

The poverty rate was higher for American Indians and Alaska Natives than for non-Hispanic Whites.¹⁵

- About 25 percent of American Indians and Alaska Natives were living below the poverty level in the 12 months prior to being surveyed, compared with about

9 percent of non-Hispanic Whites.

- The poverty rate was generally higher for children (under age

18). About 31 percent of American Indian and Alaska Native children and about 11 percent of non-Hispanic White children lived in poverty.

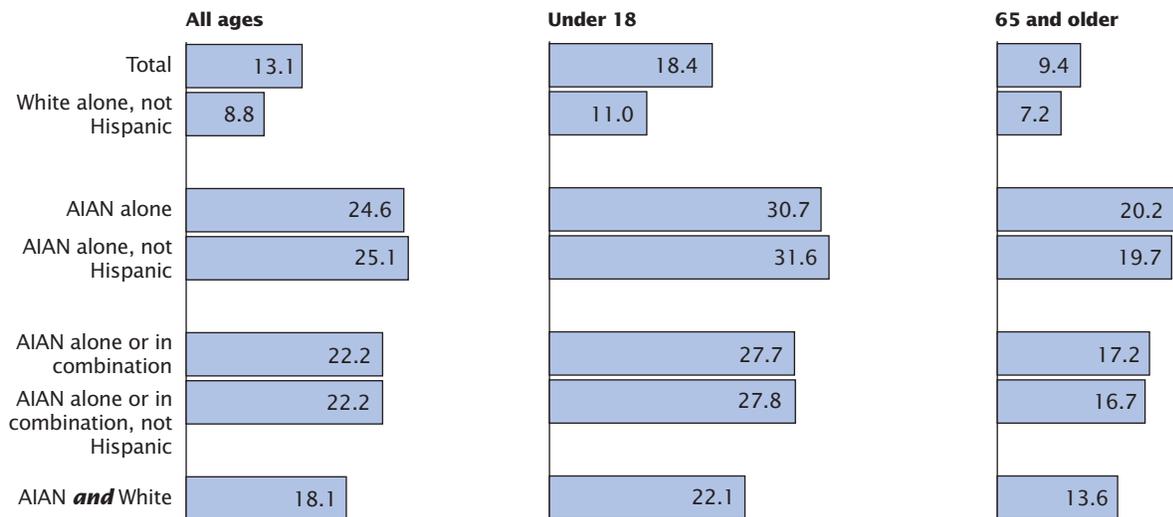
¹⁵ In accordance with the U.S. Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Statistical Policy Directive 14, the Census Bureau uses a set of money income thresholds that vary by family size and composition to determine who is in poverty. If a family's total income is less than the threshold for the family, then that family and every individual in it are considered to be in poverty. For example, the poverty threshold for a family of three with one child under 18 for the 1-year period

preceding the ACS interview was \$14,974. Poverty status was determined for all individuals except for unrelated individuals under 15 years old. The official poverty definition uses money income before taxes and does not include capital gains or noncash benefits. For more information on poverty in the ACS, see <www.census.gov/prod/2005pubs/acs-01.pdf> and <www.census.gov/acs/www/UseData/Def/Poverty.htm>.

- Among those aged 65 and older, American Indians and Alaska Natives had a poverty rate of about 20 percent, compared with about 7 percent for non-Hispanic Whites.

Figure 12.
Poverty Rate by Age Group: 2004

(Percent of specific group in poverty in the past 12 months. Data based on sample limited to the household population and exclude the population living in institutions, college dormitories, and other group quarters. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see http://factfinder.census.gov/home/en/datanotes/exp_acs2004.html)



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2004 American Community Survey, Selected Population Profiles, S0201.