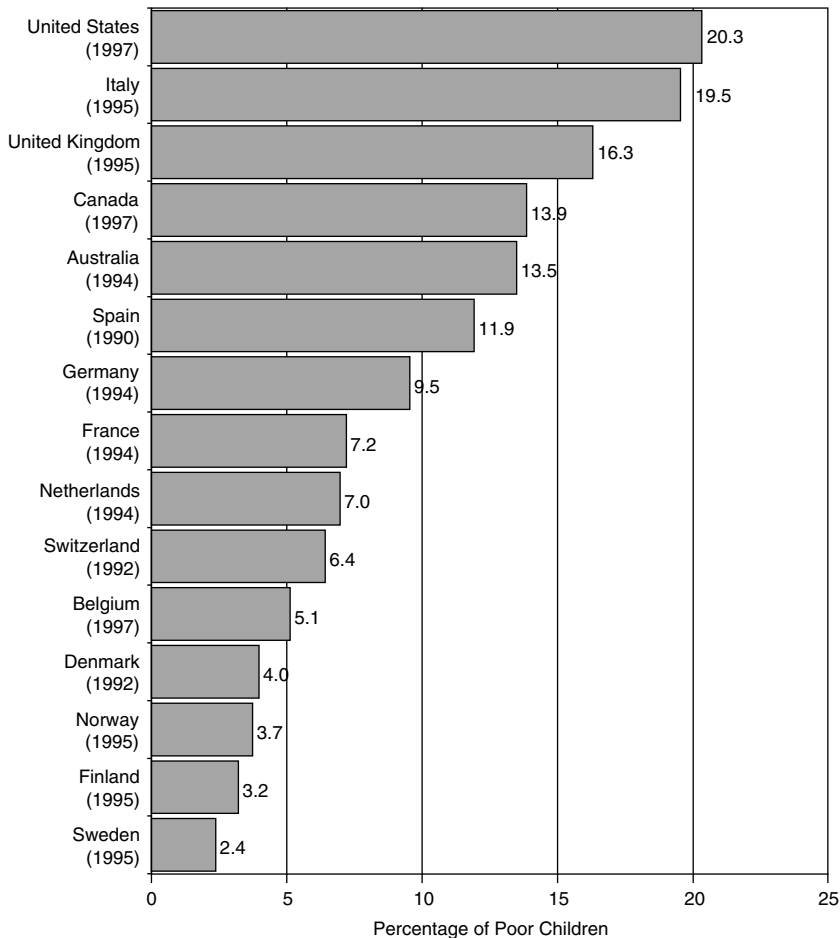
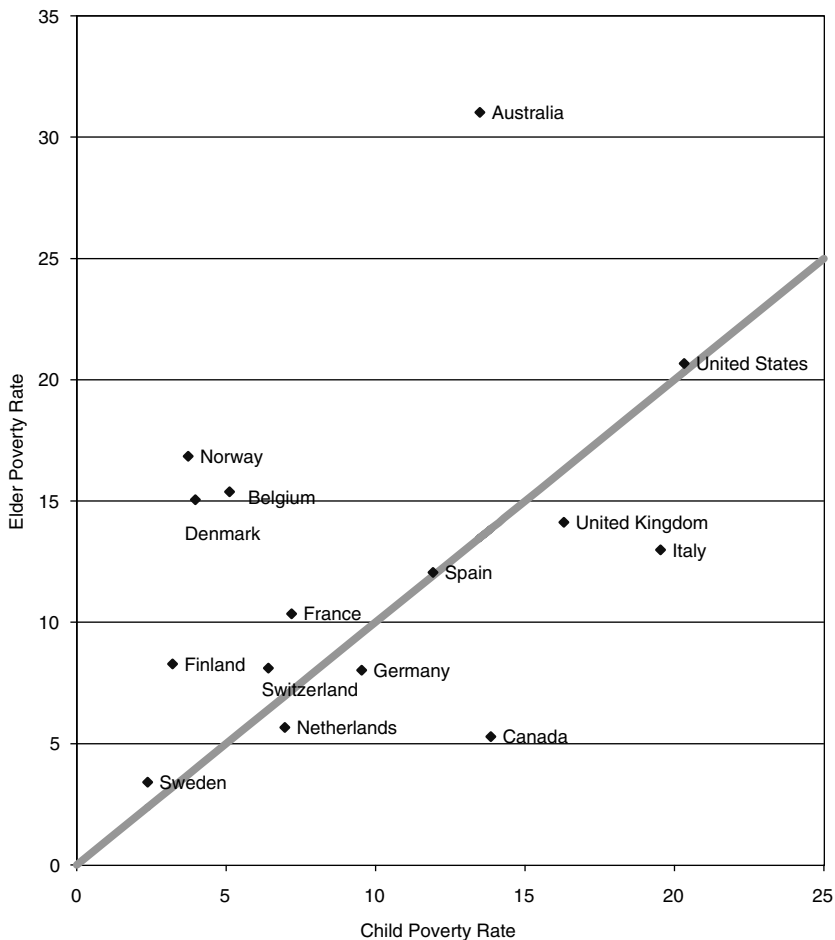


**FIGURE 1.1 Child Poverty Rates in Fifteen Countries  
in the 1990s**



*Source:* Authors' calculations, using data from the Luxembourg Income Study.

**FIGURE 1.2 Poverty Rates of Elders and Children in Fifteen Countries in the 1990s**



*Source:* Authors' calculations, using data from the Luxembourg Income Study.

*Note:* The diagonal line represents equal child and adult poverty rates. The survey year for each country can be found in figure 1.1 and table 1.2.

**TABLE 1.1 LIS Poverty Lines for the United States, 1997**

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| Size of Household | Annual Income |
|-------------------|---------------|
| One person        | \$14,000      |
| Two persons       | 17,600        |
| Three persons     | 20,200        |
| Four persons      | 22,200        |
| Five persons      | 23,900        |
| Six persons       | 25,400        |

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*Source:* Authors' calculations, using data from the Luxembourg Income Study.

**TABLE 1.2 Median Equivalent Income in Fifteen Countries in the 1990s**

| Country        | Year | Median<br>Equivalent<br>Income | Currency           |
|----------------|------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Australia      | 1994 | 24,450                         | Australian dollars |
| Belgium        | 1997 | 764,561                        | Belgian francs     |
| Canada         | 1997 | 30,074                         | Canadian dollars   |
| Denmark        | 1992 | 166,949                        | Danish kroner      |
| Finland        | 1995 | 105,868                        | Finnish markkaa    |
| France         | 1994 | 121,955                        | French francs      |
| Germany        | 1994 | 37,779                         | Deutsche mark      |
| Italy          | 1995 | 24,515,000                     | Italian lire       |
| Netherlands    | 1994 | 37,523                         | Dutch guilders     |
| Norway         | 1995 | 203,980                        | Norwegian kroner   |
| Spain          | 1990 | 1,234,723                      | Spanish pesetas    |
| Sweden         | 1995 | 168,664                        | Swedish kronor     |
| Switzerland    | 1992 | 52,718                         | Swiss francs       |
| United Kingdom | 1995 | 11,697                         | U.K. pounds        |
| United States  | 1997 | 28,005                         | U.S. dollars       |

*Source:* Authors' calculations, using data from the Luxembourg Income Study.

*Note:* Amounts are given in national currency units.

**TABLE 1.3 Trends in Child Poverty in Twenty-Five Countries, 1970 to 1997**

| Nation                      | Year of Survey                        | Before<br>1971 | 1972 to<br>1975 | 1976 to<br>1981 | 1982 to<br>1985      | 1986 to<br>1988 | 1989 to<br>1993 | 1994 to<br>1997 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| United States               | 1969, 1974, 1979,<br>1986, 1991, 1997 | 13.1%          | 17.3%           | 18.5%           | —                    | 22.9%           | 21.5%           | 22.7% ≥ 20.3%   |
| Western Europe              |                                       |                |                 |                 |                      |                 |                 |                 |
| Austria                     | 1987                                  | —              | —               | —               | —                    | 4.8             | —               | —               |
| Belgium                     | 1985, 1988, 1992, 1997                | —              | —               | —               | 3.4%                 | 3.1             | 3.8             | 5.1             |
| Denmark                     | 1987, 1992                            | —              | —               | —               | —                    | 5.3             | 4.0             | —               |
| Finland                     | 1987, 1991, 1995                      | —              | —               | —               | —                    | 2.9             | 2.5             | 3.2             |
| France                      | 1979, 1984a, 1984b,<br>1989, 1994     | —              | —               | 6.3             | 6.5/8.6 <sup>c</sup> | —               | 7.5             | 7.2             |
| Germany (West) <sup>a</sup> | 1973, 1978, 1983/1984,<br>1989, 1994  | —              | 4.0             | 3.2             | 4.8/6.4 <sup>d</sup> | —               | 4.4             | 8.7             |
| Ireland                     | 1987                                  | —              | —               | —               | —                    | 12.0            | —               | —               |
| Italy                       | 1986, 1991, 1995                      | —              | —               | —               | —                    | 10.8            | 9.6             | 19.5            |
| Luxembourg                  | 1985, 1991, 1994                      | —              | —               | —               | 4.1                  | —               | 3.6             | 4.6             |
| Netherlands <sup>b</sup>    | 1983, 1987, 1991, 1994                | —              | —               | —               | 2.5                  | 3.6             | 4.1             | 7.0             |
| Norway                      | 1979, 1986, 1991, 1995                | —              | —               | 3.8             | —                    | 3.8             | 4.6             | 3.7             |
| Spain                       | 1980, 1990                            | —              | —               | 12.3            | —                    | —               | 11.9            | —               |

|                |   |      |      |      |      |      |      |            |
|----------------|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|------------|
| Sweden         | 1967, 1975, 1981, 1987,<br>1992, 1995       | 3.5  | 1.9  | 3.9  | —    | 3.0  | 2.7  | 2.4        |
| Switzerland    | 1982, 1992                                  | —    | —    | —    | 3.3  | —    | 6.4  | 6.7        |
| United Kingdom | 1969, 1974, 1979, 1986,<br>1991, 1995       | 5.3  | 7.0  | 8.5  | —    | 9.9  | 16.7 | 16.3       |
| Eastern Europe |   |      |      |      |      |      |      |            |
| Czech Republic | 1992  | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | 3.4  | —          |
| Hungary        | 1991, 1994                                  | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | 9.5  | 10.1       |
| Poland         | 1986, 1992, 1995                            | —    | —    | —    | —    | 10.6 | 9.0  | 12.7       |
| Russia         | 1992, 1995                                  | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | 19.9 | 23.2       |
| Slovakia       | 1992  | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | 3.2  | —          |
| Other          |   |      |      |      |      |      |      |            |
| Australia      | 1981, 1985, 1989, 1994                      | —    | —    | 14.0 | 13.1 | —    | 14.0 | 13.5       |
| Canada         | 1971, 1975, 1981, 1987,<br>1991, 1994, 1997 | 15.2 | 14.6 | 13.9 | —    | 13.6 | 13.5 | 13.1≥ 13.9 |
| Israel         | 1979, 1986, 1992, 1997                      | —    | —    | 8.2  | —    | 11.1 | 10.6 | 11.3       |
| Taiwan         | 1986, 1991                                  | —    | —    | —    | —    | 5.8  | 9.9  | —          |

*Source:* Authors' calculations, using data from the Luxembourg Income Study.

*Notes:* LIS has annual data for the United States from 1994 to 1997. The child poverty rates for these years are as follows: 1994, 22.7; 1995, 20.1; 1996, 19.9; 1997, 20.3.

a. For comparison, the 1994 rate for West Germany is given in this table. Elsewhere in the text the rates are for all of Germany. There is a survey change in Germany from 1983 to 1984 and after.

b. There are significant changes in the Dutch data that are likely to affect the comparability from year to year.

c. The two figures represent poverty rates in the 1984a and 1984b surveys.

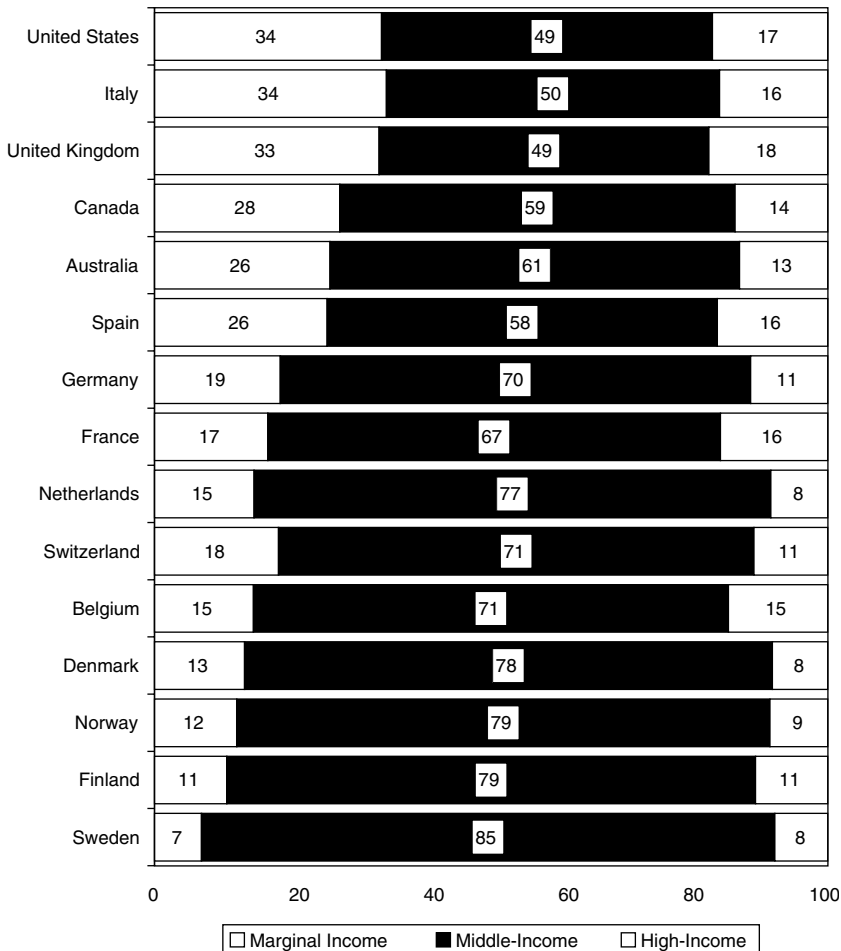
d. The two figures represent poverty rates in the 1983 and 1984 surveys.

**TABLE 1.4 U.S. Child Poverty Rate, by Ethnicity, 1997**

|                        | Percentage in Poverty | Percentage of Total Population |
|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| White                  | 12.4%                 | 65.3%                          |
| Black                  | 37.7                  | 15.6                           |
| Hispanic               | 36.8                  | 14.6                           |
| Native American–Eskimo | 32.5                  | 0.9                            |
| Asian–Pacific Islander | 20.8                  | 3.6                            |
| Total                  | 20.3                  | 100.0                          |

*Source:* Authors' calculations, using data from the Luxembourg Income Study.

**FIGURE 2.1 Marginal-, Middle-, and High-Income Children in Fifteen Countries in the 1990s**

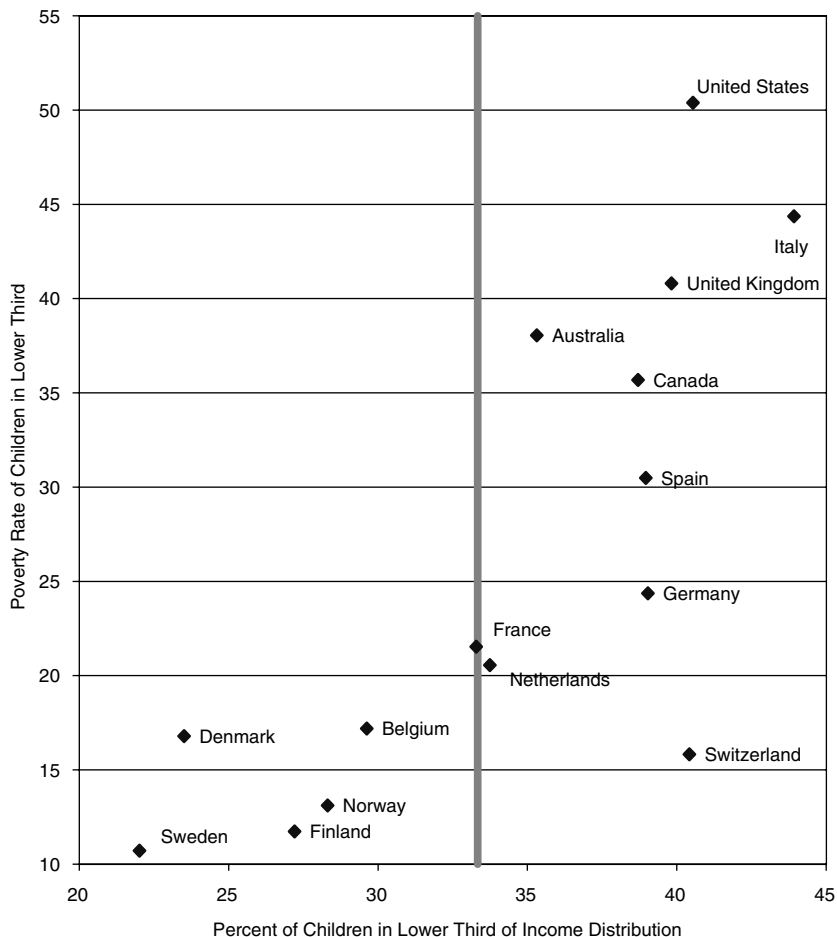


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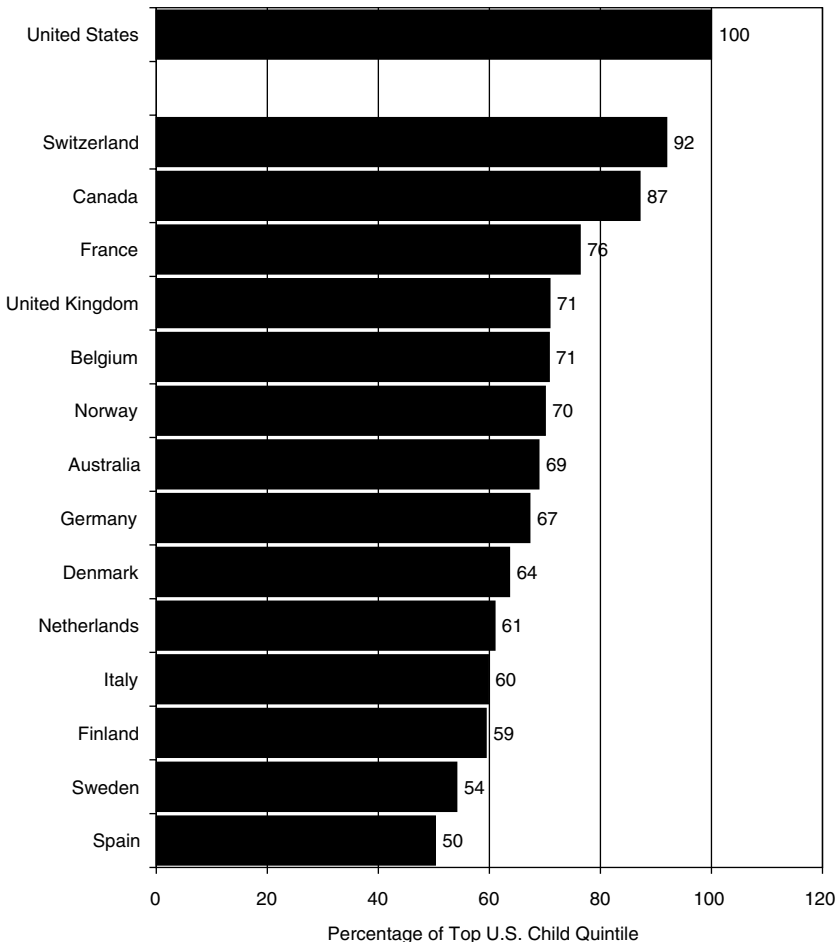
**FIGURE 2.2 Children in Lower Third of Equivalent Income Distribution in Fifteen Countries, by Child Poverty Rates in the 1990s**



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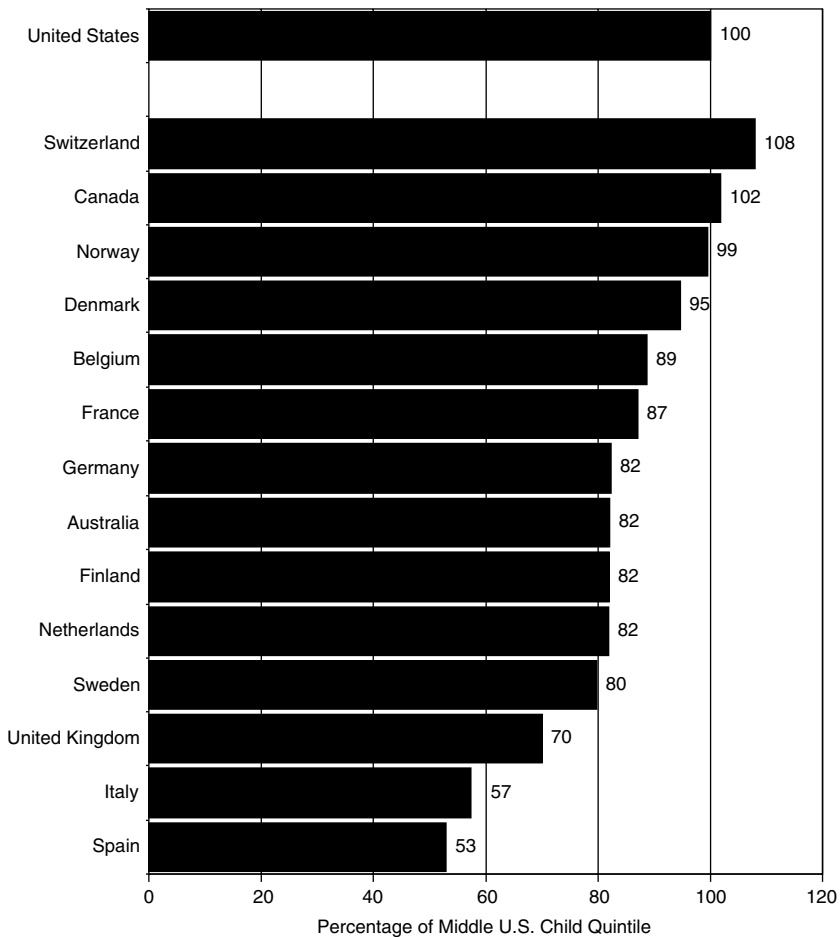
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**FIGURE 2.3 Real Income Comparisons of the Advantaged Child Across Fifteen Countries in the 1990s**



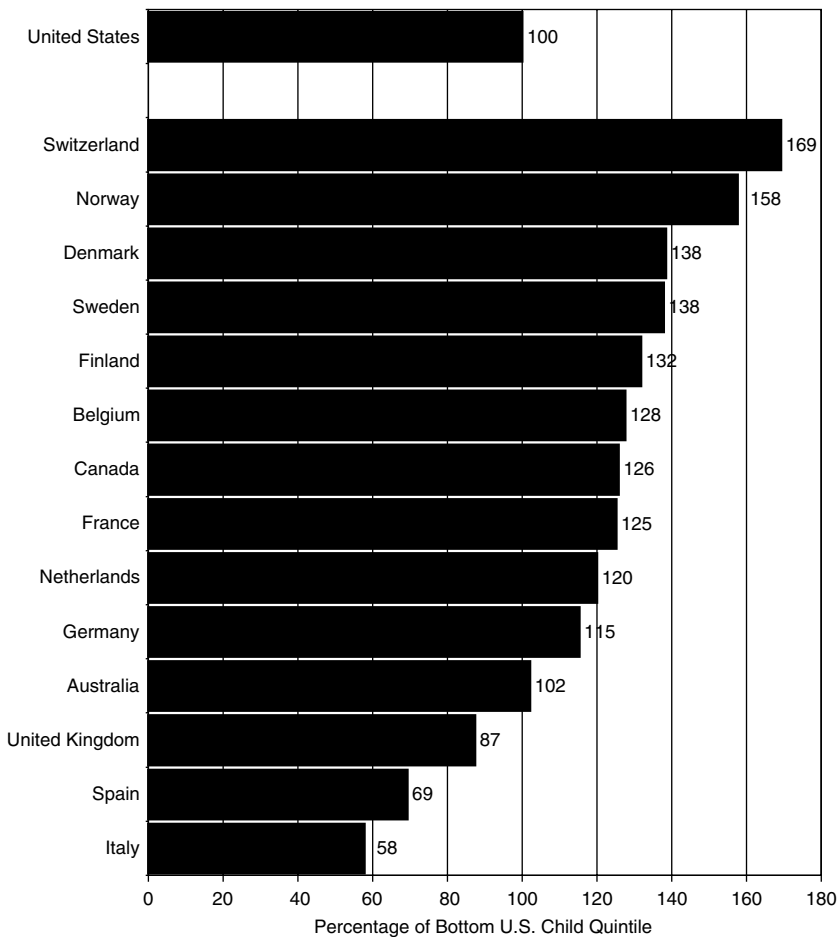
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**FIGURE 2.4 Real Income Comparisons of the Average Child Across Fifteen Countries in the 1990s**



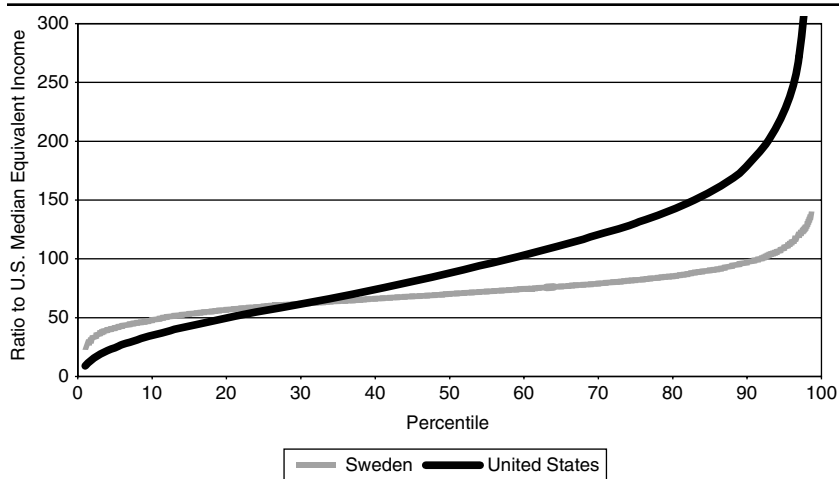
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**FIGURE 2.5 Real Income Comparisons of the Disadvantaged Child Across Fifteen Countries in the 1990s**



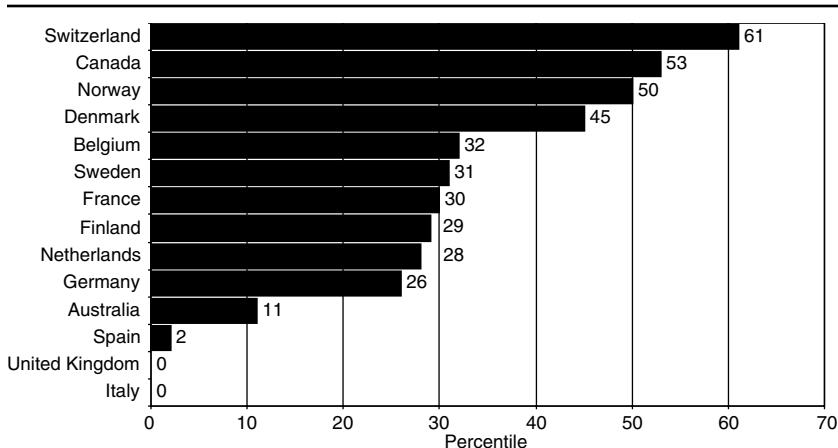
*Source:* Authors' calculations, using data from the Luxembourg Income Study.

**FIGURE 2.6 Percentile Points of Child's Real Income: Sweden and the United States**



*Source:* Authors' calculations, using data from the Luxembourg Income Study.

**FIGURE 2.7 Percentile Point at Which Fourteen Nations' Children No Longer Have Higher Income Than Comparable U.S. Children**



*Source:* Authors' calculations, using data from the Luxembourg Income Study.

**TABLE 2.1 Marginal-, Middle-, and High-Income Children in Fifteen Countries in the 1990s**

|                | Extremely Poor | Poor | Near-Poor | Average | Prosperous | Rich | Very Rich |
|----------------|----------------|------|-----------|---------|------------|------|-----------|
| Sweden         | 0.7%           | 1.7% | 4.6%      | 85.2%   | 6.4%       | 1.2% | 0.3%      |
| Finland        | 0.6            | 2.6  | 7.5       | 78.6    | 8.4        | 1.8  | 0.4       |
| Norway         | 1.4            | 2.4  | 8.5       | 79.2    | 6.5        | 1.5  | 0.6       |
| Denmark        | 1.3            | 2.7  | 9.4       | 78.4    | 6.4        | 1.5  | 0.3       |
| Belgium        | 1.5            | 3.6  | 9.6       | 70.6    | 10.8       | 3.1  | 0.8       |
| Switzerland    | 2.7            | 3.7  | 12.0      | 70.6    | 6.8        | 3.0  | 1.1       |
| Netherlands    | 3.8            | 3.2  | 7.8       | 76.8    | 6.6        | 1.7  | 0.1       |
| France         | 1.3            | 5.9  | 9.6       | 67.3    | 9.3        | 5.0  | 1.6       |
| Germany        | 3.6            | 6.0  | 9.1       | 69.9    | 7.8        | 3.2  | 0.5       |
| Spain          | 4.7            | 7.2  | 13.7      | 58.0    | 9.7        | 5.4  | 1.4       |
| Australia      | 4.1            | 9.4  | 12.6      | 60.9    | 9.1        | 3.2  | 0.8       |
| Canada         | 4.8            | 9.1  | 13.7      | 58.7    | 9.4        | 3.7  | 0.7       |
| United Kingdom | 4.8            | 11.5 | 17.0      | 49.0    | 10.1       | 5.6  | 1.9       |
| Italy          | 10.6           | 8.9  | 14.9      | 49.5    | 10.2       | 4.6  | 1.3       |
| United States  | 9.4            | 10.9 | 13.4      | 49.2    | 9.9        | 4.9  | 2.4       |

*Source:* Authors' calculations, using data from the Luxembourg Income Study.

**TABLE 2.2 Percentage of Real U.S. GDP in Fourteen Countries,  
per Median Equivalent Person in the 1990s**

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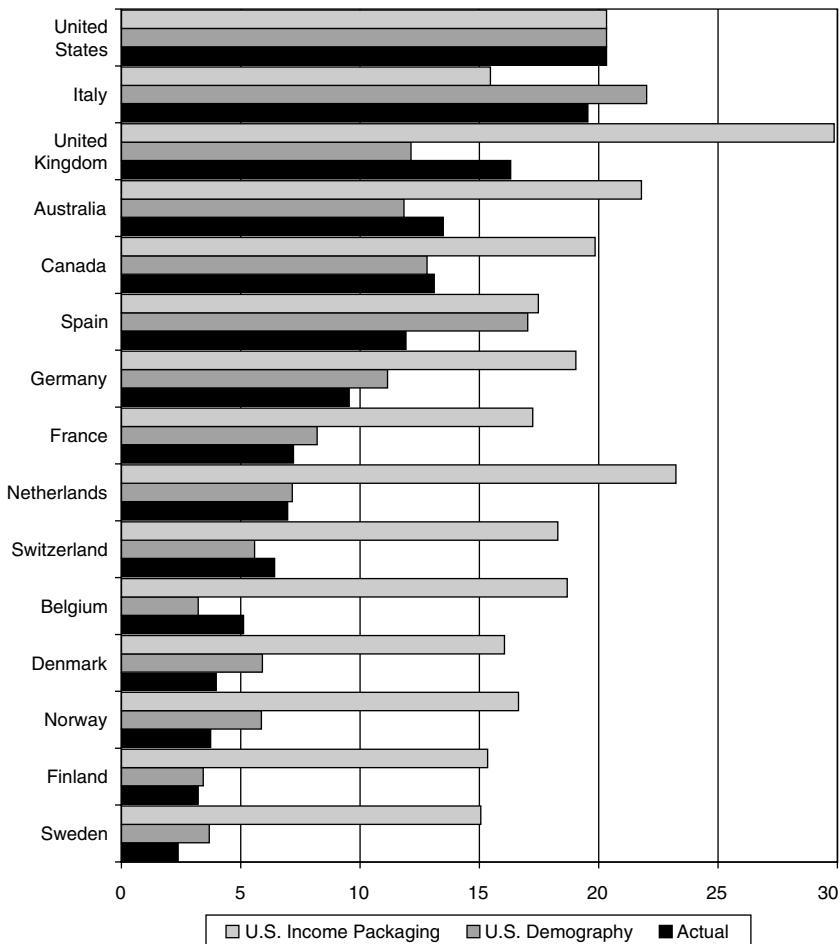
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|----------------|--------|
| Australia      | 79.00% |
| Belgium        | 89.37  |
| Canada         | 88.71  |
| Denmark        | 80.89  |
| Finland        | 70.71  |
| France         | 79.22  |
| Germany        | 79.25  |
| Italy          | 84.21  |
| Netherlands    | 79.60  |
| Norway         | 92.35  |
| Spain          | 69.87  |
| Sweden         | 67.79  |
| Switzerland    | 98.49  |
| United Kingdom | 69.16  |

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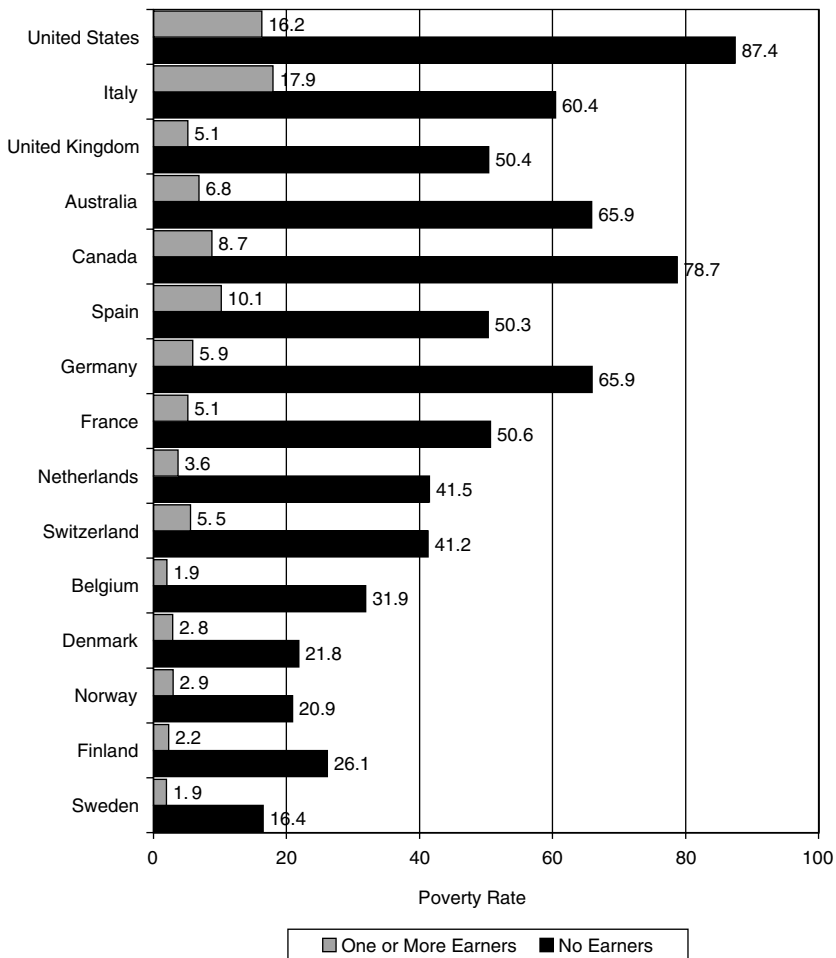


**FIGURE 3.1 Observed and Simulated Child Poverty Rates in Fifteen Countries in the 1990s**



Source: Authors' calculations, using data from the Luxembourg Income Study.

**FIGURE 3.2 Child Poverty in Fifteen Countries, by Number of Earners in the 1990s**



Source: Authors' calculations, using data from the Luxembourg Income Study.

**TABLE 3.1 Number of Adults with Annual Earnings, by Country**

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|                | No Earner | One Earner | Two or More Earners |
|----------------|-----------|------------|---------------------|
| Australia      | 11.4%     | 34.5%      | 54.1%               |
| Belgium        | 10.6      | 35.4       | 53.9                |
| Canada         | 7.4       | 25.8       | 66.8                |
| Denmark        | 6.0       | 17.7       | 76.2                |
| Finland        | 4.3       | 21.2       | 74.6                |
| France         | 6.4       | 38.3       | 55.3                |
| Germany        | 6.1       | 42.4       | 51.5                |
| Italy          | 3.8       | 49.9       | 46.3                |
| Netherlands    | 8.8       | 46.2       | 44.9                |
| Norway         | 4.7       | 20.5       | 74.9                |
| Spain          | 5.8       | 58.0       | 36.2                |
| Sweden         | 3.3       | 22.6       | 74.1                |
| Switzerland    | 10.1      | 49.5       | 40.4                |
| United Kingdom | 24.8      | 34.3       | 40.9                |
| United States  | 5.7       | 32.2       | 62.0                |

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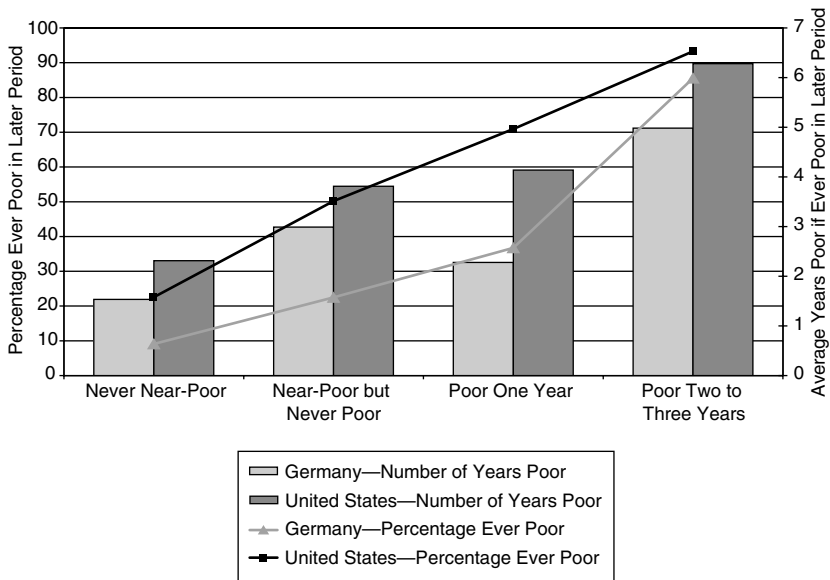
*Source:* Authors' calculations, using data from the Luxembourg Income Study.

**TABLE 3.2 Earning Status of Poor Children's Families in Fifteen Countries in the 1990s**

|                | No Earner | One Earner | Two or More Earners |
|----------------|-----------|------------|---------------------|
| Australia      | 55.5%     | 36.3%      | 8.2%                |
| Belgium        | 66.7      | 25.8       | 7.5                 |
| Canada         | 41.8      | 37.5       | 20.7                |
| Denmark        | 33.2      | 29.3       | 37.5                |
| Finland        | 34.8      | 40.2       | 25.0                |
| France         | 39.3      | 54.6       | 6.1                 |
| Germany        | 42.4      | 46.9       | 10.7                |
| Italy          | 11.8      | 70.9       | 17.3                |
| Netherlands    | 58.5      | 38.2       | 3.4                 |
| Norway         | 26.2      | 63.1       | 10.7                |
| Spain          | 21.9      | 62.8       | 15.3                |
| Sweden         | 22.5      | 54.6       | 22.9                |
| Switzerland    | 48.7      | 47.2       | 4.0                 |
| United Kingdom | 76.5      | 22.4       | 1.1                 |
| United States  | 24.7      | 55.1       | 20.3                |

*Source:* Authors' calculations, using data from the Luxembourg Income Study.

**FIGURE 4.1 Children's Experience of Poverty in the Later Period, by Poverty Status in the Early Period: Germany and the United States**



*Source:* Authors' calculations, using data from the Luxembourg Income Study.

*Note:* For the American sample the early period is 1983 through 1985, and the later period is 1986 through 1996; the German periods begin and end one year later.

**TABLE 4.1 Number of Years Children Were Poor, 1983 to 1997:  
Germany and the United States**

| Years Poor | U.S. Children | German Children |
|------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 0          | 49.4%         | 76.4%           |
| 1          | 10.4          | 9.2             |
| 2          | 6.4           | 5.1             |
| 3          | 5.4           | 3.7             |
| 4          | 5.0           | 1.6             |
| 5          | 3.2           | 0.4             |
| 6          | 2.6           | 0.8             |
| 7          | 1.8           | 0.2             |
| 8          | 1.4           | 0.0             |
| 9          | 1.8           | 0.6             |
| 10         | 4.3           | 0.5             |
| 11         | 1.5           | 0.6             |
| 12         | 1.7           | 0.3             |
| 13         | 1.6           | 0.3             |
| 14         | 3.3           | 0.2             |

*Source:* Authors' calculations, using data from the Luxembourg Income Study.

*Note:* Children were continuously present in the panels and under eighteen in 1997. For the American sample the period is 1983 to 1996; the German period begins and ends one year later.

**TABLE 4.2 Early Patterns of Economic Marginality  
Among U.S. and German Children**

|                          | German Children | U.S. Children |
|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Never near-poor or poor  | 60.7%           | 54.1%         |
| Near-poor but never poor | 27.4            | 15.1          |
| Poor one year            | 6.8             | 9.0           |
| Poor two or three years  | 5.1             | 21.8          |

*Source:* Authors' calculations, using data from the Luxembourg Income Study.

*Note:* Children were younger than five in 1984 or 1983. For the American sample the period is 1983 to 1985; the German period begins and ends one year later.

**TABLE 4.3 Persistence of Economic Marginality  
Among U.S. and German Children**

|                           | German Children | U.S. Children |
|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Marginal in three periods | 2.0%            | 12.9%         |
| Marginal in two periods   | 2.0             | 9.9           |
| Marginal in one period    | 7.8             | 15.2          |
| Never marginal            | 88.2            | 62.0          |

*Source:* Authors' calculations, using data from the Luxembourg Income Study.

*Note:* Children were younger than eighteen in 1997. For the American sample, the periods are 1983 through 1986, 1987 through 1991, and 1992 through 1996; the German periods begin and end one year later.



**TABLE 4.4 Subsequent Poverty Status of U.S. and German Children as a Function of Poverty Status in the Previous Two Years**

| Poverty Status in Previous Two Years | Poor            |               | Not Poor        |               |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
|                                      | German Children | U.S. Children | German Children | U.S. Children |
| Poor in both previous two years      | 77.8%           | 76.9%         | 22.2%           | 23.1%         |
| Poor only in previous year           | 50.5            | 52.4          | 49.5            | 47.6          |
| Poor only two years before           | 18.0            | 27.6          | 82.0            | 72.4          |
| Not poor either year                 | 2.7             | 5.6           | 97.3            | 94.4          |

*Source:* Authors' calculations, using data from the Luxembourg Income Study.

*Note:* Children were younger than eighteen in 1997. For the American sample the periods are 1991 through 1994, 1993 through 1995, and 1994 through 1996; the German periods begin and end one year later.

**TABLE 4.5 Economic Marginality of U.S. and German Adults, by Economic Status in Adolescence and Gender, Comparing Poor, Near-Poor, and Never Poor Categories**

| Adult Status             | Adolescent Status |               |                          |               |                        |               |
|--------------------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------------------|---------------|------------------------|---------------|
|                          | Never Near-Poor   |               | Near-Poor But Never Poor |               | Poor One or More Years |               |
|                          | Germany           | United States | Germany                  | United States | Germany                | United States |
| <b>Men</b>               |                   |               |                          |               |                        |               |
| Never near-poor          | 81.7%             | 65.1%         | 79.5%                    | 49.3%         | 71.4%                  | 24.8%         |
| Near-poor but never poor | 9.2               | 10.0          | 10.3                     | 19.7          | 9.5                    | 35.0          |
| Poor one or more years   | 9.2               | 24.9          | 10.3                     | 30.9          | 19.0                   | 40.2          |
| <b>Women</b>             |                   |               |                          |               |                        |               |
| Never near-poor          | 68.4              | 68.4          | 56.5                     | 17.9          | 47.8                   | 20.7          |
| Near-poor but never poor | 14.0              | 14.1          | 23.9                     | 26.0          | 30.4                   | 19.3          |
| Poor one or more years   | 17.5              | 17.5          | 19.6                     | 56.2          | 21.7                   | 60.0          |
| Number of males          | 130               | 85            | 35                       | 21            | 20                     | 32            |
| Number of females        | 102               | 95            | 42                       | 26            | 20                     | 62            |

*Source:* Authors' calculations, using data from the Luxembourg Income Study.

*Note:* For the American sample the periods are 1983 through 1985 and 1994 through 1996; the German periods begin and end one year later.

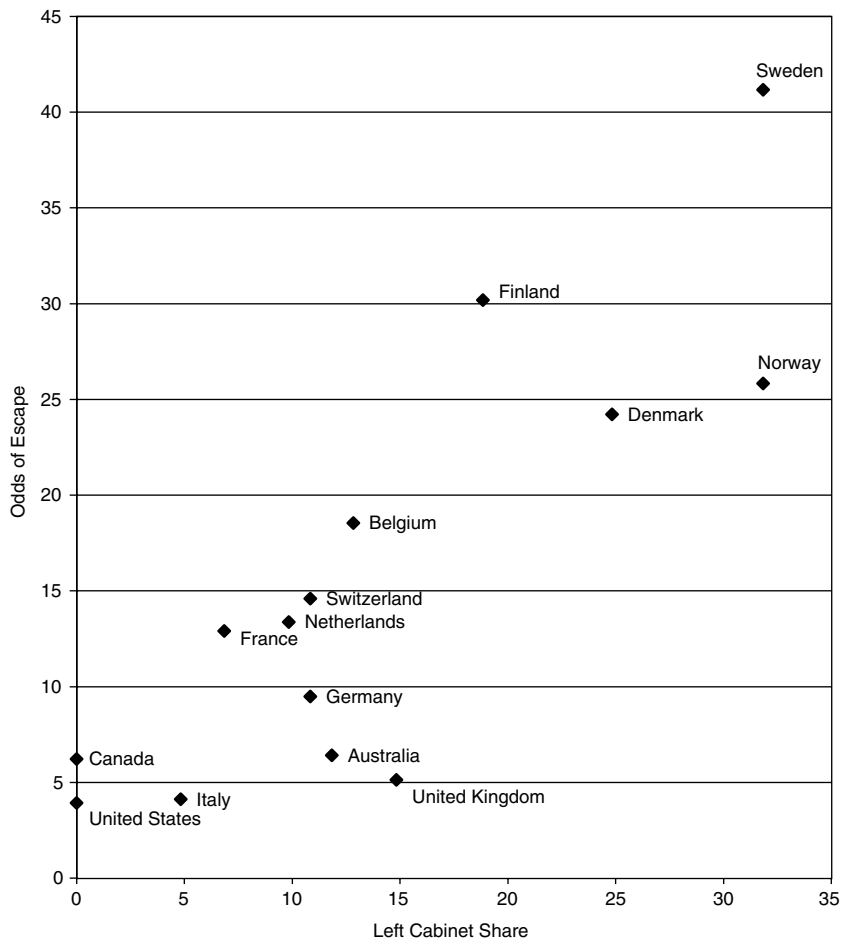
**TABLE 4.6 Economic Marginality of U.S. and German Adults, by Economic Status in Adolescence and Gender, Comparing Poor Combined with Near-Poor Versus Never Poor Categories**

| Adult Status                        | Adolescent Status |               |                   |               |         |               |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|---------|---------------|
|                                     | Never Near-Poor   |               | Near-Poor or Poor |               | Total   |               |
|                                     | Germany           | United States | Germany           | United States | Germany | United States |
| <b>Men</b>                          |                   |               |                   |               |         |               |
| Never near-poor or poor             | 81.7%             | 65.1%         | 76.7%             | 34.8%         | 80.2%   | 55.6%         |
| Near-poor or poor one or more years | 18.3              | 34.9          | 23.3              | 65.2          | 19.8    | 44.4          |
| <b>Women</b>                        |                   |               |                   |               |         |               |
| Never near-poor or poor             | 68.4              | 68.4          | 53.6              | 19.7          | 62.8    | 51.5          |
| Near-poor or poor one or more years | 31.6              | 31.6          | 46.4              | 80.3          | 37.2    | 48.5          |
| Number of males                     | 130               | 85            | 55                | 53            | 185     | 138           |
| Number of females                   | 102               | 95            | 62                | 88            | 164     | 183           |

*Source:* Authors' calculations, using data from the Luxembourg Income Study.

*Note:* For the American sample the periods are 1983 through 1985 and 1994 through 1996; the German periods begin and end one year later.

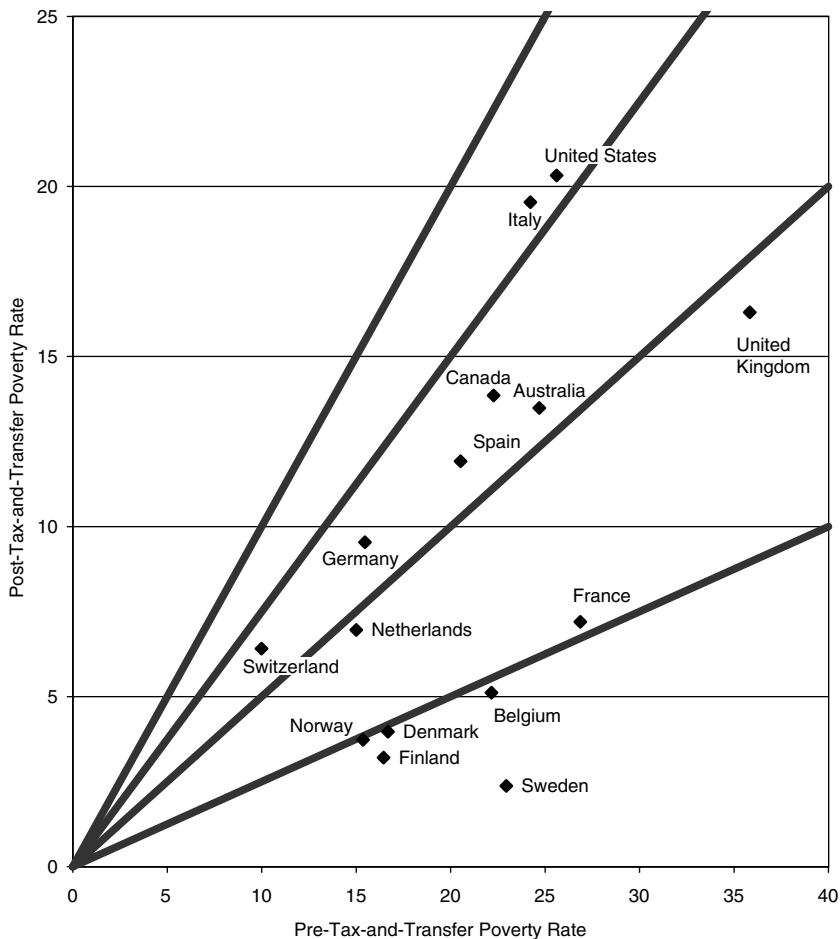
**FIGURE 5.1 Odds in Fourteen Countries of Escaping Child Poverty, by Left Cabinet Share**



*Source:* Authors' calculations, using data from the Luxembourg Income Study.

*Note:* Spain is omitted since it was not a democracy in all of the postwar years.

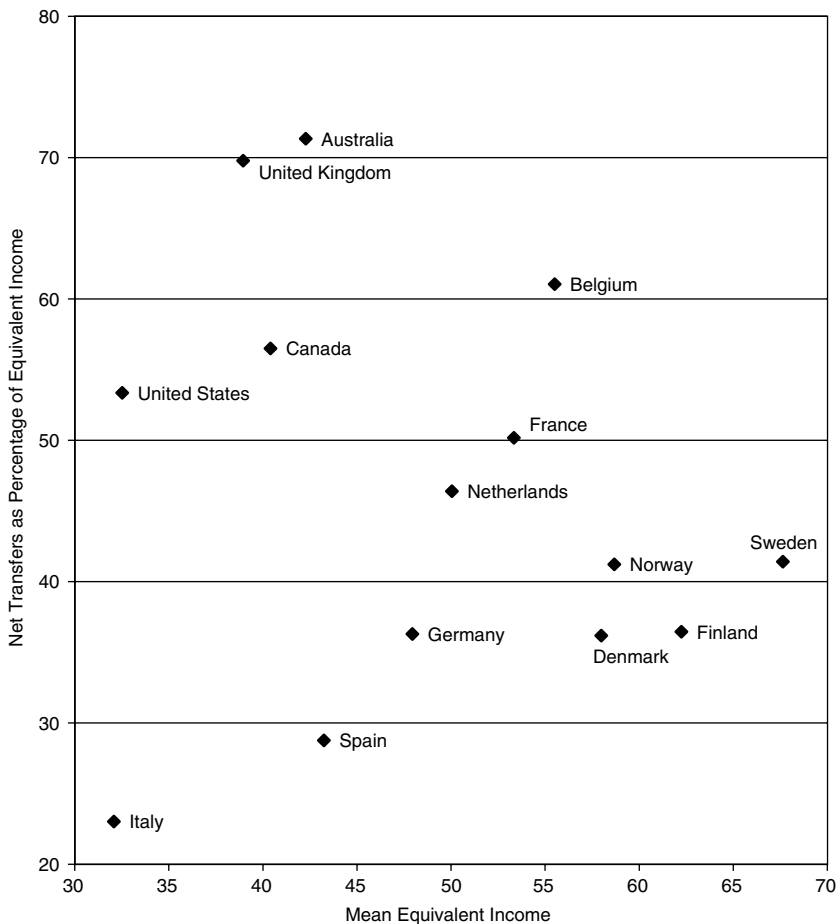
**FIGURE 5.2 Pre- and Post-Transfer Poverty Rates in Fifteen Countries**



*Source:* Authors' calculations, using data from the Luxembourg Income Study.

*Note:* From top to bottom the rays indicate that 0, 25, 50, and 75 percent of children are moved out of poverty by post-tax-and-transfer sources.

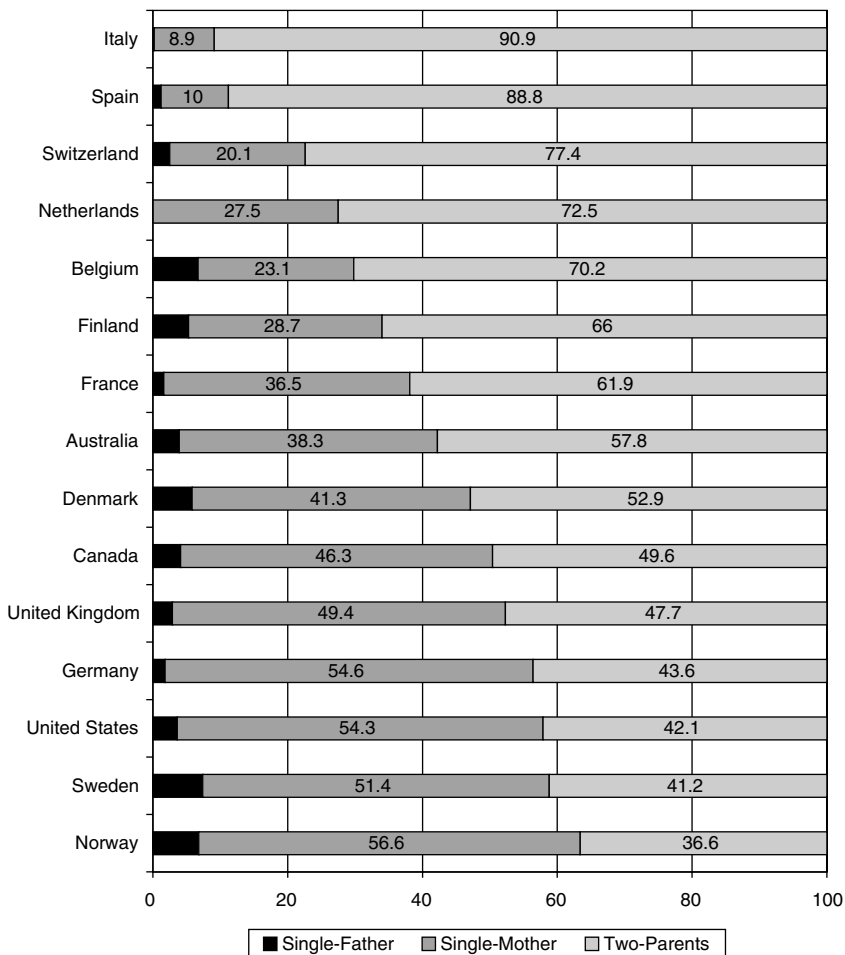
**FIGURE 5.3 Percentage Net Transfers in Fourteen Countries, by Mean Equivalent Income for Children in Lowest Quintile**



*Source:* Authors' calculations, using data from the Luxembourg Income Study.

*Note:* This figure omits Switzerland, where net transfers are negative.

**FIGURE 5.4 Family Types of Poor Children in Fifteen Countries**



Source: Authors' calculations, using data from the Luxembourg Income Study.

**TABLE 5.1 Children Living in Two-Parent Families  
in Fifteen Countries**

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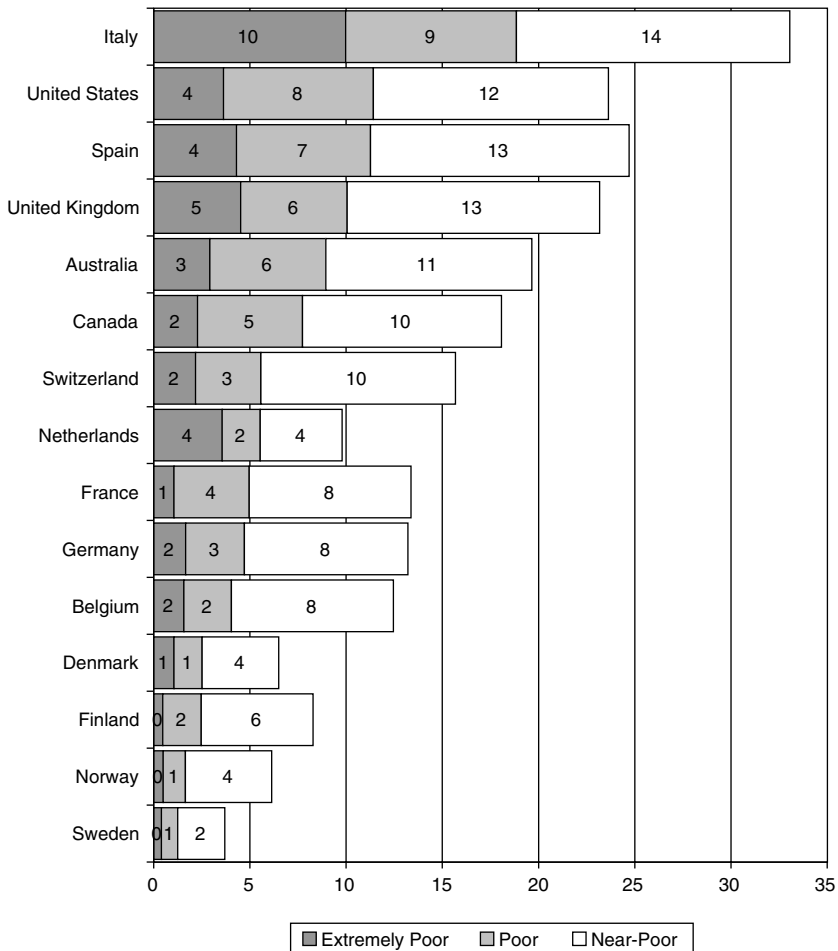
|                |       |
|----------------|-------|
| Italy          | 94.0% |
| Spain          | 93.9  |
| Netherlands    | 91.7  |
| France         | 89.9  |
| Belgium        | 89.3  |
| Switzerland    | 89.2  |
| Germany        | 88.2  |
| Australia      | 87.1  |
| Finland        | 85.7  |
| Denmark        | 83.3  |
| Norway         | 83.0  |
| Canada         | 82.3  |
| Sweden         | 78.7  |
| United Kingdom | 77.4  |
| United States  | 74.9  |

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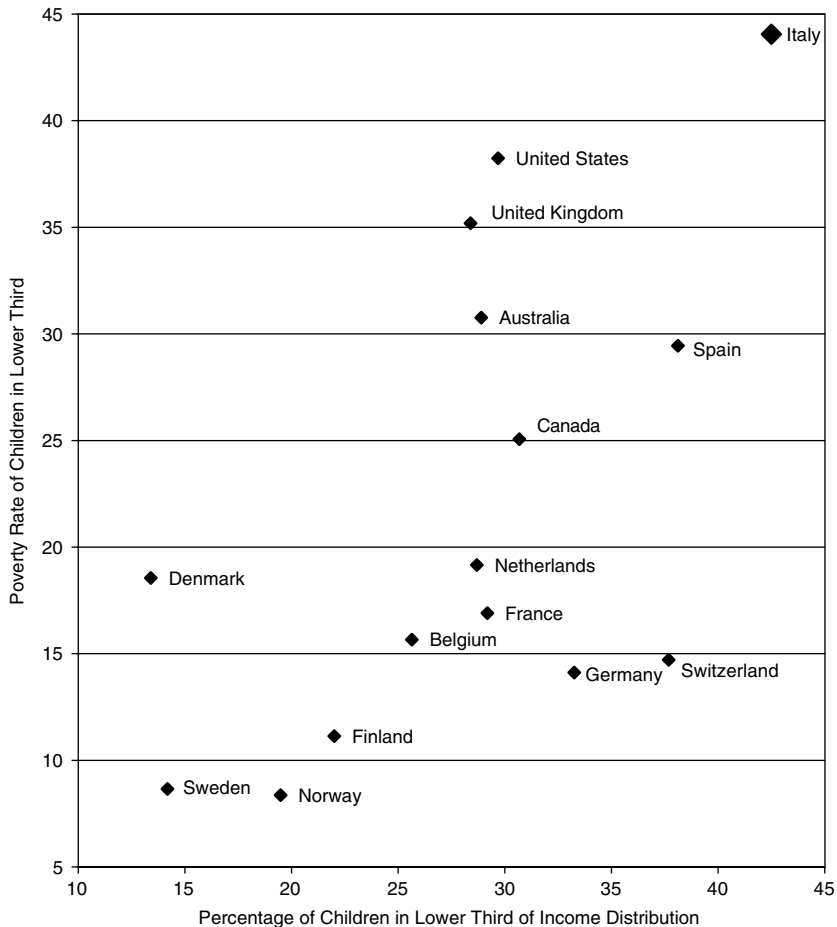


**FIGURE 6.1 Children in Two-Parent Families with Low Income in Fifteen Countries**



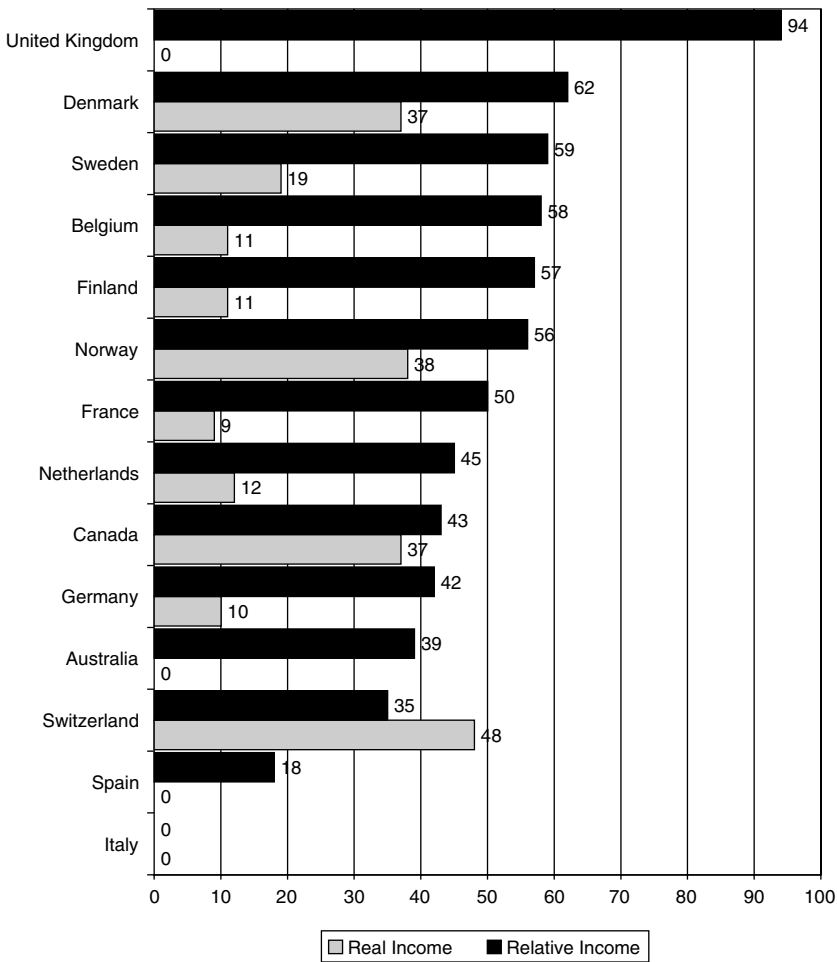
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**FIGURE 6.2 Poverty Rate of Low-Income Children in Two-Parent Families in Fifteen Countries**



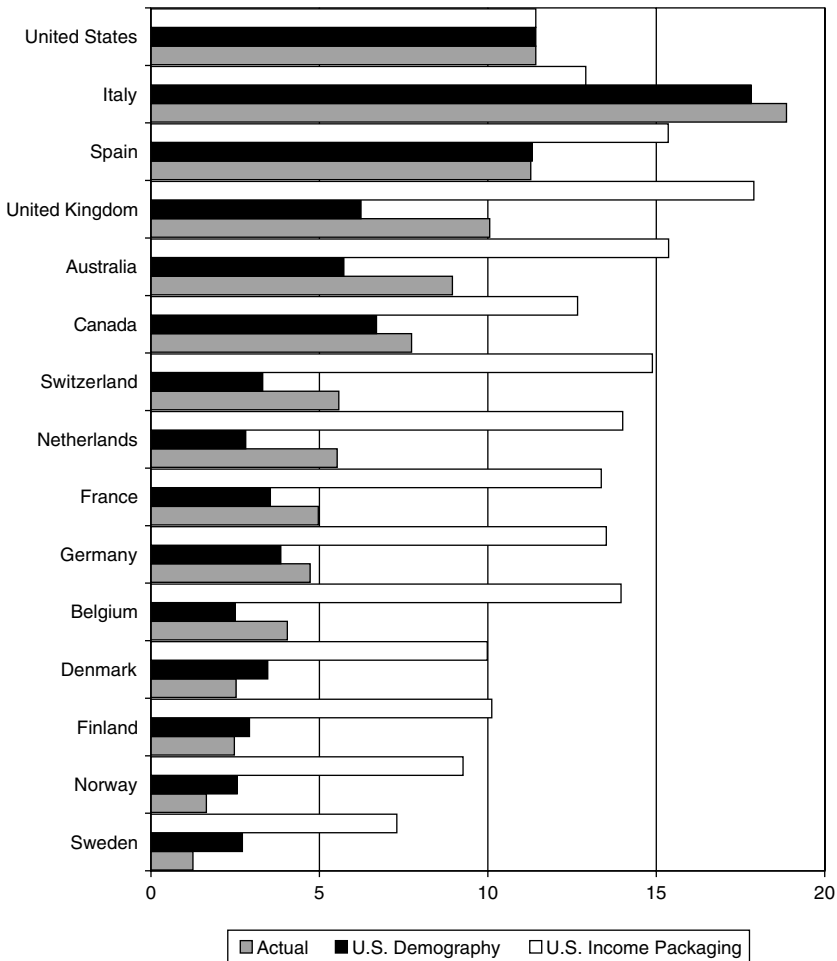
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**FIGURE 6.3 Two-Parent Children in Fourteen Countries Who Are Equally Well or Better Off in Relative and Real Terms Than Comparable U.S. Children**



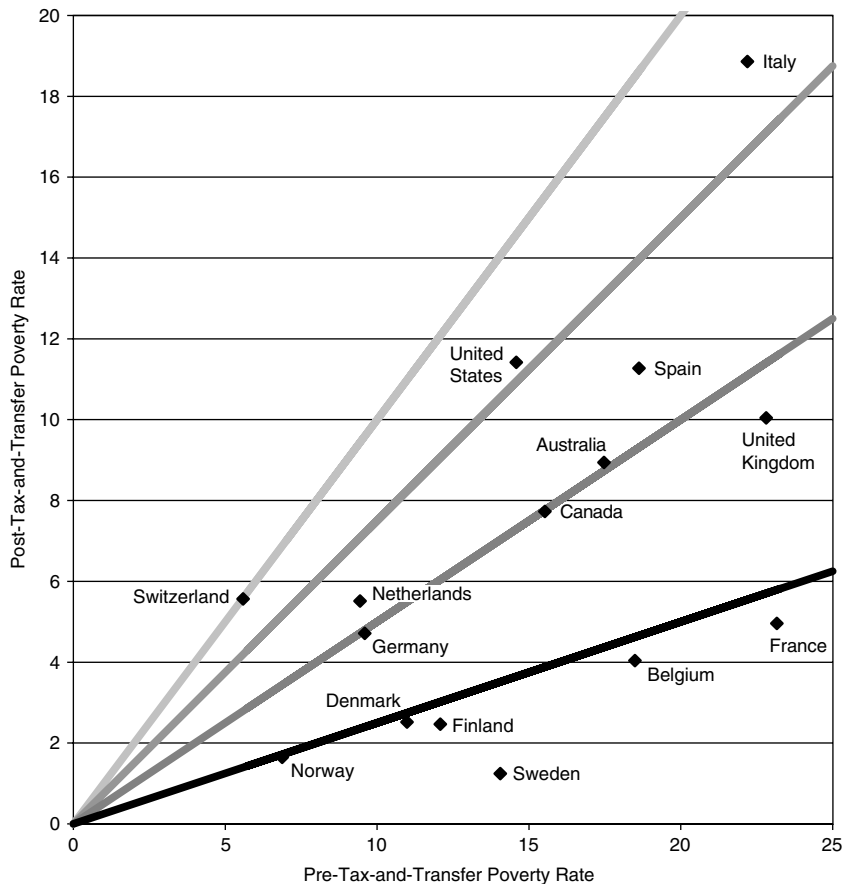
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**FIGURE 6.4 Actual and Simulated Two-Parent Child Poverty Rates in Fifteen Countries**



Source: Authors' calculations, using data from the Luxembourg Income Study.

**FIGURE 6.5 Pre- and Post-Transfer Child Poverty Rates in Two-Parent Families in Fifteen Countries**



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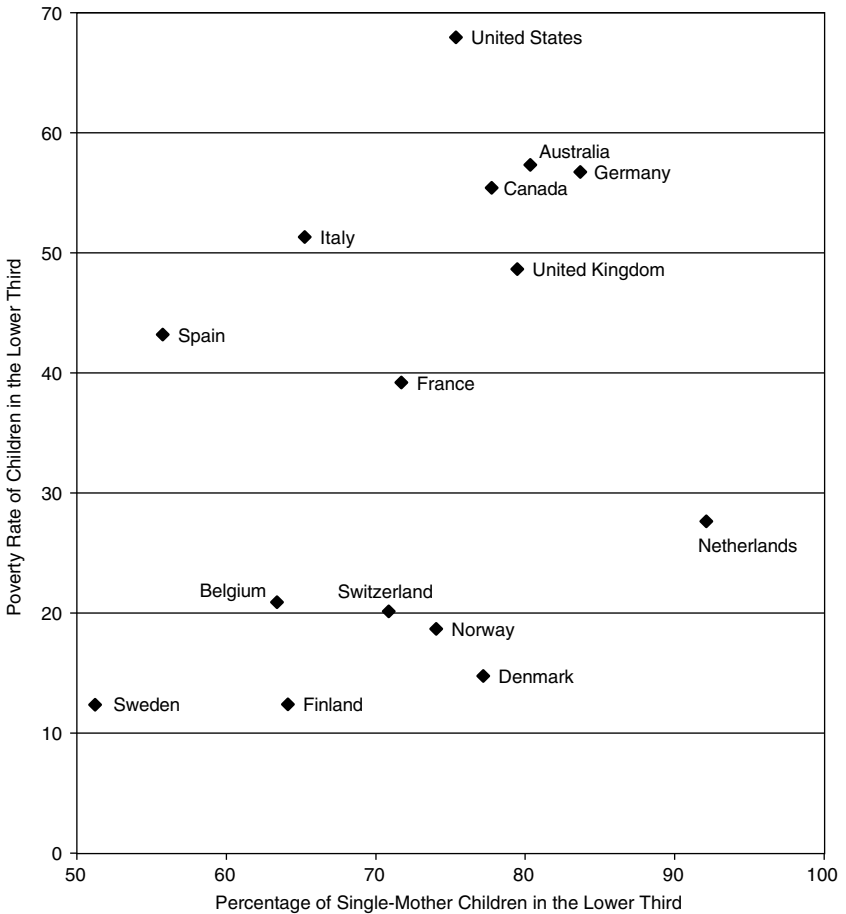
*Note:* From top to bottom the rays indicate that 0, 25, 50, and 75 percent of children are moved out of poverty by post-tax-and-transfer sources.

**TABLE 6.1 Economic Well-Being Levels of Children in Two-Parent Families in Fifteen Countries**

|                | Extremely Poor | Poor | Near-Poor | Average | Prosperous | Rich | Very Rich |
|----------------|----------------|------|-----------|---------|------------|------|-----------|
| Sweden         | 0.4%           | 0.8% | 2.5%      | 86.6%   | 7.9%       | 1.5% | 0.3%      |
| Norway         | 0.5            | 1.2  | 4.5       | 83.8    | 7.7        | 1.7  | 0.6       |
| Finland        | 0.5            | 2.0  | 5.8       | 80.2    | 9.1        | 1.8  | 0.5       |
| Denmark        | 1.1            | 1.5  | 4.0       | 83.8    | 7.5        | 1.7  | 0.4       |
| Belgium        | 1.6            | 2.5  | 8.4       | 71.3    | 11.9       | 3.5  | 0.9       |
| Germany        | 1.7            | 3.1  | 8.5       | 74.6    | 8.1        | 3.5  | 0.5       |
| France         | 1.1            | 3.9  | 8.4       | 69.3    | 10.2       | 5.4  | 1.8       |
| Netherlands    | 3.6            | 2.0  | 4.3       | 81.0    | 7.2        | 1.8  | 0.1       |
| Switzerland    | 2.2            | 3.4  | 10.1      | 73.0    | 6.9        | 3.3  | 1.2       |
| Canada         | 2.3            | 5.5  | 10.3      | 66.6    | 10.6       | 4.0  | 0.7       |
| Australia      | 2.9            | 6.0  | 10.7      | 65.4    | 10.4       | 3.7  | 0.9       |
| United Kingdom | 4.5            | 5.5  | 13.1      | 54.6    | 12.8       | 6.9  | 2.5       |
| Spain          | 4.3            | 7.0  | 13.4      | 58.6    | 9.8        | 5.6  | 1.4       |
| United States  | 3.6            | 7.8  | 12.2      | 55.2    | 12.2       | 6.1  | 3.0       |
| Italy          | 10.0           | 8.9  | 14.2      | 50.1    | 10.8       | 4.7  | 1.4       |

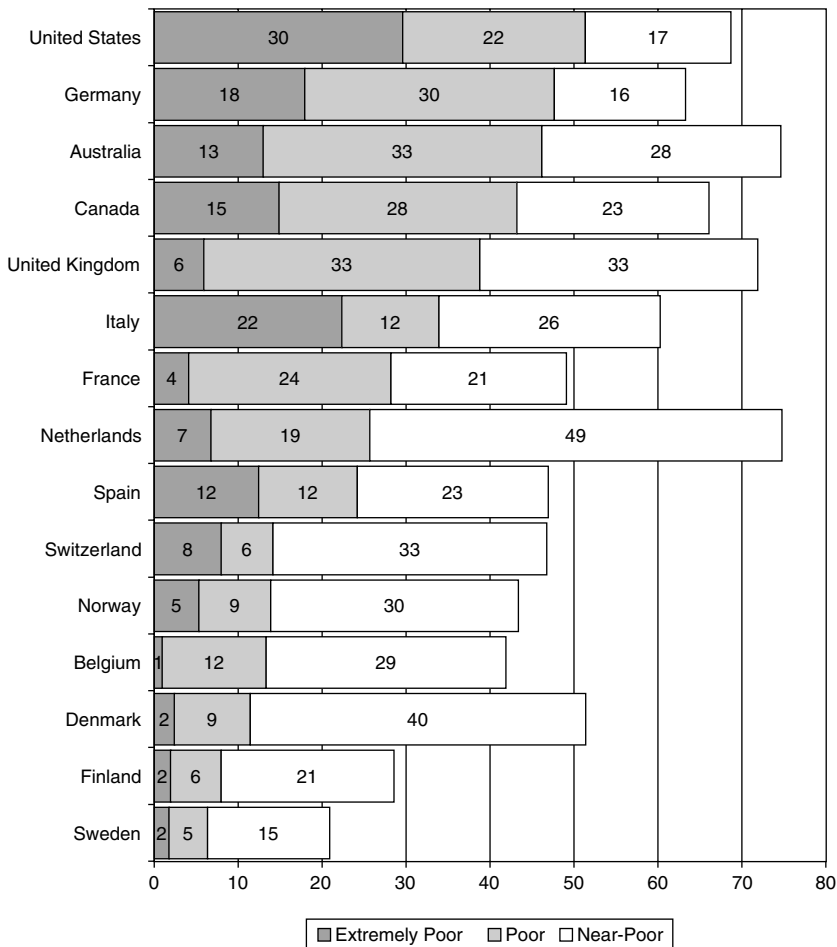
*Source:* Authors' calculations, using data from the Luxembourg Income Study.

**FIGURE 7.1 Poverty Rates in Fifteen Countries of Low-Income Single-Mother Children, by Percentage in the Lower Third**



*Source:* Authors' calculations, using data from the Luxembourg Income Study.

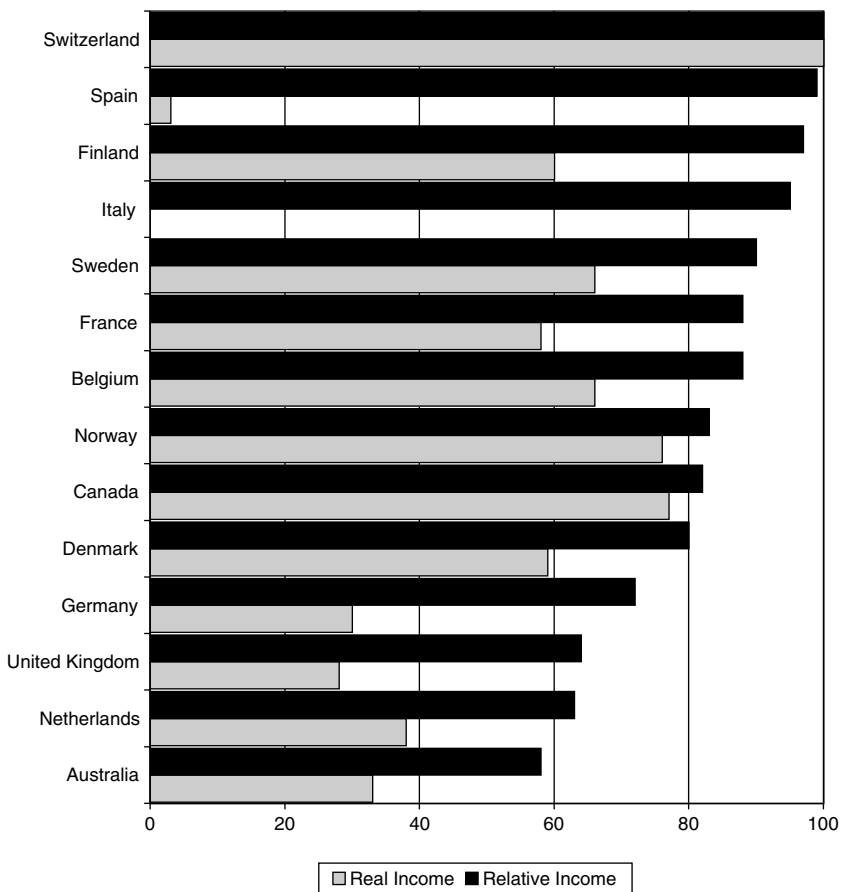
**FIGURE 7.2 Children in Single-Mother Families with Low Income in Fifteen Countries**



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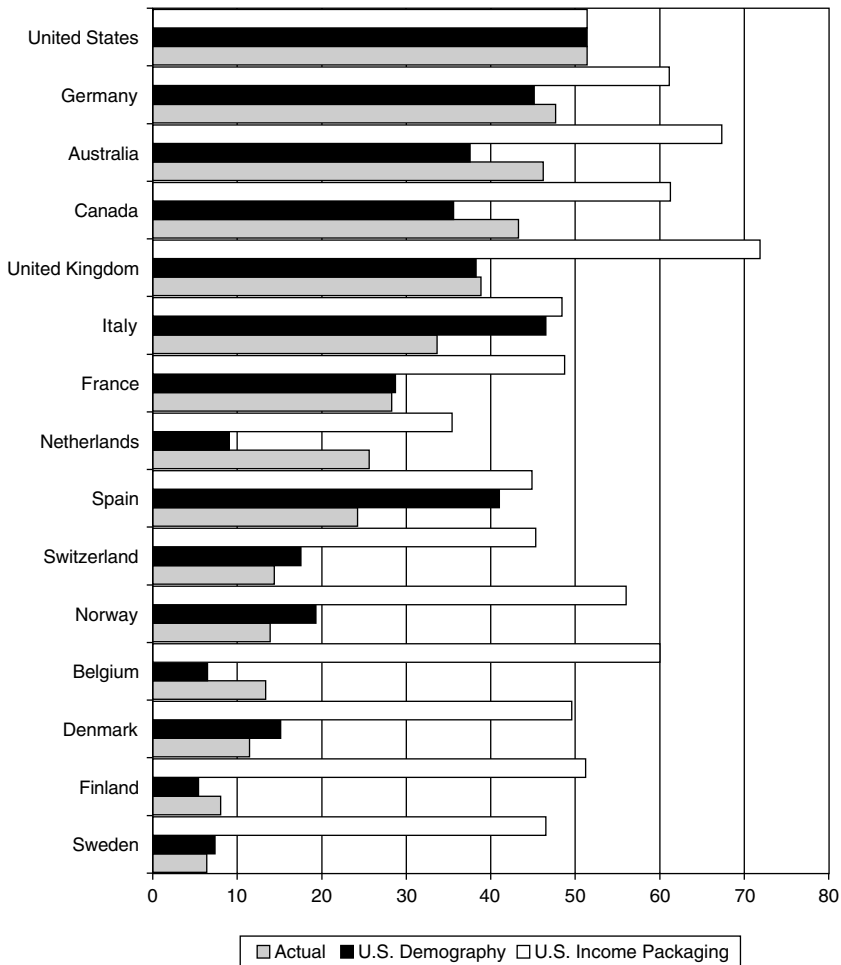


**FIGURE 7.3 Single-Mother Children in Fourteen Countries with Higher Relative and Real Incomes Than U.S. Children**



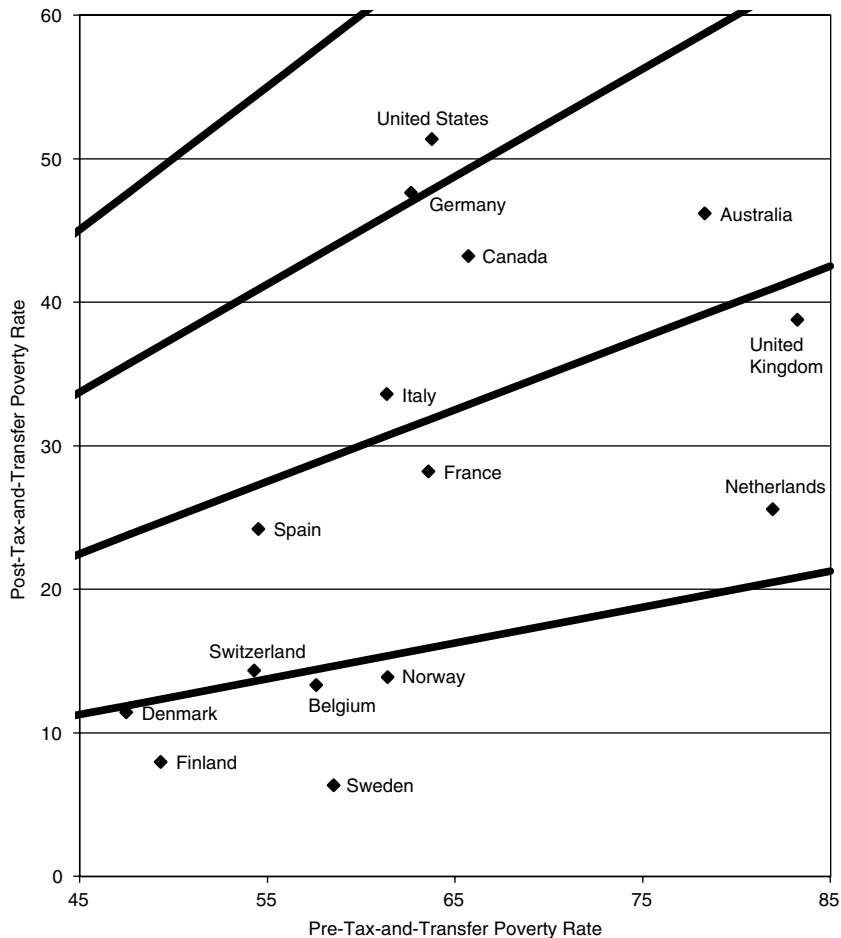
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**FIGURE 7.4 Actual and Simulated Single-Mother Child Poverty Rates in Fifteen Countries**



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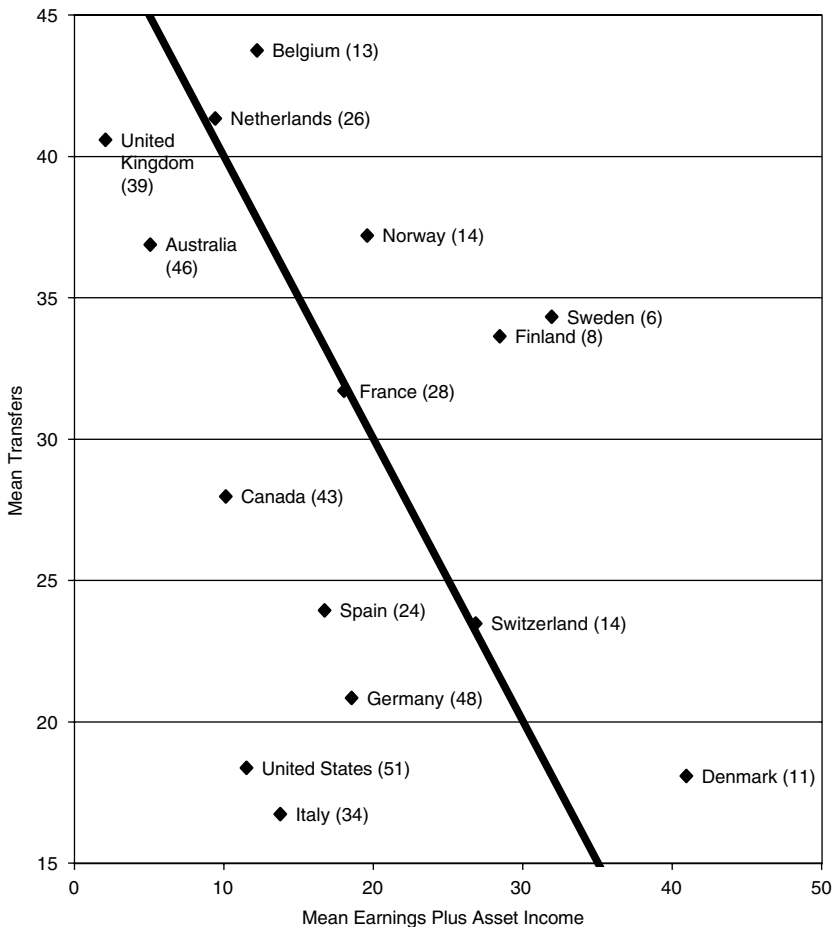
**FIGURE 7.5 Pre- and Post-Transfer Child Poverty Rates in Single-Mother Families in Fifteen Countries**



Source: Authors' calculations, using data from the Luxembourg Income Study.

Note: The diagonal lines from top to bottom denote 0, 25, 50, and 75 percent poverty reduction by transfers.

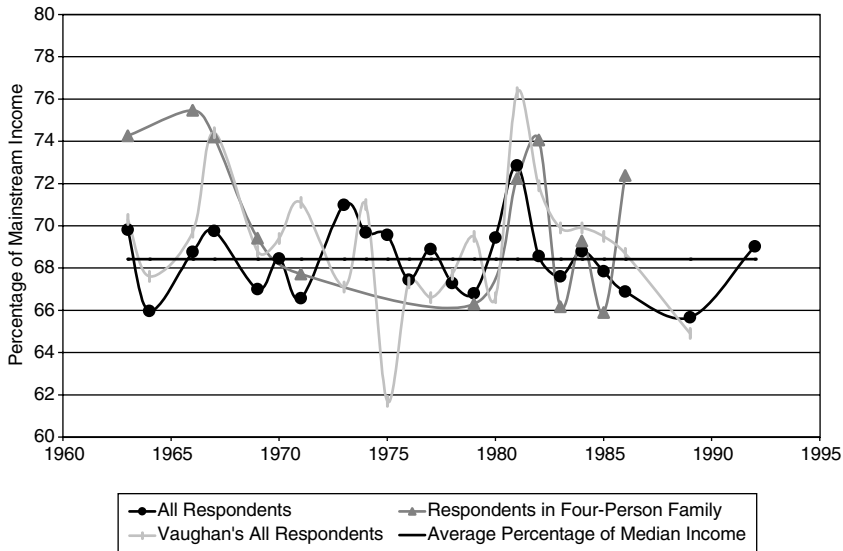
**FIGURE 7.6 Mean Factor and Transfer Income of Single-Mother Children in the Bottom Child Quintile in Fifteen Countries**



*Source:* Authors' calculations, using data from the Luxembourg Income Study.

*Note:* The diagonal line represents a total disposable income of 50 percent of median income. Figures in parentheses are poverty rates.

**FIGURE 9.1 Get-Along Income as a Percentage of Mainstream Income, 1963 to 1992**



Source: Authors' calculations, using data from U.S. Census Bureau (various years), *Consumer Income Reports*; U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis (various years), *National Economic Accounts*; Gallup Poll survey results reported in Citro and Michael (1995), O'Hare et al. (1990), and Rainwater (1997); and Vaughan (1993).

**TABLE 9.1 Regression of Get-Along Percentage by Year  
Among Gallup Respondents, 1947 to 1992**

| Variable              | Get-Along Percentage |                          | Ln Get-Along Percentage |                          |
|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
|                       | All-Family<br>Median | Family-of-Four<br>Median | All-Family<br>Median    | Family-of-Four<br>Median |
| (Constant)            | 75.769%              | 78.284%                  | 4.328%                  | 4.359%                   |
| YEAR                  | -0.367               | 0.025                    | -0.004                  | 0.000                    |
| AFTER 62              | 0.349                | -0.073                   | 0.004                   | -0.001                   |
| LATE                  | -7.102               | -8.58                    | -0.099                  | -0.116                   |
| Adjusted<br>R-squared | 0.765                | 0.638                    | 0.777                   | 0.632                    |

*Source:* Authors' calculations, using data from Gallup surveys for 1947 to 1986, and Vaughan (1993).

**TABLE 9.2 Deviation of Mean Get-Along Amounts  
in Selected Surveys 1951 to 1986,  
by Age and Family Size**

|                            | Deviation of Mean Get-Along Amount |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Age</b>                 |                                    |
| Younger than twenty-five   | -3.9                               |
| Twenty-five to thirty-four | -1.4                               |
| Thirty-five to forty-four  | 0.0                                |
| Forty-five to fifty-four   | -3.4                               |
| Fifty-five to sixty-four   | -7.8                               |
| Sixty-five and older       | -13.8                              |
| <b>Family size</b>         |                                    |
| One                        | -4.5                               |
| Two                        | -3.2                               |
| Three                      | -2.5                               |
| Four                       | 0.0                                |
| Five                       | -1.6                               |
| Six                        | 0.7                                |
| Seven or more              | -6.2                               |

*Source:* Authors' calculations, using data from Gallup surveys.

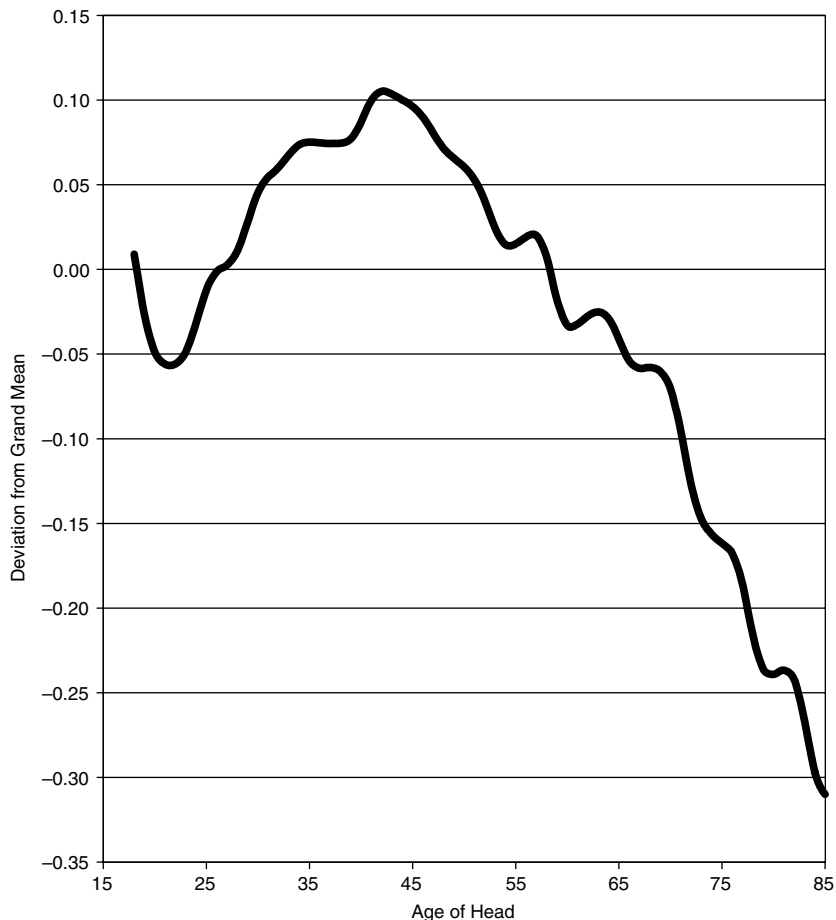
**TABLE 9.3 Loglinear Regression of Family-of-Four Get-Along Amount on Family Income, 1962 to 1986**

| Year | Coefficient | Constant | Adjusted R-squared | Mean Need | Ln(YMIN) |
|------|-------------|----------|--------------------|-----------|----------|
| 1962 | 0.184       | 6.735    | 0.086              | 8.297     | 8.252    |
| 1963 | 0.142       | 7.107    | 0.066              | 8.309     | 8.28     |
| 1966 | 0.182       | 6.846    | 0.072              | 8.433     | 8.366    |
| 1967 | 0.177       | 7.011    | 0.088              | 8.565     | 8.523    |
| 1969 | 0.154       | 7.259    | 0.083              | 8.626     | 8.585    |
| 1971 | 0.156       | 7.352    | 0.064              | 8.757     | 8.705    |
| 1978 | 0.141       | 7.925    | 0.055              | 9.254     | 9.222    |
| 1979 | 0.171       | 7.711    | 0.072              | 9.339     | 9.305    |
| 1981 | 0.148       | 8.126    | 0.061              | 9.557     | 9.538    |
| 1982 | 0.125       | 8.355    | 0.049              | 9.569     | 9.549    |
| 1983 | 0.123       | 8.414    | 0.045              | 9.612     | 9.591    |
| 1984 | 0.171       | 7.981    | 0.097              | 9.669     | 9.629    |
| 1985 | 0.175       | 7.971    | 0.089              | 9.711     | 9.665    |
| 1986 | 0.147       | 8.282    | 0.085              | 9.754     | 9.711    |

*Source:* Authors' calculations, using data from Gallup surveys.



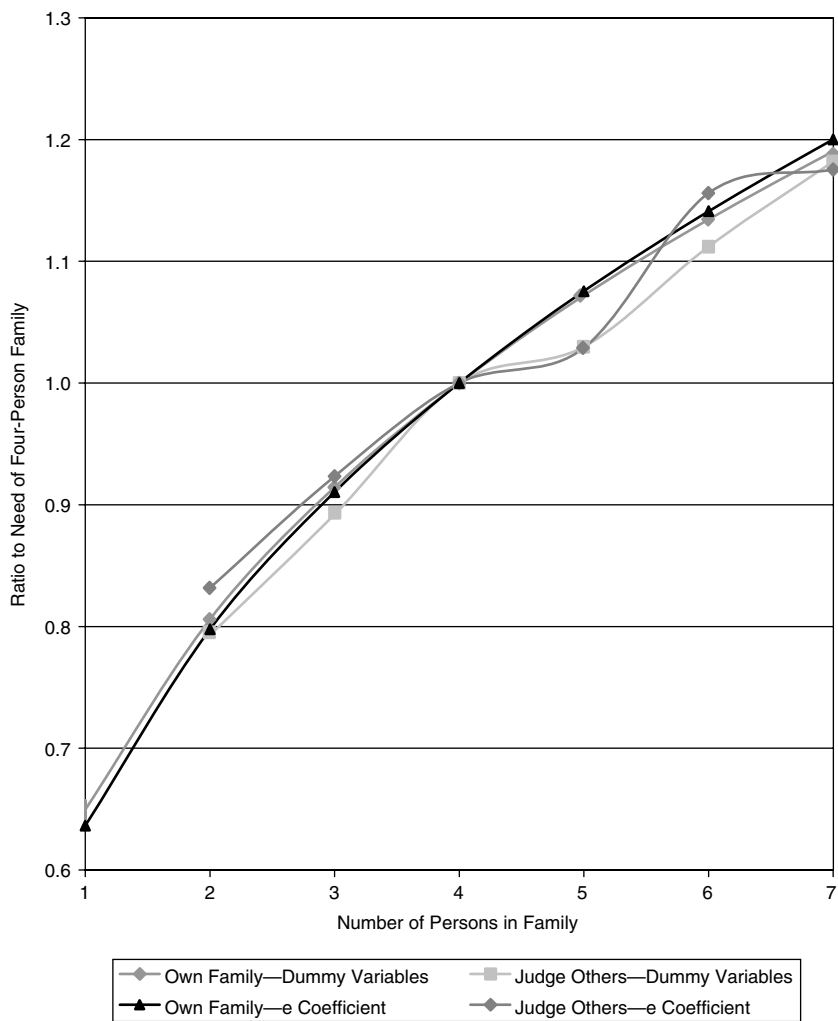
**FIGURE 10.1** Effect of Age on Respondents' Own Family's Income Need in Seven Gallup Surveys, 1979, 1981 to 1986



*Source:* Authors' calculations, using data from Gallup surveys.

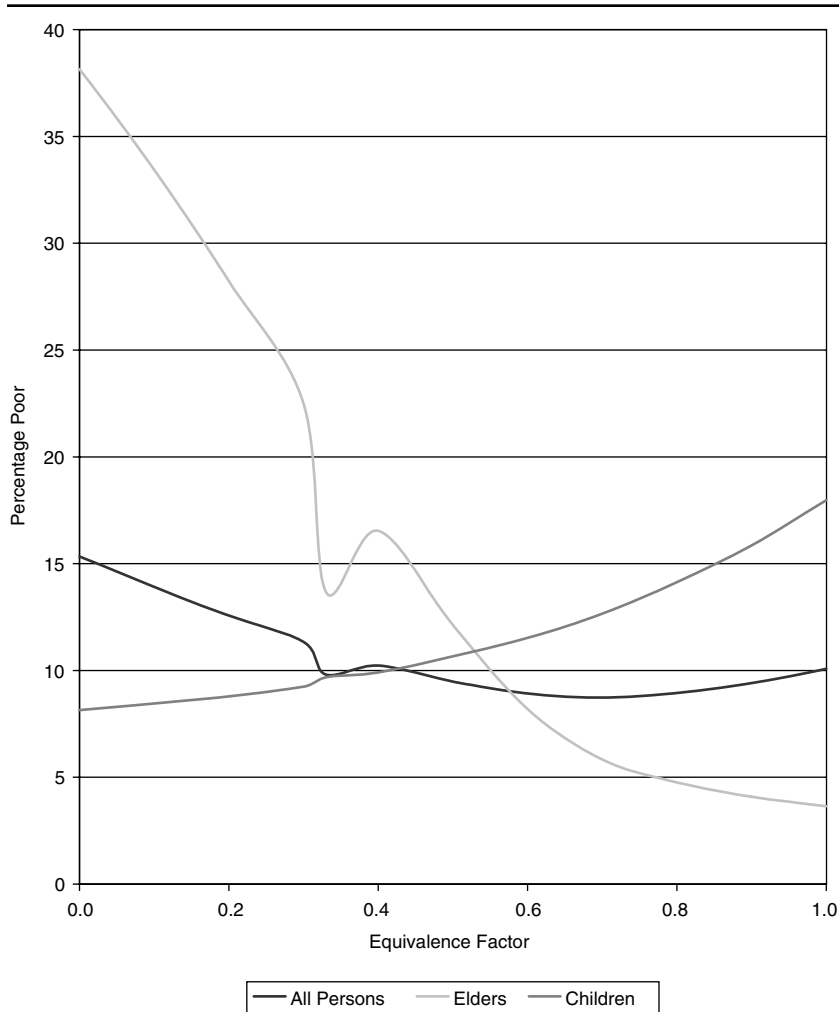
*Note:* Single year of age coefficients (deviations from grand mean controlling for family income and size) have been smoothed by a compound data smoother.

**FIGURE 10.2 Four Measures of Equivalence as Social Need**



Source: Authors' calculations, using data from Gallup surveys.

**FIGURE 10.3 Poverty Rates by Equivalence Factor, Average of Fifteen Nations**



Source: Authors' calculations, using data from the Luxembourg Income Study.

**TABLE 10.1 Respondents' Own Family Get-Along Amount as a Function of Income, Family Size, and Age (Loglinear Regression)**

| Equivalence Elasticities |                    |        |       |        |          |       |        |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--------|-------|--------|----------|-------|--------|
| Year                     | Adjusted R-Squared | Income | Size  | Age-43 | Constant | Size  | Age-43 |
| 1979                     | 0.406              | 0.385  | 0.257 | -0.009 | 5.338    | 0.418 | -0.015 |
| 1981                     | 0.318              | 0.296  | 0.262 | -0.007 | 6.353    | 0.372 | -0.011 |
| 1982                     | 0.271              | 0.282  | 0.226 | -0.008 | 6.529    | 0.315 | -0.012 |
| 1983                     | 0.272              | 0.271  | 0.211 | -0.009 | 6.697    | 0.289 | -0.012 |
| 1984                     | 0.311              | 0.307  | 0.168 | -0.012 | 6.492    | 0.243 | -0.017 |
| 1985                     | 0.342              | 0.372  | 0.243 | -0.001 | 5.628    | 0.387 | -0.001 |
| 1986                     | 0.335              | 0.286  | 0.186 | -0.01  | 6.686    | 0.26  | -0.014 |
| Mean                     | 0.322              | 0.314  | 0.222 | -0.008 | —        | 0.326 | -0.012 |

*Source:* Authors' calculations, using data from Gallup surveys.

**TABLE 10.2 Regression Coefficients  
by Income Level of Respondent**

|               | Income | Size  | Age    |
|---------------|--------|-------|--------|
| Low-income    | 0.171  | 0.248 | -0.009 |
| Middle-income | 0.426  | 0.202 | -0.006 |
| High-income   | 0.330  | 0.196 | -0.008 |

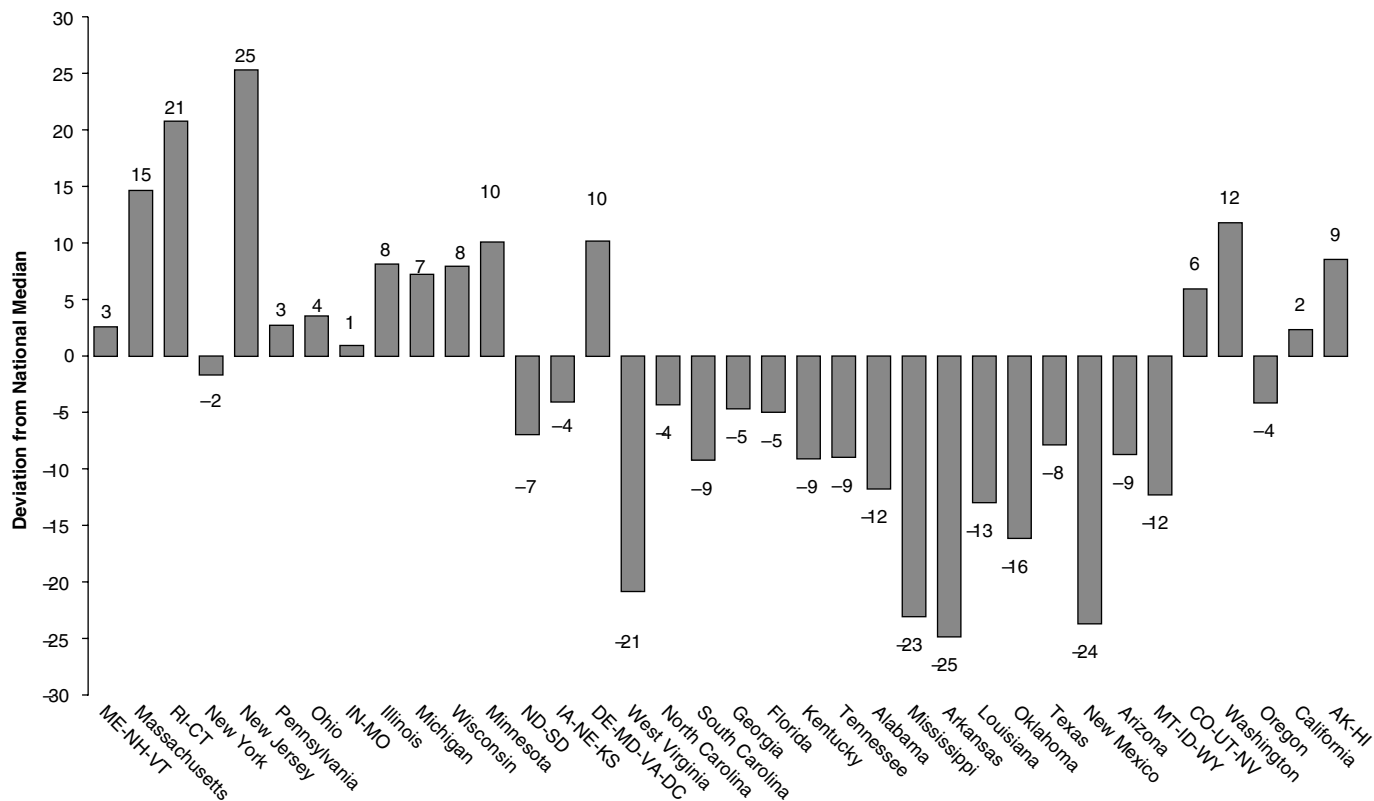
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**TABLE 10.3 Size Elasticity in Thirty-Seven Surveys**

| Surveys                          | Size Elasticity |      |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|------|
|                                  | Range           | Mean |
| U.S. Gallup surveys 1979 to 1986 | .26 to .42      | 0.33 |
| Fourteen other U.S. surveys      | .19 to .43      | 0.33 |
| Sixteen European surveys         | .12 to .40      | 0.26 |

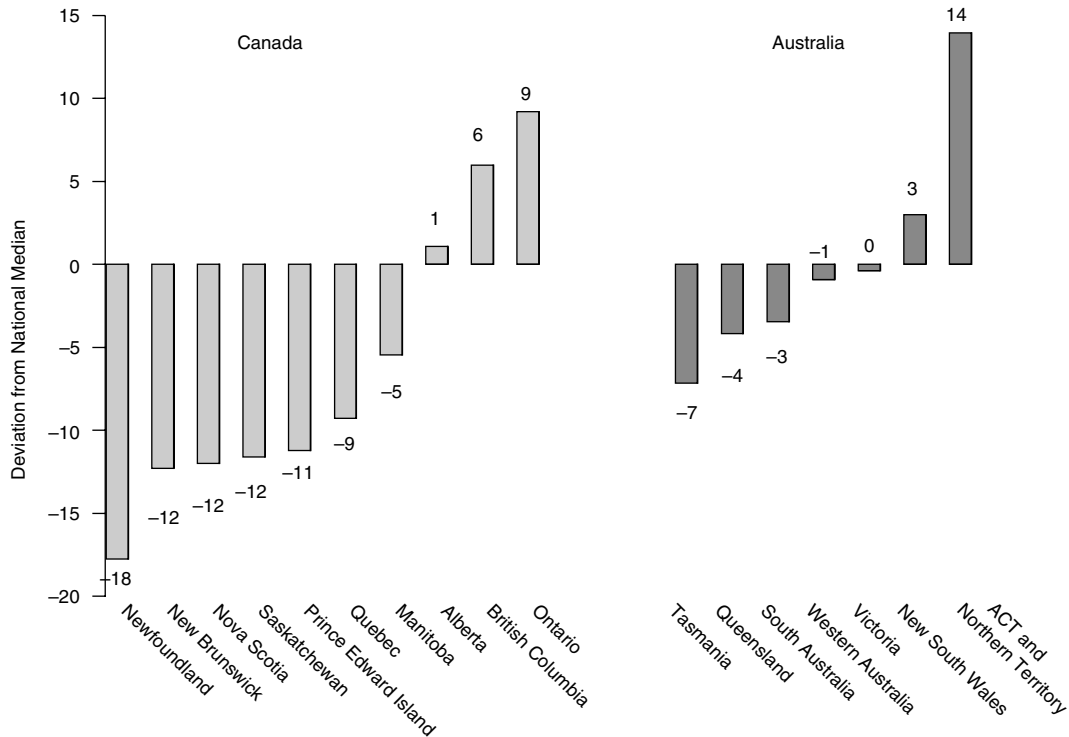
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**FIGURE 11.1 U.S. State Median Equivalent Incomes**



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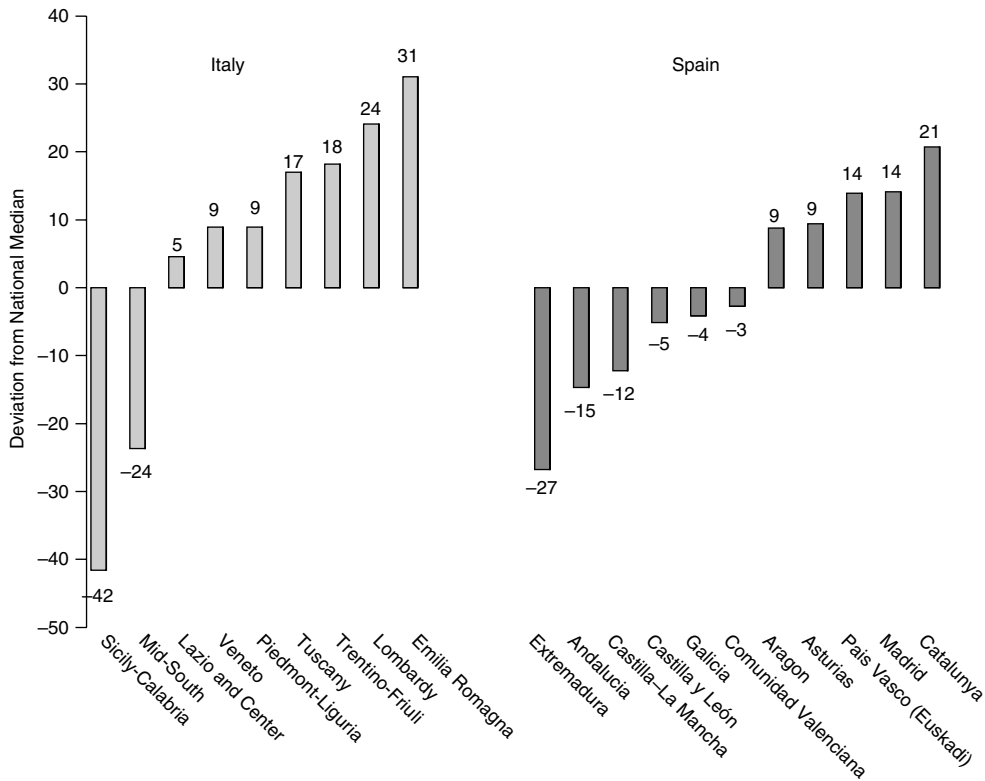
**FIGURE 11.2 State Median Equivalent Incomes in Canada and Australia**



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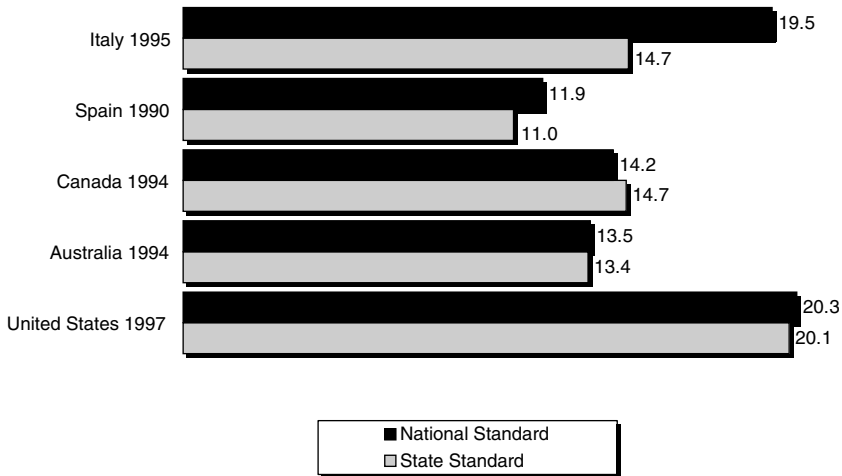


**FIGURE 11.3 State Medians in Italy and Spain**



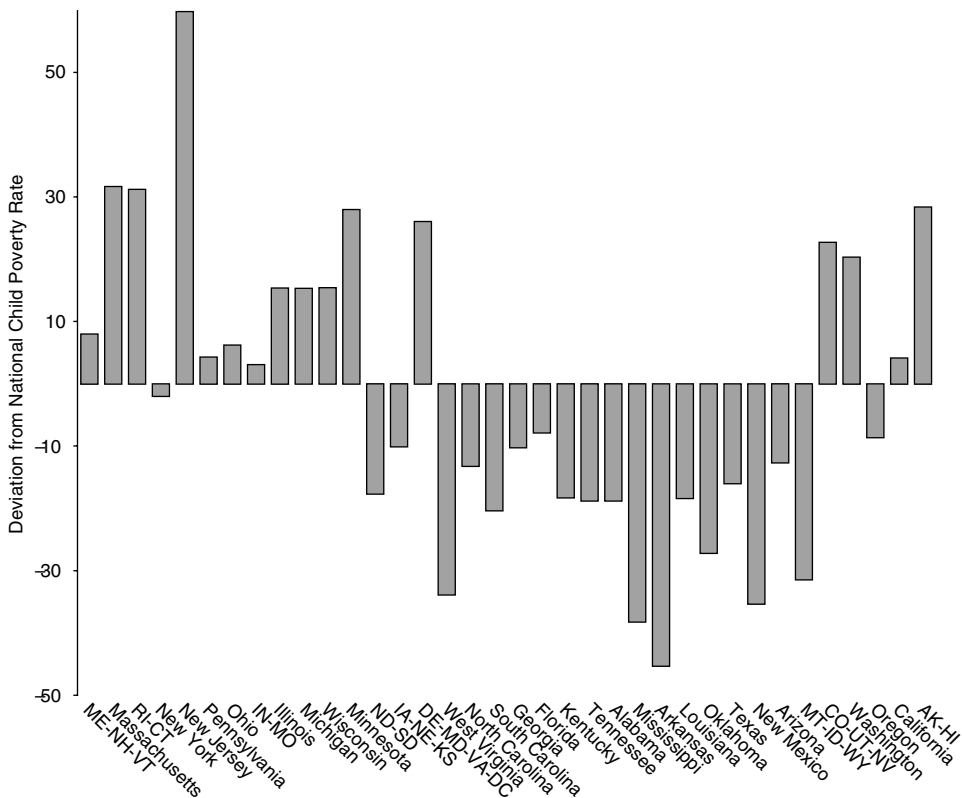
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**FIGURE 11.4 Child Poverty Rates for Five Nations Based on National and Local Standards**



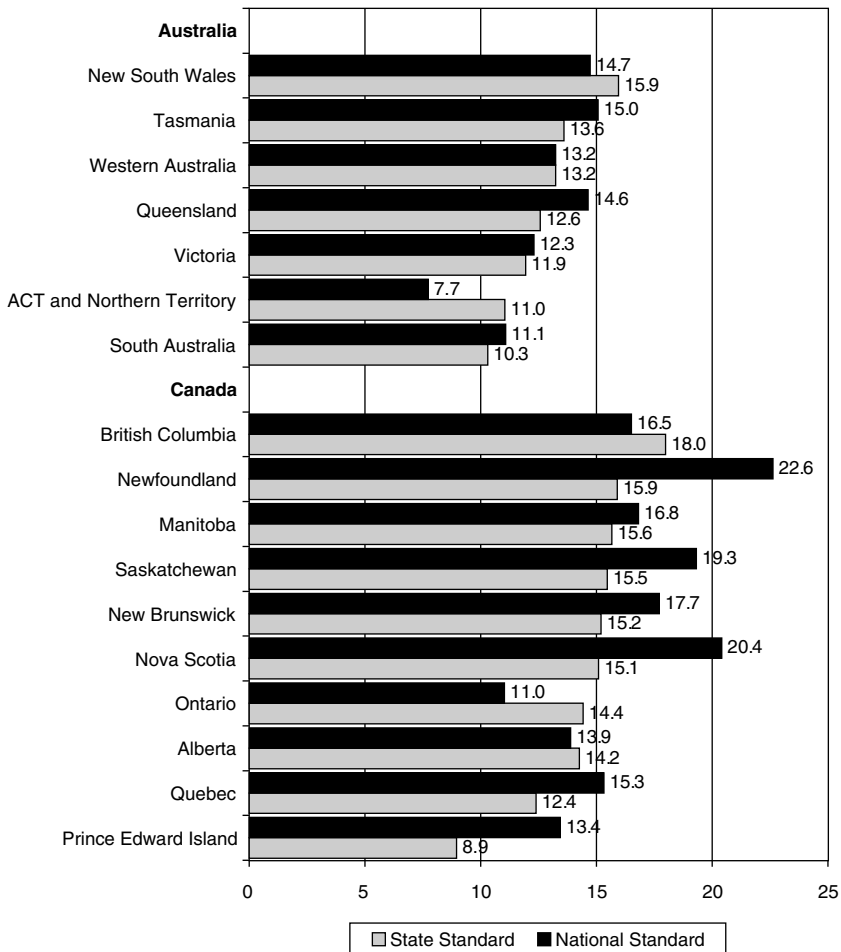
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**FIGURE 11.5 Percentage Increase or Decrease of U.S. State Child Poverty Rate over National Child Poverty Rate**



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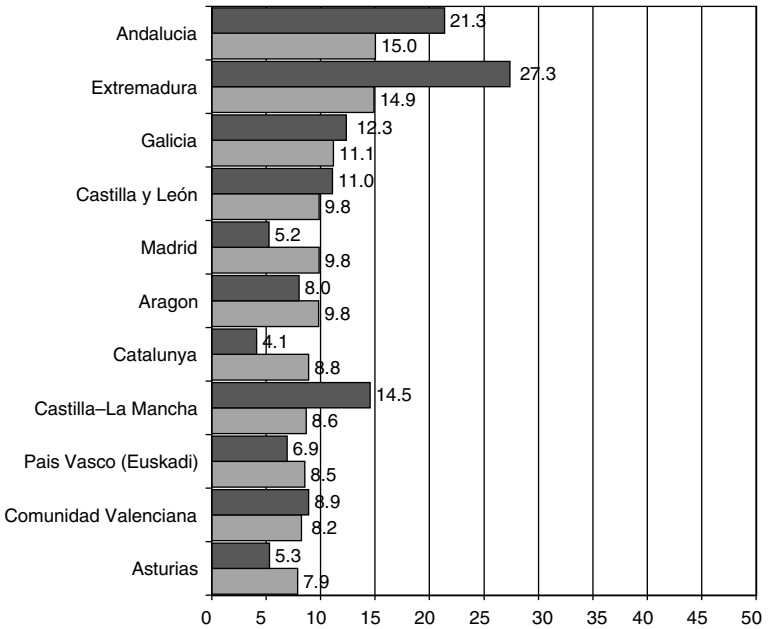
**FIGURE 11.6 Child Poverty Rates in Australia and Canada According to State and National Standards**



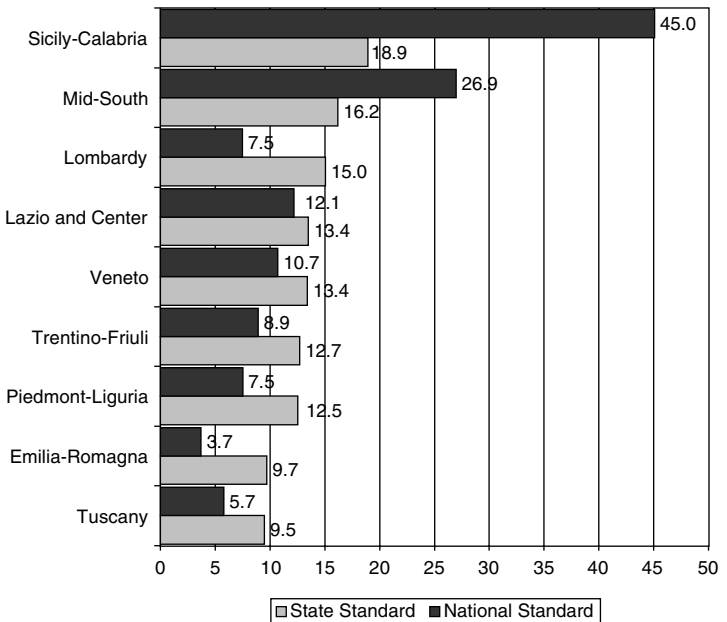
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**FIGURE 11.7 Child Poverty Rates in Spain and Italy According to State and National Standards**

**Spain**

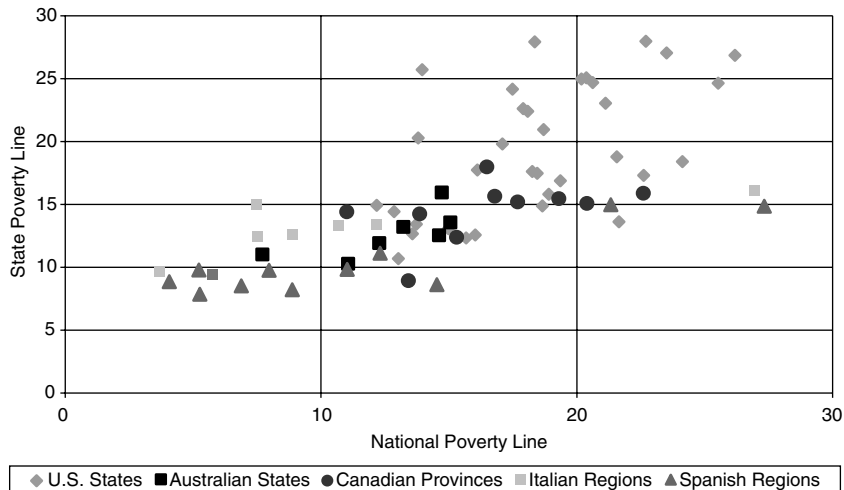


**Italy**



Source: Authors' calculations, using data from the Luxembourg Income Study.

**FIGURE 11.8 Child Poverty Rates in the States of the United States, Canada, Australia, Italy, and Spain**



*Source:* Authors' calculations, using data from the Luxembourg Income Study.

*Note:* Sicily is excluded because it would appear off the chart with a local child poverty rate of 45 percent and a national rate of 18 percent.

**TABLE 11.1 U.S. Median Incomes and Poverty Rates According to National and State Standards**

| State         | State Median<br>Income as<br>Percentage of<br>National<br>Median | Poverty Rates                            |                   |   |                   |                                     |                   |
|---------------|--|--|-------------------|---|-------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
|               |  | Children (Age<br>Eighteen or<br>Younger) |                   | Working-Age<br>Adults (Age<br>Eighteen to Sixty-Four) |                   | Elders (Age<br>Sixty-Five and Over) |                   |
|               |  | National<br>Standard                     | State<br>Standard | National<br>Standard                                  | State<br>Standard | National<br>Standard                | State<br>Standard |
| ME-NH-VT      | 102.6%   | 12.7%                                    | 13.7%             | 10.2%   | 11.0%             | 21.2%                               | 22.3%             |
| Massachusetts | 114.6  | 18.4                                     | 24.2              | 10.4  | 13.9              | 19.9                                | 25.3              |
| RI-CT         | 120.8  | 17.3                                     | 22.7              | 10.0  | 13.8              | 16.0                                | 25.1              |
| New York      | 98.3   | 26.9                                     | 26.3              | 16.2  | 15.9              | 23.1                                | 22.4              |
| New Jersey    | 125.3  | 13.6                                     | 21.8              | 8.3   | 13.9              | 18.6                                | 29.3              |
| Pennsylvania  | 102.7  | 17.6                                     | 18.4              | 12.7  | 13.3              | 20.8                                | 21.9              |
| Ohio          | 103.5  | 17.5                                     | 18.6              | 11.7  | 12.5              | 19.0                                | 20.3              |
| IN-MO         | 100.9  | 13.4                                     | 13.8              | 10.5  | 10.6              | 18.0                                | 18.3              |
| Illinois      | 108.1  | 18.8                                     | 21.7              | 10.7  | 12.5              | 18.4                                | 22.3              |
| Michigan      | 107.2  | 16.9                                     | 19.5              | 11.0  | 12.6              | 17.8                                | 21.5              |
| Wisconsin     | 107.9  | 13.1                                     | 15.1              | 8.9   | 10.4              | 18.5                                | 21.6              |
| Minnesota     | 110.1  | 12.3                                     | 15.8              | 12.3  | 11.3              | 19.1                                | 17.2              |
| ND-SD         | 93.0   | 14.9                                     | 12.3              | 8.7   | 10.7              | 24.8                                | 28.9              |
| IA-NE-KS      | 96.0   | 14.4                                     | 13.0              | 14.0  | 12.0              | 26.6                                | 23.4              |
| DE-MD-VA-DC   | 110.2  | 14.9                                     | 18.8              | 10.5  | 13.2              | 17.8                                | 23.0              |
| West Virginia | 79.2   | 27.9                                     | 18.5              | 21.1  | 14.0              | 28.8                                | 16.1              |

|                |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|----------------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| North Carolina | 95.7  | 19.8 | 17.2 | 12.9 | 11.2 | 23.9 | 22.9 |
| South Carolina | 90.8  | 22.6 | 18.0 | 14.6 | 12.1 | 30.0 | 22.9 |
| Georgia        | 95.3  | 20.9 | 18.8 | 14.1 | 12.8 | 25.1 | 23.3 |
| Florida        | 95.0  | 23.0 | 21.2 | 15.2 | 13.8 | 20.2 | 18.2 |
| Kentucky       | 90.9  | 25.1 | 20.5 | 17.5 | 14.6 | 25.3 | 19.9 |
| Tennessee      | 91.1  | 22.4 | 18.2 | 16.7 | 13.3 | 27.0 | 23.3 |
| Alabama        | 88.2  | 25.0 | 20.3 | 17.8 | 13.3 | 28.0 | 21.7 |
| Mississippi    | 77.0  | 30.6 | 18.9 | 21.9 | 12.7 | 30.0 | 18.1 |
| Arkansas       | 75.2  | 25.7 | 14.1 | 19.2 | 10.4 | 33.8 | 19.8 |
| Louisiana      | 87.0  | 28.0 | 22.8 | 19.3 | 15.8 | 27.1 | 20.4 |
| Oklahoma       | 83.9  | 24.2 | 17.6 | 17.7 | 13.2 | 26.0 | 17.8 |
| Texas          | 92.1  | 24.7 | 20.7 | 16.9 | 14.3 | 25.9 | 22.2 |
| New Mexico     | 76.3  | 33.3 | 21.6 | 24.6 | 15.8 | 26.3 | 16.5 |
| Arizona        | 91.3  | 27.1 | 23.6 | 17.2 | 14.3 | 17.4 | 15.3 |
| MT-ID-WY       | 87.7  | 20.3 | 13.9 | 16.0 | 11.5 | 19.4 | 13.6 |
| CO-UT-NV       | 105.9 | 10.7 | 13.1 | 9.9  | 11.4 | 15.1 | 16.8 |
| Washington     | 111.8 | 15.8 | 19.0 | 11.1 | 13.8 | 15.6 | 19.0 |
| Oregon         | 95.9  | 17.7 | 16.2 | 11.9 | 10.9 | 15.3 | 12.3 |
| California     | 102.3 | 24.6 | 25.7 | 15.5 | 16.1 | 18.1 | 18.8 |
| AK-HI          | 108.5 | 12.6 | 16.1 | 9.8  | 11.7 | 15.3 | 17.0 |
| United States  | 100.0 | 20.3 | 20.1 | 13.6 | 13.4 | 20.9 | 20.8 |

*Source:* Authors' calculations, using data from the Luxembourg Income Study.

*Note:* Equivalent income is age-adjusted cube root of family size. National median income is calculated for each year (1995 to 1997) and set at 100. State medians are percentages of national median. Poverty line is one-half of relevant median.



**TABLE 11.2 State Poverty Rates in the United States, Canada, and Australia and National Rates in Fourteen European Nations**

| Rank of Poverty Rate | United States, 1995 to 1997 |                         | Canada, 1994         |                         | Australia, 1994            |                         | Europe                    |             |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|
|                      | State                       | Rate                    | Province             | Rate                    | State                      | Rate                    | Country                   | Rate        |
| Total                | <b>United States</b>        | <b>20.3<sup>a</sup></b> | <b>Canada</b>        | <b>14.2<sup>a</sup></b> | <b>Australia</b>           | <b>13.5<sup>a</sup></b> |                           |             |
| Under 5 percent      |                             |                         |                      |                         |                            |                         | <b>Sweden (1995)</b>      | <b>2.4</b>  |
|                      |                             |                         |                      |                         |                            |                         | <b>Finland (1995)</b>     | <b>3.2</b>  |
|                      |                             |                         |                      |                         |                            |                         | <b>Denmark (1992)</b>     | <b>3.4</b>  |
|                      |                             |                         |                      |                         |                            |                         | <b>Norway (1995)</b>      | <b>4.0</b>  |
|                      |                             |                         |                      |                         |                            |                         | <b>Belgium (1997)</b>     | <b>5.1</b>  |
|                      |                             |                         |                      |                         |                            |                         | <b>Luxembourg (1994)</b>  | <b>4.3</b>  |
| Under 10 percent     |                             |                         |                      |                         |                            |                         | <b>Austria (1987)</b>     | <b>5.3</b>  |
|                      |                             |                         | Prince Edward Island | 8.9                     |                            |                         | <b>Netherlands (1994)</b> | <b>7.0</b>  |
|                      |                             |                         |                      |                         |                            |                         | <b>France (1994)</b>      | <b>7.2</b>  |
|                      |                             |                         |                      |                         |                            |                         | <b>Germany (1994)</b>     | <b>9.5</b>  |
| Under 15 percent     | ND-SD                       | 12.3                    | Quebec               | 12.4                    | South Australia            | 10.3                    | <b>Israel (1992)</b>      | <b>10.6</b> |
|                      | IA-NE-KS                    | 13.0                    |                      |                         | ACT and Northern Territory | 11.0                    | <b>Spain (1990)</b>       | <b>11.9</b> |
|                      | CO-UT-NV                    | 13.1                    |                      |                         | Victoria                   | 11.9                    |                           |             |
|                      | ME-NH-VT                    | 13.7                    |                      |                         | Queensland                 | 12.6                    |                           |             |
|                      | IN-MO                       | 13.8                    | Alberta              | 14.2                    | Western Australia          | 13.2                    |                           |             |
|                      | MT-ID-WY                    | 13.9                    | Ontario              | 14.4                    | <b>Australia</b>           | <b>13.4<sup>b</sup></b> |                           |             |
|                      | Arkansas                    | 14.1                    | <b>Canada</b>        | <b>14.7<sup>b</sup></b> | Tasmania                   | 13.6                    |                           |             |

|                     |                      |                         |                     |      |                 |                     |                                  |             |
|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Under<br>20 percent | Wisconsin            | 15.1                    | Nova Scotia         | 15.1 |                 |                     |                                  |             |
|                     | Minnesota            | 15.8                    | New Brunswick       | 15.2 |                 |                     |                                  |             |
|                     | AK-HI                | 16.1                    | Saskatchewan        | 15.5 |                 |                     |                                  |             |
|                     | Oregon               | 16.2                    | Manitoba            | 15.6 |                 |                     |                                  |             |
|                     |                      |                         |                     |      |                 |                     | <b>United Kingdom<br/>(1995)</b> | <b>16.3</b> |
|                     | North Carolina       | 17.2                    | Newfoundland        | 15.9 | New South Wales | 15.9                |                                  |             |
|                     | Oklahoma             | 17.6                    |                     |      |                 |                     |                                  |             |
|                     | South Carolina       | 18.0                    | British<br>Columbia | 18.0 |                 |                     |                                  |             |
|                     | Tennessee            | 18.2                    |                     |      |                 |                     |                                  |             |
|                     | Pennsylvania         | 18.4                    |                     |      |                 |                     |                                  |             |
|                     | West Virginia        | 18.5                    |                     |      |                 |                     |                                  |             |
|                     | Ohio                 | 18.6                    |                     |      |                 |                     |                                  |             |
|                     | DE-MD-<br>VA-DC      | 18.8                    |                     |      |                 |                     |                                  |             |
|                     | Georgia              | 18.8                    |                     |      |                 |                     |                                  |             |
| Mississippi         | 18.9                 |                         |                     |      |                 |                     |                                  |             |
| Washington          | 19.0                 |                         |                     |      |                 |                     |                                  |             |
| Michigan            | 19.5                 |                         |                     |      |                 | <b>Italy (1995)</b> | <b>19.5</b>                      |             |
| Over<br>20 percent  | <b>United States</b> | <b>20.1<sup>b</sup></b> |                     |      |                 |                     |                                  |             |
|                     | Alabama              | 20.3                    |                     |      |                 |                     |                                  |             |
|                     | Kentucky             | 20.5                    |                     |      |                 |                     |                                  |             |
|                     | Texas                | 20.7                    |                     |      |                 |                     |                                  |             |
|                     | Florida              | 21.2                    |                     |      |                 |                     |                                  |             |
|                     | New Mexico           | 21.6                    |                     |      |                 |                     |                                  |             |
|                     | Illinois             | 21.7                    |                     |      |                 |                     |                                  |             |
| New Jersey          | 21.8                 |                         |                     |      |                 |                     |                                  |             |

(Table continues on page 204.)

**TABLE 11.2 State Poverty Rates in the United States, Canada, and Australia and National Rates in Fourteen European Nations (*continued*)**

| Rank of Poverty Rate | United States, 1995 to 1997 |      | Canada, 1994 |      | Australia, 1994 |      | Europe  |      |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|------|--------------|------|-----------------|------|---------|------|
|                      | State                       | Rate | Province     | Rate | State           | Rate | Country | Rate |
|                      | RI-CT                       | 22.7 |              |      |                 |      |         |      |
|                      | Louisiana                   | 22.8 |              |      |                 |      |         |      |
|                      | Arizona                     | 23.6 |              |      |                 |      |         |      |
|                      | Massachusetts               | 24.2 |              |      |                 |      |         |      |
|                      | California                  | 25.7 |              |      |                 |      |         |      |
|                      | New York                    | 26.3 |              |      |                 |      |         |      |

*Source:* Authors' calculations, using data from the Luxembourg Income Study.

a. National rate using one-half median national income.

b. National rate using one-half median state incomes, or weighted average of state poverty rates.

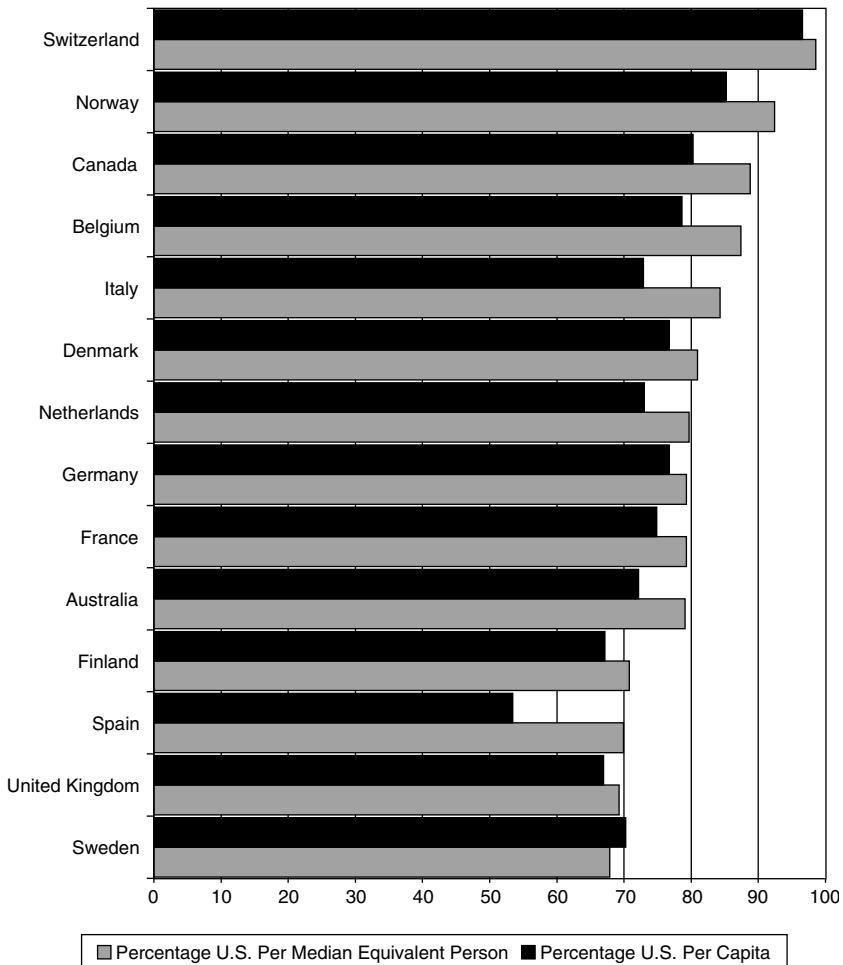
**TABLE 11.3 U.S. Poverty Rates and Number of Poor Children According to National and State Standards**

| State         | State Median as Percentage of National Median | Percentage Poor   |                | Poor Population (in Thousands) |                |            |
|---------------|---|-------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|----------------|------------|
|               |   | National Standard | State Standard | National Standard              | State Standard | Difference |
| ME-NH-VT      | 102.6%  | 12.7%             | 13.7%          | 1.14                           | 1.23           | 0.09       |
| Massachusetts | 114.6   | 18.4              | 24.2           | 2.74                           | 3.60           | 0.87       |
| RI-CT         | 120.8   | 17.3              | 22.7           | 1.82                           | 2.39           | 5.68       |
| New York      | 98.3  | 26.9              | 26.3           | 12.57                          | 12.32          | -0.25      |
| New Jersey    | 125.3   | 13.6              | 21.8           | 2.78                           | 4.44           | 1.66       |
| Pennsylvania  | 102.7   | 17.6              | 18.4           | 5.19                           | 5.42           | 0.22       |
| Ohio          | 103.5   | 17.5              | 18.6           | 5.11                           | 5.43           | 0.32       |
| IN-MO         | 100.9   | 13.4              | 13.8           | 3.99                           | 4.12           | 0.12       |
| Illinois      | 108.1   | 18.8              | 21.7           | 6.11                           | 7.05           | 0.94       |
| Michigan      | 107.2   | 16.9              | 19.5           | 4.36                           | 5.02           | 0.67       |
| Wisconsin     | 107.9   | 13.1              | 15.1           | 1.81                           | 2.09           | 0.28       |
| Minnesota     | 110.1   | 12.3              | 15.8           | 1.58                           | 2.03           | 0.44       |
| ND-SD         | 93.0  | 14.9              | 12.3           | 0.55                           | 0.46           | -0.09      |
| IA-NE-KS      | 96.0  | 14.4              | 13.0           | 2.75                           | 2.48           | -0.28      |

|                      |              |             |             |               |               |              |
|----------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| DE-MD-VA-DC          | 110.2        | 14.9        | 18.8        | 4.88          | 6.15          | 1.27         |
| West Virginia        | 79.2         | 27.9        | 18.5        | 1.20          | 0.79          | -0.41        |
| North Carolina       | 95.7         | 19.8        | 17.2        | 3.77          | 3.27          | -0.50        |
| South Carolina       | 90.8         | 22.6        | 18.0        | 2.21          | 1.76          | -0.45        |
| Georgia              | 95.3         | 20.9        | 18.8        | 4.24          | 3.81          | -0.43        |
| Florida              | 95.0         | 23.0        | 21.2        | 8.09          | 7.46          | -0.63        |
| Kentucky             | 90.9         | 25.1        | 20.5        | 2.49          | 2.03          | -0.45        |
| Tennessee            | 91.1         | 22.4        | 18.2        | 3.03          | 2.36          | -0.57        |
| Alabama              | 88.2         | 25.0        | 20.3        | 2.77          | 2.25          | -0.52        |
| Mississippi          | 77.0         | 30.6        | 18.9        | 2.38          | 1.47          | -0.91        |
| Arkansas             | 75.2         | 25.7        | 14.1        | 1.75          | 0.96          | -0.79        |
| Louisiana            | 87.0         | 28.0        | 22.8        | 3.47          | 2.83          | -0.64        |
| Oklahoma             | 83.9         | 24.2        | 17.6        | 2.18          | 1.59          | -0.59        |
| Texas                | 92.1         | 24.7        | 20.7        | 13.98         | 11.74         | -2.24        |
| New Mexico           | 76.3         | 33.3        | 21.6        | 1.71          | 1.11          | -0.60        |
| Arizona              | 91.3         | 27.1        | 23.6        | 3.46          | 3.03          | -0.44        |
| MT-ID-WY             | 87.7         | 20.3        | 13.9        | 1.49          | 1.02          | -0.47        |
| CO-UT-NV             | 105.9        | 10.7        | 13.1        | 2.18          | 2.67          | 0.49         |
| Washington           | 111.8        | 15.8        | 19.0        | 2.35          | 2.82          | 0.48         |
| Oregon               | 95.9         | 17.7        | 16.2        | 1.47          | 1.35          | -0.13        |
| California           | 102.3        | 24.6        | 25.7        | 22.58         | 23.52         | 0.94         |
| AK-HI                | 108.5        | 12.6        | 16.1        | 0.64          | 0.82          | 0.18         |
| <b>United States</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>20.3</b> | <b>20.1</b> | <b>144.81</b> | <b>142.95</b> | <b>-1.87</b> |

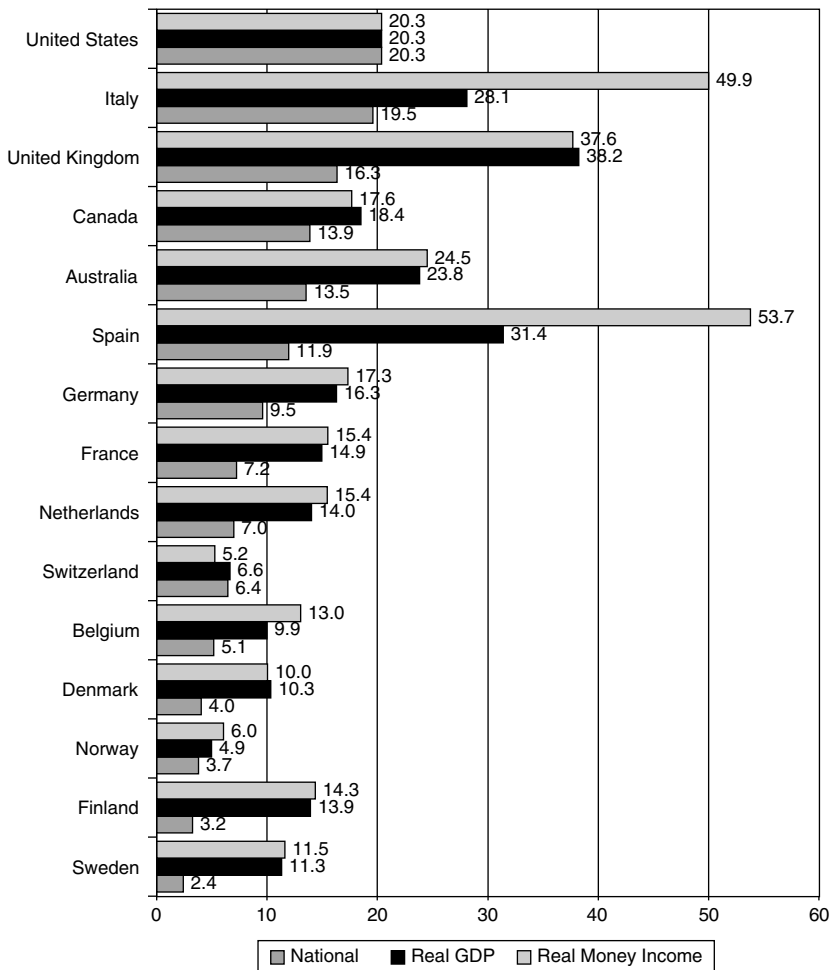
*Source:* Authors' calculations, using data from the Luxembourg Income Study.

**FIGURE C.1 Percentage of U.S. Real GDP per Capita and per Median Equivalent Person**



Source: Authors' calculations, using data from the Luxembourg Income Study.

**FIGURE C.2 Child Poverty Rates According to National and U.S. Standards**



Source: Authors' calculations, using data from the Luxembourg Income Study.

**TABLE C.1 Measures of Real Income and Adjustments to Estimate Median Real Income in Fourteen Countries**

| Nation         | Percentage of Real U.S. GDP Per Capita <sup>a</sup> | Ratio of Per Capita to Per Equivalent Person <sup>b</sup> | Ratio of Median to Mean Equivalent Gross Income <sup>b</sup> | Total Adjustment for Equivalence and Mean/Median Difference <sup>c</sup> | Percent of Real U.S. GDP per Median Equivalent Person <sup>a, d</sup> |
|----------------|---|---|--|--|---|
| Australia      | 72.13%  | 0.97  | 1.13   | 1.10   | 79.00%  |
| Belgium        | 78.56   | 0.98  | 1.17   | 1.14   | 89.37   |
| Canada         | 80.22   | 0.98  | 1.13   | 1.11   | 88.71   |
| Denmark        | 76.64   | 0.85  | 1.23   | 1.06   | 80.89   |
| Finland        | 67.09   | 0.90  | 1.17   | 1.05   | 70.71   |
| France         | 74.80   | 0.98  | 1.09   | 1.06   | 79.22   |
| Germany        | 76.67   | 0.93  | 1.11   | 1.03   | 79.25   |
| Italy          | 72.85   | 1.07  | 1.08   | 1.16   | 84.21   |
| Netherlands    | 72.98   | 0.94  | 1.16   | 1.09   | 79.60   |
| Norway         | 85.14   | 0.91  | 1.19   | 1.08   | 92.35   |
| Spain          | 53.35   | 1.20  | 1.10   | 1.31   | 69.87   |
| Sweden         | 70.20   | 0.81  | 1.20   | 0.97   | 67.79   |
| Switzerland    | 96.52   | 0.95  | 1.08   | 1.02   | 98.49   |
| United Kingdom | 66.87   | 0.97  | 1.07   | 1.03   | 69.16   |

*Source:* Authors' calculations, using data from the Luxembourg Income Study.

a. As a percentage of U.S. GDP per capita.

b. Ratio to U.S. ratio.

c. Product of columns 2 and 3.

d. Column 5 is the product of columns 1 and 4. The results may not be exact due to rounding.



**TABLE C.2 Estimating Real Median Income in Fifteen Countries**

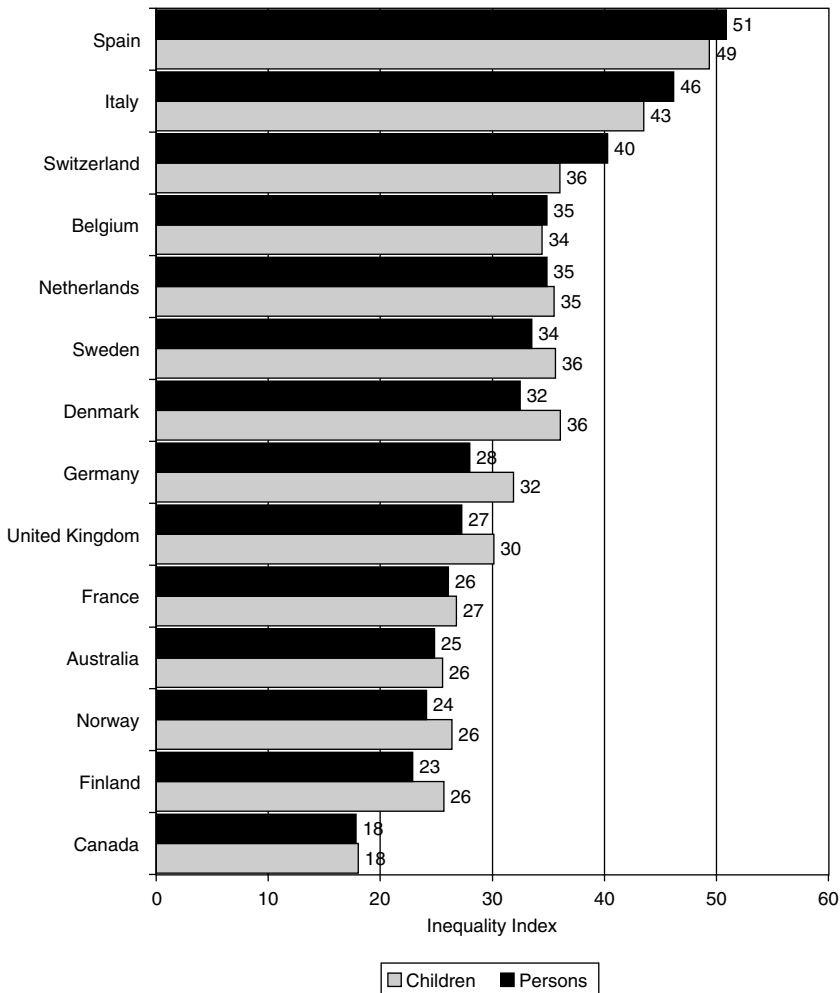
| Nation         | Median Equivalent<br>Income in National<br>Currency | OECD<br>PPP | Median Equivalent<br>Income in<br>U.S. Dollars <sup>a</sup> | Median Equivalent<br>Income as Percentage<br>of U.S. Median<br>Equivalent Income | Percentage of Real<br>U.S. GDP<br>Per Median<br>Equivalent Person |
|----------------|---|-------------|---|--|---|
| Australia      | 24,450  | 1.342       | 18,219  | 77.7   | 79.0  |
| Belgium        | 764,561   | 37.832      | 20,209  | 77.5   | 89.4  |
| Canada         | 30,074  | 1.190       | 25,272  | 90.2   | 88.7  |
| Denmark        | 166,949   | 9.157       | 18,232  | 81.5   | 80.9  |
| Finland        | 105,868   | 6.299       | 16,807  | 70.1   | 70.7  |
| France         | 121,955   | 6.686       | 18,240  | 78.3   | 79.2  |
| Germany        | 37,779  | 2.070       | 18,251  | 77.7   | 79.3  |
| Italy          | 24,515 <sup>b</sup>                                 | 1,589.000   | 15,428  | 61.4   | 84.2  |
| Netherlands    | 37,523  | 2.183       | 17,189  | 75.2   | 79.6  |
| Norway         | 203,980   | 9.370       | 21,769  | 86.6   | 92.3  |
| Spain          | 1,234,723   | 109.500     | 11,276  | 52.9   | 69.9  |
| Sweden         | 168,664   | 9.809       | 17,195  | 67.3   | 67.8  |
| Switzerland    | 52,718  | 2.163       | 24,375  | 108.9  | 98.5  |
| United Kingdom | 11,697  | 0.670       | 17,458  | 69.5   | 69.2  |
| United States  | 28,005  | 1.000       | 28,005  | 100.0  | 100.0   |

*Source:* Authors' calculations, using data from the Luxembourg Income Study.

a. Result of dividing column one by column two.

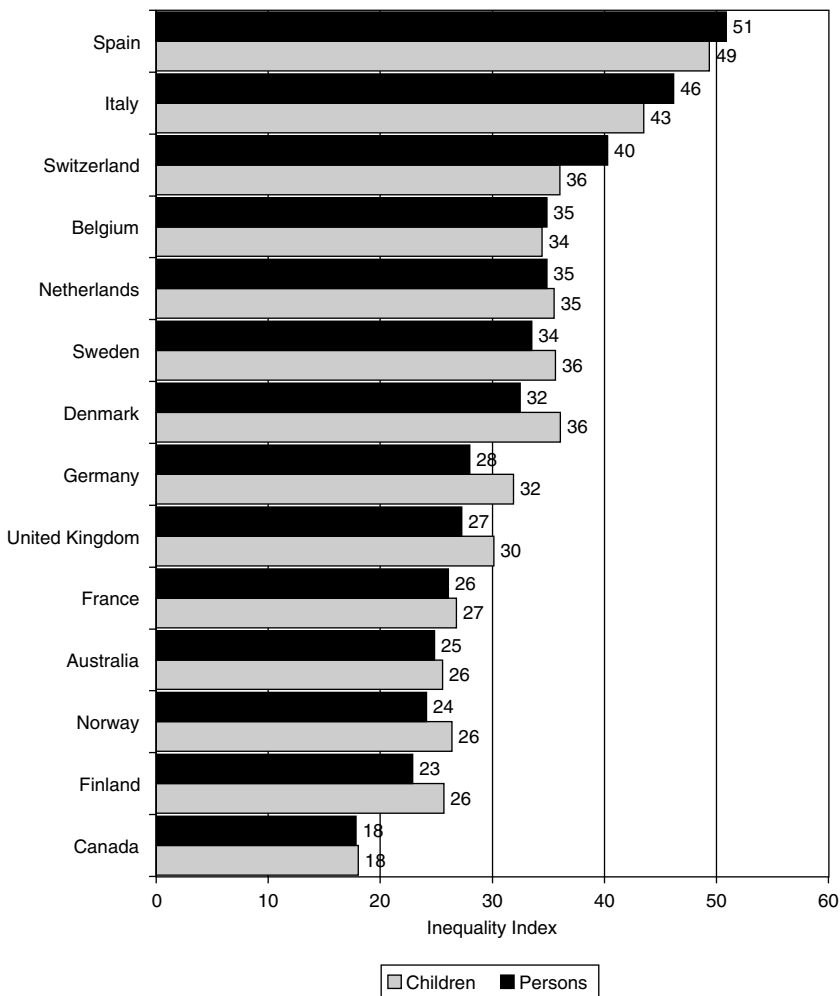
b. In thousands.

**FIGURE D.1 Difference Between U.S. and Fourteen Other Countries' Demography**



Source: Authors' calculations, using data from the Luxembourg Income Study.

**FIGURE D.1 Difference Between U.S. and Fourteen Other Countries' Demography**



Source: Authors' calculations, using data from the Luxembourg Income Study.

**TABLE D.1 Calculation of Total Population Reweights: The United States and Norway**

| Demographic Characteristics | Weighted Counts   |                     | Percentage Distribution |                     | Reweighting Multiplier  |                         | New Weights             |                         |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
|                             | U.S. Distribution | Norway Distribution | U.S. Distribution       | Norway Distribution | United States as Norway | Norway as United States | United States as Norway | Norway as United States |
| Male head of household      |                   |                     |                         |                     |                         |                         |                         |                         |
| Under forty                 |                   |                     |                         |                     |                         |                         |                         |                         |
| No children                 | 20,732,650        | 364,025             | 7.9                     | 8.3                 | 1.061                   | 0.943                   | 21,997,186              | 343,098                 |
| One child                   | 17,148,313        | 251,377             | 6.5                     | 5.8                 | 0.886                   | 1.129                   | 15,190,113              | 283,782                 |
| Two children                | 26,335,442        | 429,941             | 10.0                    | 9.8                 | 0.987                   | 1.014                   | 25,980,358              | 435,817                 |
| Three or more children      | 21,093,839        | 257,505             | 8.0                     | 5.9                 | 0.738                   | 1.356                   | 15,560,414              | 349,076                 |
| Forty and over              |                   |                     |                         |                     |                         |                         |                         |                         |
| No children                 | 67,651,974        | 1,343,190           | 25.6                    | 30.7                | 1.200                   | 0.834                   | 81,165,882              | 1,119,552               |
| One child                   | 21,730,313        | 365,854             | 8.2                     | 8.4                 | 1.017                   | 0.983                   | 22,107,739              | 359,608                 |
| Two children                | 21,117,619        | 341,171             | 8.0                     | 7.8                 | 0.976                   | 1.024                   | 20,616,208              | 349,469                 |
| Three or more children      | 13,495,517        | 226,731             | 5.1                     | 5.2                 | 1.015                   | 0.985                   | 13,700,830              | 223,333                 |

Female head of household

Under forty

|                        |           |         |     |     |       |       |           |         |
|------------------------|-----------|---------|-----|-----|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| No children            | 5,996,616 | 121,661 | 2.3 | 2.8 | 1.226 | 0.816 | 7,351,696 | 99,236  |
| One child              | 4,294,305 | 104,876 | 1.6 | 2.4 | 1.476 | 0.678 | 6,337,435 | 71,065  |
| Two children           | 5,516,575 | 70,412  | 2.1 | 1.6 | 0.771 | 1.297 | 4,254,818 | 91,292  |
| Three or more children | 6,247,839 | 25,368  | 2.4 | 0.6 | 0.245 | 4.076 | 1,532,954 | 103,394 |

Forty and over

|                        |            |         |     |     |       |       |            |         |
|------------------------|------------|---------|-----|-----|-------|-------|------------|---------|
| No children            | 21,479,599 | 396,414 | 8.1 | 9.1 | 1.115 | 0.897 | 23,954,416 | 355,459 |
| One child              | 5,484,898  | 42,657  | 2.1 | 1.0 | 0.470 | 2.128 | 2,577,641  | 90,768  |
| Two children           | 3,146,061  | 20,357  | 1.2 | 0.5 | 0.391 | 2.557 | 1,230,133  | 52,063  |
| Three or more children | 2,594,537  | 8,411   | 1.0 | 0.2 | 0.196 | 5.105 | 508,276    | 42,936  |

|       |             |           |       |       |   |   |             |           |
|-------|-------------|-----------|-------|-------|---|---|-------------|-----------|
| Total | 264,066,099 | 4,369,950 | 100.0 | 100.0 | — | — | 264,066,099 | 4,369,950 |
|-------|-------------|-----------|-------|-------|---|---|-------------|-----------|

*Source:* Authors' calculations, using data from the Luxembourg Income Study.

**TABLE D.2 Calculation of Child Population Reweights: The United States and Norway**

| Demographic Characteristics | Weighted Counts   |                     | Percentage Distribution |                     | Reweighting Multiplier  |                         | New Weights             |                         |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
|                             | U.S. Distribution | Norway Distribution | U.S. Distribution       | Norway Distribution | United States as Norway | Norway as United States | United States as Norway | Norway as United States |
| Male head of household      |                   |                     |                         |                     |                         |                         |                         |                         |
| Under forty                 |                   |                     |                         |                     |                         |                         |                         |                         |
| One child                   | 5,501,169         | 85,442              | 7.8%                    | 8.4%                | 1.082                   | 0.924                   | 5,953,106               | 78,955                  |
| Two children                | 12,909,723        | 214,057             | 18.3                    | 21.1                | 1.155                   | 0.866                   | 14,914,303              | 185,287                 |
| Three or more children      | 12,895,296        | 157,097             | 18.3                    | 15.6                | 0.849                   | 1.178                   | 10,945,605              | 185,080                 |
| Forty and over              |                   |                     |                         |                     |                         |                         |                         |                         |
| One child                   | 6,208,798         | 103,715             | 8.8                     | 10.2                | 1.164                   | 0.859                   | 7,226,237               | 89,112                  |
| Two children                | 9,783,303         | 161,337             | 13.9                    | 15.9                | 1.149                   | 0.870                   | 11,241,059              | 140,415                 |
| Three or more children      | 8,019,154         | 136,724             | 11.4                    | 13.5                | 1.188                   | 0.842                   | 9,526,123               | 115,095                 |
| Female head of household    |                   |                     |                         |                     |                         |                         |                         |                         |
| Under forty                 |                   |                     |                         |                     |                         |                         |                         |                         |
| One child                   | 1,875,639         | 51,980              | 2.7                     | 5.1                 | 1.931                   | 0.518                   | 3,621,657               | 26,920                  |
| Two children                | 3,386,511         | 46,046              | 4.8                     | 4.5                 | 0.947                   | 1.056                   | 3,208,224               | 48,605                  |
| Three or more children      | 4,584,106         | 19,148              | 6.5                     | 1.9                 | 0.291                   | 3.436                   | 1,334,131               | 65,793                  |
| Forty and over              |                   |                     |                         |                     |                         |                         |                         |                         |
| One child                   | 2,007,580         | 18,046              | 2.8                     | 1.8                 | 0.626                   | 1.597                   | 1,257,322               | 28,814                  |
| Two children                | 1,669,763         | 12,666              | 2.4                     | 1.3                 | 0.529                   | 1.892                   | 882,509                 | 23,965                  |
| Three or more children      | 1,700,405         | 6,188               | 2.4                     | 0.6                 | 0.254                   | 3.944                   | 431,173                 | 24,405                  |
| Total                       | 70,541,447        | 1,012,446           | 100.0                   | 100.0               |                         |                         | 70,541,447              | 1,012,446               |

Source: Authors' calculations, using data from the Luxembourg Income Study.