

KEY FACTS on CENSUS INCOME AND POVERTY REPORT

TODAY, THE CENSUS BUREAU RELEASED THEIR ANNUAL REPORT ON INCOME AND POVERTY IN AMERICA FOR 1997. HERE ARE SOME OF THE RESULTS:

Broad-Based Income Gains:

- **Typical Household Income Up 1.9 Percent in 1997.** Income for the median household rose \$699, from \$36,306 in 1996 to \$37,005 in 1997, adjusted for inflation.
- **Typical Family Income Up \$3,517 Since 1993.** Another measure of income -- family income, which excludes single individuals and counts only related members in any household -- shows a similar trend. Last year, the median family's income, adjusted for inflation, increased 3.0 percent (or \$1,297) -- the fourth consecutive annual rise. Since President Clinton's Economic Plan passed in 1993, median family income has increased from \$41,051 in 1993 to \$44,568 in 1997 -- that's a \$3,517 increase in income, adjusted for inflation. From 1988 to 1992, median family income *fell* \$1,835, adjusted for inflation.
- **Under President Clinton, The Typical African-American Household's Income Is Up \$3,354.** The median income of African-American households rose 4.3 percent (or \$1,029) last year. And since 1993, the median income of African-American households has increased from \$21,696 to \$25,050 -- that's \$3,354 or a 15-percent increase, adjusted for inflation, between 1993 and 1997.
- **Income of Typical Hispanic Household Up \$2,553 in Past Two Years.** In 1997, the income of the median Hispanic household, adjusted for inflation, increased from \$25,477 in 1996 to \$26,628 in 1997 -- that's an increase of \$1,151 or 4.5 percent. Over the past two years, the income of the typical Hispanic household has risen \$2,553 -- or nearly 11 percent -- the largest two-year increase in Hispanic income on record.
- **After Rising Sharply for 20 Years, Inequality Has Stabilized.** After rising for nearly 20 years, income inequality has not changed significantly over the past four years. Since 1993, every income group -- from the most well-off to the poorest -- experienced a real increase in their income.
- **Earnings for Typical Workers Up.** Last year, the earnings of the median full-time, year-round male rose 2.4 percent, from \$32,882 in 1996 to \$33,674 in 1997 and the earnings of the median full-time, year-round female rose 3.0 percent, from \$24,254 in 1996 to \$24,973 in 1997. This means that the female-to-male ratio remained at 74 percent -- its all-time high.

Reductions in Poverty:

- **Poverty Rate Fell To 13.3 Percent in 1997 -- Down from 15.1 Percent in 1993.** In 1997, the poverty rate dropped to 13.3 percent from 13.7 percent the year before. Since President Clinton signed his Economic Plan into law, the poverty rate has declined from 15.1 percent in 1993 to 13.3 percent last year. That means that there are 3.7 million fewer people in poverty today than in 1993. (In 1997, the poverty threshold was \$16,400 for a family of four.)
- **The African-American Poverty Rate Down To Its Lowest Level on Record.** While the African-American poverty rate is still far above the poverty rate for whites, it declined from 28.4 percent in 1996 to 26.5 percent in 1997 -- that's its lowest level recorded since data were first collected in 1959. Since 1993, the African-American poverty rate has dropped from 33.1 percent to 26.5 percent -- that's the largest four-year drop in African-American poverty in more than a quarter century (1967-1971).
- **Last Year, Largest Hispanic Poverty Drop In Two Decades.** Last year, the Hispanic poverty rate dropped from 29.4 percent to 27.1 percent -- that's the largest one-year drop in Hispanic poverty since 1978. While there is still more work to do, since President Clinton took office, Hispanic poverty has dropped from 30.6 percent to 27.1 percent.
- **Under President Clinton, Largest Four-Year Drop in Child Poverty Since 1960s.** While the child poverty rate remains high, in 1997, it declined from 20.5 percent to 19.9 percent. Under President Clinton, the child poverty rate has declined from 22.7 percent to 19.9 percent -- that's the biggest four-year drop in nearly 30 years (1965-1969).
- **Elderly Poverty Rate As Low As It's Ever Been.** In 1997, the elderly poverty rate dropped to 10.5 percent, from 10.8 percent in 1996. The elderly poverty rate is now as low as it's ever been -- it was also 10.5 percent in 1995.
- **Child Poverty Among African-Americans Down To Lowest Level on Record.** In 1997, the African-American child poverty rate fell from 39.9 percent to 37.2 percent -- its lowest level on record (data collected since 1959). Since 1993, the child poverty rate among African-Americans has dropped from 46.1 percent to 37.2 percent -- that's the biggest four-year drop on record.
- **Hispanic Child Poverty Dropped More Last Year Than Any Year on Record.** In 1997, the Hispanic child poverty rate dropped from 40.3 percent to 36.8 percent -- that's the largest one-year drop on record (data collected since 1976). Since 1993, the child poverty rate among Hispanics has declined from 40.9 percent to 36.8 percent.
- **4.3 Million People Lifted Out of Poverty By EITC -- Double The Number in 1993.** In 1993, President Clinton expanded the Earned Income Tax Credit, providing a tax cut for low-income working families. In 1997, the EITC lifted 4.3 million people out of poverty -- that's double the number of people lifted out of poverty by the EITC in 1993. In 1997, the EITC lifted 2.2 million children, 1.1 million African-Americans, and nearly 1.2 million Hispanics out of poverty.

ADDRESSING OUR REMAINING CHALLENGES

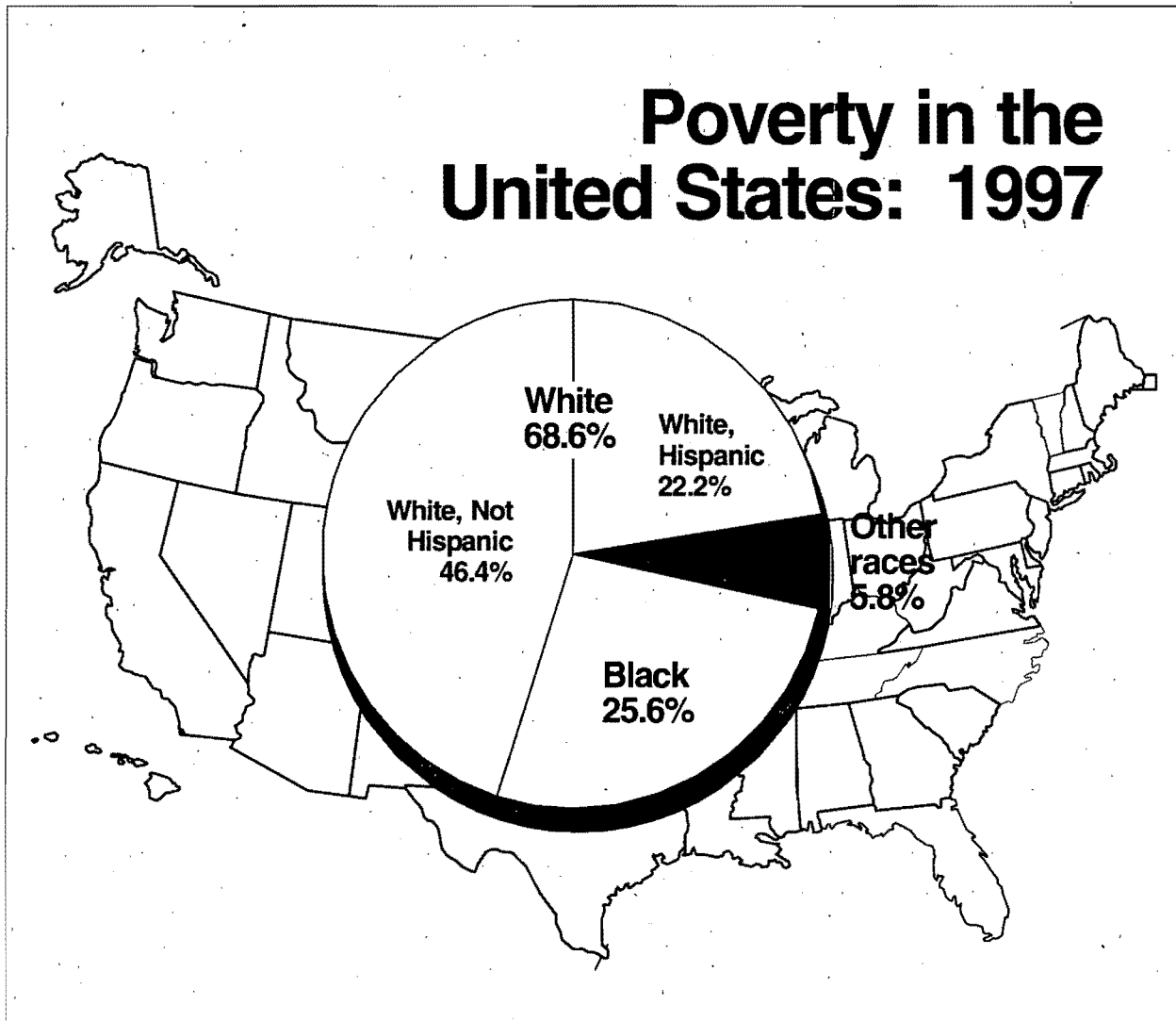
TODAY'S CENSUS REPORT ON INCOME AND POVERTY IS GOOD NEWS FOR AMERICA. WHILE WE HAVE MADE MUCH PROGRESS IN THE LAST 5½ YEARS, TODAY'S REPORT HIGHLIGHTS SOME OF THE CHALLENGES THAT REMAIN.

- **Rising Incomes After 20 Years of Stagnation.** During the 20 years before President Clinton took office, median family income stagnated. Since 1993, the typical family's income has increased \$3,517, adjusted for inflation. *But this is not enough. That is why President Clinton fought -- and will continue to fight -- for policies that help raise incomes and families' take-home pay.*
 - **\$500 Child Tax Credit For 26 Million Families with Over 40 Million Children Under Age 17.** The balanced budget legislation that the President negotiated with the Congress includes a \$500 per-child tax credit for children under age 17, which will benefit 26 million families with over 40 million children. For the typical American family with two kids, this child tax credit will mean \$1,000 more per year in take-home pay.
 - **Education Tax Breaks.** To boost families' current take-home pay, and to increase individuals' potential to secure higher-paying jobs, the balanced budget deal also includes a \$1,500 Hope Scholarship to help make the first two years of college universally available, and a 20-percent tuition tax credit on the first \$5,000 of expenses for college juniors, seniors, graduate students, and working Americans pursuing lifelong learning. For a student attending the average four-year college, these education tax incentives could provide total tax savings of up to \$5,000. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
 - **UPDATE Lower Mortgage Rates Saved Families Thousands.** President Clinton's 1993 Economic Plan cut the deficit more than 92 percent before the Balanced Budget Act even took effect. Experts -- including Alan Greenspan -- agree that this deficit reduction led to a drop in interest rates.
- **While Every Income Group Has Experienced A Real Income Increase Under President Clinton, Income Inequality Remains a Problem.** After 20 years of rising, income inequality has stabilized under President Clinton. Since 1993, every income group -- from the most well-off to the poorest -- experienced a real increase in their income. But, sustained efforts will be needed to completely reverse the erosion in wages at the bottom of the pay scale. *That is why President Clinton fought -- and will continue to fight -- for policies that help low-income families make ends meet, while they rise up the economic ladder.*
 - **Expanded EITC Puts Money Back in Working Families' Pockets.** The President fought for a substantial expansion in the Earned Income Tax Credit in 1993 -- the average family with two kids that received the EITC got a tax cut of \$1,026. In 1997, the EITC lifted 4.3 million out of poverty -- that's 2.2 million more people than were lifted out of poverty by the EITC in 1993.

- **Minimum Wage Hike Increases Pay By \$1,800 for Full-Time Worker.** The President fought for and won a minimum wage increase to \$5.15 per hour for nearly 10 million workers. For someone working at \$4.25 per hour, that was a raise of 90-cents per hour -- or \$1,800 per year for a full-time worker. Now, the President is fighting for another minimum wage increase -- \$1 over two years -- to raise the wages of 11.4 million workers and help ensure that parents who work hard and play by the rules can raise their children out of poverty.
- **Fought To Ensure Low-Income Families Benefitted from Child Tax Credit.** Because of the President's efforts, 12 million children from families with incomes below \$30,000 will receive the tax credit -- up to 7.5 million more than under the House plans. Families making under \$30,000 -- such as young teachers, police officers, farmers, nurses and others who work hard and play by the rules -- will now receive the child credit. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- **AmeriCorps College Support.** AmeriCorps has given over 100,000 people the opportunity to receive college support by serving their communities and their country.
- **Expanded Head Start By Nearly 60 Percent -- Over \$1.5 Billion Higher Per Year.** Since 1993, President Clinton and Congressional Democrats have expanded Head Start by 57 percent, from \$2.8 billion in FY93 to \$4.7 billion in FY98. The program now serves an estimated 835,000 children and the President's budget goes further on the way to his target of one million children in Head Start. The budget increases Head Start funding by \$607 million for FY00, which would mean Head Start funding would be 89 percent higher in 1999 than in 1993. The evidence shows that Head Start increases test scores and improves performance for white and Hispanic children.
- **Increased WIC -- \$1 Billion Higher.** Under President Clinton, participation in WIC has expanded by 1.7 million -- from 5.7 million in 1993 to 7.4 million women, infants, and children in 1999, with funding rising from \$2.9 billion to \$3.9 billion. The President's budget proposes \$4.1 billion in WIC funding to serve 7.5 million women, infants, and children in 2000, fulfilling his goal of full participation in WIC. Research shows that every \$1 increase in the prenatal care portion of the WIC program cuts between \$1.77 and \$3.90 in medical expenses in the first 60 days following childbirth.
- **Nearly Tripled Dislocated Worker Funding.** President Clinton has nearly tripled funding for dislocated workers, from \$517 million in FY93 to \$1,406 million in FY 99. This year, the program will assist over 689,000 workers, up over 100 percent since FY93. The FY 00 budget increases dislocated worker funding by another \$190 million, putting us on a path so that in five years, all dislocated workers will get the training and reemployment services they want and need to become re-employed.
- **Expanded Pell Grants.** President Clinton and Congressional Democrats have increased the Pell Grant maximum grant amount from \$2,300 in FY93 to \$3,125 in 1999. The FY00 budget proposes increasing the maximum by another \$125 to \$3,250 -- the highest ever-- to reach 3.9 million low- and middle-income undergraduates. If the President's budget were enacted, the maximum grant would be 41 percent higher than in 1993.

- **Proposed a Comprehensive Child Care Initiative.** For the last two years, President Clinton has proposed a major child care initiative designed to improve the affordability, availability and quality of child care. This comprehensive proposal of grants and tax credits aims to ensure that low- and middle-income parents can afford to purchase child care and that their children are entering school ready to learn. Last year, the President succeeded in securing pieces of the initiative, including \$140 million in new funds for after-school care and \$173 million for child care quality activities.

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Highlights

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- Using an alternative definition of income which added the value of means-tested noncash transfers (e.g. food stamps, housing, and medicaid) to post-tax cash income from the private and government sectors would result in a poverty rate of 10.0 (± 0.3) percent with 26.9 (± 0.8) million poor people. Neither figure would be significantly changed from 1996.

Cover Chart: Composition of the poverty population in 1997.

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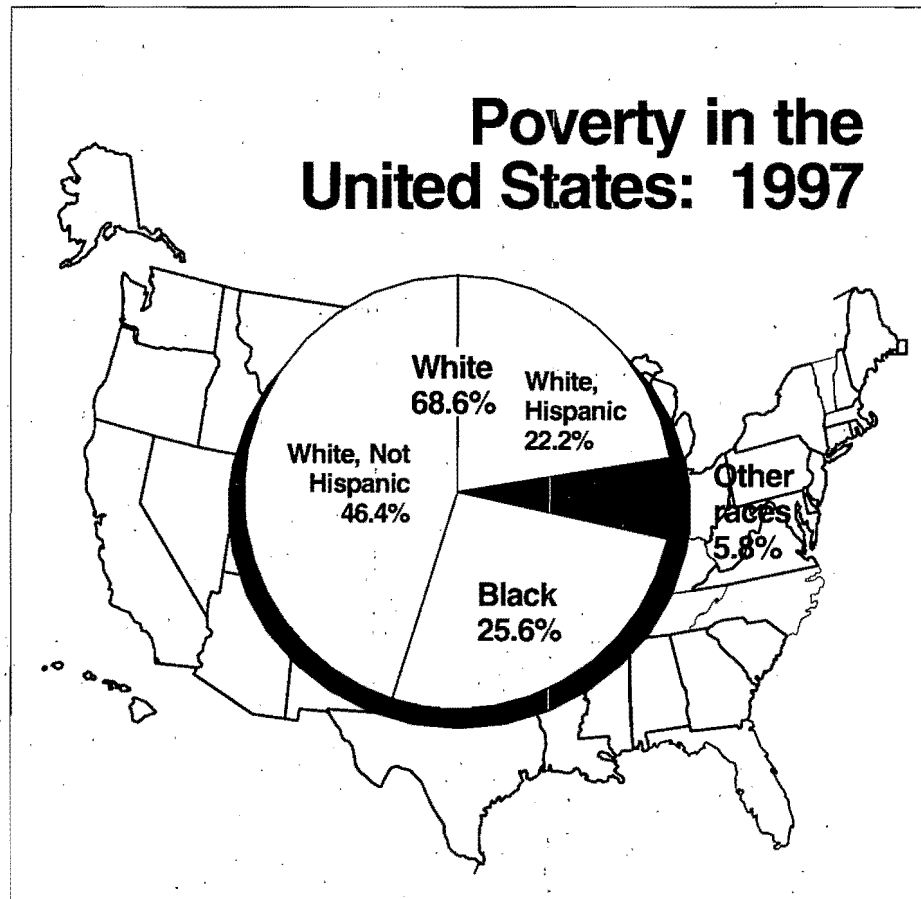
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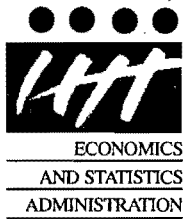
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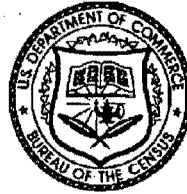
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Poverty in the United States: 1997

INTRODUCTION

Poor people in the United States are so diverse that they cannot be characterized along any one dimension. Therefore, this report presents poverty data by selected characteristics—age, race and Hispanic origin¹, nativity, family composition, work experience, and geography—to illustrate how poverty rates vary.

HIGHLIGHTS

(Numbers in parentheses denote 90-percent confidence intervals².)

- The poverty rate decreased in 1997 to 13.3 (± 0.3) percent, down from 13.7 (± 0.3) percent in 1996. The number of poor people in 1997, 35.6 (± 0.9) million, remained statistically unchanged from 1996.
- The number of poor and the poverty rate decreased for Blacks. In 1997, 9.1 (± 0.4) million or 26.5 (± 1.3) percent of Blacks were poor, down from the 9.7 (± 0.4) million and 28.4 (± 1.3) percent reported for 1996.
- The number of poor and poverty rate decreased for people of Hispanic origin³: 8.3 (± 0.4) million or 27.1 (± 1.3) percent were poor in 1997, down from the 8.7 (± 0.4) million and 29.4 (± 1.3) percent reported for 1996.
- The declines in the poverty rates of Blacks and people of Hispanic origin accounted for most of the decrease in the overall poverty rate between 1996 and 1997.
- Both the number and percent of families in poverty declined. There were 7.3 (± 0.3) million families in poverty in 1997, down from the 7.7 (± 0.3) million reported for 1996. In 1997, 10.3 (± 0.3) percent of families were in poverty, down from the 11.0 (± 0.3) percent reported for 1996. More than half of the decrease in the number of families in poverty occurred among Black families.
- The poverty rate in central cities declined to 18.8 (± 0.8) percent in 1997, from 19.6 (± 0.8) percent in

1996. This 1997 rate was more than twice that of the suburbs⁴—9.0 (± 0.5) percent.

- The 1997 poverty rate was not statistically different from the poverty rate in 1989, when a low point of 13.1⁵ percent was achieved during the economic expansion of the 1980s.
- Comparing the two-year moving averages of 1996-1997 with those for 1995-1996, five states had statistically significant changes in their poverty rates. The poverty rate dropped in three states—Alabama, Mississippi, and South Carolina—while two states—Arkansas and New Hampshire—showed an increase.
- If an alternative income definition were used, one which added the value of means-tested noncash transfers (e.g. food stamps, housing subsidies, and medicaid) to post-tax cash income from the private and government sectors, the poverty rate would be 10.0 (± 0.3) percent with 26.9 (± 0.8) million poor people. Neither figure would be significantly changed from 1996.

Following the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB's) Directive 14, the Census Bureau uses a set of money income thresholds that vary by family size and composition to detect who is poor (see Table A-2, Appendix A). If a family's total income is less than that family's threshold, then that family, and every individual in it, is considered poor. The poverty thresholds do not vary geographically, but they are updated annually for inflation with the Consumer Price Index (CPI-U). The official poverty definition counts money income before taxes and excludes capital gains and noncash benefits (such as public housing, medicaid, and food stamps).

This report also presents data by two other measures: the ratio of income to poverty level and the income deficit. The ratio of income to poverty level shows the number and percent of people with incomes below multiples of their poverty thresholds; the income deficit shows the amount of cash needed to bring all poor families up to their poverty thresholds.

⁴In this report, "suburbs" refers to metropolitan areas outside central cities.

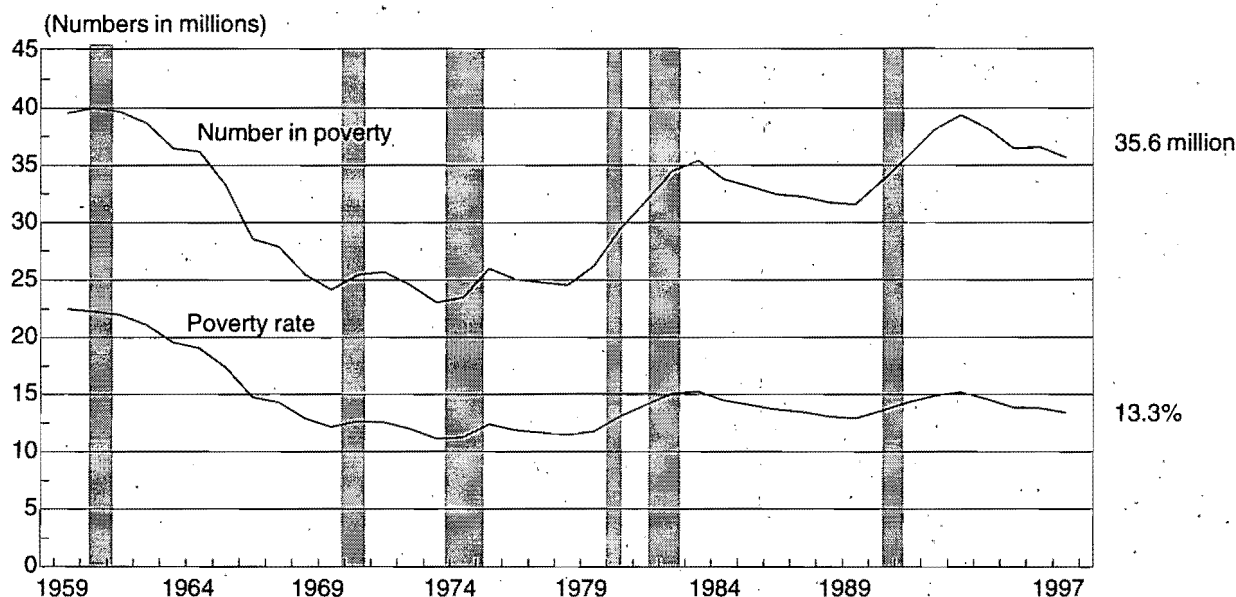
⁵The 1989 figures listed in the text and Table A have been adjusted to 1990 census population controls for more meaningful comparisons with figures from the 1990s. As a result, these figures may not match the 1989 figures listed in the time-series tables in Appendix C. The reader is also cautioned that these comparisons are between 1989 and 1997 only and should not be interpreted as a trend.

¹People of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

²For a definition of "confidence interval," see the section entitled "Standard Errors and Their Use" in Appendix D.

³See footnote 1.

Figure 1.
Number of Poor and Poverty Rate: 1959 to 1997



Note: The data points represent the midpoints of the respective years. The latest recessionary period began in July of 1990 and ended in March 1991.

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, March 1998 Current Population Survey.

In the early 1980s, the Census Bureau began examining how government noncash benefits affect poverty and how taxes affect measurement of the income distribution. The section entitled "Alternative Definitions of Poverty" presents updated estimates of the incremental effects of benefits and taxes on poverty for 1997.

The numbers in this report are estimates for calendar year 1997, and are based on the March 1998 Current Population Survey (CPS), conducted by the Census Bureau. For more details about how these data were collected, please see the section entitled "Notes and Users' Comments."

POVERTY IN THE UNITED STATES

In 1997, the poverty rate was 13.3 percent, significantly lower than the 13.7 percent reported for 1996. The number of people with family incomes below their official poverty level in 1997 was 35.6 million, not statistically different from the 36.5 million in 1996.

The 1997 poverty rate was not statistically different from the poverty rate in 1989, when a low point of 13.1 percent⁶ was achieved during the economic expansion of November 1982 to July 1990. Figure 1 shows poverty rates and the number of poor from 1959 to 1997. Although the overall poverty rate for 1997 is statistically similar to that reported for 1989, some groups had poverty rates in 1997 that were lower than their adjusted

1989 rate. These groups included: Blacks, individuals 65 years of age or older, residents of the Midwest and South regions, Black married-couple families, and Black families with a female householder, no husband present (see Table A).

Age

The poverty rate in 1997 for people under 18 years of age was 19.9 percent, significantly higher than the rate for adults aged 18 to 64 (10.9 percent) and those aged 65 and over (10.5 percent)⁷. None of the age groups shown in Table A had any significant changes in their poverty rates between 1996 and 1997.

In addition to having the highest poverty rate of the age groups in Table A, children continued to represent a large share of the poor population (40 percent) even though they were only about one-fourth of the total population.

Children under age six were particularly vulnerable. In 1997, the overall poverty rate for related children under six years of age was 21.6 percent. Related children under age six living in families with a female householder, no spouse present, had a poverty rate (59.1 percent) that was more than five times the rate for their counterparts in married-couple families (10.6 percent).

⁷The poverty rate for the elderly aged 65 and over was not significantly different than the rate for adults aged 18 to 64.

⁶See footnote 5.

Table A. People and Families in Poverty by Selected Characteristics: 1989, 1996, and 1997

[Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	1997		1996		1989 ¹		Change 1996 to 1997 ¹		Change 1989 ¹ to 1997 ¹	
	Below poverty		Below poverty		Below poverty		Number of poor	Poverty rate	Number of poor	Poverty rate
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent				
PEOPLE										
Total	35,574	13.3	36,529	13.7	32,415	13.1	-955	*-0.5	3,158	0.2
Family Status										
In families	26,217	11.6	27,376	12.2	24,882	11.8	*-1,159	*-0.6	*1,335	-0.1
Householder	7,324	10.3	7,708	11.0	6,895	10.4	*-384	*-0.6	*429	-0.1
Related children under 18	13,422	19.2	13,764	19.8	12,541	19.4	-342	-0.6	*881	-0.2
Related children under 6	5,049	21.6	5,333	22.7	5,116	22.5	-284	-1.1	-67	-0.9
In unrelated subfamilies	670	46.5	701	45.6	727	54.6	-30	0.9	-57	*-8.1
Children under 18	403	48.9	408	46.9	430	60.5	-6	2.0	-27	*-11.6
Unrelated individual	8,687	20.8	8,452	20.8	6,807	19.3	235	0.1	*1,880	*1.6
Male	3,447	17.4	3,308	17.0	2,577	15.8	140	0.4	*871	*1.6
Female	5,240	24.0	5,145	24.2	4,230	22.3	95	-0.2	*1,009	*1.7
Race² and Hispanic Origin										
White	24,396	11.0	24,650	11.2	21,294	10.2	-254	-0.2	*3,102	*0.8
White, Not Hispanic	16,491	8.6	16,462	8.6	15,499	8.3	29	-	*993	0.2
Black	9,116	26.5	9,694	28.4	9,525	30.8	*-578	*-2.0	-409	*-4.3
Asian and Pacific Islander	1,468	14.0	1,454	14.5	1,032	14.2	14	-0.5	*435	-0.2
Hispanic origin ³	8,308	27.1	8,697	29.4	6,086	26.3	*-389	*-2.3	*2,221	0.8
Age										
Under 18 years	14,113	19.9	14,463	20.5	13,154	20.1	-350	-0.6	*959	-0.2
18 to 24 years	4,416	17.5	4,466	17.9	4,132	15.4	-50	-0.4	*285	*2.2
25 to 34 years	4,759	12.1	5,093	12.7	4,873	11.2	-334	-0.6	-115	*0.9
35 to 44 years	4,251	9.6	4,343	9.9	3,115	8.3	-91	-0.3	*1,136	*1.3
45 to 54 years	2,439	7.2	2,516	7.6	1,873	7.5	-77	-0.5	*567	-0.3
55 to 59 years	1,092	9.0	1,086	9.4	971	9.5	6	-0.4	121	-0.6
60 to 64 years	1,127	11.2	1,134	11.5	986	9.4	-7	-0.3	141	*1.7
65 years and over	3,376	10.5	3,428	10.8	3,312	11.4	-51	-0.2	65	*-0.9
Nativity										
Native	30,336	12.5	31,117	12.9	(NA)	(NA)	-781	-0.4	(NA)	(NA)
Foreign born	5,238	19.9	5,412	21.0	(NA)	(NA)	-174	-1.1	(NA)	(NA)
Naturalized citizen	1,111	11.4	936	10.4	(NA)	(NA)	176	1.1	(NA)	(NA)
Not a citizen	4,127	25.0	4,476	26.8	(NA)	(NA)	-350	-1.8	(NA)	(NA)
Region										
Northeast	6,474	12.6	6,558	12.7	5,213	10.2	-84	-0.1	*1,262	*2.4
Midwest	6,493	10.4	6,654	10.7	7,088	12.0	-161	-0.4	-595	*-1.6
South	13,748	14.6	14,098	15.1	13,277	15.6	-350	-0.6	471	*-1.0
West	8,858	14.6	9,219	15.4	6,838	12.8	-361	-0.8	*2,021	*1.9
Residence										
Inside metropolitan areas	27,273	12.6	28,211	13.2	23,726	12.3	*-938	*-0.6	*3,547	0.4
Inside central cities	15,018	18.8	15,645	19.6	14,151	18.5	-627	*-0.9	*867	0.3
Outside central cities	12,255	9.0	12,566	9.4	9,574	8.2	-311	-0.4	*2,681	*0.8
Outside metropolitan areas	8,301	15.9	8,318	15.9	8,690	15.9	-17	-0.1	-389	-
FAMILIES										
Total	7,324	10.3	7,708	11.0	6,895	10.4	*-384	*-0.6	*429	-0.1
White	4,990	8.4	5,059	8.6	4,457	7.9	-69	-0.2	*533	0.5
White, Not Hispanic	3,357	6.3	3,433	6.5	3,287	6.4	-77	-0.2	69	-0.1
Black	1,985	23.6	2,206	26.1	2,108	27.9	*-220	*-2.5	-123	*-4.3
Asian and Pacific Islander	244	10.2	284	12.7	201	12.2	-41	-2.4	43	-1.9
Hispanic origin ³	1,721	24.7	1,748	26.4	1,227	23.7	-27	*-1.6	*494	1.0
Type of Family										
Married-couple	2,821	5.2	3,010	5.6	2,965	5.7	*-189	*-0.4	-144	*-0.5
White	2,312	4.8	2,416	5.1	2,347	5.0	-104	-0.3	-35	-0.2
Black	312	8.0	352	9.1	444	11.7	-39	-1.2	*-132	*-3.8
Hispanic origin ³	836	17.4	815	18.0	592	16.4	20	-0.6	*244	1.0
Female householder, no husband present	3,995	31.6	4,167	32.6	3,575	32.6	-172	-1.0	*420	-1.0
White	2,305	27.7	2,276	27.3	1,886	25.8	28	0.4	*419	1.9
Black	1,563	39.8	1,724	43.7	1,553	46.7	*-161	*-3.9	10	*-6.9
Hispanic origin ³	767	47.6	823	50.9	576	48.0	-56	-3.3	*191	-0.4

- Represents zero. NA Not available. ¹Revised, based on 1990 census population controls. ²Statistically significant at the 90-percent confidence level.³As a result of rounding, some differences may appear to be slightly higher or lower than the difference of the reported rates.⁴Data for American Indians, Eskimos, and Aleuts are not shown separately. Data for this population group should not be tabulated from the CPS because of its small sample size.⁵People of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, March 1998 Current Population Survey.

Although the elderly had a relatively low poverty rate⁸, they were more likely than the nonelderly to have incomes just over the poverty threshold. A higher proportion of the elderly (6.4 percent) than the nonelderly (4.3 percent) were classified as "near poor," that is, people with family incomes between 100 and 125 percent of their poverty threshold. Thus, seventeen (17.0) percent of the elderly had family incomes below 125 percent of poverty which was markedly higher than their poverty rate of 10.5 percent.

Race and Hispanic Origin

Both the number of poor and the poverty rate for Blacks and people of Hispanic origin decreased significantly in 1997 (see Table A). The number of poor Blacks dropped from 9.7 million in 1996 to 9.1 million in 1997, and their poverty rate dropped from 28.4 percent in 1996 to 26.5 percent in 1997. The number of poor and the poverty rate for people of Hispanic origin (who may be of any race) dropped as well: from 29.4 percent (8.7 million) in 1996 to 27.1 percent (8.3 million) in 1997⁹. These declines in the poverty rates of Blacks and Hispanics accounted for most of the decrease in the overall poverty rate between 1996 and 1997.

Although the poverty rates dropped for Blacks and people of Hispanic origin, their rates remained significantly higher than the rates for people in other racial and ethnic groups. In 1997, the poverty rate was 11.0 percent for Whites, and 14.0 percent for Asians and Pacific Islanders, compared with 26.5 percent for Blacks. The poverty rate was 8.6 percent for non-Hispanic Whites and 27.1 percent for Hispanics.

Even though the poverty rates for Whites (11.0 percent) and non-Hispanic Whites (8.6 percent) were lower than those for the other racial and ethnic groups, the majority of poor people in 1997 were White. Among the poor, 69 percent were White and 46 percent were non-Hispanic White.

Nativity

Reflecting the higher poverty rate of foreign-born non-citizens, the foreign-born population was disproportionately poor when compared with natives¹⁰ of the United States. Of the 26.3 million foreign-born individuals, the majority, 16.5 million, were not naturalized citizens. One-fourth (25.0 percent) of non-citizens were poor in 1997, compared with 11.4 percent of naturalized citizens. None of these figures changed significantly from 1996.

⁸The poverty rate for the elderly (10.5 percent) was significantly lower than the rate for all people (13.3 percent).

⁹The poverty rate for people of Hispanic origin was not significantly different than that for Blacks.

¹⁰Natives are defined as people born in the U.S., Puerto Rico, or an outlying area of the U.S., and those born in a foreign country but who had at least one parent who was a U.S. citizen. All others are foreign-born regardless of date of entry into the U.S. or citizenship status. The Current Population Survey, the source of these data, does not interview in Puerto Rico, and thus those living there are excluded from the official poverty statistics.

Families, Family Composition, and Unrelated Individuals

Both the number of poor families and the poverty rate for families declined between 1996 and 1997. In 1997, 7.3 million families were in poverty, yielding a family poverty rate of 10.3 percent. Both figures were significantly lower than the 7.7 million families and 11.0 percent reported for 1996.

More than half¹¹ of the decline in the number of poor families occurred among Black families. In 1997 the poverty rate of Black families dropped to 23.6 percent (2.0 million) down from 26.1 percent (2.2 million) in 1996. Black families with a female householder, no husband present experienced a similar drop in the percent of families who were poor: 39.8 percent (1.6 million), down from 43.7 percent (1.7 million) poor in 1996.

Although poverty rates declined for both Black and Hispanic origin families¹², their rates remained significantly higher than those of other racial and ethnic groups. The poverty rate for Black families (23.6 percent) was higher than that of White families (8.4 percent). The poverty rate for families of Hispanic origin (24.7 percent)¹³ was higher than that of White non-Hispanic families (6.3 percent). For families with a female householder, no husband present, poverty rates in 1997 were 39.8 percent for Blacks and 27.7 percent for Whites. Families of Hispanic origin with a female householder had a poverty rate of 47.6 percent compared with 23.4 percent for White non-Hispanic families.

Across all racial and ethnic groups, female householder families contrasted most starkly with married-couple families. Families with a female householder, no husband present had the highest poverty rate (31.6 percent) and comprised the majority of poor families (55 percent). Married-couple families, by contrast, had the lowest poverty rate (5.2 percent), yet still comprised a large share of poor families (39 percent) since they were the most common type of family.

Of the 41.7 million unrelated individuals (people living alone or with nonrelatives only), 8.7 million were poor in 1997, generating a poverty rate of 20.8 percent (not significantly different from their 1996 rate). Unrelated individuals accounted for 24 percent of the poor population, compared with only 16 percent of the entire United States population.

Work Experience

People who worked at any time during the year had a lower poverty rate than nonworkers (6.6 percent compared with 21.7 percent: see Table 3). Among poor

¹¹Black families in poverty decreased by 221,000 which represents 58 percent of the 384,000 fewer families in poverty.

¹²In 1997 the poverty rate for Hispanic origin families was 24.7 percent, down from 26.4 percent in 1996.

¹³The poverty rate for families of Hispanic origin was not statistically different from the poverty rate for Black families.

Table B. Percent of People in Poverty by State: 1995, 1996, and 1997

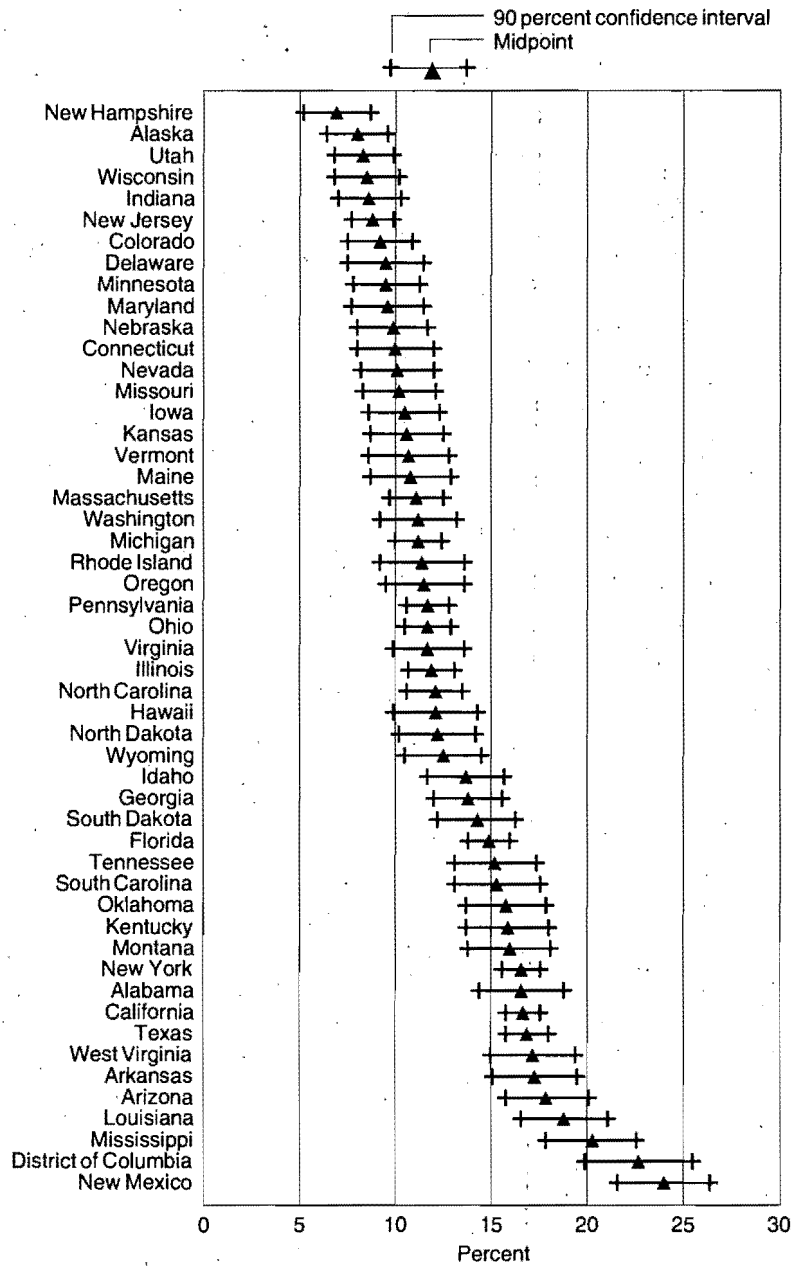
State	Three-year Average 1995-1997		Average 1996-1997		Average 1995-1996		Difference in two-year moving averages	
	Percent	Standard error	Percent	Standard error	Percent	Standard error	Poverty rate	Standard error
U.S.	13.6	0.16	13.5	0.18	13.8	0.18	-0.3	0.15
Alabama	16.6	1.33	14.8	1.50	17.0	1.57	* -2.2	1.33
Alaska	8.0	0.98	8.5	1.16	7.6	1.11	0.9	0.95
Arizona	17.9	1.31	18.8	1.54	18.3	1.54	0.5	1.25
Arkansas	17.2	1.34	18.4	1.60	16.0	1.52	* 2.4	1.30
California	16.7	0.55	16.8	0.64	16.8	0.65	-	0.53
Colorado	9.2	1.06	9.4	1.24	9.7	1.27	-0.3	0.99
Connecticut	10.0	1.23	10.1	1.43	10.7	1.47	-0.6	1.14
Delaware	9.5	1.19	9.1	1.36	9.5	1.40	-0.4	1.19
D.C.	22.7	1.71	23.0	2.01	23.2	1.98	-0.2	1.64
Florida	14.9	0.69	14.3	0.79	15.2	0.81	-0.9	0.67
Georgia	13.8	1.12	14.7	1.33	13.5	1.29	1.2	1.06
Hawaii	12.1	1.32	13.0	1.59	11.2	1.49	1.8	1.28
Idaho	13.7	1.21	13.3	1.38	13.2	1.41	0.1	1.21
Illinois	11.9	0.70	11.6	0.81	12.3	0.83	-0.6	0.67
Indiana	8.6	1.02	8.2	1.16	8.6	1.20	-0.4	1.02
Iowa	10.5	1.13	9.6	1.27	10.9	1.34	-1.3	1.12
Kansas	10.5	1.15	10.4	1.33	11.0	1.37	-0.5	1.10
Kentucky	15.9	1.33	16.4	1.56	15.9	1.54	0.6	1.26
Louisiana	18.8	1.37	18.4	1.59	20.1	1.64	-1.7	1.30
Maine	10.9	1.28	10.7	1.48	11.2	1.51	-0.5	1.22
Maryland	9.6	1.14	9.3	1.31	10.2	1.36	-0.9	1.09
Massachusetts	11.1	0.85	11.2	1.00	10.5	0.97	0.6	0.85
Michigan	11.2	0.73	10.7	0.83	11.7	0.87	-1.0	0.70
Minnesota	9.5	1.06	9.7	1.25	9.5	1.24	0.2	1.02
Mississippi	20.2	1.44	18.6	1.62	22.0	1.74	* -3.4	1.40
Missouri	10.2	1.15	10.6	1.36	9.5	1.30	1.2	1.13
Montana	16.0	1.29	16.3	1.51	16.1	1.51	0.2	1.24
Nebraska	9.9	1.12	10.0	1.31	9.9	1.30	0.1	1.08
Nevada	10.1	1.15	9.6	1.30	9.6	1.34	-	1.17
New Hampshire	6.9	1.07	7.7	1.32	5.8	1.17	* 1.9	1.06
New Jersey	8.8	0.68	9.2	0.81	8.5	0.78	0.7	0.65
New Mexico	24.0	1.49	23.4	1.71	25.4	1.77	-2.0	1.43
New York	16.6	0.61	16.6	0.71	16.6	0.71	-	0.59
North Carolina	12.1	0.88	11.8	1.00	12.4	1.04	-0.6	0.85
North Dakota	12.2	1.22	12.3	1.43	11.5	1.39	0.8	1.21
Ohio	11.7	0.72	11.8	0.84	12.1	0.85	-0.2	0.69
Oklahoma	15.8	1.28	15.2	1.46	16.9	1.53	-1.7	1.23
Oregon	11.5	1.23	11.7	1.43	11.5	1.43	0.2	1.18
Pennsylvania	11.7	0.68	11.4	0.78	11.9	0.79	-0.5	0.66
Rhode Island	11.5	1.33	11.9	1.58	10.8	1.51	1.1	1.30
South Carolina	15.4	1.38	13.1	1.52	16.5	1.67	* -3.4	1.38
South Dakota	14.2	1.26	14.1	1.48	13.1	1.43	1.0	1.27
Tennessee	15.2	1.32	15.1	1.53	15.7	1.56	-0.6	1.27
Texas	16.9	0.70	16.7	0.81	17.0	0.82	-0.3	0.68
Utah	8.3	0.94	8.3	1.09	8.0	1.09	0.2	0.93
Vermont	10.7	1.28	10.9	1.50	11.4	1.52	-0.5	1.18
Virginia	11.7	1.14	12.5	1.36	11.2	1.31	1.3	1.09
Washington	11.2	1.20	10.5	1.35	12.2	1.46	-1.6	1.15
West Virginia	17.2	1.33	17.5	1.56	17.6	1.55	-0.2	1.26
Wisconsin	8.5	1.01	8.5	1.18	8.7	1.18	-0.1	0.97
Wyoming	12.5	1.22	12.7	1.43	12.0	1.41	0.7	1.20
Los Angeles CMSA	18.5	0.66	18.4	0.76	18.7	0.78	-0.3	0.63
New York CMSA	14.8	0.53	14.7	0.62	15.1	0.63	-0.4	0.51

- Represents zero.

*Statistically significant at the 90-percent confidence level.

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, March 1998, 1997, and 1996 Current Population Surveys.

Figure 2.
Three-Year Average Poverty Rates, by State:
1995, 1996, and 1997



Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, March 1996, 1997, and 1998
Current Population Surveys.

Table C. Ratio of Family Income to Poverty Level for People by Selected Characteristics: 1997

[Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	Total	Under 0.50		Under 1.00		Under 1.25	
		Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total
PEOPLE							
Total	268,480	14,594	5.4	35,574	13.3	47,853	17.8
Age							
Under 18 years	71,069	6,364	9.0	14,113	19.9	17,937	25.2
18 to 24 years	25,201	1,957	7.8	4,416	17.5	5,898	23.4
25 to 34 years	39,354	2,076	5.3	4,759	12.1	6,422	16.3
35 to 44 years	44,462	1,724	3.9	4,251	9.6	5,802	13.0
45 to 54 years	34,057	981	2.9	2,439	7.2	3,348	9.8
55 to 59 years	12,190	413	3.4	1,092	9.0	1,452	11.9
60 to 64 years	10,065	366	3.6	1,127	11.2	1,554	15.4
65 years and over	32,082	713	2.2	3,376	10.5	5,440	17.0
Race¹ and Hispanic Origin							
White	221,200	9,427	4.3	24,396	11.0	33,612	15.2
White, not Hispanic	191,859	6,316	3.3	16,491	8.6	23,100	12.0
Black	34,458	4,189	12.2	9,116	26.5	11,646	33.8
Other races	12,822	977	7.6	2,062	16.1	2,595	20.2
Asian and Pacific Islander	10,482	664	6.3	1,468	14.0	1,795	17.1
Hispanic origin ²	30,637	3,329	10.9	8,308	27.1	11,003	35.9
FAMILY STATUS							
In families	225,369	10,615	4.7	26,217	11.6	35,460	15.7
Householder	70,884	2,957	4.2	7,324	10.3	10,032	14.2
Related children under 18	69,844	5,907	8.5	13,422	19.2	17,144	24.5
Related children under 6	23,363	2,356	10.1	5,049	21.6	6,472	27.7
Unrelated individual	41,672	3,602	8.6	8,687	20.8	11,581	27.8
Male	19,804	1,586	8.0	3,447	17.4	4,588	23.2
Female	21,868	2,016	9.2	5,240	24.0	6,992	32.0

¹Data for American Indians, Eskimos, and Aleuts are not shown separately. Data for this population group should not be tabulated from the CPS because of its small sample size.

²People of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, March 1998 Current Population Survey.

people, many worked either part-time or part-year. Of poor people 16 years old and over, 42 percent worked, but only 10 percent worked full-time, year-round. By contrast, 70 percent of all people aged 16 years old and over worked and 45 percent worked full-time, year-round.

Region

None of the four regions of the United States had a statistically significant change in poverty between 1996 and 1997. Prior to 1994, the South had the highest regional poverty rate. Since that year, the West has had a poverty rate not significantly different from that of the South. In 1997, both the West and the South had poverty rates of 14.6 percent, significantly higher than the rates in the Northeast (12.6 percent) and the Midwest (10.4 percent).

Residence

Central cities of metropolitan areas experienced a decline in the poverty rate. In central cities, the percent of poor decreased to 18.8 percent in 1997, down from 19.6

percent in 1996. In both suburbs (that part of metropolitan areas not in central cities) and in nonmetropolitan areas, the number of poor and the poverty rate remained unchanged between 1996 and 1997. In 1997 the poverty rate was 9.0 percent (12.3 million people) in the suburbs of metropolitan areas and 15.9 percent (8.3 million people) in nonmetropolitan areas. Even though the poverty rate declined only in central cities, their poverty rate still was more than twice that in suburbs.

State Poverty Data

Table B contains state-level poverty rates using three-year averages covering 1995 to 1997. State poverty rates ranged from 6.9 percent in New Hampshire to 24.0 percent in New Mexico. Readers should be aware that although the data presented in Table B indicate that New Mexico had the highest poverty rate, it was not statistically different from the rate for Washington, DC, though higher than the rate in the other states. Figure 2 displays both the states' rankings and the overlapping confidence intervals. The poverty rate in New Hampshire, though numerically

Table D. Income Deficit or Surplus of Families and Unrelated Individuals by Poverty Status: 1997

[Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	Total	Size of deficit or surplus										Average deficit	Deficit per family member
		Under \$500	\$500 to \$999	\$1,000 to \$1,999	\$2,000 to \$2,999	\$3,000 to \$3,999	\$4,000 to \$4,999	\$5,000 to \$5,999	\$6,000 to \$6,999	\$7,000 to \$7,999	\$8,000 or more		
Deficit for Those Below Poverty Level													
All families.....	7,324	366	320	690	651	654	611	503	480	431	2,618	6,602	1,844
Married-couple families ..	2,821	167	188	298	270	240	257	178	186	140	897	6,150	1,554
Families with female householder, no husband present	3,995	177	110	320	351	370	308	292	272	262	1,534	6,959	2,060
Unrelated individual.....	8,687	765	592	1,622	1,290	758	519	480	446	543	1,671	3,985	3,985
Male	3,447	271	176	591	474	335	197	216	213	190	786	4,297	4,297
Female	5,240	494	417	1,032	816	423	322	265	234	353	884	3,780	3,780
Surplus for Those Above Poverty Level													
All families.....	63,561	365	380	826	865	832	908	970	897	1,068	56,450	49,011	15,642
Married-couple families ..	51,500	193	197	454	471	514	582	665	534	704	47,187	53,978	16,887
Families with female householder, no husband present	8,657	150	152	303	334	257	258	242	273	279	6,409	24,857	8,636
Unrelated individual.....	32,985	643	724	1,489	1,302	1,466	1,339	995	1,301	1,041	22,685	23,320	23,320
Male	16,357	212	287	596	423	563	549	357	651	459	12,261	27,302	27,302
Female	16,628	430	437	893	880	904	790	638	650	582	10,424	19,404	19,404

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, March 1998 Current Population Survey.

the smallest, was not statistically lower than the rates in Alaska, Utah, Wisconsin, Indiana, New Jersey, Colorado, and Delaware.

Based on comparisons of two-year moving averages (1996-97 versus 1995-96, the statistic we recommend using to evaluate changes in state poverty rates over time), three states had statistically significant drops in their poverty rates—Alabama, Mississippi, and South Carolina—while two states, Arkansas and New Hampshire, showed an increase.

Biennial state and county poverty estimates based on models which use the Current Population Survey (CPS), the 1990 decennial census, and administrative records are available on the Internet for income year 1993 at <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/saife.html>. These state estimates are more reliable (that is, they have a lower variance) than those directly estimated from the CPS; the modeled estimates are also the only source of county estimates. Estimates for 1995 will be released in the fall of 1998.

Ratio of Income to Poverty Level

In 1997, 41 percent of the poor, or 14.6 million people, were "severely poor," that is, they had a total family income less than one-half of their poverty threshold (see Table C)¹⁴. In 1997, there were 12.3 million people who

had "near poor" income—that is, income at least as great as their respective poverty threshold but below 125 percent of their threshold. The number of near poor did not change significantly from 1996.

Average Income Deficit

The income deficit for families in poverty (the difference in dollars between a family's income and its poverty threshold) averaged \$6,602 in 1997, a significant increase from the 1996 figure of \$6,395 (in 1997 dollars). (See Table D.) This amounts to a deficit per family member of \$1,844 in 1997.

The average income deficit for poor families with a female householder, no husband present (\$6,959) was greater than that for married-couple families (\$6,150). The deficit per family member was \$2,060 in 1997 for families with a female householder, no husband present, significantly greater than the \$1,554 for married-couple families. Because families with a female householder, no husband present, were smaller than married-couple families, the greater deficit per family member for female householder families reflects their smaller family size as well as their income.

For unrelated individuals, the average income deficit was \$3,985 in 1997. The average deficit in 1997 for female unrelated individuals was \$3,780, significantly less than the \$4,297 deficit figure for males. There were more female than male unrelated individuals aged 65 and

¹⁴These figures were statistically unchanged from 1996.

Table E. The Cumulative Effect of Taxes and Transfers on Poverty Estimates: 1996 and 1997

[Numbers in thousands]

Selected income definitions		1997		1996		1997-1996 Difference ¹	
		Number below poverty	Poverty rate	Number below poverty	Poverty rate	Number below poverty	Poverty rate
Definition 1	(current measure).....	35,574	13.3	36,529	13.7	-955	*-0.5
Definition 2	(definition 1 less government cash transfers ²).....	56,390	21.0	57,476	21.6	-1,086	*-0.6
Definition 4	(definition 2 plus capital gains and employee health benefits).....	54,573	20.3	55,447	20.8	-874	*-0.5
Definition 6	(definition 4 less social security payroll and federal income taxes ³).....	57,520	21.4	58,598	22.0	-1,078	*-0.6
Definition 7	(definition 6 plus the earned income credit (EIC)).....	53,601	20.0	54,644	20.5	-1,043	*-0.5
Definition 8	(definition 7 less state income taxes).....	54,036	20.1	55,119	20.7	*-1,083	*-0.6
Definition 9	(definition 8 plus nonmeans-tested government cash transfers).....	35,849	13.4	37,075	13.9	*-1,226	*-0.5
Definition 11	(definition 9 plus the value of medicare and regular-price school lunch).....	34,748	12.9	36,017	13.5	-1,269	*-0.6
Definition 14	(definition 12 plus the value of medicaid and other means-tested government noncash transfers)...	26,940	10.0	27,133	10.2	-193	-0.2

*Statistically significant at the 90 percent confidence level.

¹As a result of rounding, some differences may appear to be slightly higher or lower than the difference of the reported rates.²See Appendix B.³This definition refers to social security and federal income tax liabilities before taking into account refundable credits i.e. EIC.

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, March 1998 Current Population Survey.

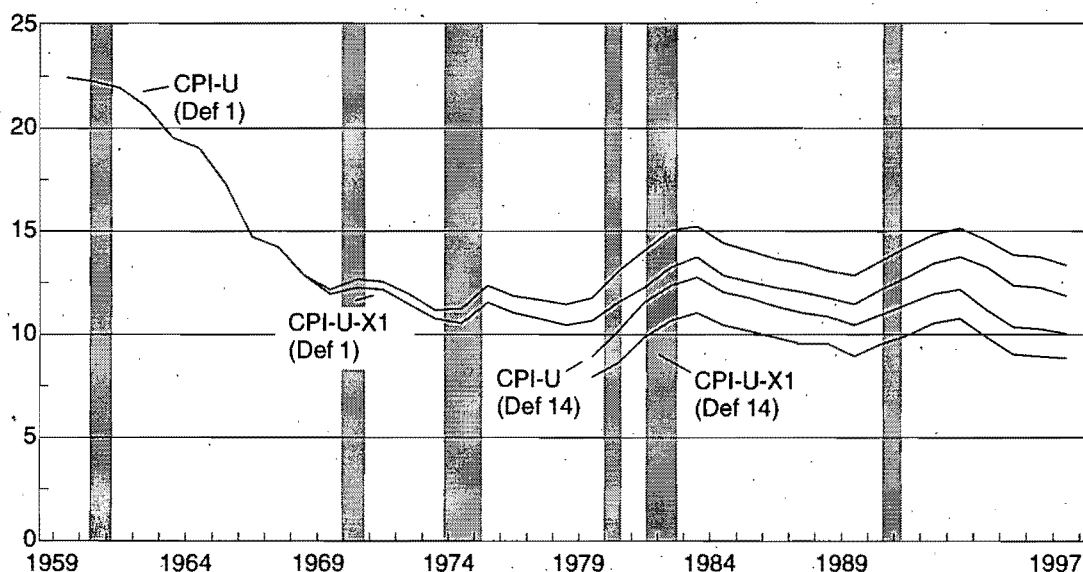
Table F. The Marginal Effect of Taxes and Transfers on Poverty Estimates: 1997

[Numbers in thousands]

Income measures	1997	
	Number below poverty	Poverty rate
Official definition.....	35,574	13.3
Official less payroll taxes plus net capital gains.....	37,747	14.1
Official less federal and state income taxes plus net capital gains.....	35,881	13.4
Official less federal and state income taxes plus net capital gains and earned income credit (EIC).....	31,877	11.9
Official less taxes plus net capital gains and EIC.....	34,201	12.7
Official less nonmeans-tested cash transfers.....	54,437	20.3
Official less means-tested cash transfers.....	38,240	14.2
Official plus means-tested non-medical noncash transfers.....	31,856	11.9
Official plus foodstamps.....	33,998	12.7
Official plus rent subsidies.....	34,333	12.8
Official plus regular-price school lunch.....	35,571	13.2
Official plus all non-medical noncash transfers.....	31,853	11.9
Official less taxes plus EIC and all noncash transfers.....	29,975	11.2

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, March 1998 Current Population Survey.

Figure 3.
Poverty Rates by Definition of Income and Type of Deflator: 1959 to 1997



Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, March 1998 Current Population Survey.

over. Since householders aged 65 and over have lower poverty thresholds, the lower mean deficit for females reflects differences in age, not just income.

In 1997, there were 366,000 poor families whose incomes were less than \$500 below their poverty thresholds, and a similar number of families (365,000) had incomes within \$500 above their respective poverty thresholds. Therefore, slight modifications upward or downward to the poverty thresholds will have similar effects on the overall poverty rate.

ALTERNATIVE DEFINITIONS OF POVERTY

The official definition of poverty as presented in this report is based on research by Mollie Orshansky of the Social Security Administration in 1963 and 1964¹⁵ and revised in 1969 and 1981 by federal interagency committees. In 1992, a panel of the Committee on National Statistics of the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) began evaluating alternative definitions of poverty. Their report, containing recommendations for a new measure of poverty, was released in the spring of 1995¹⁶.

¹⁵For a detailed discussion of the original SSA poverty thresholds, see Mollie Orshansky, *Counting the Poor: Another Look at the Poverty Profile*, Social Security Bulletin, vol. 28, no. 1, January 1965, pp.3-29 (reprinted in Social Security Bulletin, vol. 51, no. 10, October 1988, pp. 25-51); and *Who's Who Among the Poor: A Demographic View of Poverty*, Social Security.

¹⁶Constance F. Citro and Robert T. Michael. *Measuring Poverty: A New Approach*. Washington, DC, National Academy Press, 1995.

Several important issues concerning the adequacy of the official poverty measure were raised by this panel. These issues fall into two categories: issues concerning the measurement of income or available resources, and issues regarding the poverty thresholds or measures of need. The Census Bureau is continuing its research program on income and poverty measurement and will be publishing research papers on various aspects of the panel's report. In addition, in the spring of 1999, the Census Bureau will release a comprehensive report discussing many of the issues brought up by the NAS report and subsequent research. The results of ongoing research on poverty measurement are posted on the Census Bureau's poverty measurement Internet site at <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/povmeas.html>.

This report continues the series of experimental measures we have monitored since 1979 but does not include any new measures recommended by the NAS panel. The alternative definitions of income are described in Appendix B and corresponding poverty rates are listed in Table 5. The tax data in this report are simulations based on a tax model. In all, four types of taxes were simulated: 1) federal individual income taxes, 2) state individual income taxes, 3) property taxes on owner-occupied housing, and 4) payroll taxes. In addition, values of employers' contributions for health insurance, medicare and medicaid, rent subsidies, free and reduced price school lunches, and

return on equity in one's own home are imputed.¹⁷ Food stamp amounts are used as reported in the Current Population Survey.

Text Table E shows how poverty estimates change cumulatively when specific components are successively subtracted or added to the definition of income. The starting point for the table is the official income measure (money income excluding capital gains and before taxes) that is used to produce the official poverty estimates, which showed that 35.6 million people or 13.3 percent of the population were poor in 1997.

Moving successively down the table, the first step begins with the subtraction of all government cash benefits from income (such as social security and cash welfare benefits), resulting in a pre-tax pre-transfer poverty rate of 21.0 percent¹⁸. Adding capital gains and the value of employers' contributions for health insurance resulted in a poverty rate of 20.3 percent.

The next steps illustrate the effect of subtracting various taxes from income. Taking out federal income and social security payroll taxes resulted in a poverty rate of 21.4 percent. Including the effect of the earned income credit (EIC) reduced the percent poor to 20.0 percent. After taking out state income taxes, the poverty rate shifts imperceptibly to 20.1 percent which is statistically similar to the poverty rate for the EIC step.

The final steps add government benefits back into income, bringing the poverty rate back down. Further, adding the values of noncash benefits (such as medicare and medicaid coverage and food stamps) resulted in a poverty rate of 10.0 percent, well below the official level.

Table F shows the marginal or individual effects, rather than the cumulative effects, on poverty estimates when specific components were subtracted or added to the current measure of income. Table F does not include any valuation of medical transfers such as medicaid, medicare, or employers' payments for health benefits. The starting point for the table is again the current official income measure (money income excluding capital gains and before taxes).

Income definitions that show the effect of the tax system appear first. The marginal effect of subtracting payroll taxes from income and including capital gains is to increase the poverty rate to 14.1 percent. Subtracting federal and state income taxes shifts the poverty rate slightly to 13.4 percent. Including the effect of the EIC reduced the poverty rate to 11.9 percent. Overall, adjusting the income definition for all taxes produced a decrease of 0.6 percentage points in the poverty rate, to 12.7 percent.

Excluding government cash transfers from the current official measure greatly increases the number of people with family incomes below the poverty line. Taking non-means-tested government cash transfers out of income had a large effect on poverty estimates. The subtraction of this income component increased the poverty rate to 20.3 percent.

The effect of removing means-tested cash transfers was small compared with that of removing non-means-tested cash transfers. Subtracting means-tested cash transfers increased the estimate of the percent of people in poverty to 14.2 percent.

The addition of noncash benefits, which include food stamps, free and reduced priced school lunches, and rent subsidies lowered the poverty rate from 13.3 percent to 11.9 percent.

Alternative Price Index

Using an alternative approach to adjust the poverty thresholds over time has a noticeable impact on the number and percent of people considered to be poor, but not on the pattern of poverty over time. The official estimates presented above are based on poverty thresholds updated over time for changes in prices based on the official Consumer Price Index for Urban Consumers, the CPI-U. An alternative price index, CPI-U-X1, was developed in 1983 to improve the treatment of home ownership costs retrospectively to 1967. The methodology was called the rental equivalence approach. The cumulative effect of using the CPI-U-X1 for years prior to 1983 results in poverty thresholds that are approximately 8 percent lower than the official thresholds based on the CPI-U. On average, the 1997 poverty rates based on the CPI-U-X1 are approximately 1.5 percentage points and 3.9 million persons lower than estimates based on the official thresholds.

As shown in Figure 3, poverty estimates based on the CPI-U-X1 and the CPI-U show the same general patterns over time. Using the official definition of income (definition 1), the 1997 poverty rate based on the CPI-U-X1 was 11.8 percent compared with 13.3 percent based on the CPI-U. Using definition 14 (which includes the effect of taxes, cash and noncash benefits, capital gains, and employers' contributions for health insurance), the poverty rate under the CPI-U-X1 was 8.8 percent compared with 10.0 percent based on the CPI-U.

NOTES AND USERS' COMMENTS

The information shown in this report was collected in the 50 states and the District of Columbia and does not include residents of Puerto Rico. The Current Population Survey (CPS), from which these data were taken, samples approximately 50,000 households nationwide. The estimates in this report are controlled to national population

¹⁷More information on the methodology and procedures used to estimate taxes and to value noncash benefits can be found in Appendix B of this report and in P60-186RD, *Measuring the Effect of Benefits and Taxes on Income and Poverty: 1992*.

¹⁸Care should be taken when interpreting these numbers, since the changes to the income definitions listed here would not occur in isolation without causing changes in other related variables affecting poverty status.

estimates by age, race, sex, and Hispanic origin. The population controls used in the preparation of the estimates are based on results of the 1990 census carried forward to 1997.

The CPS is primarily a household survey and thus persons who are homeless and not living in shelters are not included in these poverty statistics. The CPS also excludes armed forces personnel living on military bases.

We are interested in your reaction to the usefulness of the information provided in this report, and we welcome your recommendations for improving our products. The historical time-series tables are also available on the

Internet (<http://www.census.gov>). If you have suggestions or comments, please complete the questionnaire at the beginning of this report or write to:

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Table 2. Age, Gender, Household Relationship, Race, and Hispanic Origin by Ratio of Income to Poverty Level: 1997

[Numbers in thousands. People, families, and unrelated individuals as of March of the following year. For meaning of symbols, see text]

Characteristic	Total	Under .50		Under 1.00		Under 1.25		Under 1.50		Under 1.75		Under 2.00	
		Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total
ALL PEOPLE													
Both Sexes													
Total	268 480	14 594	5.4	35 574	13.3	47 853	17.8	60 331	22.5	73 080	27.2	86 264	32.1
Under 18 years	71 069	6 364	9.0	14 113	19.9	17 937	25.2	21 738	30.6	25 600	36.0	29 384	41.3
18 to 24 years	25 201	1 957	7.8	4 416	17.5	5 898	23.4	7 174	28.5	8 363	33.2	9 712	38.5
25 to 34 years	39 354	2 076	5.3	4 759	12.1	6 422	16.3	8 141	20.7	9 966	25.3	11 872	30.2
35 to 44 years	44 462	1 724	3.9	4 251	9.6	5 802	13.0	7 499	16.9	9 214	20.7	11 241	25.3
45 to 54 years	34 057	981	2.9	2 439	7.2	3 348	9.8	4 301	12.6	5 169	15.2	6 274	18.4
55 to 59 years	12 190	413	3.4	1 092	9.0	1 452	11.9	1 847	15.2	2 175	17.8	2 613	21.4
60 to 64 years	10 065	366	3.6	1 127	11.2	1 554	15.4	1 951	19.4	2 376	23.6	2 761	27.4
65 years and over	32 082	713	2.2	3 376	10.5	5 440	17.0	7 679	23.9	10 218	31.9	12 407	38.7
65 to 74 years	17 874	388	2.2	1 641	9.2	2 590	14.5	3 567	20.0	4 819	27.0	5 816	32.5
75 years and over	14 209	326	2.3	1 735	12.2	2 850	20.1	4 111	28.9	5 399	38.0	6 591	46.4
Male													
Total	131 376	6 224	4.7	15 187	11.6	20 702	15.8	26 326	20.0	32 185	24.5	38 562	29.4
Under 18 years	36 367	3 203	8.8	7 179	19.7	9 129	25.1	11 036	30.3	12 919	35.5	14 852	40.8
18 to 24 years	12 633	718	5.7	1 760	13.9	2 506	19.8	3 124	24.7	3 669	29.0	4 324	34.2
25 to 34 years	19 526	656	3.4	1 696	8.7	2 449	12.5	3 289	16.8	4 200	21.5	5 164	26.4
35 to 44 years	22 054	665	3.0	1 686	7.6	2 368	10.7	3 190	14.5	4 063	18.4	5 106	23.2
45 to 54 years	16 598	452	2.7	1 066	6.4	1 486	9.0	1 887	11.4	2 261	13.6	2 790	16.8
55 to 59 years	5 869	126	2.1	370	6.3	541	9.2	712	12.1	881	15.0	1 095	18.7
60 to 64 years	4 804	167	3.5	479	10.0	656	13.7	810	16.9	968	20.2	1 139	23.7
65 years and over	13 524	238	1.8	953	7.0	1 566	11.6	2 278	16.8	3 223	23.8	4 091	30.3
65 to 74 years	7 992	153	1.9	536	6.7	870	10.9	1 211	15.1	1 709	21.4	2 108	26.4
75 years and over	5 532	85	1.5	417	7.5	696	12.6	1 067	19.3	1 514	27.4	1 983	35.8
Female													
Total	137 105	8 370	6.1	20 387	14.9	27 151	19.8	34 005	24.8	40 895	29.8	47 702	34.8
Under 18 years	34 702	3 161	9.1	6 934	20.0	8 808	25.4	10 702	30.8	12 680	36.5	14 532	41.9
18 to 24 years	12 568	1 239	9.9	2 657	21.1	3 391	27.0	4 050	32.2	4 694	37.3	5 388	42.9
25 to 34 years	19 828	1 421	7.2	3 063	15.4	3 973	20.0	4 852	24.5	5 766	29.1	6 708	33.8
35 to 44 years	22 407	1 059	4.7	2 566	11.5	3 433	15.3	4 309	19.2	5 150	23.0	6 134	27.4
45 to 54 years	17 459	530	3.0	1 373	7.9	1 862	10.7	2 414	13.8	2 908	16.7	3 483	20.0
55 to 59 years	6 321	287	4.5	723	11.4	911	14.4	1 135	18.0	1 293	20.5	1 518	24.0
60 to 64 years	5 261	199	3.8	648	12.3	898	17.1	1 141	21.7	1 408	26.8	1 622	30.8
65 years and over	18 558	475	2.6	2 423	13.1	3 874	20.9	5 401	29.1	6 995	37.7	8 316	44.8
65 to 74 years	9 882	235	2.4	1 105	11.2	1 720	17.4	2 357	23.8	3 111	31.5	3 708	37.5
75 years and over	8 677	241	2.8	1 318	15.2	2 154	24.8	3 044	35.1	3 885	44.8	4 608	53.1
Household Relationship													
Total	268 480	14 594	5.4	35 574	13.3	47 853	17.8	60 331	22.5	73 080	27.2	86 264	32.1
65 years and over	32 082	713	2.2	3 376	10.5	5 440	17.0	7 679	23.9	10 218	31.9	12 407	38.7
In families	225 369	10 615	4.7	26 217	11.6	35 460	15.7	45 052	20.0	55 380	24.6	66 155	29.4
Householder	70 884	2 957	4.2	7 324	10.3	10 032	14.2	12 845	18.1	16 004	22.6	19 277	27.2
Under 65 years	59 614	2 760	4.6	6 646	11.1	8 938	15.0	11 179	18.8	13 574	22.8	16 119	27.0
65 years and over	11 270	197	1.7	678	6.0	1 094	9.7	1 665	14.8	2 430	21.6	3 157	28.0
Related children under 18 years	69 844	5 907	8.5	13 422	19.2	17 144	24.5	20 878	29.9	24 666	35.3	28 392	40.7
Under 6 years	23 363	2 356	10.1	5 049	21.6	6 472	27.7	7 807	33.4	9 154	39.2	10 399	44.5
6 to 17 years	46 481	3 551	7.6	8 373	18.0	10 672	23.0	13 071	28.1	15 512	33.4	17 993	38.7
Own children 18 years and over	21 625	546	2.5	1 727	8.0	2 552	11.8	3 353	15.5	4 129	19.1	5 045	23.3
In married-couple families	175 779	3 335	1.9	11 166	6.4	16 854	9.6	23 401	13.3	30 607	17.4	38 591	22.0
Husbands	54 321	887	1.6	2 821	5.2	4 377	8.1	6 185	11.4	8 284	15.2	10 605	19.5
Under 65 years	44 635	747	1.7	2 378	5.3	3 604	8.1	4 961	11.1	6 430	14.4	8 122	18.2
65 years and over	9 687	140	1.4	444	4.6	774	8.0	1 224	12.6	1 854	19.1	2 484	25.6
Wives	54 321	887	1.6	2 821	5.2	4 377	8.1	6 185	11.4	8 284	15.2	10 605	19.5
Under 65 years	46 865	782	1.7	2 508	5.4	3 817	8.1	5 267	11.2	6 833	14.6	8 619	18.4
65 years and over	7 456	105	1.4	314	4.2	561	7.5	919	12.3	1 450	19.5	1 986	26.6
Related children under 18 years	50 282	1 363	2.7	4 759	9.5	6 877	13.7	9 335	18.6	11 815	23.5	14 532	28.9
Under 6 years	17 320	521	3.0	1 844	10.6	2 732	15.8	3 694	21.3	4 698	27.1	5 634	32.5
6 to 17 years	32 962	842	2.6	2 915	8.8	4 145	12.6	5 641	17.1	7 117	21.6	8 898	27.0
Own children 18 years and over	13 906	174	1.2	591	4.3	920	6.6	1 251	9.0	1 592	11.4	2 073	14.9
In families with female householder, no spouse present	38 412	6 583	17.1	13 494	35.1	16 525	43.0	18 977	49.4	21 325	55.5	23 415	61.0
Householder	12 652	1 843	14.6	3 995	31.6	4 974	39.3	5 772	45.6	6 567	51.9	7 292	57.6
Under 65 years	10 976	1 794	16.3	3 770	34.3	4 655	42.4	5 318	48.5	5 981	54.5	6 589	60.0
65 years and over	1 676	50	3.0	225	13.4	318	19.0	454	27.1	586	35.0	704	42.0
Related children under 18 years	16 175	4 179	25.8	7 928	49.0	9 320	57.6	10 379	64.2	11 358	70.2	12 160	75.2
Under 6 years	4 848	1 643	33.9	2 863	59.1	3 299	68.0	3 601	74.3	3 819	78.8	4 037	83.3
6 to 17 years	11 326	2 536	22.4	5 065	44.7	6 022	53.2	6 778	59.8	7 540	66.6	8 124	71.7
Own children 18 years and over	6 464	336	5.2	1 055	16.3	1 510	23.4	1 930	29.9	2 319	35.9	2 690	41.6
In unrelated subfamilies	1 440	377	26.2	670	46.5	813	56.5	919	63.9	1 018	70.7	1 111	77.2
Under 18 years	825	226	27.5	405	49.0	493	59.7	548	66.4	605	73.3	658	79.8
Under 6 years	233	98	42.1	150	64.1	170	72.7	197	84.3	210	89.8	215	92.2
6 to 17 years	592	128	21.7	255	43.1	323	54.6	351	59.3	395	66.8	443	74.8
18 years and over	615	150	24.4	266	43.2	320	52.1	372	60.5	413	67.1	453	73.7
Unrelated individuals													
Male	41 672	3 602	8.6	8 687	20.8	11 581	27.8	14 359	34.5	16 683	40.0	18 998	45.6
Under 18 years	19 804	1 586	8.0	3 447	17.4	4 588	23.2	5 588	28.2	6 492	32.8	7 569	38.2
Under 65 years	17 052	1 500	8.8	3 001	17.6	3 887	22.8	4 665	27.4	5 337	31.3	6 218	36.5
Living alone	8 690	519	6.0	1 248	14.4	1 628	18.7	1 995	23.0	2 323	26.7	2 702	31.1
65 years and over	2 752	86	3.1	447	16.2	701	25.5	923	33.5	1 155	42.0	1 352	49.1
Living alone	2 345	42	1.8	328	14.0	549	23.4	743	31.7	924	39.4	1 091	46.5
Female	21 868	2 016	9.2	5 240	24.0	6 992	32.0	8 772	40.1	10 191	46.6	11 429	52.3
Under 65 years	13 985	1 730	12.4	3 454	24.7	4 155	29.7	4 993	35.7	5 574	39.9	6 224	44.5
Living alone	7 752	556	7.2	1 489	19.2	1 869	24.1	2 277	29.4	2 552	32.9	2 837	36.6
65 years and over	7 883	286	3.6	1 786	22.7	2 837	36.0	3 779	47.9	4 618	58.6	5 205	66.0
Living alone	7 577	258	3.4	1 698	22.4	2 714	35.8	3 622	47.8	4 441	58.6	4 999	66.0

See footnote at end of table.

Table 2. Age, Gender, Household Relationship, Race, and Hispanic Origin by Ratio of Income to Poverty Level: 1997—Con.

[Numbers in thousands. People, families, and unrelated individuals as of March of the following year. For meaning of symbols, see text]

Characteristic	Under .50			Under 1.00		Under 1.25		Under 1.50		Under 1.75		Under 2.00	
	Total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total
WHITE													
Both Sexes													
Total	221 200	9 427	4.3	24 396	11.0	33 612	15.2	43 627	19.7	53 971	24.4	64 514	29.2
Under 18 years	55 863	3 680	6.6	8 990	16.1	11 715	21.0	14 694	26.3	17 695	31.7	20 595	36.9
18 to 24 years	20 259	1 376	6.8	3 131	15.5	4 225	20.9	5 209	25.7	6 145	30.3	7 222	35.6
25 to 34 years	31 778	1 380	4.3	3 327	10.5	4 563	14.4	5 949	18.7	7 385	23.2	8 894	28.0
35 to 44 years	36 736	1 094	3.0	2 928	8.0	4 054	11.0	5 381	14.6	6 718	18.3	8 285	22.6
45 to 54 years	28 871	737	2.6	1 817	6.3	2 485	8.6	3 247	11.2	3 910	13.5	4 714	16.3
55 to 59 years	10 458	312	3.0	778	7.4	1 069	10.2	1 377	13.2	1 661	15.9	2 032	19.4
60 to 64 years	8 681	294	3.4	857	9.9	1 215	14.0	1 521	17.5	1 906	22.0	2 216	25.5
65 years and over	28 553	554	1.9	2 569	9.0	4 287	15.0	6 248	21.9	8 550	29.9	10 555	37.0
65 to 74 years	15 760	286	1.8	1 198	7.6	1 948	12.4	2 782	17.6	3 891	24.7	4 774	30.3
75 years and over	12 793	269	2.1	1 370	10.7	2 339	18.3	3 467	27.1	4 659	36.4	5 782	45.2
Male													
Total	109 047	4 060	3.7	10 452	9.6	14 603	13.4	19 142	17.6	23 891	21.9	28 950	26.5
Under 18 years	28 662	1 868	6.5	4 602	16.1	5 992	20.9	7 498	26.2	8 958	31.3	10 392	36.3
18 to 24 years	10 322	534	5.2	1 301	12.6	1 853	17.9	2 332	22.6	2 775	26.9	3 289	31.9
25 to 34 years	15 993	479	3.0	1 255	7.8	1 820	11.4	2 507	15.7	3 225	20.2	4 021	25.1
35 to 44 years	18 465	425	2.3	1 204	6.5	1 730	9.4	2 379	12.9	3 064	16.6	3 873	21.0
45 to 54 years	14 284	339	2.4	793	5.5	1 116	7.8	1 459	10.2	1 768	12.4	2 156	15.1
55 to 59 years	5 076	93	1.8	249	4.9	399	7.9	528	10.4	672	13.2	852	16.8
60 to 64 years	4 182	142	3.4	369	8.8	522	12.5	642	15.3	794	19.0	934	22.3
65 years and over	12 063	178	1.5	680	5.6	1 171	9.7	1 797	14.9	2 635	21.8	3 433	28.5
65 to 74 years	7 109	116	1.6	386	5.4	651	9.2	952	13.4	1 384	19.5	1 732	24.4
75 years and over	4 954	63	1.3	294	5.9	520	10.5	845	17.1	1 251	25.2	1 701	34.3
Female													
Total	112 154	5 368	4.8	13 944	12.4	19 009	16.9	24 485	21.8	30 080	26.8	35 563	31.7
Under 18 years	27 201	1 812	6.7	4 387	16.1	5 723	21.0	7 196	26.5	8 737	32.1	10 203	37.5
18 to 24 years	9 937	841	8.5	1 831	18.4	2 372	23.9	2 877	29.0	3 370	33.9	3 933	39.6
25 to 34 years	15 786	901	5.7	2 073	13.1	2 743	17.4	3 443	21.8	4 160	26.4	4 873	30.9
35 to 44 years	18 272	669	3.7	1 724	9.4	2 324	12.7	3 002	16.4	3 654	20.0	4 412	24.1
45 to 54 years	14 587	398	2.7	1 024	7.0	1 370	9.4	1 788	12.3	2 142	14.7	2 558	17.5
55 to 59 years	5 383	219	4.1	529	9.8	669	12.4	849	15.8	990	18.4	1 180	21.9
60 to 64 years	4 499	152	3.4	488	10.8	693	15.4	879	19.5	1 112	24.7	1 282	28.5
65 years and over	16 490	375	2.3	1 889	11.5	3 116	18.9	4 451	27.0	5 915	35.9	7 122	43.2
65 to 74 years	8 651	170	2.0	812	9.4	1 297	15.0	1 829	21.1	2 507	29.0	3 042	35.2
75 years and over	7 839	206	2.6	1 077	13.7	1 819	23.2	2 622	33.4	3 408	43.5	4 080	52.1
Household Relationship													
Total	221 200	9 427	4.3	24 396	11.0	33 612	15.2	43 627	19.7	53 971	24.4	64 514	29.2
65 years and over	28 553	554	1.9	2 569	9.0	4 287	15.0	6 248	21.9	8 550	29.9	10 555	37.0
In families	185 147	6 398	3.5	17 258	9.3	23 933	12.9	31 504	17.0	39 736	21.5	48 198	26.0
Householder	59 515	1 860	3.1	4 990	8.4	6 953	11.7	9 197	15.5	11 731	19.7	14 349	24.1
Under 65 years	49 443	1 716	3.5	4 533	9.2	6 175	12.5	7 924	16.0	9 781	19.8	11 742	23.7
65 years and over	10 072	144	1.4	457	4.5	778	7.7	1 273	12.6	1 950	19.4	2 607	25.9
Related children under 18 years	54 870	3 326	6.1	8 441	15.4	11 083	20.2	14 008	25.5	16 953	30.9	19 807	36.1
Under 6 years	18 369	1 408	7.7	3 299	18.0	4 373	23.8	5 471	29.8	6 527	35.5	7 492	40.8
6 to 17 years	36 501	1 918	5.3	5 142	14.1	6 710	18.4	8 537	23.4	10 426	28.6	12 316	33.7
Own children 18 years and over	16 782	330	2.0	988	5.9	1 499	8.9	2 031	12.1	2 569	15.3	3 217	19.2
In married-couple families	152 561	2 493	1.6	8 834	5.8	13 443	8.8	19 151	12.6	25 394	16.6	32 039	21.0
Husbands	48 045	689	1.4	2 305	4.8	3 572	7.4	5 155	10.7	6 991	14.6	8 955	18.6
Under 65 years	39 174	577	1.5	1 961	5.0	2 969	7.6	4 144	10.6	5 399	13.8	6 782	17.3
65 years and over	8 871	112	1.3	344	3.9	604	6.8	1 011	11.4	1 591	17.9	2 173	24.5
Wives	47 918	700	1.5	2 310	4.8	3 593	7.5	5 174	10.8	7 027	14.7	9 007	18.8
Under 65 years	41 023	618	1.5	2 063	5.0	3 149	7.7	4 414	10.8	5 772	14.1	7 247	17.7
65 years and over	6 895	81	1.2	247	3.6	444	6.4	760	11.0	1 255	18.2	1 760	25.5
Related children under 18 years	42 670	954	2.2	3 676	8.6	5 368	12.6	7 521	17.6	9 639	22.6	11 852	27.8
Under 6 years	14 706	382	2.6	1 494	10.2	2 242	15.2	3 099	21.1	3 957	26.9	4 729	32.2
6 to 17 years	27 964	572	2.0	2 182	7.8	3 126	11.2	4 422	15.8	5 683	20.3	7 123	25.5
Own children 18 years and over	11 672	128	1.1	410	3.5	663	5.7	930	8.0	1 208	10.4	1 610	13.8
In families with female householder, no spouse present	23 773	3 409	14.3	7 296	30.7	8 997	37.8	10 406	43.8	11 821	49.7	13 117	55.2
Householder	8 308	1 007	12.1	2 305	27.7	2 874	34.6	3 366	40.5	3 866	46.5	4 344	52.3
Under 65 years	7 007	978	14.0	2 188	31.2	2 685	38.3	3 076	43.9	3 475	49.6	3 859	55.1
65 years and over	1 301	29	2.2	117	9.0	189	14.5	290	22.3	390	30.0	484	37.2
Related children under 18 years	9 452	2 099	22.2	4 186	44.3	4 975	52.6	5 564	58.9	6 140	65.0	6 622	70.1
Under 6 years	2 734	895	32.7	1 556	56.9	1 794	65.6	1 979	72.4	2 092	76.5	2 215	81.0
6 to 17 years	6 718	1 204	17.9	2 631	39.2	3 181	47.3	3 585	53.4	4 048	60.3	4 407	65.6
Own children 18 years and over	4 099	179	4.4	536	13.1	765	18.7	990	24.2	1 218	29.7	1 413	34.5
In unrelated subfamilies	1 196	287	24.0	546	45.7	667	55.8	753	63.0	824	69.0	901	75.4
Under 18 years	686	169	24.7	332	48.4	407	59.3	451	65.7	494	71.9	537	78.2
Under 6 years	184	68	36.8	108	59.0	128	69.7	151	82.4	160	87.3	166	90.4
6 to 17 years	503	102	20.3	224	44.5	279	55.5	300	59.7	333	66.3	370	73.7
18 years and over	509	117	23.0	214	42.0	260	51.0	302	59.2	331	64.9	365	71.6
Unrelated individuals	34 858	2 743	7.9	6 593	18.9	9 012	25.9	11 370	32.6	13 411	38.5	15 415	44.2
Male	16 300	1 145	7.0	2 456	15.1	3 403	20.9	4 223	25.9	4 986	30.6	5 925	36.3
Under 65 years	13 924	1 086	7.8	2 156	15.5	2 890	20.8	3 518	25.3	4 068	29.2	4 822	34.6
Living alone	6 987	351	5.0	831	11.9	1 123	16.1	1 384	19.8	1 644	23.5	1 968	28.2
65 years and over	2 376	59	2.5	300	12.6	513	21.6	704	29.6	919	38.7	1 103	46.4
Living alone	2 050	35	1.7	236	11.5	423	20.6	592	28.9	760	37.1	918	44.8
Female	18 557	1 597	8.6	4 136	22.3	5 610	30.2	7 148	38.5	8 424	45.4	9 490	51.1
Under 65 years	11 490	1 360	11.8	2 679	23.3	3 238	28.2	3 930	34.2	4 415	38.4	4 926	42.9
Living alone	6 185	409	6.6	1 109	17.9	1 392	22.5	1 714	27.7	1 935	31.3	2 124	34.3
65 years and over	7 068	237	3.4	1 458	20.6	2 372	33.6	3 217	45.5	4 009	56.7	4 564	64.6
Living alone	6 807	214	3.1	1 391	20.4	2 276	33.4	3 088	45.4	3 863	56.7	4 390	64.5

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Table 2. Age, Gender, Household Relationship, Race, and Hispanic Origin by Ratio of Income to Poverty Level: 1997—Con.

[Numbers in thousands. People, families, and unrelated individuals as of March of the following year. For meaning of symbols, see text]

Characteristic	Total	Under .50		Under 1.00		Under 1.25		Under 1.50		Under 1.75		Under 2.00	
		Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total
BLACK													
Both Sexes													
Total	34 458	4 189	12.2	9 116	26.5	11 646	33.8	13 722	39.8	15 697	45.6	17 705	51.4
Under 18 years	11 367	2 255	19.8	4 225	37.2	5 159	45.4	5 876	51.7	6 610	58.2	7 284	64.1
18 to 24 years	3 715	429	11.6	1 041	28.0	1 347	36.3	1 580	42.5	1 772	47.7	1 994	53.7
25 to 34 years	5 299	555	10.5	1 106	20.9	1 462	27.6	1 740	32.8	2 056	38.8	2 360	44.5
35 to 44 years	5 499	493	9.0	1 063	19.3	1 392	25.3	1 703	31.0	2 012	36.6	2 355	42.8
45 to 54 years	3 663	198	5.4	489	13.3	681	18.6	829	22.6	991	27.1	1 207	32.9
55 to 59 years	1 220	71	5.8	270	22.2	335	27.5	406	33.3	433	35.5	482	39.5
60 to 64 years	1 003	63	6.2	222	22.1	282	28.1	365	36.4	397	39.5	459	45.8
65 years and over	2 691	127	4.7	700	26.0	989	36.8	1 224	45.5	1 425	53.0	1 564	58.1
65 to 74 years	1 613	82	5.1	383	23.8	558	34.6	680	42.1	796	49.4	885	54.9
75 years and over	1 078	45	4.1	316	29.3	431	39.9	544	50.5	628	58.3	678	62.9
Male													
Total	16 076	1 695	10.5	3 799	23.6	4 894	30.4	5 805	36.1	6 726	41.8	7 731	48.1
Under 18 years	5 779	1 109	19.2	2 139	37.0	2 603	45.0	2 948	51.0	3 313	57.3	3 697	64.0
18 to 24 years	1 720	122	7.1	361	21.0	517	30.1	624	36.3	703	40.9	822	47.8
25 to 34 years	2 389	113	4.7	302	12.6	448	18.7	578	24.2	742	31.1	871	36.4
35 to 44 years	2 517	171	6.8	363	14.4	481	19.1	620	24.6	782	31.1	948	37.7
45 to 54 years	1 636	91	5.5	215	13.2	289	17.6	342	20.9	391	23.9	495	30.2
55 to 59 years	535	19	3.6	96	17.9	115	21.6	149	27.9	166	30.9	192	36.0
60 to 64 years	433	21	4.9	89	20.5	109	25.2	140	32.4	144	33.3	170	39.3
65 years and over	1 068	48	4.5	233	21.8	331	31.0	403	37.8	484	45.3	536	50.2
65 to 74 years	657	31	4.7	126	19.2	189	28.8	221	33.7	268	40.8	309	47.0
75 years and over	411	17	4.1	107	26.0	142	34.5	182	44.3	216	52.7	227	55.2
Female													
Total	18 382	2 494	13.6	5 317	28.9	6 753	36.7	7 917	43.1	8 971	48.8	9 974	54.3
Under 18 years	5 588	1 145	20.5	2 086	37.3	2 556	45.7	2 928	52.4	3 297	59.0	3 586	64.2
18 to 24 years	1 995	307	15.4	680	34.1	830	41.6	956	47.9	1 069	53.6	1 172	58.7
25 to 34 years	2 910	441	15.2	804	27.6	1 014	34.8	1 162	39.9	1 314	45.1	1 489	51.2
35 to 44 years	2 982	321	10.8	700	23.5	911	30.5	1 083	36.3	1 231	41.3	1 407	47.2
45 to 54 years	2 028	108	5.3	273	13.5	392	19.3	487	24.0	600	29.6	712	35.1
55 to 59 years	685	52	7.5	175	25.5	220	32.1	257	37.5	267	39.0	290	42.3
60 to 64 years	570	41	7.2	133	23.4	173	30.3	225	39.4	252	44.2	289	50.8
65 years and over	1 623	79	4.9	467	28.8	658	40.5	820	50.5	941	58.0	1 028	63.3
65 to 74 years	956	51	5.4	257	26.9	369	38.6	458	48.0	529	55.3	576	60.3
75 years and over	668	28	4.1	209	31.4	289	43.3	362	54.2	412	61.7	452	67.7
Household Relationship													
Total	34 458	4 189	12.2	9 116	26.5	11 646	33.8	13 722	39.8	15 697	45.6	17 705	51.4
65 years and over	2 691	127	4.7	700	26.0	989	36.8	1 224	45.5	1 425	53.0	1 564	58.1
In families	28 962	3 534	12.2	7 386	25.5	9 519	32.9	11 228	38.8	12 953	44.7	14 689	50.7
Householder	8 408	944	11.2	1 985	23.6	2 614	31.1	3 094	36.8	3 611	42.9	4 118	49.0
Under 65 years	7 492	902	12.0	1 792	23.9	2 345	31.3	2 759	36.8	3 197	42.7	3 651	48.7
65 years and over	916	42	4.6	193	21.1	270	29.5	335	36.6	414	45.2	467	51.0
Related children under 18 years	11 193	2 180	19.5	4 116	36.8	5 036	45.0	5 741	51.3	6 480	57.7	7 123	63.6
Under 6 years	3 666	803	21.9	1 457	39.7	1 752	47.8	1 959	53.4	2 205	60.1	2 417	65.9
6 to 17 years	7 527	1 377	18.3	2 660	35.3	3 284	43.6	3 781	50.2	4 255	56.5	4 706	62.5
Own children 18 years and over	3 756	182	4.8	630	16.8	899	23.9	1 136	30.3	1 354	36.1	1 585	42.2
In married-couple families	14 105	465	3.3	1 364	9.7	2 115	15.0	2 741	19.4	3 438	24.4	4 362	30.9
Husbands	3 983	116	2.9	316	7.9	521	13.1	685	17.2	884	22.2	1 140	28.6
Under 65 years	3 421	99	2.9	245	7.2	396	11.6	527	15.4	684	20.0	905	26.5
65 years and over	562	17	3.0	71	12.6	126	22.4	158	28.0	200	35.7	235	41.8
Wives	3 864	110	2.9	313	8.1	503	13.0	665	17.2	840	21.7	1 081	28.0
Under 65 years	3 475	94	2.7	262	7.5	416	12.0	552	15.9	694	20.0	912	26.2
65 years and over	389	17	4.3	52	13.3	87	22.3	112	28.9	146	37.5	170	43.7
Related children under 18 years	4 556	215	4.7	581	12.8	872	19.1	1 109	24.3	1 371	30.1	1 712	37.6
Under 6 years	1 502	91	6.0	189	12.6	279	18.6	360	24.0	463	30.8	574	38.2
6 to 17 years	3 054	125	4.1	393	12.9	593	19.4	749	24.5	908	29.7	1 137	37.2
Own children 18 years and over	1 439	23	1.6	121	8.4	171	11.9	223	15.5	277	19.3	331	23.0
In families with female householder, no spouse present	13 218	2 900	21.9	5 654	42.8	6 917	52.3	7 884	59.6	8 743	66.1	9 452	71.5
Householder	3 926	774	19.7	1 563	39.8	1 947	49.6	2 229	56.8	2 499	63.7	2 717	69.2
Under 65 years	3 580	753	21.0	1 455	40.6	1 820	50.8	2 068	57.8	2 306	64.4	2 505	70.0
65 years and over	345	21	6.0	107	31.1	127	36.9	161	46.6	193	55.8	213	61.6
Related children under 18 years	6 157	1 892	30.7	3 402	55.3	3 991	64.8	4 433	72.0	4 815	78.2	5 098	82.8
Under 6 years	1 962	670	34.1	1 194	60.8	1 389	70.8	1 502	76.6	1 604	81.7	1 688	86.0
6 to 17 years	4 196	1 223	29.1	2 209	52.6	2 602	62.0	2 931	69.9	3 211	76.5	3 410	81.3
Own children 18 years and over	2 144	146	6.8	470	21.9	681	31.7	858	40.0	1 011	47.2	1 176	54.9
In unrelated subfamilies	180	63	34.8	84	46.5	99	54.8	118	65.4	144	80.1	161	89.2
Under 18 years	103	38	36.8	50	48.4	59	56.9	69	66.4	83	80.7	94	90.6
Under 6 years	40	25	(B)	32	(B)	32	(B)	36	(B)	40	(B)	40	(B)
6 to 17 years	63	13	(B)	18	(B)	27	(B)	33	(B)	43	(B)	54	(B)
18 years and over	77	25	32.2	34	44.1	40	52.0	49	64.1	61	79.3	67	87.2
Unrelated individuals	5 316	593	11.2	1 645	31.0	2 028	38.2	2 376	44.7	2 600	48.9	2 855	53.7
Male	2 721	305	11.2	778	28.6	937	34.4	1 094	40.2	1 214	44.6	1 333	49.0
Under 65 years	2 382	279	11.7	644	27.0	765	32.1	894	37.5	996	41.8	1 107	46.5
Living alone	1 331	125	9.4	343	25.8	412	31.0	503	37.8	562	42.2	611	45.9
65 years and over	339	25	7.5	134	39.6	172	50.6	200	58.9	217	64.1	225	66.5
Living alone	266	6	2.2	83	31.2	111	41.8	137	51.5	150	56.3	157	59.2
Female	2 595	288	11.1	867	33.4	1 092	42.1	1 282	49.4	1 386	53.4	1 523	58.7
Under 65 years	1 889	253	13.4	583	30.9	688	36.4	788	41.7	851	45.0	956	50.6
Living alone	1 319	127	9.6	337	25.5	409	31.0	468	35.5	507	38.5	579	43.9
65 years and over	706	36	5.1	284	40.2	404	57.2	494	69.9	535	75.8	567	80.3
Living alone	663	33	5.0	266	40.0	379	57.2	469	70.7	508	76.6	537	81.0

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[Numbers in thousands. People, families, and unrelated individuals as of March of the following year. For meaning of symbols, see text]

Characteristic	Total	Under .50		Under 1.00		Under 1.25		Under 1.50		Under 1.75		Under 2.00	
		Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total
HISPANIC ORIGIN ¹													
Both Sexes													
Total	30 637	3 329	10.9	8 308	27.1	11 003	35.9	13 441	43.9	15 603	50.9	17 604	57.5
Under 18 years	10 802	1 727	16.0	3 972	36.8	5 057	46.8	6 027	55.8	6 831	63.2	7 485	69.3
18 to 24 years	3 791	419	11.1	979	25.8	1 372	36.2	1 669	44.0	1 939	51.1	2 245	59.2
25 to 34 years	5 488	490	8.9	1 201	21.9	1 612	29.4	2 087	38.0	2 487	45.3	2 877	52.4
35 to 44 years	4 606	343	7.5	992	21.5	1 311	28.5	1 643	35.7	2 003	43.5	2 298	49.9
45 to 54 years	2 700	153	5.7	427	15.8	618	22.9	770	28.5	896	33.2	1 086	40.2
55 to 59 years	930	63	6.8	191	20.5	238	25.6	294	31.7	333	35.9	384	41.3
60 to 64 years	703	56	8.0	161	22.9	223	31.7	267	38.0	303	43.0	335	47.6
65 years and over	1 617	78	4.8	384	23.8	572	35.3	684	42.3	812	50.2	895	55.3
65 to 74 years	1 015	45	4.4	214	21.1	337	33.3	402	39.7	495	48.8	538	53.0
75 years and over	603	33	5.4	170	28.2	234	38.9	281	46.7	317	52.6	357	59.2
Male													
Total	15 670	1 523	9.7	3 845	24.5	5 202	33.2	6 472	41.3	7 551	48.2	8 654	55.2
Under 18 years	5 588	906	16.2	2 039	36.5	2 595	46.4	3 104	55.6	3 483	62.3	3 837	68.7
18 to 24 years	2 027	158	7.8	433	21.3	644	31.8	808	39.8	946	46.7	1 133	55.9
25 to 34 years	2 919	174	6.0	479	16.4	674	23.1	931	31.9	1 154	39.5	1 371	47.0
35 to 44 years	2 365	132	5.6	433	18.3	606	25.6	782	33.1	973	41.1	1 139	48.2
45 to 54 years	1 322	74	5.6	185	14.0	273	20.6	346	26.1	405	30.7	506	38.3
55 to 59 years	408	20	4.8	61	15.0	82	20.2	111	27.2	123	30.2	152	37.3
60 to 64 years	361	27	7.5	76	21.2	109	30.2	129	35.7	148	40.9	170	47.1
65 years and over	681	33	4.8	138	20.3	219	32.1	261	38.4	318	46.7	347	51.0
65 to 74 years	429	19	4.3	84	19.5	135	31.5	166	38.7	200	46.7	215	50.2
75 years and over	252	14	5.6	54	21.5	83	33.1	95	37.9	118	46.7	132	52.3
Female													
Total	14 968	1 806	12.1	4 463	29.8	5 800	38.8	6 970	46.6	8 053	53.8	8 950	59.8
Under 18 years	5 215	820	15.7	1 933	37.1	2 461	47.2	2 923	56.1	3 347	64.2	3 649	70.0
18 to 24 years	1 763	261	14.8	546	31.0	728	41.3	862	48.9	992	56.3	1 112	63.1
25 to 34 years	2 569	316	12.3	723	28.1	938	36.5	1 156	45.0	1 333	51.9	1 506	58.6
35 to 44 years	2 241	212	9.4	559	24.9	705	31.4	860	38.4	1 030	46.0	1 159	51.7
45 to 54 years	1 377	80	5.8	241	17.5	346	25.1	424	30.8	490	35.6	580	42.1
55 to 59 years	522	43	8.3	130	24.8	156	29.9	184	35.2	210	40.3	232	44.4
60 to 64 years	343	29	8.5	85	24.8	114	33.3	138	40.4	155	45.3	165	48.1
65 years and over	937	45	4.8	246	26.3	353	37.7	423	45.1	494	52.7	548	58.5
65 to 74 years	586	26	4.5	130	22.2	202	34.5	237	40.4	295	50.3	323	55.0
75 years and over	351	19	5.3	116	33.0	151	43.0	186	53.0	199	56.8	225	64.2
Household Relationship													
Total	30 637	3 329	10.9	8 308	27.1	11 003	35.9	13 441	43.9	15 603	50.9	17 604	57.5
65 years and over	1 617	78	4.8	384	23.8	572	35.3	684	42.3	812	50.2	895	55.3
In families	27 467	2 800	10.2	7 198	26.2	9 606	35.0	11 798	43.0	13 796	50.2	15 567	56.7
Householder	6 961	658	9.5	1 721	24.7	2 296	33.0	2 815	40.4	3 311	47.6	3 733	53.6
Under 65 years	6 414	626	9.8	1 622	25.3	2 135	33.3	2 615	40.8	3 065	47.8	3 453	53.8
65 years and over	547	32	5.8	99	18.1	161	29.5	200	36.5	246	45.0	281	51.3
Related children under 18 years	10 625	1 657	15.6	3 865	36.4	4 933	46.4	5 898	55.5	6 893	63.0	7 340	69.1
Under 6 years	4 115	731	17.8	1 575	38.3	2 012	48.9	2 393	58.2	2 708	65.8	2 924	71.0
6 to 17 years	6 510	927	14.2	2 290	35.2	2 921	44.9	3 505	53.8	3 985	61.2	4 416	67.8
Own children 18 years and over	2 782	161	5.8	462	16.6	666	23.9	857	30.8	1 031	37.0	1 242	44.6
In married-couple families	19 777	1 078	5.5	3 856	19.5	5 513	27.9	7 241	36.6	8 773	44.4	10 169	51.4
Husbands	4 806	230	4.8	838	17.4	1 214	25.3	1 590	33.1	1 955	40.7	2 280	47.4
Under 65 years	4 380	206	4.7	767	17.5	1 092	24.9	1 443	32.9	1 770	40.4	2 070	47.3
65 years and over	426	24	5.8	71	16.8	122	28.7	147	34.5	186	43.6	210	49.3
Wives	4 933	236	4.8	828	16.8	1 197	24.3	1 593	32.3	1 947	39.5	2 273	46.1
Under 65 years	4 610	222	4.8	782	17.0	1 113	24.2	1 486	32.2	1 810	39.3	2 111	45.8
65 years and over	323	14	4.5	46	14.2	83	25.7	107	33.1	137	42.4	161	49.9
Related children under 18 years	7 220	537	7.4	1 875	26.0	2 602	36.0	3 378	46.8	3 978	55.1	4 514	62.5
Under 6 years	2 808	224	8.0	780	27.8	1 093	38.9	1 413	50.3	1 665	59.3	1 842	65.6
6 to 17 years	4 412	314	7.1	1 095	24.8	1 509	34.2	1 964	44.5	2 313	52.4	2 672	60.6
Own children 18 years and over	1 880	60	3.2	204	10.8	303	16.1	406	21.6	521	27.7	676	35.9
In families with female householder, no spouse present	5 718	1 530	26.8	2 911	50.9	3 470	60.7	3 820	66.8	4 159	72.7	4 413	77.2
Householder	1 612	379	23.5	767	47.6	925	57.4	1 026	63.7	1 126	69.9	1 194	74.1
Under 65 years	1 494	374	25.1	743	49.7	887	59.4	978	65.4	1 069	71.5	1 127	75.4
65 years and over	117	5	4.3	24	20.7	37	31.9	48	41.1	57	48.6	67	57.5
Related children under 18 years	2 801	997	35.6	1 758	62.8	2 025	72.3	2 173	77.6	2 327	83.1	2 417	86.3
Under 6 years	1 011	445	44.0	686	67.9	776	76.7	825	81.6	860	85.0	887	87.7
6 to 17 years	1 789	553	30.9	1 072	59.9	1 250	69.8	1 349	75.4	1 468	82.0	1 530	85.5
Own children 18 years and over	753	95	12.6	244	32.4	329	43.7	402	53.3	453	60.1	496	65.8
In unrelated subfamilies	194	37	19.2	93	48.1	109	56.2	115	59.5	123	63.5	134	69.2
Under 18 years	95	21	22.2	54	56.7	64	67.3	64	67.3	67	70.1	73	76.1
Under 6 years	39	7	(B)	19	(B)	22	(B)	22	(B)	25	(B)	30	(B)
6 to 17 years	57	14	(B)	35	(B)	42	(B)	42	(B)	42	(B)	42	(B)
18 years and over	98	16	16.3	39	39.7	45	45.4	51	51.9	56	57.2	61	62.4
Unrelated individuals	2 976	492	16.5	1 017	34.2	1 288	43.3	1 528	51.3	1 685	56.6	1 903	63.9
Male	1 746	242	13.9	471	26.9	626	35.8	764	43.8	854	48.9	1 020	58.4
Under 65 years	1 622	235	14.5	420	25.9	558	34.4	681	42.0	762	47.0	926	57.1
Living alone	536	53	9.8	120	22.4	152	28.4	177	33.1	205	38.3	244	45.6
65 years and over	124	7	5.8	50	40.4	68	54.6	83	66.8	92	73.9	94	75.5
Living alone	95	7	6.9	43	44.7	59	62.1	72	75.9	79	82.8	81	84.9
Female	1 230	250	20.3	546	44.4	662	53.9	764	62.1	831	67.6	883	71.8
Under 65 years	956	233	24.4	398	41.7	471	49.3	548	57.3	597	62.4	638	66.7
Living alone	363	42	11.6	123	33.7	147	40.5	178	49.1	185	50.8	196	53.9
65 years and over	274	17	6.1	148	54.0	191	69.8	216	78.7	234	85.4	245	89.4
Living alone	256	12	4.8	138	54.0	182	71.0	204	79.7	219	85.5	230	89.8

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Table 2. Age, Gender, Household Relationship, Race, and Hispanic Origin by Ratio of Income to Poverty Level: 1997—Con.

[Numbers in thousands. People, families, and unrelated individuals as of March of the following year. For meaning of symbols, see text]

Characteristic	Total	Under .50		Under 1.00		Under 1.25		Under 1.50		Under 1.75		Under 2.00	
		Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total
METROPOLITAN AREAS													
Both Sexes													
Total	216 143	11 329	5.2	27 273	12.6	36 377	16.8	45 751	21.2	55 439	25.6	65 434	30.3
Under 18 years	56 954	4 985	8.8	10 904	19.1	13 724	24.1	16 627	29.2	19 578	34.4	22 380	39.3
18 to 24 years	20 655	1 564	7.6	3 526	17.1	4 690	22.7	5 663	27.4	6 626	32.1	7 726	37.4
25 to 34 years	32 770	1 672	5.1	3 726	11.4	5 020	15.3	6 365	19.4	7 788	23.8	9 251	28.2
35 to 44 years	36 300	1 353	3.7	3 350	9.2	4 508	12.4	5 828	16.1	7 211	19.9	8 754	24.1
45 to 54 years	27 296	690	2.5	1 757	6.4	2 425	8.9	3 093	11.3	3 776	13.8	4 634	17.0
55 to 59 years	9 670	300	3.1	772	8.0	1 002	10.4	1 284	13.3	1 505	15.6	1 842	19.0
60 to 64 years	7 802	259	3.3	789	10.1	1 087	13.9	1 364	17.5	1 632	20.9	1 917	24.6
65 years and over	24 696	506	2.0	2 450	9.9	3 921	15.9	5 526	22.4	7 324	29.7	8 930	36.2
65 to 74 years	13 758	265	1.9	1 184	8.6	1 864	13.5	2 531	18.4	3 400	24.7	4 156	30.2
75 years and over	10 938	241	2.2	1 265	11.6	2 057	18.8	2 995	27.4	3 923	35.9	4 774	43.6
Male													
Total	105 918	4 858	4.6	11 679	11.0	15 824	14.9	20 013	18.9	24 428	23.1	29 218	27.6
Under 18 years	29 216	2 541	8.7	5 581	19.1	7 035	24.1	8 493	29.1	9 894	33.9	11 301	38.7
18 to 24 years	10 456	591	5.6	1 413	13.5	1 995	19.1	2 468	23.6	2 925	28.0	3 459	33.1
25 to 34 years	16 305	551	3.4	1 350	8.3	1 967	12.1	2 605	16.0	3 324	20.4	4 073	25.0
35 to 44 years	18 045	518	2.9	1 331	7.4	1 857	10.3	2 506	13.9	3 209	17.8	3 990	22.1
45 to 54 years	13 239	306	2.3	741	5.6	1 051	7.9	1 333	10.1	1 626	12.3	2 039	15.4
55 to 59 years	4 566	80	1.8	243	5.3	361	7.9	461	10.1	578	12.7	731	16.0
60 to 64 years	3 740	109	2.9	321	8.6	445	11.9	556	14.9	657	17.6	792	21.2
65 years and over	10 350	163	1.6	699	6.8	1 114	10.8	1 592	15.4	2 217	21.4	2 833	27.4
65 to 74 years	6 137	104	1.7	387	6.3	613	10.0	829	13.5	1 157	18.8	1 457	23.7
75 years and over	4 213	58	1.4	312	7.4	501	11.9	763	18.1	1 060	25.2	1 375	32.6
Female													
Total	110 225	6 471	5.9	15 594	14.1	20 552	18.6	25 738	23.4	31 011	28.1	36 216	32.9
Under 18 years	27 738	2 444	8.8	5 323	19.2	6 689	24.1	8 135	29.3	9 684	34.9	11 080	39.9
18 to 24 years	10 199	973	9.5	2 113	20.7	2 696	26.4	3 195	31.3	3 701	36.3	4 267	41.8
25 to 34 years	16 465	1 122	6.8	2 375	14.4	3 053	18.5	3 760	22.8	4 464	27.1	5 178	31.4
35 to 44 years	18 255	836	4.6	2 020	11.1	2 651	14.5	3 322	18.2	4 002	21.9	4 764	26.1
45 to 54 years	14 057	384	2.7	1 017	7.2	1 374	9.8	1 761	12.5	2 150	15.3	2 594	18.5
55 to 59 years	5 104	219	4.3	528	10.3	641	12.6	823	16.1	927	18.2	1 111	21.8
60 to 64 years	4 061	150	3.7	468	11.5	642	15.8	808	19.9	975	24.0	1 125	27.7
65 years and over	14 347	343	2.4	1 751	12.2	2 807	19.6	3 934	27.4	5 107	35.6	6 098	42.5
65 to 74 years	7 621	161	2.1	798	10.5	1 251	16.4	1 702	22.3	2 244	29.4	2 699	35.4
75 years and over	6 725	182	2.7	953	14.2	1 556	23.1	2 232	33.2	2 863	42.6	3 399	50.5
Household Relationship													
Total	216 143	11 329	5.2	27 273	12.6	36 377	16.8	45 751	21.2	55 439	25.6	65 434	30.3
65 years and over	24 696	506	2.0	2 450	9.9	3 921	15.9	5 526	22.4	7 324	29.7	8 930	36.2
In families	180 789	8 232	4.6	19 996	11.1	26 764	14.8	33 887	18.7	41 676	23.1	49 741	27.5
Householder	56 350	2 280	4.0	5 495	9.8	7 446	13.2	9 505	16.9	11 835	21.0	14 266	25.3
Under 65 years	47 779	2 154	4.5	5 018	10.5	6 705	14.0	8 381	17.5	10 211	21.4	12 120	25.4
65 years and over	8 571	126	1.5	477	5.6	742	8.7	1 124	13.1	1 625	19.0	2 147	25.0
Related children under 18 years	56 092	4 654	8.3	10 404	18.5	13 182	23.5	16 035	28.6	18 936	33.8	21 695	38.7
Under 6 years	19 052	1 813	9.5	3 913	20.5	4 987	26.2	6 006	31.5	7 048	37.0	7 989	41.9
6 to 17 years	37 040	2 841	7.7	6 491	17.5	8 195	22.1	10 029	27.1	11 888	32.1	13 705	37.0
Own children 18 years and over	17 974	410	2.3	1 347	7.5	1 971	11.0	2 540	14.1	3 200	17.8	3 935	21.9
In married-couple families	139 935	2 444	1.7	8 135	5.8	12 170	8.7	16 894	12.1	22 157	15.8	28 001	20.0
Husbands	42 777	626	1.5	1 974	4.6	3 053	7.1	4 328	10.1	5 801	13.6	7 486	17.5
Under 65 years	35 473	533	1.5	1 671	4.7	2 555	7.2	3 537	10.0	4 625	13.0	5 864	16.5
65 years and over	7 304	94	1.3	303	4.2	498	6.8	791	10.8	1 176	16.1	1 622	22.2
Wives	42 777	626	1.5	1 974	4.6	3 053	7.1	4 328	10.1	5 801	13.6	7 486	17.5
Under 65 years	37 128	555	1.5	1 751	4.7	2 682	7.2	3 726	10.0	4 871	13.1	6 171	16.6
65 years and over	5 649	71	1.3	223	3.9	371	6.6	602	10.7	930	16.5	1 315	23.3
Related children under 18 years	40 282	1 041	2.6	3 585	8.9	5 126	12.7	6 959	17.3	8 827	21.9	10 793	26.8
Under 6 years	14 148	378	2.7	1 384	9.8	2 043	14.4	2 761	19.5	3 531	25.0	4 226	29.9
6 to 17 years	26 134	664	2.5	2 202	8.4	3 083	11.8	4 198	16.1	5 296	20.3	6 567	25.1
Own children 18 years and over	11 494	128	1.1	442	3.8	677	5.9	904	7.9	1 186	10.3	1 571	13.7
In families with female householder, no spouse present	31 663	5 282	16.7	10 703	33.8	13 021	41.1	14 977	47.3	16 904	53.4	18 589	58.7
Householder	10 399	1 490	14.3	3 153	30.3	3 885	37.4	4 518	43.4	5 169	49.7	5 749	55.3
Under 65 years	9 089	1 466	16.1	2 994	32.9	3 655	40.2	4 189	46.1	4 727	52.0	5 222	57.4
65 years and over	1 310	24	1.9	159	12.1	230	17.6	328	25.1	442	33.8	528	40.3
Related children under 18 years	13 194	3 345	25.4	6 285	47.6	7 366	55.8	8 229	62.4	9 012	68.3	9 662	73.2
Under 6 years	3 979	1 299	32.6	2 286	57.5	2 624	65.9	2 872	72.2	3 055	76.8	3 240	81.4
6 to 17 years	9 215	2 046	22.2	3 998	43.4	4 742	51.5	5 357	58.1	5 958	64.7	6 422	69.7
Own children 18 years and over	5 418	261	4.8	844	15.6	1 195	22.1	1 505	27.8	1 848	34.1	2 149	39.7
In unrelated subfamilies	1 040	300	28.8	527	50.7	580	55.8	659	63.4	718	69.1	789	75.9
Under 18 years	586	176	30.0	315	53.7	346	59.1	386	65.8	419	71.5	458	78.2
Under 6 years	179	85	47.3	124	69.6	131	73.3	153	85.2	156	87.1	162	90.3
6 to 17 years	407	91	22.4	190	46.8	215	52.8	234	57.3	263	64.7	297	72.8
18 years and over	453	124	27.3	212	46.8	234	51.6	273	60.2	299	65.9	331	73.1
Unrelated individuals	34 315	2 797	8.2	6 749	19.7	9 032	26.3	11 205	32.7	13 045	38.0	14 904	43.4
Male	16 429	1 259	7.7	2 745	16.7	3 677	22.4	4 458	27.1	5 172	31.5	6 044	36.8
Under 65 years	14 303	1 201	8.4	2 403	16.8	3 140	22.0	3 750	26.2	4 297	30.0	5 033	35.2
Living alone	7 102	385	5.4	963	13.6	1 274	17.9	1 528	21.5	1 782	25.1	2 095	29.5
65 years and over	2 126	58	2.7	342	16.1	537	25.3	709	33.3	875	41.2	1 011	47.6
Living alone	1 794	27	1.5	242	13.5	408	22.7	557	31.0	687	38.3	792	44.2
Female	17 887	1 538	8.6	4 004	22.4	5 355	29.9	6 747	37.7	7 873	44.0	8 859	49.5
Under 65 years	11 825	1 322	11.2	2 717	23.0	3 278	27.5	3 944	33.4	4 412	37.3	4 940	41.8
Living alone	6 519	429	6.6	1 167	17.9	1 469	22.7	1 782	27.3	1 982	30.4	2 199	33.7
65 years and over	6 061	215	3.6	1 287	21.2	2 077	34.3	2 802	46.2	3 461	57.1	3 919	64.7
Living alone	5 815	200	3.4	1 229	21.1	1 991	34.2	2 693	46.3	3 332	57.3	3 770	64.8

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Table 2. Age, Gender, Household Relationship, Race, and Hispanic Origin by Ratio of Income to Poverty Level: 1997—Con.

[Numbers in thousands. People, families, and unrelated individuals as of March of the following year. For meaning of symbols, see text]

Characteristic	Total	Under .50		Under 1.00		Under 1.25		Under 1.50		Under 1.75		Under 2.00	
		Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total
CENTRAL CITIES													
Both Sexes													
Total	80 089	6 230	7.8	15 018	18.8	19 573	24.4	23 538	29.4	27 726	34.6	31 944	39.9
Under 18 years	21 250	2 841	13.4	6 146	28.9	7 559	35.6	8 769	41.3	10 054	47.3	11 259	53.0
18 to 24 years	8 522	892	10.5	2 077	24.4	2 744	32.2	3 218	37.8	3 692	43.3	4 191	49.2
25 to 34 years	13 190	871	6.6	2 011	15.2	2 680	20.3	3 318	25.2	4 014	30.4	4 682	35.5
35 to 44 years	12 834	751	5.9	1 844	14.4	2 361	18.4	2 916	22.7	3 528	27.5	4 184	32.6
45 to 54 years	9 178	349	3.8	928	10.1	1 263	13.8	1 510	16.4	1 807	19.7	2 220	24.2
55 to 59 years	3 221	153	4.8	424	13.2	522	16.2	650	20.2	726	22.5	846	26.3
60 to 64 years	2 634	135	5.1	390	14.8	534	20.3	642	24.4	729	27.7	828	31.4
65 years and over	9 259	238	2.6	1 198	12.9	1 909	20.6	2 515	27.2	3 176	34.3	3 734	40.3
65 to 74 years	4 870	121	2.5	576	11.8	927	19.0	1 162	23.9	1 476	30.3	1 733	35.6
75 years and over	4 390	117	2.7	622	14.2	982	22.4	1 354	30.8	1 700	38.7	2 001	45.6
Male													
Total	38 938	2 622	6.7	6 375	16.4	8 467	21.7	10 233	26.3	12 170	31.3	14 199	36.5
Under 18 years	10 976	1 420	12.9	3 122	28.4	3 870	35.3	4 490	40.9	5 120	46.6	5 728	52.2
18 to 24 years	4 166	315	7.6	812	19.5	1 135	27.2	1 364	32.7	1 566	37.6	1 800	43.2
25 to 34 years	6 626	265	4.0	704	10.6	1 037	15.7	1 339	20.2	1 692	25.5	2 046	30.9
35 to 44 years	6 460	296	4.6	741	11.5	964	14.9	1 228	19.0	1 542	23.9	1 857	28.7
45 to 54 years	4 335	151	3.5	364	8.4	521	12.0	616	14.2	748	17.3	943	21.8
55 to 59 years	1 452	36	2.5	131	9.0	177	12.2	224	15.4	274	18.8	331	22.8
60 to 64 years	1 219	55	4.5	145	11.9	214	17.6	263	21.5	289	23.7	339	27.8
65 years and over	3 702	84	2.3	355	9.6	548	14.8	711	19.2	940	25.4	1 155	31.2
65 to 74 years	2 074	61	2.9	213	10.3	324	15.6	390	18.8	505	24.4	610	29.4
75 years and over	1 628	24	1.5	142	8.7	224	13.8	321	19.7	435	26.7	545	33.5
Female													
Total	41 151	3 609	8.8	8 643	21.0	11 106	27.0	13 304	32.3	15 556	37.8	17 745	43.1
Under 18 years	10 273	1 421	13.8	3 024	29.4	3 689	35.9	4 279	41.7	4 934	48.0	5 531	53.8
18 to 24 years	4 356	577	13.3	1 264	29.0	1 609	36.9	1 854	42.6	2 126	48.8	2 391	54.9
25 to 34 years	6 564	606	9.2	1 307	19.9	1 643	25.0	1 980	30.2	2 322	35.4	2 636	40.2
35 to 44 years	6 374	455	7.1	1 103	17.3	1 398	21.9	1 689	26.5	1 986	31.2	2 327	36.5
45 to 54 years	4 843	198	4.1	563	11.6	742	15.3	894	18.5	1 059	21.9	1 277	26.4
55 to 59 years	1 769	117	6.6	293	16.6	345	19.5	426	24.1	452	25.6	516	29.2
60 to 64 years	1 415	81	5.7	245	17.3	320	22.6	379	26.8	440	31.1	489	34.6
65 years and over	5 557	153	2.8	843	15.2	1 361	24.5	1 805	32.5	2 236	40.2	2 578	46.4
65 to 74 years	2 796	60	2.2	363	13.0	603	21.6	771	27.6	971	34.7	1 123	40.4
75 years and over	2 762	93	3.4	480	17.4	758	27.4	1 033	37.4	1 265	45.8	1 455	52.7
Household Relationship													
Total	80 089	6 230	7.8	15 018	18.8	19 573	24.4	23 538	29.4	27 726	34.6	31 944	39.9
65 years and over	9 259	238	2.6	1 198	12.9	1 909	20.6	2 515	27.2	3 176	34.3	3 734	40.3
In families	63 444	4 606	7.3	11 064	17.4	14 417	22.7	17 341	27.3	20 697	32.6	24 073	37.9
Householder	19 592	1 279	6.5	3 035	15.5	4 006	20.4	4 851	24.8	5 859	29.9	6 862	35.0
Under 65 years	16 616	1 219	7.3	2 800	16.9	3 643	21.9	4 360	26.2	5 188	31.2	6 008	36.2
65 years and over	2 977	60	2.0	235	7.9	364	12.2	490	16.5	671	22.5	854	28.7
Related children under 18 years	20 844	2 688	12.9	5 892	28.3	7 287	35.0	8 475	40.7	9 739	46.7	10 921	52.4
Under 6 years	7 257	1 028	14.2	2 204	30.4	2 727	37.6	3 192	44.0	3 620	49.9	4 022	55.4
6 to 17 years	13 586	1 660	12.2	3 688	27.1	4 561	33.6	5 284	38.9	6 119	45.0	6 898	50.8
Own children 18 years and over	6 420	206	3.2	729	11.4	1 055	16.4	1 306	20.3	1 626	25.3	1 984	30.9
In married-couple families	43 406	1 141	2.6	3 979	9.2	5 823	13.4	7 572	17.4	9 613	22.1	11 835	27.3
Husbands	13 099	284	2.2	930	7.1	1 418	10.8	1 883	14.4	2 448	18.7	3 063	23.4
Under 65 years	10 712	234	2.2	793	7.4	1 189	11.1	1 571	14.7	2 005	18.7	2 474	23.1
65 years and over	2 387	50	2.1	137	5.7	229	9.6	312	13.1	442	18.5	589	24.7
Wives	13 099	284	2.2	930	7.1	1 418	10.8	1 883	14.4	2 448	18.7	3 063	23.4
Under 65 years	11 214	247	2.2	839	7.5	1 247	11.1	1 641	14.6	2 093	18.7	2 587	23.1
65 years and over	1 885	37	2.0	91	4.8	171	9.1	243	12.9	354	18.8	477	25.3
Related children under 18 years	12 756	496	3.9	1 800	14.1	2 495	19.6	3 203	25.1	3 919	30.7	4 700	36.8
Under 6 years	4 647	177	3.8	688	14.8	981	21.1	1 302	28.0	1 595	34.3	1 875	40.3
6 to 17 years	8 108	320	3.9	1 112	13.7	1 514	18.7	1 902	23.5	2 324	28.7	2 826	34.8
Own children 18 years and over	3 466	67	1.9	224	6.5	347	10.0	414	12.0	533	15.4	690	19.9
In families with female householder, no spouse present	16 322	3 203	19.6	6 504	39.8	7 800	47.8	8 788	53.8	9 867	60.5	10 748	65.8
Householder	5 214	909	17.4	1 920	36.8	2 329	44.7	2 645	50.7	3 005	57.6	3 306	63.4
Under 65 years	4 624	901	19.5	1 831	39.6	2 208	47.7	2 479	53.6	2 792	60.4	3 057	66.1
65 years and over	590	8	1.3	88	15.0	121	20.6	166	28.1	213	36.1	249	42.2
Related children under 18 years	7 148	2 067	28.9	3 854	53.9	4 478	62.7	4 898	68.5	5 355	74.9	5 706	79.8
Under 6 years	2 267	788	34.8	1 407	62.1	1 602	70.7	1 727	76.2	1 828	80.7	1 928	85.1
6 to 17 years	4 881	1 279	26.2	2 447	50.1	2 876	58.9	3 171	65.0	3 527	72.3	3 778	77.4
Own children 18 years and over	2 582	127	4.9	470	18.2	651	25.2	822	31.8	999	38.7	1 166	45.1
In unrelated subfamilies	481	125	26.1	260	54.1	284	59.1	312	64.9	341	70.8	385	80.1
Under 18 years	270	73	27.0	161	59.5	175	64.8	188	69.5	204	75.4	227	84.1
Under 6 years	89	39	43.6	68	76.7	71	80.1	77	86.4	77	86.4	82	92.9
6 to 17 years	181	34	18.9	93	51.1	104	57.3	111	61.3	127	70.0	145	79.8
18 years and over	211	52	24.9	99	47.2	109	51.9	124	58.9	137	65.0	158	75.0
Unrelated individuals	16 164	1 499	9.3	3 694	22.9	4 872	30.1	5 885	36.4	6 688	41.4	7 486	46.3
Male	7 987	686	8.6	1 551	19.4	2 054	25.7	2 447	30.6	2 811	35.2	3 201	40.1
Under 65 years	7 064	658	9.3	1 368	19.4	1 779	25.2	2 100	29.7	2 400	34.0	2 736	38.7
Living alone	3 642	259	7.1	627	17.2	814	22.4	961	26.4	1 118	30.7	1 273	34.9
65 years and over	923	28	3.0	183	19.9	275	29.8	347	37.6	412	44.6	466	50.4
Living alone	805	12	1.5	146	18.2	229	28.4	296	36.7	350	43.4	388	48.2
Female	8 177	813	9.9	2 143	26.2	2 818	34.5	3 438	42.0	3 877	47.4	4 284	52.4
Under 65 years	5 589	716	12.8	1 518	27.2	1 816	32.5	2 136	38.2	2 337	41.8	2 583	46.2
Living alone	3 245	273	8.4	728	22.4	890	27.4	1 049	32.3	1 133	34.9	1 240	38.2
65 years and over	2 588	97	3.7	625	24.1	1 002	38.7	1 302	50.3	1 540	59.5	1 701	65.8
Living alone	2 490	90	3.6	594	23.9	968	38.9	1 259	50.6	1 488	59.8	1 645	66.1

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Table 2. **Age, Gender, Household Relationship, Race, and Hispanic Origin by Ratio of Income to Poverty Level: 1997—Con.**

[Numbers in thousands. People, families, and unrelated individuals as of March of the following year. For meaning of symbols, see text]

Characteristic	Under .50			Under 1.00		Under 1.25		Under 1.50		Under 1.75		Under 2.00	
	Total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total
METROPOLITAN, NOT IN CENTRAL CITIES													
Both Sexes													
Total	136 055	5 098	3.7	12 255	9.0	16 803	12.4	22 213	16.3	27 713	20.4	33 490	24.6
Under 18 years	35 705	2 144	6.0	4 758	13.3	6 165	17.3	7 858	22.0	9 524	26.7	11 121	31.1
18 to 24 years	12 133	672	5.5	1 449	11.9	1 946	16.0	2 445	20.2	2 934	24.2	3 535	29.1
25 to 34 years	19 580	802	4.1	1 715	8.8	2 339	11.9	3 046	15.6	3 774	19.3	4 569	23.3
35 to 44 years	23 466	602	2.6	1 506	6.4	2 146	9.1	2 912	12.4	3 683	15.7	4 570	19.5
45 to 54 years	18 118	341	1.9	829	4.6	1 162	6.4	1 584	8.7	1 969	10.9	2 413	13.3
55 to 59 years	6 449	147	2.3	347	5.4	480	7.4	635	9.8	779	12.1	995	15.4
60 to 64 years	5 168	124	2.4	399	7.7	553	10.7	722	14.0	903	17.5	1 089	21.1
65 years and over	15 437	268	1.7	1 252	8.1	2 012	13.0	3 011	19.5	4 148	26.9	5 197	33.7
65 to 74 years	8 889	144	1.6	608	6.8	937	10.5	1 369	15.4	1 924	21.6	2 423	27.3
75 years and over	6 548	124	1.9	643	9.8	1 075	16.4	1 641	25.1	2 224	34.0	2 774	42.4
Male													
Total	66 980	2 236	3.3	5 304	7.9	7 357	11.0	9 780	14.6	12 258	18.3	15 019	22.4
Under 18 years	18 240	1 121	6.1	2 459	13.5	3 165	17.4	4 003	21.9	4 773	26.2	5 573	30.6
18 to 24 years	6 290	276	4.4	601	9.6	860	13.7	1 104	17.6	1 358	21.6	1 659	26.4
25 to 34 years	9 679	286	3.0	647	6.7	929	9.6	1 266	13.1	1 632	16.9	2 027	20.9
35 to 44 years	11 585	222	1.9	590	5.1	893	7.7	1 278	11.0	1 667	14.4	2 133	18.4
45 to 54 years	8 904	154	1.7	376	4.2	530	6.0	717	8.1	878	9.9	1 096	12.3
55 to 59 years	3 114	44	1.4	112	3.6	183	5.9	237	7.6	304	9.8	401	12.9
60 to 64 years	2 521	55	2.2	176	7.0	231	9.2	293	11.6	368	14.6	454	18.0
65 years and over	6 648	78	1.2	344	5.2	566	8.5	881	13.3	1 277	19.2	1 677	25.2
65 to 74 years	4 063	43	1.1	174	4.3	289	7.1	439	10.8	651	16.0	847	20.9
75 years and over	2 585	35	1.3	170	6.6	277	10.7	443	17.1	626	24.2	830	32.1
Female													
Total	69 074	2 862	4.1	6 951	10.1	9 446	13.7	12 434	18.0	15 455	22.4	18 471	26.7
Under 18 years	17 465	1 023	5.9	2 299	13.2	3 000	17.2	3 855	22.1	4 750	27.2	5 548	31.8
18 to 24 years	5 843	396	6.8	848	14.5	1 087	18.6	1 341	23.0	1 576	27.0	1 876	32.1
25 to 34 years	9 901	516	5.2	1 068	10.8	1 410	14.2	1 780	18.0	2 142	21.6	2 542	25.7
35 to 44 years	11 881	380	3.2	917	7.7	1 253	10.5	1 634	13.8	2 015	17.0	2 437	20.5
45 to 54 years	9 214	187	2.0	453	4.9	632	6.9	867	9.4	1 091	11.8	1 318	14.3
55 to 59 years	3 335	102	3.1	235	7.0	296	8.9	398	11.9	475	14.2	595	17.8
60 to 64 years	2 647	69	2.6	223	8.4	322	12.2	429	16.2	535	20.2	636	24.0
65 years and over	8 789	190	2.2	908	10.3	1 446	16.5	2 129	24.2	2 871	32.7	3 519	40.0
65 to 74 years	4 826	101	2.1	435	9.0	648	13.4	930	19.3	1 272	26.4	1 576	32.7
75 years and over	3 963	89	2.2	473	11.9	798	20.1	1 199	30.2	1 598	40.3	1 944	49.0
Household Relationship													
Total	136 055	5 098	3.7	12 255	9.0	16 803	12.4	22 213	16.3	27 713	20.4	33 490	24.6
65 years and over	15 437	268	1.7	1 252	8.1	2 012	13.0	3 011	19.5	4 148	26.9	5 197	33.7
In families	117 345	3 626	3.1	8 933	7.6	12 347	10.5	16 546	14.1	20 979	17.9	25 668	21.9
Householder	36 758	1 001	2.7	2 460	6.7	3 440	9.4	4 654	12.7	5 976	16.3	7 404	20.1
Under 65 years	31 184	935	3.0	2 218	7.1	3 062	9.8	4 021	12.9	5 022	16.1	6 111	19.6
65 years and over	5 594	66	1.2	242	4.3	378	6.8	633	11.3	954	17.0	1 293	23.1
Related children under 18 years	35 249	1 966	5.6	4 512	12.8	5 895	16.7	7 560	21.4	9 197	26.1	10 774	30.6
Under 6 years	11 795	785	6.7	1 709	14.5	2 261	19.2	2 814	23.9	3 427	29.1	3 967	33.6
6 to 17 years	23 454	1 182	5.0	2 803	11.9	3 634	15.5	4 746	20.2	5 769	24.6	6 807	29.0
Own children 18 years and over	11 554	205	1.8	618	5.4	915	7.9	1 234	10.7	1 573	13.6	1 951	16.9
In married-couple families	96 529	1 303	1.3	4 156	4.3	6 347	6.6	9 321	9.7	12 545	13.0	16 166	16.7
Husbands	29 678	343	1.2	1 044	3.5	1 635	5.5	2 445	8.2	3 353	11.3	4 423	14.9
Under 65 years	24 760	299	1.2	878	3.5	1 366	5.5	1 965	7.9	2 620	10.6	3 390	13.7
65 years and over	4 917	44	0.9	167	3.4	268	5.5	479	9.7	734	14.9	1 033	21.0
Wives	29 678	343	1.2	1 044	3.5	1 635	5.5	2 445	8.2	3 353	11.3	4 423	14.9
Under 65 years	25 914	308	1.2	912	3.5	1 434	5.5	2 085	8.0	2 778	10.7	3 584	13.8
65 years and over	3 764	35	0.9	132	3.5	200	5.3	360	9.6	575	15.3	839	22.3
Related children under 18 years	27 526	545	2.0	1 786	6.5	2 631	9.6	3 755	13.6	4 907	17.8	6 093	22.1
Under 6 years	9 500	201	2.1	696	7.3	1 062	11.2	1 459	15.4	1 935	20.4	2 352	24.8
6 to 17 years	18 026	344	1.9	1 090	6.0	1 569	8.7	2 296	12.7	2 972	16.5	3 741	20.8
Own children 18 years and over	8 028	61	0.8	218	2.7	330	4.1	490	6.1	652	8.1	881	11.0
In families with female householder, no spouse present	15 341	2 079	13.6	4 199	27.4	5 221	34.0	6 188	40.3	7 037	45.9	7 841	51.1
Householder	5 185	581	11.2	1 233	23.8	1 556	30.0	1 873	36.1	2 164	41.7	2 444	47.1
Under 65 years	4 465	564	12.6	1 162	26.0	1 448	32.4	1 710	38.3	1 935	43.3	2 165	48.5
65 years and over	720	17	2.3	70	9.8	109	15.1	162	22.6	229	31.8	279	38.7
Related children under 18 years	6 047	1 278	21.1	2 431	40.2	2 888	47.8	3 331	55.1	3 658	60.5	3 955	65.4
Under 6 years	1 713	511	29.8	879	51.3	1 022	59.7	1 145	66.9	1 227	71.6	1 312	76.6
6 to 17 years	4 334	767	17.7	1 552	35.8	1 866	43.0	2 186	50.4	2 431	56.1	2 644	61.0
Own children 18 years and over	2 836	134	4.7	374	13.2	544	19.2	683	24.1	848	29.9	983	34.7
In unrelated subfamilies	559	174	31.2	267	47.8	296	53.0	347	62.1	378	67.6	404	72.3
Under 18 years	316	103	32.6	154	48.8	171	54.2	198	62.7	216	68.2	231	73.1
Under 6 years	90	46	50.9	56	62.6	60	66.7	76	84.0	79	87.8	79	87.8
6 to 17 years	226	57	25.3	98	43.3	111	49.2	122	54.2	136	60.4	152	67.2
18 years and over	243	71	29.5	113	46.5	125	51.4	149	61.4	162	66.8	173	71.4
Unrelated individuals	18 151	1 298	7.2	3 055	16.8	4 160	22.9	5 320	29.3	6 357	35.0	7 418	40.9
Male	8 441	574	6.8	1 194	14.1	1 623	19.2	2 011	23.8	2 361	28.0	2 843	33.7
Under 65 years	7 239	543	7.5	1 036	14.3	1 361	18.8	1 649	22.8	1 897	26.2	2 298	31.7
Living alone	3 460	126	3.6	336	9.7	460	13.3	567	16.4	664	19.2	822	23.8
65 years and over	1 202	31	2.6	159	13.2	262	21.8	362	30.1	464	38.6	545	45.3
Living alone	989	14	1.5	95	9.6	179	18.1	261	26.4	337	34.1	404	40.9
Female	9 710	724	7.5	1 861	19.2	2 537	26.1	3 309	34.1	3 996	41.2	4 575	47.1
Under 65 years	6 236	606	9.7	1 199	19.2	1 462	23.4	1 809	29.0	2 075	33.3	2 358	37.8
Living alone	3 274	155	4.7	439	13.4	579	17.7	733	22.4	849	25.9	959	29.3
65 years and over	3 474	118	3.4	662	19.1	1 075	30.9	1 500	43.2	1 922	55.3	2 217	63.8
Living alone	3 325	109	3.3	635	19.1	1 023	30.8	1 434	43.1	1 844	55.4	2 125	63.9

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Table 2. Age, Gender, Household Relationship, Race, and Hispanic Origin by Ratio of Income to Poverty Level: 1997—Con.

[Numbers in thousands. People, families, and unrelated individuals as of March of the following year. For meaning of symbols, see text]

Characteristic	Under .50			Under 1.00		Under 1.25		Under 1.50		Under 1.75		Under 2.00	
	Total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total
OUTSIDE METROPOLITAN													
Both Sexes													
Total	52 337	3 265	6.2	8 301	15.9	11 477	21.9	14 580	27.9	17 641	33.7	20 830	39.8
Under 18 years	14 114	1 379	9.8	3 209	22.7	4 214	29.9	5 111	36.2	6 022	42.7	7 004	49.6
18 to 24 years	4 546	393	8.6	890	19.6	1 208	26.6	1 511	33.2	1 737	38.2	1 986	43.7
25 to 34 years	6 584	404	6.1	1 033	15.7	1 402	21.3	1 777	27.0	2 178	33.1	2 621	39.8
35 to 44 years	8 162	370	4.5	901	11.0	1 294	15.9	1 671	20.5	2 003	24.5	2 487	30.5
45 to 54 years	6 761	291	4.3	682	10.1	923	13.7	1 208	17.9	1 393	20.6	1 640	24.3
55 to 59 years	2 520	113	4.5	321	12.7	450	17.9	563	22.3	670	26.6	771	30.6
60 to 64 years	2 263	107	4.7	338	14.9	467	20.6	587	25.9	744	32.9	844	37.3
65 years and over	7 386	208	2.8	927	12.5	1 519	20.6	2 153	29.2	2 895	39.2	3 477	47.1
65 to 74 years	4 115	123	3.0	457	11.1	726	17.6	1 037	25.2	1 419	34.5	1 660	40.3
75 years and over	3 271	85	2.6	470	14.4	793	24.2	1 116	34.1	1 475	45.1	1 816	55.5
Male													
Total	25 458	1 366	5.4	3 509	13.8	4 878	19.2	6 313	24.8	7 757	30.5	9 343	36.7
Under 18 years	7 151	662	9.3	1 598	22.4	2 094	29.3	2 543	35.6	3 026	42.3	3 552	49.7
18 to 24 years	2 177	127	5.8	346	15.9	512	23.5	655	30.1	744	34.2	865	39.7
25 to 34 years	3 221	105	3.3	346	10.7	483	15.0	685	21.3	876	27.2	1 091	33.9
35 to 44 years	4 009	147	3.7	355	8.8	511	12.8	684	17.1	855	21.3	1 116	27.8
45 to 54 years	3 359	146	4.3	325	9.7	434	12.9	554	16.5	635	18.9	751	22.4
55 to 59 years	1 303	45	3.5	126	9.7	180	13.8	251	19.3	303	23.3	364	27.9
60 to 64 years	1 064	58	5.4	157	14.8	211	19.9	254	23.9	311	29.3	347	32.6
65 years and over	3 174	76	2.4	254	8.0	452	14.2	686	21.6	1 006	31.7	1 258	39.6
65 to 74 years	1 855	49	2.6	149	8.0	257	13.9	382	20.6	552	29.8	651	35.1
75 years and over	1 320	26	2.0	105	8.0	195	14.8	304	23.1	454	34.4	608	46.1
Female													
Total	26 879	1 899	7.1	4 792	17.8	6 599	24.6	8 267	30.8	9 884	36.8	11 486	42.7
Under 18 years	6 964	717	10.3	1 611	23.1	2 119	30.4	2 567	36.9	2 996	43.0	3 452	49.6
18 to 24 years	2 369	266	11.2	544	23.0	696	29.4	855	36.1	992	41.9	1 121	47.3
25 to 34 years	3 363	299	8.9	687	20.4	920	27.3	1 092	32.5	1 302	38.7	1 531	45.5
35 to 44 years	4 153	223	5.4	546	13.2	783	18.8	987	23.8	1 148	27.7	1 370	33.0
45 to 54 years	3 402	145	4.3	356	10.5	489	14.4	654	19.2	758	22.3	889	26.1
55 to 59 years	1 217	68	5.6	195	16.0	270	22.2	312	25.7	366	30.1	407	33.5
60 to 64 years	1 200	49	4.1	180	15.0	256	21.3	333	27.7	433	36.1	497	41.4
65 years and over	4 212	132	3.1	672	16.0	1 067	25.3	1 467	34.8	1 889	44.8	2 218	52.7
65 to 74 years	2 260	74	3.3	307	13.6	469	20.8	655	29.0	867	38.4	1 010	44.7
75 years and over	1 951	59	3.0	365	18.7	598	30.7	812	41.6	1 022	52.4	1 208	61.9
Household Relationship													
Total	52 337	3 265	6.2	8 301	15.9	11 477	21.9	14 580	27.9	17 641	33.7	20 830	39.8
65 years and over	7 386	208	2.8	927	12.5	1 519	20.6	2 153	29.2	2 895	39.2	3 477	47.1
In families	44 581	2 383	5.3	6 220	14.0	8 695	19.5	11 165	25.0	13 704	30.7	16 414	36.8
Householder	14 534	676	4.7	1 829	12.6	2 586	17.8	3 340	23.0	4 168	28.7	5 011	34.5
Under 65 years	11 835	606	5.1	1 628	13.8	2 234	18.9	2 799	23.6	3 363	28.4	4 000	33.8
65 years and over	2 700	70	2.6	200	7.4	352	13.1	542	20.1	806	29.8	1 011	37.4
Related children under 18 years	13 752	1 253	9.1	3 018	21.9	3 962	28.8	4 843	35.2	5 730	41.7	6 697	48.7
Under 6 years	4 311	543	12.6	1 136	26.3	1 485	34.4	1 801	41.8	2 106	48.9	2 409	55.9
6 to 17 years	9 441	710	7.5	1 882	19.9	2 477	26.2	3 042	32.2	3 624	38.4	4 286	45.4
Own children 18 years and over	3 651	136	3.7	380	10.4	581	15.9	813	22.3	930	25.5	1 109	30.4
In married-couple families	35 845	891	2.5	3 031	8.5	4 684	13.1	6 507	18.2	8 450	23.6	10 591	29.5
Husbands	11 544	261	2.3	847	7.3	1 325	11.5	1 858	16.1	2 483	21.5	3 119	27.0
Under 65 years	9 162	214	2.3	707	7.7	1 049	11.4	1 424	15.5	1 805	19.7	2 257	24.6
65 years and over	2 382	46	1.9	140	5.9	276	11.6	433	18.2	678	28.5	862	36.2
Wives	11 544	261	2.3	847	7.3	1 325	11.5	1 858	16.1	2 483	21.5	3 119	27.0
Under 65 years	9 737	227	2.3	756	7.8	1 135	11.7	1 541	15.8	1 962	20.2	2 448	25.1
65 years and over	1 807	34	1.9	91	5.0	190	10.5	317	17.5	520	28.8	671	37.1
Related children under 18 years	10 001	322	3.2	1 173	11.7	1 751	17.5	2 376	23.8	2 988	29.9	3 739	37.4
Under 6 years	3 173	144	4.5	460	14.5	689	21.7	933	29.4	1 167	36.8	1 408	44.4
6 to 17 years	6 828	178	2.6	713	10.4	1 062	15.5	1 443	21.1	1 821	26.7	2 331	34.1
Own children 18 years and over	2 412	46	1.9	150	6.2	243	10.1	347	14.4	406	16.9	502	20.8
In families with female householder, no spouse present	6 749	1 300	19.3	2 791	41.4	3 504	51.9	4 001	59.3	4 422	65.5	4 827	71.5
Householder	2 253	353	15.7	843	37.4	1 089	48.3	1 254	55.7	1 399	62.1	1 543	68.5
Under 65 years	1 887	328	17.4	776	41.1	1 000	53.0	1 129	59.8	1 255	66.5	1 367	72.4
65 years and over	366	25	6.8	66	18.1	88	24.1	125	34.3	144	39.3	176	48.1
Related children under 18 years	2 980	834	28.0	1 644	55.1	1 954	65.6	2 150	72.2	2 346	78.7	2 498	83.8
Under 6 years	869	344	39.6	577	66.4	675	77.7	729	83.9	764	87.9	796	91.6
6 to 17 years	2 111	490	23.2	1 067	50.5	1 279	60.6	1 421	67.3	1 582	74.9	1 702	80.6
Own children 18 years and over	1 046	75	7.2	210	20.1	314	30.1	425	40.7	472	45.1	541	51.7
In unrelated subfamilies	400	77	19.2	143	35.7	233	58.2	260	65.1	299	74.8	321	80.3
Under 18 years	239	51	21.2	90	37.5	147	61.4	162	67.7	186	77.7	200	83.6
Under 6 years	54	14	(B)	25	(B)	38	(B)	44	(B)	54	(B)	54	(B)
6 to 17 years	184	37	20.1	65	35.0	108	58.7	117	63.7	132	71.6	146	79.3
18 years and over	161	26	16.2	53	33.1	86	53.4	99	61.2	114	70.5	122	75.4
Unrelated individuals	7 356	805	10.9	1 938	26.3	2 549	34.6	3 155	42.9	3 638	49.4	4 094	55.7
Male	3 375	327	9.7	702	20.8	911	27.0	1 130	33.5	1 320	39.1	1 525	45.2
Under 65 years	2 749	299	10.9	598	21.7	747	27.2	915	33.3	1 040	37.8	1 184	43.1
Living alone	1 588	134	8.4	285	18.0	354	22.3	467	29.4	540	34.0	607	38.2
65 years and over	626	28	4.4	105	16.7	164	26.2	215	34.3	280	44.6	341	54.5
Living alone	551	16	2.8	86	15.7	141	25.6	186	33.8	237	43.0	299	54.2
Female	3 981	479	12.0	1 235	31.0	1 637	41.1	2 025	50.9	2 318	58.2	2 569	64.5
Under 65 years	2 160	408	18.9	736	34.1	877	40.6	1 048	48.5	1 162	53.8	1 283	59.4
Living alone	1 232	128	10.4	323	26.2	400	32.5	495	40.2	570	46.2	638	51.8
65 years and over	1 821	71	3.9	499	27.4	760	41.7	977	53.6	1 156	63.5	1 286	70.6
Living alone	1 762	58	3.3	469	26.6	723	41.1	930	52.8	1 109	62.9	1 229	69.8

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Table 2. Age, Gender, Household Relationship, Race, and Hispanic Origin by Ratio of Income to Poverty Level: 1997—Con.

[Numbers in thousands. People, families, and unrelated individuals as of March of the following year. For meaning of symbols, see text]

Characteristic	Total	Under .50		Under 1.00		Under 1.25		Under 1.50		Under 1.75		Under 2.00	
		Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total
NORTHEAST													
Both Sexes													
Total	51 202	2 707	5.3	6 474	12.6	8 342	16.3	10 402	20.3	12 384	24.2	14 735	28.8
Under 18 years	12 678	1 206	9.5	2 494	19.7	3 001	23.7	3 589	28.3	4 137	32.6	4 757	37.5
18 to 24 years	4 624	286	6.2	674	14.6	842	18.2	1 045	22.6	1 203	26.0	1 441	31.2
25 to 34 years	7 352	416	5.7	851	11.6	1 085	14.8	1 338	18.2	1 615	22.0	1 932	26.3
35 to 44 years	8 564	324	3.8	800	9.3	1 019	11.9	1 305	15.2	1 554	18.2	1 898	22.2
45 to 54 years	6 672	192	2.9	496	7.4	634	9.5	781	11.7	943	14.1	1 139	17.1
55 to 59 years	2 389	74	3.1	220	9.2	287	12.0	335	14.0	389	16.3	477	20.0
60 to 64 years	2 215	70	3.2	230	10.4	299	13.5	374	16.9	439	19.8	506	22.8
65 years and over	6 709	140	2.1	709	10.6	1 175	17.5	1 634	24.4	2 104	31.4	2 586	38.5
65 to 74 years	3 698	72	1.9	347	9.4	534	14.4	729	19.7	974	26.3	1 179	31.9
75 years and over	3 011	68	2.2	362	12.0	641	21.3	906	30.1	1 129	37.5	1 406	46.7
Male													
Total	24 702	1 168	4.7	2 723	11.0	3 510	14.2	4 383	17.7	5 231	21.2	6 321	25.6
Under 18 years	6 425	636	9.9	1 260	19.6	1 508	23.5	1 787	27.8	2 037	31.7	2 331	36.3
18 to 24 years	2 310	124	5.4	302	13.1	385	16.7	475	20.5	549	23.8	665	28.8
25 to 34 years	3 620	99	2.7	257	7.1	364	10.1	480	13.2	619	17.1	774	21.4
35 to 44 years	4 224	110	2.6	298	7.1	403	9.5	546	12.9	658	15.6	839	19.9
45 to 54 years	3 229	98	3.0	217	6.7	295	9.2	355	11.0	423	13.1	509	15.8
55 to 59 years	1 166	25	2.1	92	7.9	126	10.8	150	12.9	173	14.8	231	19.8
60 to 64 years	1 029	31	3.0	89	8.7	119	11.6	145	14.1	166	16.2	191	18.6
65 years and over	2 700	46	1.7	208	7.7	310	11.5	447	16.5	605	22.4	781	28.9
65 to 74 years	1 607	27	1.7	109	6.8	150	9.3	217	13.5	313	19.5	381	23.7
75 years and over	1 093	19	1.7	99	9.1	160	14.6	230	21.0	293	26.8	400	36.6
Female													
Total	26 499	1 539	5.8	3 751	14.2	4 833	18.2	6 018	22.7	7 153	27.0	8 414	31.8
Under 18 years	6 253	570	9.1	1 234	19.7	1 494	23.9	1 802	28.8	2 100	33.6	2 426	38.8
18 to 24 years	2 314	162	7.0	372	16.1	457	19.7	571	24.7	654	28.3	776	33.5
25 to 34 years	3 732	318	8.5	594	15.9	720	19.3	859	23.0	996	26.7	1 158	31.0
35 to 44 years	4 339	214	4.9	502	11.6	616	14.2	759	17.5	896	20.6	1 059	24.4
45 to 54 years	3 443	93	2.7	279	8.1	339	9.8	426	12.4	520	15.1	630	18.3
55 to 59 years	1 223	49	4.0	128	10.4	161	13.2	185	15.1	216	17.6	246	20.1
60 to 64 years	1 186	39	3.3	141	11.9	181	15.2	229	19.3	273	23.0	314	26.5
65 years and over	4 009	94	2.3	501	12.5	865	21.6	1 188	29.6	1 498	37.4	1 805	45.0
65 to 74 years	2 091	45	2.1	238	11.4	384	18.4	512	24.5	662	31.6	798	38.2
75 years and over	1 918	49	2.6	263	13.7	481	25.1	675	35.2	837	43.6	1 006	52.5
Household Relationship													
Total	51 202	2 707	5.3	6 474	12.6	8 342	16.3	10 402	20.3	12 384	24.2	14 735	28.8
65 years and over	6 709	140	2.1	709	10.6	1 175	17.5	1 634	24.4	2 104	31.4	2 586	38.5
In families	42 735	2 002	4.7	4 704	11.0	5 949	13.9	7 447	17.4	8 946	20.9	10 847	25.4
Householder	13 338	576	4.3	1 319	9.9	1 704	12.8	2 146	16.1	2 609	19.6	3 178	23.8
Under 65 years	11 160	543	4.9	1 204	10.8	1 526	13.7	1 874	16.8	2 225	19.9	2 657	23.8
65 years and over	2 178	33	1.5	115	5.3	178	8.2	272	12.5	384	17.6	521	23.9
Related children under 18 years	12 496	1 131	9.1	2 381	19.1	2 877	23.0	3 450	27.6	3 983	31.9	4 601	36.8
Under 6 years	4 064	405	10.0	847	20.8	1 018	25.0	1 201	29.6	1 377	33.9	1 580	38.9
6 to 17 years	8 432	726	8.6	1 534	18.2	1 859	22.0	2 249	26.7	2 605	30.9	3 021	35.8
Own children 18 years and over	4 979	97	2.0	387	7.8	486	9.8	622	12.5	753	15.1	960	19.3
In married-couple families	32 748	433	1.3	1 669	5.1	2 395	7.3	3 313	10.1	4 308	13.2	5 691	17.4
Husbands	10 053	127	1.3	426	4.2	638	6.3	894	8.9	1 193	11.9	1 595	15.9
Under 65 years	8 228	104	1.3	351	4.3	522	6.3	708	8.6	909	11.0	1 182	14.4
65 years and over	1 825	23	1.2	75	4.1	115	6.3	186	10.2	284	15.6	413	22.6
Wives	10 053	127	1.3	426	4.2	638	6.3	894	8.9	1 193	11.9	1 595	15.9
Under 65 years	8 668	104	1.2	365	4.2	536	6.2	737	8.5	962	11.1	1 248	14.4
65 years and over	1 386	23	1.7	61	4.4	102	7.4	157	11.3	232	16.7	346	25.0
Related children under 18 years	8 815	162	1.8	685	7.8	945	10.7	1 278	14.5	1 599	18.1	2 035	23.1
Under 6 years	3 007	51	1.7	270	9.0	377	12.5	498	16.6	619	20.6	781	26.0
6 to 17 years	5 808	112	1.9	414	7.1	568	9.8	780	13.4	981	16.9	1 254	21.6
Own children 18 years and over	3 218	12	0.4	120	3.7	154	4.8	205	6.4	255	7.9	379	11.8
In families with female householder, no spouse present	7 861	1 451	18.5	2 741	34.9	3 207	40.8	3 675	46.8	4 065	51.7	4 455	56.7
Householder	2 555	411	16.1	805	31.5	962	37.7	1 111	43.5	1 238	48.4	1 367	53.5
Under 65 years	2 160	406	18.8	764	35.4	899	41.6	1 026	47.5	1 133	52.5	1 252	57.9
65 years and over	395	6	1.5	40	10.2	63	16.0	84	21.4	104	26.3	115	29.1
Related children under 18 years	3 090	918	29.7	1 581	51.2	1 795	58.1	1 994	64.5	2 164	70.0	2 317	75.0
Under 6 years	872	332	38.0	527	60.4	587	67.3	641	73.5	674	77.3	707	81.0
6 to 17 years	2 218	586	26.4	1 054	47.5	1 208	54.5	1 353	61.0	1 490	67.2	1 610	72.6
Own children 18 years and over	1 499	78	5.2	244	16.3	306	20.4	380	25.3	451	30.1	517	34.5
In unrelated subfamilies	208	51	24.8	104	49.9	123	59.0	145	69.9	161	77.5	164	78.8
Under 18 years	115	29	24.9	61	52.7	73	63.1	85	73.5	93	80.9	95	82.2
Under 6 years	33	16	(B)	19	(B)	21	(B)	25	(B)	29	(B)	30	(B)
6 to 17 years	83	13	15.4	42	50.9	52	62.8	60	72.2	64	77.9	64	77.9
18 years and over	93	23	24.6	43	46.5	50	53.8	60	65.3	68	73.4	69	74.5
Unrelated individuals	8 259	654	7.9	1 666	20.2	2 271	27.5	2 809	34.0	3 277	39.7	3 724	45.1
Male	3 749	319	8.5	683	18.2	897	23.9	1 083	28.9	1 256	33.5	1 434	38.3
Under 65 years	3 129	300	9.6	564	18.0	727	23.2	861	27.5	982	31.4	1 119	35.8
Living alone	1 646	118	7.1	261	15.9	335	20.3	406	24.7	468	28.5	530	32.2
65 years and over	620	19	3.0	118	19.1	170	27.5	222	35.8	274	44.3	315	50.9
Living alone	553	13	2.4	99	18.0	149	26.9	194	35.1	232	42.0	273	49.4
Female	4 510	335	7.4	984	21.8	1 374	30.5	1 727	38.3	2 021	44.8	2 289	50.8
Under 65 years	2 637	287	10.9	616	23.4	709	26.9	830	31.5	933	35.4	1 038	39.4
Living alone	1 533	123	8.0	327	21.3	381	24.9	444	29.0	494	32.2	536	34.9
65 years and over	1 874	48	2.6	368	19.6	665	35.5	897	47.9	1 088	58.1	1 251	66.8
Living alone	1 805	41	2.3	350	19.4	637	35.3	863	47.8	1 050	58.1	1 211	67.1

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Table 2. Age, Gender, Household Relationship, Race, and Hispanic Origin by Ratio of Income to Poverty Level: 1997—Con.

[Numbers in thousands. People, families, and unrelated individuals as of March of the following year. For meaning of symbols, see text]

Characteristic	Total	Under .50		Under 1.00		Under 1.25		Under 1.50		Under 1.75		Under 2.00	
		Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total
MIDWEST													
Both Sexes													
Total	62 498	2 438	3.9	6 493	10.4	8 992	14.4	11 477	18.4	14 432	23.1	17 542	28.1
Under 18 years	16 930	1 075	6.3	2 577	15.2	3 360	19.8	4 088	24.1	5 006	29.6	6 019	35.6
18 to 24 years	5 968	325	5.5	850	14.2	1 179	19.8	1 404	23.5	1 691	28.3	1 930	32.3
25 to 34 years	8 889	327	3.7	836	9.4	1 136	12.8	1 427	16.1	1 824	20.5	2 261	25.4
35 to 44 years	10 236	272	2.7	714	7.0	1 038	10.1	1 383	13.5	1 757	17.2	2 269	22.2
45 to 54 years	7 778	159	2.0	401	5.2	564	7.2	733	9.4	898	11.5	1 101	14.2
55 to 59 years	2 720	86	3.2	228	8.4	273	10.0	362	13.3	422	15.5	519	19.1
60 to 64 years	2 302	69	3.0	229	10.0	324	14.1	405	17.6	502	21.8	598	26.0
65 years and over	7 676	126	1.6	657	8.6	1 119	14.6	1 675	21.8	2 332	30.4	2 845	37.1
65 to 74 years	4 187	76	1.8	317	7.6	507	12.1	741	17.7	1 046	25.0	1 276	30.5
75 years and over	3 489	49	1.4	340	9.7	611	17.5	934	26.8	1 286	36.8	1 568	44.9
Male													
Total	30 604	995	3.3	2 668	8.7	3 764	12.3	4 865	15.9	6 244	20.4	7 755	25.3
Under 18 years	8 797	527	6.0	1 326	15.1	1 752	19.9	2 147	24.4	2 602	29.6	3 149	35.8
18 to 24 years	2 949	99	3.4	289	9.8	450	15.3	547	18.6	674	22.9	783	26.5
25 to 34 years	4 404	84	1.9	290	6.6	414	9.4	554	12.6	751	17.0	963	21.9
35 to 44 years	4 989	129	2.6	269	5.4	388	7.8	561	11.3	765	15.3	1 009	20.2
45 to 54 years	3 844	61	1.6	157	4.1	233	6.0	298	7.8	381	9.9	477	12.4
55 to 59 years	1 286	23	1.8	66	5.1	87	6.7	111	8.7	153	11.9	199	15.5
60 to 64 years	1 128	39	3.5	121	10.7	161	14.3	192	17.0	223	19.8	269	23.9
65 years and over	3 207	32	1.0	150	4.7	280	8.7	453	14.1	695	21.7	906	28.3
65 to 74 years	1 886	18	1.0	82	4.4	157	8.3	245	13.0	359	19.0	453	24.0
75 years and over	1 321	14	1.0	68	5.1	124	9.4	207	15.7	335	25.4	453	34.3
Female													
Total	31 895	1 443	4.5	3 826	12.0	5 228	16.4	6 612	20.7	8 188	25.7	9 787	30.7
Under 18 years	8 133	548	6.7	1 251	15.4	1 608	19.8	1 940	23.9	2 404	29.6	2 870	35.3
18 to 24 years	3 019	226	7.5	561	18.6	729	24.1	857	28.4	1 017	33.7	1 147	38.0
25 to 34 years	4 484	243	5.4	546	12.2	723	16.1	873	19.5	1 073	23.9	1 299	29.0
35 to 44 years	5 247	143	2.7	446	8.5	650	12.4	821	15.7	992	18.9	1 260	24.0
45 to 54 years	3 933	98	2.5	243	6.2	331	8.4	435	11.1	516	13.1	624	15.9
55 to 59 years	1 435	63	4.4	162	11.3	186	13.0	250	17.5	269	18.7	320	22.3
60 to 64 years	1 174	29	2.5	108	9.2	163	13.9	213	18.1	279	23.7	329	28.0
65 years and over	4 469	93	2.1	507	11.3	838	18.8	1 223	27.4	1 637	36.6	1 939	43.4
65 to 74 years	2 300	58	2.5	234	10.2	350	15.2	496	21.6	687	29.9	824	35.8
75 years and over	2 168	35	1.6	272	12.6	488	22.5	727	33.5	950	43.8	1 115	51.4
Household Relationship													
Total	62 498	2 438	3.9	6 493	10.4	8 992	14.4	11 477	18.4	14 432	23.1	17 542	28.1
65 years and over	7 676	126	1.6	657	8.6	1 119	14.6	1 675	21.8	2 332	30.4	2 845	37.1
In families	52 415	1 684	3.2	4 465	8.5	6 212	11.9	8 015	15.3	10 385	19.8	12 950	24.7
Householder	16 594	504	3.0	1 323	8.0	1 839	11.1	2 392	14.4	3 101	18.7	3 891	23.4
Under 65 years	13 861	478	3.4	1 207	8.7	1 639	11.8	2 055	14.8	2 564	18.5	3 190	23.0
65 years and over	2 733	26	0.9	116	4.2	200	7.3	336	12.3	537	19.7	701	25.6
Related children under 18 years	16 573	960	5.8	2 382	14.4	3 127	18.9	3 838	23.2	4 736	28.6	5 717	34.5
Under 6 years	5 578	431	7.7	924	16.6	1 222	21.9	1 475	26.4	1 796	32.2	2 124	38.1
6 to 17 years	10 995	529	4.8	1 458	13.3	1 905	17.3	2 364	21.5	2 940	26.7	3 593	32.7
Own children 18 years and over	4 802	53	1.1	217	4.5	355	7.4	481	10.0	688	14.3	842	17.5
In married-couple families	41 951	436	1.0	1 602	3.8	2 668	6.4	3 835	9.1	5 551	13.2	7 458	17.8
Husbands	13 011	133	1.0	433	3.3	720	5.5	1 077	8.3	1 563	12.0	2 127	16.3
Under 65 years	10 627	115	1.1	366	3.4	588	5.5	823	7.7	1 144	10.8	1 556	14.6
65 years and over	2 384	18	0.7	67	2.8	132	5.5	254	10.7	418	17.5	571	23.9
Wives	13 011	133	1.0	433	3.3	720	5.5	1 077	8.3	1 563	12.0	2 127	16.3
Under 65 years	11 123	117	1.0	375	3.4	620	5.6	883	7.9	1 213	10.9	1 648	14.8
65 years and over	1 888	16	0.8	57	3.0	100	5.3	194	10.3	350	18.5	479	25.3
Related children under 18 years	12 353	152	1.2	675	5.5	1 082	8.8	1 487	12.0	2 129	17.2	2 845	23.0
Under 6 years	4 268	68	1.6	271	6.3	441	10.3	597	14.0	857	20.1	1 086	25.4
6 to 17 years	8 084	85	1.0	404	5.0	641	7.9	890	11.0	1 272	15.7	1 759	21.8
Own children 18 years and over	3 160	17	0.5	49	1.5	105	3.3	143	4.5	229	7.3	280	8.9
In families with female householder, no spouse present	7 994	1 112	13.9	2 582	32.3	3 146	39.3	3 655	45.7	4 174	52.2	4 642	58.1
Householder	2 691	323	12.0	793	29.5	976	36.3	1 126	41.8	1 302	48.4	1 468	54.6
Under 65 years	2 353	318	13.5	753	32.0	923	39.2	1 057	44.9	1 202	51.1	1 351	57.4
65 years and over	338	6	1.7	40	11.9	53	15.7	70	20.6	101	29.8	118	34.8
Related children under 18 years	3 430	731	21.3	1 552	45.2	1 840	53.7	2 090	61.0	2 293	66.9	2 485	72.4
Under 6 years	1 018	312	30.6	574	56.4	668	65.6	742	72.8	787	77.3	849	83.4
6 to 17 years	2 412	419	17.4	978	40.6	1 173	48.6	1 349	55.9	1 506	62.4	1 636	67.8
Own children 18 years and over	1 316	32	2.4	156	11.9	229	17.4	309	23.5	417	31.7	499	37.9
In unrelated subfamilies	448	97	21.6	202	45.0	259	57.8	288	64.3	317	70.8	372	83.0
Under 18 years	279	67	23.8	135	48.4	173	61.9	189	67.7	209	74.7	240	85.9
Under 6 years	59	24	(B)	42	(B)	48	(B)	56	(B)	56	(B)	56	(B)
6 to 17 years	221	43	19.3	93	42.0	125	56.5	133	60.2	152	69.0	184	83.3
18 years and over	169	30	18.0	66	39.4	86	51.0	99	58.5	109	64.5	132	78.1
Unrelated individuals	9 636	658	6.8	1 827	19.0	2 521	26.2	3 174	32.9	3 730	38.7	4 220	43.8
Male	4 428	273	6.2	679	15.3	925	20.9	1 138	25.7	1 363	30.8	1 556	35.1
Under 65 years	3 806	261	6.9	606	15.9	793	20.8	963	25.3	1 126	29.6	1 268	33.3
Living alone	2 110	97	4.6	273	12.9	355	16.8	431	20.4	537	25.4	609	28.9
65 years and over	622	12	2.0	73	11.8	132	21.2	175	28.1	238	38.2	288	46.3
Living alone	563	12	2.2	64	11.4	115	20.4	153	27.2	209	37.2	253	45.0
Female	5 207	385	7.4	1 148	22.0	1 596	30.7	2 036	39.1	2 367	45.5	2 664	51.2
Under 65 years	3 256	317	9.7	750	23.0	938	28.8	1 122	34.4	1 239	38.0	1 387	42.6
Living alone	1 919	123	6.4	361	18.8	467	24.3	552	28.8	602	31.4	666	34.7
65 years and over	1 951	68	3.5	398	20.4	658	33.7	914	46.9	1 128	57.8	1 277	65.4
Living alone	1 889	62	3.3	375	19.8	632	33.4	877	46.5	1 086	57.5	1 229	65.1

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Table 2. Age, Gender, Household Relationship, Race, and Hispanic Origin by Ratio of Income to Poverty Level: 1997—Con.

[Numbers in thousands. People, families, and unrelated individuals as of March of the following year. For meaning of symbols, see text]

Characteristic	Total	Under .50		Under 1.00		Under 1.25		Under 1.50		Under 1.75		Under 2.00	
		Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total
SOUTH													
Both Sexes													
Total	94 235	5 759	6.1	13 748	14.6	18 627	19.8	23 603	25.0	28 449	30.2	33 128	35.2
Under 18 years	24 507	2 519	10.3	5 303	21.6	6 808	27.8	8 376	34.2	9 854	40.2	11 158	45.5
18 to 24 years	8 818	735	8.3	1 635	18.5	2 191	24.8	2 659	30.2	3 074	34.9	3 589	40.7
25 to 34 years	14 033	800	5.7	1 777	12.7	2 447	17.4	3 171	22.6	3 887	27.7	4 563	32.5
35 to 44 years	15 255	706	4.6	1 647	10.8	2 269	14.9	2 906	19.1	3 511	23.0	4 219	27.7
45 to 54 years	12 285	380	3.1	991	8.1	1 390	11.3	1 803	14.7	2 118	17.2	2 560	20.8
55 to 59 years	4 383	175	4.0	457	10.4	628	14.3	794	18.1	942	21.5	1 077	24.6
60 to 64 years	3 533	157	4.5	443	12.5	598	16.9	767	21.7	952	26.9	1 108	31.4
65 years and over	11 420	289	2.5	1 494	13.1	2 296	20.1	3 126	27.4	4 112	36.0	4 853	42.5
65 to 74 years	6 448	166	2.6	721	11.2	1 139	17.7	1 508	23.4	2 016	31.3	2 396	37.2
75 years and over	4 972	123	2.5	773	15.5	1 157	23.3	1 618	32.5	2 095	42.1	2 458	49.4
Male													
Total	45 759	2 376	5.2	5 759	12.6	7 920	17.3	10 167	22.2	12 380	27.1	14 694	32.1
Under 18 years	12 350	1 209	9.8	2 661	21.5	3 398	27.5	4 178	33.8	4 907	39.7	5 599	45.3
18 to 24 years	4 458	276	6.2	660	14.8	945	21.2	1 166	26.2	1 338	30.0	1 605	36.0
25 to 34 years	6 839	266	3.9	627	9.2	921	13.5	1 280	18.7	1 627	23.8	1 980	29.0
35 to 44 years	7 601	235	3.1	627	8.3	917	12.1	1 218	16.0	1 537	20.2	1 897	25.0
45 to 54 years	5 953	176	3.0	439	7.4	594	10.0	776	13.0	889	14.9	1 112	18.7
55 to 59 years	2 147	50	2.3	154	7.2	233	10.9	318	14.8	379	17.6	432	20.1
60 to 64 years	1 657	68	4.1	168	10.2	226	13.6	290	17.5	371	22.4	429	25.9
65 years and over	4 755	97	2.0	423	8.9	687	14.5	941	19.8	1 332	28.0	1 640	34.5
65 to 74 years	2 816	68	2.4	243	8.6	410	14.5	520	18.5	728	25.9	894	31.7
75 years and over	1 939	29	1.5	180	9.3	278	14.3	422	21.7	604	31.1	746	38.5
Female													
Total	48 475	3 383	7.0	7 989	16.5	10 707	22.1	13 435	27.7	16 069	33.1	18 433	38.0
Under 18 years	12 157	1 310	10.8	2 642	21.7	3 410	28.0	4 198	34.5	4 947	40.7	5 559	45.7
18 to 24 years	4 361	458	10.5	975	22.4	1 246	28.6	1 493	34.2	1 736	39.8	1 984	45.5
25 to 34 years	7 194	534	7.4	1 150	16.0	1 527	21.2	1 891	26.3	2 261	31.4	2 583	35.9
35 to 44 years	7 654	470	6.1	1 020	13.3	1 353	17.7	1 689	22.1	1 973	25.8	2 322	30.3
45 to 54 years	6 332	203	3.2	553	8.7	796	12.6	1 028	16.2	1 229	19.4	1 449	22.9
55 to 59 years	2 236	125	5.6	303	13.6	395	17.6	476	21.3	563	25.2	645	28.8
60 to 64 years	1 876	90	4.8	275	14.6	372	19.8	476	25.4	581	31.0	679	36.2
65 years and over	6 665	192	2.9	1 071	16.1	1 609	24.1	2 185	32.8	2 780	41.7	3 213	48.2
65 to 74 years	3 632	98	2.7	478	13.2	730	20.1	988	27.2	1 288	35.5	1 502	41.4
75 years and over	3 033	94	3.1	593	19.5	879	29.0	1 196	39.4	1 492	49.2	1 711	56.4
Household Relationship													
Total	94 235	5 759	6.1	13 748	14.6	18 627	19.8	23 603	25.0	28 449	30.2	33 128	35.2
65 years and over	11 420	289	2.5	1 494	13.1	2 296	20.1	3 126	27.4	4 112	36.0	4 853	42.5
In families	79 719	4 402	5.5	10 396	13.0	14 254	17.9	18 269	22.9	22 323	28.0	26 153	32.8
Householder	25 682	1 230	4.8	2 987	11.6	4 155	16.2	5 335	20.8	6 644	25.9	7 846	30.5
Under 65 years	21 586	1 152	5.3	2 647	12.3	3 624	16.8	4 566	21.2	5 544	25.7	6 465	29.9
65 years and over	4 096	78	1.9	339	8.3	531	13.0	769	18.8	1 101	26.9	1 381	33.7
Related children under 18 years	24 129	2 374	9.8	5 079	21.1	6 565	27.2	8 117	33.6	9 569	39.7	10 859	45.0
Under 6 years	8 041	930	11.6	1 913	23.8	2 457	30.6	3 033	37.7	3 550	44.2	3 983	49.5
6 to 17 years	16 088	1 444	9.0	3 166	19.7	4 108	25.5	5 084	31.6	6 019	37.4	6 876	42.7
Own children 18 years and over	7 472	259	3.5	757	10.1	1 142	15.3	1 525	20.4	1 771	23.7	2 088	27.9
In married-couple families	61 267	1 531	2.5	4 505	7.4	6 721	11.0	9 407	15.4	12 174	19.9	14 982	24.5
Husbands	19 448	392	2.0	1 202	6.2	1 838	9.5	2 566	13.2	3 420	17.6	4 258	21.9
Under 65 years	15 952	338	2.1	981	6.1	1 453	9.1	2 017	12.6	2 590	16.2	3 210	20.1
65 years and over	3 497	54	1.5	221	6.3	385	11.0	549	15.7	830	23.7	1 048	30.0
Wives	19 448	392	2.0	1 202	6.2	1 838	9.5	2 566	13.2	3 420	17.6	4 258	21.9
Under 65 years	16 750	361	2.2	1 061	6.3	1 588	9.5	2 169	12.9	2 781	16.6	3 436	20.5
65 years and over	2 698	31	1.2	140	5.2	251	9.3	397	14.7	639	23.7	822	30.5
Related children under 18 years	16 845	631	3.7	1 772	10.5	2 530	15.0	3 554	21.1	4 445	26.4	5 383	32.0
Under 6 years	5 795	265	4.6	719	12.4	1 031	17.8	1 457	25.1	1 810	31.2	2 154	37.2
6 to 17 years	11 050	366	3.3	1 053	9.5	1 499	13.6	2 097	19.0	2 635	23.8	3 228	29.2
Own children 18 years and over	4 589	107	2.3	259	5.6	394	8.6	553	12.0	660	14.4	807	17.6
In families with female householder, no spouse present	14 705	2 618	17.8	5 353	36.4	6 814	46.3	7 878	53.6	8 834	60.1	9 668	65.7
Householder	4 881	749	15.3	1 597	32.7	2 066	42.3	2 430	49.8	2 772	56.8	3 065	62.8
Under 65 years	4 209	720	17.1	1 478	35.1	1 907	45.3	2 191	52.1	2 478	58.9	2 704	64.3
65 years and over	672	29	4.3	118	17.6	159	23.6	239	35.5	293	43.6	361	53.6
Related children under 18 years	6 138	1 619	26.4	3 068	50.0	3 724	60.7	4 153	67.7	4 556	74.2	4 843	78.9
Under 6 years	1 818	594	32.7	1 076	59.2	1 280	70.4	1 394	76.7	1 490	81.9	1 551	85.3
6 to 17 years	4 320	1 025	23.7	1 992	46.1	2 444	56.6	2 759	63.9	3 066	71.0	3 292	76.2
Own children 18 years and over	2 477	139	5.6	466	18.8	697	28.2	901	36.4	1 030	41.6	1 195	48.2
In unrelated subfamilies	392	105	26.9	199	50.7	216	55.0	241	61.4	276	70.4	297	75.8
Under 18 years	221	59	26.9	111	50.4	120	54.3	133	60.1	156	70.4	168	76.2
Under 6 years	65	27	(B)	46	(B)	50	(B)	56	(B)	60	(B)	60	(B)
6 to 17 years	156	32	20.7	65	41.6	70	44.8	76	48.9	95	61.1	108	69.2
18 years and over	171	46	26.8	87	51.0	96	55.9	108	63.2	120	70.4	129	75.3
Unrelated individuals	14 124	1 252	8.9	3 153	22.3	4 157	29.4	5 093	36.1	5 850	41.4	6 678	47.3
Male	6 774	520	7.7	1 169	17.3	1 577	23.3	1 891	27.9	2 174	32.1	2 623	38.7
Under 65 years	5 840	478	8.2	988	16.9	1 304	22.3	1 543	26.4	1 748	29.9	2 126	36.4
Living alone	3 124	201	6.4	471	15.1	609	19.5	747	23.9	843	27.0	1 007	32.2
65 years and over	935	42	4.5	181	19.4	272	29.1	348	37.2	425	45.5	497	53.2
Living alone	763	14	1.8	120	15.8	190	24.9	259	34.0	317	41.6	370	48.6
Female	7 349	732	10.0	1 984	27.0	2 580	35.1	3 203	43.6	3 676	50.0	4 055	55.2
Under 65 years	4 600	615	13.4	1 212	26.3	1 453	31.6	1 756	38.2	1 963	42.7	2 190	47.6
Living alone	2 739	199	7.3	560	20.5	698	25.5	878	32.0	990	36.2	1 116	40.8
65 years and over	2 750	118	4.3	772	28.1	1 127	41.0	1 447	52.6	1 713	62.3	1 865	67.8
Living alone	2 639	107	4.0	742	28.1	1 080	40.9	1 394	52.8	1 655	62.7	1 789	67.8

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Table 2. Age, Gender, Household Relationship, Race, and Hispanic Origin by Ratio of Income to Poverty Level: 1997—Con.

[Numbers in thousands. People, families, and unrelated individuals as of March of the following year. For meaning of symbols, see text]

Characteristic	Total	Under .50		Under 1.00		Under 1.25		Under 1.50		Under 1.75		Under 2.00	
		Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total
WEST													
Both Sexes													
Total	60 545	3 689	6.1	8 858	14.6	11 892	19.6	14 850	24.5	17 815	29.4	20 859	34.5
Under 18 years	16 954	1 565	9.2	3 739	22.1	4 769	28.1	5 686	33.5	6 602	38.9	7 450	43.9
18 to 24 years	5 790	611	10.6	1 257	21.7	1 685	29.1	2 065	35.7	2 394	41.3	2 753	47.5
25 to 34 years	9 080	533	5.9	1 294	14.3	1 754	19.3	2 205	24.3	2 640	29.1	3 115	34.3
35 to 44 years	10 407	422	4.1	1 089	10.5	1 475	14.2	1 905	18.3	2 391	23.0	2 854	27.4
45 to 54 years	7 323	251	3.4	551	7.5	760	10.4	984	13.4	1 211	16.5	1 474	20.1
55 to 59 years	2 698	78	2.9	187	6.9	265	9.8	356	13.2	422	15.7	541	20.0
60 to 64 years	2 016	70	3.5	225	11.2	333	16.5	406	20.2	483	24.0	549	27.2
65 years and over	6 277	159	2.5	516	8.2	851	13.6	1 243	19.8	1 671	26.6	2 123	33.8
65 to 74 years	3 541	73	2.1	256	7.2	409	11.6	589	16.6	783	22.1	965	27.2
75 years and over	2 736	86	3.1	260	9.5	442	16.1	654	23.9	888	32.5	1 159	42.3
Male													
Total	30 310	1 684	5.6	4 037	13.3	5 509	18.2	6 911	22.8	8 330	27.5	9 791	32.3
Under 18 years	8 795	831	9.4	1 932	22.0	2 472	28.1	2 924	33.2	3 374	38.4	3 773	42.9
18 to 24 years	2 917	219	7.5	508	17.4	726	24.9	936	32.1	1 108	38.0	1 271	43.6
25 to 34 years	4 663	207	4.4	523	11.2	751	16.1	975	20.9	1 204	25.8	1 447	31.0
35 to 44 years	5 240	190	3.6	492	9.4	660	12.6	865	16.5	1 102	21.0	1 361	26.0
45 to 54 years	3 572	116	3.2	253	7.1	364	10.2	458	12.8	567	15.9	693	19.4
55 to 59 years	1 270	28	2.2	57	4.5	96	7.5	132	10.4	177	13.9	233	18.4
60 to 64 years	991	30	3.0	100	10.1	151	15.2	183	18.5	207	20.9	249	25.1
65 years and over	2 863	63	2.2	172	6.0	289	10.1	437	15.3	591	20.6	764	26.7
65 to 74 years	1 683	40	2.4	101	6.0	154	9.1	229	13.6	309	18.4	380	22.6
75 years and over	1 179	24	2.0	70	6.0	135	11.5	208	17.7	282	23.9	384	32.5
Female													
Total	30 235	2 005	6.6	4 821	15.9	6 383	21.1	7 939	26.3	9 485	31.4	11 068	36.6
Under 18 years	8 159	734	9.0	1 807	22.1	2 297	28.1	2 762	33.9	3 229	39.6	3 677	45.1
18 to 24 years	2 873	392	13.6	748	26.0	959	33.4	1 130	39.3	1 286	44.8	1 481	51.5
25 to 34 years	4 417	326	7.4	771	17.5	1 003	22.7	1 230	27.8	1 436	32.5	1 669	37.8
35 to 44 years	5 166	232	4.5	598	11.6	815	15.8	1 040	20.1	1 289	24.9	1 494	28.9
45 to 54 years	3 751	135	3.6	298	7.9	396	10.5	526	14.0	644	17.2	780	20.8
55 to 59 years	1 428	50	3.5	129	9.1	169	11.8	224	15.7	246	17.2	308	21.5
60 to 64 years	1 025	40	3.9	125	12.2	182	17.8	223	21.8	276	26.9	300	29.3
65 years and over	3 415	96	2.8	345	10.1	562	16.5	805	23.6	1 080	31.6	1 359	39.8
65 to 74 years	1 858	34	1.8	155	8.3	256	13.8	360	19.4	474	25.5	584	31.5
75 years and over	1 557	62	4.0	190	12.2	306	19.7	445	28.6	606	38.9	775	49.8
Household Relationship													
Total	60 545	3 689	6.1	8 858	14.6	11 892	19.6	14 850	24.5	17 815	29.4	20 859	34.5
65 years and over	6 277	159	2.5	516	8.2	851	13.6	1 243	19.8	1 671	26.6	2 123	33.8
In families	50 500	2 527	5.0	6 652	13.2	9 045	17.9	11 322	22.4	13 725	27.2	16 204	32.1
Householder	15 270	646	4.2	1 696	11.1	2 334	15.3	2 972	19.5	3 650	23.9	4 362	28.6
Under 65 years	13 007	587	4.5	1 588	12.2	2 149	16.5	2 685	20.6	3 241	24.9	3 807	29.3
65 years and over	2 263	59	2.6	108	4.8	185	8.2	288	12.7	408	18.0	555	24.5
Related children under 18 years	16 646	1 442	8.7	3 580	21.5	4 575	27.5	5 473	32.9	6 379	38.3	7 216	43.3
Under 6 years	5 681	590	10.4	1 365	24.0	1 775	31.2	2 098	36.9	2 431	42.8	2 712	47.7
6 to 17 years	10 966	853	7.8	2 214	20.2	2 800	25.5	3 375	30.8	3 949	36.0	4 504	41.1
Own children 18 years and over	4 372	137	3.1	366	8.4	568	13.0	724	16.6	917	21.0	1 155	26.4
In married-couple families	39 813	935	2.3	3 390	8.5	5 071	12.7	6 846	17.2	8 574	21.5	10 459	26.3
Husbands	11 808	235	2.0	761	6.4	1 181	10.0	1 648	14.0	2 108	17.9	2 626	22.2
Under 65 years	9 828	190	1.9	680	6.9	1 040	10.6	1 413	14.4	1 786	18.2	2 173	22.1
65 years and over	1 980	45	2.3	81	4.1	141	7.1	235	11.9	322	16.2	452	22.8
Wives	11 808	235	2.0	761	6.4	1 181	10.0	1 648	14.0	2 108	17.9	2 626	22.2
Under 65 years	10 324	201	1.9	706	6.8	1 073	10.4	1 477	14.3	1 878	18.2	2 287	22.2
65 years and over	1 484	35	2.3	55	3.7	108	7.3	171	11.5	230	15.5	339	22.8
Related children under 18 years	12 270	417	3.4	1 627	13.3	2 321	18.9	3 015	24.6	3 641	29.7	4 270	34.8
Under 6 years	4 250	138	3.2	585	13.8	884	20.8	1 142	26.9	1 412	33.2	1 613	38.0
6 to 17 years	8 020	280	3.5	1 043	13.0	1 437	17.9	1 873	23.4	2 229	27.8	2 657	33.1
Own children 18 years and over	2 939	38	1.3	164	5.6	266	9.1	351	11.9	448	15.3	607	20.7
In families with female householder, no spouse present	7 851	1 402	17.9	2 819	35.9	3 359	42.8	3 769	48.0	4 252	54.2	4 650	59.2
Householder	2 524	359	14.2	801	31.7	970	38.4	1 105	43.8	1 256	49.7	1 392	55.1
Under 65 years	2 254	350	15.5	775	34.4	927	41.1	1 044	46.3	1 168	51.8	1 282	56.9
65 years and over	270	9	3.5	26	9.7	43	15.9	61	22.5	88	32.5	110	40.8
Related children under 18 years	3 517	910	25.9	1 727	49.1	1 961	55.8	2 142	60.9	2 345	66.7	2 515	71.5
Under 6 years	1 140	406	35.6	686	60.2	764	67.0	824	72.3	867	76.1	929	81.5
6 to 17 years	2 377	505	21.2	1 041	43.8	1 197	50.4	1 318	55.4	1 478	62.2	1 586	66.7
Own children 18 years and over	1 172	87	7.4	189	16.1	278	23.7	340	29.0	421	35.9	480	40.9
In unrelated subfamilies	392	123	31.3	166	42.4	216	55.1	245	62.7	263	67.2	278	71.0
Under 18 years	209	72	34.3	97	46.5	127	60.7	141	67.3	148	70.5	155	74.0
Under 6 years	77	31	40.2	42	54.6	50	65.0	59	76.2	64	82.9	68	88.4
6 to 17 years	132	41	30.8	55	41.7	77	58.1	82	62.1	83	63.1	86	65.5
18 years and over	182	51	28.0	69	37.8	89	48.6	105	57.3	116	63.4	123	67.5
Unrelated individuals	9 653	1 039	10.8	2 040	21.1	2 632	27.3	3 283	34.0	3 826	39.6	4 377	45.3
Male	4 853	475	9.8	916	18.9	1 189	24.5	1 476	30.4	1 699	35.0	1 957	40.3
Under 65 years	4 277	461	10.8	842	19.7	1 063	24.9	1 297	30.3	1 481	34.6	1 705	39.9
Living alone	1 810	104	5.7	243	13.4	329	18.2	411	22.7	474	26.2	557	30.8
65 years and over	576	14	2.4	74	12.8	126	21.9	179	31.1	218	37.9	251	43.7
Living alone	467	3	0.7	44	9.5	95	20.4	137	29.4	165	35.4	195	41.7
Female	4 801	564	11.8	1 124	23.4	1 442	30.0	1 807	37.6	2 127	44.3	2 421	50.4
Under 65 years	3 493	512	14.7	876	25.1	1 056	30.2	1 286	36.8	1 439	41.2	1 608	46.0
Living alone	1 561	111	7.1	241	15.4	323	20.7	403	25.8	466	29.8	519	33.2
65 years and over	1 308	52	4.0	249	19.0	386	29.5	521	39.8	689	52.6	812	62.1
Living alone	1 244	48	3.8	232	18.6	365	29.3	489	39.3	650	52.3	770	61.9

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Table 2. Age, Gender, Household Relationship, Race, and Hispanic Origin by Ratio of Income to Poverty Level: 1997—Con.

[Numbers in thousands. People, families, and unrelated individuals as of March of the following year. For meaning of symbols, see text]

Characteristic	Total	Under .50		Under 1.00		Under 1.25		Under 1.50		Under 1.75		Under 2.00	
		Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total
PEOPLE IN HOUSEHOLDS THAT RECEIVED MEANS-TESTED ASSISTANCE EXCLUDING SCHOOL LUNCHES													
Both Sexes													
Total	51 719	8 927	17.3	21 830	42.2	27 499	53.2	31 524	61.0	34 904	67.5	37 738	73.0
Under 18 years	19 348	4 930	25.5	10 307	53.3	12 389	64.0	13 795	71.3	15 014	77.6	15 926	82.3
18 to 24 years	5 702	977	17.1	2 288	40.1	2 946	51.7	3 408	59.8	3 771	66.1	4 080	71.5
25 to 34 years	7 140	1 220	17.1	2 912	40.8	3 655	51.2	4 200	58.8	4 716	66.0	5 137	71.9
35 to 44 years	6 727	904	13.4	2 434	36.2	3 082	45.8	3 629	53.9	4 128	61.4	4 571	68.0
45 to 54 years	4 409	434	9.8	1 311	29.7	1 735	39.3	2 066	46.8	2 318	52.6	2 579	58.5
55 to 59 years	1 680	149	8.8	566	33.7	705	42.0	861	51.2	940	56.0	1 031	61.4
60 to 64 years	1 539	134	8.7	561	36.4	704	45.7	811	52.7	866	56.2	957	62.2
65 years and over	5 174	179	3.5	1 450	28.0	2 284	44.2	2 754	53.2	3 151	60.9	3 458	66.8
65 to 74 years	2 755	96	3.5	718	26.1	1 150	41.8	1 373	49.8	1 587	57.6	1 724	62.6
75 years and over	2 418	84	3.5	732	30.3	1 134	46.9	1 381	57.1	1 564	64.7	1 733	71.7
Male													
Total	23 348	3 648	15.6	9 052	38.8	11 528	49.4	13 348	57.2	14 940	64.0	16 361	70.1
Under 18 years	9 850	2 481	25.2	5 246	53.3	6 303	64.0	7 018	71.2	7 631	77.5	8 142	82.7
18 to 24 years	2 374	271	11.4	777	32.7	1 099	46.3	1 293	54.5	1 442	60.7	1 587	66.9
25 to 34 years	3 019	296	9.8	892	29.5	1 175	38.9	1 441	47.7	1 708	56.6	1 923	63.7
35 to 44 years	3 012	278	9.2	859	28.5	1 131	37.6	1 386	46.0	1 631	54.2	1 871	62.1
45 to 54 years	1 892	176	9.3	503	26.6	678	35.8	816	43.1	911	48.2	1 031	54.5
55 to 59 years	721	33	4.6	191	26.4	239	33.1	318	44.2	364	50.5	407	56.4
60 to 64 years	678	60	8.8	218	32.2	280	41.3	322	47.5	341	50.2	383	56.5
65 years and over	1 801	53	2.9	367	20.4	622	34.6	754	41.9	912	50.6	1 016	56.4
65 to 74 years	1 037	32	3.1	212	20.4	356	34.4	441	42.5	534	51.5	583	56.2
75 years and over	764	20	2.6	155	20.3	266	34.8	313	41.0	378	49.5	434	56.8
Female													
Total	28 371	5 279	18.6	12 778	45.0	15 971	56.3	18 176	64.1	19 964	70.4	21 377	75.3
Under 18 years	9 497	2 449	25.8	5 062	53.3	6 086	64.1	6 778	71.4	7 383	77.7	7 784	82.0
18 to 24 years	3 329	706	21.2	1 511	45.4	1 847	55.5	2 116	63.6	2 329	70.0	2 493	74.9
25 to 34 years	4 121	924	22.4	2 020	49.0	2 480	60.2	2 759	66.9	3 008	73.0	3 213	78.0
35 to 44 years	3 715	626	16.8	1 576	42.4	1 950	52.5	2 243	60.4	2 497	67.2	2 699	72.7
45 to 54 years	2 517	258	10.2	808	32.1	1 057	42.0	1 250	49.7	1 407	55.9	1 548	61.5
55 to 59 years	959	116	12.1	375	39.2	466	48.6	542	56.6	576	60.1	624	65.1
60 to 64 years	861	74	8.6	342	39.8	423	49.2	489	56.9	525	61.0	574	66.7
65 years and over	3 373	127	3.8	1 083	32.1	1 662	49.3	2 000	59.3	2 239	66.4	2 441	72.4
65 to 74 years	1 718	64	3.7	506	29.5	794	46.2	931	54.2	1 054	61.3	1 142	66.5
75 years and over	1 654	63	3.8	577	34.9	868	52.4	1 068	64.6	1 186	71.7	1 300	78.5
Household Relationship													
Total	51 719	8 927	17.3	21 830	42.2	27 499	53.2	31 524	61.0	34 904	67.5	37 738	73.0
65 years and over	5 174	179	3.5	1 450	28.0	2 284	44.2	2 754	53.2	3 151	60.9	3 458	66.8
In families	44 001	7 535	17.1	17 734	40.3	22 422	51.0	25 806	58.6	28 779	65.4	31 298	71.1
Householder	12 059	1 958	16.2	4 758	39.5	6 064	50.3	7 001	58.1	7 833	65.0	8 530	70.7
Under 65 years	10 561	1 900	18.0	4 480	42.4	5 601	53.0	6 400	60.6	7 114	67.4	7 702	72.9
65 years and over	1 498	58	3.9	278	18.6	463	30.9	601	40.1	719	48.0	828	55.2
Related children under 18 years	18 813	4 686	24.9	9 904	52.6	11 953	63.5	13 325	70.8	14 529	77.2	15 428	82.0
Under 6 years	7 285	1 935	26.6	3 916	53.8	4 763	65.4	5 318	73.0	5 769	79.2	6 117	84.0
6 to 17 years	11 528	2 751	23.9	5 988	51.9	7 190	62.4	8 007	69.5	8 760	76.0	9 310	80.8
Own children 18 years and over	4 651	347	7.5	1 119	24.1	1 566	33.7	1 949	41.9	2 245	48.3	2 568	55.2
In married-couple families	23 354	1 620	6.9	6 103	26.1	8 709	37.3	10 652	45.6	12 495	53.5	14 067	60.2
Husbands	5 805	339	5.8	1 372	23.6	2 024	34.9	2 502	43.1	2 970	51.2	3 372	58.1
Under 65 years	4 852	314	6.5	1 237	25.5	1 770	36.5	2 177	44.9	2 573	53.0	2 904	59.9
65 years and over	954	24	2.6	135	14.1	255	26.7	324	34.0	397	41.6	468	49.1
Wives	5 805	339	5.8	1 372	23.6	2 024	34.9	2 502	43.1	2 970	51.2	3 372	58.1
Under 65 years	5 128	325	6.3	1 299	25.3	1 851	36.1	2 284	44.5	2 691	52.5	3 044	59.4
65 years and over	677	14	2.1	73	10.8	173	25.6	218	32.2	279	41.2	328	48.5
Related children under 18 years	8 671	848	9.8	2 941	33.9	4 026	46.4	4 804	55.4	5 528	63.8	6 101	70.4
Under 6 years	3 565	342	9.6	1 246	35.0	1 753	49.2	2 107	59.1	2 411	67.6	2 650	74.3
6 to 17 years	5 106	506	9.9	1 695	33.2	2 272	44.5	2 697	52.8	3 117	61.0	3 450	67.6
Own children 18 years and over	2 219	83	3.7	300	13.5	453	20.4	599	27.0	724	32.6	875	39.4
In families with female householder, no spouse present	18 009	5 461	30.3	10 703	59.4	12 555	69.7	13 713	76.1	14 680	81.5	15 423	85.6
Householder	5 397	1 485	27.5	3 095	57.4	3 677	68.1	4 042	74.9	4 345	80.5	4 577	84.8
Under 65 years	4 886	1 454	29.8	2 958	60.5	3 481	71.2	3 782	77.4	4 043	82.8	4 235	86.7
65 years and over	511	30	6.0	137	26.8	196	38.3	259	50.8	302	59.1	342	66.8
Related children under 18 years	9 147	3 572	39.1	6 467	70.7	7 331	80.1	7 824	85.5	8 240	90.1	8 501	92.9
Under 6 years	3 226	1 434	44.5	2 417	74.9	2 714	84.1	2 870	89.0	2 976	92.3	3 052	94.6
6 to 17 years	5 921	2 138	36.1	4 050	68.4	4 617	78.0	4 954	83.7	5 264	88.9	5 449	92.0
Own children 18 years and over	2 265	247	10.9	782	34.5	1 067	47.1	1 287	56.8	1 449	64.0	1 606	70.9
In unrelated subfamilies	651	254	39.1	445	68.3	495	76.1	557	85.7	576	88.6	597	91.8
Under 18 years	388	158	40.6	278	71.7	307	79.0	337	86.9	346	89.0	358	92.4
Under 6 years	144	77	53.2	108	74.9	116	80.5	136	94.5	139	96.3	141	97.4
6 to 17 years	244	81	33.1	170	69.7	191	78.2	201	82.4	207	84.7	218	89.4
18 years and over	263	97	36.8	166	63.4	189	71.8	220	83.8	231	87.9	239	90.9
Unrelated individuals	7 067	1 138	16.1	3 651	51.7	4 582	64.8	5 161	73.0	5 548	78.5	5 842	82.7
Male	3 074	479	15.6	1 374	44.7	1 726	56.1	1 956	63.6	2 156	70.1	2 318	75.4
Under 65 years	2 521	457	18.1	1 176	46.7	1 406	55.8	1 594	63.2	1 739	69.0	1 876	74.4
Living alone	959	154	16.1	563	58.7	653	68.1	734	76.5	774	80.7	806	84.0
65 years and over	553	22	3.9	198	35.8	320	57.9	362	65.5	417	75.5	442	80.0
Living alone	460	15	3.3	170	36.9	274	59.6	309	67.1	349	75.9	370	80.5
Female	3 993	659	16.5	2 277	57.0	2 856	71.5	3 205	80.3	3 392	84.9	3 524	88.3
Under 65 years	2 274	591	26.0	1 459	64.2	1 664	73.2	1 835	80.7	1 918	84.3	1 978	87.0
Living alone	1 232	226	18.3	806	65.4	938	76.1	1 029	83.5	1 067	86.6	1 087	88.2
65 years and over	1 719	68	4.0	817	47.5	1 192	69.4	1 370	79.7	1 474	85.7	1 547	90.0
Living alone	1 662	67	4.0	789	47.5	1 156	69.6	1 325	79.7	1 424	85.7	1 496	90.0

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		Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total
PEOPLE IN HOUSEHOLDS THAT RECEIVED MEANS-TESTED ASSISTANCE													
Both Sexes													
Total	65 127	9 723	14.9	24 685	37.9	31 860	48.9	37 857	58.1	42 986	66.0	47 469	72.9
Under 18 years	26 307	5 366	20.4	11 890	45.2	14 776	56.2	17 280	65.7	19 443	73.9	21 209	80.6
18 to 24 years	6 559	1 013	15.4	2 443	37.2	3 195	48.7	3 764	57.4	4 216	64.3	4 626	70.5
25 to 34 years	9 256	1 341	14.5	3 355	36.2	4 335	46.8	5 190	56.1	6 005	64.9	6 694	72.3
35 to 44 years	9 121	1 043	11.4	2 883	31.6	3 780	41.4	4 674	51.2	5 488	60.2	6 232	68.3
45 to 54 years	5 130	474	9.2	1 446	28.2	1 961	38.2	2 369	46.2	2 684	52.3	3 049	59.4
55 to 59 years	1 815	165	9.1	608	33.5	756	41.7	919	50.6	1 015	55.9	1 114	61.4
60 to 64 years	1 632	139	8.5	583	35.7	734	45.0	857	52.5	920	56.3	1 011	62.0
65 years and over	5 306	183	3.4	1 478	27.9	2 321	43.7	2 805	52.9	3 216	60.6	3 534	66.6
65 to 74 years	2 851	98	3.5	741	26.0	1 178	41.3	1 407	49.4	1 630	57.2	1 775	62.3
75 years and over	2 455	84	3.4	737	30.0	1 144	46.6	1 398	56.9	1 586	64.6	1 759	71.6
Male													
Total	29 972	4 018	13.4	10 408	34.7	13 627	45.5	16 398	54.7	18 846	62.9	21 112	70.4
Under 18 years	13 502	2 719	20.1	6 065	44.9	7 542	55.9	8 804	65.2	9 909	73.4	10 897	80.7
18 to 24 years	2 856	291	10.2	864	30.3	1 242	43.5	1 499	52.5	1 695	59.3	1 893	66.3
25 to 34 years	3 862	316	8.2	1 031	26.7	1 416	36.7	1 806	46.8	2 186	56.6	2 518	65.2
35 to 44 years	4 102	339	8.3	1 047	25.5	1 415	34.5	1 841	44.9	2 242	54.7	2 622	63.9
45 to 54 years	2 282	197	8.6	581	25.4	807	35.4	980	42.9	1 109	48.6	1 278	56.0
55 to 59 years	793	43	5.5	210	26.5	266	33.6	349	44.0	400	50.5	446	56.3
60 to 64 years	718	60	8.4	233	32.5	300	41.9	344	48.0	364	50.7	406	56.6
65 years and over	1 858	53	2.9	378	20.4	639	34.4	776	41.8	942	50.7	1 052	56.6
65 to 74 years	1 073	32	3.0	218	20.4	365	34.1	451	42.0	550	51.2	603	56.2
75 years and over	785	21	2.6	160	20.4	273	34.8	325	41.4	393	50.0	449	57.2
Female													
Total	35 155	5 705	16.2	14 276	40.6	18 233	51.9	21 459	61.0	24 140	68.7	26 357	75.0
Under 18 years	12 805	2 647	20.7	5 825	45.5	7 234	56.5	8 476	66.2	9 535	74.5	10 313	80.5
18 to 24 years	3 702	722	19.5	1 578	42.6	1 953	52.8	2 265	61.2	2 521	68.1	2 733	73.8
25 to 34 years	5 394	1 026	19.0	2 324	43.1	2 919	54.1	3 384	62.7	3 820	70.8	4 176	77.4
35 to 44 years	5 019	704	14.0	1 836	36.6	2 365	47.1	2 833	56.4	3 245	64.7	3 610	71.9
45 to 54 years	2 848	277	9.7	865	30.4	1 155	40.5	1 389	48.8	1 575	55.3	1 771	62.2
55 to 59 years	1 023	122	11.9	398	38.9	490	47.9	570	55.7	614	60.1	668	65.3
60 to 64 years	915	79	8.6	350	38.3	434	47.5	512	56.0	556	60.7	605	66.1
65 years and over	3 448	129	3.8	1 100	31.9	1 683	48.8	2 029	58.9	2 274	65.9	2 482	72.0
65 to 74 years	1 778	66	3.7	522	29.4	812	45.7	956	53.8	1 080	60.8	1 172	65.9
75 years and over	1 670	63	3.8	577	34.6	870	52.1	1 073	64.3	1 193	71.5	1 310	78.4
Household Relationship													
Total	65 127	9 723	14.9	24 685	37.9	31 860	48.9	37 857	58.1	42 986	66.0	47 469	72.9
65 years and over	5 306	183	3.4	1 478	27.9	2 321	43.7	2 805	52.9	3 216	60.6	3 534	66.6
In families	56 949	8 227	14.4	20 425	35.9	26 560	46.6	31 901	56.0	36 605	64.3	40 722	71.5
Householder	15 113	2 133	14.1	5 389	35.7	7 046	46.6	8 414	55.7	9 676	64.0	10 745	71.1
Under 65 years	13 541	2 074	15.3	5 096	37.6	6 560	48.4	7 785	57.5	8 922	65.9	9 876	72.9
65 years and over	1 572	59	3.8	294	18.7	486	30.9	629	40.0	754	48.0	870	55.3
Related children under 18 years	25 647	5 091	19.9	11 446	44.6	14 271	55.6	16 737	65.3	18 875	73.6	20 616	80.4
Under 6 years	8 833	2 049	23.2	4 301	48.7	5 331	60.4	6 146	69.6	6 847	77.5	7 376	83.5
6 to 17 years	16 814	3 042	18.1	7 145	42.5	8 940	53.2	10 591	63.0	12 028	71.5	13 239	78.7
Own children 18 years and over	5 441	374	6.9	1 254	23.0	1 772	32.6	2 251	41.4	2 611	48.0	3 023	55.6
In married-couple families	32 298	1 929	6.0	7 679	23.8	11 245	34.8	14 605	45.2	17 637	54.6	20 369	63.1
Husbands	7 679	407	5.3	1 688	22.0	2 537	33.0	3 296	42.9	4 018	52.3	4 661	60.7
Under 65 years	6 678	383	5.7	1 548	23.2	2 271	34.0	2 956	44.3	3 596	53.8	4 163	62.3
65 years and over	1 001	24	2.4	141	14.0	266	26.5	341	34.0	422	42.1	498	49.7
Wives	7 679	407	5.3	1 688	22.0	2 537	33.0	3 296	42.9	4 018	52.3	4 661	60.7
Under 65 years	6 972	393	5.6	1 608	23.1	2 356	33.8	3 068	44.0	3 724	53.4	4 318	61.9
65 years and over	707	14	2.0	80	11.3	180	25.5	228	32.3	294	41.6	343	48.5
Related children under 18 years	13 230	1 008	7.6	3 782	28.6	5 362	40.5	6 911	52.2	8 267	62.5	9 441	71.4
Under 6 years	4 700	383	8.2	1 471	31.3	2 101	44.7	2 667	56.7	3 169	67.4	3 547	75.5
6 to 17 years	8 529	625	7.3	2 312	27.1	3 262	38.2	4 244	49.8	5 098	59.8	5 894	69.1
Own children 18 years and over	2 675	91	3.4	378	14.1	582	21.8	783	29.3	932	34.9	1 133	42.4
In families with female householder, no spouse present	21 218	5 799	27.3	11 655	54.9	13 896	65.5	15 490	73.0	16 840	79.4	17 959	84.6
Householder	6 334	1 578	24.9	3 363	53.1	4 067	64.2	4 555	71.9	4 986	78.7	5 329	84.1
Under 65 years	5 797	1 546	26.7	3 220	55.5	3 863	66.6	4 286	73.9	4 674	80.6	4 975	85.8
65 years and over	537	31	5.8	144	26.8	205	38.2	269	50.1	312	58.1	353	65.8
Related children under 18 years	10 996	3 790	34.5	7 073	64.3	8 164	74.2	8 918	81.1	9 548	86.8	10 018	91.1
Under 6 years	3 539	1 498	42.3	2 549	72.0	2 893	81.7	3 093	87.4	3 220	91.0	3 331	94.1
6 to 17 years	7 457	2 293	30.7	4 524	60.7	5 271	70.7	5 825	78.1	6 328	84.9	6 687	89.7
Own children 18 years and over	2 541	262	10.3	826	32.5	1 129	44.4	1 381	54.4	1 574	61.9	1 767	69.5
In unrelated subfamilies	815	290	35.6	493	60.5	588	72.2	651	79.9	683	83.9	722	88.6
Under 18 years	491	176	36.0	305	62.2	363	73.9	394	80.3	411	83.9	435	88.8
Under 6 years	158	84	52.9	115	72.8	126	79.7	146	92.5	153	96.6	154	97.6
6 to 17 years	332	93	27.9	190	57.2	237	71.2	248	74.6	259	77.8	281	84.5
18 years and over	324	113	35.0	187	57.8	225	69.5	257	79.3	272	84.0	287	88.4
Unrelated individuals	7 364	1 207	16.4	3 767	51.2	4 712	64.0	5 305	72.0	5 698	77.4	6 025	81.8
Male	3 287	515	15.7	1 444	43.9	1 804	54.9	2 039	62.0	2 244	68.3	2 432	74.0
Under 65 years	2 734	493	18.0	1 247	45.6	1 484	54.3	1 677	61.3	1 827	66.8	1 990	72.8
Living alone	959	154	16.1	563	58.7	653	68.1	734	76.5	774	80.7	806	84.0
65 years and over	553	22	3.9	198	35.8	320	57.9	362	65.5	417	75.5	442	80.0
Living alone	460	15	3.3	170	36.9	274	59.6	309	67.1	349	75.9	370	80.5
Female	4 077	692	17.0	2 323	57.0	2 908	71.3	3 266	80.1	3 453	84.7	3 593	88.1
Under 65 years	2 358	624	26.4	1 506	63.9	1 716	72.8	1 896	80.4	1 979	83.9	2 046	86.8
Living alone	1 232	226	18.3	806	65.4	938	76.1	1 029	83.5	1 067	86.6	1 087	88.2
65 years and over	1 719	68	4.0	817	47.5	1 192	69.4	1 370	79.7	1 474	85.7	1 547	90.0
Living alone	1 662	67	4.0	789	47.5	1 156	69.6	1 325	79.7	1 424	85.7	1 496	90.0

See footnote at end of table.

Table 2. Age, Gender, Household Relationship, Race, and Hispanic Origin by Ratio of Income to Poverty Level: 1997—Con.

[Numbers in thousands. People, families, and unrelated individuals as of March of the following year. For meaning of symbols, see text]

Characteristic	Total	Under .50		Under 1.00		Under 1.25		Under 1.50		Under 1.75		Under 2.00	
		Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total
PEOPLE IN HOUSEHOLDS THAT RECEIVED FOOD STAMPS													
Both Sexes													
Total	23 226	7 034	30.3	15 510	66.8	18 226	78.5	19 684	84.8	20 748	89.3	21 503	92.6
Under 18 years	10 865	4 174	38.4	8 069	74.3	9 197	84.6	9 753	89.8	10 159	93.5	10 407	95.8
18 to 24 years	2 370	671	28.3	1 458	61.5	1 774	74.8	1 963	82.8	2 076	87.6	2 148	90.6
25 to 34 years	3 332	980	29.4	2 130	63.9	2 486	74.6	2 717	81.5	2 914	87.5	3 043	91.3
35 to 44 years	2 830	669	23.6	1 690	59.7	2 058	72.7	2 222	78.5	2 406	85.0	2 546	90.0
45 to 54 years	1 532	302	19.7	870	56.8	1 034	67.5	1 191	77.8	1 267	82.7	1 334	87.1
55 to 59 years	502	67	13.3	297	59.1	335	66.8	385	76.6	404	80.5	431	85.9
60 to 64 years	510	93	18.3	330	64.8	387	75.9	407	79.8	411	80.5	442	86.5
65 years and over	1 285	79	6.1	666	51.8	955	74.3	1 047	81.5	1 112	86.5	1 152	89.7
65 to 74 years	705	45	6.4	345	48.9	515	73.1	561	79.5	606	85.9	625	88.7
75 years and over	580	34	5.8	321	55.2	439	75.7	486	83.8	506	87.2	527	90.9
Male													
Total	9 919	2 846	28.7	6 360	64.1	7 510	75.7	8 184	82.5	8 669	87.4	9 049	91.2
Under 18 years	5 532	2 085	37.7	4 079	73.7	4 642	83.9	4 945	89.4	5 151	93.1	5 293	95.7
18 to 24 years	853	167	19.5	462	54.2	617	72.3	693	81.3	741	86.8	759	88.9
25 to 34 years	1 083	200	18.5	569	52.5	670	61.9	772	71.3	866	80.0	935	86.3
35 to 44 years	1 124	201	17.9	572	50.9	718	63.9	791	70.4	863	76.7	950	84.5
45 to 54 years	594	120	20.2	319	53.7	385	64.9	448	75.4	473	79.7	498	83.9
55 to 59 years	179	12	6.9	91	51.0	96	53.9	115	64.2	127	71.0	143	80.2
60 to 64 years	204	39	19.0	116	57.0	141	69.0	151	74.2	152	74.5	168	82.2
65 years and over	351	22	6.1	152	43.3	241	68.6	269	76.7	297	84.6	304	86.7
65 to 74 years	215	13	6.2	78	36.3	137	64.1	159	74.2	182	85.0	185	86.2
75 years and over	136	8	6.1	74	54.3	103	75.8	110	80.5	115	84.2	119	87.5
Female													
Total	13 307	4 187	31.5	9 149	68.8	10 716	80.5	11 500	86.4	12 079	90.8	12 455	93.6
Under 18 years	5 333	2 088	39.2	3 990	74.8	4 556	85.4	4 807	90.1	5 008	93.9	5 114	95.9
18 to 24 years	1 517	504	33.2	996	65.6	1 157	76.3	1 270	83.7	1 335	88.0	1 390	91.6
25 to 34 years	2 249	780	34.7	1 561	69.4	1 816	80.7	1 945	86.5	2 048	91.1	2 108	93.7
35 to 44 years	1 706	467	27.4	1 118	65.5	1 339	78.5	1 431	83.9	1 543	90.5	1 597	93.6
45 to 54 years	938	182	19.4	551	58.7	648	69.1	743	79.2	794	84.7	836	89.2
55 to 59 years	323	54	16.8	206	63.6	239	73.9	270	83.5	277	85.6	288	89.1
60 to 64 years	306	54	17.7	214	69.9	247	80.5	256	83.5	259	84.6	274	89.4
65 years and over	934	57	6.1	514	55.0	714	76.4	778	83.3	815	87.2	848	90.8
65 to 74 years	491	32	6.5	267	54.5	378	77.1	402	81.9	423	86.3	440	89.7
75 years and over	444	25	5.7	247	55.5	336	75.7	377	84.8	391	88.1	408	91.9
Household Relationship													
Total	23 226	7 034	30.3	15 510	66.8	18 226	78.5	19 684	84.8	20 748	89.3	21 503	92.6
65 years and over	1 285	79	6.1	666	51.8	955	74.3	1 047	81.5	1 112	86.5	1 152	89.7
In families	20 135	6 245	31.0	13 336	66.2	15 731	78.1	16 981	84.3	17 945	89.1	18 616	92.5
Householder	5 368	1 592	29.7	3 529	65.7	4 195	78.1	4 522	84.2	4 791	89.3	4 963	92.5
Under 65 years	5 018	1 556	31.0	3 399	67.7	3 980	79.3	4 279	85.3	4 514	90.0	4 674	93.1
65 years and over	350	37	10.5	130	37.1	215	61.3	244	69.6	277	79.2	289	82.6
Related children under 18 years	10 547	3 996	37.9	7 805	74.0	8 913	84.5	9 446	89.6	9 843	93.3	10 090	95.7
Under 6 years	4 080	1 618	39.7	3 019	74.0	3 441	84.3	3 637	89.1	3 778	92.6	3 892	95.4
6 to 17 years	6 467	2 378	36.8	4 786	74.0	5 472	84.6	5 808	89.8	6 065	93.8	6 197	95.8
Own children 18 years and over	1 585	253	16.0	741	46.8	986	62.2	1 130	71.3	1 244	78.5	1 341	84.6
In married-couple families	7 415	1 228	16.6	4 017	54.2	5 212	70.3	5 850	78.9	6 329	85.4	6 629	89.4
Husbands	1 687	243	14.4	871	51.6	1 166	69.1	1 313	77.8	1 429	84.7	1 501	89.0
Under 65 years	1 547	233	15.1	822	53.1	1 060	68.5	1 201	77.6	1 308	84.5	1 380	89.2
65 years and over	140	10	7.1	49	35.1	106	75.3	112	79.7	121	85.3	122	86.9
Wives	1 687	243	14.4	871	51.6	1 166	69.1	1 313	77.8	1 429	84.7	1 501	89.0
Under 65 years	1 578	238	15.1	847	53.7	1 089	69.0	1 232	78.1	1 342	85.1	1 411	89.4
65 years and over	109	5	4.9	24	22.0	77	70.3	81	73.9	86	79.1	91	83.0
Related children under 18 years	3 368	667	19.8	2 023	60.1	2 536	75.3	2 798	83.1	2 987	88.7	3 105	92.2
Under 6 years	1 419	276	19.5	829	58.4	1 044	73.6	1 173	82.7	1 247	87.9	1 307	92.1
6 to 17 years	1 950	391	20.0	1 195	61.3	1 492	76.5	1 625	83.3	1 740	89.3	1 798	92.2
Own children 18 years and over	491	67	13.7	183	37.3	262	53.3	317	64.6	362	73.7	386	78.6
In families with female householder, no spouse present	11 527	4 687	40.7	8 666	75.2	9 764	84.7	10 216	88.6	10 612	92.1	10 920	94.7
Householder	3 308	1 253	37.9	2 460	74.3	2 797	84.6	2 924	88.4	3 048	92.1	3 131	94.6
Under 65 years	3 124	1 228	39.3	2 380	76.2	2 693	86.2	2 808	89.9	2 913	93.2	2 985	95.5
65 years and over	184	26	13.9	80	43.4	104	56.4	116	63.2	135	73.2	146	79.1
Related children under 18 years	6 626	3 131	47.3	5 407	81.6	5 949	89.8	6 162	93.0	6 341	95.7	6 461	97.5
Under 6 years	2 391	1 222	51.1	2 006	83.9	2 190	91.6	2 233	93.4	2 284	95.5	2 333	97.6
6 to 17 years	4 235	1 909	45.1	3 401	80.3	3 760	88.8	3 929	92.8	4 058	95.8	4 127	97.5
Own children 18 years and over	1 037	173	16.7	536	51.7	701	67.6	776	74.8	839	80.9	907	87.4
In unrelated subfamilies	399	212	53.2	310	77.7	344	86.3	381	95.5	396	99.4	396	99.4
Under 18 years	241	131	54.5	193	80.0	212	88.1	232	96.6	239	99.5	239	99.5
Under 6 years	95	65	68.0	81	84.8	82	86.1	94	98.5	95	100.0	95	100.0
6 to 17 years	146	67	45.7	112	76.8	130	89.4	139	95.3	144	99.2	144	99.2
18 years and over	158	81	51.1	117	74.2	132	83.5	148	93.9	157	99.2	157	99.2
Unrelated individuals	2 693	577	21.4	1 864	69.2	2 152	79.9	2 323	86.3	2 407	89.4	2 492	92.5
Male	1 140	268	23.5	702	61.6	805	70.6	883	77.5	928	81.4	985	86.4
Under 65 years	992	259	26.1	615	62.0	688	69.4	756	76.3	797	80.4	855	86.2
Living alone	375	86	23.0	302	80.6	331	88.3	357	95.2	362	96.6	368	98.1
65 years and over	148	9	6.1	88	59.2	116	78.3	127	85.3	131	88.0	131	88.0
Living alone	121	6	5.0	79	64.9	102	84.2	110	90.9	114	94.3	114	94.3
Female	1 553	310	19.9	1 161	74.8	1 347	86.7	1 440	92.7	1 479	95.3	1 506	97.0
Under 65 years	1 037	293	28.3	778	75.1	863	83.2	931	89.8	970	93.6	991	95.6
Living alone	626	136	21.7	490	78.3	538	85.9	580	92.6	598	95.5	605	96.6
65 years and over	516	16	3.2	383	74.2	484	93.8	509	98.6	509	98.6	515	99.8
Living alone	511	16	3.1	380	74.3	481	94.1	504	98.6	504	98.6	510	99.8

¹People of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

Table 3. Work Experience During Year by Selected Characteristics and Poverty Status in 1997 of People 16 Years Old and Over

[Numbers in thousands. People as of March of the following year. For meaning of symbols, see text]

Characteristic	Worked during year									Did not work during year		
	All workers			Worked full-time, year-round			Not full-time, year-round					
	Below poverty level			Below poverty level			Below poverty level			Below poverty level		
	Total	Number	Percent of total	Total	Number	Percent of total	Total	Number	Percent of total	Total	Number	Percent of total
ALL PEOPLE												
Both Sexes												
Total	143 967	9 444	6.6	92 631	2 345	2.5	51 336	7 098	13.8	61 381	13 310	21.7
16 to 17 years	3 463	335	9.7	85	2	2.8	3 377	332	9.8	4 474	958	21.4
18 to 64 years	135 568	8 969	6.6	90 933	2 328	2.6	44 635	6 641	14.9	29 762	9 116	30.6
18 to 24 years	19 971	2 549	12.8	7 088	370	5.2	12 883	2 179	16.9	5 230	1 868	35.7
25 to 34 years	34 260	2 710	7.9	24 067	815	3.4	10 192	1 896	18.6	5 094	2 048	40.2
35 to 54 years	66 924	3 130	4.7	49 907	1 012	2.0	17 018	2 118	12.4	11 595	3 560	30.7
55 to 64 years	14 412	580	4.0	9 871	131	1.3	4 542	449	9.9	7 843	1 639	20.9
65 years and over	4 937	140	2.8	1 613	15	1.0	3 324	124	3.7	27 146	3 236	11.9
Male												
Total	76 408	4 163	5.4	54 918	1 381	2.5	21 490	2 782	12.9	22 708	4 514	19.9
16 to 17 years	1 782	179	10.1	53	2	(B)	1 729	177	10.2	2 325	489	21.0
18 to 64 years	71 890	3 915	5.4	53 869	1 366	2.5	18 021	2 549	14.1	9 595	3 140	32.7
18 to 24 years	10 315	1 048	10.2	4 050	205	5.1	6 265	843	13.5	2 317	712	30.7
25 to 34 years	18 380	1 182	6.4	14 379	489	3.4	4 001	693	17.3	1 146	514	44.8
35 to 54 years	35 396	1 414	4.0	29 577	592	2.0	5 818	821	14.1	3 257	1 338	41.1
55 to 64 years	7 799	271	3.5	5 863	80	1.4	1 936	192	9.9	2 874	577	20.1
65 years and over	2 736	68	2.5	995	12	1.2	1 741	56	3.2	10 788	885	8.2
Female												
Total	67 559	5 281	7.8	37 713	964	2.6	29 846	4 317	14.5	38 674	8 796	22.7
16 to 17 years	1 680	155	9.2	32	0	(B)	1 649	155	9.4	2 149	469	21.8
18 to 64 years	63 678	5 054	7.9	37 063	961	2.6	26 614	4 093	15.4	20 167	5 975	29.6
18 to 24 years	9 655	1 501	15.5	3 038	165	5.4	6 618	1 336	20.2	2 913	1 156	39.7
25 to 34 years	15 880	1 528	9.6	9 689	326	3.4	6 191	1 202	19.4	3 948	1 534	38.9
35 to 54 years	31 529	1 716	5.4	20 329	420	2.1	11 200	1 296	11.6	8 338	2 222	26.7
55 to 64 years	6 614	308	4.7	4 008	51	1.3	2 606	258	9.9	4 969	1 063	21.4
65 years and over	2 201	72	3.3	618	3	0.5	1 583	69	4.3	16 358	2 351	14.4
Household Relationship												
People 16 to 64 years old	139 030	9 304	6.7	91 018	2 330	2.6	48 012	6 974	14.5	34 235	10 073	29.4
In families	112 335	6 090	5.4	72 589	1 776	2.4	39 747	4 314	10.9	29 269	6 602	22.6
Householder	51 503	3 864	7.5	39 247	1 279	3.3	12 256	2 584	21.1	8 094	2 776	34.3
In families with related children under 18 years	64 807	5 190	8.0	40 921	1 582	3.9	23 886	3 608	15.1	17 354	5 025	29.0
Householder	32 166	3 508	10.9	24 385	1 152	4.7	7 780	2 356	30.3	4 498	2 197	48.8
In families with related children under 6 years	27 458	2 922	10.6	17 940	924	5.2	9 518	1 998	21.0	7 107	2 600	36.6
Householder	14 711	2 054	14.0	10 687	690	6.5	4 023	1 364	33.9	2 222	1 232	55.4
In married-couple families	90 882	2 759	3.0	60 186	1 084	1.8	30 695	1 675	5.5	21 586	3 177	14.7
Husband	41 227	1 602	3.9	34 859	854	2.5	6 368	748	11.7	3 404	775	22.8
Wife	34 823	838	2.4	20 318	171	0.8	14 504	667	4.6	12 042	1 669	13.9
Related children ¹	13 479	256	1.9	4 212	36	0.9	9 268	220	2.4	5 589	651	11.6
Other	1 352	62	4.6	798	22	2.7	555	40	7.2	550	82	15.0
In married-couple families with related children under 18 years	52 228	2 233	4.3	33 974	939	2.8	18 253	1 294	7.1	12 358	2 245	18.2
Husband	24 852	1 337	5.4	21 552	745	3.5	3 300	592	17.9	1 188	462	38.9
Wife	19 547	639	3.3	10 505	138	1.3	9 043	501	5.5	6 674	1 188	17.8
Related children ¹	6 887	202	2.9	1 352	34	2.5	5 535	168	3.0	4 099	526	12.8
Other	941	55	5.8	566	22	3.8	376	33	8.8	397	69	17.3
In married-couple families with related children under 6 years	22 710	1 353	6.0	15 394	613	4.0	7 316	740	10.1	5 129	1 207	23.5
Husband	12 027	876	7.3	10 321	511	4.9	1 706	365	21.4	459	225	49.1
Wife	8 797	355	4.0	4 323	78	1.8	4 474	276	6.2	3 727	755	20.3
Related children ¹	1 266	80	6.3	386	9	2.4	880	70	8.0	710	187	26.3
Other	621	42	6.8	364	15	4.0	257	27	10.7	233	40	17.1
In families with female householder, no spouse present	15 598	2 894	18.6	8 602	573	6.7	6 996	2 321	33.2	6 125	3 033	49.5
Householder	8 648	2 135	24.7	5 502	487	8.8	3 146	1 648	52.4	2 325	1 636	70.4
Other	6 950	759	10.9	3 100	87	2.8	3 850	673	17.5	3 800	1 397	36.8
In families with female householder, no spouse present, with related children under 18 years	9 785	2 600	26.6	5 181	534	10.3	4 604	2 066	44.9	4 242	2 534	59.7
Householder	6 607	2 044	30.9	4 034	467	11.6	2 574	1 578	61.3	1 866	1 468	78.7
Related children ¹	2 449	447	18.2	679	42	6.2	1 770	404	22.8	1 986	860	43.3
Other	728	109	15.0	468	25	5.4	260	84	32.3	391	206	52.7
In families with female householder, no spouse present, with related children under 6 years	3 636	1 374	37.8	1 806	243	13.5	1 830	1 130	61.8	1 730	1 272	73.5
Householder	2 573	1 107	43.0	1 320	208	15.7	1 253	900	71.8	958	843	87.9
Related children ¹	680	196	28.8	247	17	7.0	433	178	41.2	555	311	56.0
Other	383	71	18.4	240	19	7.8	143	52	36.2	217	118	54.4
In unrelated subfamilies	502	159	31.8	255	39	15.3	247	121	48.8	184	133	72.0
Unrelated individuals												
Male	26 193	3 054	11.7	18 173	515	2.8	8 019	2 539	31.7	4 782	3 338	69.8
Householder	14 845	1 523	10.3	10 617	306	2.9	4 228	1 217	28.8	2 186	1 456	66.6
Female	10 292	849	8.3	7 657	178	2.3	2 635	671	25.5	1 390	808	58.1
Householder	11 348	1 531	13.5	7 557	209	2.8	3 791	1 322	34.9	2 597	1 882	72.5
Other	8 038	771	9.6	5 634	128	2.3	2 404	642	26.7	1 753	1 136	64.8

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Table 3. **Work Experience During Year by Selected Characteristics and Poverty Status in 1997 of People 16 Years Old and Over—Con.**

[Numbers in thousands. People as of March of the following year. For meaning of symbols, see text]

Characteristic	Worked during year									Did not work during year		
	All workers			Worked full-time, year-round			Not full-time, year-round					
	Below poverty level			Below poverty level			Below poverty level			Below poverty level		
	Total	Number	Percent of total	Total	Number	Percent of total	Total	Number	Percent of total	Total	Number	Percent of total
WHITE												
Both Sexes												
Total	121 083	6 945	5.7	77 831	1 751	2.2	43 252	5 194	12.0	50 516	9 315	18.4
16 to 17 years	2 993	245	8.2	68	2	(B)	2 924	243	8.3	3 269	607	18.6
18 to 64 years	113 659	6 585	5.8	76 327	1 733	2.3	37 332	4 852	13.0	23 125	6 252	27.0
18 to 24 years	16 659	1 871	11.2	5 952	274	4.6	10 707	1 597	14.9	3 599	1 261	35.0
25 to 34 years	27 939	1 940	6.9	19 735	599	3.0	8 203	1 341	16.4	3 840	1 387	36.1
35 to 54 years	56 506	2 322	4.1	42 088	763	1.8	14 419	1 559	10.8	9 101	2 422	26.6
55 to 64 years	12 555	452	3.6	8 552	98	1.1	4 003	354	8.9	6 585	1 183	18.0
65 years and over	4 431	114	2.6	1 436	15	1.1	2 996	99	3.3	24 122	2 455	10.2
Male												
Total	65 322	3 237	5.0	47 227	1 096	2.3	18 094	2 140	11.8	18 300	3 053	16.7
16 to 17 years	1 564	137	8.7	45	2	(B)	1 520	134	8.8	1 672	303	18.1
18 to 64 years	61 277	3 047	5.0	46 295	1 082	2.3	14 982	1 965	13.1	7 045	2 123	30.1
18 to 24 years	8 730	803	9.2	3 428	161	4.7	5 303	641	12.1	1 592	498	31.3
25 to 34 years	15 246	907	6.0	12 079	380	3.1	3 168	527	16.6	746	348	46.6
35 to 54 years	30 418	1 116	3.7	25 628	482	1.9	4 790	634	13.2	2 331	881	37.8
55 to 64 years	6 882	221	3.2	5 161	58	1.1	1 721	163	9.5	2 376	396	16.7
65 years and over	2 481	53	2.1	888	12	1.4	1 592	40	2.5	9 583	627	6.5
Female												
Total	55 761	3 708	6.6	30 604	654	2.1	25 157	3 054	12.1	32 216	6 262	19.4
16 to 17 years	1 428	109	7.6	24	0	(B)	1 405	109	7.7	1 597	304	19.0
18 to 64 years	52 382	3 538	6.8	30 033	651	2.2	22 350	2 887	12.9	16 080	4 130	25.7
18 to 24 years	7 929	1 068	13.5	2 525	112	4.4	5 404	956	17.7	2 008	763	38.0
25 to 34 years	12 692	1 033	8.1	7 657	219	2.9	5 036	814	16.2	3 094	1 039	33.6
35 to 54 years	26 088	1 206	4.6	16 460	281	1.7	9 628	926	9.6	6 770	1 542	22.8
55 to 64 years	5 673	231	4.1	3 391	40	1.2	2 282	191	8.4	4 209	786	18.7
65 years and over	1 951	61	3.1	547	3	0.5	1 403	58	4.2	14 539	1 828	12.6
Household Relationship												
People 16 to 64 years old	116 652	6 831	5.9	76 396	1 736	2.3	40 256	5 095	12.7	26 394	6 860	26.0
In families	94 376	4 276	4.5	60 994	1 316	2.2	33 381	2 960	8.9	22 747	4 398	19.3
Householder	43 034	2 677	6.2	33 112	944	2.9	9 921	1 734	17.5	6 400	1 855	29.0
In families with related children under 18 years	53 354	3 625	6.8	33 689	1 176	3.5	19 665	2 449	12.5	13 056	3 286	25.2
Householder	26 199	2 394	9.1	20 198	844	4.2	6 000	1 550	25.8	3 358	1 423	42.4
In families with related children under 6 years	22 455	2 080	9.3	14 823	712	4.8	7 632	1 367	17.9	5 440	1 765	32.4
Householder	11 982	1 441	12.0	8 906	525	5.9	3 076	916	29.8	1 678	825	49.2
In married-couple families	79 428	2 309	2.9	52 310	911	1.7	27 118	1 398	5.2	18 285	2 509	13.7
Husband	36 285	1 346	3.7	30 752	714	2.3	5 532	632	11.4	2 885	615	21.3
Wife	30 429	711	2.3	17 421	153	0.9	13 007	558	4.3	10 594	1 352	12.8
Related children ¹	11 676	195	1.7	3 527	22	0.6	8 149	172	2.1	4 416	483	10.9
Other	1 038	57	5.5	609	22	3.6	429	36	8.3	390	59	15.2
In married-couple families with related children under 18 years	44 934	1 864	4.1	29 029	798	2.7	15 905	1 066	6.7	10 238	1 770	17.3
Husband	21 518	1 119	5.2	18 797	631	3.4	2 721	488	17.9	917	360	39.2
Wife	16 767	543	3.2	8 732	125	1.4	8 035	418	5.2	5 818	962	16.5
Related children ¹	5 913	152	2.6	1 063	20	1.9	4 850	131	2.7	3 220	403	12.5
Other	736	51	6.9	437	22	5.0	300	29	9.6	282	46	16.2
In married-couple families with related children under 6 years	19 476	1 146	5.9	13 184	527	4.0	6 293	619	9.8	4 370	975	22.3
Husband	10 449	743	7.1	9 047	440	4.9	1 401	303	21.6	345	179	52.0
Wife	7 526	300	4.0	3 553	66	1.8	3 973	234	5.9	3 325	630	18.9
Related children ¹	1 017	64	6.3	299	7	2.3	718	57	8.0	524	133	25.5
Other	484	39	8.0	285	15	5.2	200	24	12.1	176	32	18.1
In families with female householder, no spouse present	10 215	1 636	16.0	5 609	310	5.5	4 606	1 326	28.8	3 431	1 651	48.1
Householder	5 595	1 232	22.0	3 603	271	7.5	1 992	961	48.2	1 409	956	67.9
Other	4 620	404	8.7	2 006	39	1.9	2 614	365	14.0	2 022	695	34.4
In families with female householder, no spouse present, with related children under 18 years	6 111	1 479	24.2	3 214	288	9.0	2 898	1 191	41.1	2 298	1 364	59.4
Householder	4 182	1 169	28.0	2 597	254	9.8	1 585	915	57.7	1 122	858	76.5
Related children ¹	1 527	240	15.7	368	20	5.4	1 159	221	19.0	1 018	427	42.0
Other	402	70	17.4	248	14	5.7	154	56	36.1	158	79	49.8
In families with female householder, no spouse present, with related children under 6 years	2 077	775	37.3	1 043	131	12.5	1 034	645	62.4	920	713	77.5
Householder	1 511	641	42.4	780	111	14.3	731	530	72.5	587	512	87.3
Related children ¹	363	91	24.9	132	5	3.9	231	85	36.9	235	142	60.6
Other	202	43	21.5	130	14	10.9	72	29	(B)	98	58	59.3
In unrelated subfamilies	425	141	33.1	215	31	14.6	210	109	51.9	137	95	69.2
Unrelated individuals	21 851	2 414	11.0	15 186	388	2.6	6 664	2 026	30.4	3 510	2 367	67.4
Male	12 353	1 157	9.4	8 873	216	2.4	3 480	941	27.0	1 557	986	63.3
Householder	8 612	646	7.5	6 464	147	2.3	2 148	498	23.2	968	516	53.3
Female	9 497	1 257	13.2	6 313	172	2.7	3 184	1 085	34.1	1 952	1 381	70.7
Householder	6 599	604	9.2	4 646	103	2.2	1 953	501	25.6	1 333	838	62.9

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Table 3. Work Experience During Year by Selected Characteristics and Poverty Status in 1997 of People 16 Years Old and Over—Con.

[Numbers in thousands. People as of March of the following year. For meaning of symbols, see text]

Characteristic	Worked during year									Did not work during year		
	All workers			Worked full-time, year-round			Not full-time, year-round					
	Below poverty level			Below poverty level			Below poverty level			Below poverty level		
	Total	Number	Percent of total	Total	Number	Percent of total	Total	Number	Percent of total	Total	Number	Percent of total
BLACK												
Both Sexes												
Total	16 231	2 011	12.4	10 483	464	4.4	5 748	1 548	26.9	8 148	3 260	40.0
16 to 17 years	359	78	21.6	14	0	(B)	345	78	22.5	930	303	32.6
18 to 64 years	15 511	1 911	12.3	10 357	464	4.5	5 154	1 447	28.1	4 889	2 280	46.6
18 to 24 years	2 477	566	22.9	910	85	9.3	1 568	482	30.7	1 237	475	38.4
25 to 34 years	4 457	602	13.5	3 049	161	5.3	1 408	441	31.3	2 427	504	59.8
35 to 54 years	7 289	639	8.8	5 490	189	3.4	1 800	451	25.0	1 873	912	48.7
55 to 64 years	1 287	103	8.0	908	29	3.2	379	74	19.5	936	389	41.6
65 years and over	362	23	6.4	112	0	0.0	250	23	9.2	2 329	677	29.0
Male												
Total	7 540	677	9.0	5 170	181	3.5	2 370	496	20.9	3 426	1 180	34.4
16 to 17 years	170	40	23.4	9	0	(B)	162	40	24.6	498	157	31.6
18 to 64 years	7 199	624	8.7	5 095	181	3.6	2 104	443	21.1	2 031	802	39.5
18 to 24 years	1 156	200	17.3	480	38	8.0	676	161	23.9	564	162	28.7
25 to 34 years	2 101	187	8.9	1 526	64	4.2	575	123	21.4	288	115	40.0
35 to 54 years	3 355	202	6.0	2 634	61	2.3	721	142	19.7	797	376	47.2
55 to 64 years	586	35	6.0	455	18	4.0	132	17	13.0	382	149	39.1
65 years and over	171	12	7.3	67	0	(B)	105	12	11.9	897	220	24.6
Female												
Total	8 691	1 335	15.4	5 313	283	5.3	3 378	1 052	31.1	4 723	2 080	44.0
16 to 17 years	188	38	20.0	5	0	(B)	183	38	20.6	432	146	33.7
18 to 64 years	8 312	1 287	15.5	5 262	283	5.4	3 050	1 004	32.9	2 858	1 478	51.7
18 to 24 years	1 322	366	27.7	429	46	10.7	892	320	35.9	674	313	46.5
25 to 34 years	2 356	415	17.6	1 523	97	6.4	832	318	38.2	554	388	70.1
35 to 54 years	3 934	437	11.1	2 855	128	4.5	1 079	309	28.7	1 075	536	49.8
55 to 64 years	701	68	9.7	454	11	2.5	247	57	23.0	555	240	43.3
65 years and over	191	11	5.5	45	0	(B)	145	11	7.2	1 433	456	31.8
Household Relationship												
People 16 to 64 years old	15 870	1 988	12.5	10 371	464	4.5	5 499	1 525	27.7	5 819	2 583	44.4
In families	12 538	1 512	12.1	8 036	371	4.6	4 502	1 141	25.3	4 799	1 804	37.6
Householder	6 166	1 011	16.4	4 360	273	6.3	1 805	738	40.9	1 319	776	58.8
In families with related children under 18 years	8 249	1 328	16.1	5 115	328	6.4	3 134	1 000	31.9	3 224	1 448	44.9
Householder	4 489	963	21.4	3 058	253	8.3	1 432	710	49.6	926	662	71.5
In families with related children under 6 years	3 606	719	20.0	2 152	166	7.7	1 454	554	38.1	1 245	691	55.5
Householder	2 042	526	25.7	1 272	127	10.0	770	398	51.8	437	351	80.4
In married-couple families	6 994	264	3.8	4 895	106	2.2	2 099	158	7.5	2 007	413	20.6
Husband	3 056	150	4.9	2 562	81	3.2	494	69	13.9	365	95	26.0
Wife	2 713	78	2.9	1 830	17	0.9	883	62	7.0	762	183	24.0
Related children ¹	1 106	31	2.8	438	8	1.8	668	23	3.4	801	115	14.4
Other	120	4	3.6	66	0	(B)	54	4	(B)	79	19	24.6
In married-couple families with related children under 18 years	4 497	215	4.8	3 070	82	2.7	1 426	132	9.3	1 274	287	22.5
Husband	2 066	125	6.0	1 721	64	3.7	345	61	17.7	187	58	31.0
Wife	1 734	57	3.3	1 119	11	1.0	614	47	7.6	438	131	30.0
Related children ¹	603	28	4.7	179	8	4.4	424	20	4.8	594	79	13.2
Other	94	4	4.7	51	0	(B)	43	4	(B)	56	19	(B)
In married-couple families with related children under 6 years	1 977	119	6.0	1 331	48	3.6	646	70	10.9	418	141	33.7
Husband	973	72	7.4	786	36	4.6	187	36	19.3	64	28	(B)
Wife	785	33	4.2	472	11	2.3	313	22	7.0	186	70	37.4
Related children ¹	171	11	6.4	55	2	(B)	116	9	7.9	145	34	23.7
Other	47	3	(B)	18	0	(B)	30	3	(B)	23	8	(B)
In families with female householder, no spouse present	4 802	1 159	24.1	2 666	246	9.2	2 136	913	42.8	2 426	1 256	51.8
Householder	2 773	836	30.2	1 712	199	11.6	1 061	637	60.1	808	619	76.6
Other	2 029	323	15.9	954	47	4.9	1 076	276	25.7	1 618	637	39.3
In families with female householder, no spouse present, with related children under 18 years	3 394	1 047	30.8	1 814	229	12.6	1 581	818	51.8	1 759	1 074	61.0
Householder	2 256	820	36.3	1 330	196	14.8	926	624	67.3	662	557	84.1
Related children ¹	853	189	22.2	291	21	7.3	561	168	30.0	902	408	45.2
Other	285	37	13.1	192	11	5.7	93	26	28.3	195	109	55.9
In families with female householder, no spouse present, with related children under 6 years	1 474	568	38.5	721	106	14.7	754	462	61.4	737	508	68.9
Householder	1 002	439	43.9	512	90	17.5	490	350	71.3	337	300	89.0
Related children ¹	308	101	32.9	112	11	10.1	196	90	46.0	307	159	51.7
Other	164	27	16.6	96	4	4.7	68	23	(B)	93	49	53.1
In unrelated subfamilies	52	7	(B)	36	5	(B)	15	2	(B)	37	30	(B)
Unrelated individuals	3 280	469	14.3	2 299	88	3.8	981	381	38.9	983	750	76.3
Male	1 889	277	14.6	1 324	56	4.2	566	221	39.0	484	359	74.2
Householder	1 270	164	12.9	884	16	1.8	386	148	38.3	331	233	70.3
Female	1 391	193	13.9	975	32	3.3	415	161	38.7	498	391	78.4
Householder	1 151	132	11.5	817	23	2.8	334	110	32.9	355	257	72.3

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Characteristic	Worked during year									Did not work during year		
	All workers			Worked full-time, year-round			Not full-time, year-round					
	Below poverty level			Below poverty level			Below poverty level			Below poverty level		
	Total	Number	Percent of total	Total	Number	Percent of total	Total	Number	Percent of total	Total	Number	Percent of total
HISPANIC ORIGIN²												
Both Sexes												
Total	14 276	1 999	14.0	9 115	720	7.9	5 161	1 279	24.8	6 626	2 703	40.8
16 to 17 years	289	77	26.6	13	0	(B)	276	77	27.9	778	290	37.3
18 to 64 years	13 768	1 912	13.9	8 995	719	8.0	4 773	1 193	25.0	4 450	2 039	45.8
18 to 24 years	2 692	476	17.7	1 153	100	8.7	1 539	376	24.4	1 098	503	45.8
25 to 34 years	4 365	617	14.1	3 091	280	9.0	1 273	337	26.5	1 123	585	52.1
35 to 54 years	5 773	728	12.6	4 102	319	7.8	1 672	410	24.5	1 532	691	45.1
55 to 64 years	938	91	9.7	649	21	3.2	289	71	24.4	695	261	37.5
65 years and over	219	10	4.5	107	1	0.9	112	9	8.1	1 399	374	26.8
Male												
Total	8 440	1 109	13.1	5 974	503	8.4	2 466	606	24.6	2 233	889	39.8
16 to 17 years	179	46	25.5	10	0	(B)	169	46	27.1	411	147	35.6
18 to 64 years	8 124	1 056	13.0	5 896	503	8.5	2 229	553	24.8	1 277	612	47.9
18 to 24 years	1 592	241	15.1	801	82	10.2	791	159	20.1	436	192	44.1
25 to 34 years	2 712	368	13.6	2 119	208	9.8	593	160	27.0	207	111	53.7
35 to 54 years	3 270	394	12.1	2 578	202	7.8	692	192	27.8	417	224	53.8
55 to 64 years	550	53	9.7	397	12	3.0	153	41	27.1	218	84	38.7
65 years and over	136	8	5.6	68	0	(B)	68	8	(B)	544	130	24.0
Female												
Total	5 836	890	15.2	3 141	217	6.9	2 695	673	25.0	4 393	1 815	41.3
16 to 17 years	110	31	28.3	3	0	(B)	107	31	29.2	367	143	39.1
18 to 64 years	5 644	856	15.2	3 100	216	7.0	2 544	641	25.2	3 172	1 427	45.0
18 to 24 years	1 100	236	21.4	352	18	5.2	748	217	29.0	663	311	46.9
25 to 34 years	1 653	249	15.1	972	72	7.4	680	177	26.0	917	474	51.7
35 to 54 years	2 503	334	13.3	1 523	117	7.7	980	217	22.2	1 116	466	41.8
55 to 64 years	388	38	9.8	252	9	3.5	136	29	21.5	477	177	37.0
65 years and over	83	2	2.8	39	1	(B)	44	1	(B)	854	244	28.5
Household Relationship												
People 16 to 64 years old	14 057	1 989	14.1	9 009	719	8.0	5 049	1 270	25.2	5 227	2 329	44.6
In families	11 932	1 579	13.2	7 543	620	8.2	4 389	958	21.8	4 681	1 889	40.4
Householder	5 243	940	17.9	3 780	422	11.2	1 463	518	35.4	1 167	681	58.4
In families with related children under 18 years	8 210	1 431	17.4	5 122	582	11.4	3 068	848	27.5	3 501	1 585	45.3
Householder	3 925	872	22.2	2 818	399	14.1	1 107	473	42.8	886	594	67.1
In families with related children under 6 years	4 284	871	20.3	2 724	368	13.5	1 561	504	32.3	1 832	930	50.8
Householder	2 164	542	25.1	1 516	250	16.5	647	292	45.1	538	379	70.4
In married-couple families	9 024	952	10.5	5 831	441	7.6	3 192	510	16.0	3 246	1 028	31.7
Householder	4 055	610	15.1	3 225	356	11.0	830	254	30.6	326	156	48.0
Wife	2 832	208	7.4	1 580	52	3.3	1 252	156	12.5	1 777	573	32.3
Related children ¹	1 549	84	5.4	658	14	2.1	891	70	7.9	960	252	26.2
Other	588	49	8.4	368	19	5.3	220	30	13.6	183	47	25.6
In married-couple families with related children under 18 years	6 411	885	13.8	4 126	423	10.3	2 284	462	20.2	2 408	847	35.2
Householder	3 070	567	18.5	2 474	342	13.8	595	225	37.7	1 189	119	63.1
Wife	1 972	194	9.9	1 044	49	4.7	928	145	15.6	1 330	481	36.2
Related children ¹	913	81	8.9	315	12	3.7	598	69	11.6	759	211	27.8
Other	456	43	9.3	293	19	6.6	163	23	14.2	129	35	27.0
In married-couple families with related children under 6 years	3 454	584	16.9	2 257	289	12.8	1 196	295	24.6	1 279	501	39.2
Householder	1 828	399	21.8	1 449	245	16.9	379	154	40.6	91	57	63.2
Wife	992	114	11.5	482	27	5.6	510	87	17.1	879	332	37.7
Related children ¹	300	39	13.2	118	4	3.7	182	35	19.3	223	89	39.9
Other	333	31	9.3	208	13	6.0	125	18	14.8	87	23	26.8
In families with female householder, no spouse present	1 830	512	28.0	993	142	14.3	837	370	44.2	1 174	764	65.1
Householder	1 010	357	35.4	601	115	19.1	408	243	59.4	485	385	79.4
Other	821	155	18.9	392	27	6.9	429	128	29.8	689	379	55.0
In families with female householder, no spouse present, with related children under 18 years	1 316	448	34.0	699	125	17.8	617	323	52.4	949	675	71.1
Householder	824	329	40.0	476	102	21.5	348	227	65.2	430	359	83.5
Related children ¹	337	87	25.9	117	10	8.7	220	77	34.9	414	258	62.4
Other	155	31	20.3	107	12	11.3	48	19	(B)	105	58	55.1
In families with female householder, no spouse present, with related children under 6 years	573	218	38.0	300	53	17.8	273	165	60.3	482	393	81.5
Householder	359	160	44.5	187	37	19.6	172	123	71.7	261	236	90.3
Related children ¹	125	38	30.2	46	5	(B)	79	33	42.2	157	114	72.7
Other	89	20	22.8	66	12	(B)	23	8	(B)	64	43	(B)
In unrelated subfamilies	75	25	33.0	56	13	(B)	19	12	(B)	30	19	(B)
Unrelated individuals	2 050	386	18.8	1 410	85	6.1	640	300	46.9	516	421	81.6
Male	1 371	219	15.9	1 006	62	6.2	365	156	42.9	248	199	80.0
Householder	678	100	14.8	521	31	5.9	156	70	44.5	100	75	74.8
Female	679	167	24.6	403	23	5.8	276	144	52.2	268	223	83.0
Householder	360	55	15.2	238	12	5.1	122	43	35.2	134	99	74.0

¹Includes related children 16 and 17 years of age and own children 18 years and over.

²People of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

Table 4. Income Deficit or Surplus of Families and Unrelated Individuals by Poverty Status: 1997

[Numbers in thousands. Families and unrelated individuals as of March of the following year. For meaning of symbols, see text]

Characteristic		Size of deficit or surplus										Mean deficit or surplus		Median deficit or surplus		Deficit or surplus per family member	
		Total	Under \$500	\$500 to \$999	\$1,000 to \$1,999	\$2,000 to \$2,999	\$3,000 to \$3,999	\$4,000 to \$4,999	\$5,000 to \$5,999	\$6,000 to \$6,999	\$7,000 to \$7,999	\$8,000 or more	Value	Stand-ard error	Value	Stand-ard error	Value
ALL RACES																	
Below Poverty Level																	
All families	7 324	366	320	690	651	654	611	503	480	431	2 618	6 602	87	5 735	133	1 844	36
Number of related children under 18:																	
None	1 440	121	108	200	191	128	171	83	62	46	329	4 637	146	3 778	230	1 992	106
One or more	5 884	246	212	490	480	525	439	421	418	384	2 290	7 083	100	6 358	144	1 823	39
One	1 881	97	105	176	188	256	161	169	122	118	489	5 468	137	4 733	210	2 138	94
Two or more	4 003	149	106	314	272	270	278	252	296	267	1 800	7 842	128	7 245	185	1 739	42
Married-couple families	2 821	167	188	298	270	240	257	178	186	140	897	6 150	143	4 962	189	1 554	51
Number of related children under 18:																	
None	958	82	89	125	119	77	98	52	42	37	237	4 716	183	3 836	299	2 132	143
One or more	1 863	85	99	173	151	163	159	126	144	102	660	6 886	189	5 803	263	1 418	54
One	447	28	47	33	42	50	32	26	39	15	134	5 857	331	4 730	538	1 729	148
Two or more	1 416	57	51	140	109	114	127	100	105	87	526	7 212	224	6 098	285	1 356	57
Families with female householder, no spouse present	3 995	177	110	320	351	370	308	292	272	262	1 534	6 959	117	6 259	182	2 060	56
Number of related children under 18:																	
None	382	35	14	56	65	44	58	23	18	6	62	4 266	264	3 443	343	1 686	172
One or more	3 614	141	95	263	286	325	250	269	254	257	1 472	7 244	124	6 691	185	2 089	58
One	1 226	58	49	113	130	181	110	124	77	89	295	5 345	157	4 753	249	2 333	130
Two or more	2 388	83	47	150	157	145	141	145	177	167	1 177	8 219	161	7 896	234	2 019	64
All unrelated subfamilies	259	2	11	10	16	26	11	35	36	9	103	7 071	382	6 516	349	2 735	304
Unrelated individuals	8 687	765	592	1 622	1 290	758	519	480	446	543	1 671	3 985	49	3 098	96	3 985	116
Male	3 447	271	176	591	474	335	197	216	213	190	786	4 297	78	3 635	137	4 297	199
Female	5 240	494	417	1 032	816	423	322	265	234	353	884	3 780	62	2 830	69	3 780	144
Above the Poverty Level																	
All families	63 561	365	380	826	865	832	908	970	897	1 068	56 450	49 011	383	35 262	228	15 642	130
Number of related children under 18:																	
None	32 018	157	139	338	346	383	445	525	416	494	28 775	50 575	556	36 271	343	21 348	287
One or more	31 543	208	241	488	519	449	463	445	480	574	27 675	47 424	526	34 240	336	12 132	149
One	13 712	88	107	222	230	180	197	195	216	260	12 019	47 086	788	34 532	512	15 029	302
Two or more	17 830	120	134	266	289	269	267	250	265	315	15 656	47 684	707	34 016	444	10 583	175
Married-couple families	51 500	193	197	454	471	514	582	665	534	704	47 187	53 978	451	39 876	286	16 887	155
Number of related children under 18:																	
None	26 934	114	91	245	234	270	342	405	306	390	24 537	53 722	635	38 819	430	23 015	339
One or more	24 566	78	106	210	237	244	241	259	227	314	22 649	54 259	639	40 749	345	13 101	174
One	9 610	34	27	67	93	76	55	88	79	134	8 956	57 065	1 058	43 813	607	16 786	380
Two or more	14 956	44	79	142	144	168	186	172	148	180	13 693	52 456	800	38 593	502	11 358	197
Families with female householder, no spouse present	8 657	150	152	303	334	257	258	242	273	279	6 409	24 857	504	17 373	383	8 636	219
Number of related children under 18:																	
None	3 449	32	42	74	94	76	87	87	79	88	2 791	29 610	691	23 069	641	11 769	416
One or more	5 208	119	110	229	240	181	172	156	194	191	3 617	21 709	694	14 216	388	6 962	259
One	2 988	47	57	132	122	85	107	90	97	81	2 171	22 546	686	15 655	661	8 940	373
Two or more	2 220	72	53	97	118	96	64	65	97	111	1 447	20 582	1 340	12 294	533	5 249	369
All unrelated subfamilies	316	7	14	18	16	15	17	17	7	11	196	15 845	1 971	10 984	1 332	6 512	1 002
Unrelated individuals	32 985	643	724	1 489	1 402	1 466	1 339	995	1 301	1 041	22 685	23 320	327	14 917	168	23 320	445
Male	16 357	212	287	596	423	563	549	357	651	459	12 261	27 302	568	17 781	291	27 302	770
Female	16 628	430	437	893	880	904	790	638	650	582	10 424	19 404	322	12 077	193	19 404	488
WHITE																	
Below Poverty Level																	
All families	4 990	281	259	513	441	477	434	335	330	302	1 619	6 256	103	5 271	165	1 790	44
Number of related children under 18:																	
None	1 095	97	98	160	136	98	114	60	48	34	251	4 565	170	3 579	265	2 024	127
One or more	3 895	184	160	353	304	380	320	275	282	267	1 369	6 732	121	5 892	176	1 752	47
One	1 316	77	75	134	127	181	116	116	77	83	330	5 397	169	4 553	243	2 112	113
Two or more	2 579	107	85	219	178	199	204	160	205	184	1 038	7 413	157	6 672	193	1 647	51
Married-couple families	2 312	137	171	264	218	217	218	121	158	110	697	5 927	155	4 680	172	1 541	57
Number of related children under 18:																	
None	796	64	87	108	98	69	72	36	34	28	200	4 667	203	3 597	319	2 136	159
One or more	1 516	73	85	156	120	148	146	86	124	82	497	6 590	207	5 354	354	1 396	60
One	383	28	38	30	38	41	31	15	35	12	116	5 859	368	4 551	523	1 765	167
Two or more	1 132	46	46	126	82	107	115	71	89	69	381	6 837	246	5 626	372	1 316	64
Families with female householder, no spouse present	2 305	122	75	198	198	221	177	194	157	172	790	6 594	148	5 827	195	2 042	75
Number of related children under 18:																	
None	236	29	10	35	32	23	32	20	12	3	38	4 228	346	3 489	512	1 748	233
One or more	2 069	93	64	163	166	198	145	174	145	168	752	6 864	158	6 215	243	2 067	78
One	776	40	34	82	74	117	67	89	37	61	175	5 220	201	4 600	326	2 318	165
Two or more	1 292	53	30	80	92	81	78	85	108	107	577	7 852	210	7 358	262	1 981	87
All unrelated subfamilies	207	2	6	5	10	23	11	35	27	6	83	7 119	410	6 430	415	2 728	334
Unrelated individuals	6 593	619	478	1 184	946	583	416	361	327	432	1 247	3 969	56	3 118	109	3 969	134
Male	2 456	208	127	385	329	252	152	145	137	139	582	4 343	93	3 709	154	4 343	238
Female	4 136	411	351	799	617	331	264	216	190	293	665	3 746	70	2 822	81	3 746	161

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Table 4. Income Deficit or Surplus of Families and Unrelated Individuals by Poverty Status: 1997—Con.

[Numbers in thousands. Families and unrelated individuals as of March of the following year. For meaning of symbols, see text]

Characteristic	Total	Size of deficit or surplus										Mean deficit or surplus		Median deficit or surplus		Deficit or surplus per family member	
		Under \$500	\$500 to \$999	\$1,000 to \$1,999	\$2,000 to \$2,999	\$3,000 to \$3,999	\$4,000 to \$4,999	\$5,000 to \$5,999	\$6,000 to \$6,999	\$7,000 to \$7,999	\$8,000 or more	Value	Stand-ard error	Value	Stand-ard error	Value	Stand-ard error
WHITE—Con.																	
Above the Poverty Level																	
All families	54 525	255	285	608	638	634	723	800	717	883	48 981	50 880	429	36 683	257	16 472	152
Number of related children under 18:																	
None	28 360	119	115	252	271	325	380	446	358	437	25 656	51 765	605	37 149	376	22 133	319
One or more	26 164	136	170	355	367	310	343	355	359	445	23 324	49 921	607	36 219	351	12 794	175
One	11 265	62	75	160	160	135	149	155	150	207	10 013	49 750	925	36 639	551	15 936	357
Two or more	14 899	74	95	195	207	175	195	200	209	238	13 312	50 050	806	35 912	455	11 143	202
Married-couple families	45 758	166	161	373	383	451	495	598	484	622	42 024	54 882	490	40 402	269	17 415	174
Number of related children under 18:																	
None	24 491	101	80	197	191	252	303	368	282	348	22 369	54 320	676	39 267	455	23 463	365
One or more	21 268	66	81	177	192	199	192	230	203	274	19 655	55 529	712	41 462	388	13 497	197
One	8 286	29	23	57	70	69	43	75	66	124	7 728	58 526	1 195	44 661	667	17 387	433
Two or more	12 982	36	58	119	122	130	149	155	137	150	11 927	53 617	882	39 426	562	11 677	219
Families with female householder, no spouse present	6 004	76	96	193	209	136	173	163	159	196	4 602	26 699	671	18 918	466	9 696	305
Number of related children under 18:																	
None	2 570	14	29	46	66	48	66	57	51	75	2 118	30 704	834	23 881	738	12 556	521
One or more	3 433	62	67	147	143	88	107	106	108	122	2 485	23 702	986	15 595	565	7 942	383
One	2 056	28	32	85	77	47	77	71	55	50	1 534	24 103	903	16 800	798	9 869	507
Two or more	1 377	34	35	62	66	40	29	34	53	72	951	23 103	2 057	14 170	760	6 090	581
All unrelated subfamilies	265	7	14	11	14	13	11	12	7	6	170	16 560	2 287	11 963	1 579	6 735	1 142
Unrelated individuals	28 265	521	617	1 252	1 108	1 264	1 166	857	1 115	913	19 453	23 910	373	15 034	187	23 910	504
Male	13 844	183	229	495	349	465	470	292	539	419	10 404	28 395	660	18 291	327	28 395	886
Female	14 421	337	388	757	759	798	697	566	576	494	9 048	19 605	358	12 067	206	19 605	536
BLACK																	
Below Poverty Level																	
All families	1 985	74	54	150	175	158	149	144	134	105	843	7 283	170	6 667	259	1 996	83
Number of related children under 18:																	
None	264	20	10	30	40	29	46	20	9	11	48	4 582	307	4 064	336	1 744	247
One or more	1 721	54	44	120	134	129	103	123	125	94	795	7 697	186	7 300	339	2 023	89
One	508	20	23	38	57	66	41	43	42	29	149	5 698	248	5 222	412	2 254	227
Two or more	1 213	34	21	82	78	62	62	80	83	65	646	8 534	232	8 434	302	1 966	99
Married-couple families	312	21	12	21	34	13	22	45	20	16	107	6 631	411	5 720	323	1 571	171
Number of related children under 18:																	
None	107	13	2	11	16	6	16	14	6	8	15	4 379	449	4 332	661	1 832	423
One or more	205	7	10	11	18	7	6	31	14	9	92	7 810	537	6 857	997	1 508	184
One	47	—	5	2	1	5	2	10	4	2	16	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Two or more	157	7	5	9	17	2	5	21	10	6	76	8 245	649	7 539	1 241	1 488	203
Families with female householder, no spouse present	1 563	51	33	109	136	140	121	92	109	82	689	7 462	194	6 912	315	2 101	102
Number of related children under 18:																	
None	127	7	4	17	24	21	24	2	3	2	22	4 374	436	3 553	415	1 580	321
One or more	1 436	45	30	92	112	119	97	90	105	80	667	7 734	203	7 368	369	2 136	107
One	419	18	13	29	53	59	39	31	39	23	115	5 577	263	4 962	459	2 400	276
Two or more	1 017	27	16	63	59	60	58	59	67	57	552	8 622	253	8 333	305	2 076	117
All unrelated subfamilies	34	—	5	2	2	—	—	—	8	3	13	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Unrelated individuals	1 645	129	94	381	292	139	71	93	100	74	272	3 729	108	2 749	108	3 729	317
Male	778	55	42	179	125	66	26	60	64	41	120	3 844	155	2 901	208	3 844	479
Female	867	74	52	201	167	73	45	34	36	33	152	3 626	149	2 636	138	3 626	430
Above the Poverty Level																	
All families	6 422	98	82	179	189	167	162	139	146	149	5 111	31 435	581	23 651	617	9 395	217
Number of related children under 18:																	
None	2 497	30	21	64	56	46	59	63	50	34	2 073	35 090	919	27 942	923	13 605	620
One or more	3 926	68	62	115	134	121	103	76	96	115	3 037	29 110	744	20 843	811	7 593	248
One	1 753	22	24	55	58	42	43	34	43	46	1 387	29 398	1 079	20 212	1 143	9 642	536
Two or more	2 173	46	37	59	76	79	60	42	54	69	1 650	28 877	1 024	21 232	975	6 465	294
Married-couple families	3 608	24	31	49	62	42	72	49	33	53	3 193	40 305	869	32 770	707	11 434	364
Number of related children under 18:																	
None	1 538	13	11	28	34	11	35	29	17	21	1 340	40 607	1 262	32 348	1 246	16 259	965
One or more	2 070	11	21	21	28	32	37	21	15	32	1 853	40 080	1 190	33 012	854	9 346	397
One	764	4	1	7	11	7	10	7	6	7	705	43 727	1 977	36 820	2 138	12 256	931
Two or more	1 306	8	20	13	17	25	27	14	9	25	1 148	37 948	1 482	31 137	988	8 057	441
Families with female householder, no spouse present	2 363	71	49	104	116	117	78	74	97	77	1 579	19 317	606	13 193	586	6 100	282
Number of related children under 18:																	
None	739	15	10	27	20	28	18	27	27	13	555	24 650	1 240	19 002	1 224	9 020	790
One or more	1 624	56	39	78	96	89	60	47	71	63	1 024	16 891	659	11 400	573	5 021	285
One	840	18	21	42	45	35	27	19	26	28	578	18 547	912	13 634	861	6 975	585
Two or more	784	38	17	35	51	55	33	29	44	36	446	15 117	944	9 389	539	3 670	307
All unrelated subfamilies	43	—	—	6	2	—	5	5	—	5	20	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Unrelated individuals	3 671	97	85	193	159	167	135	114	163	96	2 462	18 328	474	13 575	406	18 328	1 062
Male	1 943	22	51	80	66	84	68	55	103	29	1 385	19 394	634	15 017	521	19 394	1 555
Female	1 728	75	34	113	93	83	67	59	60	67	1 077	17 130	709	11 733	557	17 130	1 511

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Table 4. Income Deficit or Surplus of Families and Unrelated Individuals by Poverty Status: 1997—Con.

[Numbers in thousands. Families and unrelated individuals as of March of the following year. For meaning of symbols, see text]

Characteristic	Total	Size of deficit or surplus										Mean deficit or surplus		Median deficit or surplus		Deficit or surplus per family member	
		Under \$500	\$500 to \$999	\$1,000 to \$1,999	\$2,000 to \$2,999	\$3,000 to \$3,999	\$4,000 to \$4,999	\$5,000 to \$5,999	\$6,000 to \$6,999	\$7,000 to \$7,999	\$8,000 or more	Value	Standard error	Value	Standard error	Value	Standard error
HISPANIC ORIGIN¹																	
Below Poverty Level																	
All families	1 721	83	99	139	129	167	146	108	120	100	629	6 826	187	5 899	290	1 639	72
Number of related children under 18:																	
None	229	13	26	31	24	35	24	13	17	1	45	4 504	359	3 595	343	1 777	281
One or more	1 492	70	73	107	105	133	122	95	103	99	584	7 183	205	6 390	292	1 627	75
One	385	31	37	28	31	37	42	31	31	26	90	5 328	318	4 667	369	1 836	210
Two or more	1 106	39	36	79	74	95	80	64	72	73	493	7 829	246	7 178	357	1 584	82
Married-couple families	836	41	64	78	70	97	77	45	59	38	266	6 276	268	4 872	352	1 364	90
Number of related children under 18:																	
None	144	10	22	17	12	23	15	6	10	1	29	4 461	476	3 510	416	1 821	375
One or more	692	31	42	61	59	75	63	38	50	37	237	6 654	304	5 415	511	1 318	92
One	158	13	22	10	20	11	11	4	17	6	44	5 472	564	4 203	1 001	1 576	275
Two or more	534	18	20	51	39	63	52	34	33	31	193	7 002	353	5 712	532	1 270	98
Families with female householder, no spouse present	767	31	28	52	53	55	57	55	61	55	321	7 494	276	6 874	368	1 977	137
Number of related children under 18:																	
None	66	3	4	12	9	8	7	4	8	—	12	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
One or more	701	28	24	40	44	47	49	51	53	55	309	7 782	291	7 245	379	1 994	142
One	186	12	13	16	10	21	24	22	14	14	39	5 298	412	4 875	455	2 095	358
Two or more	515	16	11	24	34	26	25	29	39	41	270	8 680	347	8 397	553	1 973	154
All unrelated subfamilies	33	—	1	4	—	6	2	6	2	2	10	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Unrelated individuals	1 017	75	73	155	116	105	57	55	61	50	270	4 448	147	3 858	276	4 448	479
Male	471	37	34	65	36	58	30	35	26	22	127	4 533	214	4 172	466	4 533	722
Female	546	38	39	90	80	48	27	20	35	28	143	4 374	202	3 577	382	4 374	648
Above the Poverty Level																	
All families	5 239	67	87	146	158	135	151	161	133	169	4 033	31 975	1 003	20 839	639	8 324	285
Number of related children under 18:																	
None	1 822	26	21	31	46	39	46	49	34	40	1 490	36 286	1 878	24 271	993	12 782	853
One or more	3 418	42	67	115	111	96	105	111	99	129	2 543	29 677	1 164	19 007	606	6 782	297
One	1 348	12	28	32	45	30	36	46	30	54	1 034	29 347	1 290	20 006	1 087	8 544	537
Two or more	2 070	29	39	83	66	66	69	66	69	75	1 509	29 891	1 728	18 245	828	5 992	381
Married-couple families	3 968	38	50	88	87	89	104	111	92	122	3 187	35 179	1 179	23 663	693	8 805	336
Number of related children under 18:																	
None	1 367	19	16	21	28	21	34	31	26	29	1 142	38 957	2 138	26 367	1 472	14 167	1 059
One or more	2 601	20	33	68	58	68	70	80	67	93	2 044	33 195	1 401	22 278	907	7 139	345
One	891	6	8	17	21	17	13	25	14	38	732	34 988	1 752	26 599	1 516	9 377	693
Two or more	1 710	13	25	51	37	51	57	55	53	55	1 313	32 260	1 925	20 124	1 068	6 290	420
Families with female householder, no spouse present	845	25	24	39	52	31	35	43	30	28	537	19 732	1 806	12 975	1 133	6 031	661
Number of related children under 18:																	
None	253	5	2	8	13	6	11	15	5	7	181	23 948	2 300	18 618	1 677	8 637	1 354
One or more	591	20	22	31	38	25	24	29	25	21	357	17 926	2 376	10 818	1 047	5 143	773
One	308	5	10	9	16	11	13	20	13	5	205	16 804	1 357	12 646	1 434	6 187	861
Two or more	283	15	12	22	23	14	11	8	12	16	151	19 145	4 733	8 817	1 021	4 429	1 170
All unrelated subfamilies	42	—	—	2	3	1	—	—	—	3	32	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Unrelated individuals	1 959	64	45	140	113	124	106	69	114	96	1 089	15 719	696	9 898	640	15 719	1 337
Male	1 276	40	23	76	60	78	61	39	89	69	741	16 396	791	11 148	863	16 396	1 690
Female	684	24	22	64	53	46	45	30	25	27	348	14 454	1 339	8 268	791	14 454	2 256

¹People of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

Table 5. Percent of People in Poverty by Definition of Income and Selected Characteristics: 1997

(People as of March of the following year. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Characteristic	Total (1,000)	Money income—			Before taxes			After taxes		
		Excluding capital gains (current official measure)	Definition 1 less taxes plus capital gains (losses)		Money income—		Definition 3 plus health insurance supplements to wage or salary income	Definition 4 less social security payroll taxes	Definition 5 less federal income taxes	Definition 6 plus earned income credit
			Without EIC	With EIC	Definition 1 less government transfers	Definition 2 plus capital gains (losses)				
		1	1a	1b	2	3	4	5	6	7
ALL RACES										
Total	268 480	13.3	14.3	12.7	21.0	20.9	20.3	21.3	21.4	20.0
Age										
Under 18 years	71 069	19.9	21.4	18.3	22.9	22.8	21.9	23.3	23.4	20.6
Related children	69 844	19.2	20.8	17.7	22.2	22.1	21.2	22.6	22.7	19.9
Under 6 years	23 363	21.6	23.6	20.0	23.8	23.7	22.7	24.3	24.4	21.3
18 to 24 years	25 201	17.5	19.4	17.4	20.9	20.8	20.0	21.5	21.7	20.0
25 to 44 years	83 816	10.7	11.9	10.4	13.4	13.3	12.8	13.7	13.9	12.5
45 to 64 years	56 312	8.3	8.9	8.4	14.0	13.9	13.5	14.1	14.3	13.8
65 years and over	32 082	10.5	10.6	10.5	49.1	48.9	48.6	49.0	49.1	48.9
65 to 74 years	17 874	9.2	9.3	9.2	41.7	41.5	41.1	41.6	41.7	41.5
75 years and over	14 209	12.2	12.3	12.2	58.5	58.2	58.0	58.3	58.4	58.3
Family Relationship										
In families ¹	225 369	11.6	12.7	10.8	18.0	17.9	17.3	18.3	18.4	16.7
Married-couple families	175 779	6.4	7.2	6.0	12.2	12.1	11.6	12.4	12.5	11.4
With related children under 18	110 790	8.2	9.3	7.5	10.1	10.1	9.5	10.5	10.6	8.9
Female householder, no husband present	38 412	35.1	37.0	32.4	44.0	43.9	42.6	44.3	44.5	40.4
With related children under 18	28 770	43.5	45.9	39.9	50.5	50.4	48.9	50.7	50.8	45.7
Unrelated individuals	41 672	20.8	22.0	22.0	35.9	35.8	35.5	36.3	36.7	36.6
Living alone	26 364	18.1	18.7	18.7	39.4	39.2	38.9	39.4	39.7	39.7
65 years and over	9 923	20.4	20.4	20.4	68.3	68.1	67.9	68.1	68.1	68.1
Type of Residence										
Inside metropolitan areas	216 143	12.6	13.6	12.2	19.7	19.6	19.1	19.9	20.1	18.8
Inside central cities	80 089	18.8	20.2	18.0	26.7	26.6	25.8	27.1	27.3	25.3
Outside central cities	136 055	9.0	9.8	8.7	15.6	15.5	15.1	15.7	15.8	14.9
Outside metropolitan areas	52 337	15.9	17.3	15.2	26.3	26.2	25.6	26.9	27.1	25.0
Region										
Northeast	51 202	12.6	13.4	12.2	20.8	20.7	20.1	20.9	20.9	19.8
Midwest	62 498	10.4	11.6	10.1	18.5	18.4	17.8	18.7	18.8	17.5
South	94 235	14.6	15.7	13.9	22.7	22.6	22.1	23.2	23.4	21.6
West	60 545	14.6	15.8	14.1	21.1	21.0	20.4	21.4	21.6	20.0
WHITE										
Total	221 200	11.0	12.0	10.6	18.9	18.8	18.3	19.1	19.3	18.0
Age										
Under 18 years	55 863	16.1	17.5	14.7	18.6	18.5	17.8	19.0	19.1	16.5
Related children	54 870	15.4	16.7	14.0	17.8	17.7	17.0	18.2	18.3	15.8
Under 6 years	18 369	18.0	19.8	16.4	19.7	19.6	18.8	20.2	20.3	17.3
18 to 24 years	20 259	15.5	17.2	15.5	18.4	18.2	17.6	18.8	19.1	17.7
25 to 44 years	68 515	9.1	10.1	8.8	11.4	11.4	10.9	11.7	11.9	10.6
45 to 64 years	48 011	7.2	7.7	7.4	12.7	12.6	12.3	12.7	12.9	12.5
65 years and over	28 553	9.0	9.0	9.0	48.3	48.1	47.7	48.2	48.2	48.1
65 to 74 years	15 760	7.6	7.6	7.6	40.4	40.3	39.8	40.3	40.4	40.2
75 years and over	12 793	10.7	10.8	10.7	58.0	57.7	57.5	57.8	57.8	57.8
Family Relationship										
In families ¹	185 147	9.3	10.2	8.6	15.6	15.6	15.0	15.8	15.9	14.5
Married-couple families	152 561	5.8	6.5	5.4	11.7	11.6	11.2	11.9	11.9	10.9
With related children under 18	94 213	7.5	8.6	6.9	9.3	9.2	8.6	9.5	9.6	8.0
Female householder, no husband present	23 773	30.7	32.4	28.0	39.5	39.5	38.5	40.0	40.2	36.2
With related children under 18	16 957	39.7	41.9	36.0	46.1	46.0	44.9	46.5	46.7	41.4
Unrelated individuals	34 858	18.9	20.0	20.0	34.9	34.8	34.5	35.3	35.6	35.5
Living alone	22 029	16.2	16.8	16.8	39.0	38.8	38.5	39.0	39.2	39.2
65 years and over	8 857	18.4	18.4	18.4	67.2	67.0	66.8	67.0	67.0	67.0
Type of Residence										
Inside metropolitan areas	175 164	10.3	11.1	9.9	17.5	17.4	17.0	17.7	17.8	16.7
Inside central cities	56 128	15.4	16.5	14.8	23.2	23.1	22.6	23.6	23.8	22.1
Outside central cities	119 035	7.9	8.6	7.6	14.8	14.8	14.3	14.9	15.0	14.2
Outside metropolitan areas	46 037	13.8	15.0	13.1	24.2	24.0	23.5	24.6	24.7	22.9
Region										
Northeast	42 997	10.2	10.7	9.8	18.5	18.5	17.9	18.4	18.5	17.7
Midwest	54 737	8.3	9.3	8.0	16.3	16.2	15.7	16.5	16.6	15.5
South	72 717	11.7	12.5	11.1	20.0	20.0	19.6	20.4	20.5	19.2
West	50 749	13.8	15.1	13.3	20.4	20.3	19.6	20.7	20.9	19.3

See footnote at end of table.

Table 5. Percent of People in Poverty by Definition of Income and Selected Characteristics: 1997—Con.

(People as of March of the following year. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Characteristic	After taxes—con.								
	Definition 7 less state income taxes	Definition 8 plus nonmeans- tested government cash transfers	Definition 9 plus medicare	Definition 10 plus regular-price school lunches	Definition 11 plus means-tested government cash transfers	Definition 12 plus medicaid	Definition 13 plus other means-tested government—		Definition 14 plus net imputed return on equity in own home
							Noncash transfers	Noncash transfers less medical programs	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	14a	15	
ALL RACES									
Total	20.1	13.4	12.9	12.9	12.0	11.2	10.0	10.8	9.2
Age									
Under 18 years	20.8	18.8	18.7	18.7	17.4	16.0	13.8	15.0	13.2
Related children	20.1	18.2	18.0	18.0	16.8	15.4	13.3	14.4	12.7
Under 6 years	21.6	20.3	20.2	20.2	19.1	17.3	15.2	16.7	14.7
18 to 24 years	20.2	18.0	17.9	17.9	16.6	15.8	14.7	15.5	14.3
25 to 44 years	12.6	10.7	10.4	10.4	9.7	9.1	8.2	8.8	7.8
45 to 64 years	14.0	9.1	8.8	8.8	7.9	7.5	6.9	7.4	5.9
65 years and over	49.1	11.9	10.3	10.3	9.2	9.0	8.4	8.9	5.6
65 to 74 years	41.8	10.5	9.1	9.1	8.0	7.9	7.2	7.8	5.0
75 years and over	58.4	13.6	11.8	11.8	10.6	10.5	9.8	10.3	6.2
Family Relationship									
In families ¹	16.9	11.4	11.2	11.2	10.2	9.5	8.3	9.0	7.7
Married-couple families	11.6	6.2	6.0	6.0	5.5	5.0	4.5	5.0	4.0
With related children under 18	9.1	7.7	7.5	7.5	7.0	6.2	5.5	6.2	5.0
Female householder, no husband present	40.6	34.7	34.2	34.2	31.2	29.2	24.8	26.3	23.8
With related children under 18	45.9	42.3	41.8	41.8	38.4	35.8	30.3	32.0	29.4
Unrelated individuals	36.8	22.6	21.5	21.5	20.4	19.8	18.6	19.5	16.4
Living alone	39.8	19.7	18.6	18.6	17.3	16.9	15.2	15.4	12.0
65 years and over	68.3	22.2	19.9	19.9	18.2	17.8	16.0	16.0	9.8
Type of Residence									
Inside metropolitan areas	18.9	12.7	12.3	12.3	11.4	10.6	9.6	10.3	8.8
Inside central cities	25.5	19.1	18.5	18.5	16.9	15.7	13.8	14.9	13.1
Outside central cities	15.0	9.0	8.7	8.7	8.1	7.7	7.1	7.5	6.3
Outside metropolitan areas	25.2	15.9	15.5	15.5	14.4	13.6	12.0	12.9	10.7
Region									
Northeast	20.1	13.0	12.5	12.5	11.2	10.5	9.0	9.8	8.4
Midwest	17.7	10.5	10.2	10.2	9.4	8.7	7.8	8.6	7.2
South	21.8	14.6	14.1	14.1	13.3	12.6	11.4	12.0	10.2
West	20.1	14.7	14.4	14.4	13.2	12.3	11.1	11.9	10.2
WHITE									
Total	18.1	11.0	10.6	10.6	9.9	9.3	8.4	9.0	7.6
Age									
Under 18 years	16.6	14.9	14.8	14.8	13.9	12.8	11.2	12.2	10.6
Related children	15.9	14.2	14.0	14.0	13.2	12.2	10.6	11.5	10.0
Under 6 years	17.5	16.4	16.3	16.3	15.4	14.1	12.5	13.9	12.0
18 to 24 years	17.9	15.8	15.7	15.7	14.8	14.0	13.3	14.0	13.0
25 to 44 years	10.7	8.9	8.7	8.7	8.2	7.6	6.9	7.4	6.6
45 to 64 years	12.7	7.9	7.6	7.6	6.9	6.6	6.1	6.5	5.2
65 years and over	48.3	10.0	8.7	8.7	7.9	7.8	7.2	7.6	4.6
65 to 74 years	40.5	8.5	7.4	7.4	6.6	6.5	5.9	6.4	4.0
75 years and over	57.9	11.8	10.4	10.4	9.5	9.4	8.8	9.1	5.4
Family Relationship									
In families ¹	14.6	9.0	8.7	8.7	8.1	7.5	6.6	7.2	6.1
Married-couple families	11.1	5.6	5.4	5.4	5.0	4.5	4.1	4.5	3.6
With related children under 18	8.2	6.9	6.8	6.8	6.3	5.6	5.0	5.5	4.6
Female householder, no husband present	36.4	29.7	29.3	29.3	27.0	25.4	21.9	23.4	20.9
With related children under 18	41.6	37.8	37.6	37.6	34.7	32.6	27.9	29.7	26.9
Unrelated individuals	35.8	20.5	19.5	19.5	18.6	18.1	17.2	17.9	15.0
Living alone	39.3	17.5	16.5	16.5	15.5	15.2	13.9	14.1	10.7
65 years and over	67.2	19.6	17.7	17.7	16.5	16.2	14.5	14.6	8.7
Type of Residence									
Inside metropolitan areas	16.8	10.3	10.0	10.0	9.2	8.7	7.9	8.5	7.3
Inside central cities	22.2	15.5	15.1	15.1	13.9	13.0	11.6	12.5	11.0
Outside central cities	14.3	7.8	7.6	7.6	7.1	6.7	6.2	6.6	5.5
Outside metropolitan areas	23.1	13.5	13.1	13.1	12.4	11.6	10.3	11.1	9.0
Region									
Northeast	17.9	10.4	10.0	10.0	9.0	8.4	7.3	8.0	6.7
Midwest	15.6	8.1	7.9	7.9	7.4	7.0	6.4	6.8	5.9
South	19.3	11.6	11.1	11.1	10.6	10.0	9.2	9.8	8.2
West	19.4	13.7	13.4	13.4	12.4	11.7	10.5	11.3	9.6

See footnote at end of table.

Table 5. **Percent of People in Poverty by Definition of Income and Selected Characteristics: 1997—Con.**

(People as of March of the following year. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Characteristic	Total (1,000)	Money income—			Before taxes			After taxes		
		Excluding capital gains (current official measure)	Definition 1 less taxes plus capital gains (losses)		Money income—		Definition 3 plus health insurance supplements to wage or salary income	Definition 4 less social security payroll taxes	Definition 5 less federal income taxes	Definition 6 plus earned income credit
			Without EIC	With EIC	Definition 1 less government transfers	Definition 2 plus capital gains (losses)				
		1	1a	1b	2	3	4	5	6	7
BLACK										
Total	34 458	26.5	28.6	25.3	34.9	34.8	33.7	35.4	35.6	32.9
Age										
Under 18 years	11 367	37.2	39.8	34.7	43.2	43.0	41.4	43.6	43.7	39.6
Related children	11 193	36.8	39.4	34.4	42.8	42.6	41.0	43.2	43.3	39.2
Under 6 years	3 666	39.7	42.7	37.7	44.5	44.2	42.5	45.2	45.2	41.2
18 to 24 years	3 715	28.0	30.7	26.6	34.0	34.0	32.8	35.1	35.1	31.6
25 to 44 years	10 799	20.1	22.2	19.4	25.2	25.0	23.9	25.6	26.0	23.6
45 to 64 years	5 887	16.7	18.0	16.9	25.2	25.1	24.6	25.7	26.1	24.8
65 years and over	2 691	26.0	26.8	26.1	61.4	61.3	61.1	61.6	61.8	61.5
65 to 74 years	1 613	23.8	25.1	24.1	57.2	57.1	56.9	57.6	57.6	57.3
75 years and over	1 078	29.3	29.5	29.1	67.8	67.5	67.5	67.7	68.0	67.9
Family Relationship										
In families ¹	28 962	25.5	27.8	24.0	33.4	33.2	32.0	33.9	34.0	30.9
Married-couple families	14 105	9.7	11.5	9.5	16.5	16.5	15.8	17.5	17.5	15.6
With related children under 18	10 005	11.0	13.5	10.5	15.7	15.6	14.7	16.9	16.9	14.3
Female householder, no husband present	13 218	42.8	45.3	39.9	52.0	51.8	50.1	51.9	52.1	47.7
With related children under 18	10 824	49.0	51.7	45.4	57.1	56.7	54.7	56.8	56.8	51.9
Unrelated individuals	5 316	31.0	32.2	32.2	42.4	42.4	42.1	43.0	43.7	43.4
Living alone	3 579	28.7	29.7	29.7	43.5	43.5	43.2	43.8	44.3	44.2
65 years and over	929	37.5	37.5	37.5	79.1	79.1	79.1	79.1	79.1	79.1
Type of Residence										
Inside metropolitan areas	29 435	25.5	27.5	24.4	33.4	33.2	32.1	33.6	33.8	31.4
Inside central cities	18 769	28.3	30.7	27.0	37.8	37.5	36.2	38.0	38.2	35.4
Outside central cities	10 666	20.6	21.8	19.7	25.7	25.7	25.0	25.8	26.2	24.5
Outside metropolitan areas	5 023	32.0	35.1	30.9	43.6	43.9	42.8	45.9	46.0	41.5
Region										
Northeast	6 273	28.5	30.6	26.9	37.3	36.9	35.9	37.9	38.0	35.5
Midwest	6 199	27.4	30.3	27.4	37.6	37.6	35.9	37.9	38.1	36.0
South	19 021	25.7	27.9	24.7	33.6	33.5	32.6	34.3	34.7	31.7
West	2 965	24.9	25.2	21.8	32.5	32.5	31.3	31.5	31.6	28.8
HISPANIC ORIGIN²										
Total	30 637	27.1	29.4	25.6	32.3	32.2	30.9	33.0	33.3	29.5
Age										
Under 18 years	10 802	36.8	39.7	34.1	40.1	39.9	38.3	40.8	41.1	35.6
Related children	10 625	36.4	39.3	33.7	39.7	39.5	37.9	40.4	40.7	35.2
Under 6 years	4 115	38.3	41.7	35.4	40.8	40.6	39.0	41.7	42.0	36.2
18 to 24 years	3 791	25.8	28.7	25.3	29.2	29.0	27.8	30.6	31.1	27.5
25 to 44 years	10 094	21.7	23.8	20.2	24.4	24.4	23.2	25.3	25.3	21.9
45 to 64 years	4 333	18.0	19.5	18.2	24.9	24.8	24.0	25.0	25.5	23.9
65 years and over	1 617	23.8	24.3	23.7	56.4	56.4	55.9	56.9	56.9	56.2
65 to 74 years	1 015	21.1	21.9	21.0	53.7	53.7	52.9	54.1	54.1	53.1
75 years and over	603	28.2	28.3	28.2	61.0	61.0	61.0	61.6	61.6	61.4
Family Relationship										
In families ¹	27 467	26.2	28.5	24.3	31.1	31.0	29.7	31.8	32.1	28.0
Married-couple families	19 777	19.5	21.5	18.1	23.8	23.6	22.2	24.4	24.6	20.9
With related children under 18	15 593	22.5	24.9	20.7	24.9	24.7	23.1	25.6	25.9	21.3
Female householder, no husband present	5 718	50.9	53.9	47.4	58.3	58.2	57.0	59.1	59.6	54.1
With related children under 18	4 834	56.7	60.0	52.3	63.3	63.1	62.0	64.0	64.5	58.0
Unrelated individuals	2 976	34.2	36.4	36.3	41.8	41.8	41.0	42.5	42.9	42.7
Living alone	1 251	33.8	34.6	34.6	46.9	46.9	46.1	46.8	47.0	47.0
65 years and over	351	51.5	52.0	52.0	87.1	87.1	86.7	87.1	87.1	87.1
Type of Residence										
Inside metropolitan areas	27 761	26.7	29.0	25.2	31.9	31.8	30.5	32.6	32.9	29.1
Inside central cities	14 706	31.6	33.8	29.8	37.3	37.2	36.0	38.1	38.4	34.1
Outside central cities	13 055	21.3	23.6	20.1	25.8	25.7	24.3	26.4	26.8	23.4
Outside metropolitan areas	2 876	30.7	33.4	29.3	36.2	35.8	34.8	36.5	36.8	33.3
Region										
Northeast	4 821	31.8	33.4	30.7	37.7	37.7	36.3	37.5	37.8	35.1
Midwest	2 276	23.4	25.6	22.2	27.4	27.1	24.9	27.0	27.4	24.2
South	9 897	25.3	27.2	23.7	31.5	31.4	30.4	32.4	32.6	28.8
West	13 644	27.4	30.3	25.8	31.7	31.7	30.3	32.8	33.2	28.9

See footnote at end of table.

Table 5. Percent of People in Poverty by Definition of Income and Selected Characteristics: 1997—Con.

(People as of March of the following year. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Characteristic	After taxes—con.								
	Definition 7 less state income taxes	Definition 8 plus nonmeans- tested government cash transfers	Definition 9 plus medicare	Definition 10 plus regular-price school lunches	Definition 11 plus means-tested government cash transfers	Definition 12 plus medicaid	Definition 13 plus other means-tested government—		Definition 14 plus net imputed return on equity in own home
	8	9	10	11	12	13	Noncash transfers	Noncash transfers less medical programs	14a
BLACK									
Total	33.1	27.3	26.5	26.5	24.0	22.4	19.3	20.8	18.0
Age									
Under 18 years	39.8	36.7	36.2	36.2	33.6	30.7	25.9	28.0	25.2
Related children	39.4	36.4	36.0	36.0	33.3	30.4	25.6	27.7	24.8
Under 6 years	41.8	39.4	39.1	39.1	36.7	33.1	28.4	30.4	27.7
18 to 24 years	31.9	29.1	28.7	28.7	25.4	24.3	21.1	22.5	20.2
25 to 44 years	23.7	20.8	20.3	20.3	18.5	17.5	15.0	15.9	14.4
45 to 64 years	25.0	19.0	18.1	18.1	15.5	14.5	12.8	14.3	11.3
65 years and over	61.6	29.5	25.2	25.2	22.3	21.7	20.0	22.2	13.9
65 to 74 years	57.4	28.2	24.5	24.5	21.3	21.0	19.2	20.8	13.7
75 years and over	67.9	31.3	26.2	26.2	23.9	22.8	21.2	24.2	14.2
Family Relationship									
In families ¹	31.1	26.1	25.4	25.4	22.9	21.3	18.2	19.6	17.1
Married-couple families	15.9	10.5	10.2	10.2	8.9	8.0	7.2	8.6	6.2
With related children under 18	14.6	11.7	11.5	11.5	10.2	8.9	7.7	9.4	6.8
Female householder, no husband present	47.9	43.3	42.4	42.4	38.3	35.7	29.8	31.4	28.7
With related children under 18	52.1	48.5	47.8	47.8	43.7	40.6	33.7	35.4	32.9
Unrelated individuals	43.5	33.7	31.7	31.7	29.3	28.1	25.0	26.8	22.3
Living alone	44.3	31.6	29.9	29.9	27.4	26.3	22.3	22.8	18.5
65 years and over	79.1	42.1	37.8	37.8	33.1	31.9	28.0	28.0	17.5
Type of Residence									
Inside metropolitan areas	31.6	26.1	25.2	25.2	22.9	21.4	18.3	19.9	17.0
Inside central cities	35.7	29.2	28.0	28.0	25.3	23.5	19.6	21.5	18.5
Outside central cities	24.5	20.8	20.4	20.4	18.8	17.7	16.0	17.0	14.3
Outside metropolitan areas	41.6	34.4	33.8	33.8	30.1	28.5	25.2	26.3	23.9
Region									
Northeast	35.5	29.9	28.9	28.9	25.6	23.7	19.7	21.6	19.2
Midwest	36.5	30.0	29.1	29.1	25.6	23.1	19.9	22.5	18.0
South	31.8	26.1	25.3	25.3	23.5	22.1	19.3	20.5	17.9
West	28.8	24.5	23.2	23.2	20.6	19.8	17.1	18.1	16.2
HISPANIC ORIGIN²									
Total	29.6	25.9	25.5	25.5	23.9	22.2	19.6	21.4	18.5
Age									
Under 18 years	35.7	33.9	33.7	33.7	32.0	29.3	25.5	28.2	24.4
Related children	35.3	33.5	33.3	33.3	31.6	29.0	25.1	27.7	24.0
Under 6 years	36.4	35.3	35.2	35.2	33.7	30.6	26.9	30.4	26.1
18 to 24 years	27.8	25.7	25.5	25.5	24.1	22.2	20.3	22.1	19.8
25 to 44 years	21.9	20.1	19.8	19.8	18.8	17.5	15.9	16.9	15.2
45 to 64 years	24.1	19.2	18.6	18.6	17.0	16.1	14.1	15.3	12.8
65 years and over	56.2	27.9	24.2	24.2	20.6	20.1	17.5	18.5	11.9
65 to 74 years	53.1	25.6	20.8	20.8	17.2	16.7	14.3	15.9	9.7
75 years and over	61.4	31.8	29.9	29.9	26.2	25.6	22.7	22.9	15.7
Family Relationship									
In families ¹	28.1	24.6	24.2	24.2	22.7	20.9	18.2	20.1	17.2
Married-couple families	20.9	17.5	17.2	17.2	16.4	14.7	12.9	14.7	11.9
With related children under 18	21.3	19.7	19.5	19.5	18.7	16.5	14.4	16.5	13.4
Female householder, no husband present	54.3	50.6	50.1	50.1	46.3	43.8	37.3	39.8	36.6
With related children under 18	58.3	55.7	55.5	55.5	51.3	48.5	41.2	43.9	40.4
Unrelated individuals	43.1	37.3	35.9	35.9	34.0	33.3	31.7	32.4	29.5
Living alone	47.0	36.9	34.4	34.4	30.9	30.0	26.7	27.1	22.1
65 years and over	87.1	57.2	50.8	50.8	44.3	42.4	34.6	34.6	22.4
Type of Residence									
Inside metropolitan areas	29.2	25.6	25.1	25.1	23.5	21.7	19.4	21.0	18.4
Inside central cities	34.3	30.6	30.0	30.0	28.1	25.7	22.7	25.1	21.9
Outside central cities	23.5	20.0	19.6	19.6	18.3	17.2	15.6	18.5	14.4
Outside metropolitan areas	33.5	29.1	29.0	29.0	28.3	26.9	22.4	24.7	19.8
Region									
Northeast	35.5	31.8	31.2	31.2	28.6	26.3	21.5	23.1	21.1
Midwest	24.5	20.8	20.8	20.8	19.9	18.8	17.7	19.5	17.6
South	28.9	24.3	23.6	23.6	22.6	21.3	19.4	20.8	17.8
West	29.0	26.0	25.6	25.6	24.0	22.0	19.5	21.5	18.3

¹Includes male householder, no wife present, not shown separately.

²People of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

Table 6. **Number and Percent of People in Poverty by Definition of Income: 1997**
(Poverty Thresholds Based on CPI-U-X1)

[Total number of people was 268,480,000 in 1997]

Definition of income		Number below poverty (1,000)	Poverty rate
IN POVERTY			
Income Before Taxes			
1.	Money income excluding capital gains (current measure)	31 665	11.8
1a.	Money income less taxes without earned income credit (EIC)	34 107	12.7
1b.	Money income less taxes with EIC	30 064	11.2
2.	Definition 1 less government cash transfers	52 917	19.7
3.	Definition 2 plus capital gains	52 755	19.6
4.	Definition 3 plus health insurance supplements to wage or salary income	51 352	19.1
Income After Taxes			
5.	Definition 4 less social security payroll taxes	53 774	20.0
6.	Definition 5 less federal income taxes (excluding the EIC)	54 149	20.2
7.	Definition 6 plus the EIC	50 173	18.7
8.	Definition 7 less state income taxes	50 462	18.8
9.	Definition 8 plus nonmeans-tested government cash transfers	32 141	12.0
10.	Definition 9 plus the value of medicare	31 222	11.6
11.	Definition 10 plus the value of regular-price school lunches	31 200	11.6
12.	Definition 11 plus means-tested government cash transfers	28 374	10.6
13.	Definition 12 plus the value of medicaid	26 844	10.0
14.	Definition 13 plus the value of other means-tested government noncash transfers	23 661	8.8
14a.	Definition 13 plus the value of other means-tested government noncash transfers less medical programs	24 808	9.2
15.	Definition 14 plus net imputed return on equity in own home	21 478	8.0

For explanation of definitions, see Appendix B.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, March 1998 Current Population Survey.

Appendix A.

Definitions and Explanations

Family. The term "family" refers to a group of two or more persons related by birth, marriage, or adoption who reside together; all such persons are considered as members of one family. For example, if the son of the person who maintains the household and the son's wife are members of the household, they are treated as members of the parent's family. Every family must include a reference person (see definition of householder for primary families). Two or more people living in the same household who are related to one another, but are not related to the householder, form an "unrelated subfamily." Beginning with the 1980 Current Population Survey (CPS), unrelated subfamilies were excluded from the count of families and unrelated subfamily members were excluded from the count of family members.

Family households. Family households are households maintained by a family (as defined above). Members of family households include any unrelated persons (unrelated subfamily members and/or secondary individuals) who may be residing there. The number of family households will not equal the number of families since families living in group quarters are included in the count of families. In addition, the count of family household members differs from the count of family members in that the family household members include all persons living in the household; whereas, family members include only householders and their relatives. (See the definition of family.)

Householder. A householder is the person (or one of the persons) in whose name the home is owned or rented. If the house is owned jointly by a married couple, either the husband or the wife may be listed first, thereby becoming the reference person, or householder, to whom the relationship of the other household members is recorded. One person in each household is designated as the "householder." The number of householders, therefore, is equal to the number of households.

Households. Households consist of all persons who occupy a housing unit. A house, an apartment or other group of rooms, or a single room is regarded as a housing unit when it is occupied or intended for occupancy as separate living quarters: the occupants do not live and eat with any other persons in the structure and there is direct access from the outside or through a common hall.

A household includes the related family members and all the unrelated persons, if any, such as lodgers, foster children, wards, or employees who share the housing unit. A person living alone in a housing unit or a group of unrelated persons sharing a housing unit as partners is also counted as a household. The count of households excludes group quarters.

Income. For each person in the CPS sample 15 years old and over, questions were asked on the amount of money income received in the preceding calendar year from each of the following sources:

1. Earnings from longest job (or self-employment)
2. Earnings from jobs other than longest job
3. Unemployment compensation
4. Workers' compensation
5. Social security
6. Supplemental security income
7. Public assistance
8. Veterans' payments
9. Survivor benefits
10. Disability benefits
11. Pension or retirement income
12. Interest
13. Dividends
14. Rents, royalties, and estates and trusts
15. Educational assistance
16. Alimony
17. Child support
18. Financial assistance from outside of the household, and other periodic income

Capital gains and lump-sum or one-time payments are excluded. For definitions of alternative measures of income (definitions 1 through 15 shown in tables 5 and 6), see Appendix B.

It should be noted that although the income statistics refer to receipts during the preceding calendar year, the demographic characteristics such as age, labor force

status, and family or household composition are as of the survey date. The income of the family/household does not include amounts received by persons who were members during all or part of the income year if these persons no longer resided in the family/household at the time of interview. However, income data are collected for persons who are current residents but did not reside in the household during the income year.

Data on consumer income collected in the CPS by the Census Bureau cover money income received (exclusive of certain money receipts such as capital gains) before payments for personal income taxes, Social Security, union dues, medicare deductions, etc. Therefore, money income does not reflect the fact that some families receive part of their income in the form of noncash benefits such as food stamps, health benefits, noncash benefits in the form of rent-free housing and goods produced and consumed on the farm. In addition, money income does not reflect the fact that noncash benefits are also received by some nonfarm residents which often take the form of the use of business transportation and facilities, full or partial payments by business for retirement programs, medical and educational expenses, etc. These elements should be considered when comparing income levels. Moreover, readers should be aware that for many different reasons there is a tendency in household surveys for respondents to underreport their income. From an analysis of independently derived income estimates, it has been determined that income earned from wages or salaries is much better reported than other sources of income and is nearly equal to independent estimates of aggregate income.

Income deficit. Income deficit is the difference between the total income of families and unrelated individuals below the poverty level and their respective poverty thresholds. In computing the income deficit, families reporting a net income loss are assigned zero dollars, and for such cases, the deficit is equal to the poverty threshold. The income deficit is a measure of the degree of impoverishment of a family or unrelated individual.

Periods of Recession

Peak month	Year	Trough month	Year
November	1948	October	1949
July	1953	May	1954
August	1957	April	1958
April	1960	February	1961
December	1969	November	1970
November	1973	March	1975
January	1980	July	1980
July	1981	November	1982
July	1990	March	1991

Source: National Bureau of Economic Research, Inc., 1050 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02138.

Population coverage. This report includes the civilian noninstitutional population of the United States and

members of the Armed Forces in the United States living off post or with their families on post, but excludes all other members of the Armed Forces. The poverty data also exclude unrelated individuals under 15 years of age.

The information on the Hispanic population shown in this report was collected in the 50 States and the District of Columbia and, therefore, does not include residents of outlying areas or U.S. territories such as Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

Poverty definition. Poverty statistics presented in this report are based on a definition developed by Mollie Orshansky of the Social Security Administration (SSA) in 1963-1964¹ and revised in 1969 and 1981 by inter-agency committees. This definition was established as the official definition of poverty for statistical use in all Executive departments by the Bureau of the Budget (BoB) in 1969 (in Circular No. A-46); after BoB became Office of Management and Budget, this was reconfirmed in Statistical Policy Directive No. 14.

The original poverty definition provided a range of income cutoffs or thresholds adjusted by such factors as family size, sex of the family head, number of children under 18 years old, and farm-nonfarm residence. At the core of this definition of poverty was the economy food plan, the least costly of four nutritionally adequate food plans designed by the Department of Agriculture. It was determined from the Department of Agriculture's 1955 Household Food Consumption Survey that families of three or more persons spent approximately one-third of their after-tax money income on food; accordingly, poverty thresholds for families of three or more persons were set at three times the cost of the economy food plan. Different procedures were used to calculate poverty thresholds for two-person families and persons living alone in order to compensate for the relatively larger fixed expenses of these smaller units. For two-person families, the cost of the economy food plan was multiplied by a factor of 3.7 (also derived from the 1955 survey). For unrelated individuals (one-person units), no multiplier was used; poverty thresholds were instead calculated as a fixed proportion of the corresponding thresholds for two-person units. Annual updates of these SSA poverty thresholds were based on price changes of the items in the economy food plan.

¹For a detailed discussion of the original SSA poverty thresholds, see Mollie Orshansky, *Counting the Poor: Another Look at the Poverty Profile*, Social Security Bulletin, vol. 28, no. 1, January 1965, pp. 3-29 (reprinted in Social Security Bulletin, vol. 51, no. 10, October 1988, pp. 25-51); and *Who's Who Among the Poor: A Demographic View of Poverty*, Social Security Bulletin, vol. 28, no. 7, July 1965, pp. 3-32.

As a result of deliberations of a Federal interagency committee in 1969, the following two modifications to the original SSA definition of poverty were adopted:²

1. The SSA thresholds for nonfarm families were retained for the base year 1963, but annual adjustments in the levels were based on changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) rather than on changes in the cost of foods in the economy food plan.
2. The farm thresholds were raised from 70 to 85 percent of the corresponding nonfarm levels. The combined impact of these two modifications resulted in an increase in the tabulated totals for 1967 of 360,000 poor families and 1.6 million poor persons.

In 1981, three additional modifications in the poverty definition recommended by another interagency committee were adopted for implementation in the March 1982 CPS as well as the 1980 census:

1. Elimination of separate thresholds for farm families
2. Elimination (by averaging) of separate thresholds for female-householder families and "all other" families (earlier termed "male-headed" families)
3. Extension of the detailed poverty threshold matrix to make the largest family size category "nine persons or more"

For further details, see the section, "Changes in the Definition of Poverty," in Current Population Reports, Series P-60, No. 133.

The poverty thresholds are increased each year by the same percentage as the annual average Consumer Price Index (CPI). Table A-1 shows the CPI and the corresponding thresholds for a family of four for the 1959-97 period. The poverty thresholds are currently adjusted using the annual average CPI-U (1982-84 = 100). This base year has been used since 1988. From 1980 through 1987, the thresholds were adjusted using the CPI-U (1967 = 100). The CPI (1963 = 100) was used to adjust thresholds prior to 1980. Table A-2 shows the full poverty threshold matrix for 1997.

For further information on how the poverty thresholds were developed and subsequent changes in them, see Gordon M. Fisher, "The Development and History of the Poverty Thresholds," Social Security Bulletin, vol. 55, no. 4, Winter 1992, pp. 3-14.

Table A-1. Average Poverty Threshold for a Family of Four and the Consumer Price Indexes (CPI-U and CPI-U-X1): 1947 Through 1997

(1982-84=100)

Year	Average threshold for a family of four people ¹ (dollars)	CPI-U	CPI-U-X1 ²
1997.....	16,400	160.5	160.5
1996.....	16,036	156.9	156.9
1995.....	15,569	152.4	152.4
1994.....	15,141	148.2	148.2
1993.....	14,763	144.5	144.5
1992.....	14,335	140.3	140.3
1991.....	13,924	136.2	136.2
1990.....	13,359	130.7	130.7
1989.....	12,674	124.0	124.0
1988.....	12,092	118.3	118.3
1987.....	11,611	113.6	113.6
1986.....	11,203	109.6	109.6
1985.....	10,989	107.6	107.6
1984.....	10,609	103.9	103.9
1983.....	10,178	99.6	99.6
1982.....	9,862	96.5	95.6
1981.....	9,287	90.9	90.1
1980.....	8,414	82.4	82.3
1979.....	7,412	72.6	74.0
1978.....	6,662	65.2	67.5
1977.....	6,191	60.6	63.2
1976.....	5,815	56.9	59.4
1975.....	5,500	53.8	56.2
1974.....	5,038	49.3	51.9
1973.....	4,540	44.4	47.2
1972.....	4,275	41.8	44.4
1971.....	4,137	40.5	43.1
1970.....	3,968	38.8	41.3
1969.....	3,743	36.7	39.4
1968.....	3,553	34.8	37.7
1967.....	3,410	33.4	36.3
1966.....	3,317	32.4	35.2
1965.....	3,223	31.5	34.2
1964.....	3,169	31.0	33.7
1963.....	3,128	30.6	33.3
1962.....	3,089	30.2	32.8
1961.....	3,054	29.9	32.5
1960.....	3,022	29.6	32.2
1959.....	2,973	29.1	31.6
1958.....	(NA)	28.9	31.4
1957.....	(NA)	28.1	30.5
1956.....	(NA)	27.2	29.6
1955.....	(NA)	26.8	29.1
1954.....	(NA)	26.9	29.2
1953.....	(NA)	26.7	29.0
1952.....	(NA)	26.5	28.8
1951.....	(NA)	26.0	28.3
1950.....	(NA)	24.1	26.2
1949.....	(NA)	23.8	25.9
1948.....	(NA)	24.1	26.2
1947.....	(NA)	22.3	24.2

¹For years prior to 1981, average threshold for a nonfarm family of four is shown.

²Factors prior to 1967 are extrapolated.

NA Not available.

²Poverty thresholds for 1959-1967 were recalculated on this basis, and revised poverty population figures for those years were tabulated using the revised thresholds. These revised 1959-1967 poverty population figures have been published in Census Bureau reports issued since August 1969 (including the present report). Because of this revision, poverty statistics from documents dated before August 1969 are not comparable with current poverty statistics.

Table A-2. Poverty Thresholds in 1997, by Size of Family and Number of Related Children Under 18 Years

[Dollars]

Size of family unit	Weighted average thresholds	Related children under 18 years								
		None	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six	Seven	Eight or more
One person (unrelated individual) ..	8,183									
Under 65 years	8,350	8,350								
65 years and over	7,698	7,698								
Two people	10,473									
Householder under 65 years	10,805	10,748	11,063							
Householder 65 years and over ..	9,712	9,701	11,021							
Three people	12,802	12,554	12,919	12,931						
Four people	16,400	16,555	16,825	16,276	16,333					
Five people	19,380	19,964	20,255	19,634	19,154	18,861				
Six people	21,886	22,962	23,053	22,578	22,123	21,446	21,045			
Seven people	24,802	26,421	26,586	26,017	25,621	24,882	24,021	23,076		
Eight people	27,593	29,550	29,811	29,274	28,804	28,137	27,290	26,409	26,185	
Nine people or more	32,566	35,546	35,719	35,244	34,845	34,190	33,289	32,474	32,272	31,029

Ratio of income to poverty level. Because the poverty definition does not meet all the needs of the analysts of the data, a few of the tables in the report present variations of the poverty level expressed as a ratio of income to the family's (or unrelated individual's) appropriate poverty threshold. Ratios below 1.00 are below the official definition while a ratio of 1.00 or greater indicates income above the poverty level. A ratio between 1.00 and 1.25 indicates, for example, that a family's income was above their poverty threshold but below 125 percent of their poverty threshold. If a family's poverty threshold was \$10,000 a ratio of 1.00 to 1.25 would mean their income was between \$10,000 and \$12,500.

Rounding. Percentages are rounded to the nearest tenth of a percent; therefore, the percentages in a distribution do not always add to exactly 100.0 percent.

Symbols. The following abbreviations and symbols are used in this publication:

- represents zero or rounds to zero.
- B The base for the derived figure is less than 75,000.
- NA Not available.
- r Revised.

Unrelated individuals. The term "unrelated individuals" refers to persons 15 years and over (other than inmates of institutions) who are not living with any relatives. An unrelated individual may either:

- Constitute a one-person household
- Be part of a household including one or more other families or unrelated individuals
- or
- Reside in group quarters, such as a rooming house

Thus, a widow living by herself or with one or more other persons not related to her, a lodger not related to the householder or to anyone else in the household, and a servant living in an employer's household with no relatives are examples of unrelated individuals. The poverty status of unrelated individuals is determined independently of other household members' income.

Work experience. A person with work experience is one who, during the preceding calendar year, did any work for pay or profit or worked without pay on a family-operated farm or business at any time during the year, on a part-time or full-time basis. A year-round worker is one who worked for 50 weeks or more during the preceding calendar year. A person is classified as having worked full time if he or she worked 35 hours or more per week during a majority of the weeks worked. A year-round, full-time worker is a person who worked full time, 35 or more hours per week and 50 or more weeks during the previous calendar year.

Appendix B.

Description of Methods Used to Value Taxes and Noncash Benefits

DESCRIPTION OF CUMULATIVE INCOME DEFINITIONS:

1. **Money income excluding capital gains before taxes.** This is the official definition used in Census Bureau reports.
 - a. Money income after taxes without earned income credit (EIC). This definition also simulated net capital gains.
 - b. Money income after taxes, including EIC. This is definition 1a plus the EIC.
2. **Definition 1 less government cash transfers.** Government cash transfers include nonmeans-tested transfers such as social security payments, unemployment compensation, and government education assistance (e.g. Pell Grants) as well as means-tested transfers such as AFDC and SSI. (For a complete listing of transfer income, see definitions 9 and 12.)
3. **Definition 2 plus realized capital gains.** Realized capital gains and losses are simulated as part of the Census Bureau's tax estimation procedure (described below).
4. **Definition 3 plus health insurance supplements to wage or salary income.** Employer's payments for health insurance coverage are treated as part of total worker compensation. Dollar amounts are simulated.
5. **Definition 4 less payroll taxes.** Payroll taxes include payments for Social Security Old Age, Survivors, Disability, and Hospital Insurance (medicare) and are simulated.
6. **Definition 5 less federal income taxes.** The simulated effect of subtracting federal income taxes, without the EIC.
7. **Definition 6 plus the EIC.** Illustrates the effect of the EIC separately.
8. **Definition 7 less state income taxes.** State income taxes are simulated as part of the Census Bureau's tax estimation procedure.
9. **Definition 8 plus nonmeans-tested government cash transfers.** Nonmeans-tested government cash transfer include social security payments, unemployment compensation, worker's compensation, nonmeans-tested veteran's payments, U.S. railroad retirement, Black Lung payments, Pell Grants, and other government educational assistance. (Pell Grants are income-tested but are included here because they are very different from the assistance programs that are included in the means-tested category.)
10. **Definition 9 plus the value of medicare.** The income value of medicare benefits are counted as a fungible value¹ (see description of valuation method below).
11. **Definition 10 plus the value of regular-price school lunches.** Dollar amounts are simulated.
12. **Definition 11 plus means-tested government cash transfers.** Means-tested government cash transfers include AFDC, SSI, and other public assistance programs, and means-tested veteran's payments.
13. **Definition 12 plus the value of medicaid.** The income value of medicaid benefits are counted as a fungible value, similar to medicare benefits.
14. **Definition 13 plus the value of other means-tested government noncash transfers.** These include food stamps, rent subsidies, and free and reduced-price school lunches. Valuation of methods are described below.
 - a. Definition 13 plus the value of other means-tested government noncash transfers less medical programs. This is cash income plus all noncash income except imputed income from owner-occupied housing, minus the fungible values of medicaid and medicare.
15. **Definition 14 plus net imputed return on equity in owner occupied housing.** This definition includes calculated annual benefits of converting one's home equity into an annuity, net of property taxes.

Description of Methods Used to Estimate Taxes and Capital Gains

In all, four types of taxes were simulated: federal individual income taxes, state individual income taxes, property taxes on owner-occupied housing, and payroll taxes.

¹The fungible approach for valuing medical coverage assigns income to the extent that it would free up resources that would have been spent on medical care.

One major element in the simulation system was statistical summaries of individual income tax returns compiled by the Internal Revenue Service. These statistics are made available in the IRS publication series, Statistics of Income (SOI). Some unpublished statistical summaries from the IRS were also used to develop these procedures.

A second element was the 1991 American Housing Survey microdata file. This element was used to assign property taxes paid to the March CPS sample households residing in owner-occupied housing.

Federal Income Taxes

Simulation of federal income taxes required up to four separate operations:

1. **Formation and classification of federal income tax filing unit.** A federal tax filing "unit" was defined as any individual (or married couple) with income levels that either corresponded to tax laws or helped bring the estimated number of filing units on the CPS in line with IRS Statistics of Income (SOI) data. An algorithm for assigning dependency for each tax unit was used.

2. **Computation of adjusted gross income and capital gains.** Adjusted gross income (AGI) for each simulated tax filing unit was calculated by summing the income amounts from all taxable sources and an imputed amount for capital gains.

Capital gains were imputed to tax filing units based on data obtained from a Statistics of Income (SOI) public use file and reports summarizing information reported on federal tax returns.

A portion of social security income was included if the sum of AGI and half of the total social security amount exceeded levels proscribed in the tax code. Payments to Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA's) were simulated for the tax model. The May 1983 CPS pension supplement (updated to reflect changes in IRA regulations) was used to estimate probabilities of tax-filing units contributing to IRA's and the average amounts contributed.

3. **Computation of taxable income and taxes paid.** Taxable income was computed by subtracting the estimated allowable deductions from AGI. This was accomplished using data from the American Housing Survey (AHS) data files, the 1979 Income Survey Development Program (ISDP) panel and SOI data.

The dependent child care credit was simulated in a federal tax model and subtracted from the total tax liability. Data from the June 1982 CPS supplement were used to estimate probabilities of tax filers paying for child care. These estimates are updated annually from SOI data.

4. **Computation of earned income credit.** The earned income credit was simulated. Since the earned income credit can be larger than federal tax liability, the net effect of federal income taxes (definition 7) in table 1 of this report can be negative.

State Individual Income Taxes

For the purpose of this model, the definitions of tax filing units and AGI used for the estimation of federal income taxes were also used for the simulation of state income taxes for those states requiring payments. The amounts of state individual income taxes paid were computed by developing a model of each state's income tax regulations.

Property Taxes on Owner-Occupied Housing

In order to simulate property taxes for owner-occupied housing units, the March CPS simulation file was statistically matched to the American Housing Survey (AHS).

Payroll Taxes

The social security payroll tax (FICA) was simulated using occupation of longest job and earnings data reported on the CPS. Social security payroll taxes were calculated directly from the reported CPS earnings using the social security payroll tax formula.

Employer Contributions to Health Insurance

Data from the 1977 National Medical Care Expenditure Survey (NMCES) were used to estimate a model of employer contributions. The model was applied to the CPS file to obtain estimates of the amount of employer contributions for each worker whose employer paid all or part of the cost of his or her health plan.

Medicare and Medicaid

The income value of benefits from medicare and medicaid was defined as the fungible value of the benefits. The principle that was followed in determining fungible value can be summarized as follows: Medicare and medicaid benefits are counted as income to the extent that they free up resources that could have been spent on medical care. Data on mean outlays per enrollee were used in the valuation process.

Value of School Lunches

The income value of the school lunch program for each participant family was calculated by determining the annual subsidy based on information on subsidies per meal obtained from the Department of Agriculture.

Value of Food Stamps

The income value of food stamps was set equal to their face value, reported in the March supplement.

Housing Subsidies

The basis for the calculation of the value of housing subsidies was the 1985 American Housing Survey. The calculation of actual rent was taken directly from survey responses. The calculation of the rent the family would have expected to pay if the unit was not subsidized required the development of a statistical model that

measured the effect of certain housing characteristics on gross rent. The estimated subsidies are the 1985 estimates updated to reflect changes in shelter costs.

Net Imputed Return on Equity in Own Home

The valuation method was implemented by preparing an enhanced CPS file that used information on the 1987 American Housing Survey (AHS) file to assign values of home equity and amounts of property taxes to CPS households. The file was created by statistically matching each CPS household to an AHS household with similar characteristics.

Appendix C. Time Series Estimates of Poverty

Included in this appendix are time series estimates of poverty. The time series data are shown for people by family relationship, age, type of family, and presence of related children. These data also are shown by race and Hispanic origin.

In addition, time series data for the 18 alternative definitions of income are shown for all people by poverty

status. These are shown using both the CPI-U and the CPI-U-X1. An earlier time series was published in the Current Population Report, P60-186RD, *Measuring the Effect of Benefits and Taxes on Income and Poverty: 1992*.

Table C-1. **Poverty Status of People by Family Relationship, Race, and Hispanic Origin: 1959 to 1997**

[Numbers in thousands. People as of March of the following year]

Year and characteristic	All people			People in families						Unrelated individuals		
	Total	Below poverty level		All families			Families with female householder, no husband present			Total	Below poverty level	
				Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level				
		Number	Percent		Number	Percent		Number	Percent		Number	Percent
ALL RACES												
1997	268,480	35,574	13.3	225,369	26,217	11.6	38,412	13,494	35.1	41,672	8,687	20.8
1996	266,218	36,529	13.7	223,955	27,376	12.2	38,584	13,796	35.8	40,727	8,452	20.8
1995	263,733	36,425	13.8	222,792	27,501	12.3	38,908	14,205	36.5	39,484	8,247	20.9
1994	261,616	38,059	14.5	221,430	28,985	13.1	37,253	14,380	38.6	38,538	8,287	21.5
1993	259,278	39,265	15.1	219,489	29,927	13.6	37,861	14,636	38.7	38,038	8,388	22.1
1992 ^r	256,549	38,014	14.8	217,936	28,961	13.3	36,446	14,205	39.0	36,842	8,075	21.9
1991	251,179	35,708	14.2	212,716	27,143	12.8	34,790	13,824	39.7	36,839	7,773	21.1
1990	248,644	33,585	13.5	210,967	25,232	12.0	33,795	12,578	37.2	36,056	7,446	20.7
1989	245,992	31,528	12.8	209,515	24,066	11.5	32,525	11,668	35.9	35,185	6,760	19.2
1988 ^r	243,530	31,745	13.0	208,056	24,048	11.6	32,164	11,972	37.2	34,340	7,070	20.6
1987 ^r	240,982	32,221	13.4	206,877	24,725	12.0	31,893	12,148	38.1	32,992	6,857	20.8
1986	238,554	32,370	13.6	205,459	24,754	12.0	31,152	11,944	38.3	31,679	6,846	21.6
1985	236,594	33,064	14.0	203,963	25,729	12.6	30,878	11,600	37.6	31,351	6,725	21.5
1984	233,816	33,700	14.4	202,288	26,458	13.1	30,844	11,831	38.4	30,268	6,609	21.8
1983	231,700	35,303	15.2	201,338	27,933	13.9	30,049	12,072	40.2	29,158	6,740	23.1
1982	229,412	34,398	15.0	200,385	27,349	13.6	28,834	11,701	40.6	27,908	6,458	23.1
1981	227,157	31,822	14.0	198,541	24,850	12.5	28,587	11,051	38.7	27,714	6,490	23.4
1980	225,027	29,272	13.0	196,963	22,601	11.5	27,565	10,120	36.7	27,133	6,227	22.9
1979	222,903	26,072	11.7	195,860	19,964	10.2	26,927	9,400	34.9	26,170	5,743	21.9
1978	215,656	24,497	11.4	191,071	19,062	10.0	26,032	9,269	35.6	24,585	5,435	22.1
1977	213,867	24,720	11.6	190,757	19,505	10.2	25,404	9,205	36.2	23,110	5,216	22.6
1976	212,303	24,975	11.8	190,844	19,632	10.3	24,204	9,029	37.3	21,459	5,344	24.9
1975	210,864	25,877	12.3	190,630	20,789	10.9	23,580	8,846	37.5	20,234	5,088	25.1
1974	209,362	23,370	11.2	190,436	18,817	9.9	23,165	8,462	36.5	18,926	4,553	24.1
1973	207,621	22,973	11.1	189,361	18,299	9.7	21,823	8,178	37.5	18,260	4,674	25.6
1972	206,004	24,460	11.9	189,193	19,577	10.3	21,264	8,114	38.2	16,811	4,883	29.0
1971	204,554	25,559	12.5	188,242	20,405	10.8	20,153	7,797	38.7	16,311	5,154	31.6
1970	202,183	25,420	12.6	186,692	20,330	10.9	19,673	7,503	38.1	15,491	5,090	32.9
1969	199,517	24,147	12.1	184,891	19,175	10.4	17,995	6,879	38.2	14,626	4,972	34.0
1968	197,628	25,389	12.8	183,825	20,695	11.3	18,048	6,990	38.7	13,803	4,694	34.0
1967	195,672	27,769	14.2	182,558	22,771	12.5	17,788	6,898	38.8	13,114	4,998	38.1
1966	193,388	28,510	14.7	181,117	23,809	13.1	17,240	6,861	39.8	12,271	4,701	38.3
1965	191,413	33,185	17.3	179,281	28,358	15.8	16,371	7,524	46.0	12,132	4,827	39.8
1964	189,710	36,055	19.0	177,653	30,912	17.4	(NA)	7,297	44.4	12,057	5,143	42.7
1963	187,258	36,436	19.5	176,076	31,498	17.9	(NA)	7,646	47.7	11,182	4,938	44.2
1962	184,276	38,625	21.0	173,263	33,623	19.4	(NA)	7,781	50.3	11,013	5,002	45.4
1961	181,277	39,628	21.9	170,131	34,509	20.3	(NA)	7,252	48.1	11,146	5,119	45.9
1960	179,503	39,851	22.2	168,615	34,925	20.7	(NA)	7,247	48.9	10,888	4,926	45.2
1959	176,557	39,490	22.4	165,858	34,562	20.8	(NA)	7,014	49.4	10,699	4,928	46.1
WHITE												
1997	221,200	24,396	11.0	185,147	17,258	9.3	23,773	7,296	30.7	34,858	6,593	18.9
1996	219,656	24,650	11.2	184,119	17,621	9.6	23,744	7,073	29.8	34,247	6,463	18.9
1995	218,028	24,423	11.2	183,450	17,593	9.6	23,732	7,047	29.7	33,399	6,336	19.0
1994	216,460	25,379	11.7	182,546	18,474	10.1	22,713	7,228	31.8	32,569	6,292	19.3
1993	214,899	26,226	12.2	181,330	18,968	10.5	23,224	7,199	31.0	32,112	6,443	20.1
1992 ^r	213,060	25,259	11.9	180,409	18,294	10.1	22,453	6,907	30.8	31,170	6,147	19.7
1991	210,121	23,747	11.3	177,613	17,268	9.7	21,604	6,806	31.5	31,201	5,872	18.8
1990	208,611	22,326	10.7	176,504	15,916	9.0	20,845	6,210	29.8	30,833	5,739	18.6
1989	206,853	20,785	10.0	175,857	15,179	8.6	20,362	5,723	28.1	29,993	5,063	16.9

See footnotes at end of table.

Table C-1. **Poverty Status of People by Family Relationship, Race, and Hispanic Origin: 1959 to 1997—Con.**

[Numbers in thousands. People as of March of the following year]

Year and characteristic	All people			People in families						Unrelated individuals		
	Total	Below poverty level		All families			Families with female householder, no husband present			Total	Below poverty level	
				Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level				
		Number	Percent		Number	Percent		Number	Percent		Number	Percent
WHITE—Con.												
1988 ¹	205,235	20,715	10.1	175,111	15,001	8.6	20,396	5,950	29.2	29,315	5,314	18.1
1987 ¹	203,605	21,195	10.4	174,488	15,593	8.9	20,244	5,989	29.6	28,290	5,174	18.3
1986.....	202,282	22,183	11.0	174,024	16,393	9.4	20,163	6,171	30.6	27,143	5,198	19.2
1985.....	200,918	22,860	11.4	172,863	17,125	9.9	20,105	5,990	29.8	27,067	5,299	19.6
1984.....	198,941	22,955	11.5	171,839	17,299	10.1	19,727	5,866	29.7	26,094	5,181	19.9
1983.....	197,496	23,984	12.1	171,407	18,377	10.7	19,256	6,017	31.2	25,206	5,189	20.6
1982.....	195,919	23,517	12.0	170,748	18,015	10.6	18,374	5,686	30.9	24,300	5,041	20.7
1981.....	194,504	21,553	11.1	169,868	16,127	9.5	18,795	5,600	29.8	23,913	5,061	21.2
1980.....	192,912	19,699	10.2	168,756	14,587	8.6	17,642	4,940	28.0	23,370	4,760	20.4
1979.....	191,742	17,214	9.0	168,461	12,495	7.4	17,349	4,375	25.2	22,587	4,452	19.7
1978.....	186,450	16,259	8.7	165,193	12,050	7.3	16,877	4,371	25.9	21,257	4,209	19.8
1977.....	185,254	16,416	8.9	165,385	12,364	7.5	16,721	4,474	26.8	19,869	4,051	20.4
1976.....	184,165	16,713	9.1	165,571	12,500	7.5	15,941	4,463	28.0	18,594	4,213	22.7
1975.....	183,164	17,770	9.7	165,661	13,799	8.3	15,577	4,577	29.4	17,503	3,972	22.7
1974.....	182,376	15,736	8.6	166,081	12,181	7.3	15,433	4,278	27.7	16,295	3,555	21.8
1973.....	181,185	15,142	8.4	165,424	11,412	6.9	14,303	4,003	28.0	15,761	3,730	23.7
1972.....	180,125	16,203	9.0	165,630	12,268	7.4	13,739	3,770	27.4	14,495	3,935	27.1
1971.....	179,398	17,780	9.9	165,184	13,566	8.2	13,502	4,099	30.4	14,214	4,214	29.6
1970.....	177,376	17,484	9.9	163,875	13,323	8.1	13,226	3,761	28.4	13,500	4,161	30.8
1969.....	175,349	16,659	9.5	162,779	12,623	7.8	12,285	3,577	29.1	12,570	4,036	32.1
1968.....	173,732	17,395	10.0	161,777	13,546	8.4	12,190	3,551	29.1	11,955	3,849	32.2
1967.....	172,038	18,983	11.0	160,720	14,851	9.2	12,131	3,453	28.5	11,318	4,132	36.5
1966.....	170,247	19,290	11.3	159,561	15,430	9.7	12,261	3,646	29.7	10,686	3,860	36.1
1965.....	168,732	22,496	13.3	158,255	18,508	11.7	11,573	4,092	35.4	10,477	3,988	38.1
1964.....	167,313	24,957	14.9	156,898	20,716	13.2	(NA)	3,911	33.4	10,415	4,241	40.7
1963.....	165,309	25,238	15.3	155,584	21,149	13.6	(NA)	4,051	35.6	9,725	4,089	42.0
1962.....	162,842	26,672	16.4	153,348	22,613	14.7	(NA)	4,089	37.9	9,494	4,059	42.7
1961.....	160,306	27,890	17.4	150,717	23,747	15.8	(NA)	4,062	37.6	9,589	4,143	43.2
1960.....	158,863	28,309	17.8	149,458	24,262	16.2	(NA)	4,296	39.0	9,405	4,047	43.0
1959.....	156,956	28,484	18.1	147,802	24,443	16.5	(NA)	4,232	40.2	9,154	4,041	44.1
BLACK												
1997.....	34,458	9,116	26.5	28,962	7,386	25.5	13,218	5,654	42.8	5,316	1,645	31.0
1996.....	34,110	9,694	28.4	28,933	7,993	27.6	13,193	6,123	46.4	4,989	1,606	32.2
1995.....	33,740	9,872	29.3	28,777	8,189	28.5	13,604	6,553	48.2	4,756	1,551	32.6
1994.....	33,353	10,196	30.6	28,499	8,447	29.6	12,926	6,489	50.2	4,649	1,617	34.8
1993.....	32,910	10,877	33.1	28,106	9,242	32.9	13,132	6,955	53.0	4,608	1,541	33.4
1992 ¹	32,411	10,827	33.4	27,790	9,134	32.9	12,591	6,799	54.0	4,410	1,569	35.6
1991.....	31,312	10,242	32.7	26,564	8,504	32.0	11,959	6,557	54.8	4,505	1,590	35.3
1990.....	30,806	9,837	31.9	26,296	8,160	31.0	11,866	6,005	50.6	4,244	1,491	35.1
1989.....	30,332	9,302	30.7	25,931	7,704	29.7	11,190	5,530	49.4	4,180	1,471	35.2
1988 ¹	29,849	9,356	31.3	25,484	7,650	30.0	10,794	5,601	51.9	4,095	1,509	36.8
1987 ¹	29,362	9,520	32.4	25,128	7,848	31.2	10,701	5,789	54.1	3,977	1,471	37.0
1986.....	28,871	8,983	31.1	24,910	7,410	29.7	10,175	5,473	53.8	3,714	1,431	38.5
1985.....	28,485	8,926	31.3	24,620	7,504	30.5	10,041	5,342	53.2	3,641	1,264	34.7
1984.....	28,087	9,490	33.8	24,387	8,104	33.2	10,384	5,666	54.6	3,501	1,255	35.8
1983.....	27,678	9,882	35.7	24,138	8,376	34.7	10,059	5,736	57.0	3,287	1,338	40.7
1982.....	27,216	9,697	35.6	23,948	8,355	34.9	9,699	5,698	58.8	3,051	1,229	40.3
1981.....	26,834	9,173	34.2	23,423	7,780	33.2	9,214	5,222	56.7	3,277	1,296	39.6
1980.....	26,408	8,579	32.5	23,084	7,190	31.1	9,338	4,984	53.4	3,208	1,314	41.0

See footnotes at end of table.

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(Numbers in thousands. People as of March of the following year)

Year and characteristic	All people			People in families						Unrelated individuals		
	Total	Below poverty level		All families			Families with female householder, no husband present			Total	Below poverty level	
				Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level				
		Number	Percent		Number	Percent		Number	Percent		Number	Percent
BLACK—Con.												
1979.....	25,944	8,050	31.0	22,666	6,800	30.0	9,065	4,816	53.1	3,127	1,168	37.3
1978.....	24,956	7,625	30.6	22,027	6,493	29.5	8,689	4,712	54.2	2,929	1,132	38.6
1977.....	24,710	7,726	31.3	21,850	6,667	30.5	8,315	4,595	55.3	2,860	1,059	37.0
1976.....	24,399	7,595	31.1	21,840	6,576	30.1	7,926	4,415	55.7	2,559	1,019	39.8
1975.....	24,089	7,545	31.3	21,687	6,533	30.1	7,679	4,168	54.3	2,402	1,011	42.1
1974.....	23,699	7,182	30.3	21,341	6,255	29.3	7,483	4,116	55.0	2,359	927	39.3
1973.....	23,512	7,388	31.4	21,328	6,560	30.8	7,188	4,064	56.5	2,183	828	37.9
1972.....	23,144	7,710	33.3	21,116	6,841	32.4	7,125	4,139	58.1	2,028	870	42.9
1971.....	22,784	7,396	32.5	20,900	6,530	31.2	6,398	3,587	56.1	1,884	866	46.0
1970.....	22,515	7,548	33.5	20,724	6,683	32.2	6,225	3,656	58.7	1,791	865	48.3
1969.....	22,011	7,095	32.2	20,192	6,245	30.9	5,537	3,225	58.2	1,819	850	46.7
1968.....	21,944	7,616	34.7	(NA)	6,839	33.7	(NA)	3,312	58.9	(NA)	777	46.3
1967.....	21,590	8,486	39.3	(NA)	7,677	38.4	(NA)	3,362	61.6	(NA)	809	49.3
1966.....	21,206	8,867	41.8	(NA)	8,090	40.9	(NA)	3,160	65.3	(NA)	777	54.4
1959.....	18,013	9,927	55.1	(NA)	9,112	54.9	(NA)	2,416	70.6	1,430	815	57.0
HISPANIC ORIGIN¹												
1997.....	30,637	8,308	27.1	27,467	7,198	26.2	5,718	2,911	50.9	2,976	1,017	34.2
1996.....	29,614	8,697	29.4	26,340	7,515	28.5	5,641	3,020	53.5	2,985	1,066	35.7
1995.....	28,344	8,574	30.3	25,165	7,341	29.2	5,785	3,053	52.8	2,947	1,092	37.0
1994.....	27,442	8,416	30.7	24,390	7,357	30.2	5,328	2,920	54.8	2,798	926	33.1
1993.....	26,559	8,126	30.6	23,439	6,876	29.3	5,333	2,837	53.2	2,717	972	35.8
1992 ^r	25,646	7,592	29.6	22,695	6,455	28.4	4,806	2,474	51.5	2,577	881	34.2
1991.....	22,068	6,339	28.7	19,657	5,541	28.2	4,326	2,282	52.7	2,145	667	31.1
1990.....	21,405	6,006	28.1	18,912	5,091	26.9	3,993	2,115	53.0	2,254	774	34.3
1989.....	20,746	5,430	26.2	18,488	4,659	25.2	3,763	1,902	50.6	2,045	634	31.0
1988 ^r	20,064	5,357	26.7	18,102	4,700	26.0	3,734	2,052	55.0	1,864	597	32.0
1987 ^r	19,395	5,422	28.0	17,342	4,761	27.5	3,678	2,045	55.6	1,933	598	31.0
1986.....	18,758	5,117	27.3	16,880	4,469	26.5	3,631	1,921	52.9	1,685	553	32.8
1985.....	18,075	5,236	29.0	16,276	4,605	28.3	3,561	1,983	55.7	1,602	532	33.2
1984.....	16,916	4,806	28.4	15,293	4,192	27.4	3,139	1,764	56.2	1,481	545	36.8
1983.....	16,544	4,633	28.0	15,075	4,113	27.3	3,032	1,670	55.1	1,364	457	33.5
1982.....	14,385	4,301	29.9	13,242	3,865	29.2	2,664	1,601	60.1	1,018	358	35.1
1981.....	14,021	3,713	26.5	12,922	3,349	25.9	2,622	1,465	55.9	1,005	313	31.1
1980.....	13,600	3,491	25.7	12,547	3,143	25.1	2,421	1,319	54.5	970	312	32.2
1979.....	13,371	2,921	21.8	12,291	2,599	21.1	2,058	1,053	51.2	991	286	28.8
1978.....	12,079	2,607	21.6	11,193	2,343	20.9	1,817	1,024	56.4	886	264	29.8
1977.....	12,046	2,700	22.4	11,249	2,463	21.9	1,901	1,077	56.7	797	237	29.8
1976.....	11,269	2,783	24.7	10,552	2,516	23.8	1,766	1,000	56.6	716	266	37.2
1975.....	11,117	2,991	26.9	10,472	2,755	26.3	1,842	1,053	57.2	645	236	36.6
1974.....	11,201	2,575	23.0	10,584	2,374	22.4	1,723	915	53.1	617	201	32.6
1973.....	10,795	2,366	21.9	10,269	2,209	21.5	1,534	881	57.4	526	157	29.9
1972.....	10,588	2,414	22.8	10,099	2,252	22.3	1,370	733	53.5	488	162	33.2
ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER												
1997.....	10,482	1,468	14.0	9,312	1,116	12.0	932	313	33.6	1,134	327	28.9
1996.....	10,054	1,454	14.5	8,900	1,172	13.2	1,018	300	29.5	1,120	255	22.8
1995.....	9,644	1,411	14.6	8,582	1,112	13.0	919	266	28.9	1,013	260	25.6
1994.....	6,654	974	14.6	5,915	776	13.1	582	137	23.6	696	179	25.7
1993.....	7,434	1,134	15.3	6,609	898	13.6	725	126	17.4	791	228	28.8

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Table C-1. Poverty Status of People by Family Relationship, Race, and Hispanic Origin: 1959 to 1997—Con.

[Numbers in thousands. People as of March of the following year]

Year and characteristic	All people			People in families						Unrelated individuals		
	Total	Below poverty level		All families			Families with female householder, no husband present			Total	Below poverty level	
				Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level				
		Number	Percent		Number	Percent		Number	Percent		Number	Percent
ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER—Con.	Total	Number	Percent	Total	Number	Percent	Total	Number	Percent	Total	Number	Percent
1992 ^r	7,779	985	12.7	6,922	787	11.4	729	183	25.0	828	193	23.3
1991	7,192	996	13.8	6,367	773	12.1	721	177	24.6	785	209	26.6
1990	7,014	858	12.2	6,300	712	11.3	638	132	20.7	668	124	18.5
1989	6,673	939	14.1	5,917	779	13.2	614	212	34.6	712	144	20.2
1988 ^r	6,447	1,117	17.3	5,767	942	16.3	650	263	40.5	651	160	24.5
1987 ^r	6,322	1,021	16.1	5,785	875	15.1	584	187	32.0	516	138	26.8

^rFor 1992, figures are based on 1990 census population controls. For 1987 and 1988, figures are based on new processing procedures and are also revised to reflect corrections to the files after publication of the 1988 advance report, *Money Income and Poverty Status in the United States: 1988*, P-60, No. 166.

¹People of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

NA Not available.

Note: Prior to 1979, people in unrelated subfamilies were included in people in families. Beginning in 1979, people in unrelated subfamilies are included in all people but are excluded from people in families.

Table C-2. Poverty Status of People by Age, Race, and Hispanic Origin: 1959 to 1997

[Numbers in thousands. People as of March of the following year]

Year and characteristic	Under 18 years						18 to 64 years			65 years and over		
	All people			Related children in families			Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level	
	Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level							
		Number	Percent		Number	Percent						
ALL RACES												
1997	71,069	14,113	19.9	69,844	13,422	19.2	165,329	18,084	10.9	32,082	3,376	10.5
1996	70,650	14,463	20.5	69,411	13,764	19.8	163,691	18,638	11.4	31,877	3,428	10.8
1995	70,566	14,665	20.8	69,425	13,999	20.2	161,508	18,442	11.4	31,658	3,318	10.5
1994	70,020	15,289	21.8	68,819	14,610	21.2	160,329	19,107	11.9	31,267	3,663	11.7
1993	69,292	15,727	22.7	68,040	14,961	22.0	159,208	19,781	12.4	30,779	3,755	12.2
1992 ^r	68,440	15,294	22.3	67,256	14,521	21.6	157,680	18,793	11.9	30,430	3,928	12.9
1991	65,918	14,341	21.8	64,800	13,658	21.1	154,671	17,585	11.4	30,590	3,781	12.4
1990	65,049	13,431	20.6	63,908	12,715	19.9	153,502	16,496	10.7	30,093	3,658	12.2
1989	64,144	12,590	19.6	63,225	12,001	19.0	152,282	15,575	10.2	29,566	3,363	11.4
1988 ^r	63,747	12,455	19.5	62,906	11,935	19.0	150,761	15,809	10.5	29,022	3,481	12.0
1987 ^r	63,294	12,843	20.3	62,423	12,275	19.7	149,201	15,815	10.6	28,487	3,563	12.5
1986	62,948	12,876	20.5	62,009	12,257	19.8	147,631	16,017	10.8	27,975	3,477	12.4
1985	62,876	13,010	20.7	62,019	12,483	20.1	146,396	16,598	11.3	27,322	3,456	12.6
1984	62,447	13,420	21.5	61,681	12,929	21.0	144,551	16,952	11.7	26,818	3,330	12.4
1983	62,334	13,911	22.3	61,578	13,427	21.8	143,052	17,767	12.4	26,313	3,625	13.8
1982	62,345	13,647	21.9	61,565	13,139	21.3	141,328	17,000	12.0	25,738	3,751	14.6
1981	62,449	12,505	20.0	61,756	12,068	19.5	139,477	15,464	11.1	25,231	3,853	15.3
1980	62,914	11,543	18.3	62,168	11,114	17.9	137,428	13,858	10.1	24,686	3,871	15.7
1979	63,375	10,377	16.4	62,646	9,993	16.0	135,333	12,014	8.9	24,194	3,682	15.2
1978	62,311	9,931	15.9	61,987	9,722	15.7	130,169	11,332	8.7	23,175	3,233	14.0
1977	63,137	10,288	16.2	62,823	10,028	16.0	128,262	11,316	8.8	22,468	3,177	14.1
1976	64,028	10,273	16.0	63,729	10,081	15.8	126,175	11,389	9.0	22,100	3,313	15.0
1975	65,079	11,104	17.1	64,750	10,882	16.8	124,122	11,456	9.2	21,662	3,317	15.3
1974	66,134	10,156	15.4	65,802	9,967	15.1	122,101	10,132	8.3	21,127	3,085	14.6
1973	66,959	9,642	14.4	66,626	9,453	14.2	120,060	9,977	8.3	20,602	3,354	16.3
1972	67,930	10,284	15.1	67,592	10,082	14.9	117,957	10,438	8.8	20,117	3,738	18.6
1971	68,816	10,551	15.3	68,474	10,344	15.1	115,911	10,735	9.3	19,827	4,273	21.6
1970	69,159	10,440	15.1	68,815	10,235	14.9	113,554	10,187	9.0	19,470	4,793	24.6
1969	69,090	9,691	14.0	68,746	9,501	13.8	111,528	9,669	8.7	18,899	4,787	25.3
1968	70,385	10,954	15.6	70,035	10,739	15.3	108,684	9,803	9.0	18,559	4,632	25.0
1967	70,408	11,656	16.6	70,058	11,427	16.3	107,024	10,725	10.0	18,240	5,388	29.5
1966	70,218	12,389	17.6	69,869	12,146	17.4	105,241	11,007	10.5	17,929	5,114	28.5
1965	69,986	14,676	21.0	69,638	14,388	20.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1964	69,711	16,051	23.0	69,364	15,736	22.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1963	69,181	16,005	23.1	68,837	15,691	22.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1962	67,722	16,963	25.0	67,385	16,630	24.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1961	66,121	16,909	25.6	65,792	16,577	25.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1960	65,601	17,634	26.9	65,275	17,288	26.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1959	64,315	17,552	27.3	63,995	17,208	26.9	96,685	16,457	17.0	15,557	5,481	35.2
WHITE												
1997	55,863	8,990	16.1	54,870	8,441	15.4	136,783	12,838	9.4	28,553	2,569	9.0
1996	55,606	9,044	16.3	54,599	8,488	15.5	135,586	12,940	9.5	28,464	2,667	9.4
1995	55,444	8,981	16.2	54,532	8,474	15.5	134,149	12,869	9.6	28,436	2,572	9.0
1994	55,186	9,346	16.9	54,221	8,826	16.3	133,289	13,187	9.9	27,985	2,846	10.2
1993	54,639	9,752	17.8	53,614	9,123	17.0	132,680	13,535	10.2	27,580	2,939	10.7
1992 ^r	54,110	9,399	17.4	53,110	8,752	16.5	131,694	12,871	9.8	27,256	2,989	11.0
1991	52,523	8,848	16.8	51,627	8,316	16.1	130,300	12,098	9.3	27,297	2,802	10.3
1990	51,929	8,232	15.9	51,028	7,696	15.1	129,784	11,387	8.8	26,898	2,707	10.1
1989	51,400	7,599	14.8	50,704	7,164	14.1	128,974	10,647	8.3	26,479	2,539	9.6
1988 ^r	51,203	7,435	14.5	50,590	7,095	14.0	128,031	10,687	8.3	26,001	2,593	10.0

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Table C-2. Poverty Status of People by Age, Race, and Hispanic Origin: 1959 to 1997—Con.

[Numbers in thousands. People as of March of the following year]

Year and characteristic	Under 18 years						18 to 64 years			65 years and over		
	All people			Related children in families			Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level	
	Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level							
		Number	Percent		Number	Percent						
WHITE—Con.	Total	Number	Percent	Total	Number	Percent	Total	Number	Percent	Total	Number	Percent
1987 ^r	51,012	7,788	15.3	50,360	7,398	14.7	126,991	10,703	8.4	25,602	2,704	10.6
1986	51,111	8,209	16.1	50,356	7,714	15.3	125,998	11,285	9.0	25,173	2,689	10.7
1985	51,031	8,253	16.2	50,358	7,838	15.6	125,258	11,909	9.5	24,629	2,698	11.0
1984	50,814	8,472	16.7	50,192	8,086	16.1	123,922	11,904	9.6	24,206	2,579	10.7
1983	50,726	8,862	17.5	50,183	8,534	17.0	123,014	12,347	10.0	23,754	2,776	11.7
1982	50,920	8,678	17.0	50,305	8,282	16.5	121,766	11,971	9.8	23,234	2,870	12.4
1981	51,140	7,785	15.2	50,553	7,429	14.7	120,574	10,790	8.9	22,791	2,978	13.1
1980	51,653	7,181	13.9	51,002	6,817	13.4	118,935	9,478	8.0	22,325	3,042	13.6
1979	52,262	6,193	11.8	51,687	5,909	11.4	117,583	8,110	6.9	21,898	2,911	13.3
1978	51,669	5,831	11.3	51,409	5,674	11.0	113,832	7,897	6.9	20,950	2,530	12.1
1977	52,563	6,097	11.6	52,299	5,943	11.4	112,374	7,893	7.0	20,316	2,426	11.9
1976	53,428	6,189	11.6	53,167	6,034	11.3	110,717	7,890	7.1	20,020	2,633	13.2
1975	54,405	6,927	12.7	54,126	6,748	12.5	109,105	8,210	7.5	19,654	2,634	13.4
1974	55,590	6,223	11.2	55,320	6,079	11.0	107,579	7,053	6.6	19,206	2,460	12.8
1973	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	56,211	5,462	9.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	2,698	14.4
1972	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	57,181	5,784	10.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	3,072	16.8
1971	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	58,119	6,341	10.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	3,605	19.9
1970	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	58,472	6,138	10.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	4,011	22.6
1969	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	58,578	5,667	9.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	4,052	23.3
1968	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	6,373	10.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	17,062	3,939	23.1
1967	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	6,729	11.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	16,791	4,646	27.7
1966	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	7,204	12.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	16,514	4,357	26.4
1965	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	8,595	14.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1960	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	11,229	20.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1959	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	11,386	20.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	4,744	33.1
BLACK												
1997	11,367	4,225	37.2	11,193	4,116	36.8	20,399	4,191	20.5	2,691	700	26.0
1996	11,338	4,519	39.9	11,155	4,411	39.5	20,155	4,515	22.4	2,616	661	25.3
1995	11,369	4,761	41.9	11,198	4,644	41.5	19,892	4,483	22.5	2,478	629	25.4
1994	11,211	4,906	43.8	11,044	4,787	43.3	19,585	4,590	23.4	2,557	700	27.4
1993	11,127	5,125	46.1	10,969	5,030	45.9	19,272	5,049	26.2	2,510	702	28.0
1992 ^r	10,956	5,106	46.6	10,823	5,015	46.3	18,952	4,884	25.8	2,504	838	33.5
1991	10,350	4,755	45.9	10,178	4,637	45.6	18,355	4,607	25.1	2,606	880	33.8
1990	10,162	4,550	44.8	9,980	4,412	44.2	18,097	4,427	24.5	2,547	860	33.8
1989	10,012	4,375	43.7	9,847	4,257	43.2	17,833	4,164	23.3	2,487	763	30.7
1988 ^r	9,865	4,296	43.5	9,681	4,148	42.8	17,548	4,275	24.4	2,436	785	32.2
1987 ^r	9,730	4,385	45.1	9,546	4,234	44.4	17,245	4,361	25.3	2,387	774	32.4
1986	9,629	4,148	43.1	9,467	4,037	42.7	16,911	4,113	24.3	2,331	722	31.0
1985	9,545	4,157	43.6	9,405	4,057	43.1	16,667	4,052	24.3	2,273	717	31.5
1984	9,480	4,413	46.6	9,356	4,320	46.2	16,369	4,368	26.7	2,238	710	31.7
1983	9,417	4,398	46.7	9,245	4,273	46.2	16,065	4,694	29.2	2,197	791	36.0
1982	9,400	4,472	47.6	9,269	4,388	47.3	15,692	4,415	28.1	2,124	811	38.2
1981	9,374	4,237	45.2	9,291	4,170	44.9	15,358	4,117	26.8	2,102	820	39.0
1980	9,368	3,961	42.3	9,287	3,906	42.1	14,987	3,835	25.6	2,054	783	38.1
1979	9,307	3,833	41.2	9,172	3,745	40.8	14,596	3,478	23.8	2,040	740	36.2
1978	9,229	3,830	41.5	9,168	3,781	41.2	13,774	3,133	22.7	1,954	662	33.9
1977	9,296	3,888	41.8	9,253	3,850	41.6	13,483	3,137	23.3	1,930	701	36.3
1976	9,322	3,787	40.6	9,291	3,758	40.4	13,224	3,163	23.9	1,852	644	34.8
1975	9,421	3,925	41.7	9,374	3,884	41.4	12,872	2,968	23.1	1,795	652	36.3
1974	9,439	3,755	39.8	9,384	3,713	39.6	12,539	2,836	22.6	1,721	591	34.3
1973	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	9,405	3,822	40.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1,672	620	37.1
1972	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	9,426	4,025	42.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1,603	640	39.9
1971	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	9,414	3,836	40.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1,584	623	39.3
1970	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	9,448	3,922	41.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1,422	683	48.0

See footnotes at end of table.

Table C-2. Poverty Status of People by Age, Race, and Hispanic Origin: 1959 to 1997—Con.

[Numbers in thousands. People as of March of the following year]

Year and characteristic	Under 18 years						18 to 64 years			65 years and over		
	All people			Related children in families			Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level	
	Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level							
		Number	Percent		Number	Percent						
BLACK—Con.												
1969.....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	9,290	3,677	39.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1,373	689	50.2
1968.....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	4,188	43.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1,374	655	47.7
1967.....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	4,558	47.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1,341	715	53.3
1966.....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	4,774	50.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1,311	722	55.1
1959.....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	5,022	65.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	711	62.5
HISPANIC ORIGIN¹												
1997.....	10,802	3,972	36.8	10,625	3,865	36.4	18,218	3,951	21.7	1,617	384	23.8
1996.....	10,511	4,237	40.3	10,255	4,090	39.9	17,587	4,089	23.3	1,516	370	24.4
1995.....	10,213	4,080	40.0	10,011	3,938	39.3	16,673	4,153	24.9	1,458	342	23.5
1994.....	9,822	4,075	41.5	9,621	3,956	41.1	16,192	4,018	24.8	1,428	323	22.6
1993.....	9,462	3,873	40.9	9,188	3,666	39.9	15,708	3,956	25.2	1,390	297	21.4
1992 ^r	9,081	3,637	40.0	8,829	3,440	39.0	15,268	3,668	24.0	1,298	287	22.1
1991.....	7,648	3,094	40.4	7,473	2,977	39.8	13,279	3,009	22.7	1,143	237	20.8
1990.....	7,457	2,865	38.4	7,300	2,750	37.7	12,857	2,896	22.5	1,091	245	22.5
1989.....	7,186	2,603	36.2	7,040	2,496	35.5	12,536	2,616	20.9	1,024	211	20.6
1988 ^r	7,003	2,631	37.6	6,908	2,576	37.3	12,056	2,501	20.7	1,005	225	22.4
1987 ^r	6,792	2,670	39.3	6,692	2,606	38.9	11,718	2,509	21.4	885	243	27.5
1986.....	6,646	2,507	37.7	6,511	2,413	37.1	11,206	2,406	21.5	906	204	22.5
1985.....	6,475	2,606	40.3	6,346	2,512	39.6	10,685	2,411	22.6	915	219	23.9
1984.....	6,068	2,376	39.2	5,982	2,317	38.7	10,029	2,254	22.5	819	176	21.5
1983.....	6,066	2,312	38.1	5,977	2,251	37.7	9,697	2,148	22.5	782	173	22.1
1982.....	5,527	2,181	39.5	5,436	2,117	38.9	8,262	1,963	23.8	596	159	26.6
1981.....	5,369	1,925	35.9	5,291	1,874	35.4	8,084	1,642	20.3	568	146	25.7
1980.....	5,276	1,749	33.2	5,211	1,718	33.0	7,740	1,563	20.2	582	179	30.8
1979.....	5,483	1,535	28.0	5,426	1,505	27.7	7,314	1,232	16.8	574	154	26.8
1978.....	5,012	1,384	27.6	4,972	1,354	27.2	6,527	1,098	16.8	539	125	23.2
1977.....	5,028	1,422	28.3	5,000	1,402	28.0	6,500	1,164	17.9	518	113	21.9
1976.....	4,771	1,443	30.2	4,736	1,424	30.1	6,034	1,212	20.1	464	128	27.7
1975.....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	4,896	1,619	33.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	137	32.6
1974.....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	4,939	1,414	28.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	117	28.9
1973.....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	4,910	1,364	27.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	95	24.9
ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER												
1997.....	3,096	628	20.3	3,061	608	19.9	6,680	752	11.3	705	87	12.3
1996.....	2,924	571	19.5	2,899	553	19.1	6,484	821	12.7	647	63	9.7
1995.....	2,900	564	19.5	2,858	532	18.6	6,123	757	12.4	622	89	14.3
1994.....	1,739	318	18.3	1,719	308	17.9	4,401	589	13.4	513	67	13.0
1993.....	2,061	375	18.2	2,029	358	17.6	4,871	680	14.0	503	79	15.6
1992 ^r	2,218	363	16.4	2,199	352	16.0	5,067	568	11.2	494	53	10.8
1991.....	2,056	360	17.5	2,036	348	17.1	4,583	566	12.3	555	70	12.7
1990.....	2,126	374	17.6	2,098	356	17.0	4,375	422	9.6	514	62	12.1
1989.....	1,983	392	19.8	1,945	368	18.9	4,225	512	12.1	465	34	7.4
1988 ^r	1,970	474	24.1	1,949	458	23.5	4,035	583	14.4	442	60	13.5
1987 ^r	1,937	455	23.5	1,908	432	22.7	4,010	510	12.7	375	56	15.0

^rFor 1992, figures are based on 1990 census population controls. For 1987 and 1988, figures are based on new processing procedures and are also revised to reflect corrections to the files after publication of the 1988 advance report, *Money Income and Poverty Status in the United States: 1988*, P-60, No. 166.

NA Not available.

¹People of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

Table C-3. Poverty Status of Families by Type of Family, Presence of Related Children, Race, and Hispanic Origin: 1959 to 1997

[Numbers in thousands. Families as of March of the following year]

Year and characteristic	All families			Married-couple families			Male householder, no wife present			Female householder, no husband present		
	Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level	
		Number	Percent		Number	Percent		Number	Percent		Number	Percent
ALL RACES												
With & Without Children Under 18 Years												
1997	70,884	7,324	10.3	54,321	2,821	5.2	3,911	508	13.0	12,652	3,995	31.6
1996	70,241	7,708	11.0	53,604	3,010	5.6	3,847	531	13.8	12,790	4,167	32.6
1995	69,597	7,532	10.8	53,570	2,982	5.6	3,513	493	14.0	12,514	4,057	32.4
1994	69,313	8,053	11.6	53,865	3,272	6.1	3,228	549	17.0	12,220	4,232	34.6
1993	68,506	8,393	12.3	53,181	3,481	6.5	2,914	488	16.8	12,411	4,424	35.6
1992	68,216	8,144	11.9	53,090	3,385	6.4	3,065	484	15.8	12,061	4,275	35.4
1991	67,173	7,712	11.5	52,457	3,158	6.0	3,024	393	13.0	11,692	4,161	35.6
1990	66,322	7,098	10.7	52,147	2,981	5.7	2,907	349	12.0	11,268	3,768	33.4
1989	66,090	6,784	10.3	52,137	2,931	5.6	2,884	348	12.1	10,890	3,504	32.2
1988	65,837	6,874	10.4	52,100	2,897	5.6	2,847	336	11.8	10,890	3,642	33.4
1987	65,204	7,005	10.7	51,675	3,011	5.8	2,833	340	12.0	10,696	3,654	34.2
1986	64,491	7,023	10.9	51,537	3,123	6.1	2,510	287	11.4	10,445	3,613	34.6
1985	63,558	7,223	11.4	50,933	3,438	6.7	2,414	311	12.9	10,211	3,474	34.0
1984	62,706	7,277	11.6	50,350	3,488	6.9	2,228	292	13.1	10,129	3,498	34.5
1983	62,015	7,647	12.3	50,081	3,815	7.6	2,038	268	13.2	9,896	3,564	36.0
1982	61,393	7,512	12.2	49,908	3,789	7.6	2,016	290	14.4	9,469	3,434	36.3
1981	61,019	6,851	11.2	49,630	3,394	6.8	1,986	205	10.3	9,403	3,252	34.6
1980	60,309	6,217	10.3	49,294	3,032	6.2	1,933	213	11.0	9,082	2,972	32.7
1979	59,550	5,461	9.2	49,112	2,640	5.4	1,733	176	10.2	8,705	2,645	30.4
1978	57,804	5,280	9.1	47,692	2,474	5.2	1,654	152	9.2	8,458	2,654	31.4
1977	57,215	5,311	9.3	47,385	2,524	5.3	1,594	177	11.1	8,236	2,610	31.7
1976	56,710	5,311	9.4	47,497	2,606	5.5	1,500	162	10.8	7,713	2,543	33.0
1975	56,245	5,450	9.7	47,318	2,904	6.1	1,445	116	8.0	7,482	2,430	32.5
1974	55,698	4,922	8.8	47,069	2,474	5.3	1,399	125	8.9	7,230	2,324	32.1
1973	55,053	4,828	8.8	46,812	2,482	5.3	1,438	154	10.7	6,804	2,193	32.2
1972	54,373	5,075	9.3	46,314	(NA)	(NA)	1,452	(NA)	(NA)	6,607	2,158	32.7
1971	53,296	5,303	10.0	45,752	(NA)	(NA)	1,353	(NA)	(NA)	6,191	2,100	33.9
1970	52,227	5,260	10.1	44,739	(NA)	(NA)	1,487	(NA)	(NA)	6,001	1,952	32.5
1969	51,586	5,008	9.7	44,436	(NA)	(NA)	1,559	(NA)	(NA)	5,591	1,827	32.7
1968	50,511	5,047	10.0	43,842	(NA)	(NA)	1,228	(NA)	(NA)	5,441	1,755	32.3
1967	49,835	5,667	11.4	43,292	(NA)	(NA)	1,210	(NA)	(NA)	5,333	1,774	33.3
1966	48,921	5,784	11.8	42,553	(NA)	(NA)	1,197	(NA)	(NA)	5,171	1,721	33.1
1965	48,278	6,721	13.9	42,107	(NA)	(NA)	1,179	(NA)	(NA)	4,992	1,916	38.4
1964	47,836	7,160	15.0	41,648	(NA)	(NA)	1,182	(NA)	(NA)	5,006	1,822	36.4
1963	47,436	7,554	15.9	41,311	(NA)	(NA)	1,243	(NA)	(NA)	4,882	1,972	40.4
1962	46,998	8,077	17.2	40,923	(NA)	(NA)	1,334	(NA)	(NA)	4,741	2,034	42.9
1961	46,341	8,391	18.1	40,405	(NA)	(NA)	1,293	(NA)	(NA)	4,643	1,954	42.1
1960	45,435	8,243	18.1	39,624	(NA)	(NA)	1,202	(NA)	(NA)	4,609	1,955	42.4
1959	45,054	8,320	18.5	39,335	(NA)	(NA)	1,226	(NA)	(NA)	4,493	1,916	42.6
With Children Under 18 Years												
1997	37,427	5,884	15.7	26,430	1,863	7.1	2,175	407	18.7	8,822	3,614	41.0
1996	37,204	6,131	16.5	26,184	1,964	7.5	2,063	412	20.0	8,957	3,755	41.9
1995	36,719	5,976	16.3	26,034	1,961	7.5	1,934	381	19.7	8,751	3,634	41.5
1994	36,782	6,408	17.4	26,367	2,197	8.3	1,750	395	22.6	8,665	3,816	44.0
1993	36,456	6,751	18.5	26,121	2,363	9.0	1,577	354	22.5	8,758	4,034	46.1
1992	35,851	6,457	18.0	25,907	2,237	8.6	1,569	353	22.5	8,375	3,867	46.2
1991	34,861	6,170	17.7	25,357	2,106	8.3	1,513	297	19.6	7,991	3,767	47.1
1990	34,503	5,676	16.4	25,410	1,990	7.8	1,386	260	18.8	7,707	3,426	44.5
1989	34,279	5,308	15.5	25,476	1,872	7.3	1,358	246	18.1	7,445	3,190	42.8

See footnotes at end of table.

Table C-3. Poverty Status of Families by Type of Family, Presence of Related Children, Race, and Hispanic Origin: 1959 to 1997—Con.

[Numbers in thousands. Families as of March of the following year]

Year and characteristic	All families			Married-couple families			Male householder, no wife present			Female householder, no husband present		
	Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level	
		Number	Percent		Number	Percent		Number	Percent			
ALL RACES—Con.												
With Children Under 18 Years—Con.												
1988 ^r	34,251	5,373	15.7	25,598	1,847	7.2	1,292	232	18.0	7,361	3,294	44.7
1987 ^r	33,996	5,465	16.1	25,464	1,963	7.7	1,316	221	16.8	7,216	3,281	45.5
1986.....	33,801	5,516	16.3	25,571	2,050	8.0	1,136	202	17.8	7,094	3,264	46.0
1985.....	33,536	5,586	16.7	25,496	2,258	8.9	1,147	197	17.1	6,892	3,131	45.4
1984.....	32,942	5,662	17.2	25,038	2,344	9.4	1,072	194	18.1	6,832	3,124	45.7
1983.....	32,787	5,871	17.9	25,216	2,557	10.1	949	192	20.2	6,622	3,122	47.1
1982.....	32,565	5,712	17.5	25,276	2,470	9.8	892	184	20.6	6,397	3,059	47.8
1981.....	32,587	5,191	15.9	25,278	2,199	8.7	822	115	14.0	6,488	2,877	44.3
1980.....	32,773	4,822	14.7	25,671	1,974	7.7	802	144	18.0	6,299	2,703	42.9
1979.....	32,397	4,081	12.6	25,615	1,573	6.1	747	116	15.5	6,035	2,392	39.6
1978.....	31,735	4,060	12.8	25,199	1,495	5.9	699	103	14.7	5,837	2,462	42.2
1977.....	31,637	4,081	12.9	25,284	1,602	6.3	644	95	14.8	5,709	2,384	41.8
1976.....	31,434	4,060	12.9	25,515	1,623	6.4	609	94	15.4	5,310	2,343	44.1
1975.....	31,377	4,172	13.3	25,704	1,855	7.2	554	65	11.7	5,119	2,252	44.0
1974.....	31,319	3,789	12.1	25,857	1,558	6.0	545	84	15.4	4,917	2,147	43.7
1973.....	30,977	3,520	11.4	25,983	(NA)	(NA)	397	(NA)	(NA)	4,597	1,987	43.2
1972.....	30,807	3,621	11.8	26,085	(NA)	(NA)	401	(NA)	(NA)	4,321	1,925	44.5
1971.....	30,725	3,683	12.0	26,201	(NA)	(NA)	447	(NA)	(NA)	4,077	1,830	44.9
1970.....	30,070	3,491	11.6	25,789	(NA)	(NA)	444	(NA)	(NA)	3,837	1,680	43.8
1969.....	29,827	3,226	10.8	26,083	(NA)	(NA)	360	(NA)	(NA)	3,384	1,519	44.9
1968.....	29,325	3,347	11.4	25,684	(NA)	(NA)	372	(NA)	(NA)	3,269	1,459	44.6
1967.....	29,032	3,586	12.4	25,482	(NA)	(NA)	360	(NA)	(NA)	3,190	1,418	44.5
1966.....	28,592	3,734	13.4	25,197	(NA)	(NA)	436	(NA)	(NA)	2,959	1,410	47.1
1965.....	28,100	4,379	15.6	24,829	(NA)	(NA)	398	(NA)	(NA)	2,873	1,499	52.2
1964.....	28,277	4,771	16.9	25,017	(NA)	(NA)	367	(NA)	(NA)	2,893	1,439	49.7
1963.....	28,317	4,991	17.6	25,084	(NA)	(NA)	400	(NA)	(NA)	2,833	1,578	55.7
1962.....	28,174	5,460	19.4	24,990	(NA)	(NA)	483	(NA)	(NA)	2,701	1,613	59.7
1961.....	27,600	5,500	19.9	24,509	(NA)	(NA)	404	(NA)	(NA)	2,687	1,505	56.0
1960.....	27,102	5,328	19.7	24,164	(NA)	(NA)	319	(NA)	(NA)	2,619	1,476	56.3
1959.....	26,992	5,443	20.3	24,099	(NA)	(NA)	349	(NA)	(NA)	2,544	1,525	59.9
WHITE												
With & Without Children Under 18 Years												
1997.....	59,515	4,990	8.4	48,070	2,312	4.8	3,137	373	11.9	8,308	2,305	27.7
1996.....	58,934	5,059	8.6	47,650	2,416	5.1	2,945	367	12.5	8,339	2,276	27.3
1995.....	58,872	4,994	8.5	47,877	2,443	5.1	2,711	351	12.9	8,284	2,200	26.6
1994.....	58,444	5,312	9.1	47,905	2,629	5.5	2,508	354	14.1	8,031	2,329	29.0
1993.....	57,881	5,452	9.4	47,452	2,757	5.8	2,298	319	13.9	8,131	2,376	29.2
1992 ^r	57,669	5,255	9.1	47,383	2,677	5.7	2,418	333	13.8	7,868	2,245	28.5
1991.....	57,224	5,022	8.8	47,124	2,573	5.5	2,374	257	10.8	7,726	2,192	28.4
1990.....	56,803	4,622	8.1	47,014	2,386	5.1	2,277	226	9.9	7,512	2,010	26.8
1989.....	56,590	4,409	7.8	46,981	2,329	5.0	2,303	223	9.7	7,306	1,858	25.4
1988 ^r	56,492	4,471	7.9	46,877	2,294	4.9	2,274	231	10.2	7,342	1,945	26.5
1987 ^r	56,086	4,567	8.1	46,510	2,382	5.1	2,279	224	9.8	7,297	1,961	26.9
1986.....	55,676	4,811	8.6	46,410	2,591	5.6	2,038	179	8.8	7,227	2,041	28.2
1985.....	54,991	4,983	9.1	45,924	2,815	6.1	1,956	218	11.2	7,111	1,950	27.4
1984.....	54,400	4,925	9.1	45,643	2,858	6.3	1,816	189	10.4	6,941	1,878	27.1
1983.....	53,890	5,220	9.7	45,470	3,125	6.9	1,624	168	10.4	6,796	1,926	28.3
1982.....	53,407	5,118	9.6	45,252	3,104	6.9	1,648	201	12.2	6,507	1,813	27.9
1981.....	53,269	4,670	8.8	45,007	2,712	6.0	1,642	145	8.8	6,620	1,814	27.4
1980.....	52,710	4,195	8.0	44,860	2,437	5.4	1,584	149	9.4	6,266	1,609	25.7
1979.....	52,243	3,581	6.9	44,751	2,099	4.7	1,441	132	9.2	6,052	1,350	22.3

See footnotes at end of table.

Table C-3. Poverty Status of Families by Type of Family, Presence of Related Children, Race, and Hispanic Origin: 1959 to 1997—Con.

[Numbers in thousands. Families as of March of the following year]

Year and characteristic	All families			Married-couple families			Male householder, no wife present			Female householder, no husband present		
	Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level	
		Number	Percent		Number	Percent		Number	Percent		Number	Percent
WHITE—Con.												
With & Without Children Under 18 Years—Con.												
1978	50,910	3,523	6.9	43,636	2,033	4.7	1,356	99	7.3	5,918	1,391	23.5
1977	50,530	3,540	7.0	43,423	2,028	4.7	1,279	112	8.8	5,828	1,400	24.0
1976	50,083	3,560	7.1	43,397	2,071	4.8	1,219	110	9.0	5,467	1,379	25.2
1975	49,873	3,838	7.7	43,311	2,363	5.5	1,182	81	6.9	5,380	1,394	25.9
1974	49,440	3,352	6.8	43,049	1,977	4.6	1,182	86	7.3	5,208	1,289	24.8
1973	48,919	3,219	6.6	43,805	2,306	5.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	4,853	1,190	24.5
1972	48,477	3,441	7.1	42,585	(NA)	(NA)	1,220	(NA)	(NA)	4,672	1,135	24.3
1971	47,641	3,751	7.9	42,039	(NA)	(NA)	1,113	(NA)	(NA)	4,489	1,191	26.5
1970	46,601	3,708	8.0	41,092	(NA)	(NA)	1,101	(NA)	(NA)	4,408	1,102	25.0
1969	46,261	3,574	7.7	40,802	(NA)	(NA)	1,294	(NA)	(NA)	4,165	1,069	25.7
1968	45,437	3,616	8.0	40,355	(NA)	(NA)	1,029	(NA)	(NA)	4,053	1,021	25.2
1967	44,813	4,056	9.1	39,821	(NA)	(NA)	984	(NA)	(NA)	4,008	1,037	25.9
1966	44,016	4,106	9.3	39,007	(NA)	(NA)	999	(NA)	(NA)	4,010	1,036	25.7
1965	43,496	4,824	11.1	38,632	(NA)	(NA)	1,004	(NA)	(NA)	3,860	1,196	31.0
1964	43,081	5,258	12.2	38,171	(NA)	(NA)	1,028	(NA)	(NA)	3,882	1,125	29.0
1963	42,663	5,466	12.8	37,799	(NA)	(NA)	1,067	(NA)	(NA)	3,797	1,191	31.4
1962	42,437	5,887	13.9	37,657	(NA)	(NA)	1,153	(NA)	(NA)	3,627	1,230	33.9
1961	41,888	6,205	14.8	37,185	(NA)	(NA)	1,095	(NA)	(NA)	3,608	1,208	33.5
1960	41,104	6,115	14.9	36,400	(NA)	(NA)	1,031	(NA)	(NA)	3,673	1,252	34.0
1959	40,820	6,185	15.2	36,217	(NA)	(NA)	1,056	(NA)	(NA)	3,547	1,233	34.8
With Children Under 18 Years												
1997	30,060	3,895	13.0	22,783	1,516	6.7	1,775	310	17.5	5,502	2,069	37.6
1996	29,826	3,863	13.0	22,757	1,548	6.8	1,568	283	18.0	5,501	2,032	36.9
1995	29,713	3,839	12.9	22,663	1,583	7.0	1,496	276	18.4	5,554	1,980	35.6
1994	29,548	4,025	13.6	22,839	1,708	7.5	1,319	253	19.2	5,390	2,064	38.3
1993	29,234	4,226	14.5	22,670	1,868	8.2	1,203	235	19.5	5,361	2,123	39.6
1992	28,790	4,020	14.0	22,440	1,753	7.8	1,251	246	19.7	5,099	2,021	39.6
1991	28,368	3,880	13.7	22,213	1,715	7.7	1,188	196	16.5	4,967	1,969	39.6
1990	28,117	3,553	12.6	22,289	1,572	7.1	1,042	167	16.0	4,786	1,814	37.9
1989	27,977	3,290	11.8	22,271	1,457	6.5	1,079	162	15.0	4,627	1,671	36.1
1988	27,999	3,321	11.9	22,435	1,434	6.4	1,011	147	14.5	4,553	1,740	38.2
1987	27,930	3,433	12.3	22,336	1,538	6.9	1,046	153	14.6	4,548	1,742	38.3
1986	27,929	3,637	13.0	22,466	1,692	7.5	911	132	14.5	4,552	1,812	39.8
1985	27,795	3,695	13.3	22,399	1,827	8.2	926	138	14.9	4,470	1,730	38.7
1984	27,380	3,679	13.4	22,181	1,879	8.5	862	117	13.6	4,337	1,682	38.8
1983	27,303	3,859	14.1	22,361	2,060	9.2	732	123	16.8	4,210	1,676	39.8
1982	27,118	3,709	13.7	22,390	2,005	9.0	692	120	17.4	4,037	1,584	39.3
1981	27,223	3,362	12.4	22,334	1,723	7.7	652	75	11.6	4,237	1,564	36.9
1980	27,416	3,078	11.2	22,793	1,544	6.8	628	100	16.0	3,995	1,433	35.9
1979	27,329	2,509	9.2	22,878	1,216	5.3	584	82	14.1	3,866	1,211	31.3
1978	26,907	2,513	9.3	22,601	1,185	5.2	526	60	11.4	3,780	1,268	33.5
1977	26,924	2,572	9.6	22,703	1,256	5.5	486	55	11.3	3,735	1,261	33.8
1976	26,812	2,566	9.6	22,872	1,242	5.4	484	64	13.2	3,456	1,260	36.4
1975	26,975	2,776	10.3	23,134	1,456	6.3	435	48	11.0	3,406	1,272	37.3
1974	26,890	2,430	9.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	3,244	1,180	36.4
1973	26,694	2,177	8.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	2,988	1,053	35.2
1972	26,763	2,238	8.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	2,748	970	35.3
1971	26,745	2,372	8.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	2,664	982	36.9
1970	26,256	2,219	8.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1969	26,307	2,089	7.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

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Table C-3. Poverty Status of Families by Type of Family, Presence of Related Children, Race, and Hispanic Origin: 1959 to 1997—Con.

[Numbers in thousands. Families as of March of the following year]

Year and characteristic	All families			Married-couple families			Male householder, no wife present			Female householder, no husband present		
	Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level	
		Number	Percent		Number	Percent		Number	Percent		Number	Percent
WHITE—Con.												
With Children Under 18 Years—Con.												
1968	25,803	2,176	8.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	792	36.0
1967	25,531	2,276	8.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	748	34.9
1966	(NA)	2,400	9.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	803	38.4
1965	(NA)	2,858	11.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	867	43.2
1964	(NA)	3,205	12.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	814	40.3
1963	25,056	3,328	13.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	882	45.0
1962	(NA)	3,673	14.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	908	49.2
1961	(NA)	3,785	15.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	892	46.4
1960	(NA)	3,690	15.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	905	47.1
1959	24,146	3,812	15.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	948	51.7
BLACK												
With & Without Children Under 18 Years												
1997	8,408	1,985	23.6	3,921	312	8.0	561	110	19.6	3,926	1,563	39.8
1996	8,455	2,206	26.1	3,851	352	9.1	657	130	19.8	3,947	1,724	43.7
1995	8,055	2,127	26.4	3,713	314	8.5	573	112	19.5	3,769	1,701	45.1
1994	8,093	2,212	27.3	3,842	336	8.7	535	161	30.1	3,716	1,715	46.2
1993	7,993	2,499	31.3	3,715	458	12.3	450	133	29.6	3,828	1,908	49.9
1992	7,982	2,484	31.1	3,777	490	13.0	467	116	24.8	3,738	1,878	50.2
1991	7,716	2,343	30.4	3,631	399	11.0	503	110	21.9	3,582	1,834	51.2
1990	7,471	2,193	29.3	3,569	448	12.6	472	97	20.6	3,430	1,648	48.1
1989	7,470	2,077	27.8	3,750	443	11.8	446	110	24.7	3,275	1,524	46.5
1988	7,409	2,089	28.2	3,722	421	11.3	464	88	18.9	3,223	1,579	49.0
1987	7,202	2,117	29.4	3,681	439	11.9	432	101	23.4	3,089	1,577	51.1
1986	7,096	1,987	28.0	3,742	403	10.8	386	96	24.9	2,967	1,488	50.1
1985	6,921	1,983	28.7	3,680	447	12.2	368	84	22.9	2,874	1,452	50.5
1984	6,778	2,094	30.9	3,469	479	13.8	344	82	23.8	2,964	1,533	51.7
1983	6,681	2,161	32.3	3,454	535	15.5	355	85	24.0	2,871	1,541	53.7
1982	6,530	2,158	33.0	3,486	543	15.6	309	79	25.6	2,734	1,535	56.2
1981	6,413	1,972	30.8	3,535	543	15.4	273	52	19.1	2,605	1,377	52.9
1980	6,317	1,826	28.9	3,392	474	14.0	291	52	17.7	2,634	1,301	49.4
1979	6,184	1,722	27.8	3,433	453	13.2	256	35	13.7	2,495	1,234	49.4
1978	5,906	1,622	27.5	3,244	366	11.3	272	48	17.6	2,390	1,208	50.6
1977	5,806	1,637	28.2	3,260	429	13.1	269	46	17.1	2,277	1,162	51.0
1976	5,804	1,617	27.9	3,406	450	13.2	247	45	18.2	2,151	1,122	52.2
1975	5,586	1,513	27.1	3,352	479	14.3	230	30	13.0	2,004	1,004	50.1
1974	5,491	1,479	26.9	3,357	435	13.0	200	35	17.4	1,934	1,010	52.2
1973	5,440	1,527	28.1	3,360	(NA)	(NA)	231	(NA)	(NA)	1,849	974	52.7
1972	5,265	1,529	29.0	3,233	(NA)	(NA)	210	(NA)	(NA)	1,822	972	53.3
1971	5,157	1,484	28.8	3,289	(NA)	(NA)	226	(NA)	(NA)	1,642	879	53.5
1970	5,027	1,481	29.5	3,301	(NA)	(NA)	191	(NA)	(NA)	1,535	834	54.3
1969	4,887	1,365	27.9	3,323	(NA)	(NA)	180	(NA)	(NA)	1,384	737	53.3
1968	4,646	1,366	29.4	3,141	(NA)	(NA)	178	(NA)	(NA)	1,327	706	53.2
1967	4,589	1,555	33.9	3,118	(NA)	(NA)	199	(NA)	(NA)	1,272	716	56.3

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Table C-3. Poverty Status of Families by Type of Family, Presence of Related Children, Race, and Hispanic Origin: 1959 to 1997—Con.

[Numbers in thousands. Families as of March of the following year]

Year and characteristic	All families			Married-couple families			Male householder, no wife present			Female householder, no husband present		
	Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level	
		Number	Percent		Number	Percent		Number	Percent		Number	Percent
BLACK—Con.												
With Children Under 18 Years												
1997	5,647	1,721	30.5	2,275	205	9.0	312	80	25.6	3,060	1,436	46.9
1996	5,695	1,941	34.1	2,174	239	11.0	401	109	27.2	3,120	1,593	51.0
1995	5,340	1,821	34.1	2,119	209	9.9	337	79	23.4	2,884	1,533	53.2
1994	5,439	1,954	35.9	2,147	245	11.4	341	118	34.6	2,951	1,591	53.9
1993	5,525	2,171	39.3	2,147	298	13.9	294	93	31.6	3,084	1,780	57.7
1992 ¹	5,448	2,132	39.1	2,229	343	15.4	248	83	33.5	2,971	1,706	57.4
1991	5,143	2,016	39.2	2,129	263	12.4	243	77	31.7	2,771	1,676	60.5
1990	5,069	1,887	37.2	2,104	301	14.3	267	73	27.3	2,698	1,513	56.1
1989	5,031	1,783	35.4	2,179	291	13.3	228	77	33.8	2,624	1,415	53.9
1988 ¹	5,010	1,802	36.0	2,181	272	12.5	246	78	31.7	2,583	1,452	56.2
1987 ¹	4,880	1,788	36.6	2,205	290	13.2	222	61	27.5	2,453	1,437	58.6
1986	4,806	1,699	35.4	2,236	257	11.5	185	58	31.5	2,386	1,384	58.0
1985	4,636	1,670	36.0	2,185	281	12.9	182	53	29.0	2,269	1,336	58.9
1984	4,512	1,758	39.0	2,001	331	16.6	175	62	35.5	2,335	1,364	58.4
1983	4,482	1,789	39.9	2,052	369	18.0	186	58	31.1	2,244	1,362	60.7
1982	4,470	1,819	40.7	2,093	360	17.2	178	58	32.7	2,199	1,401	63.7
1981	4,455	1,652	37.1	2,202	357	16.2	135	34	25.0	2,118	1,261	59.5
1980	4,465	1,583	35.5	2,154	333	15.5	140	34	24.0	2,171	1,217	56.0
1979	4,297	1,441	33.5	2,095	286	13.7	139	26	18.4	2,063	1,129	54.7
1978	4,159	1,431	34.4	2,056	247	12.0	157	40	25.5	1,946	1,144	58.4
1977	4,107	1,406	34.2	2,088	295	14.1	141	30	21.3	1,878	1,081	57.5
1976	4,047	1,382	34.2	2,146	311	14.5	120	28	23.3	1,781	1,043	58.6
1975	3,878	1,314	33.9	2,119	349	16.5	108	16	14.8	1,651	949	57.5
1974	3,915	1,293	33.0	2,187	317	14.5	105	27	26.2	1,623	949	58.5
1973	3,831	1,280	33.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1,538	905	58.8
1972	3,650	1,303	35.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1,494	912	61.0
1971	3,660	1,261	34.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1,369	821	60.0
1970	3,470	1,212	34.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1969	3,386	1,095	32.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1968	3,218	1,114	34.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1967	3,200	1,261	39.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
HISPANIC ORIGIN ¹												
With & Without Children Under 18 Years												
1997	6,961	1,721	24.7	4,804	836	17.4	545	118	21.7	1,612	767	47.6
1996	6,631	1,748	26.4	4,520	815	18.0	494	110	22.3	1,617	823	50.9
1995	6,287	1,695	27.0	4,247	803	18.9	436	100	22.9	1,604	792	49.4
1994	6,202	1,724	27.8	4,236	827	19.5	481	124	25.8	1,485	773	52.1
1993	5,946	1,625	27.3	4,038	770	19.1	410	83	20.2	1,498	772	51.6
1992 ¹	5,733	1,529	26.7	3,940	743	18.8	445	122	27.4	1,348	664	49.3
1991	5,177	1,372	26.5	3,532	674	19.1	384	71	18.5	1,261	627	49.7
1990	4,981	1,244	25.0	3,454	605	17.5	341	66	19.4	1,186	573	48.3
1989	4,840	1,133	23.4	3,395	549	16.2	329	54	16.3	1,116	530	47.5
1988 ¹	4,823	1,141	23.7	3,398	547	16.1	314	48	15.2	1,112	546	49.1
1987 ¹	4,576	1,168	25.5	3,196	556	17.4	298	47	15.8	1,082	565	52.2
1986	4,403	1,085	24.7	3,118	518	16.6	253	39	15.5	1,032	528	51.2
1985	4,206	1,074	25.5	2,962	505	17.0	264	48	18.4	980	521	53.1
1984	3,939	991	25.2	2,824	469	16.6	210	39	18.4	905	483	53.4
1983	3,788	981	25.9	2,752	437	17.7	177	40	22.6	860	454	52.8
1982	3,369	916	27.2	2,448	465	19.0	153	26	17.0	767	425	55.4

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[Numbers in thousands. Families as of March of the following year]

Year and characteristic	All families			Married-couple families			Male householder, no wife present			Female householder, no husband present		
	Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level	
		Number	Percent		Number	Percent		Number	Percent		Number	Percent
HISPANIC ORIGIN¹—Con.												
With & Without Children Under 18 Years—Con.												
1981	3,305	792	24.0	2,414	366	15.1	142	27	19.2	750	399	53.2
1980	3,235	751	23.2	2,365	363	15.3	164	26	16.0	706	362	51.3
1979	3,029	614	20.3	2,282	298	13.1	138	16	11.8	610	300	49.2
1978	2,741	559	20.4	2,089	248	11.9	110	23	20.9	542	288	53.1
1977	2,764	591	21.4	2,104	280	13.3	99	10	10.1	561	301	53.6
1976	2,583	598	23.1	1,978	312	15.8	88	11	12.5	517	275	53.1
1975	2,499	627	25.1	1,896	335	17.7	81	13	16.0	522	279	53.6
1974	2,475	526	21.2	1,926	278	14.4	87	19	21.6	462	229	49.6
1973	2,365	468	19.8	1,876	239	12.7	78	18	23.1	411	211	51.4
1972	2,312	477	20.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
With Children Under 18 Years												
1997	4,910	1,492	30.4	3,293	692	21.0	325	99	30.5	1,292	701	54.2
1996	4,689	1,549	33.0	3,124	687	22.0	291	102	35.1	1,274	760	59.7
1995	4,422	1,470	33.2	2,902	657	22.6	237	78	32.9	1,283	735	57.3
1994	4,377	1,497	34.2	2,923	698	23.9	272	99	36.4	1,182	700	59.2
1993	4,153	1,424	34.3	2,747	652	23.7	239	66	27.6	1,167	706	60.5
1992 ²	3,962	1,302	32.9	2,692	615	22.9	233	89	38.2	1,037	598	57.7
1991	3,621	1,219	33.7	2,445	575	23.5	204	60	29.4	972	584	60.1
1990	3,497	1,085	31.0	2,405	501	20.8	171	48	28.1	921	536	58.2
1989	3,314	986	29.8	2,309	453	19.6	157	42	26.8	848	491	57.9
1988 ³	3,325	988	29.7	2,339	445	19.0	125	33	26.4	861	510	59.2
1987 ³	3,201	1,022	31.9	2,197	460	20.9	139	35	25.2	865	527	60.9
1986	3,080	949	30.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	822	489	59.5
1985	2,973	955	32.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	771	493	64.0
1984	2,789	872	31.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	711	447	62.8
1983	2,697	867	21.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	660	418	63.4
1982	2,458	802	32.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	613	391	63.8
1981	2,428	692	28.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	622	374	60.0
1980	2,409	655	27.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1979	2,209	544	24.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	502	288	57.3
1978	2,002	483	24.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1977	2,057	520	25.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1976	1,899	517	27.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1975	1,891	550	29.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1974	1,834	462	25.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1973	1,726	410	23.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1972	1,700	416	24.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

¹For 1992, figures are based on 1990 census population controls. For 1987 and 1988, figures are based on new processing procedures and are also revised to reflect corrections to the files after publication of the 1988 advance report, *Money Income and Poverty Status in the United States: 1988*, P-60, No. 166.

²People of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

NA Not available.

Note: Prior to 1979, unrelated subfamilies were included in all families. Beginning in 1979, unrelated subfamilies are excluded from all families.

Table C-4. Percent of People in Poverty, by Definition of Income: 1979 to 1997 (Poverty Thresholds Based on CPI-U)

[People as of March of the following year]

Year	Total (1,000)	Money income—			Before taxes.			After taxes		
		Excluding capital gains (current official measure)	Definition 1 less tax plus capital gains (losses)		Money income—		Definition 3 plus health insurance supple- ments to wage or salary income	Definition 4 less social security payroll taxes	Definition 5 less federal income taxes	Definition 6 plus EIC
			Without earned income credit (EIC)	With EIC	Definition 1 less govern- ment transfers	Definition 2 plus capital gains (losses)				
		1	1a	1b	2	3	4	5	6	7
1997	268,480	13.3	14.3	12.7	21.0	20.9	20.3	21.3	21.4	20.0
1996	266,218	13.7	14.9	13.3	21.6	21.5	20.8	21.8	22.0	20.5
1995	263,733	13.8	14.8	13.4	21.9	21.8	21.1	22.0	22.1	20.9
1994	261,616	14.5	15.8	14.6	22.8	22.7	22.0	23.0	23.2	22.0
1993	259,278	15.1	16.3	15.5	23.4	23.3	22.6	23.6	23.8	23.1
1992 ^r	256,549	14.8	16.2	15.2	22.8	22.7	22.1	23.2	23.4	22.6
1991	251,179	14.2	(NA)	(NA)	21.8	21.8	21.1	22.0	22.3	21.6
1990	248,644	13.5	(NA)	(NA)	20.5	20.4	19.9	20.9	21.1	20.6
1989	245,992	12.8	(NA)	(NA)	20.0	19.9	19.4	20.3	20.5	20.1
1988	243,530	13.0	(NA)	(NA)	20.2	20.2	19.7	20.6	20.7	20.3
1987	240,982	13.4	(NA)	(NA)	20.4	20.2	19.7	20.5	20.7	20.4
1986	238,554	13.6	(NA)	(NA)	20.8	20.4	19.9	20.7	21.1	20.9
1985	236,594	14.0	(NA)	(NA)	21.3	20.9	20.4	21.3	21.6	21.5
1984	233,816	14.4	(NA)	(NA)	21.8	21.4	20.8	21.6	22.0	21.9
1983	231,700	15.2	(NA)	(NA)	23.0	22.5	21.8	22.6	23.0	22.8
1982	229,412	15.0	(NA)	(NA)	23.0	22.7	22.0	22.9	23.3	23.1
1981	227,157	14.0	(NA)	(NA)	22.0	21.8	21.1	22.0	22.5	22.3
1980	225,027	13.0	(NA)	(NA)	20.8	20.7	20.1	20.8	21.1	20.8
1979	222,903	11.7	(NA)	(NA)	19.5	19.3	18.8	19.4	19.6	19.2
Year	After taxes— Continued									
	Definition 7 less state income taxes	Definition 8 plus nonmeans- tested govern- ment cash transfers	Definition 9 plus medicare	Definition 10 plus regular- price school lunches	Definition 11 plus means- tested govern- ment cash transfers	Definition 12 plus medicaid	Definition 13 plus other means-tested government—		Definition 14 plus net imputed return on equity in own home	
							Noncash transfers	Noncash transfers less medical programs		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	14a	15		
1997	20.1	13.4	12.9	12.9	12.0	11.2	10.0	10.8	9.2	
1996	20.7	13.9	13.5	13.5	12.4	11.5	10.2	11.1	9.3	
1995	21.0	14.1	13.7	13.7	12.5	11.7	10.3	11.1	9.4	
1994	22.2	15.1	14.8	14.7	13.5	12.6	11.1	12.0	10.0	
1993	23.2	16.1	15.6	15.6	14.5	13.5	12.1	13.1	11.2	
1992 ^r	22.8	15.8	15.4	15.4	14.3	13.3	11.9	12.8	10.7	
1991	21.8	15.1	14.7	14.6	13.6	12.9	11.4	(NA)	10.3	
1990	20.8	14.7	14.2	14.2	13.2	12.4	10.9	(NA)	9.8	
1989	20.3	14.0	13.5	13.5	12.5	11.7	10.4	(NA)	9.1	
1988	20.5	14.1	13.6	13.6	12.7	12.1	10.8	(NA)	9.4	
1987	20.6	14.3	13.8	13.8	13.0	12.4	11.0	(NA)	9.7	
1986	21.0	14.7	14.2	14.2	13.3	12.8	11.3	(NA)	10.1	
1985	21.7	15.2	14.8	14.8	13.8	13.2	11.7	(NA)	9.9	
1984	22.0	15.5	15.1	15.1	14.2	13.5	12.0	(NA)	9.9	
1983	22.9	16.1	15.7	15.7	14.8	14.2	12.7	(NA)	10.4	
1982	23.3	16.0	15.5	15.5	14.6	14.0	12.3	(NA)	9.9	
1981	22.4	15.3	14.8	14.8	13.7	13.0	11.5	(NA)	8.7	
1980	20.9	14.1	13.7	13.6	12.5	11.7	10.1	(NA)	8.2	
1979	19.3	12.7	12.4	12.4	11.2	10.4	8.9	(NA)	7.5	

NA Not available. ^rRevised

Table C-5. Percent of People in Poverty, by Definition of Income: 1979 to 1997 (Poverty Thresholds Based on CPI-U-X1)

[People as of March of the following year]

Year	Total (1,000)	Money income—			Before taxes			After taxes		
		Excluding capital gains (current official measure)	Definition 1 less tax plus capital gains (losses)		Money income—		Definition 3 plus health insurance supple- ments to wage or salary income	Definiti- on 4 less social security payroll taxes	Definition 5 less federal income taxes	Definition 6 plus EIC
			Without earned income credit (EIC)	With EIC	Definition 1 less govern- ment transfers	Definition 2 plus capital gains (losses)				
		1	1a	1b	2	3	4	5	6	7
1997	268,480	11.8	12.7	11.2	19.7	19.6	19.1	20.0	20.2	18.7
1996	266,218	12.2	13.2	11.6	20.1	20.0	19.5	20.5	20.6	19.1
1995	263,733	12.3	13.3	11.9	20.6	20.5	19.9	20.7	20.9	19.6
1994	261,616	13.2	14.0	12.9	21.6	21.5	20.8	21.6	21.7	20.6
1993	259,278	13.7	14.6	13.9	22.1	22.0	21.4	22.2	22.4	21.7
1992	256,549	13.4	14.3	13.5	21.4	21.4	20.9	21.7	21.9	21.2
1991	251,179	12.7	13.7	12.9	20.4	20.4	20.0	20.9	21.0	20.4
1990	248,644	12.1	(NA)	(NA)	19.3	19.3	18.8	19.6	19.7	19.3
1989	245,992	11.4	(NA)	(NA)	18.8	18.7	18.3	19.1	19.3	18.7
1988	243,530	11.7	(NA)	(NA)	19.1	19.0	18.6	19.4	19.5	19.0
1987	240,962	12.0	(NA)	(NA)	19.2	19.1	18.7	19.3	19.5	19.1
1986	238,554	12.2	(NA)	(NA)	19.6	19.2	18.7	19.4	19.6	19.4
1985	236,594	12.5	(NA)	(NA)	20.0	19.6	19.1	19.9	20.2	20.0
1984	233,816	12.8	(NA)	(NA)	20.3	20.0	19.5	20.3	20.6	20.4
1983	231,700	13.7	(NA)	(NA)	21.5	21.1	20.6	21.3	21.6	21.4
1982	229,412	13.2	(NA)	(NA)	21.4	21.2	20.6	21.3	21.6	21.4
1981	227,157	12.2	(NA)	(NA)	20.4	20.3	19.8	20.5	20.8	20.5
1980	225,027	11.5	(NA)	(NA)	19.6	19.4	19.0	19.6	19.8	19.5
1979	222,903	10.6	(NA)	(NA)	18.6	18.4	17.8	18.5	18.6	18.2

After taxes—Continued									
Year	Definition 7 less state income taxes	Definition 8 plus nonmeans- tested govern- ment cash transfers	Definition 9 plus medicare	Definition 10 plus regular- price school lunches	Definition 11 plus means- tested govern- ment cash transfers	Definition 12 plus medicaid	Definition 13 plus other means-tested government—		Definition 14 plus net imputed return on equity in own home
							Noncash transfers	Noncash transfers less medical programs	
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	14a	15
1997	18.8	12.0	11.6	11.6	10.6	10.0	8.8	9.2	8.0
1996	19.2	12.5	12.2	12.2	11.0	10.3	8.9	9.3	8.1
1995	19.7	12.8	12.5	12.5	11.3	10.5	9.0	9.5	8.1
1994	20.7	13.7	13.5	13.5	12.2	11.4	9.8	10.2	8.8
1993	21.8	14.8	14.5	14.5	13.1	12.3	10.7	11.3	9.8
1992	21.3	14.4	14.1	14.1	12.8	12.1	10.5	11.1	9.5
1991	20.5	13.8	13.5	13.5	12.3	11.6	9.9	10.5	8.9
1990	19.4	13.2	12.9	12.9	11.8	11.1	9.5	(NA)	8.5
1989	18.8	12.6	12.2	12.2	11.1	10.4	8.9	(NA)	7.7
1988	19.1	12.8	12.4	12.4	11.4	10.9	9.5	(NA)	8.2
1987	19.3	13.0	12.6	12.6	11.7	11.0	9.5	(NA)	8.3
1986	19.6	13.3	12.9	12.9	11.9	11.4	9.8	(NA)	8.6
1985	20.1	13.7	13.4	13.4	12.3	11.7	10.1	(NA)	8.6
1984	20.5	14.0	13.7	13.7	12.7	12.0	10.4	(NA)	8.6
1983	21.5	14.6	14.3	14.3	13.4	12.6	11.0	(NA)	9.0
1982	21.5	14.2	13.9	13.9	12.9	12.2	10.6	(NA)	8.5
1981	20.6	13.5	13.2	13.2	11.9	11.2	9.8	(NA)	7.3
1980	19.6	12.6	12.3	12.3	11.0	10.3	8.6	(NA)	7.0
1979	18.2	11.6	11.4	11.3	10.1	9.4	7.9	(NA)	6.7

NA Not available. Revised.

Appendix D.

Source and Accuracy of Estimates

SOURCES OF DATA

Most estimates in this report come from data obtained in March of years 1968 through 1998 in the Current Population Survey (CPS). The Census Bureau conducts the survey every month, although this report uses only March data for its estimates. The March survey uses two sets of questions, the basic CPS and the supplement.

The Census Bureau used data from various sources in developing alternative measures of income and poverty for 1997. Specifically, we combined data from the American Housing Survey (AHS), the Income Survey Development Program (ISDP), and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) with CPS data to create simulations of taxes paid, number of tax filing units, adjusted gross income, and other tax characteristics for the March 1998 CPS.

In addition, this report uses the *State Tax Handbook* from Commerce Clearing House as information sources for tax data. For noncash valuation estimates, this report uses data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

A description of the sources of data we used to derive these estimates follows. Except for the CPS, these descriptions are brief. See Current Population Reports, Series P60-186RD, *Measuring the Effect of Benefits and Taxes on Income and Poverty: 1992*, and publications on the appropriate surveys for more details.

American Housing Survey. The Census Bureau collects housing data for the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The population covered by the sample for the AHS (called the Annual Housing Survey before 1984) includes all housing units in the United States. For a more detailed description of the sample design, see the report Current Housing Reports, Series H150-89, *The American Housing Survey for the United States in 1989*, U.S. Department of Commerce.

The AHS is no longer conducted in even numbered years, so we based the property tax estimates in this report on the 1993 AHS. Also, for the noncash estimates, we used the 1985 AHS data in a model to estimate the value of public housing. For more details on the AHS model used to estimate public and subsidized housing values, please see Appendix B of Current

Population Reports, Series P60-186RD, *Measuring the Effect of Benefits and Taxes on Income and Poverty: 1992*.

Income Survey Development Program. The ISDP was the research and development phase for the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP). The Census Bureau used the ISDP to examine and resolve design, operational, and technical issues for SIPP. The household sample for the 1979 ISDP was a nationwide multiple frame sample. The majority of sample households in the ISDP came from addresses contacted in the 1976 Survey of Income and Education.

Statisticians selected the remainder of sample households from a reserve file of sample cases maintained by the Census Bureau. For a more detailed description of this sample design, see the report *Wage and Salary Data From the Income Survey Development Program: 1979 (Preliminary Data From Interview Period One)*, Current Population Reports, Special Studies, Series P-23, No. 118.

Internal Revenue Service data. Much of the IRS data in this report come from the Statistics of Income (SOI) series, in particular the SOI Bulletin *Individual Income Tax Returns, Preliminary Data: 1996*, Spring 1998. This report, based on a sample drawn from all tax returns filed in 1997, presents information on taxpayers' incomes, exemptions, deductions, credits, and taxes.

Data from other sources. The State Tax Handbook, October 1, 1991, from the Commerce Clearing House, includes information on State Tax systems. We updated this data to reflect changes in State income tax rates.

Much of the data on cash and noncash benefits are from administrative records. Values of school lunches and food stamps are from USDA unpublished data. Medicaid and Medicare data come from HCFA unpublished records. Also, USDA and HUD data are used to compute Medicaid and Medicare values. For more details, see Appendix B of Current Population Reports, Series P60-186RD, *Measuring the Effect of Benefits and Taxes on Income and Poverty: 1992*.

Basic CPS. The basic CPS collects primarily labor force data about the civilian noninstitutional population. Field representatives ask questions concerning labor force participation about each member 15 years old and over in every sample household.

The CPS sample includes coverage in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The Census Bureau continually updates the sample to account for new residential construction. The Census Bureau divides the United States into 2,007 geographic areas. In most states, a geographic area consists of a county or several contiguous counties. In some areas of New England and Hawaii, the Census Bureau uses minor civil divisions instead of counties. We select a total of 754 geographic areas for sample. About 50,000 occupied households are eligible for interview every month. Field representatives are unable to obtain interviews at about 3,200 of these units. This occurs when the occupants are not found at home after repeated calls or are unavailable for some other reason.

Since the introduction of the CPS, the Bureau of the Census has redesigned the CPS sample several times. These redesigns have improved the quality and accuracy of the data and have satisfied changing data needs. The Census Bureau completely implemented the most recent changes in July 1995.

Table D-1 summarizes changes in the CPS designs for the years in which data appear in this report.

CPS March supplement. In addition to the basic CPS questions, field representatives asked supplementary questions in March about place of residence one year ago.

To obtain more reliable data for the Hispanic population, the Census Bureau increased the March CPS sample by about 2,500 eligible housing units, interviewed the previous November, that contained at least one sample person of Hispanic origin.¹ In addition, the sample included people in the Armed Forces living off post or with their families on post.

¹This report shows information on the Hispanic population collected in the 50 states and the District of Columbia, and therefore, does not include residents of Puerto Rico.

Table D-1. Description of the March Current Population Survey

Time period	Number of sample areas	Housing units eligible ¹	
		Interviewed	Not interviewed
1996 to 1998	754	46,800	3,200
1995	792	56,700	3,300
1990 to 1994	729	57,400	2,600
1989	729	53,600	2,500
1988	729	53,200	2,600
1986 to 1987	729	57,000	2,500
1985	² 629/729	57,000	2,500
1982 to 1984	629	59,000	2,500
1980 to 1981	629	65,500	3,000
1977 to 1979	614	55,000	3,000
1973 to 1976	461	46,500	2,500
1972	449	45,000	2,000
1967 to 1971	449	48,000	2,000
1963 to 1966	357	33,500	1,500
1960 to 1962	333	33,500	1,500

¹Excludes about 2,500 Hispanic households added from the previous November sample. (See "CPS March Supplement".)

²The Census Bureau redesigned the CPS following the 1980 Decennial Census of Population and Housing. During phase-in of the new design, housing units from the new and old designs were in sample.

CPS estimation procedure. This survey's estimation procedure inflates weighted sample results to independent estimates of the civilian noninstitutional population of the United States by age, gender, race, Hispanic/non-Hispanic origin, and state of residence. The independent estimates are based on:

- The 1990 Decennial Census of Population and Housing.
- An adjustment for undercoverage in the 1990 census.
- Statistics on births, deaths, immigration, and emigration.
- Statistics on the size of the Armed Forces.

The independent population estimates used for 1994 and later are based on updates to controls established by the 1990 decennial census. Data previous to 1994 are based on independent population estimates from the latest available decennial census data. For more details on the change in independent estimates, see the section entitled "Introduction of 1990 Census Population Controls" in an earlier report (Series P-60, No. 188). The estimation procedure for the March supplement included a further adjustment so husband and wife of a household received the same weight.

The estimates in this report showing movement between 1983 and 1984 (March 1984 CPS) and later also employ a revised survey weighting procedure for persons of Hispanic origin. In previous years, we inflated weighted sample results to independent estimates of the noninstitutional population by age, gender, and race. There was no specific control of the survey estimates for the Hispanic population. Since then, the Census Bureau developed independent population controls for the Hispanic population by gender and detailed age groups. Revised weighting procedures incorporate these new controls. The independent population estimates include some, but not all, undocumented immigrants.

ACCURACY OF THE ESTIMATES

Since the CPS estimates come from a sample, they may differ from figures from a complete census using the same questionnaires, instructions, and enumerators. A sample survey estimate has two possible types of error: sampling and nonsampling. The accuracy of an estimate depends on both types of error, but the full extent of the nonsampling error is unknown. Consequently, one should be particularly careful when interpreting results based on a relatively small number of cases or on small differences between estimates. The standard errors for CPS estimates primarily indicate the magnitude of sampling error. They also partially measure the effect of some nonsampling errors in responses and enumeration, but do not measure systematic biases

in the data. (Bias is the average over all possible samples of the differences between the sample estimates and the desired value.)

Nonsampling variability. We can attribute nonsampling errors to several sources including the following:

- Inability to obtain information about all cases in the sample.
- Definitional difficulties.
- Differences in the interpretation of questions.
- Respondents' inability or unwillingness to provide correct information.
- Respondents' inability to recall information.
- Errors made in data collection such as recording and coding the data.
- Errors made in processing the data.
- Errors made in estimating values for missing data.
- Failure to represent all units with the sample (undercoverage).

CPS undercoverage results from missed housing units and missed people within sample households. Compared with the level of the 1990 decennial census, overall CPS undercoverage is about 8 percent. Undercoverage varies with age, gender, and race. Generally, undercoverage is larger for males than for females and larger for Blacks and other races combined than for Whites. As described previously, ratio estimation to independent age-gender-race-Hispanic population controls partially corrects for bias due to undercoverage. However, biases exist in the estimates to the extent that missed people in missed households or missed people in interviewed households have different characteristics from those of interviewed people in the same age-gender-race-Hispanic origin group.

A common measure of survey coverage is the coverage ratio, the estimated population before post-stratification divided by the independent population control. Table D-2 shows CPS coverage ratios for age-gender-race groups for a typical month. The CPS coverage ratios can exhibit some variability from month to month, but these are a typical set of coverage ratios.

Answers to questions about money income often depend on the memory of one person in the household. Recall problems can cause underestimates of income in survey data, because it is easy to forget minor or irregular sources of income. Respondents may also misunderstand what the Census Bureau considers money income or may simply be unwilling to answer these questions correctly because the questions are considered too personal. See Appendix C, *Current Population Reports, Series P60-184, Money Income of Households, Families, and Persons in the United States: 1992* for more details.

For additional information on nonsampling error including the possible impact on CPS data when known, refer to Statistical Policy Working Paper 3, *An Error Profile: Employment as Measured by the Current Population Survey*, Office of Federal Statistical Policy and Standards, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1978 and Technical Paper 40, *The Current Population Survey: Design and Methodology*, Bureau of the Census, U.S. Department of Commerce.

Comparability of data. Data obtained from the CPS and other sources are not entirely comparable. This results from differences in interviewer training and experience and in differing survey processes. This is an example of nonsampling variability not reflected in the standard errors. Use caution when comparing results from different sources.

A number of changes were made in data collection and estimation procedures beginning with the January 1994 CPS. The major change was the use of a new

Table D-2. March CPS Coverage Ratios

Age	Non-Black		Black		All persons		
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total
0 to 14 years	0.942	0.951	0.880	0.904	0.932	0.943	0.937
15 to 19 years	0.864	0.910	0.885	0.751	0.867	0.884	0.876
20 to 24 years	0.823	0.877	0.707	0.757	0.808	0.859	0.834
25 to 29 years	0.863	0.919	0.755	0.810	0.850	0.903	0.877
30 to 34 years	0.880	0.950	0.671	0.833	0.855	0.934	0.895
35 to 44 years	0.899	0.940	0.684	0.863	0.875	0.930	0.903
45 to 54 years	0.938	0.961	0.778	0.953	0.923	0.960	0.942
55 to 64 years	0.932	0.953	0.834	0.929	0.923	0.951	0.938
65 to 74 years	0.932	0.977	0.939	0.958	0.932	0.975	0.956
75 years and older	1.019	1.008	0.910	0.961	1.011	1.004	1.007
15 years and older	0.902	0.945	0.767	0.858	0.887	0.934	0.912
0 years and older	0.911	0.946	0.802	0.871	0.898	0.936	0.917

questionnaire. The Bureau of Labor Statistics redesigned the questionnaire to measure the official labor-force concepts more precisely, to expand the amount of data available, to implement several definitional changes, and to adapt to a computer-assisted interviewing environment. The Census Bureau modified the March supplemental income questions for adaptation to computer-assisted interviewing, but did not change definitions and concepts. Because of these and other changes, one should use caution when comparing estimates from data collected in 1994 and later years with estimates from earlier years.

Data users should also use caution when comparing estimates in this report (which reflect 1990 census-based population controls) with estimates from the March 1993 CPS and earlier years (which reflect 1980 census-based population controls). This change in population controls had relatively little impact on summary measures such as means, medians, and percent distributions. It did have a significant impact on levels. For example, 1990-based population controls caused a 1-percent increase in the civilian noninstitutional population and in the number of families and households. Thus, estimates of levels for data collected in 1994 and later years will differ from those for earlier years by more than what could be attributed to actual changes in the population. These differences could be disproportionately greater for certain subpopulation groups than for the total population.

Since the Census Bureau did not use independent population control totals for people of Hispanic origin before 1983, compare Hispanic estimates over time cautiously.

Based on the results of each decennial census, the Census Bureau gradually introduces a new sample design for the CPS. During this phase-in period, the Census Bureau collects CPS data from sample designs based on different censuses. While most CPS estimates have been unaffected by this mixed sample, geographic estimates are subject to greater error and variability. Users should exercise caution when comparing estimates across years for metropolitan/nonmetropolitan categories. While most CPS estimates have been unaffected by this mixed sample, geographic estimates are subject to greater error and variability. Users should exercise caution when comparing estimates across years for metropolitan and nonmetropolitan categories. For more information, see Appendix C, Current Population Reports, Series P60-193, *Money Income in the United States: 1995 (With Separate Data on Valuation of Non-cash Benefits)*.

Note when using small estimates. The Census Bureau shows summary measures (such as medians and percentage distributions) only when the base is 75,000 or greater. Because of the large standard errors involved, summary measures would probably not reveal useful

information when computed on a smaller base. However, we display estimated numbers even though the relative standard errors of these numbers are larger than those for corresponding percentages. These smaller estimates permit combinations of the categories to suit data users' needs. Take care in the interpretation of small differences. For instance, even a small amount of nonsampling error can cause a borderline difference to appear significant or not, thus distorting a seemingly valid hypothesis test.

Estimation of median incomes. The Census Bureau has changed the methodology for computing median income over the past few years. The Census Bureau has computed medians using either Pareto interpolation or linear interpolation. Currently, we are using linear interpolation to estimate all medians. Pareto interpolation assumes a decreasing density of population within an income interval; whereas, linear interpolation assumes a constant density of population within an income interval. The Census Bureau calculated estimates of median income and associated standard errors for 1979 through 1987 using Pareto interpolation if the estimate was larger than \$20,000 for persons or \$40,000 for families and households. This is because the width of the income interval containing the estimate is greater than \$2,500.

We calculated estimates of median income and associated standard errors for 1976, 1977, and 1978 using Pareto interpolation if the estimate was larger than \$12,000 for people or \$18,000 for families and households. This is because the width of the income interval containing the estimate is greater than \$1,000. We calculated all other estimates of median income and associated standard errors for 1976 through 1997 and almost all of the estimates of median income and associated standard errors for 1975 and earlier using linear interpolation.

Thus, use caution when comparing median incomes above \$12,000 for people or \$18,000 for families and households for different years. Median incomes below those levels are more comparable from year to year since they have always been calculated using linear interpolation. For an indication of the comparability of medians calculated using Pareto interpolation with medians calculated using linear interpolation, see Series P-60, No. 114, *Money Income in 1976 of Families and Persons in the United States*.

Sampling variability. Sampling variability is variation that occurred by chance because a sample was surveyed rather than the entire population. Standard errors, as calculated by methods described in **Standard errors and their use**, are primarily measures of sampling variability, but they may include some nonsampling error.

Standard errors and their use. Data users must use a number of approximations to derive, at a moderate cost,

Table D-3. CPS Standard Error Parameters for Poverty, Income, and Nonincome Characteristics: 1996

Characteristics	Total or White		Black		Hispanic	
	a	b	a	b	a	b
BELOW POVERTY LEVEL						
Persons						
Total	-0.000039	10,380	-0.000301	10,380	-0.000338	10,380
Male	-0.000079	10,380	-0.000647	10,380	-0.000641	10,380
Female	-0.000076	10,380	-0.000563	10,380	-0.000666	10,380
Age						
Under 15	-0.000134	8,002	-0.000834	8,002	-0.000857	8,002
Under 18	-0.000112	8,002	-0.000698	8,002	-0.000664	8,002
15 and over	-0.000050	10,380	-0.000417	10,380	-0.000486	10,380
15 to 24	-0.000106	3,927	-0.000703	3,927	-0.000487	3,927
25 to 44	-0.000047	3,927	-0.000366	3,927	-0.000276	3,927
45 to 64	-0.000070	3,927	-0.000666	3,927	-0.000295	3,927
65 and over	-0.000122	3,927	-0.001403	3,927	-0.000885	3,927
Households, Families, and Unrelated Individuals						
Total	+0.000102	2,442	+0.000102	2,442	+0.000102	2,442
ALL INCOME LEVELS						
Persons						
Total	-0.000012	2,454	-0.000116	2,810	-0.000135	2,810
Male	-0.000025	2,454	-0.000258	2,810	-0.000264	2,810
Female	-0.000023	2,454	-0.000210	2,810	-0.000275	2,810
Age						
15 to 24	-0.000066	2,454	-0.000503	2,810	-0.000349	2,810
25 to 44	-0.000030	2,454	-0.000262	2,810	-0.000197	2,810
45 to 64	-0.000044	2,454	-0.000477	2,810	-0.000211	2,810
65 and over	-0.000076	2,454	-0.001047	2,810	-0.000633	2,810
Households, Families, and Unrelated Individuals						
Total	-0.000013	2,241	-0.000119	2,247	-0.000210	2,247
Households with children under 18	-0.000013	2,241	-0.000119	2,247	-0.000210	2,247
NONINCOME CHARACTERISTICS						
Persons						
Employment status	-0.000018	2,985	-0.000125	3,139	-0.000151	3,139
Educational attainment	-0.000012	2,757	-0.000139	2,680	-0.000163	3,051
Health insurance	-0.000024	6,332	-0.000320	11,039	-0.000359	11,039
Total, Marital Status, Other						
Some household members	-0.000019	5,211	-0.000217	7,486	-0.000244	7,486
All household members	-0.000024	6,332	-0.000320	11,039	-0.000359	11,039
Households, Families, and Unrelated Individuals						
Total	-0.000012	2,068	-0.000077	1,871	-0.000155	1,871

NOTE: To determine parameters prior to 1997, multiply by the appropriate factor in Table D-4. For nonmetropolitan residence categories, multiply the a and b parameters by 1.5. For foreign-born characteristics, multiply the a and b parameters for Total and White by 1.3. No adjustment is necessary for Blacks and Hispanics.

standard errors applicable to the estimates in this report. Instead of providing an individual standard error for each estimate, we have provided two parameters, a and b, to calculate standard errors for each type of characteristic.

Table D-3 provides standard error parameters for various types of characteristics. Table D-4 provides factors to approximate CPS standard errors for estimates prior to 1997. Table D-5 provides CPS Hispanic parameters for estimate prior to 1984. Table D-6 provides CPS Asian and Pacific Islander parameters for income and nonincome characteristics. Table D-7 has the year-to-year correlation coefficients for income characteristics.

Table D-4. CPS Factors to Apply to a and b Parameters for Estimates Prior to 1997

Characteristic	Factor
NON-HISPANIC	
1996	1.00
1989 to 1995	0.92
1988	1.02
1981 to 1987	0.86
1967 to 1980	0.75
HISPANIC	
1996	1.00
1989 to 1995	0.92
1988	1.19
1984 to 1987	0.86

The sample estimate and its standard error enable one to construct a confidence interval, a range that would include the average result of all possible samples with a known probability. For example, if all possible samples were surveyed under essentially the same general conditions and using the same sample design, and if an estimate and its standard error were calculated from each sample, then approximately 90 percent of the intervals from 1.645 standard errors below the estimate to 1.645 standard errors above the estimate would include the average result of all possible samples.

A particular confidence interval may or may not contain the average estimate derived from all possible samples. However, one can say with specified confidence that the interval includes the average estimate calculated from all possible samples.

Some statements in the report may contain estimates followed by a number in parentheses. This number can be added to and subtracted from the estimate to calculate upper and lower bounds of the 90-percent confidence interval. For example, if a statement contains the phrase "grew by 1.7 (± 1.0) percent," the 90-percent confidence interval for the estimate, 1.7 percent, is 0.7 percent to 2.7 percent.

Data users may also use standard errors to perform hypothesis testing. This is a procedure for distinguishing between population parameters using sample estimates. One common type of hypothesis appearing in this report

is that two population parameters are different. An example of this would be comparing the median annual income of Black families with the median annual income of White families.

One can perform tests at various levels of significance. The significance level of a test is the probability of concluding that the characteristics are different when, in fact, they are the same. All statements of comparison in the text were tested at the 0.10 level of significance or better. This means that the absolute value of the estimated difference between characteristics is greater than or equal to 1.645 times the standard error of the difference.

The Census Bureau uses 90-percent confidence intervals and 0.10 levels of significance to determine statistical validity. Consult standard statistical textbooks for alternative criteria.

Standard errors of estimated numbers. One can obtain the approximate standard error, s_x , of an estimated number shown in this report by using the formula:

$$s_x = \sqrt{ax^2 + bx} \quad (1)$$

Here x is the size of the estimate and a and b are the parameters in Tables D-3 or D-6 associated with the particular type of characteristic. When calculating standard errors from cross-tabulations involving different characteristics, use the set of parameters for the characteristic which will give the largest standard error.

Illustration. Table 2 shows that there were 35,574,000 people below the poverty level in 1997. Use the appropriate parameters from Table D-3 and formula (1) to get

Number, x	35,574,000
a parameter	-0.000039
b parameter	10,380
Standard error	566,000
90% conf. int.	34,644,000 to 36,504,000

The standard error is calculated as

$$s_x = \sqrt{-0.000039 \times 35,574,000^2 + 10,380 \times 35,574,000} = 566,000$$

The 90-percent confidence interval is calculated as 35,574,000 $\pm$ 1.645 $\times$ 566,000.

A conclusion that the average estimate derived from all possible samples lies within a range computed in this way would be correct for roughly 90 percent of all possible samples.

Standard errors of estimated percentages. The reliability of an estimated percentage, computed using sample data from both numerator and denominator, depends on both the size of the percentage and its base.

Estimated percentages are relatively more reliable than the corresponding estimates of the numerators of the percentages, particularly if the percentages are 50 percent or more. When the numerator and denominator of the percentage are in different categories, use the parameter from Table D-3 or D-6 indicated by the numerator. One can obtain the approximate standard error, $s_{x,p}$, of an estimated percentage by using the formula

$$s_{x,p} = \sqrt{\frac{b}{x} p(100 - p)} \quad (2)$$

Here x is the total number of people, families, households, or unrelated individuals in the base of the percentage, p is the percentage ($0 \leq p \leq 100$), and b is the parameter in Table D-3 or D-6 associated with the characteristic in the numerator of the percentage.

Illustration. Table 2 shows that of the 35,574,000 people below the poverty level in 1997, 24,396,000, or 68.6 percent, were White. Use the appropriate parameter from Table D-3 and formula (2) to get

Percentage, p	68.6
Base, x	35,574,000
b parameter	10,380
Standard error	0.8
90% conf. int.	67.3 to 69.9

The standard error is calculated as

$$s_{s,p} = \sqrt{\frac{10,380}{35,574,000} \times 68.6 \times (100 - 68.6)} = 0.8$$

The 90-percent confidence interval is calculated as $68.6 \pm 1.645 \times 0.8$.

Standard error of a difference. The standard error of the difference between two sample estimates is approximately equal to

$$s_{x-y} = \sqrt{s_x^2 + s_y^2 - 2rs_xs_y} \quad (3)$$

where s_x and s_y are the standard errors of the estimates, x and y . The estimates can be numbers, percentages, ratios, etc. Table D-7 contains the correlation coefficient, r , for year-to-year comparisons for CPS income estimates of numbers and proportions. For other comparisons, assume that r equals zero. Making this assumption will result in accurate estimates of standard errors for the difference between two estimates of the same characteristic in two different areas, or for the difference between separate and uncorrelated characteristics in the same area. However, if there is a high positive (negative) correlation between the two characteristics, the formula will overestimate (underestimate) the true standard error.

Illustration. Table A shows that the number of people below the poverty level in 1997 was 35,574,000 and in 1996 was 36,529,000. The apparent difference is -955,000. Use the appropriate parameters and factors from Table D-3 and Table D-4 and formulas (1) and (3) to get

	x	y	difference
Estimate, x	35,574,000	36,529,000	-955,000
a parameter	-0.000039	-0.000039	-
b parameter	10,380	10,380	-
r	-	-	0.45
Standard error	566,000	572,000	597,000
90% conf. int.	34,644,000 to 36,504,000	35,588,000 to 37,470,000	-1,937,000 to 27,000

The standard error of the difference is calculated as

$$s_{x-y} = \sqrt{566,000^2 + 572,000^2 - 2 \times 0.45 \times 566,000 \times 571,000} = 597,000$$

The 90-percent confidence interval for the estimated difference between the number of people in poverty for 1997 and 1996 is calculated as $-955,000 \pm 1.645 \times 597,000$. Because this interval contains zero, we cannot conclude with 90-percent confidence that the number of people below the poverty level in 1997 was lower than the number of people below the poverty level in 1996.

Standard error of a ratio. Certain estimates may be calculated as the ratio of two numbers. The standard error of a ratio, x/y , may be computed using

$$s_{x/y} = \frac{x}{y} \sqrt{\left(\frac{s_x}{x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{s_y}{y}\right)^2 - 2r \frac{s_x s_y}{xy}} \quad (4)$$

The standard error of the numerator, s_x , and that of the denominator, s_y , may be calculated using formulas described earlier. In formula (4), r represents the correlation between the numerator and the denominator of the estimate.

For one type of ratio, the denominator is a count of families or households and the numerator is a count of people in those families or households with a certain characteristic. If there is at least one person with the characteristic in every family or household, use 0.7 as an estimate of r . An example of this type is the mean number of children per family with children.

For all other types of ratios, r is assumed to be zero. If r is actually positive (negative), then this procedure will provide an overestimate (underestimate) of the standard error of the ratio. Examples of this type are the mean number of children per family and the family poverty rate.

NOTE: For estimates expressed as the ratio of x per 100 y or x per 1,000 y , multiply formula (4) by 100 or 1,000, respectively, to obtain the standard error.

Table D-5. CPS Standard Error Parameters for Poverty, Income, and Nonincome Characteristics of Hispanics: 1972 to 1983

Characteristics	1972 - 1980		1981 - 1983	
	a	b	a	b
BELOW POVERTY LEVEL				
People				
Total	-0.000063	11,528	-0.001131	12,901
Male	-0.000130	11,528	-0.002307	12,901
Female	-0.000123	11,528	-0.002219	12,901
Age				
Under 15	-0.000052	6,057	-0.001399	6,778
Under 18	-0.000044	6,057	-0.001184	6,778
15 and over	-0.000032	11,528	-0.000421	12,901
15 to 24	-0.000122	4,520	-0.001414	5,058
25 to 44	-0.000097	4,520	-0.000962	5,058
45 to 64	-0.000117	4,520	-0.002147	5,058
65 and over	-0.000153	4,520	-0.006068	5,058
Households, Families, and Unrelated Individuals				
Total	-0.000014	2,420	-0.000237	2,708
ALL INCOME LEVELS				
People				
Total	-0.000020	3,000	-0.000301	3,357
Male	-0.000043	3,000	-0.000615	3,357
Female	-0.000038	3,000	-0.000591	3,357
Age				
15 to 24	-0.000080	3,000	-0.000961	3,357
25 to 44	-0.000065	3,000	-0.000668	3,357
45 to 64	-0.000077	3,000	-0.001459	3,357
65 and over	-0.000147	3,000	-0.004124	3,357
Households, Families, and Unrelated Individuals				
Total	-0.000014	2,420	-0.000237	2,708
Households with children under 18	-0.000014	2,420	-0.000237	2,708
NONINCOME CHARACTERISTICS				
People				
Employment status	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Educational attainment	-0.000015	2,344	-0.000152	2,623
Total, Marital Status, Other				
Some household members	-0.000026	5,069	-0.000294	5,673
All household members	-0.000044	10,199	-0.000592	11,414
Households, Families, and Unrelated Individuals				
Total	-0.000020	1,626	-0.000022	1,820

Note: Data users should multiply the a and b parameters by 1.5 for nonmetropolitan residence categories. The Census Bureau did not publish income data for Hispanics before 1972.

Table D-6. CPS Standard Error Parameters for Poverty, Income, and Nonincome Characteristics of Asians and Pacific Islanders: 1997

Characteristics	a	b
BELOW POVERTY LEVEL		
People	-0.001206	10,380
Households, families, and unrelated individuals	0.000102	2,442
ALL INCOME LEVELS		
People	-0.000303	2,810
Households, families, and unrelated individuals	-0.000352	2,447
NONINCOME CHARACTERISTICS		
People		
Total, marital status, other		
Some household members	-0.000587	7,486
All household members	-0.000866	11,039
Households, families, and unrelated individuals	-0.000197	1,871

Note: To obtain parameters prior to 1997, multiply by the appropriate factor in Table D-4. Income data for Asians and Pacific Islanders were not collected prior to 1988.

Table D-7. CPS Year-to-Year Correlation Coefficients for Poverty and Income Estimates

Characteristics	Below poverty level								All income levels	
	1972-83 or 1984-97		1983 - 1984		1971 - 1972		1970 - 1971		1960 - 1997	
	People	Families	People	Families	People	Families	People	Families	People	Families, households, and unrelated individuals
Total	0.45	0.35	0.39	0.30	0.15	0.14	0.31	0.28	0.30	0.35
White	0.35	0.30	0.30	0.26	0.14	0.13	0.28	0.25	0.30	0.35
Black	0.45	0.35	0.39	0.30	0.17	0.16	0.35	0.32	0.30	0.35
Other races	0.45	0.35	0.30	0.30	0.17	0.16	0.35	0.32	0.30	0.35
Hispanic ¹	0.65	0.55	0.56	0.47	0.17	0.16	0.35	0.32	0.45	0.55

¹People of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

Note: These correlations are for comparisons of consecutive years. For comparisons of nonconsecutive years, assume the correlations are zero. For Asians and Pacific Islanders, use the correlation coefficient for total. Correlation coefficients for 1983-84 are lower than those for 1982-83 or 1984-85 because of the phase-in of the new sample design.

Illustration. Suppose the number of families below the poverty level, x, was 7,324,000 and the total number of families, y, was 70,884,000. The ratio of families below the poverty level to the total number of families would be 0.103 or 10.3 percent. Use the appropriate parameters from table D-3 and formulas (1) and (4) with r=0 to get

	x	y	ratio
90% conf. int.	7,073,000 to 7,575,000	70,401,000 to 71,367,000	0.099 to 0.107

Using formula (8) with r = 0, the estimate of the standard error is

$$s_{xy} = \frac{7,324,000}{70,884,000} \sqrt{\left[\frac{153,000}{7,324,000} \right]^2 + \left[\frac{294,000}{70,884,000} \right]^2} = 0.002$$

	x	y	ratio
Estimate	7,324,000	70,884,000	0.103
a parameter	+0.000102	-0.000012	
b parameter	2,442	2,068	-
Standard error	153,000	294,000	0.002

The 90-percent confidence interval is calculated as 0.103 ± 1.645x0.002.