presence of a Veteran Parent?

Does Living in or Near Poverty Differ by Presence of a Veteran Parent?

Across race and Hispanic origin groups, children living with a veteran parent were less likely to live in or near poverty.

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Additional Key Points

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