Puerto Rico's Broken Safety Net: Economic Effects

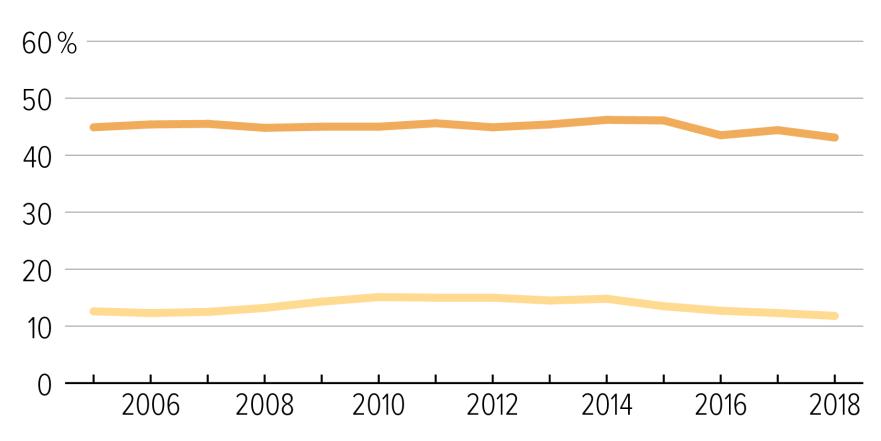


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Poverty Rates in Puerto Rico Are Very High





Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005 through 2018, ACS & PR Community Surveys.

Limited or No Access to Key Anti-Poverty Programs

Limited Access

No Access



Nutrition Assistance Program



Supplemental Security Income (SSI)





Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)

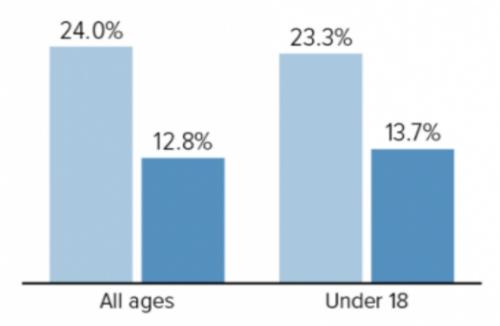


Child Tax Credit (CTC)



Economic Security Programs Cut Poverty Rate Nearly in Half in 2018

- Counting no government assistance or taxes
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Note: Figures use the federal government's Supplemental Poverty Measure (SPM).

Source: CBPP analysis of U.S. Census Bureau's March 2019 Current Population Survey and published Census figures

