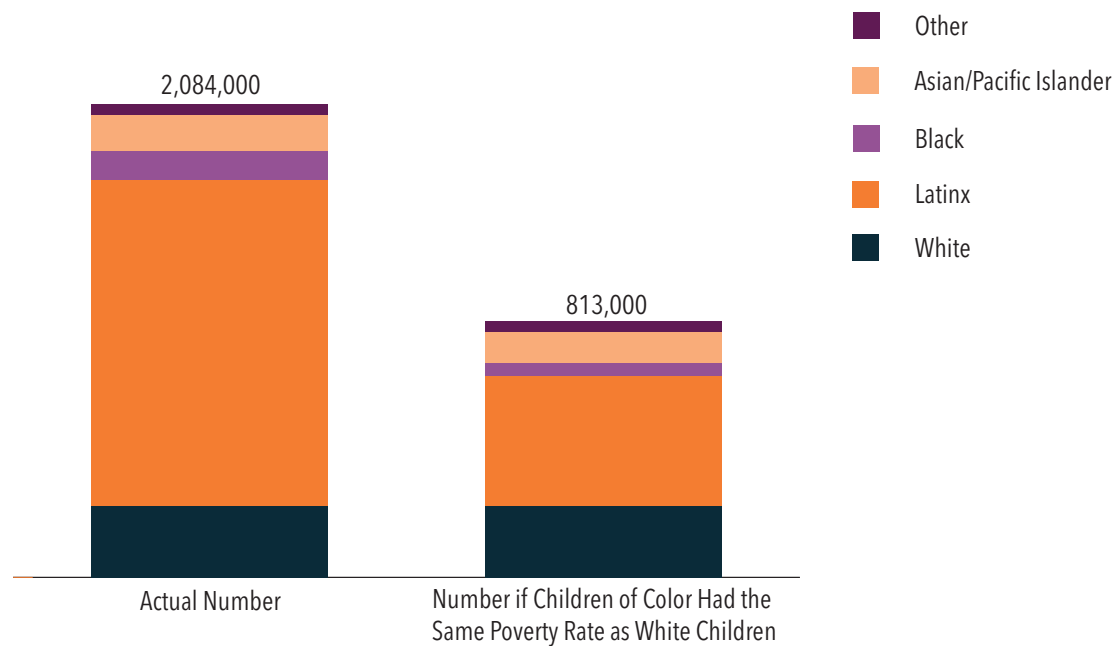




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## If the Poverty Rate for Children of Color Were as Low as That for White Children, 957,000 Fewer Kids Would Be in Poverty

Number of California Children in Poverty, 2013-2017



Note: Analysis is based on the Supplemental Poverty Measure. Racial and ethnic groups are mutually exclusive. Due to data limitations, children who were not identified as Asian/Pacific Islander, black, Latinx or white were grouped into an "other" category.

Source: Budget Center analysis of US Census Bureau, Current Population Survey data

● **Poverty is more prevalent among children of color.** 31% of Latinx kids, 26% of black kids, 14% of Asian/Pacific Islander kids, and 13% of other kids of color live in poverty versus 12% of white kids. If the poverty rate for kids of color were as low as that for white kids, 957,000 (46%) fewer kids would be in poverty.

● **High poverty among children of color reflects unequal access to opportunity.** The legacy of discriminatory policies and practices, together with ongoing forms of exclusion, mean that today families of color lack equal access to the building blocks of opportunity, such as good schools and good jobs.

● **Our collective future would be brighter if *all* children could reach their potential.** To help *all* children succeed, policymakers could expand access to high-quality early care and education and boost families' incomes through larger CalWORKs grants and larger refundable tax credits like the CalEITC.

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