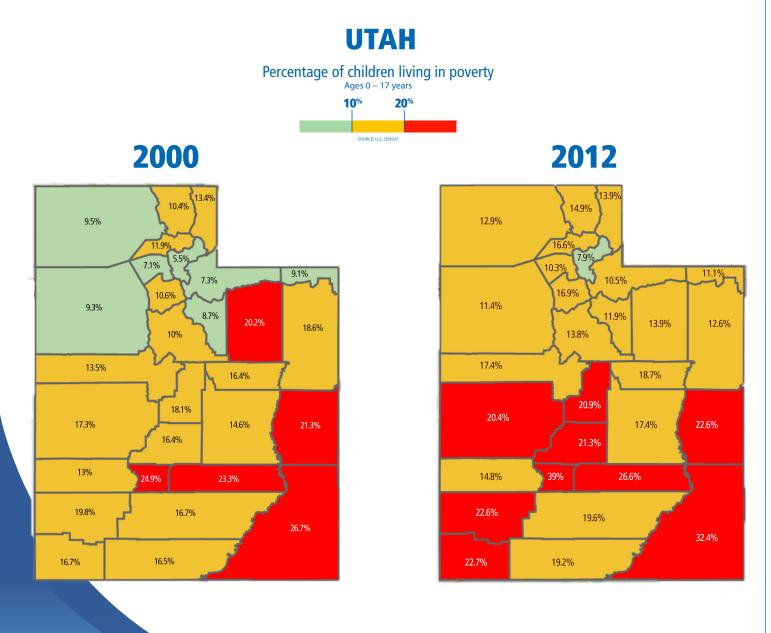
## Children in Poverty Moving in the Wrong Direction

Nearly 1 in 4 children in the United States live in poverty. The stark changes in many states between 2000 and 2012 illustrate the widening income gap, which reduces economic growth, jeopardizes socioeconomic mobility, and increases demand for high-quality public services. This phenomenon affects all aspects of a person's life and is a difficult cycle to break. Reclaiming the Promise is about fulfilling our collective obligation to ensure that every person has the opportunity to succeed and live a productive life.



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