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### **Child poverty as children see it: how far do we get with income data?**

Often when we talk about child poverty, we are in fact talking about the proportions of children living in households with incomes below a certain level. Studies however indicate that children are frequently less deprived than their parents are, due to the privileging of children's needs even in low-income household. If we wish to know how child poverty affects children, therefore, we need data on the children's own experiences. This article discusses the relationships between family income, deprivation reported by parents, and deprivation experienced by children. Data is provided by a survey of Norwegian families, where low-income families are over-sampled. Families were surveyed in 2003 and 2006, thus we have the opportunity to look at developments over time. Three areas of deprivation are explored: housing, consumption, and subjective experiences. In each area, indicators of childhood deprivation are developed. It is found that there are clear links, if no absolute overlap, between "adult" and "child" deprivation in each area. When looking at which children experience deprivation, we find that non-western immigrants, children with many siblings, and children with non-employed parents are most at risk.

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