

2018 CHILD SUPPORT: MORE MONEY FOR FAMILIES

COLLECTIONS

75% 

of child support is collected by income withholding from an employee's paycheck

25% other sources

\$32.3 billion 

in child support collected by state and tribal child support programs in FY2018

96% 

went to families

4% reimbursed public assistance dollars

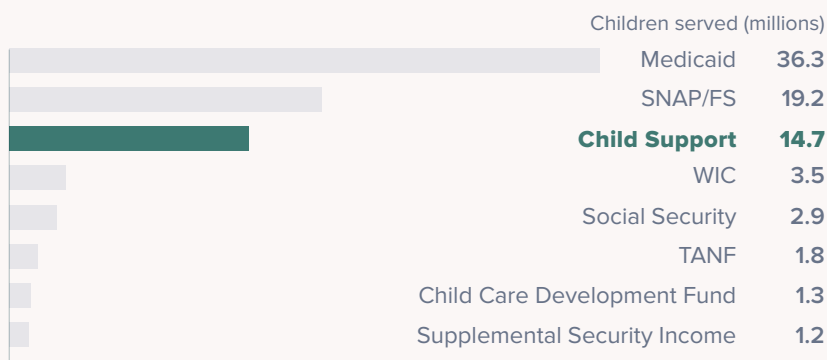
CASELOAD

14.7 million children served by the child support program in 2018



1 in 5 children
in the U.S.

Child support in comparison to other programs*

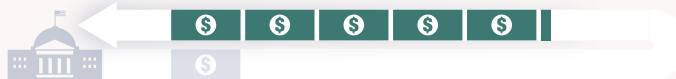


Child support accounts for about half the average income of low-income parents who receive it, lifting nearly 3/4 million people out of poverty in 2017[†]

COST-EFFECTIVENESS

One of the most cost-effective government programs

\$5.14 collected by the child support program for every **\$1.00** spent



Source: [Office of Child Support Enforcement](#)

* Combined CHIP Enrollment Total Report and Form CMS-64.EC, 2019; Characteristics of SNAP Households, FY 2017; WIC Program Monthly Data-State Level Participation, FY 2018; Annual Statistical Supplement, 2018; TANF: Total Number of Child Recipients, FY 2018; CCDF Preliminary Data Table 1, 2017; SSI Annual Statistical Report, 2017.

[†] Bureau of Census: Current Population Reports P60-261 (Appendix Table 5) and P60-265 (Appendix Table A-7).

