

Table 21.—Poverty status of persons, families, and children under 18, by race/ethnicity: 1959 to 1998

Year and race/ ethnicity	Number below the poverty level, in thousands						Percent below the poverty level					
	All persons	In all families			In families with female householder, no husband present		All persons	In all families			In families with female householder, no husband present	
		Total	House- holder	Related children under 18	Total	Related children under 18		Total	House- holder	Related children under 18	Total	Related children under 18
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
All races												
1959	39,490	34,562	8,320	17,208	7,014	4,145	22.4 (0.3)	20.8	18.5	26.9 (0.4)	49.4	72.2
1960	39,851	34,925	8,243	17,288	7,247	4,095	22.2 (0.3)	20.7	18.1	26.5 (0.4)	48.9	68.4
1965	33,185	28,358	6,721	14,388	7,524	4,562	17.3 (0.2)	15.8	13.9	20.7 (0.4)	46.0	64.2
1970	25,420	20,330	5,260	10,235	7,503	4,689	12.6 (0.2)	10.9	10.1	14.9 (0.3)	38.1	53.0
1975	25,877	20,789	5,450	10,882	8,846	5,597	12.3 (0.2)	10.9	9.7	16.8 (0.4)	37.5	52.7
1980	29,272	22,601	6,217	11,114	10,120	5,866	13.0 (0.2)	11.5	10.3	17.9 (0.4)	36.7	50.8
1981	31,822	24,850	6,851	12,068	11,051	6,305	14.0 (0.2)	12.5	11.2	19.5 (0.4)	38.7	52.3
1982	34,398	27,349	7,512	13,139	11,701	6,696	15.0 (0.2)	13.6	12.2	21.3 (0.4)	40.6	56.0
1983	35,303	27,933	7,647	13,427	12,072	6,747	15.2 (0.2)	13.9	12.3	21.8 (0.4)	40.2	55.4
1984	33,700	26,458	7,277	12,929	11,831	6,772	14.4 (0.2)	13.1	11.6	21.0 (0.4)	38.4	54.0
1985	33,064	25,729	7,223	12,483	11,600	6,716	14.0 (0.2)	12.6	11.4	20.1 (0.4)	37.6	53.6
1986	32,370	24,754	7,023	12,257	11,944	6,943	13.6 (0.2)	12.0	10.9	19.8 (0.4)	38.3	54.4
1987	32,221	24,725	7,005	12,275	12,148	7,074	13.4 (0.2)	12.0	10.7	19.7 (0.4)	38.1	54.7
1988	31,745	24,048	6,876	11,935	11,972	6,742	13.0 (0.2)	11.6	10.4	19.0 (0.4)	37.2	50.6
1989	31,528	24,066	6,784	12,001	11,668	6,808	12.8 (0.2)	11.5	10.3	19.0 (0.4)	35.9	51.1
1990	33,585	25,232	7,098	12,715	12,578	7,363	13.5 (0.2)	12.0	10.7	19.9 (0.4)	37.2	53.4
1991	35,708	27,143	7,712	13,658	13,824	8,065	14.2 (0.2)	12.8	11.5	21.1 (0.4)	39.7	55.5
1992	36,880	27,947	7,960	13,876	13,716	8,032	14.8 (0.2)	13.3	11.7	21.1 (0.4)	39.0	54.3
1993	39,265	29,927	8,393	14,961	14,636	8,503	15.1 (0.2)	13.6	12.3	22.0 (0.4)	38.7	53.7
1994	38,059	28,985	8,053	14,610	14,380	8,427	14.5 (0.2)	13.1	11.6	21.2 (0.4)	38.6	52.9
1995	36,425	27,501	7,532	13,999	14,205	8,364	13.8 (0.2)	12.3	10.8	20.2 (0.4)	36.5	50.3
1996	36,529	27,376	7,708	13,796	13,796	7,990	13.7 (0.2)	12.2	11.0	19.8 (0.4)	35.8	49.3
1997	35,574	26,217	7,324	13,422	13,494	7,928	13.3 (0.2)	11.6	10.3	19.2 (0.4)	35.1	49.0
1998	34,476	25,370	7,186	12,845	12,907	7,627	12.7 (0.2)	11.2	10.0	18.3 (0.4)	33.1	46.1
White¹												
1960	28,309	24,262	6,115	11,229	4,296	2,357	17.8 (0.3)	16.2	14.9	20.0 (0.4)	39.0	59.9
1965	22,496	18,508	4,824	8,595	4,092	2,321	13.3 (0.2)	11.7	11.1	14.4 (0.4)	35.4	52.9
1970	17,484	13,323	3,708	6,138	3,761	2,247	9.9 (0.2)	8.1	8.0	10.5 (0.3)	28.4	43.1
1975	17,770	13,799	3,838	6,748	4,577	2,813	9.7 (0.2)	8.3	7.7	12.5 (0.3)	29.4	44.2
1980	19,699	14,587	4,195	6,817	4,940	2,813	10.2 (0.2)	8.6	8.0	13.4 (0.4)	28.0	41.6
1985	22,860	17,125	4,983	7,838	5,990	3,372	11.4 (0.2)	9.9	9.1	15.6 (0.4)	29.8	45.2
1990	22,326	15,916	4,622	7,696	6,210	3,597	10.7 (0.2)	9.0	8.1	15.1 (0.4)	29.8	45.9
1991	23,747	17,268	5,022	8,316	6,806	3,941	11.3 (0.2)	9.7	8.8	16.1 (0.4)	31.5	47.1
1992	25,259	18,294	5,160	8,333	6,907	3,783	11.9 (0.2)	10.1	8.9	16.0 (0.4)	30.8	45.3
1993	26,226	18,968	5,452	9,123	7,199	4,102	12.2 (0.2)	10.5	9.4	17.0 (0.4)	31.0	45.6
1994	25,379	18,474	5,312	8,826	7,228	4,099	11.7 (0.2)	10.1	9.1	16.3 (0.4)	31.8	45.7
1995	24,423	17,593	4,994	8,474	7,047	4,051	11.2 (0.2)	9.6	8.5	15.5 (0.4)	29.7	42.5
1996	24,650	17,621	5,059	8,488	7,073	4,029	11.2 (0.2)	9.6	8.6	15.5 (0.4)	29.8	43.1
1997	24,396	17,258	4,990	8,441	7,296	4,186	11.0 (0.2)	9.3	8.4	15.4 (0.4)	30.7	44.3
1998	23,454	16,549	4,829	7,935	6,674	3,875	10.5 (0.2)	8.9	8.0	14.4 (0.4)	27.6	40.0
Black¹												
1959	9,927	9,112	1,860	5,022	2,416	1,475	55.1 (1.0)	54.9	48.1	65.5 (1.3)	70.6	81.6
1966	8,867	8,090	1,620	4,774	3,160	2,107	41.8 (0.9)	40.9	35.5	50.6 (1.3)	65.3	76.6
1970	7,548	6,683	1,481	3,922	3,656	2,383	33.5 (0.9)	32.2	29.5	41.5 (1.2)	58.7	67.7
1975	7,545	6,533	1,513	3,884	4,168	2,724	31.3 (0.8)	30.1	27.1	41.4 (1.2)	54.3	66.0
1980	8,579	7,190	1,826	3,906	4,984	2,944	32.5 (0.8)	31.1	28.9	42.1 (1.3)	53.4	64.8
1985	8,926	7,504	1,983	4,057	5,342	3,181	31.3 (0.8)	30.5	28.7	43.1 (1.3)	53.2	66.9
1990	9,837	8,160	2,193	4,412	6,005	3,543	31.9 (0.8)	31.0	29.3	44.2 (1.3)	50.6	64.7
1991	10,242	8,504	2,343	4,637	6,557	3,853	32.7 (0.8)	32.0	30.4	45.6 (1.3)	54.8	68.2
1992	10,827	9,134	2,435	4,850	6,799	3,967	33.4 (0.8)	32.9	30.9	46.3 (1.3)	54.0	67.1
1993	10,877	9,242	2,499	5,030	6,955	4,104	33.1 (0.8)	32.9	31.3	45.9 (1.3)	53.0	65.9
1994	10,196	8,447	2,212	4,787	6,489	3,935	30.6 (0.8)	29.6	27.3	43.3 (1.3)	50.2	63.2
1995	9,872	8,189	2,127	4,644	6,553	3,954	29.3 (0.8)	28.5	26.4	41.5 (1.3)	48.2	61.6
1996	9,694	7,993	2,206	4,411	6,123	3,619	28.4 (0.8)	27.6	26.1	39.5 (1.3)	46.4	58.2
1997	9,116	7,386	1,985	4,116	5,654	3,402	26.5 (0.8)	25.5	23.6	36.8 (1.3)	42.8	55.3
1998	9,091	7,259	1,981	4,073	5,629	3,366	26.1 (0.8)	24.7	23.4	36.4 (1.3)	42.8	54.7
Hispanic origin²												
1975	2,991	2,755	627	1,619	1,053	694	26.9 (1.4)	26.3	25.1	33.1 (1.7)	57.2	68.4
1980	3,491	3,143	751	1,718	1,319	809	25.7 (1.3)	25.1	23.2	33.0 (1.6)	54.5	65.0
1985	5,236	4,605	1,074	2,512	1,983	1,247	29.0 (1.0)	28.3	25.5	39.6 (1.6)	55.7	72.4
1990	6,006	5,091	1,244	2,750	2,115	1,314	28.1 (1.0)	26.9	25.0	37.7 (1.5)	53.0	68.4
1991	6,339	5,541	1,372	2,977	2,282	1,398	28.7 (0.9)	28.2	26.5	39.8 (1.5)	52.7	68.6
1992	7,592	6,455	1,395	2,946	2,474	1,289	29.6 (0.9)	28.4	26.2	38.8 (1.5)	51.5	65.7
1993	8,126	6,876	1,625	3,666	2,837	1,673	30.6 (0.9)	29.3	27.3	39.9 (1.4)	53.2	66.1
1994	8,416	7,357	1,724	3,956	2,920	1,804	30.7 (0.9)	30.2	27.8	41.1 (1.4)	54.8	68.3
1995	8,574	7,341	1,695	3,938	3,053	1,872	30.3 (0.9)	29.2	27.0	39.3 (1.4)	52.8	65.7
1996	8,697	7,515	1,748	4,090	3,020	1,779	29.4 (0.9)	28.5	26.4	39.9 (1.4)	53.5	67.4
1997	8,308	7,198	1,721	3,865	2,911	1,758	27.1 (0.8)	26.2	24.7	36.4 (1.3)	50.9	62.8
1998	8,070	6,814	1,648	3,670	2,837	1,739	25.6 (0.8)	24.3	22.7	33.6 (1.3)	46.7	59.6
Asian and Pacific Islander												
1990	858	712	—	356	132	—	12.2 (1.2)	11.3	—	17.0 (2.2)	20.7	—
1991	996	773	—	348	177	—	13.8 (1.3)	12.1	—	17.1 (2.3)	24.6	—
1992	985	787	—	352	183	—	12.7 (1.2)	11.4	—	16.0 (2.1)	25.0	—
1993	1,134	898	—	358	126	—	15.3 (1.3)	13.6	—	17.6 (2.3)	17.4	—
1994	974	776	—	308	137	—	14.6 (1.3)	13.1	—	17.9 (2.5)	23.6	—
1995	1,411	1,112	—	532	266	—	14.6 (1.2)	13.0	—	18.6 (2.1)	28.9	—
1996	1,454	1,172	—	553	300	—	14.5 (1.1)	13.2	—	19.1 (2.1)	29.5	—
1997	1,468	—	244	—	—	—	14.0 (1.1)	—	10.2	—	—	—
1998	1,360	—	270	—	—	—	12.5 (1.0)	—	11.0	—	—	—

—Not available.

¹ Includes persons of Hispanic origin.

² Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

NOTE: Standard errors appear in parentheses.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, *Current Population Reports*, Series P-60-198, "Poverty in the United States" and "Income, Poverty, and Valuation of Noncash Benefits," various years. (This table was prepared October 1999.)