

Profile of Arizona's Poor Families with Children

- Three quarters (76%) of all poor families with children in Arizona work for a living. In total, 108,000 families work but remain poor.
- More than one out of six (18%) *working* families with children remains poor.
- Almost one-third (30%) of all working parents have low hourly earnings.
- One third (33%) of poor families with children have one or more adults who work full-time, year-round.
- Over half (55%) of working, poor families with children are headed by a married couple.
- More than half (56%) of all working poor families with children are headed by an adult with a high school diploma, GED, some college or a college degree.
- More than four out of five (85%) working poor families are headed by an adult over age 25.
- Almost a quarter of a million (249,000) children in Arizona live with parents who work but remain poor.

Data is for the late 1990s (1996-1998) calculated by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. The poverty line for a family of four is \$17,650.