

Table 699. Families Below Poverty Level and Below 125 Percent of Poverty by Race and Hispanic Origin: 1980 to 2007

[6,217 represents 6,217,000. Families as of March of the following year. Based on Current Population Survey. 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					Below 125 percent of poverty level	
	All races ¹	White ²	Black ³	Asian and Pacific Islander ⁴	Hispanic ⁵	All races ¹	White ²	Black ³	Asian and Pacific Islander ⁴	Hispanic ⁵	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
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 ⁶ . . .	6,792	4,447	1,887	258	1,593	9.3	7.3	21.8	10.3	20.5	9,320	12.9
2000 ⁷ . . .	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 ⁸ . . .	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 ⁹ . . .	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
2006 . . .	7,668	5,118	2,007	260	1,922	9.8	8.0	21.6	7.8	18.9	10,531	13.4
2007 . . .	7,623	5,046	2,045	261	2,045	9.8	7.9	22.1	7.9	19.7	10,551	13.5

NA Not available. ¹ Includes other races not shown separately. ² Beginning 2002, data represent White alone, which refers to people who reported White and did not report any other race category. ³ Beginning 2002, data represent Black alone, which refers to people who reported Black and did not report any other race category. ⁴ Beginning 2002, data represent Asian alone, which refers to people who reported Asian and did not report any other race category. ⁵ People of Hispanic origin may be any race. ⁶ Implementation of Census 2000-based population controls. ⁷ Implementation of a 28,000 household sample expansion. ⁸ 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, Population. ⁹ 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, *Current Population Reports*, P60-235 (published August 2008). See also <<http://www.census.gov/prod/2008pubs/p60-235.pdf>> and <<http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/poverty/histpov/hstpov4.xls>>.