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Census Data Shows Indiana's Poverty Hits 13.1 Percent

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New census data shows Indiana's poverty rate reached 13.1 percent during 2008 and that more than 800,000 Indiana residents are living in poverty.

The Indiana Community Action Association says the American Community Survey data released this week shows the new state poverty rate is just shy of the national average of 13.2 percent and a significant increase from 2000, when Indiana's poverty rate was 10.1 percent.

The group cites Indiana's declining median household income as a key factor. That figure was nearly \$48,000 last year, compared with the 2000 figure of more than \$51,000 in current dollars.

The Community Action Association says Indiana's childhood poverty rate of 17.9 percent last year compared with a rate of 14.3 percent in 2000.

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