

**Table 693. Families Below Poverty Level and Below 125 Percent of Poverty by Race and Hispanic Origin: 1980 to 2005**

[6,217 represents 6,217,000. Families as of March of the following year . Based on Current Population Survey. See text, this section, Section 1, and Appendix III. For data collection changes over time, see <<http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/income/histinc/hstchg.htm>>]

Year	Number below poverty level (1,000)					Percent below poverty level					Below 125 percent of poverty level	
	All races <sup>1</sup>	White <sup>2</sup>	Black <sup>3</sup>	Asian and Pacific Islander <sup>4</sup>	Hispanic <sup>5</sup>	All races <sup>1</sup>	White <sup>2</sup>	Black <sup>3</sup>	Asian and Pacific Islander <sup>4</sup>	Hispanic <sup>5</sup>	Number (1,000)	Percent
1980 . . .	6,217	4,195	1,826	(NA)	751	10.3	8.0	28.9	(NA)	23.2	8,764	14.5
1985 . . .	7,223	4,983	1,983	(NA)	1,074	11.4	9.1	28.7	(NA)	25.5	9,753	15.3
1990 . . .	7,098	4,622	2,193	169	1,244	10.7	8.1	29.3	11.0	25.0	9,564	14.4
1995 . . .	7,532	4,994	2,127	264	1,695	10.8	8.5	26.4	12.4	27.0	10,223	14.7
1996 . . .	7,708	5,059	2,206	284	1,748	11.0	8.6	26.1	12.7	26.4	10,476	14.9
1997 . . .	7,324	4,990	1,985	244	1,721	10.3	8.4	23.6	10.2	24.7	10,032	14.2
1998 . . .	7,186	4,829	1,981	270	1,648	10.0	8.0	23.4	11.0	22.7	9,714	13.6
1999 <sup>6</sup> . . .	6,792	4,447	1,887	258	1,593	9.3	7.3	21.8	10.3	20.5	9,320	12.9
2000 <sup>7</sup> . . .	6,400	4,333	1,686	233	1,540	8.7	7.1	19.3	7.8	19.2	9,032	12.2
2001 . . .	6,813	4,579	1,829	234	1,649	9.2	7.4	20.7	7.8	19.4	9,525	12.8
2002 <sup>8</sup> . . .	7,229	4,862	1,923	210	1,792	9.6	7.8	21.5	7.4	19.7	9,998	13.2
2003 . . .	7,607	5,058	1,986	311	1,925	10.0	8.1	22.3	10.2	20.8	10,360	13.6
2004 <sup>9</sup> . . .	7,835	5,293	2,035	232	1,953	10.2	8.4	22.8	7.4	20.5	10,499	13.7
2005 . . .	7,657	5,068	1,997	289	1,948	9.9	8.0	22.1	9.0	19.7	10,442	13.5

NA Not available. <sup>1</sup> Includes other races not shown separately. <sup>2</sup> Beginning 2002, data represent White alone, which refers to people who reported White and did not report any other race category. <sup>3</sup> Beginning 2002, data represent Black alone, which refers to people who reported Black and did not report any other race category. <sup>4</sup> Beginning 2002, data represent Asian alone, which refers to people who reported Asian and did not report any other race category. <sup>5</sup> People of Hispanic origin may be of any race. <sup>6</sup> Implementation of Census 2000-based population controls. <sup>7</sup> Implementation of Census 2000-based population controls and sample expanded by 28,000 households. <sup>8</sup> Beginning with the 2003 Current Population Survey (CPS), the questionnaire allowed respondents to choose more than one race. For 2002 and later, data represent persons who selected this race group only and exclude persons reporting more than one race. The CPS in prior years allowed respondents to report only one race group. See also comments on race in the text for Section 1, Population. <sup>9</sup> Data have been revised to reflect a correction to the rights in the 2005 ASEC.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, *Current Population Reports*, P60-231; and Internet sites <<http://www.census.gov/prod/2006pubs/p60-231.pdf>> (released August 2006) and <<http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/poverty/histpov/hstpv4.html>>.