

Income and Poverty

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Highlights

Real median household income holds steady between 1999 and 2000

- \$42,100 in 2000, matches highest level since first measured in 1967
- Hispanic and Black households reach highest level since first measured in CPS

Poverty rate matches record low

- Poverty rate at 11.3 percent in 2000, down from 11.8 percent in 1999
- Matches record low of 11.1 percent in 1973, and lowest since 1979
- 1.1 million reduction in number of poor, to 31.1 million

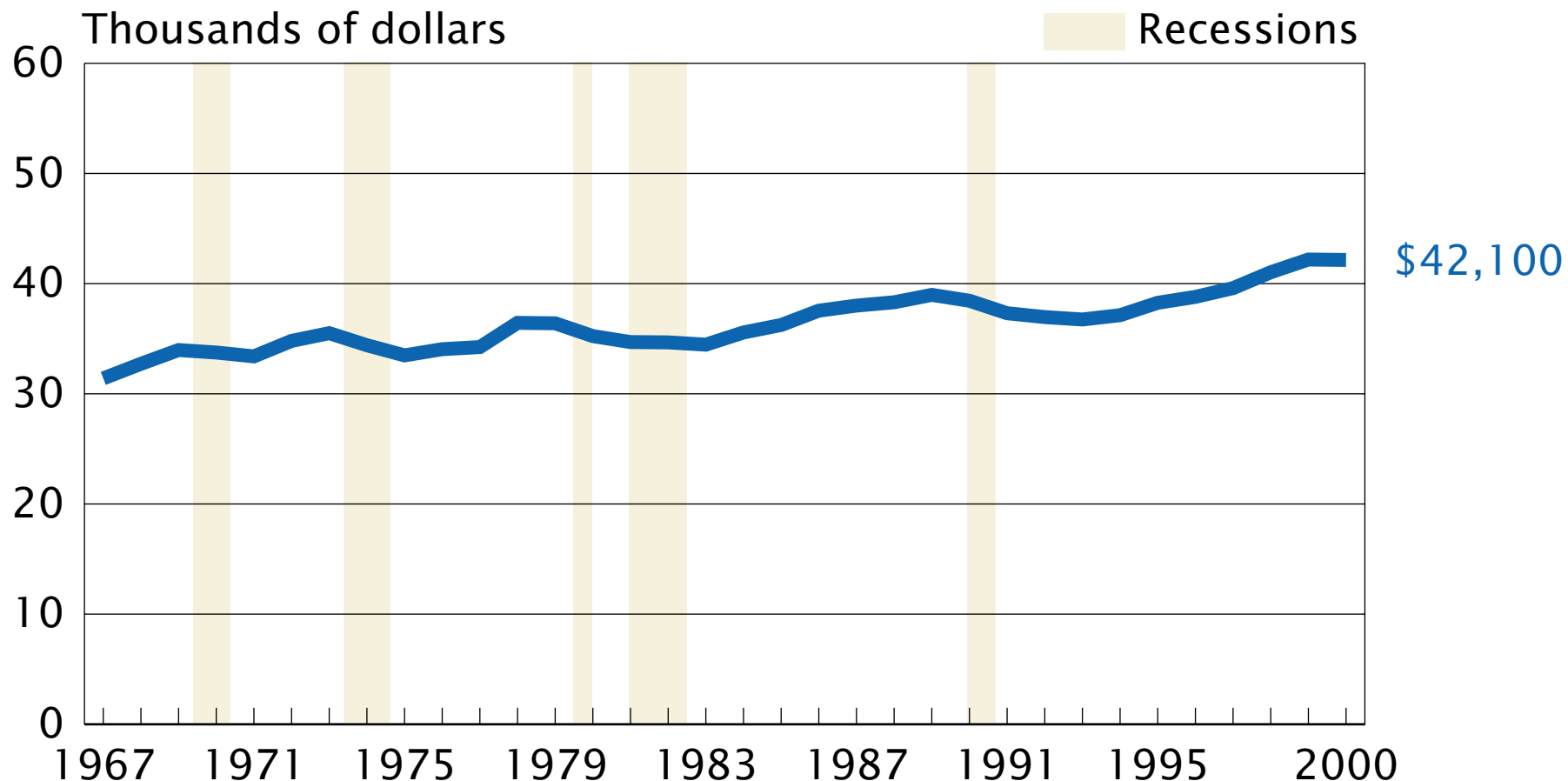
No change in income inequality from 1999 to 2000

Note: Income rounded to the nearest \$100.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, March 2000 and 2001.

Median Household Income: 1967 to 2000

Median household income matches highest since first measured



Note: Income rounded to the nearest \$100. Income in 2000 dollars.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, March 1968 to 2001.

Median Household Income by Region: 1999 to 2000

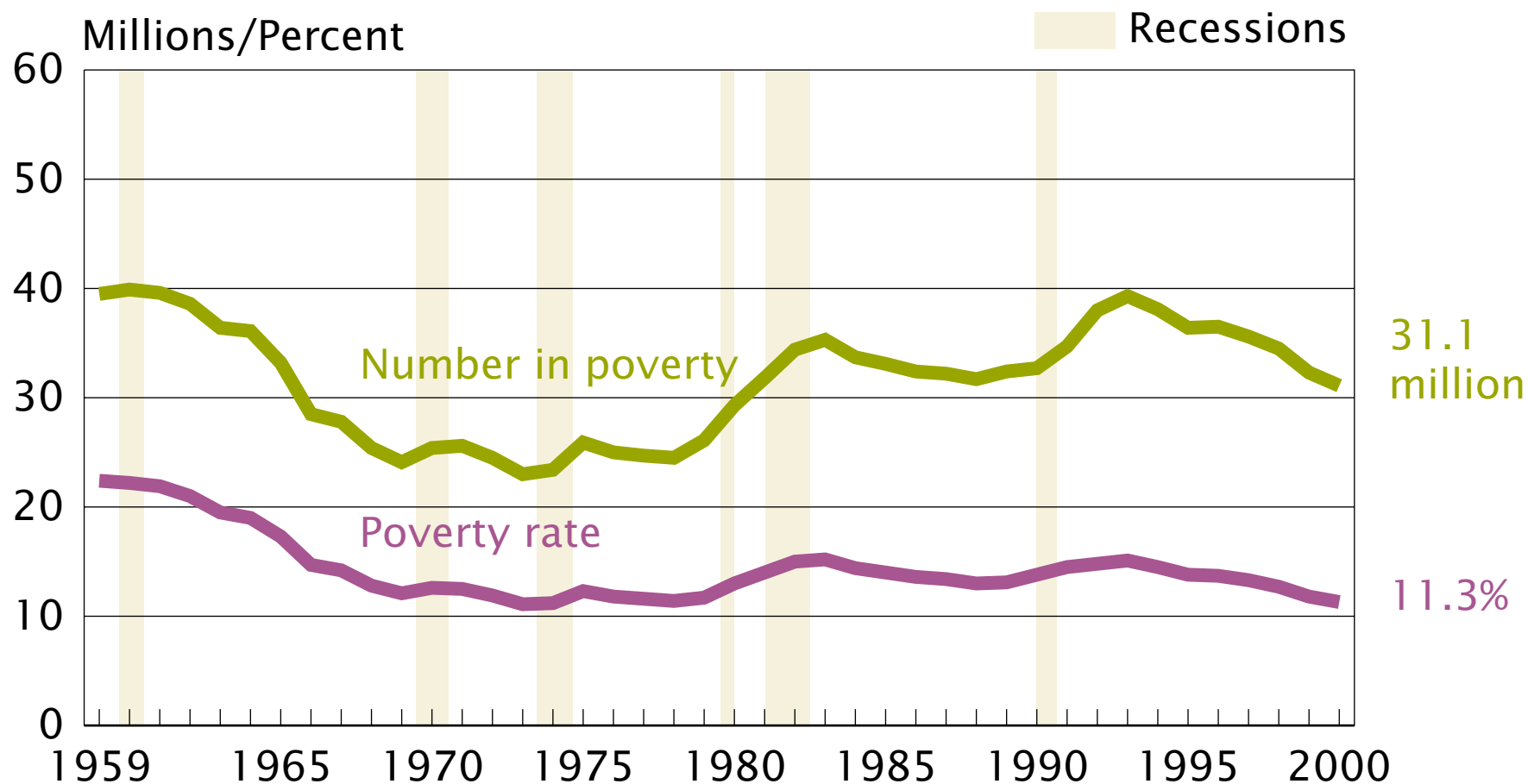
Only Northeast showed increase in income

<u>Area</u>	<u>2000 income level</u>	<u>Percent change, 1999-2000</u>
United States	\$42,100	No statistical change
Northeast	\$45,100	3.9% increase
Midwest	\$44,600	No statistical change
South	\$38,400	No statistical change
West	\$44,700	No statistical change

Note: Income rounded to the nearest \$100. Percent change adjusted for inflation.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, March 2000 and 2001.

Poverty: 1959 to 2000

Poverty rate statistically equals record low



Note: Estimates for 1990 and 1991 are interpolated.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, March 1960 to 2001.

Poverty by Region: 1999 to 2000

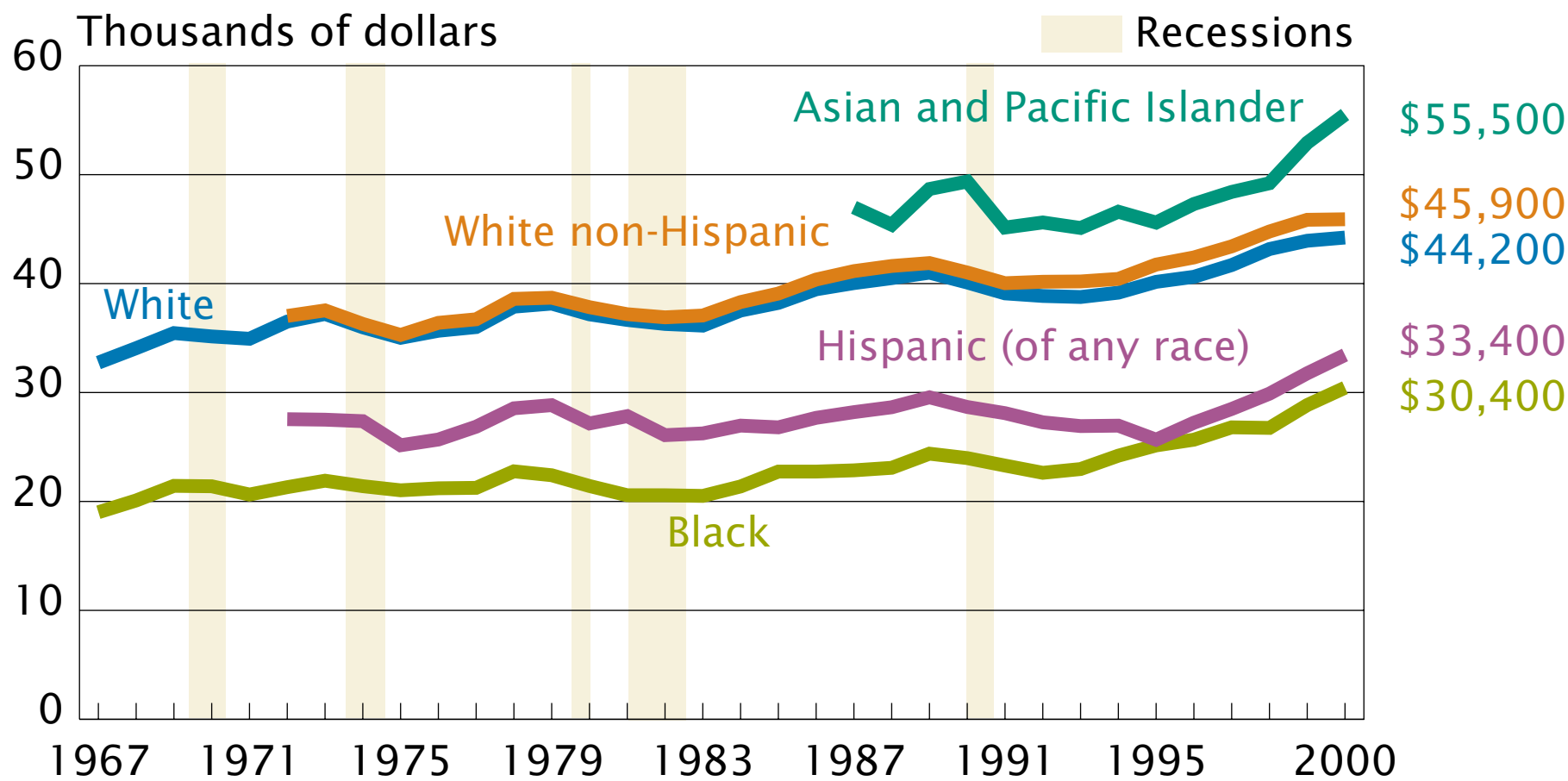
No region showed significant declines in poverty

<u>Area</u>	<u>Percent poor</u>	<u>Change</u>
United States	11.3%	Decrease of 0.5 percentage point Decrease of 1.1 million
Northeast	10.3%	No statistical change
Midwest	9.5%	No statistical change
South	12.5%	No statistical change
West	11.9%	No statistical change

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, March 2000 and 2001.

Median Household Income by Race and Hispanic Origin: 1967 to 2000

Income increased for Blacks and Hispanics;
all groups matched or exceeded highest level recorded

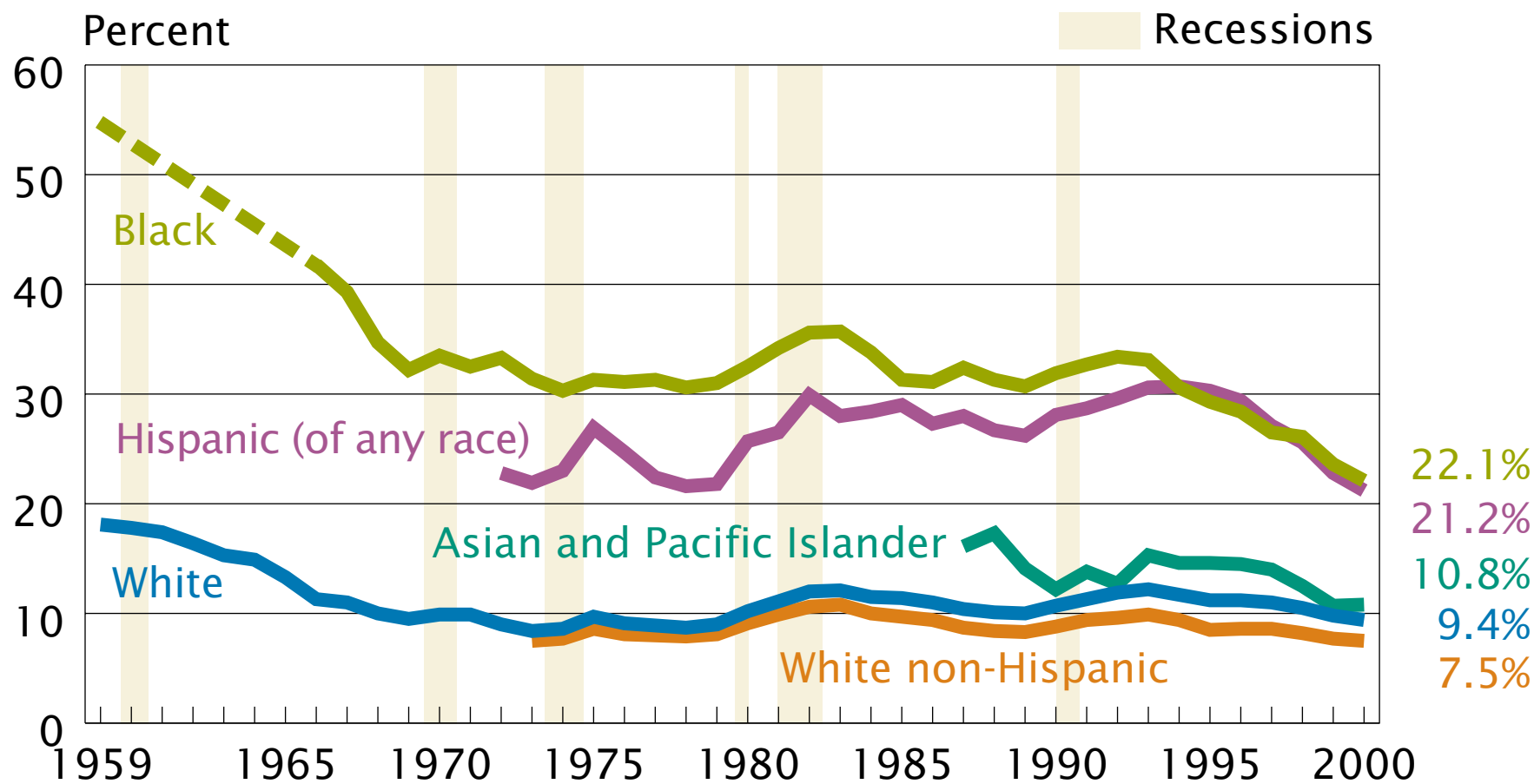


Note: Income rounded to the nearest \$100. Income in 2000 dollars.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, March 1968 to 2001.

Poverty Rates by Race and Hispanic Origin: 1959 to 2000

Poverty rates declined for Blacks and Hispanics; lows set or matched for all groups except Whites



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, March 1960 to 2001.

Three-Year-Average Median Household Income and Poverty Rate by Race and Hispanic Origin: 1998-2000

Three-year average needed for reliable estimates for American Indians and Alaska Natives

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Poverty rate</u>
United States	\$41,800*	11.9%*
White	\$43,800*	9.9%*
White non-Hispanic	\$45,500*	7.8%
Black	\$28,700*	23.9%*
American Indian and Alaska Native	\$31,800	25.9%
Asian and Pacific Islander	\$52,600*	11.3%
Hispanic (of any race)	\$31,700*	23.1%*

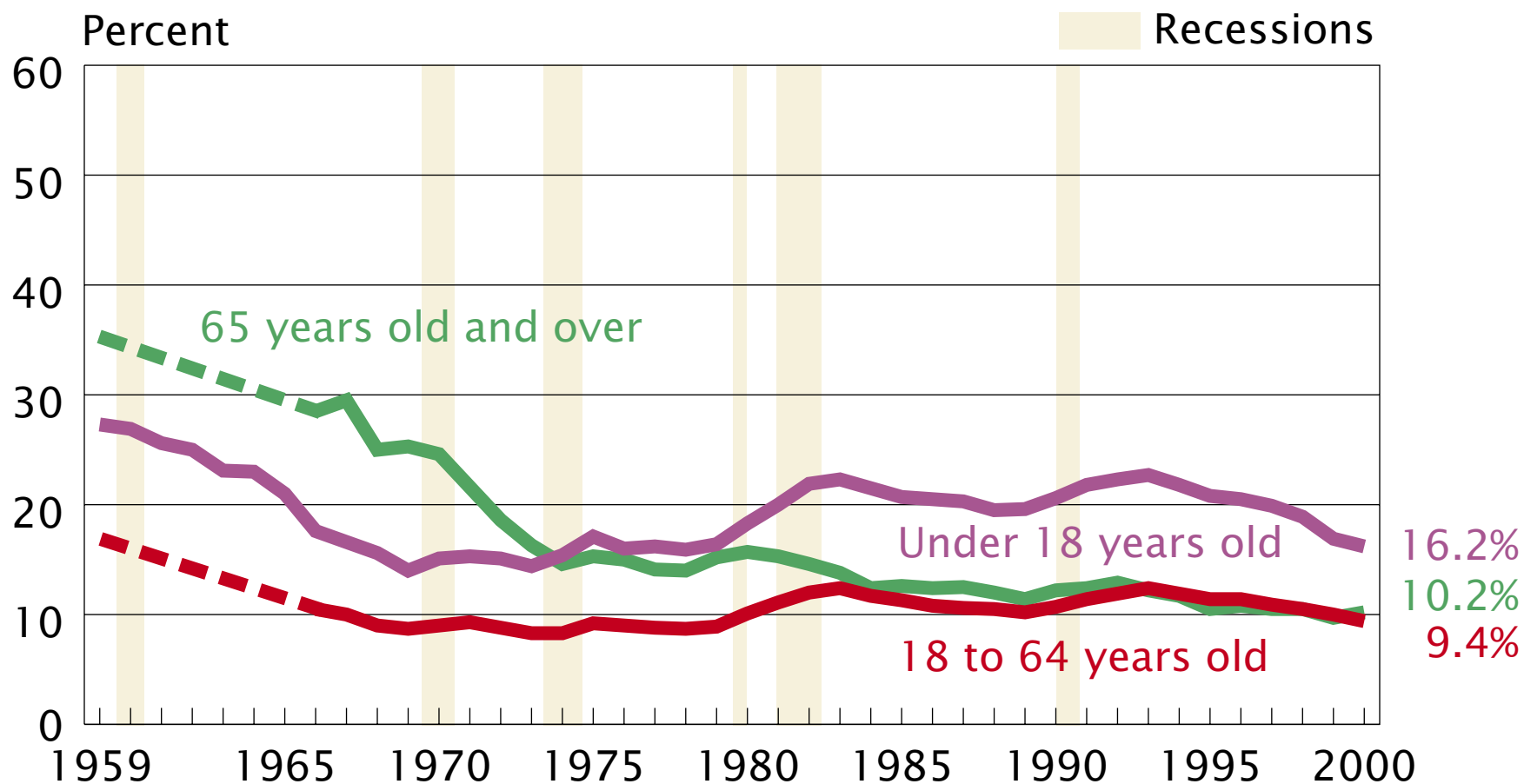
* Denotes statistically significant increase (income)/decrease (poverty) from 1998-1999 to 1999-2000.

Note: Income rounded to the nearest \$100. Income in 2000 dollars.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, March 1999, 2000, and 2001.

Poverty Rates by Age: 1959 to 2000

Third consecutive year of decline in child poverty;
elderly poverty rate matches its all-time low



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, March 1960 to 2001.

Median Household Income and Poverty Rate by Nativity: 1999 to 2000

	Median Household Income		Poverty Rate	
	<u>Income</u>	<u>Percent change</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Change</u>
United States	\$42,100	No statistical change	11.3%	0.5 percentage point decrease
Native	\$42,600	No statistical change	10.7%	0.5 percentage point decrease
Foreign born	\$38,900	4.5% increase	15.7%	No statistical change
Naturalized citizen	\$44,500	No statistical change	9.7%	No statistical change
Not a citizen	\$35,400	9.8% increase	19.4%	No statistical change

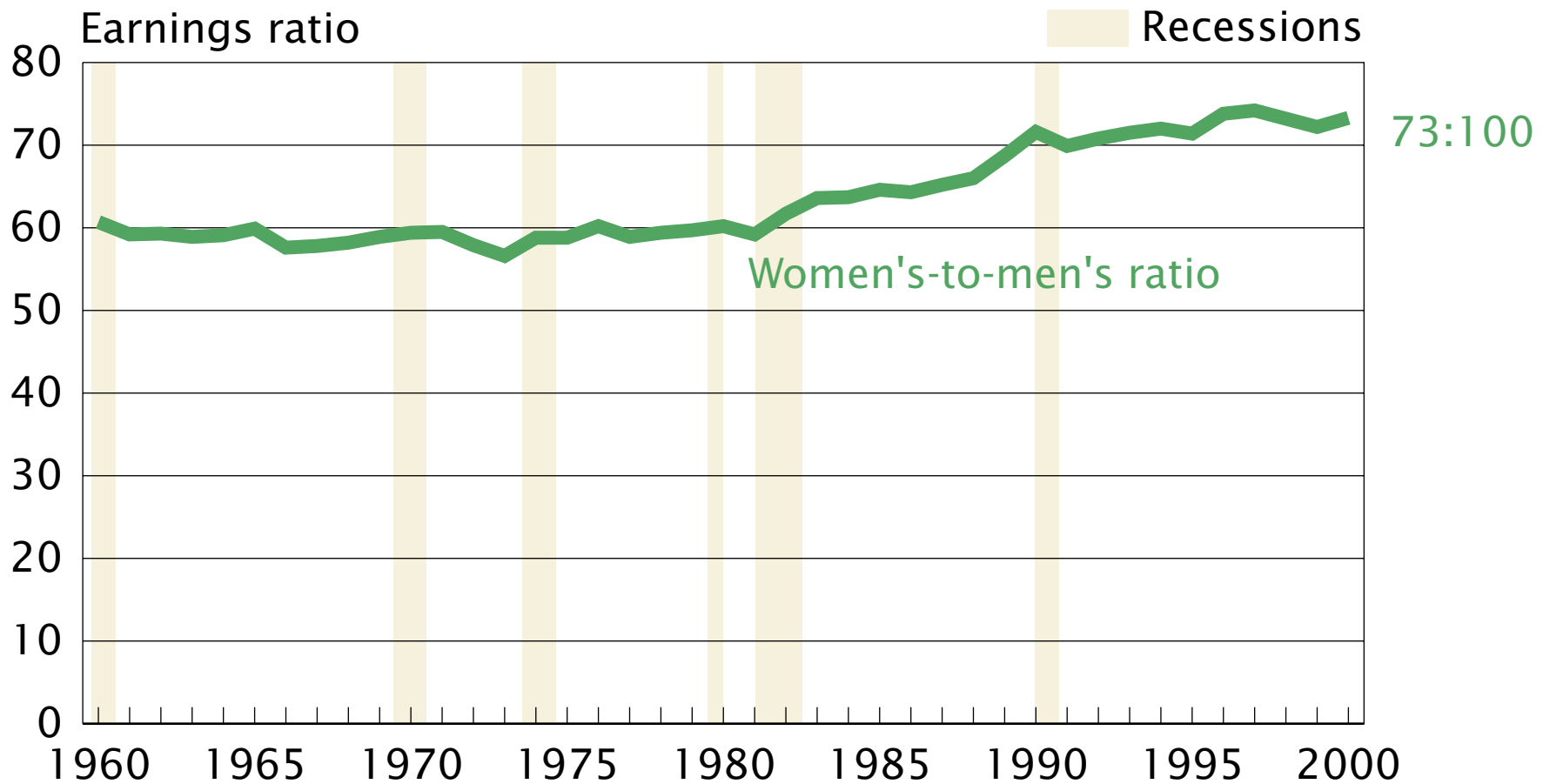
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, March 2000 and 2001.

Women's-to-Men's Median Earnings Ratios: 1960 to 2000

(Full-time, year-round workers)

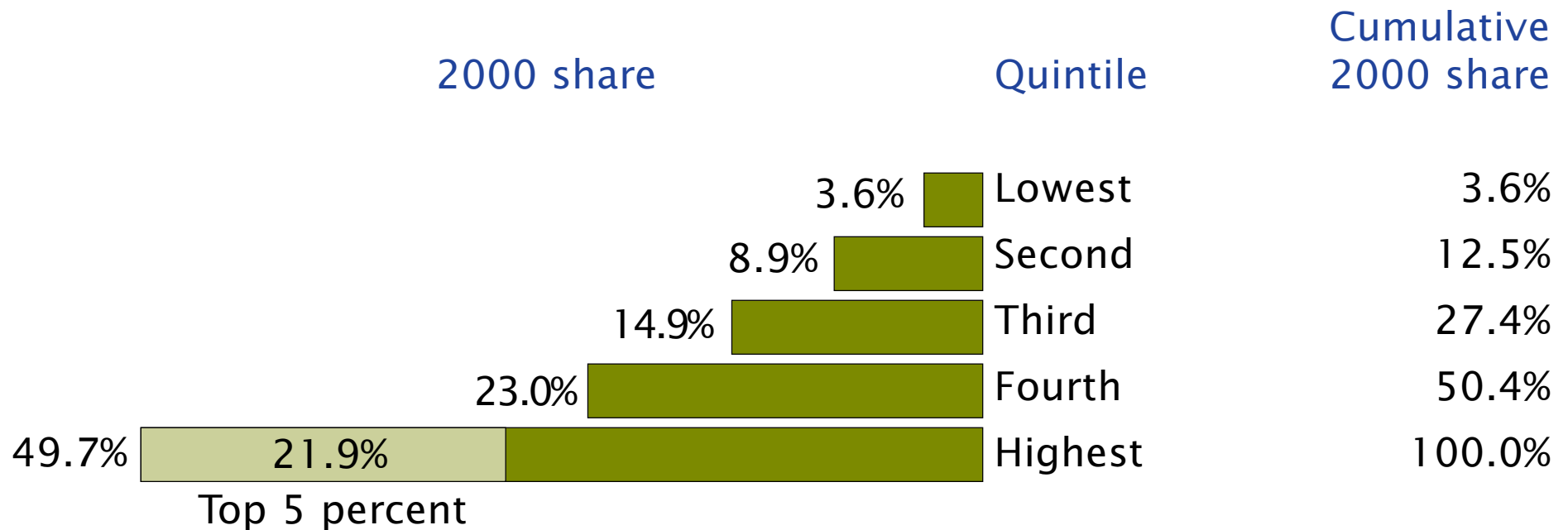
**Men's earnings fell 1.0 percent;
women's-to-men's earnings ratio remained unchanged**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, March 1961 to 2001.

Measures of Household Income Inequality

No statistical change in shares of aggregate income from 1999 to 2000



No statistical change in Gini Index from 1999 to 2000

Income and Poverty by State: 1999-2000 Average Compared With 1998-1999 Average

Median Household Income

■ Increased

California
Delaware
Iowa
Maine
Missouri
New York

■ Decreased

Alabama
Louisiana
Washington

Poverty Rate

■ Decreased

Arizona	Mississippi
California	New Hampshire
District of Columbia	New York
Florida	North Dakota
Minnesota	Oregon
	Pennsylvania

■ Increased

None