

49%

THE ESTIMATED NUMBER
OF AMERICAN CHILDREN
WHO WILL SPEND
AT LEAST ONE YEAR
ON FOOD STAMPS.*

* Mark Rank, PhD, Washington University in St. Louis, November 2, 2009

7 **OUT OF** **10**

**THE NUMBER OF
AMERICAN CHILDREN
LIVING IN POVERTY WHO HAVE
WORKING PARENTS.***

* US Census Bureau

14.3%

THE OFFICIAL UNITED STATES
POVERTY RATE IN 2009,
UP 1.1% FROM 2008,
THE LARGEST SINGLE YEAR
INCREASE IN NEARLY
THREE DECADES.*

* US Census Bureau

436
MILLION

**THE NUMBER OF AMERICANS
LIVING IN POVERTY IN 2009,
THE THE HIGHEST LEVEL
IN THE 51 YEARS FOR WHICH
POVERTY ESTIMATES HAVE
BEEN PUBLISHED.***

* US Census Bureau, 2009

MORE THAN

1 IN 5

CHILDREN
LIVING IN AMERICA TODAY
ARE POOR.*

* US Census 2009

ONLY

1 IN 3

AMERICAN CHILDREN
READ AT GRADE LEVEL
IN THE 4TH GRADE*

* 2009 National Assessment of Educational Progress

\$22,050

A FAMILY OF FOUR
WITH AN ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME
OF \$22,050 OR LESS
IS CONSIDERED TO BE
LIVING IN POVERTY.*

* Sawhill, Haskins, Creating an Opportunity Society, 2009

DENMARK

FINLAND NORWAY

SWEDEN

FRANCE CANADA

GERMANY

**THE UNITED
KINGDOM**

**COUNTRIES WHERE CHILDREN
BORN INTO A LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLD HAVE
A BETTER CHANCE OF IMPROVING
THEIR ECONOMIC SITUATION THAN
THEY WOULD IN THE UNITED STATES.***

* Is the American Dream Alive and Well? Isabel Sawhill,
The Brookings Institution, Pew Economic Mobility Project

OPPORTUNITY

n. A GOOD POSITION, CHANCE,
OR PROSPECT, AS FOR
ADVANCEMENT OR SUCCESS.

ECONOMIC MOBILITY

n. THE ABILITY OF AN INDIVIDUAL
OR FAMILY TO IMPROVE THEIR
ECONOMIC STATUS
WITHIN ONE LIFETIME OR
BETWEEN GENERATIONS.

AMERICAN DREAM

n. MAKES SUCCESS POSSIBLE
FOR EVERY
HARD-WORKING INDIVIDUAL.