

Table 3.26: 'Absolute' Child Poverty

The table shows the percentage of children living in households with incomes below the US official poverty line converted into national currencies (with purchasing power parity exchange rates). GNP per capita ranks are given in brackets (GNP values are in purchasing power parity terms and relate to the same years as the poverty data). The child poverty rate for the US is lower than the official figure of 19.9 percent for the year in question, 1995. This is because the calculations in this Report Card use a wider definition of income (including Food Stamps) and a different adjustment for household size.

	Percentage of Child Poverty
Luxembourg (1)	1.2
Norway (3)	3.0
Denmark (7)	5.1
Sweden (12)	5.3
Finland (14)	6.9
Belgium (4)	7.5
Canada (5)	9.5
France (10)	10.7
Netherlands (9)	11.1
Germany (8)	12.5
USA (2)	13.9
Australia (6)	16.2
Ireland (15)	21.4
UK (13)	29.1
Italy (11)	36.1
Spain (16)	42.8
Czech Republic (17)	83.1
Hungary (18)	90.6
Poland (19)	93.1

Percent

Source: UNICEF (June 2000). *Innocenti Report Card, Issue 1*. Florence, Italy: Innocenti Research Center. The child poverty league, Figure 2.