

**Table 711. Children Below Poverty Level by Race and Hispanic Origin: 1980 to 2008**

[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, Section 1, and Appendix III. For data collection changes over time, see <<http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/income/data/historical/history.html>>]

Year	Number of children below poverty level (1,000)					Percent of children 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
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>6</sup>	14,521	8,752	5,015	352	3,440	21.6	16.5	46.3	16.0	39.0
1993 <sup>7</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>8</sup>	11,678	7,194	3,698	367	3,561	16.6	13.1	32.8	11.5	29.9
2000 <sup>9</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>10</sup>	11,646	7,203	3,570	302	3,653	16.3	13.1	32.1	11.4	28.2
2003	12,340	7,624	3,750	331	3,982	17.2	13.9	33.6	12.1	29.5
2004 <sup>11</sup>	12,473	7,876	3,702	265	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
2006	12,299	7,522	3,690	351	3,959	16.9	13.6	33.0	12.0	26.6
2007	12,802	8,002	3,838	345	4,348	17.6	14.4	34.3	11.8	28.3
2008	13,507	8,441	3,781	430	4,888	18.5	15.3	34.4	14.2	30.3

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 1990 census population controls. <sup>7</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>8</sup> Implementation of Census 2000-based population controls. <sup>9</sup> Implementation of sample expansion to 28,000 households. <sup>10</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 excludes 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>11</sup> Data have been revised to reflect a correction to the weights in the 2005 Annual Social and Economic Supplement (ASEC).

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, *Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2008*, Current Population Reports, P60-236, and Historical Tables—Table 3, September 2009. See also <<http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/poverty/poverty.html>> and <<http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/poverty/data/historical/people.html>>.

**Table 712. People Below Poverty Level by Selected Characteristics: 2008**

[39,829 represents 39,829,000. People as of March 2009. Based on Current Population Survey, Annual Social and Economic Supplement (ASEC); see text, this section and Section 1, and Appendix III. The 2009 CPS allowed respondents to choose more than one race. For 2008, 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. For composition of regions, see map, inside front cover]

Sex, age, region, nativity	Number below poverty level (1,000)					Percent below poverty level				
	All races <sup>1</sup>	White alone	Black alone	Asian alone	Hispanic <sup>2</sup>	All races <sup>1</sup>	White alone	Black alone	Asian alone	Hispanic <sup>2</sup>
<b>Total</b>	<b>39,829</b>	<b>26,990</b>	<b>9,379</b>	<b>1,576</b>	<b>10,987</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>24.7</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>23.2</b>
Male	17,698	12,083	4,045	717	5,116	12.0	10.1	22.9	11.3	21.0
Female	22,131	14,907	5,334	859	5,871	14.4	12.3	26.3	12.4	25.5
Under 18 years old	14,068	8,863	3,878	446	5,010	19.0	15.8	34.7	14.6	30.6
18 to 24 years old	5,283	3,650	1,179	203	1,172	18.4	16.4	28.1	17.8	23.1
25 to 34 years old	5,351	3,670	1,219	215	1,672	13.2	11.6	22.7	10.0	20.6
35 to 44 years old	4,277	2,980	914	230	1,347	10.4	9.1	17.7	9.9	19.2
45 to 54 years old	4,047	2,834	884	167	802	9.1	7.8	16.7	8.5	15.6
55 to 59 years old	1,642	1,113	378	87	245	8.8	7.1	18.8	11.0	13.9
60 to 64 years old	1,504	1,109	280	72	214	9.7	8.4	18.4	12.3	17.8
65 years old and over	3,656	2,771	646	157	525	9.7	8.5	20.0	12.1	19.3
65 to 74 years old	1,710	1,246	327	80	288	8.4	7.2	17.6	10.6	17.7
75 years old and over	1,945	1,525	319	77	238	11.2	10.0	23.2	14.1	21.8
Northeast	6,295	4,142	1,515	440	1,619	11.6	9.5	22.8	15.3	24.8
Midwest	8,120	5,501	2,075	168	963	12.4	9.8	30.9	11.3	24.3
South	15,862	9,909	5,131	332	3,834	14.3	11.8	24.4	11.1	22.3
West	9,552	7,437	659	636	4,572	13.5	13.0	18.6	10.7	23.2
Native	33,293	22,998	8,797	550	6,740	12.6	10.3	25.3	11.2	22.7
Foreign born	6,536	4,692	582	1,026	4,247	17.8	19.4	18.0	12.2	24.0
Naturalized citizen	1,577	974	190	356	715	10.2	10.5	13.0	8.0	13.9
Not a citizen	4,959	3,718	392	670	3,532	23.3	24.9	22.1	16.9	28.1

<sup>1</sup> Includes other races, not shown separately. <sup>2</sup> Persons of Hispanic origin may be any race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, *Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2008*, Current Population Reports, P60-236, and Detailed Tables—Tables POV01, POV29, and POV41. See also <<http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/cpstables/032009/pov/toc.htm>>.