

2017

# Income Poverty\*

MEASURING INCOME POVERTY ALLOWS US TO MONITOR, OVER TIME, HOW MUCH MONEY FAMILIES HAVE TO LIVE ON.

290,000 KIWI KIDS  
LIVE IN LOW INCOME  
HOUSEHOLDS



THAT'S  
MORE THAN 1 IN 4  
CHILDREN OR  
27%\*

THESE ARE CHILDREN IN FAMILIES WHOSE INCOME IS LESS THAN 60% OF NZ'S median HOUSEHOLD INCOME  
ADJUSTED AFTER TAX AND FOR FAMILY SIZE AND TYPE.  
Income is after housing costs as this is a significant and fixed portion of household spending. It shows what is left for other costs.



\*This is based on defining income poverty as <60% contemporary median threshold.

[www.childpoverty.co.nz](http://www.childpoverty.co.nz)

Data source: Child Poverty Monitor: Technical Report 2017  
– based on Ministry of Social Development data in the Household Incomes in New Zealand report  
Children are those 0–17 years old

