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DURHAM, N.H. – On the heels of the U.S. Census Bureau’s release of its American Community Survey data yesterday, Beth Mattingly, director of research on vulnerable families at the Carsey Institute at the University of New Hampshire, is available to discuss the implications of the data on the rate of child poverty.

“During the ‘Great Recession’ of 2008-09, poverty rates among children younger than six increased in all regions of the U.S. except the West,” says Mattingly. “Also striking is the very high rate of young child poverty experienced by those in the South: more than three out of every ten young children in the southern United States are poor, and the poverty rate increased by more than two percentage points for these children over the past two years.”

Mattingly is available at beth.mattingly@unh.edu, 603-862-2961 (work), or 240-593-4297 (cell). A research assistant professor of sociology at UNH, Mattingly examines child poverty and how different family policies influence rural, suburban, and urban families and how families adjust their labor force behavior during times of economic strain. She has published in academic journals and edited volumes and has experience analyzing a wide array of complex data sets (e.g., time-use data, Current Population Survey, National Crime Victimization Survey, and the National Survey of Child and Adolescent Well-Being).

Mattingly authored a Carsey Institute brief on young child poverty based on this new Census Bureau data; it is available to download at <http://carseyinstitute.unh.edu/publications/IB-Mattingly-childpoverty10.pdf>.

The Carsey Institute conducts policy and applied research on vulnerable families and on sustainable community development, giving policy makers and practitioners the timely, independent resources they need to effect change in their communities. Learn more at <http://carseyinstitute.unh.edu/>.

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