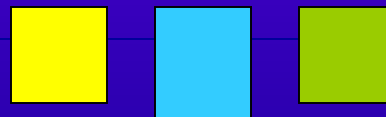


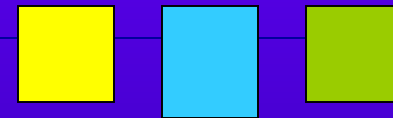
# Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance Coverage: 2003

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# Income and Poverty: 2003



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## Highlights: Income

Real median household money income remained unchanged between 2002 and 2003 at \$43,300.

The Gini index of income inequality remained unchanged between 2002 and 2003; the share of aggregate money income for the lowest 20 percent declined from 3.5 percent to 3.4 percent.

The ratio of female-to-male earnings for full-time, year-round workers was 76 percent in 2003, a decline from 77 percent in 2002.

Note: Income rounded to the nearest \$100.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2003 and 2004 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.

## **Highlights: Poverty**

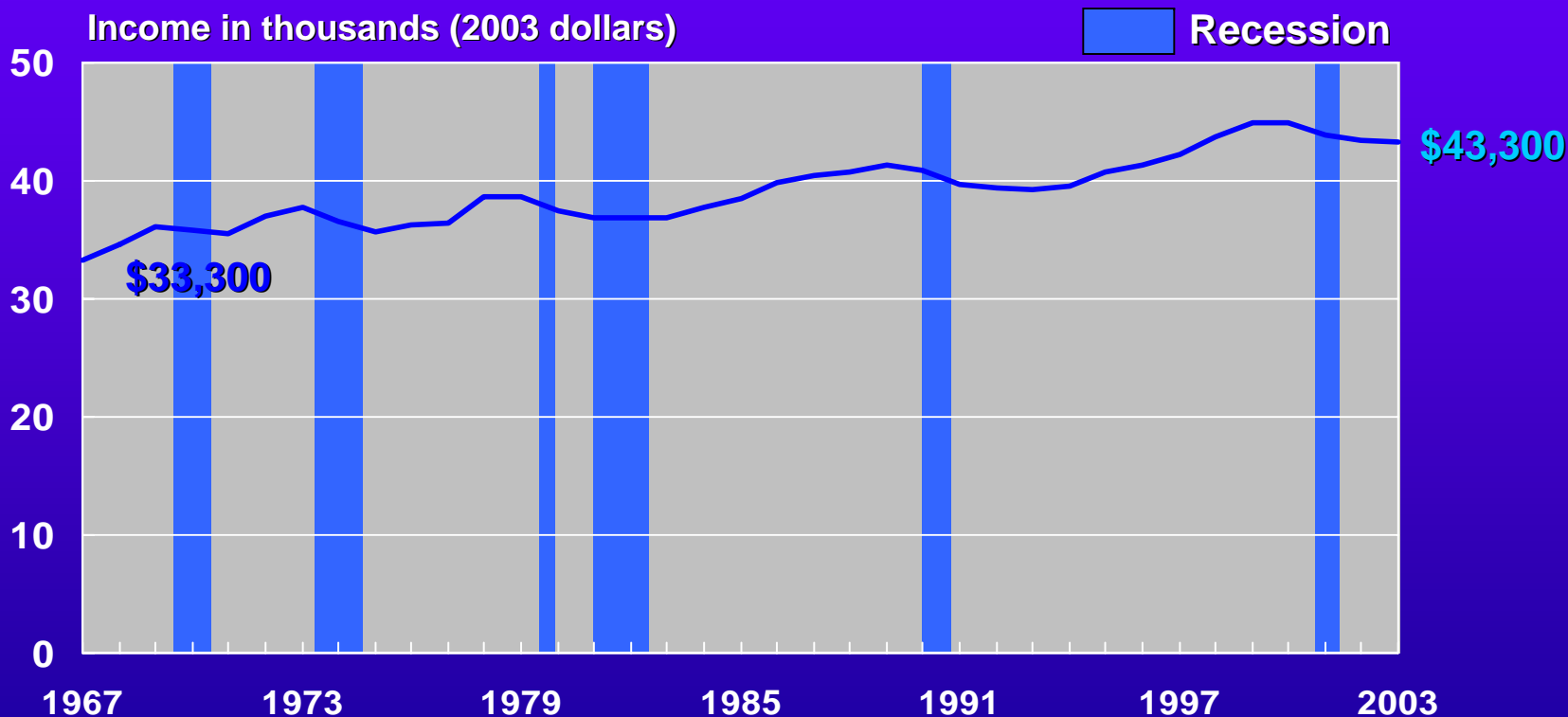
**The official poverty rate rose from 12.1 percent in 2002 to 12.5 percent in 2003.**

**The number of people in poverty increased 1.3 million to 35.9 million in 2003.**

**The poverty rate for children rose from 16.7 percent in 2002 to 17.6 percent in 2003.**

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2003 and 2004 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.

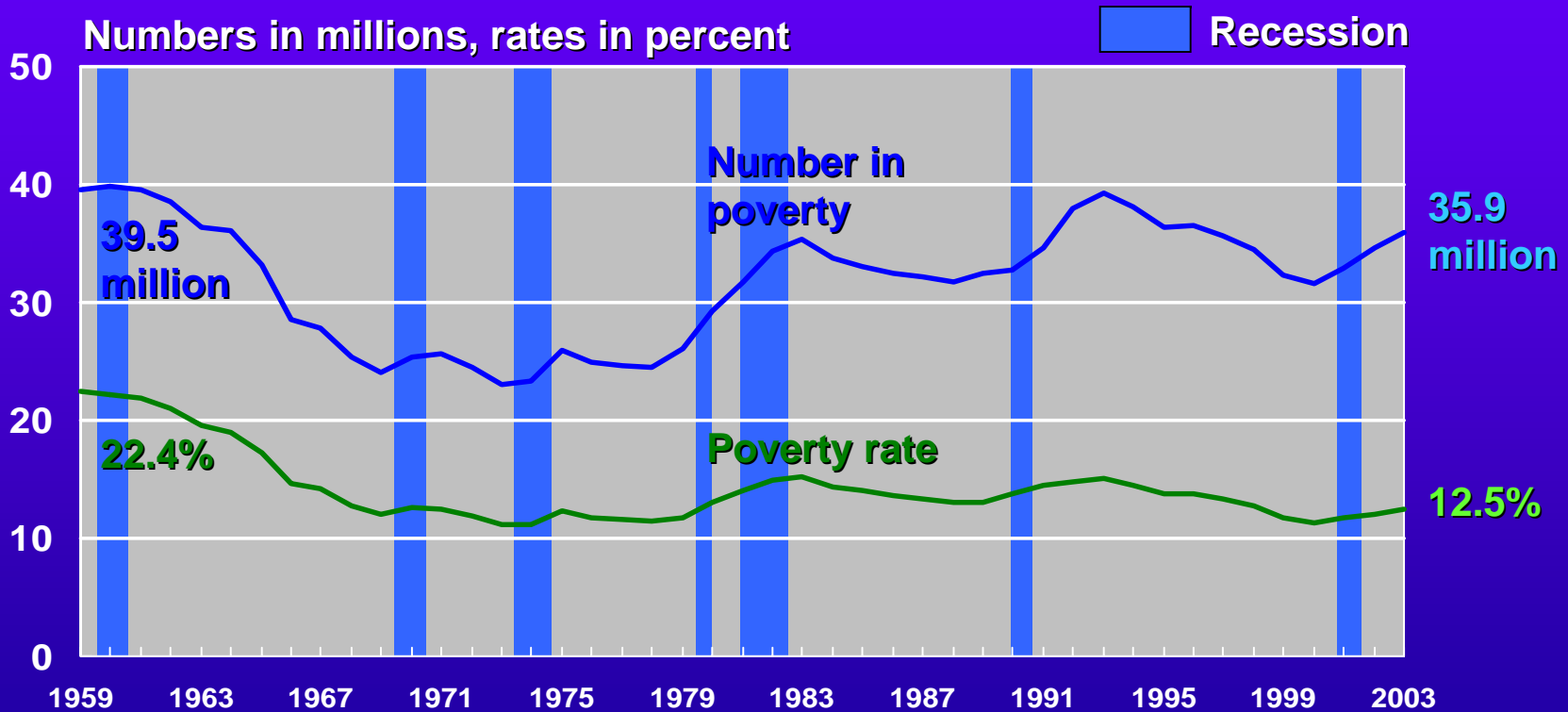
# Real Median Household Income: 1967 to 2003



Note: Income rounded to nearest \$100.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey,  
1968 to 2004 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.

# Poverty: 1959 to 2003



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 1960 to 2004 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.

# Real Median Household Income by Race and Hispanic Origin: 2003

Race and Hispanic Origin of Householder	Median Income	Percentage Change from 2002
White alone, not Hispanic	\$47,800	No Change
Black alone or in combination Black alone	\$29,700 \$29,600	No Change No Change
Asian alone or in combination Asian alone	\$55,300 \$55,700	No Change No Change
Hispanic origin (of any race)	\$33,000	-2.6

Note: Income rounded to nearest \$100.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2003 and 2004 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.

# Poverty Rates by Race and Hispanic Origin: 2003

Race and Hispanic Origin	Poverty Rate (percent)	Percentage Point Change from 2002
White alone, not Hispanic	8.2	No Change
Black alone or in combination	24.3	No Change
Black alone	24.4	No Change
Asian alone or in combination	11.8	+1.9
Asian alone	11.8	+1.8
Hispanic origin (of any race)	22.5	No Change

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2003 and 2004 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.



# Median Household Income and Poverty Rates by Region: 2003

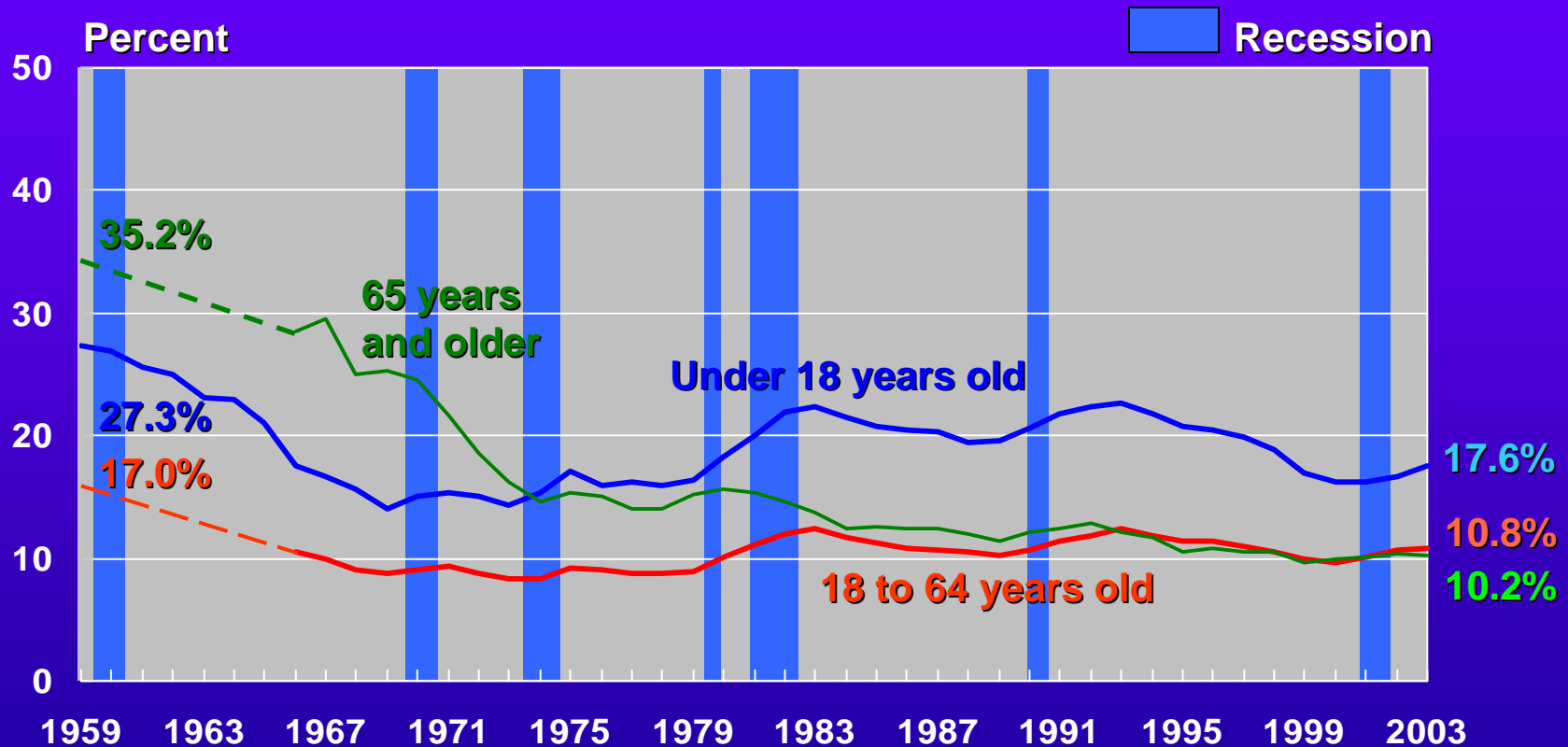
Area	Income	Poverty Rate (percent)
United States	\$43,300	12.5*
Northeast	\$46,700	11.3
Midwest	\$44,700	10.7
South	\$39,800*	14.1
West	\$46,800	12.6

Note: Income rounded to nearest \$100.

\*Change from 2002.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2003 and 2004 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.

# Poverty Rates by Age: 1959 to 2003



Note: Data for people 18 to 64 and 65 and older are not available from 1960 to 1965.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 1960 to 2004 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.

# Household Income Inequality: 2003

*The Gini index remained unchanged between 2002 and 2003.*

*Other measures show an increase:*

Income Quintile	Income cutoffs	Shares of household income (percent)
Lowest 20 percent		3.4 *
Second 20 percent	\$18,000 *	8.7
Third 20 percent	\$34,000	14.8
Fourth 20 percent	\$54,500	23.4
Highest 20 percent	\$86,900 *	49.8

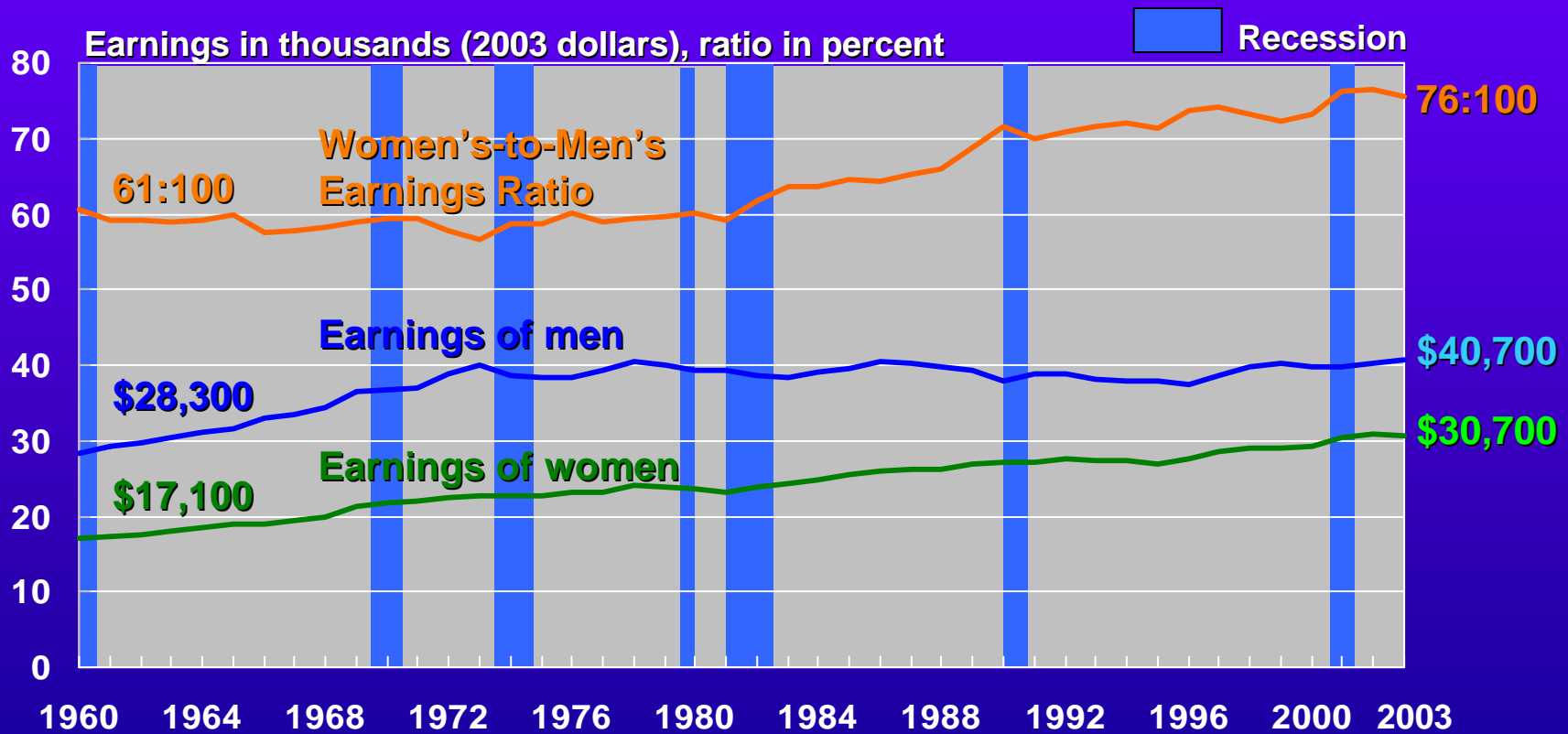
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2003 and 2004 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.

# Women's-to-Men's Median Earnings Ratio and Real Median Earnings: 1960 to 2003

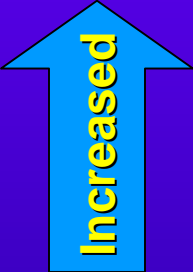
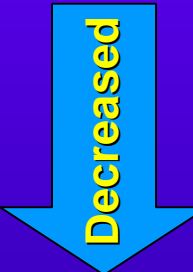
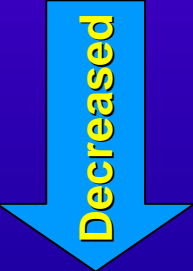
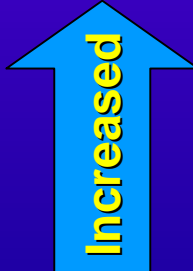
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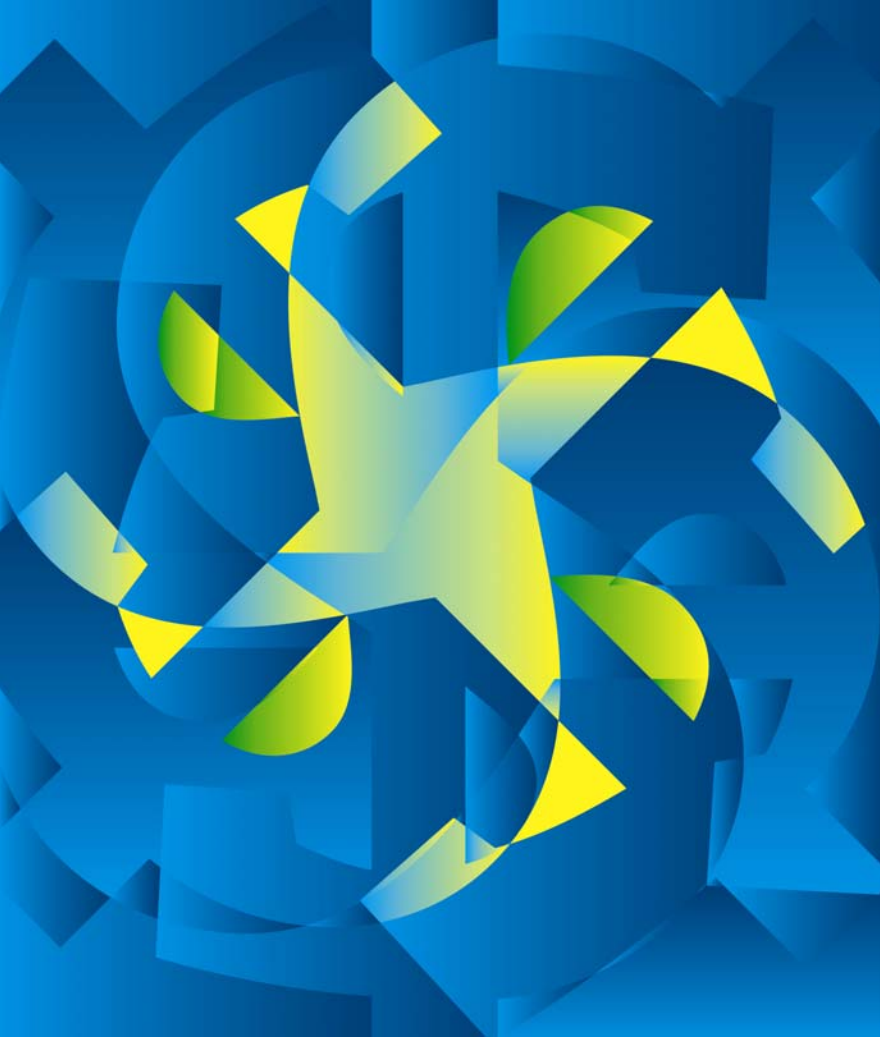
Note: Income rounded to nearest \$100.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 1961 to 2004 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.

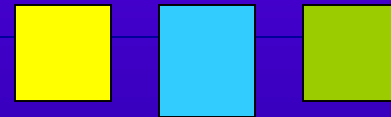
# Income and Poverty by State: 2002-2003 Average Compared With 2001-2002 Average

Median Household Income	Poverty Rate
 <p>Idaho  <b>North Dakota</b>            Washington            West Virginia</p>	<p>Mississippi  <b>North Dakota</b></p> 
 <p>Alaska      Massachusetts            Arizona      <b>North Carolina</b>            Arkansas      Pennsylvania  <b>Illinois</b>      Rhode Island            Kentucky      <b>Texas</b></p>	<p><b>Illinois</b>      <b>Texas</b>            Michigan      Virginia            Nevada  <b>North Carolina</b>            South Dakota</p> 

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey,  
2002 to 2004 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.



# Health Insurance Coverage: 2003



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# Highlights:

## Health Insurance Coverage

The number of people with health insurance coverage increased 1.0 million to 243.3 million in 2003.

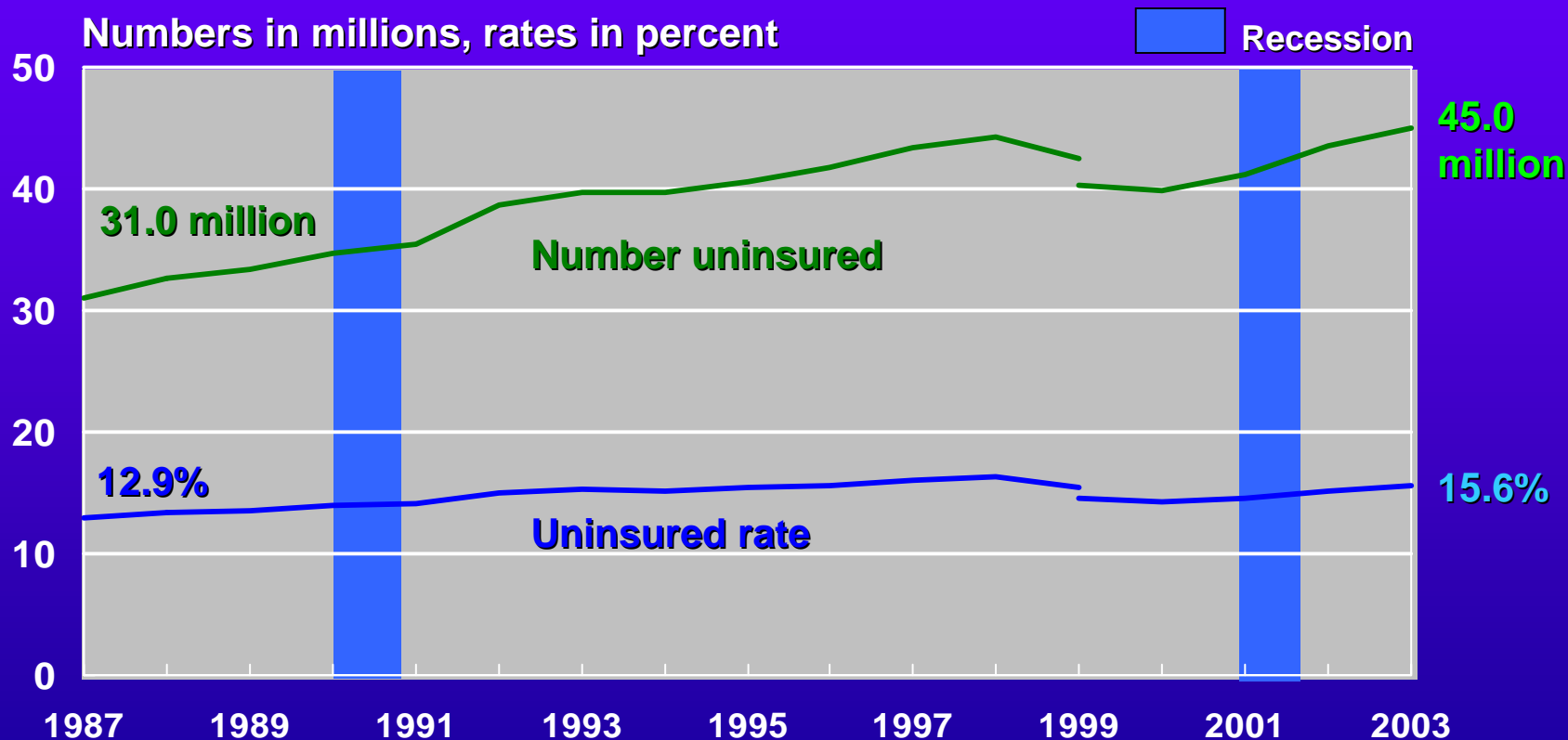
The number of people without health insurance coverage increased 1.4 million to 45.0 million in 2003.

The uninsured rate rose from 15.2 percent in 2002 to 15.6 percent in 2003.

The proportion of children without health insurance did not change, remaining at 11.4 percent or 8.4 million in 2003.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2003 and 2004 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.

# Number of People Not Covered by Health Insurance and Uninsured Rate: 1987 to 2003



Note: Data for 1999 reflect implementation of follow-up verification questions.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 1988 to 2004 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.



# Coverage by Type of Health Insurance: 2003

Type of Health Insurance	Coverage Rate (percent)	Percentage Point Change from 2002
Employment-based private plan	60.4	- 0.9
Direct-purchase private plan	9.2	No Change
Medicare	13.7	+ 0.2
Medicaid/SCHIP	12.4	+ 0.7
Military health care	3.5	No Change
Uninsured	15.6	+ 0.4

SCHIP - State Children's Health Insurance Program.  
 Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey,  
 2003 and 2004 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.

# Uninsured Rates by Race and Hispanic Origin: 2003

Race and Hispanic Origin	Uninsured Rate (percent)	Percentage Point Change from 2002
White alone, not Hispanic	11.1	+0.4
Black alone or in combination	19.4	No Change
Black alone	19.6	No Change
Asian alone or in combination	18.6	No Change
Asian alone	18.8	No Change
Hispanic origin (of any race)	32.7	No Change

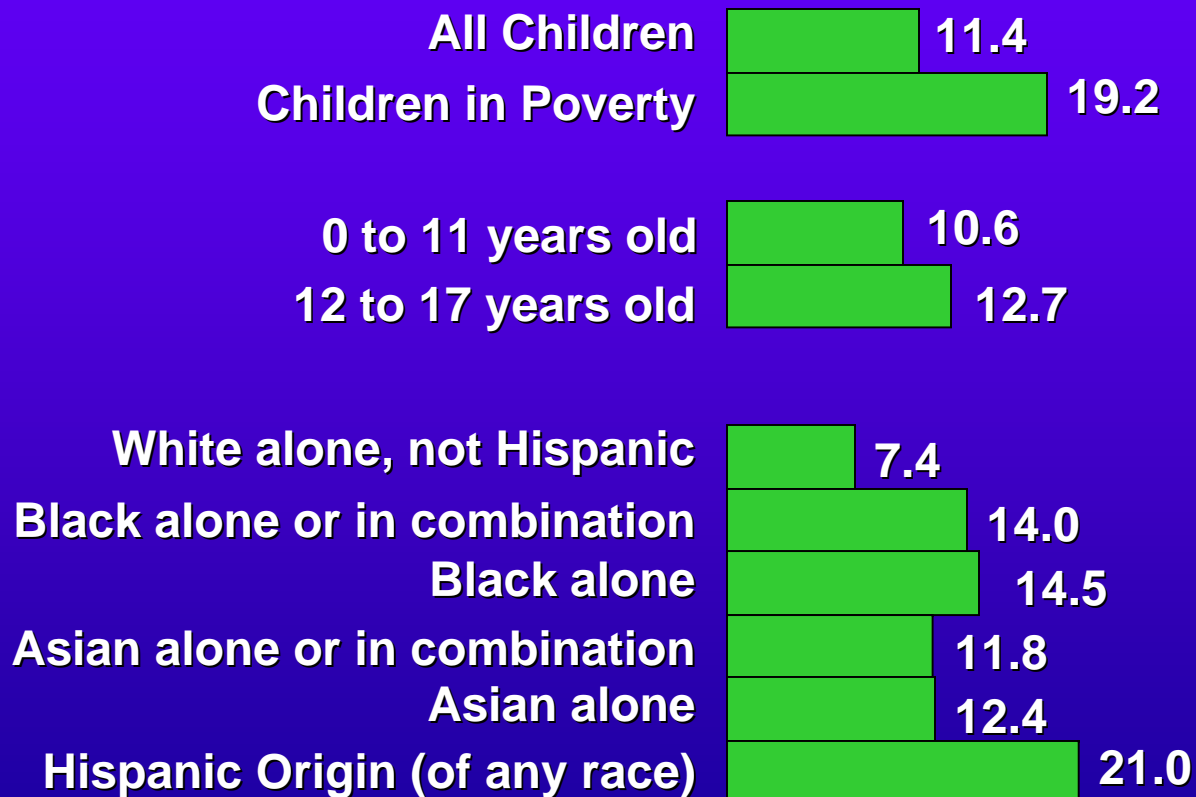
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# Children's Coverage by Type of Health Insurance: 2003

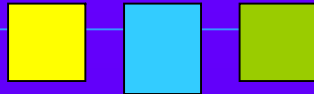
Type of Health Insurance	Coverage Rate (percent)	Percentage Point Change from 2002
Employment-based private plan	61.2	- 1.8
Direct-purchase private plan	5.3	No Change
Medicare	0.7	No Change
Medicaid/SCHIP	26.4	+ 2.4
Military health care	2.7	No Change
Uninsured	11.4	No Change

SCHIP – State Children's Health Insurance Program.  
 Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey,  
 2003 and 2004 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.

# Uninsured Rates of Children by Selected Characteristics: 2003



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2004 Annual Social and Economic Supplement.



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