Children receiving public assistance live in households where one or more members is receiving Supplemental Security Income, other public assistance, or welfare payments. The percent of children in the United States in such households decreased by 2.2 percentage points over the decade to 9.9 percent in 2000.

- All regions and most states had decreases in the percentage of children living in households that received aid. Five states and the District of Columbia saw increases, with a 5.1 percentage-point increase in Hawaii.

- Some of the largest decreases occurred in southern states such as Louisiana and Mississippi and midwestern states like Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.