The percentage of children age 0-17 who live below the poverty level during the year. Children growing up in poverty (defined here as $23,850 for a family of four) are much more likely than peers to experience stress and deprivation that hinders development and readiness for school and life.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau
Percentage change in child poverty, 2000 to 2018

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Legend:
- **Blue**: -16.3% - -1.8%
- **Light Blue**: -1.7% - 15.3%
- **Light Pink**: 15.4% - 25.3%
- **Pink**: 25.4% - 35.6%
- **Red**: 35.7% - 46.1%
- **Deep Red**: 46.2% - 68.3%
- **Iowa**: 25.3%