

**Table 690. Children Below Poverty Level by Race and Hispanic Origin: 1980 to 2005**

[11,114 represents 11,114,000. Persons as of March of the following year. Covers only related children in families under 18 years old. Based on Current Population Survey, Annual Social and Economic Supplement (ASEC); see text, this section and Section 1, and Appendix III. For data collection changes over time, see <<http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/income/histinc/hstchg.html>>]

Year	Number below poverty level (1,000)					Percent below 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>
1980 . . . . .	11,114	6,817	3,906	(NA)	1,718	17.9	13.4	42.1	(NA)	33.0
1985 . . . . .	12,483	7,838	4,057	(NA)	2,512	20.1	15.6	43.1	(NA)	39.6
1986 . . . . .	12,257	7,714	4,037	(NA)	2,413	19.8	15.3	42.7	(NA)	37.1
1987 <sup>6</sup> . . . . .	12,275	7,398	4,234	432	2,606	19.7	14.7	44.4	22.7	38.9
1988 . . . . .	11,935	7,095	4,148	458	2,576	19.0	14.0	42.8	23.5	37.3
1989 . . . . .	12,001	7,164	4,257	368	2,496	19.0	14.1	43.2	18.9	35.5
1990 . . . . .	12,715	7,696	4,412	356	2,750	19.9	15.1	44.2	17.0	37.7
1991 . . . . .	13,658	8,316	4,637	348	2,977	21.1	16.1	45.6	17.1	39.8
1992 <sup>7</sup> . . . . .	14,521	8,752	5,015	352	3,440	21.6	16.5	46.3	16.0	39.0
1993 <sup>8</sup> . . . . .	14,961	9,123	5,030	358	3,666	22.0	17.0	45.9	17.6	39.9
1994 . . . . .	14,610	8,826	4,787	308	3,956	21.2	16.3	43.3	17.9	41.1
1995 . . . . .	13,999	8,474	4,644	532	3,938	20.2	15.5	41.5	18.6	39.3
1996 . . . . .	13,764	8,488	4,411	553	4,090	19.8	15.5	39.5	19.1	39.9
1997 . . . . .	13,422	8,441	4,116	608	3,865	19.2	15.4	36.8	19.9	36.4
1998 . . . . .	12,845	7,935	4,073	542	3,670	18.3	14.4	36.4	17.5	33.6
1999 <sup>9</sup> . . . . .	11,678	7,194	3,698	367	3,561	16.6	13.1	32.8	11.5	29.9
2000 <sup>10</sup> . . . . .	11,005	6,834	3,495	407	3,342	15.6	12.4	30.9	12.5	27.6
2001 . . . . .	11,175	7,086	3,423	353	3,433	15.8	12.8	30.0	11.1	27.4
2002 <sup>11</sup> . . . . .	11,646	7,203	3,570	302	3,653	16.3	13.1	32.1	11.4	28.2
2003 <sup>12</sup> . . . . .	12,340	7,624	3,750	331	3,982	17.2	13.9	33.6	12.1	29.5
2004 . . . . .	12,473	7,876	3,702	269	3,985	17.3	14.3	33.4	9.4	28.6
2005 . . . . .	12,335	7,652	3,743	312	3,977	17.1	13.9	34.2	11.0	27.7

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 a new March CPS processing system. <sup>7</sup> Implementation of 1990 census population controls. <sup>8</sup> The March 1994 income supplement was revised to allow for the coding of different income amounts on selected questionnaire items. Limits either increased or decreased in the following categories: earnings increased to \$999,999; social security increased to \$49,999; supplemental security income and public assistance increased to \$24,999; veterans' benefits increased to \$99,999; child support and alimony decreased to \$49,999. <sup>9</sup> Implementation of Census-2000-based population controls. <sup>10</sup> Implementation of 28,000 household sample expansion. <sup>11</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. <sup>12</sup> Data have been revised to reflect a correction to the weights 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/hstpov3.html>>.