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<i>Selected characteristics, race, and Hispanic origin</i> ¹	1973	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000 ²	2004 ³	2005	2006
All persons									
Percent below poverty									
All races	11.1	13.0	14.0	13.5	13.8	11.3	12.7	12.6	12.3
White only	8.4	10.2	11.4	10.7	11.2	9.5	10.8	10.6	10.3
Black or African American only	31.4	32.5	31.3	31.9	29.3	22.5	24.7	24.9	24.3
Asian only	---	---	---	12.2	14.6	9.9	9.8	11.1	10.3
Hispanic or Latino	21.9	25.7	29.0	28.1	30.3	21.5	21.9	21.8	20.6
Mexican	---	---	28.8	28.1	31.2	22.9	---	---	---
Puerto Rican	---	---	43.3	40.6	38.1	25.6	---	---	---
White only, not Hispanic or Latino	7.5	9.1	9.7	8.8	8.5	7.4	8.7	8.3	8.2
Related children under 18 years of age in families									
All races	14.2	17.9	20.1	19.9	20.2	15.6	17.3	17.1	16.9
White only	9.7	13.4	15.6	15.1	15.5	12.4	14.3	13.9	13.6
Black or African American only	40.6	42.1	43.1	44.2	41.5	30.9	33.4	34.2	33.0
Asian only	---	---	---	17.0	18.6	12.5	9.4	11.0	12.0
Hispanic or Latino	27.8	33.0	39.6	37.7	39.3	27.6	28.6	27.7	26.6
Mexican	---	---	37.4	35.5	39.3	29.5	---	---	---
Puerto Rican	---	---	58.6	56.7	53.2	32.1	---	---	---
White only, not Hispanic or Latino	---	11.3	12.3	11.6	10.6	8.5	9.9	9.5	9.5
Related children under 18 years of age in families with female householder and no spouse present									
All races	---	50.8	53.6	53.4	50.3	40.1	41.9	42.8	42.1
White only	---	41.6	45.2	45.9	42.5	33.9	38.2	38.8	37.8
Black or African American only	---	64.8	66.9	64.7	61.6	49.3	49.2	50.2	49.7
Asian only	---	---	---	32.2	42.4	38.0	18.7	25.6	36.2
Hispanic or Latino	---	65.0	72.4	68.4	65.7	49.8	51.9	50.2	47.2
Mexican	---	---	64.4	62.4	65.9	51.4	---	---	---
Puerto Rican	---	---	85.4	82.7	79.6	55.3	---	---	---
White only, not Hispanic or Latino	---	---	---	39.6	33.5	28.0	31.5	33.1	32.9
All persons									
Number below poverty in thousands									
All races	22,973	29,272	33,064	33,585	36,425	31,581	37,040	36,950	36,460
White only	15,142	19,699	22,860	22,326	24,423	21,645	25,327	24,872	24,416
Black or African American only	7,388	8,579	8,926	9,837	9,872	7,982	9,014	9,168	9,048
Asian only	---	---	---	858	1,411	1,258	1,201	1,402	1,353
Hispanic or Latino	2,366	3,491	5,236	6,006	8,574	7,747	9,122	9,368	9,243
Mexican	---	---	3,220	3,764	5,608	5,460	---	---	---
Puerto Rican	---	---	1,011	966	1,183	814	---	---	---
White only, not Hispanic or Latino	12,864	16,365	17,839	16,622	16,267	14,366	16,908	16,227	16,013
Related children under 18 years of age in families									
All races	9,453	11,114	12,483	12,715	13,999	11,005	12,473	12,335	12,299
White only	5,462	6,817	7,838	7,696	8,474	6,834	7,876	7,652	7,522
Black or African American only	3,822	3,906	4,057	4,412	4,644	3,495	3,702	3,743	3,690
Asian only	---	---	---	356	532	407	265	312	351
Hispanic or Latino	1,364	1,718	2,512	2,750	3,938	3,342	3,985	3,977	3,959
Mexican	---	---	1,589	1,733	2,655	2,537	---	---	---
Puerto Rican	---	---	535	490	610	329	---	---	---
White only, not Hispanic or Latino	---	5,174	5,421	5,106	4,745	3,715	4,190	3,973	3,930

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Related children under 18 years of age in families with female householder and no spouse present									
				Number below poverty in thousands					
All races	---	5,866	6,716	7,363	8,364	6,300	7,152	7,210	7,341
White only	---	2,813	3,372	3,597	4,051	3,090	3,782	3,747	3,840
Black or African American only	---	2,944	3,181	3,543	3,954	2,908	2,963	2,993	2,971
Asian only	---	---	---	80	145	162	55	68	91
Hispanic or Latino	---	809	1,247	1,314	1,872	1,407	1,840	1,774	1,848
Mexican	---	---	553	615	1,056	938	---	---	---
Puerto Rican	---	---	449	382	459	242	---	---	---
White only, not Hispanic or Latino	---	---	---	2,411	2,299	1,832	2,114	2,158	2,206

--- Data not available.

¹The race groups, white, black, and Asian, include persons of Hispanic and non-Hispanic origin. Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. Starting with 2002 data, race-specific estimates are tabulated according to the 1997 Revisions to the Standards for the Classification of Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity and are not strictly comparable with estimates for earlier years. The three single-race categories shown in the table conform to the 1997 Standards. For 2002 and subsequent years, race-specific estimates are for persons who reported only one racial group. Estimates for single-race categories prior to 2002 are based on answers to the Current Population Survey question which asked respondents to choose only a single race. Prior to data year 2002, data were tabulated according to the 1977 Standards in which the Asian only category included Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander. See [Appendix II, Hispanic origin; Race](#).

²Estimates are consistent with 2001 data through implementation of the 2000 census-based population controls and a 28,000 household sample expansion.

³The 2004 data have been revised to reflect a correction to the weights in the 2005 Annual Social and Economic Supplements (ASEC) of the Current Population Survey.

NOTES: Estimates of poverty for 1991–1998 are based on 1990 postcensal population estimates. Estimates for 1999 and subsequent years are based on 2000 census population controls. Poverty level is based on family income and family size using U.S. Census Bureau poverty thresholds. See [Appendix II, Poverty](#). The Current Population Survey is not large enough to produce reliable annual estimates for American Indian or Alaska Native persons, or for Native Hawaiians. The 2004–2006 average poverty rate for American Indian or Alaska Natives only was 27.2%, representing 644,000 persons. Data for additional years are available. See [Appendix III](#).

SOURCES: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey Annual Social and Economic Supplements; DeNavas-Walt C, Proctor BD, Smith J. Income, poverty, and health insurance coverage in the United States: 2006. Current population reports, series P–60, no 233. Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office. 2007.