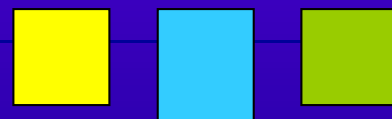


# Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance Coverage: 2009

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## Highlights

- Median household money income for the nation was \$49,800 in 2009, not statistically different from the 2008 median.

The 2009 official poverty rate for the nation was 14.3 percent, up from 13.2 percent in 2008, with 43.6 million people in poverty, an increase of 3.7 million since 2008.

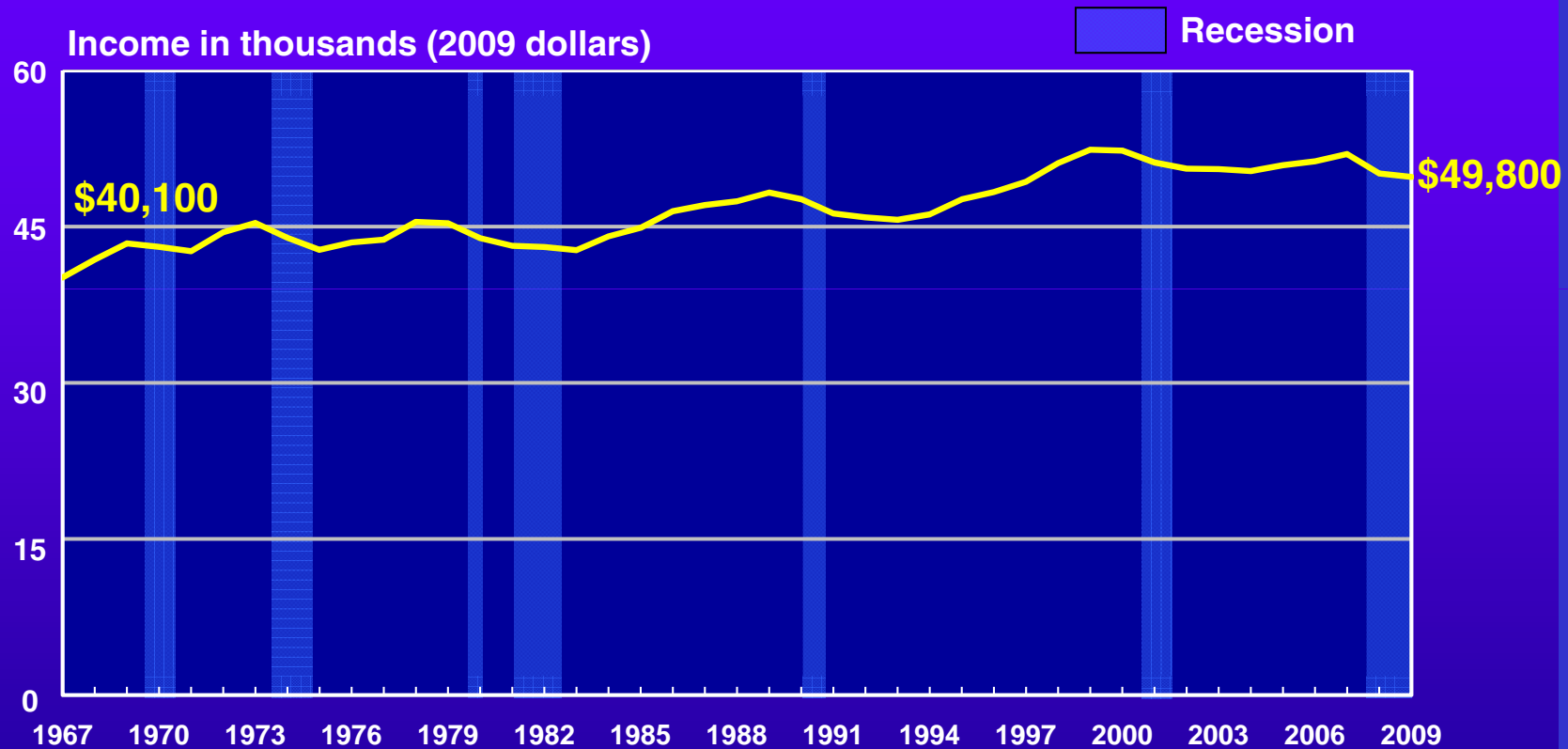
Real median earnings of both men and women who worked full-time, year-round increased between 2008 and 2009. The female-to-male earnings ratio was 77 percent in 2009, not statistically different from the 2008 ratio.

The percentage of people without health insurance coverage increased to 16.7 percent in 2009 from 15.4 percent in 2008. The number of uninsured increased to 50.7 million in 2009 from 46.3 million in 2008.

Note: Income rounded to nearest \$100.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2009 and 2010 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.

# Real Median Household Income: 1967 to 2009



Note: Income rounded to nearest \$100.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 1968 to 2010 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.

## Real Median Household Money Income: 1967 to 2009

(In 2009 CPI-U-RS adjusted dollars)

Year	Median income	Year	Median income
1967	40,108	1989	48,279
1968	41,836	1990	47,637
1969	43,391	1991	46,269
1970	43,055	1992	45,888
1971	42,636	1993	45,665
1972	44,462	1994	46,175
1973	45,360	1995	47,622
1974	43,923	1996	48,315
1975	42,773	1997	49,309
1976	43,483	1998	51,100
1977	43,758	1999	52,388
1978	45,452	2000	52,301
1979	45,325	2001	51,161
1980	43,892	2002	50,563
1981	43,163	2003	50,519
1982	43,048	2004 <sup>1</sup>	50,343
1983	42,747	2005	50,899
1984	44,074	2006	51,278
1985	44,898	2007	51,965
1986	46,488	2008	50,112
1987	47,071	2009	49,777
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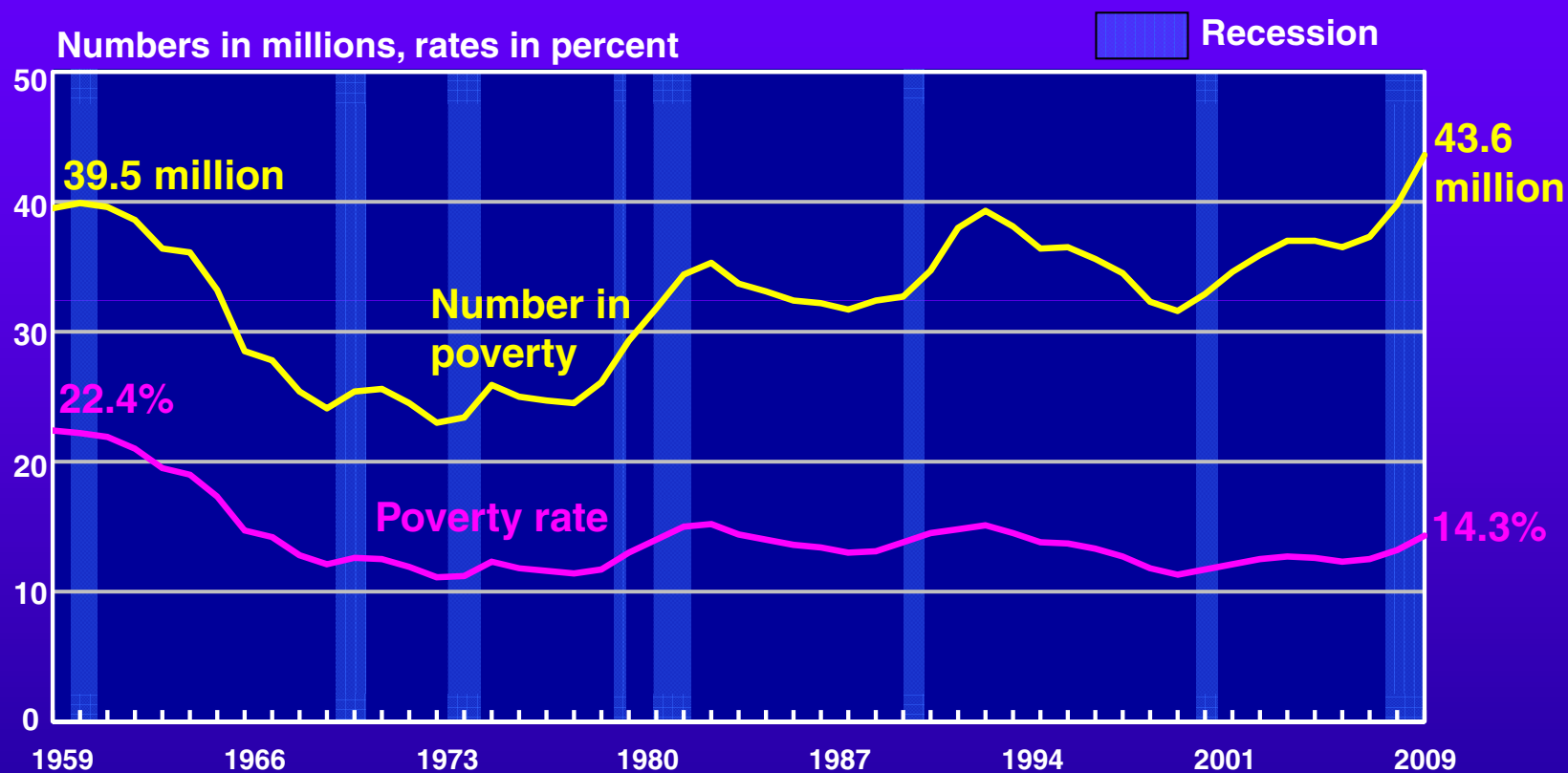
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# Poverty: 1959 to 2009



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## Poverty: 1959 to 2009

(Millions/Percent)

Year	Number in poverty	Poverty rate	Year	Number in poverty	Poverty rate
1959	39.5	22.4	1985	33.1	14.0
1960	39.9	22.2	1986	32.4	13.6
1961	39.6	21.9	1987	32.2	13.4
1962	38.6	21.0	1988	31.7	13.0
1963	36.4	19.5	1989 <sup>1</sup>	32.4	13.1
1964	36.1	19.0	1990 <sup>1</sup>	32.7	13.8
1965	33.2	17.3	1991 <sup>1</sup>	34.7	14.5
1966	28.5	14.7	1992 <sup>1</sup>	38.0	14.8
1967	27.8	14.2	1993	39.3	15.1
1968	25.4	12.8	1994	38.1	14.5
1969	24.1	12.1	1995	36.4	13.8
1970	25.4	12.6	1996	36.5	13.7
1971	25.6	12.5	1997	35.6	13.3
1972	24.5	11.9	1998	34.5	12.7
1973	23.0	11.1	1999	32.3	11.8
1974	23.4	11.2	2000 <sup>2</sup>	31.6	11.3
1975	25.9	12.3	2001	32.9	11.7
1976	25.0	11.8	2002	34.6	12.1
1977	24.7	11.6	2003	35.9	12.5
1978	24.5	11.4	2004 <sup>3</sup>	37.0	12.7
1979	26.1	11.7	2005	37.0	12.6
1980	29.3	13.0	2006	36.5	12.3
1981	31.8	14.0	2007	37.3	12.5
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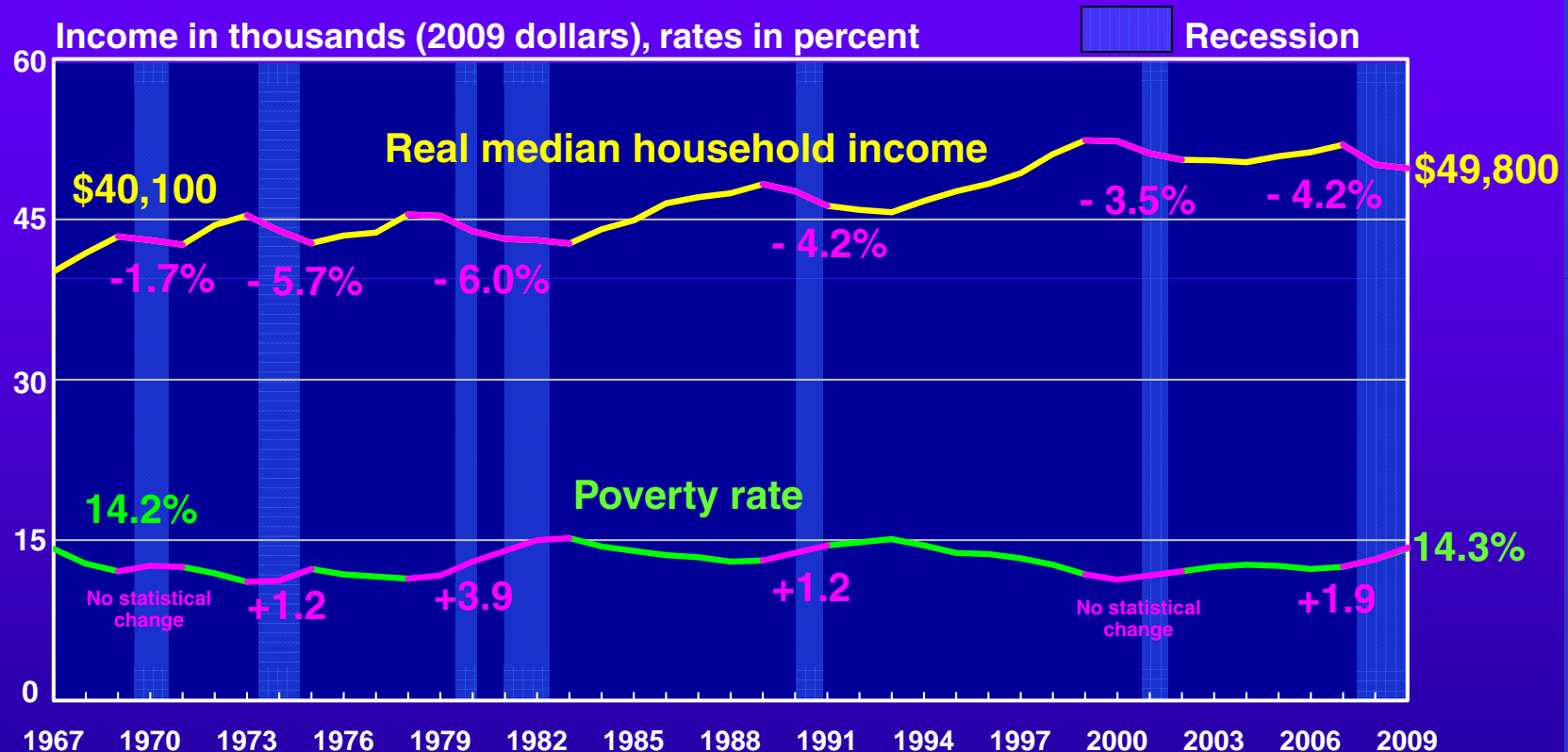
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## Weighted Average Poverty Thresholds in 2009

Size of family unit	Threshold
One person (unrelated individual)	\$10,956
Under 65 years	11,161
65 years and older	10,289
Two people	\$13,991
Householder under 65 years	14,366
Householder 65 years and older	12,968
Three people	\$17,098
Four people	21,954
Five people	25,991
Six people	29,405
Seven people	33,372
Eight people	37,252
Nine people or more	44,366

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2010 Annual Economic Supplement.

# Real Median Household Income and Poverty Rate: 1967 to 2009



Change surrounding recession.  
 Poverty expressed as percentage point change. Income expressed as percentage change.  
 Income rounded to nearest \$100.  
 Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 1968 to 2010 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.



**Change in Real Median Household Income and Poverty Rates During Income Years Surrounding Recessions: 1969 to 2009**

Recessions <sup>1</sup>	Income years <sup>2</sup>	Percentage change in real median income	Percentage point change in the poverty rate
December 1969 to November 1970	1969 to 1971	* -1.7	0.4
November 1973 to March 1975	1973 to 1975	* -5.7	*1.2
January 1980 to July 1980 and July 1981 to November 1982	1978 to 1983	* -6.0	*3.9
July 1990 to March 1991	1989 to 1991	* -4.2	*1.2
March 2001 to November 2001	1999 to 2002	* -3.5	0.2
December 2007, trough not yet defined	2007 to 2009	* -4.2	*1.9

\* Statistically different from zero at the 90 percent confidence level.

<sup>1</sup>Recessions are determined by the National Bureau of Economic Research, a private research organization. National Bureau of Economic Research, Cambridge, MA 02138 <[www.nber.org](http://www.nber.org)>.

<sup>2</sup>Income years are based on peak income year prior to or during the start of the recession and the trough income year near or after the end of the recession.

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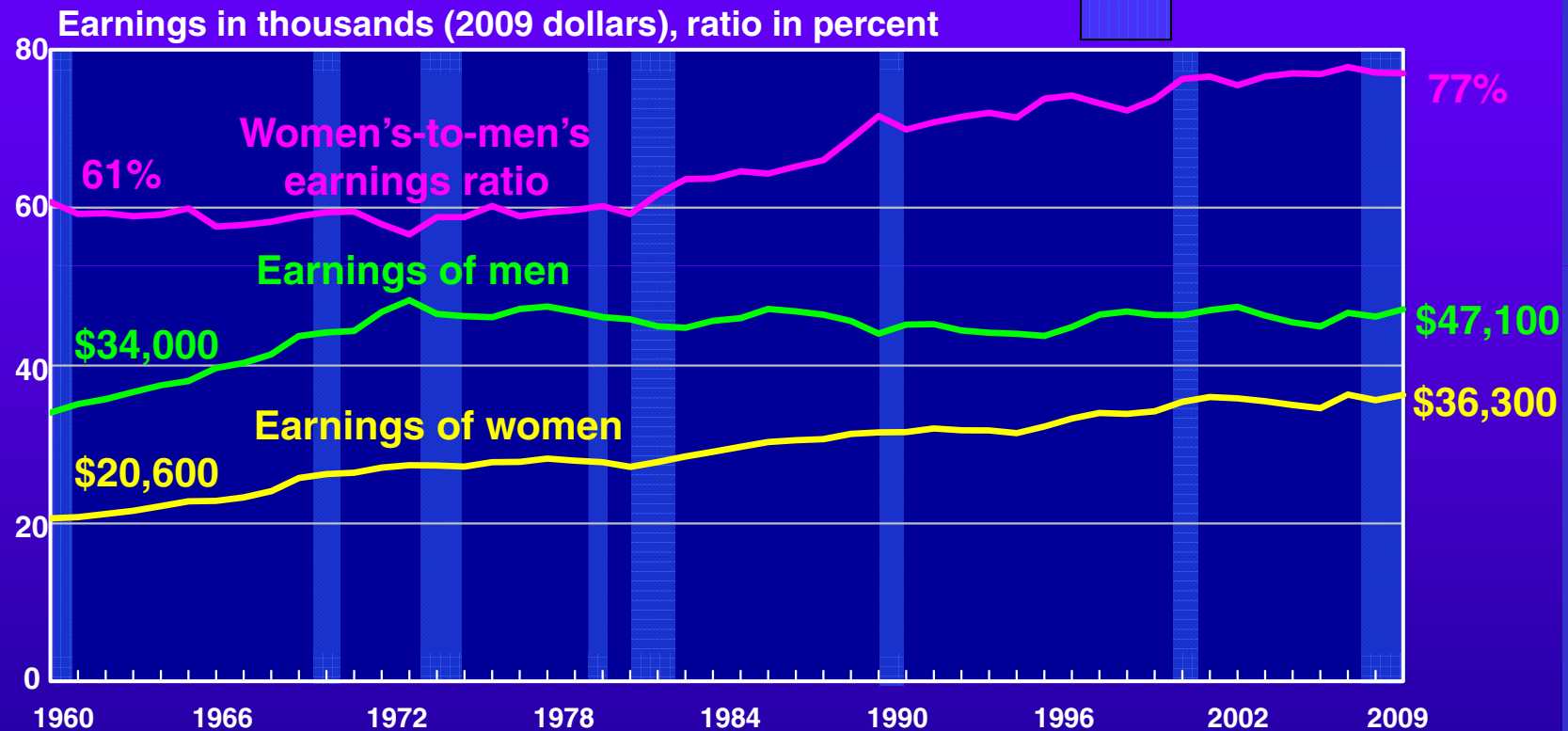
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# Women's-to-Men's Median Earnings Ratio

*(Full-time, year-round workers)*



Note: Income rounded to nearest \$100.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 1961 to 2010 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.

**Real Median Earnings of Full-Time, Year-Round Workers  
by Sex and Female-to-Male Earnings Ratio: 1960 to 2009**

(Earnings in 2009 CPI-U-RS adjusted dollars)

Year	Men		Women		Female-to-male earnings ratio
	Number with earnings (thousands)	Median earnings (dollars)	Number with earnings (thousands)	Median earnings (dollars)	
1960	(NA)	34,023	(NA)	20,643	0.607
1961	(NA)	35,108	(NA)	20,801	0.592
1962	(NA)	35,750	(NA)	21,199	0.593
1963	(NA)	36,648	(NA)	21,603	0.589
1964	(NA)	37,504	(NA)	22,183	0.591
1965	(NA)	38,038	(NA)	22,794	0.599
1966	(NA)	39,699	(NA)	22,849	0.578
1967	36,645	40,327	14,846	23,302	0.578
1968	37,068	41,409	15,013	24,082	0.582
1969	37,008	43,733	15,374	25,743	0.589
1970	36,132	44,199	15,476	26,240	0.594
1971	36,819	44,388	16,002	26,414	0.595
1972	36,184	46,778	16,675	27,066	0.579
1973	39,581	48,268	17,195	27,336	0.566
1974	37,916	46,536	16,945	27,342	0.588
1975	37,267	46,246	17,452	27,201	0.588
1976	38,184	46,119	18,073	27,760	0.602
1977	39,263	47,156	19,238	27,786	0.589
1978	41,036	47,461	20,914	28,211	0.594
1979	42,437	46,848	22,082	27,951	0.597
1980	41,881	46,127	22,859	27,750	0.602
1981	41,773	45,847	23,329	27,157	0.592
1982	40,105	44,961	23,702	27,774	0.617
1983	41,528	44,766	25,166	28,481	0.636
1984	43,808	45,653	26,466	29,062	0.637
1985	44,943	45,995	27,383	29,702	0.648
1986	45,912	47,159	28,420	30,309	0.643
1987	47,013	46,863	29,912	30,545	0.652
1988	48,285	46,442	31,237	30,674	0.660
1989	49,678	45,648	31,340	31,348	0.687
1990	49,171	44,033	31,682	31,535	0.716
1991	47,888	45,186	32,436	31,566	0.699
1992	48,551	45,231	33,241	32,017	0.708
1993	49,818	44,446	33,524	31,788	0.715
1994	51,580	44,157	34,155	31,779	0.720
1995	52,667	44,016	35,482	31,440	0.714
1996	53,787	43,757	36,430	32,276	0.738
1997	54,909	44,670	37,663	33,276	0.742
1998	56,951	46,448	38,785	33,986	0.732
1999	58,299	46,846	40,871	33,876	0.723
2000	59,602	46,399	41,719	34,205	0.737
2001	58,712	46,372	41,639	35,395	0.763
2002	58,761	47,010	41,876	36,010	0.766
2003	58,772	47,428	41,908	35,831	0.755
2004 <sup>1</sup>	60,088	46,326	42,380	35,474	0.766
2005	61,500	45,471	43,351	35,003	0.770
2006	63,055	44,959	44,663	34,590	0.769
2007	62,984	46,669	45,613	36,312	0.778
2008	59,861	46,191	44,156	35,609	0.771
2009	56,053	47,127	43,217	36,278	0.770

Note: For changes in survey and data processing methodology, see footnotes in Appendix Table A-4 of the report, *Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2009*, U.S. Census Bureau, [Current Population Reports](#), P60-238. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see [www.census.gov/ipeds/techdoc/cps/cpsmar10.pdf](http://www.census.gov/ipeds/techdoc/cps/cpsmar10.pdf).

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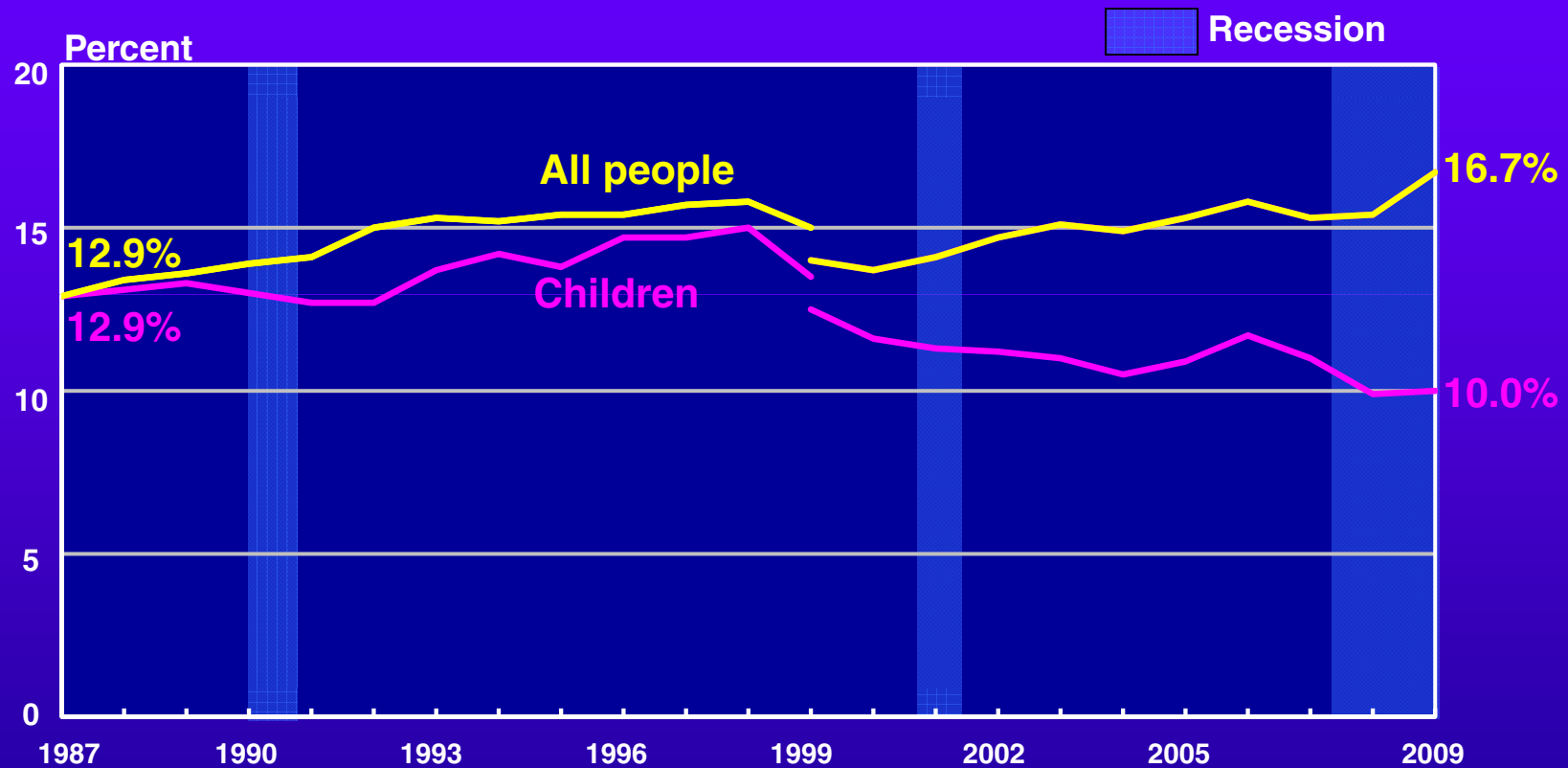
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# Percentage of People Without Health Insurance Coverage: 1987 to 2009



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 1988 to 2010 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.

## Percent of People without Health Insurance Coverage: 1987 to 2009

(Rates in percents)

Year	All People	Children
1987	12.9	12.9
1988	13.4	13.1
1989	13.8	13.3
1990	13.9	13.0
1991	14.1	12.7
1992	15.0	12.7
1993	15.3	13.7
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2006	15.8	11.7
2007	15.3	11.0
2008	15.4	9.9
2009	18.7	10.0

Note: Respondents were not asked detailed health insurance questions before the 1988 Current Population Survey. The series starting in 1998 reflects an approximation of the impact of an editing error that was corrected in the 2005 ASEC (estimates of 2004 coverage).

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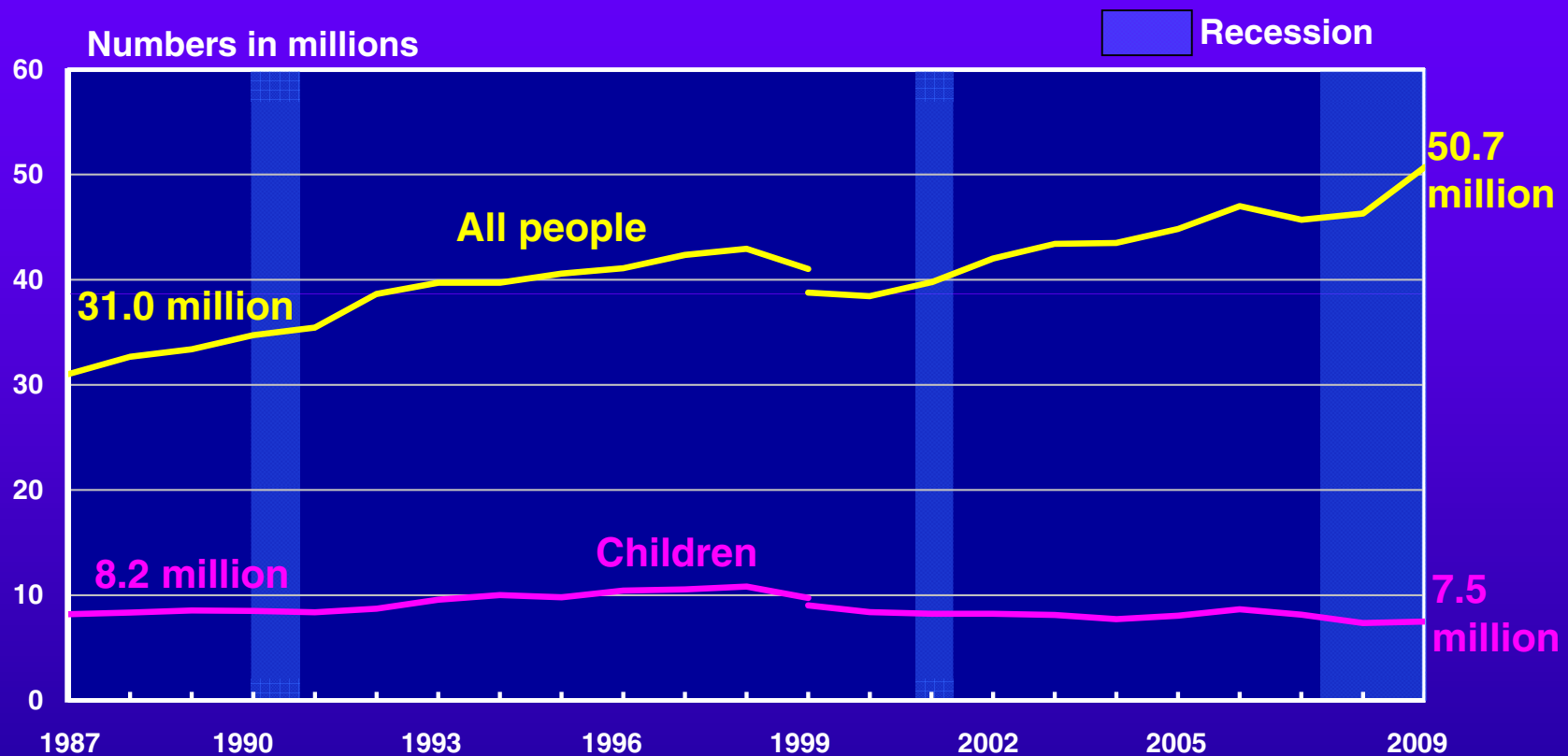
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(Numbers in millions)

Year	All People	Children
1987	31.0	8.2
1988	32.7	8.4
1989	33.4	8.5
1990	34.7	8.5
1991	35.4	8.4
1992	38.6	8.7
1993	39.7	9.6
1994	39.7	10.0
1995	40.6	9.8
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2006	47.0	8.7
2007	45.7	8.1
2008	46.3	7.3
2009	50.7	7.5

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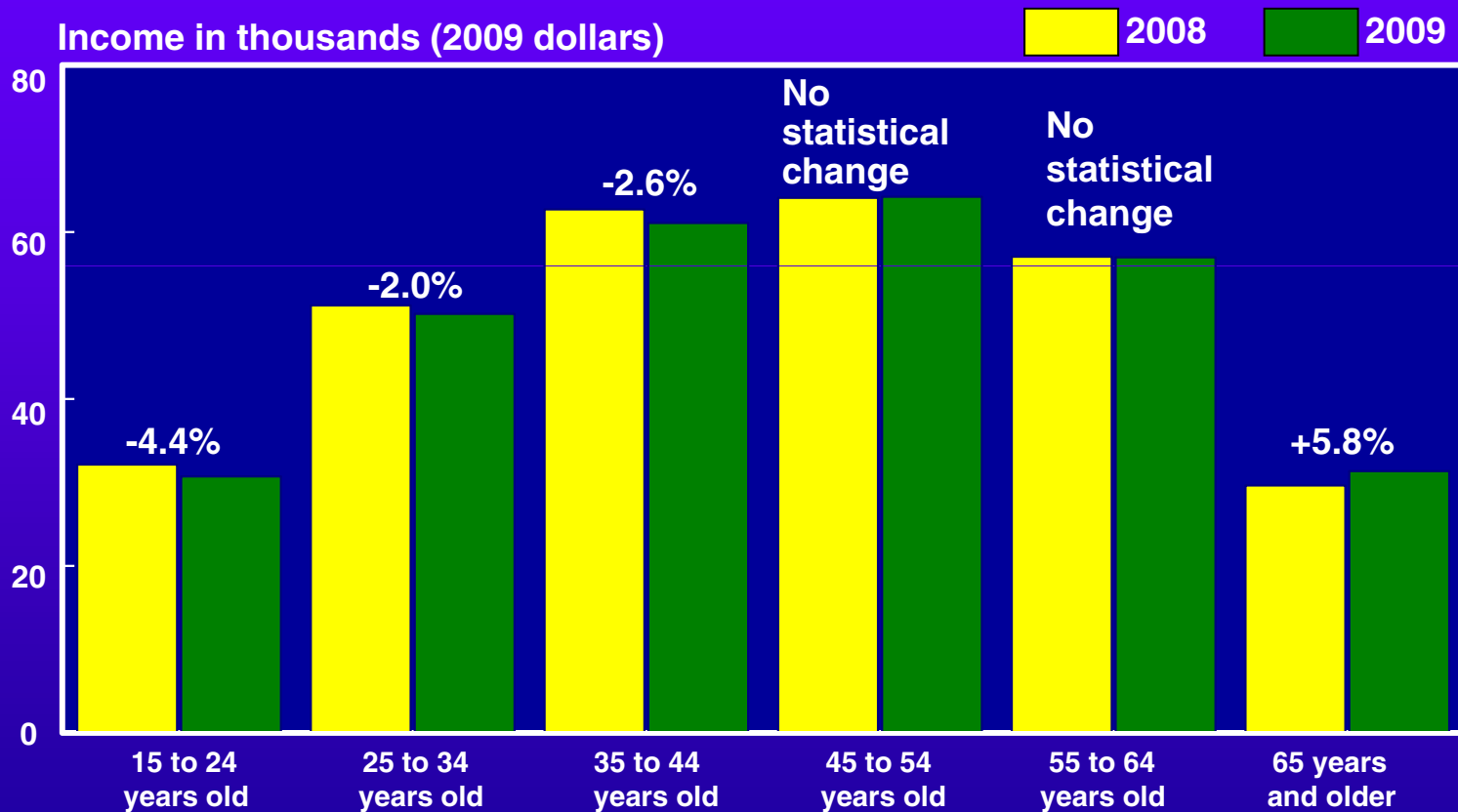
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# Percentage Change in Real Median Household Income by Age of Householder: 2008 and 2009



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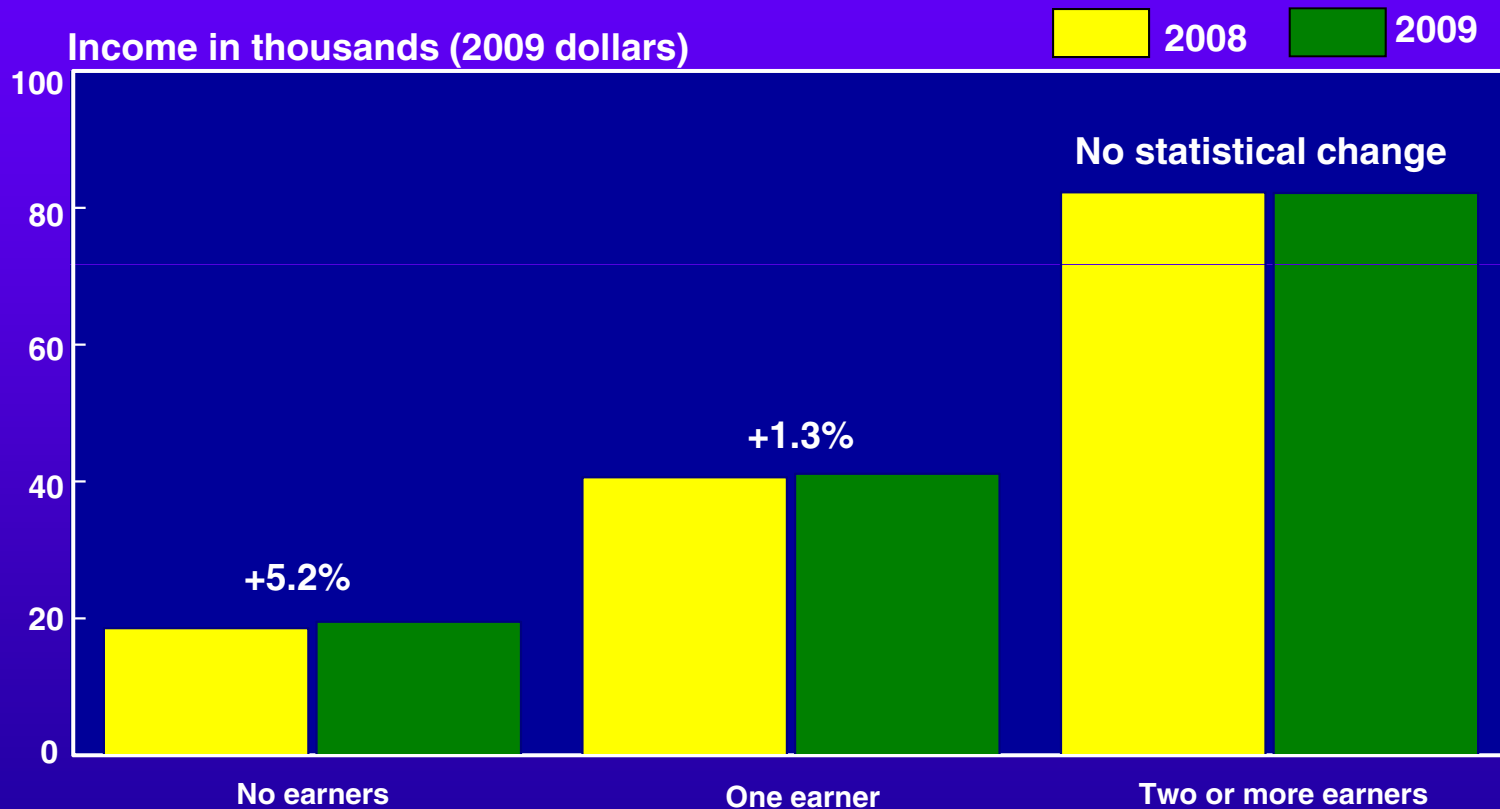
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Age of householder	Median income (dollars)		Percentage change
	2008	2009	
Total	50,112	49,777	-0.7
15 to 24 years	32,148	30,733	* -4.4
25 to 34 years	51,205	50,199	* -2.0
35 to 44 years	62,715	61,083	* -2.6
45 to 54 years	64,105	64,235	0.2
55 to 64 years	57,048	56,973	-0.1
65 years and older	29,631	31,354	* 5.8

\*Statistically different from zero at the 90 percent confidence level.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2009 and 2010 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.

# Percentage Change in Real Median Household Income by Number of Earners: 2008 and 2009



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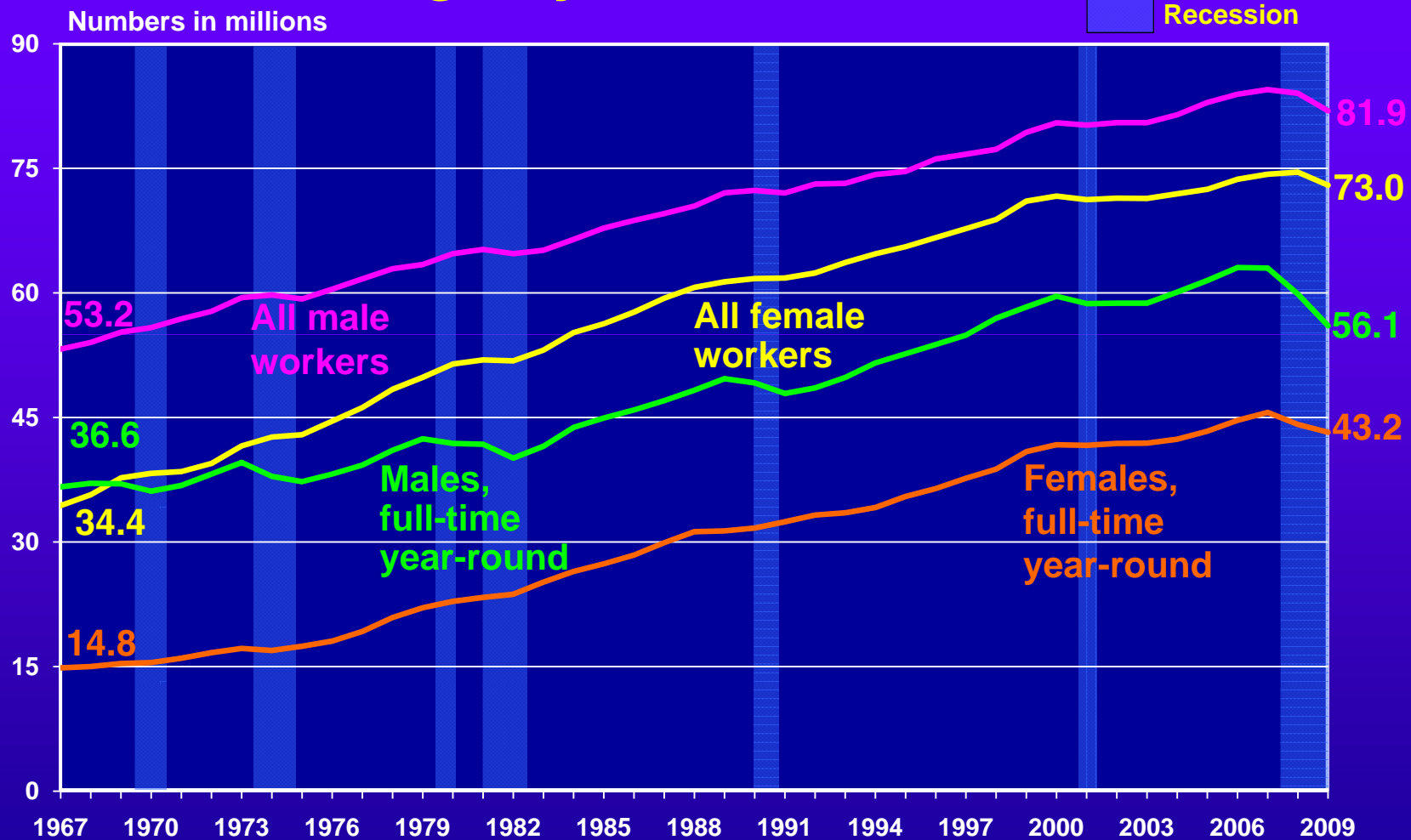
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Number of earners in household	Median income (dollars)		Percentage change
	2008	2009	
Total households	50,112	49,777	-0.7
No earner	18,557	19,514	* 5.2
One earner	40,617	41,133	* 1.3
Two earners or more	82,263	82,165	-0.1

\*Statistically different from zero at the 90 percent confidence level.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2009 and 2010 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.

# Total and Full-Time Year-Round Workers With Earnings by Sex: 1967 to 2009



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 1968 to 2010 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.

**Total Workers and Full-Time, Year-Round Workers With Earnings by Sex:  
1967 to 2009**

(Numbers in thousands. People 15 years old and older beginning in 1960, and people 14 years old and older as of the following year for previous years. Before 1969 civilian workers only)

Years	Total Workers		Full-Time, Year-Round Workers	
	Males	Females	Males	Females
1967	53,222	34,391	36,645	14,846
1968	54,026	35,695	37,066	15,013
1969	55,273	37,737	37,006	15,374
1970	55,821	38,273	36,132	15,476
1971	56,065	38,485	36,819	16,002
1972	57,774	39,470	36,184	16,675
1973	59,438	41,583	39,581	17,195
1974	59,752	42,650	37,916	16,945
1975	59,268	42,926	37,267	17,452
1976	60,460	44,585	38,184	18,073
1977	61,704	46,194	39,263	19,238
1978	62,903	48,396	41,036	20,914
1979	63,422	49,639	42,437	22,062
1980	64,730	51,448	41,681	22,859
1981	65,233	51,940	41,773	23,329
1982	64,730	51,620	40,106	23,702
1983	65,138	53,106	41,528	25,166
1984	66,464	55,226	43,806	26,466
1985	67,809	56,296	44,943	27,363
1986	68,728	57,686	45,912	28,420
1987	69,545	59,366	47,013	29,912
1988	70,467	60,658	48,385	31,237
1989	72,045	61,338	49,678	31,340
1990	72,348	61,732	49,171	31,662
1991	72,040	61,796	47,686	32,436
1992	73,120	62,406	48,551	33,241
1993	73,198	63,660	49,816	33,524
1994	74,264	64,706	51,580	34,155
1995	74,619	65,567	52,667	35,462
1996	75,121	66,661	53,767	36,430
1997	75,694	67,736	54,909	37,663
1998	77,295	68,646	56,961	38,785
1999	79,322	71,063	58,399	40,671
2000	80,464	71,667	59,602	41,719
2001	80,209	71,232	58,712	41,639
2002	80,500	71,411	58,761	41,676
2003	80,508	71,372	58,772	41,606
2004 1/	81,448	71,930	60,066	42,360
2005	82,934	72,476	61,500	43,361
2006	83,928	73,683	63,055	44,663
2007	84,462	74,295	62,984	45,613
2008	84,039	74,536	59,861	44,156
2009	81,934	72,972	56,053	43,217

Note: For changes in survey and data processing methodology, see footnotes in Appendix Table A-4 of the report, *Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2009*, U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Reports, P90-236. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see [www.census.gov/spad/techdoc/cps/cpsarr10.pdf](http://www.census.gov/spad/techdoc/cps/cpsarr10.pdf).

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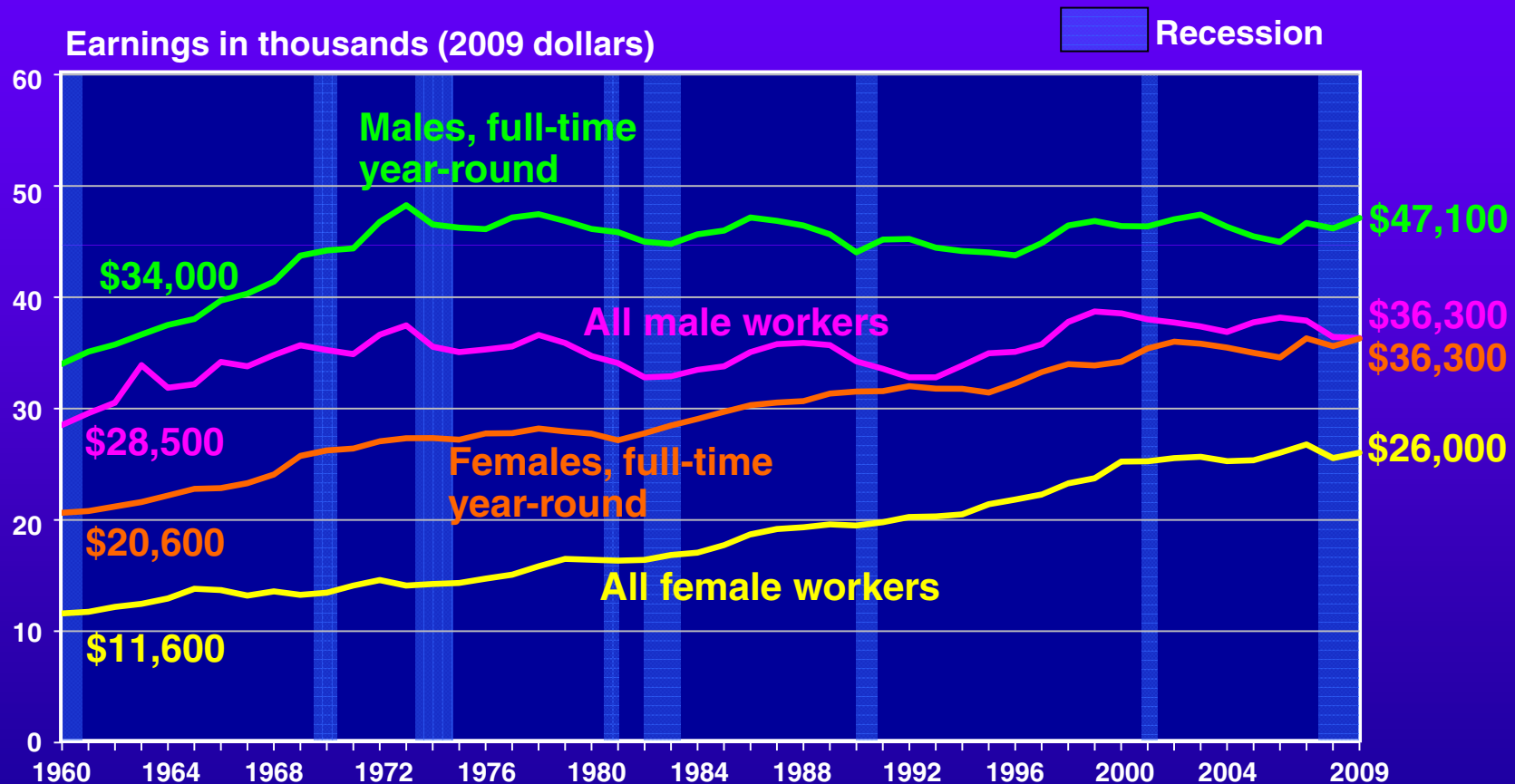
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**Recessions**

Peak month	Year	Trough month	Year
November	1948	October	1949
July	1953	May	1954
August	1957	April	1958
April	1960	February	1961
December	1969	November	1970
November	1973	March	1975
January	1980	July	1980
July	1981	November	1982
July	1990	March	1991
March	2001	November	2001
December	2007		

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# Real Median Earnings of Total Workers and Full-Time, Year-Round Workers by Sex : 1960 to 2009



Note: Income rounded to the nearest 100.  
 Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 1961 to 2010 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.

**Median Earnings of Total Workers and Full-Time, Year-Round Workers by Sex: 1980 to 2009**

(People 15 years old and older beginning in 1980, and people 14 years old and older as of the following year for previous years. Before 1980, earnings are for civilian workers only. Earnings in 2004 CPI-U-RS adjusted dollars.)

Year	Total workers				Full-Time, Year-Round workers			
	Males		Females		Males		Females	
	Median earnings	Standard Error	Median earnings	Standard Error	Median earnings	Standard Error	Median earnings	Standard Error
1980	28,521	(NA)	11,580	(NA)	34,223	(NA)	20,843	(NA)
1981	28,580	(NA)	11,740	(NA)	35,108	(NA)	20,801	(NA)
1982	28,521	(NA)	12,180	(NA)	35,750	(NA)	21,188	(NA)
1983	28,802	(NA)	12,458	(NA)	36,848	(NA)	21,803	(NA)
1984	29,888	(NA)	12,828	(NA)	37,504	(NA)	22,183	(NA)
1985	30,178	(NA)	13,808	(NA)	38,238	(NA)	22,788	(NA)
1986	30,181	(NA)	13,888	(NA)	38,888	(NA)	22,848	(NA)
1987	30,802	(NA)	13,201	(NA)	40,227	(NA)	23,202	(NA)
1988	30,807	(NA)	13,573	(NA)	41,408	(NA)	24,082	(NA)
1989	30,884	(NA)	13,982	(NA)	42,733	(NA)	25,743	(NA)
1990	30,258	(NA)	13,458	(NA)	44,188	(NA)	26,242	(NA)
1991	30,881	(NA)	14,102	(NA)	44,288	(NA)	26,414	(NA)
1992	30,840	(NA)	14,580	(NA)	45,778	(NA)	27,088	(NA)
1993	30,482	(NA)	14,102	(NA)	46,288	(NA)	27,238	(NA)
1994	30,528	(NA)	14,244	(NA)	46,528	200	27,242	120
1995	30,587	188	14,328	152	46,248	181	27,201	128
1996	30,588	181	14,728	137	46,118	182	27,782	127
1997	30,588	188	15,070	132	47,158	222	27,788	128
1998	30,608	178	15,028	142	47,481	182	28,211	127
1999	30,888	240	16,488	142	48,848	184	27,801	142
2000	30,724	240	16,417	134	48,127	223	27,752	121
2001	30,582	182	16,342	118	48,847	181	27,157	113
2002	30,888	188	16,422	120	48,881	182	27,774	188
2003	30,888	188	16,842	122	48,788	205	28,481	174
2004	30,478	187	17,028	185	48,853	224	28,882	171
2005	30,788	257	17,722	178	48,888	288	28,702	158
2006	30,070	288	18,702	155	47,158	322	28,208	158
2007	30,788	282	18,182	128	48,883	185	28,542	142
2008	30,911	187	18,222	138	48,442	204	28,874	220
2009	30,702	174	18,801	128	48,848	187	28,448	210
2010	30,242	182	18,488	127	48,223	228	28,228	202
2011	30,588	188	18,788	162	48,188	228	28,588	151
2012	30,888	172	20,282	201	48,231	171	30,217	153
2013	30,882	181	20,212	188	48,448	171	31,788	142
2014	30,888	282	20,488	187	48,157	177	31,778	157
2015	30,882	221	21,412	142	48,018	181	31,442	181
2016	30,101	187	21,818	148	43,757	157	30,278	228
2017	30,788	182	22,274	144	44,870	428	30,278	207
2018	30,788	208	22,281	212	46,448	175	30,888	152
2019	30,722	187	22,728	208	46,848	175	30,878	142
2020	30,521	87	22,244	88	46,888	128	30,202	127
2021	30,888	88	22,282	88	46,272	212	30,282	202
2022	30,722	88	22,548	88	47,010	291	30,010	88
2023	30,222	88	22,882	84	47,428	125	30,821	87
2024 <sup>1</sup>	30,888	182	22,272	82	48,228	122	30,474	88
2025	30,740	208	22,222	157	48,471	88	30,022	88
2026	30,188	114	22,028	182	48,858	84	30,588	187
2027	30,888	110	22,770	84	48,888	125	30,212	108
2028	30,428	127	22,522	87	48,181	144	30,828	108
2029	30,221	118	22,022	82	47,127	147	30,278	102

Note: For changes in survey and data processing methodology, see footnotes in Appendix Table A-4 of the report, *Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2024*, U.S. Census Bureau, *Current Population Reports*, P80-228. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see [www.census.gov/ipeds/data/c2k00/c2k00se.pdf](http://www.census.gov/ipeds/data/c2k00/c2k00se.pdf).

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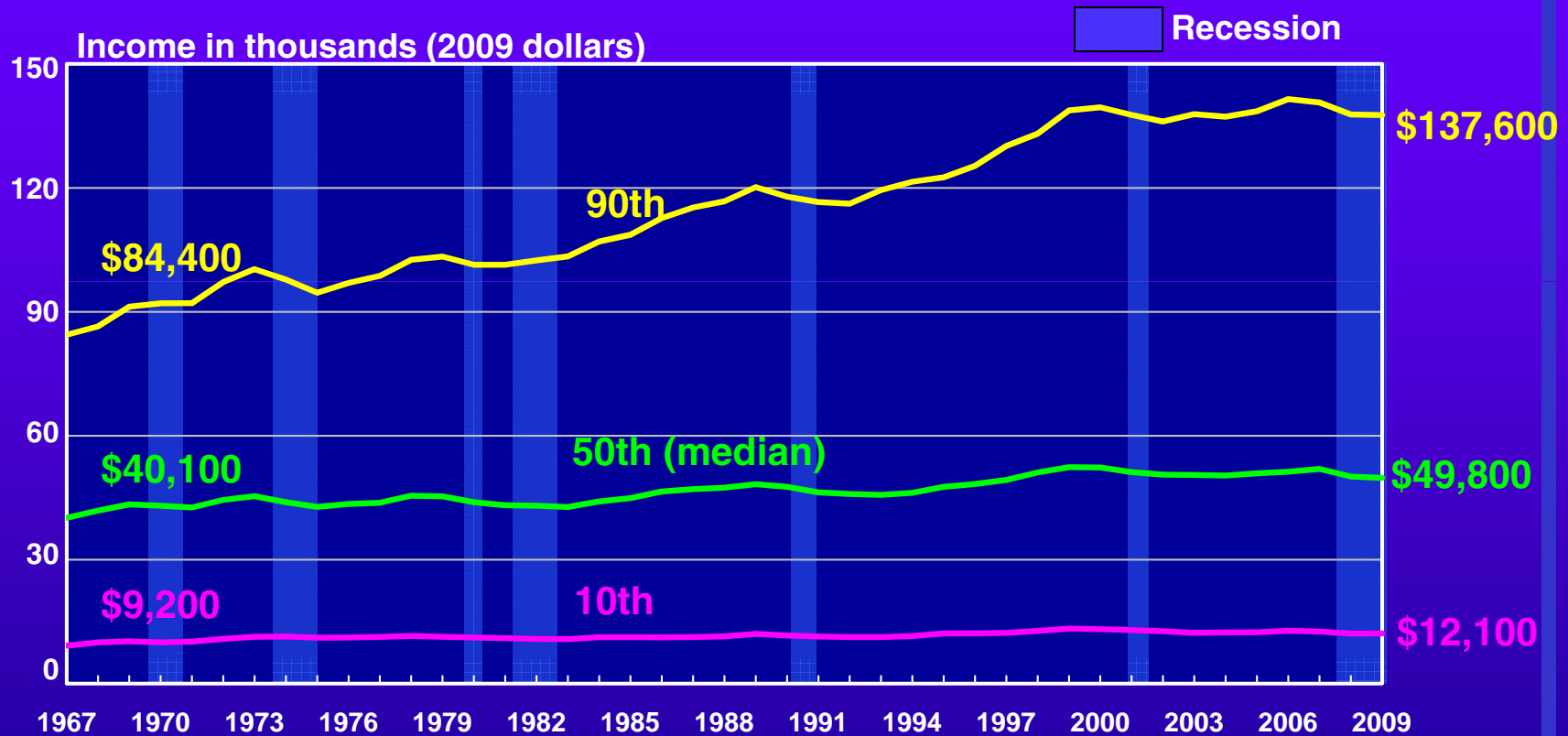
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**Recessions**

Peak month	Year	Trough month	Year
November	1948	October	1949
July	1953	May	1954
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December	1989	November	1990
November	1992	March	1993
January	1998	July	1999
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# Household Income at Selected Percentiles: 1967 to 2009



Note: Income rounded to nearest \$100.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 1968 to 2010 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.



## Household Income at Selected Percentiles: 1967 to 2009

(Income in 2009 CPI-U-RS adjusted dollars)

Year	10th percentile limit	50th (median)	90th percentile limit
1967	9,152	40,108	84,449
1968	9,963	41,836	86,449
1969	10,221	43,391	91,226
1970	9,987	43,055	92,060
1971	10,144	42,636	92,091
1972	10,816	44,462	97,205
1973	11,327	45,360	100,325
1974	11,404	43,923	97,791
1975	11,092	42,773	94,609
1976	11,154	43,483	97,002
1977	11,291	43,758	98,691
1978	11,523	45,452	102,586
1979	11,303	45,325	103,364
1980	11,153	43,892	101,373
1981	10,998	43,163	101,391
1982	10,801	43,048	102,445
1983	10,760	42,747	103,393
1984	11,202	44,074	107,025
1985	11,210	44,898	108,659
1986	11,170	46,488	112,687
1987	11,265	47,071	115,242
1988	11,436	47,433	116,731
1989	12,025	48,279	120,178
1990	11,645	47,637	117,886
1991	11,399	46,269	116,544
1992 <sup>1</sup>	11,234	45,888	116,159
1993	11,235	45,665	119,482
1994	11,489	46,175	121,482
1995	12,125	47,622	122,561
1996	12,129	48,315	125,306
1997	12,279	49,309	130,133
1998	12,747	51,100	133,123
1999	13,318	52,388	138,742
2000	13,180	52,301	139,502
2001	12,947	51,161	137,665
2002	12,662	50,563	136,053
2003	12,287	50,519	137,849
2004 <sup>2</sup>	12,384	50,343	137,249
2005	12,402	50,899	138,536
2006	12,766	51,278	141,489
2007	12,581	51,965	140,690
2008	12,115	50,112	137,775
2009	12,120	49,777	137,632

Note: For changes in survey and data processing methodology, see footnotes in Appendix Table A-2 of the report, *Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2009*, U. S. Census Bureau, *Current Population Reports*, P60-238. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see [www.census.gov/apssd/techdoc/cps/cpsmar10.pdf](http://www.census.gov/apssd/techdoc/cps/cpsmar10.pdf).

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<sup>1</sup>Change in data collection methodology suggests pre-1993 and post-1992 estimates are not comparable. (See *Current Population Reports*, "The Changing Shape of the Nation's Income Distribution: 1947-1998," P60-204, for more details.)

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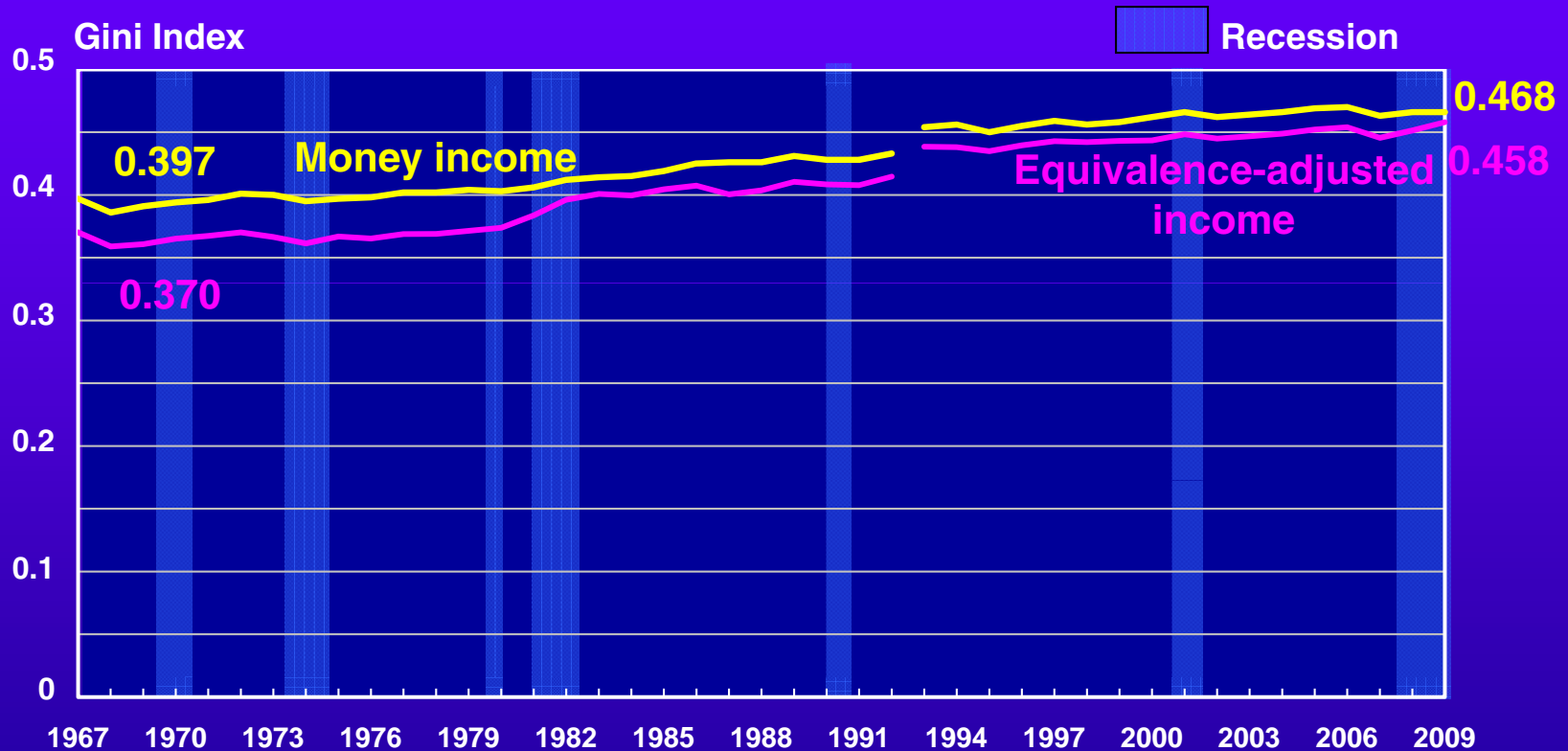
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## Recessions

Peak month	Year	Trough month	Year
November	1948	October	1949
July	1953	May	1954
August	1957	April	1958
April	1960	February	1961
December	1969	November	1970
November	1973	March	1975
January	1980	July	1980
July	1981	November	1982
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# Gini Index of Equivalence-Adjusted Income and Money Income: 1967 to 2009



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 1968 to 2010 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.

**Gini Index of Household Money Income and Equivalence-Adjusted Income: 1967 to 2009**

Year	Money Income	Equivalence-Adjusted Income
1967	0.397	0.370
1968	0.386	0.359
1969	0.391	0.361
1970	0.394	0.365
1971	0.396	0.367
1972	0.401	0.370
1973	0.400	0.367
1974	0.395	0.361
1975	0.397	0.367
1976	0.398	0.365
1977	0.402	0.369
1978	0.402	0.369
1979	0.404	0.371
1980	0.403	0.374
1981	0.406	0.384
1982	0.412	0.396
1983	0.414	0.401
1984	0.415	0.400
1985	0.419	0.404
1986	0.425	0.407
1987	0.426	0.400
1988	0.426	0.404
1989	0.431	0.410
1990	0.428	0.408
1991	0.428	0.408
1992 <sup>1</sup>	0.433	0.415
1993	0.454	0.438
1994	0.456	0.438
1995	0.450	0.435
1996	0.455	0.440
1997	0.459	0.443
1998	0.456	0.442
1999	0.458	0.443
2000	0.462	0.443
2001	0.466	0.448
2002	0.462	0.445
2003	0.464	0.447
2004 <sup>2</sup>	0.466	0.449
2005	0.469	0.452
2006	0.470	0.454
2007	0.463	0.445
2008	0.466	0.451
2009	0.468	0.458

**Recessions**

Peak month	Year	Trough month	Year
November	1948	October	1949
July	1953	May	1954
August	1957	April	1958
April	1960	February	1961
December	1969	November	1970
November	1973	March	1975
January	1980	July	1980
July	1981	November	1982
July	1990	March	1991
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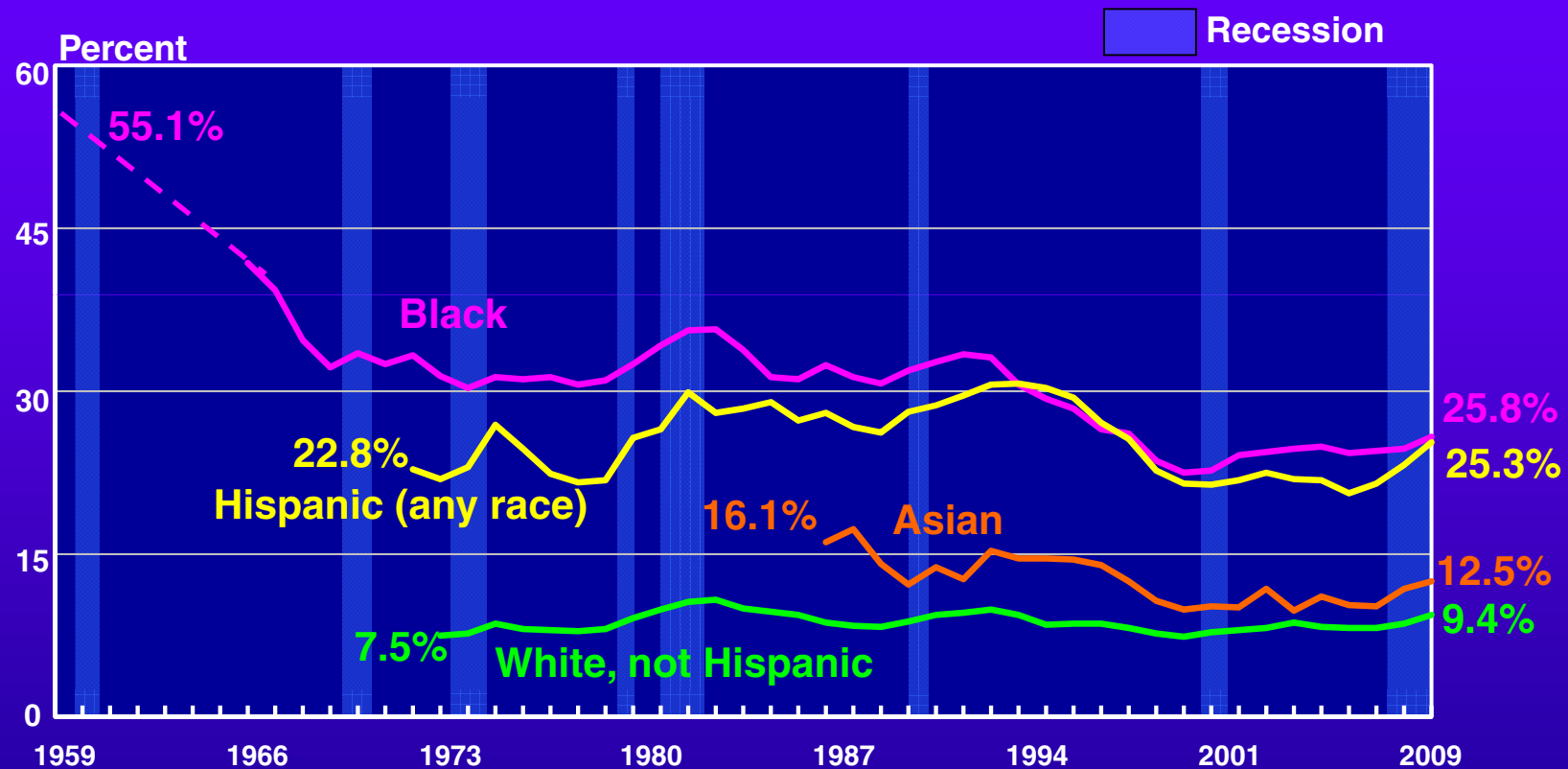
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<sup>2</sup>Data have been revised to reflect a correction to the weights in the 2005 ASEC.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 1968 through 2010 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.

# Poverty Rates by Race and Hispanic Origin: 1959 to 2009



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 1960 to 2010 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.

## Poverty Rates by Race<sup>1</sup> and Hispanic Origin: 1959 to 2009

Percent								
Year	All races	White alone, not Hispanic	White, not Hispanic	Black alone	Black	Asian alone	Asian and Pacific Islander	Hispanic (of any race)
1959	22.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	55.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1960	22.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1961	21.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1962	21.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1963	19.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1964	19.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1965	17.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1966	14.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	41.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1967	14.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	39.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1968	12.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	34.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1969	12.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	32.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1970	12.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	33.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1971	12.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	32.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1972	11.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	33.3	(NA)	(NA)	22.8
1973	11.1	(NA)	7.5	(NA)	31.4	(NA)	(NA)	21.9
1974	11.2	(NA)	7.7	(NA)	30.3	(NA)	(NA)	23.0
1975	12.3	(NA)	8.6	(NA)	31.3	(NA)	(NA)	26.9
1976	11.8	(NA)	8.1	(NA)	31.1	(NA)	(NA)	24.7
1977	11.8	(NA)	8.0	(NA)	31.3	(NA)	(NA)	22.4
1978	11.4	(NA)	7.9	(NA)	30.6	(NA)	(NA)	21.8
1979	11.7	(NA)	8.1	(NA)	31.0	(NA)	(NA)	21.8
1980	13.0	(NA)	9.1	(NA)	32.5	(NA)	(NA)	25.7
1981	14.0	(NA)	9.9	(NA)	34.2	(NA)	(NA)	26.5
1982	15.0	(NA)	10.6	(NA)	35.6	(NA)	(NA)	29.9
1983	15.2	(NA)	10.8	(NA)	35.7	(NA)	(NA)	28.0
1984	14.4	(NA)	10.0	(NA)	33.8	(NA)	(NA)	28.4
1985	14.0	(NA)	9.7	(NA)	31.3	(NA)	(NA)	29.0
1986	13.8	(NA)	9.4	(NA)	31.1	(NA)	(NA)	27.3
1987	13.4	(NA)	8.7	(NA)	32.4	(NA)	18.1	28.0
1988	13.0	(NA)	8.4	(NA)	31.3	(NA)	17.3	28.7
1989	12.8	(NA)	8.3	(NA)	30.7	(NA)	14.1	28.2
1990	13.5	(NA)	8.8	(NA)	31.9	(NA)	12.2	28.1
1991	14.2	(NA)	9.4	(NA)	32.7	(NA)	13.8	28.7
1992	14.8	(NA)	9.8	(NA)	33.4	(NA)	12.7	29.6
1993	15.1	(NA)	9.9	(NA)	33.1	(NA)	15.3	30.6
1994	14.5	(NA)	9.4	(NA)	30.6	(NA)	14.8	30.7
1995	13.8	(NA)	8.5	(NA)	29.3	(NA)	14.8	30.3
1996	13.7	(NA)	8.6	(NA)	28.4	(NA)	14.5	29.4
1997	13.3	(NA)	8.6	(NA)	28.5	(NA)	14.0	27.1
1998	12.7	(NA)	8.2	(NA)	28.1	(NA)	12.5	25.8
1999 <sup>2</sup>	11.9	(NA)	7.7	(NA)	23.6	(NA)	10.7	22.7
2000 <sup>3</sup>	11.3	(NA)	7.4	(NA)	22.5	(NA)	9.9	21.5
2001	11.7	(NA)	7.8	(NA)	22.7	(NA)	10.2	21.4
2002	12.1	8.0	(NA)	24.1	(NA)	10.1	(NA)	21.8
2003	12.5	8.2	(NA)	24.4	(NA)	11.8	(NA)	22.5
2004 <sup>4</sup>	12.7	8.7	(NA)	24.7	(NA)	9.8	(NA)	21.9
2005	12.8	8.3	(NA)	24.9	(NA)	11.1	(NA)	21.8
2006	12.3	8.2	(NA)	24.3	(NA)	10.3	(NA)	20.8
2007	12.5	8.2	(NA)	24.5	(NA)	10.2	(NA)	21.5
2008	13.2	8.6	(NA)	24.7	(NA)	11.8	(NA)	23.2
2009	14.3	9.4	(NA)	25.8	(NA)	12.5	(NA)	25.3

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<sup>1</sup>Starting with the 2003 CPS, respondents were allowed to choose more than one race. This table presents the single-race population for 2002 to 2005. For example White alone refers to people who reported White and did not report any other race category. For 2001 and earlier years, the CPS allowed respondents to report only one race group.

<sup>2</sup>Consistent with 2001 data through implementation of Census 2000-based population controls.

<sup>3</sup>Consistent with 2001 data through implementation of Census 2000-based population controls and a 28,000 household sample expansion.

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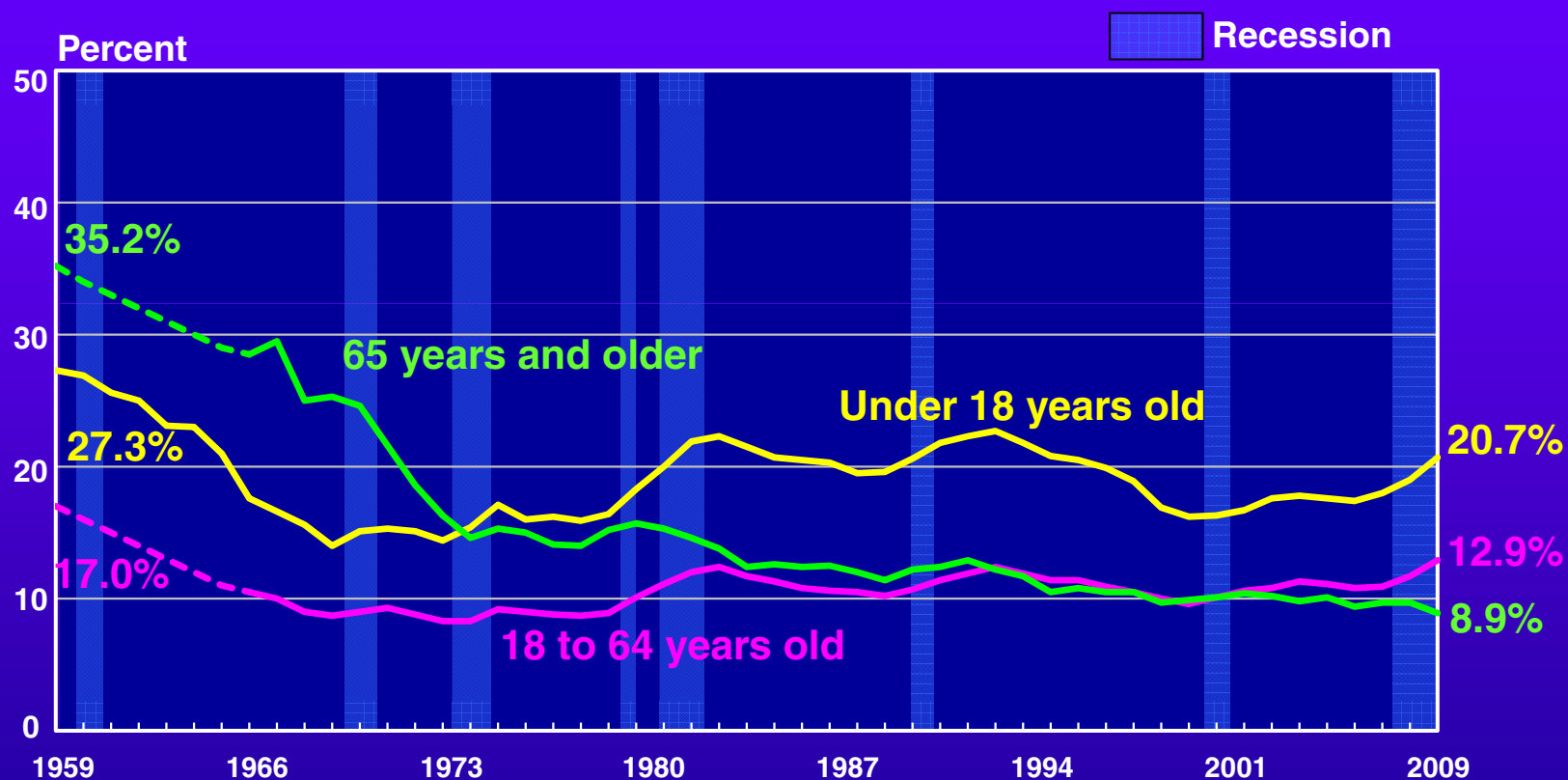
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# Poverty Rates by Age: 1959 to 2009



Note: Data from 1960 to 1965 available only for people under 18 years old.  
 Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 1960 to 2010 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.

## Poverty Rates by Age: 1959 to 2009

Percent

Year	Under 18 years of age	18 to 64 years	65 years and over	Year	Under 18 years of age	18 to 64 years	65 years and over
1959	27.3	17.0	35.2	1985	20.7	11.3	12.8
1960	26.9	(NA)	(NA)	1986	20.5	10.8	12.4
1961	25.6	(NA)	(NA)	1987	20.3	10.6	12.5
1962	25.0	(NA)	(NA)	1988	19.5	10.5	12.0
1963	23.1	(NA)	(NA)	1989	19.6	10.2	11.4
1964	23.0	(NA)	(NA)	1990	20.6	10.7	12.2
1965	21.0	(NA)	(NA)	1991	21.8	11.4	12.4
1966	17.6	10.5	28.5	1992	22.3	11.9	12.9
1967	16.6	10.0	29.5	1993	22.7	12.4	12.2
1968	15.6	9.0	25.0	1994	21.8	11.9	11.7
1969	14.0	8.7	25.3	1995	20.8	11.4	10.5
1970	15.1	9.0	24.6	1996	20.5	11.4	10.8
1971	15.3	9.3	21.6	1997	19.9	10.9	10.5
1972	15.1	8.8	18.6	1998	18.9	10.5	10.5
1973	14.4	8.3	16.3	1999 <sup>1</sup>	17.1	10.1	9.7
1974	15.4	8.3	14.6	2000 <sup>2</sup>	16.2	9.6	9.9
1975	17.1	9.2	15.3	2001	16.3	10.1	10.1
1976	16.0	9.0	15.0	2002	16.7	10.6	10.4
1977	16.2	8.8	14.1	2003	17.6	10.8	10.2
1978	15.9	8.7	14.0	2004 <sup>3</sup>	17.8	11.3	9.8
1979	16.4	8.9	15.2	2005	17.6	11.1	10.1
1980	18.3	10.1	15.7	2006	17.4	10.8	9.4
1981	20.0	11.1	15.3	2007	18.0	10.9	9.7
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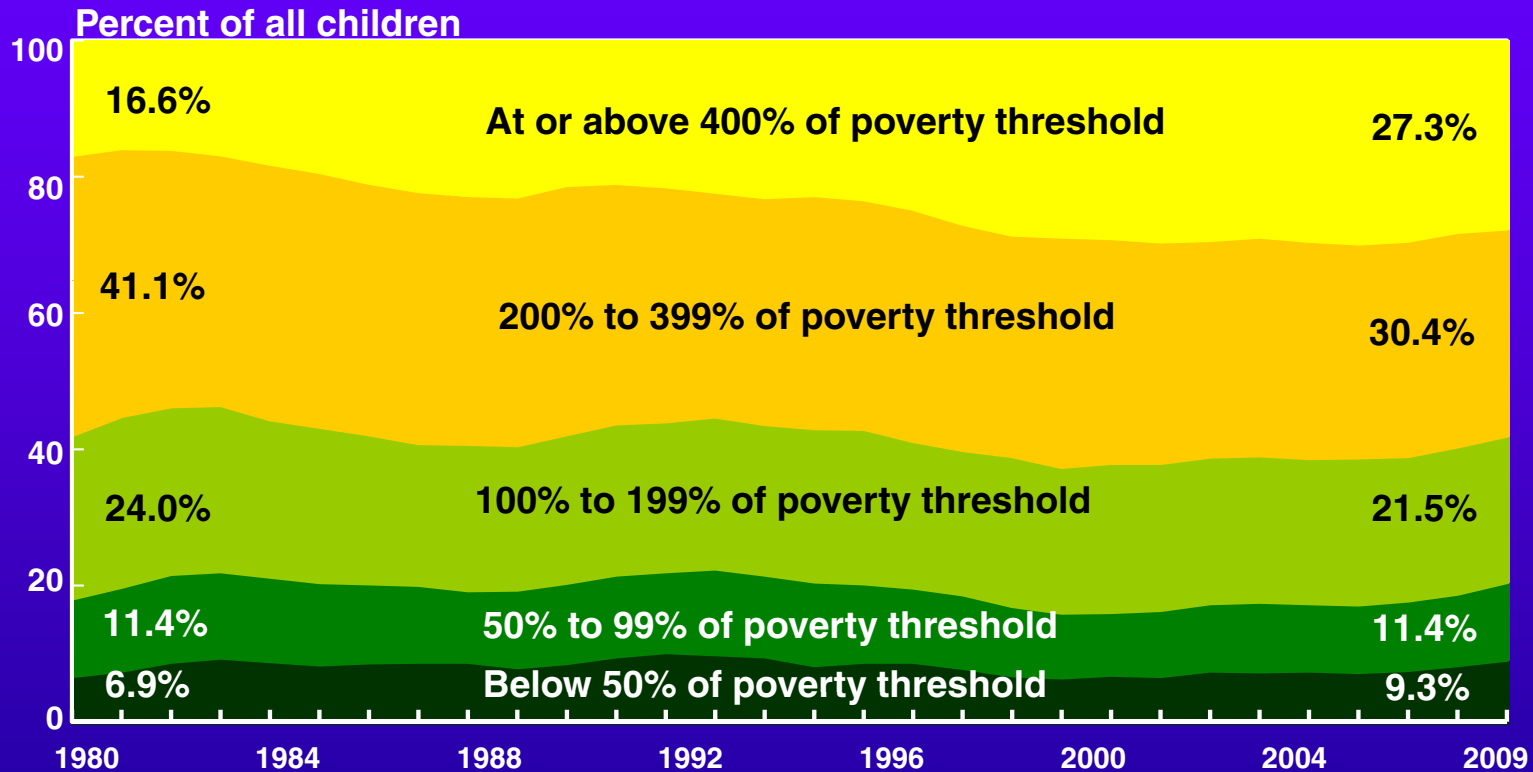
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# Children with Income Below Specified Ratio of Their Poverty Threshold: 1980 to 2009



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 1981 to 2010 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.



## Children with Income Below Specified Ratio of Their Poverty Threshold: 1980 to 2009

Percent

Year	Below .50 percent	.50 percent to .99 percent	1.00 percent to 1.99 percent	2.00 percent to 3.99 percent	Above 4.00 percent
1980	6.9	11.4	24.0	41.1	16.6
1981	7.7	12.3	25.1	39.3	15.6
1982	9.0	12.9	24.6	37.8	15.7
1983	9.6	12.7	24.4	36.8	16.4
1984	9.1	12.4	23.1	37.5	17.9
1985	8.6	12.1	22.8	37.4	19.1
1986	8.9	11.8	21.9	36.9	21.0
1987	9.0	11.3	20.8	37.0	21.9
1988	9.0	10.5	21.5	36.5	22.4
1989	8.2	11.4	21.2	36.5	22.7
1990	8.8	11.8	21.8	36.6	21.0
1991	9.8	12.0	22.2	35.3	20.7
1992	10.4	11.9	22.0	34.5	21.2
1993	10.1	12.6	22.3	33.0	22.0
1994	9.8	12.0	22.1	33.3	22.7
1995	8.5	12.3	22.5	34.2	22.5
1996	9.0	11.5	22.7	33.7	23.1
1997	9.0	10.9	21.5	34.1	24.6
1998	8.1	10.8	21.2	33.2	26.6
1999 <sup>1</sup>	7.0	10.2	22.0	32.5	28.3
2000 <sup>2</sup>	6.7	9.5	21.4	33.8	28.7
2001	7.1	9.2	21.9	33.0	28.8
2002	6.9	9.7	21.6	32.5	29.2
2003	7.7	9.9	21.5	31.8	29.1
2004 <sup>3</sup>	7.6	10.2	21.5	32.1	28.6
2005	7.7	9.9	21.3	31.9	29.2
2006	7.5	9.9	21.6	31.4	29.6
2007	7.8	10.2	21.2	31.6	29.2
2008	8.5	10.5	21.6	31.5	27.9
2009	9.3	11.4	21.5	30.4	27.3

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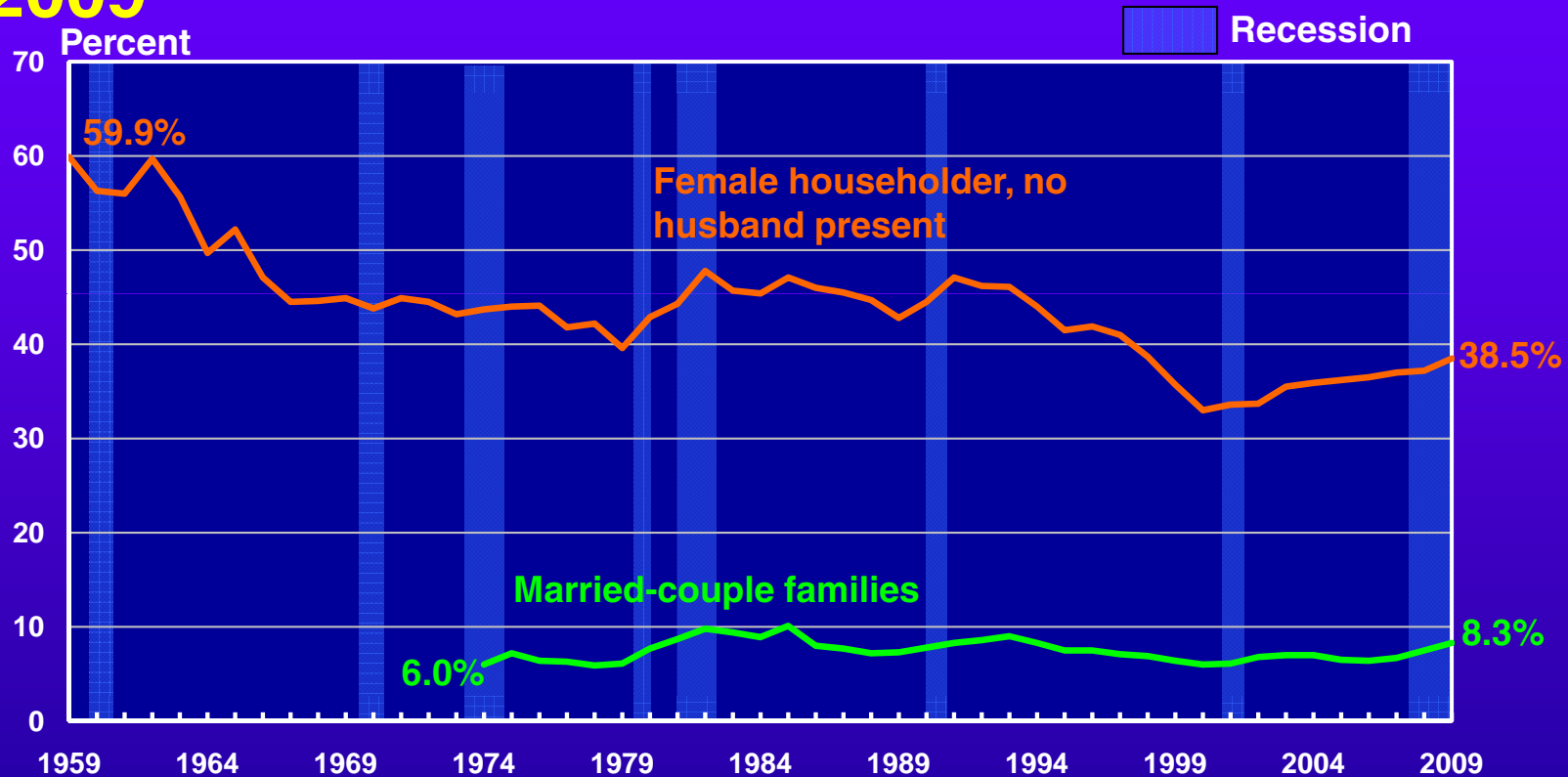
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# Poverty Rates for Families with Related Children Under 18 by Family Type: 1959 to 2009



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 1960 to 2010 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.

## Poverty Rates for Families With Related Children Under 18 by Family Type: 1959 to 2009

Percent									
Year	Families with a married-couple		Families with a male householder, no wife present	Families with a female householder, no husband present	Year	Families with a married-couple		Families with a male householder, no wife present	Families with a female householder, no husband present
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1959	20.3	(NA)	(NA)	59.9	1985	17.9	10.1	20.2	47.1
1960	19.7	(NA)	(NA)	56.3	1986	16.3	8.0	17.8	46.0
1961	19.9	(NA)	(NA)	56.0	1987	16.1	7.7	16.8	45.5
1962	19.4	(NA)	(NA)	59.7	1988	15.7	7.2	18.0	44.7
1963	17.6	(NA)	(NA)	55.7	1989	15.5	7.3	18.1	42.8
1964	16.9	(NA)	(NA)	49.7	1990	16.4	7.8	18.8	44.5
1965	15.6	(NA)	(NA)	52.2	1991	17.7	8.3	19.6	47.1
1966	13.4	(NA)	(NA)	47.1	1992	18.0	8.6	22.5	46.2
1967	12.4	(NA)	(NA)	44.5	1993	18.5	9.0	22.5	46.1
1968	11.4	(NA)	(NA)	44.6	1994	17.4	8.3	22.6	44.0
1969	10.8	(NA)	(NA)	44.9	1995	16.3	7.5	19.7	41.5
1970	11.6	(NA)	(NA)	43.8	1996	16.5	7.5	20.0	41.9
1971	12.0	(NA)	(NA)	44.9	1997	15.7	7.1	18.7	41.0
1972	11.8	(NA)	(NA)	44.5	1998	15.1	6.9	16.6	38.7
1973	11.4	(NA)	(NA)	43.2	1999 <sup>1</sup>	13.8	6.4	16.3	35.7
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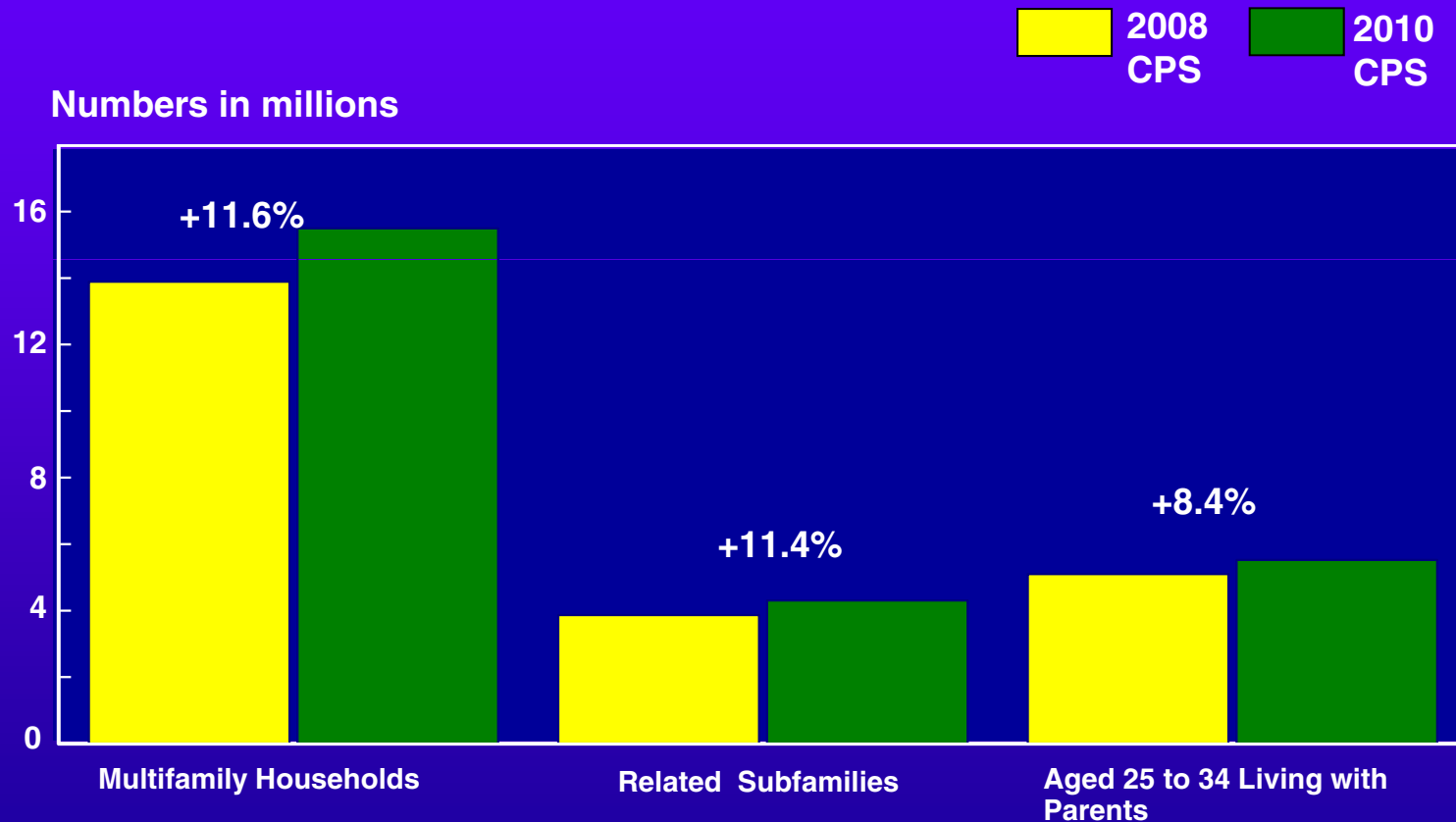
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2008 and 2010 Annual Social and Economic Supplements. Note that while the CPS ASEC estimates poverty and income for the previous calendar year, household composition is measured at the time of the survey

**Number of Households, Multifamily Households, Subfamilies, and Young Adults Living With Parents: 2008 and 2010**

	2008	2010	Change: 2010 less 2008	
			Number	Percentage
Total households	116,880,806	117,616,188	735,382	0.6
Multifamily households	13,890,006	15,496,388	1,606,382	11.6
Related subfamilies	3,863,771	4,305,218	441,447	11.4
Aged 25-34 living with parents	5,096,000	5,523,000	427,000	8.4

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# Supplemental Poverty Measure

- **Interagency Technical Working Group on Developing a Supplemental Poverty Measure – OMB Chief Statistician**
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  - First estimates will be released in September 2011**
  - Will supplement, not replace, the official measure**
  - Will not be used for eligibility determinations**
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  - Adjusted for geographic differences in housing costs**
  - Resource measure – money income**
  - PLUS tax credits, nutritional, housing and energy assistance**
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Numbers in millions

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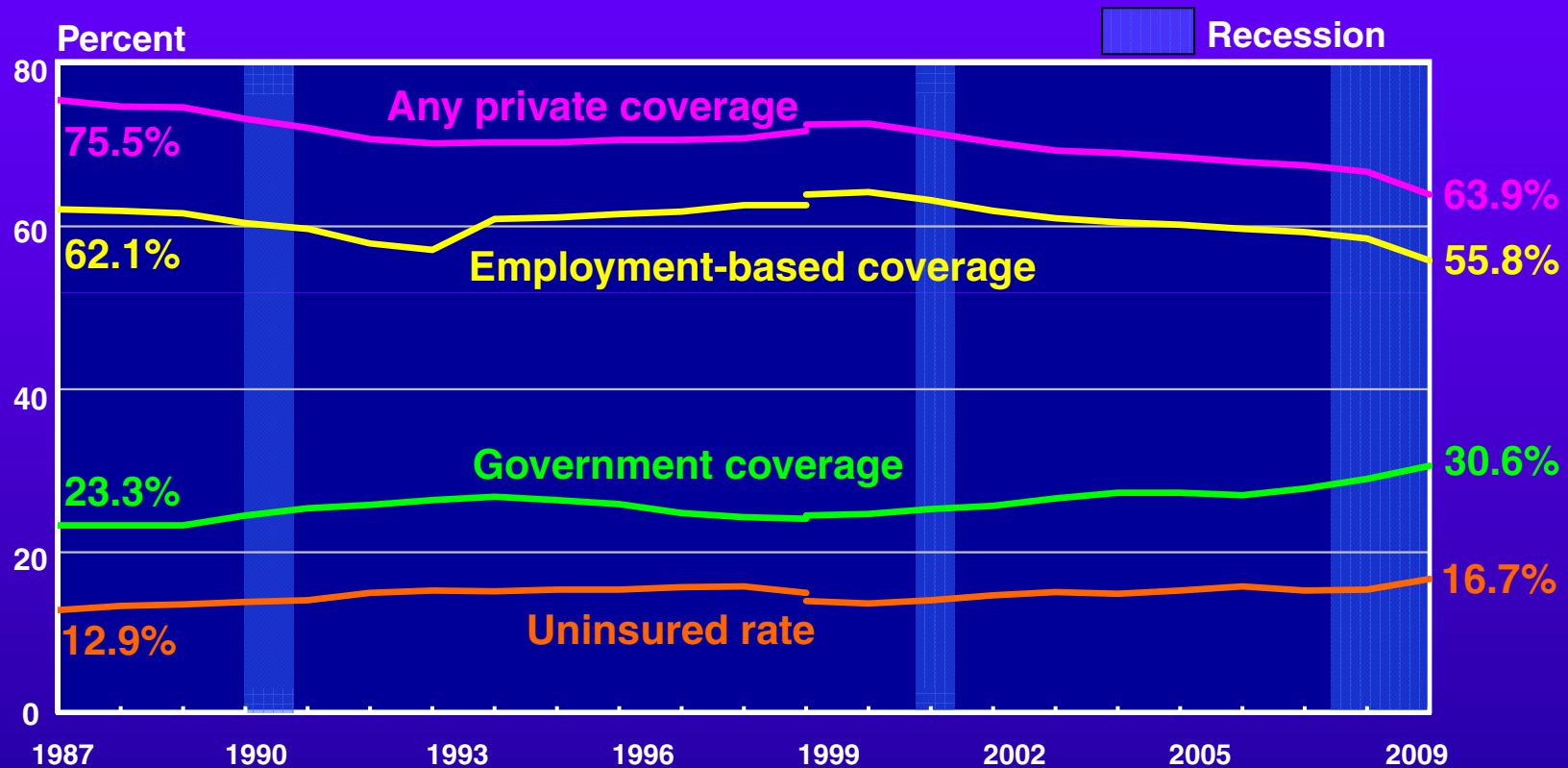
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# Percentage of People by Type of Health Insurance Coverage: 1987 to 2009



Note: The estimates by type of coverage are not mutually exclusive.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 1988 to 2010 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.

## Percentage of People by Type of Health Insurance Coverage: 1987 to 2009

(Percent)

Year	Private	Private	Employment-Based	Employment-Based	Government	Government	Uninsured	Uninsured
1987	75.5		62.1		23.3		12.9	
1988	74.7		61.9		23.3		13.4	
1989	74.6		61.6		23.3		13.6	
1990	73.2		60.4		24.5		13.9	
1991	72.1		59.7		25.4		14.1	
1992	70.7		57.9		25.8		15.0	
1993	70.2		57.1		26.4		15.3	
1994	70.3		60.9		26.8		15.2	
1995	70.3		61.1		26.4		15.4	
1996 <sup>1</sup>	70.6		61.5		25.9		15.4	
1997	70.6		61.8		24.8		15.7	
1998	70.8		62.6		24.3		15.8	
1999	71.7		62.6		24.1		15.0	
1999 <sup>2</sup>		72.5		63.9		24.5		14.0
2000		72.6		64.2		24.7		13.7
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2002		70.3		61.9		25.7		14.7
2003		69.3		61.0		26.6		15.1
2004		69.0		60.5		27.3		14.9
2005		68.5		60.2		27.3		15.3
2006		67.9		59.7		27.0		15.8
2007		67.5		59.3		27.8		15.3
2008		66.7		58.5		29.0		15.4
2009		63.9		55.8		30.6		16.7

Note: Respondents were not asked detailed health insurance questions before the 1988 Current Population Survey.

<sup>1</sup> The series starting in 1996 reflects an approximation of the impact of an editing error that was corrected in the 2005 ASEC (estimates of 2004 coverage).

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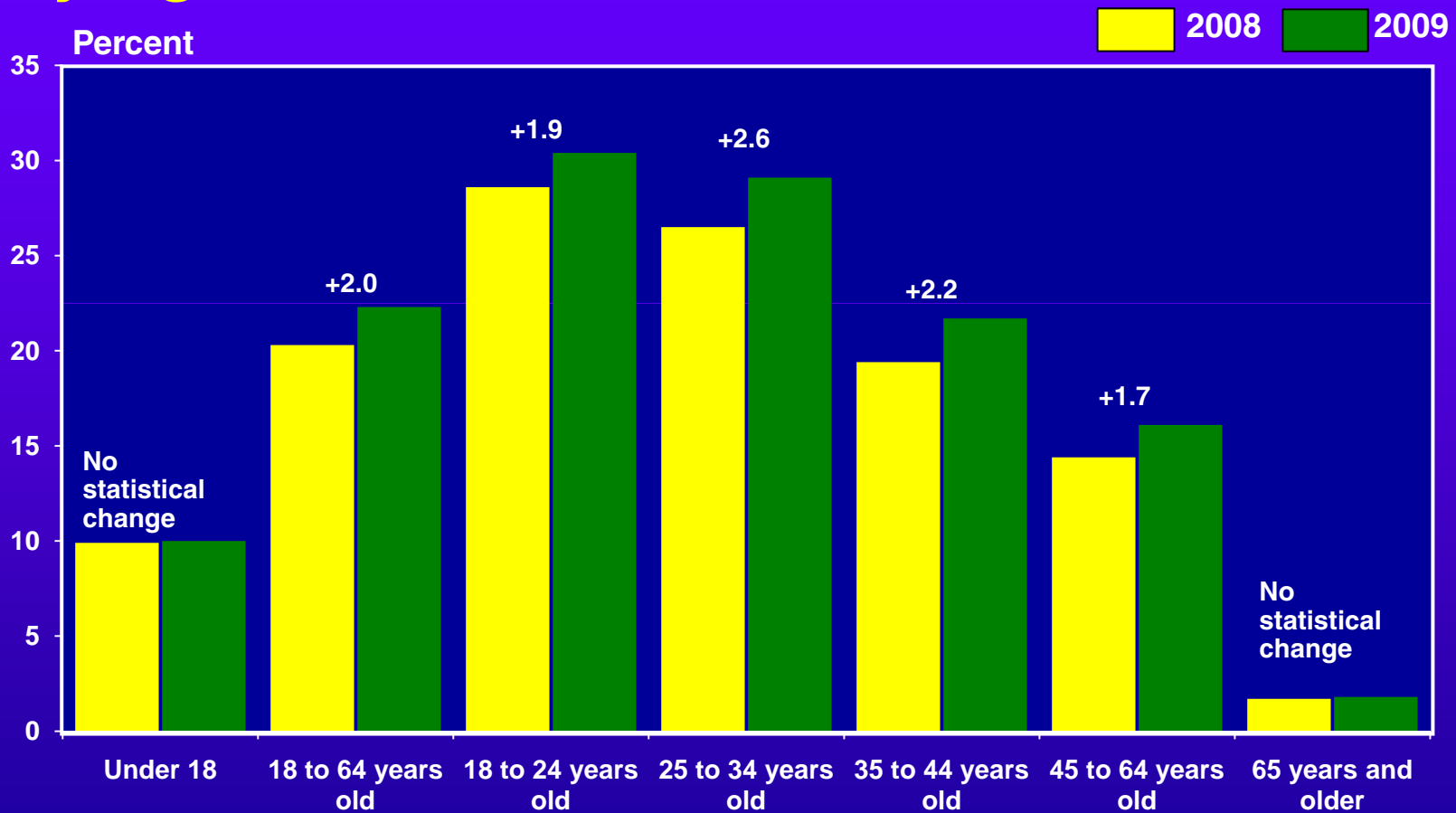
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# Percentage Point Change in Uninsured Rates by Age: 2008 and 2009



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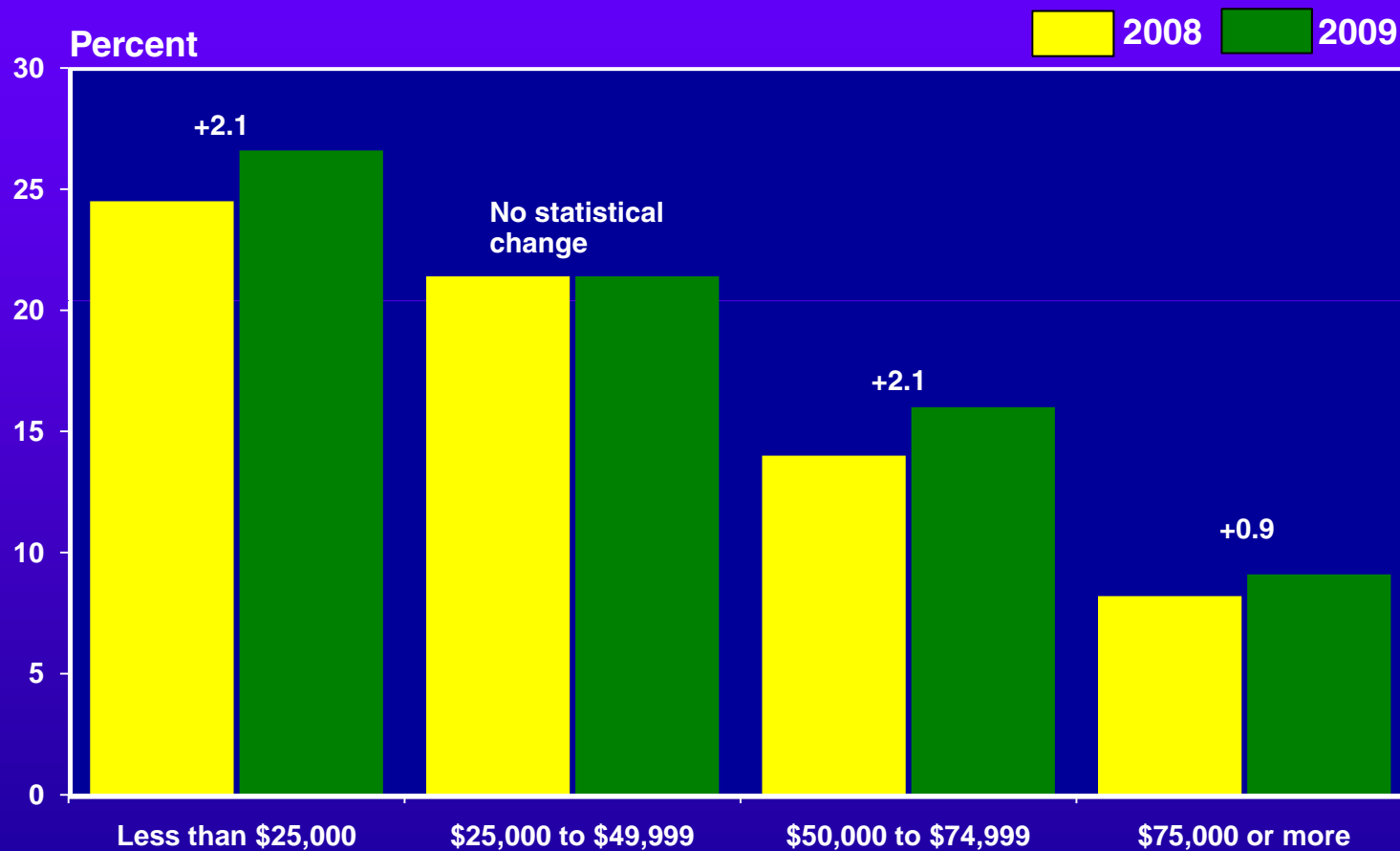
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Characteristic	2008	2009	Percentage point change (2009 less 2008)
Age			
Under 18	9.9	10.0	0.1
18 to 64 years old	20.3	22.3	*2.0
18 to 24 years old	28.6	30.4	*1.9
25 to 34 years old	26.5	29.1	*2.6
35 to 44 years old	19.4	21.7	*2.2
45 to 64 years old	14.4	16.1	*1.7
Over 65	1.7	1.8	0.1

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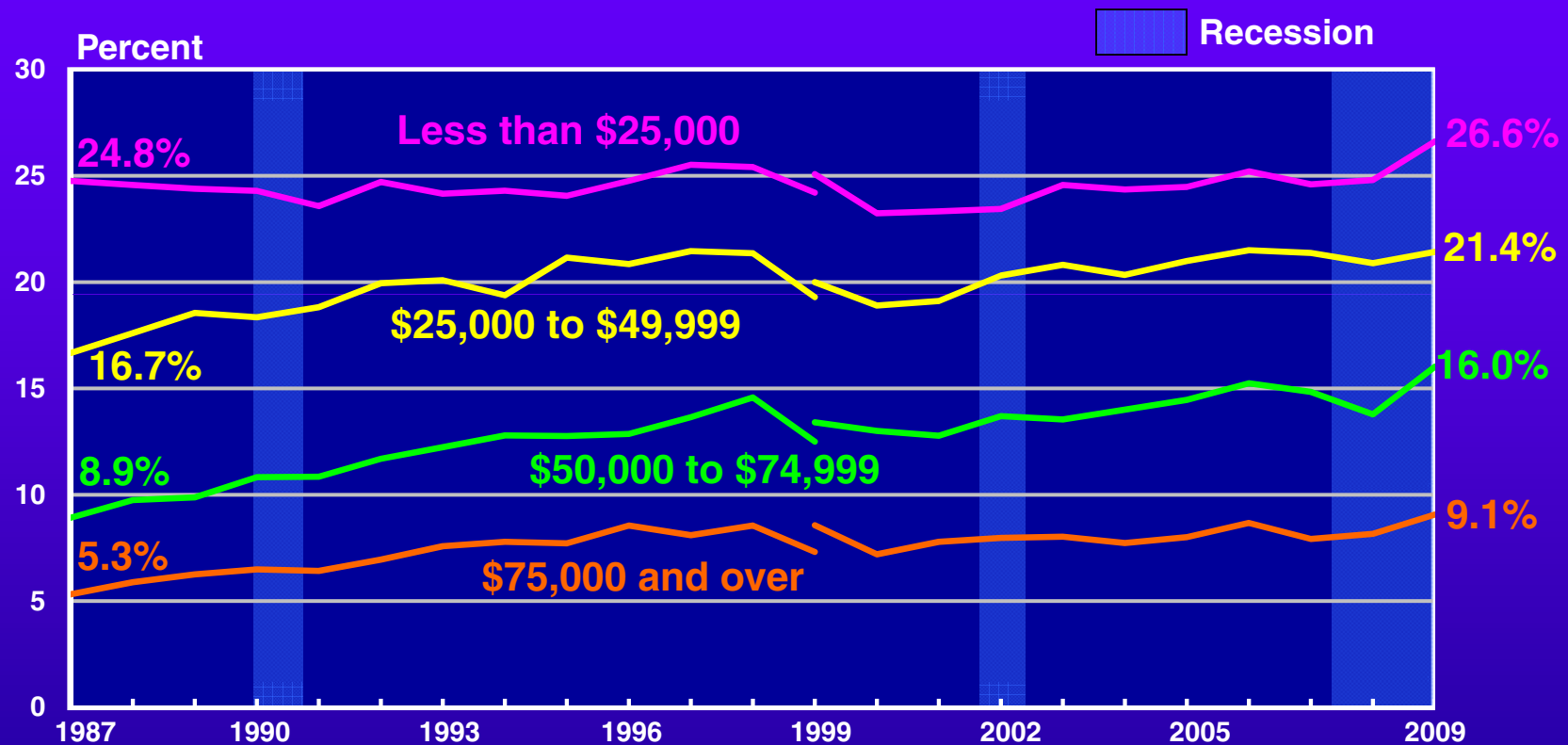
Characteristic	2008	2009	Percentage point change (2009 less 2008)
Household Income			
Less than \$25,000	24.5	26.6	*2.1
\$25,000 to \$49,999	21.4	21.4	0.0
\$50,000 to \$74,999	14.0	16.0	*2.1
\$75,000 or more	8.2	9.1	*0.9

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# Uninsured Rates for All People by Household Income: 1987 to 2009



Note: Income in 2009 dollars.

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(Percent)

Year	Household income			
	Less than \$25,000	\$25,000 to \$49,999	\$50,000 to \$74,999	\$75,000 or more
1987	24.8	16.7	8.9	5.3
1988	24.6	17.6	9.7	5.9
1989	24.4	18.5	9.9	6.3
1990	24.3	18.3	10.8	6.5
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1996	24.8	20.9	12.9	8.6
1997	25.5	21.5	13.6	8.1
1998	25.4	21.4	14.6	8.5
1999	25.1	20.0	13.4	8.6
1999 <sup>1</sup>	24.2	19.3	12.5	7.3
2000	23.2	18.9	13.0	7.2
2001	23.3	19.1	12.8	7.8
2002	23.4	20.3	13.7	8.0
2003	24.6	20.8	13.5	8.0
2004	24.4	20.3	14.0	7.7
2005	24.5	21.0	14.5	8.0
2006	25.2	21.5	15.2	8.7
2007	24.6	21.4	14.8	7.9
2008	24.8	20.9	13.8	8.2
2009	26.6	21.4	16.0	9.1

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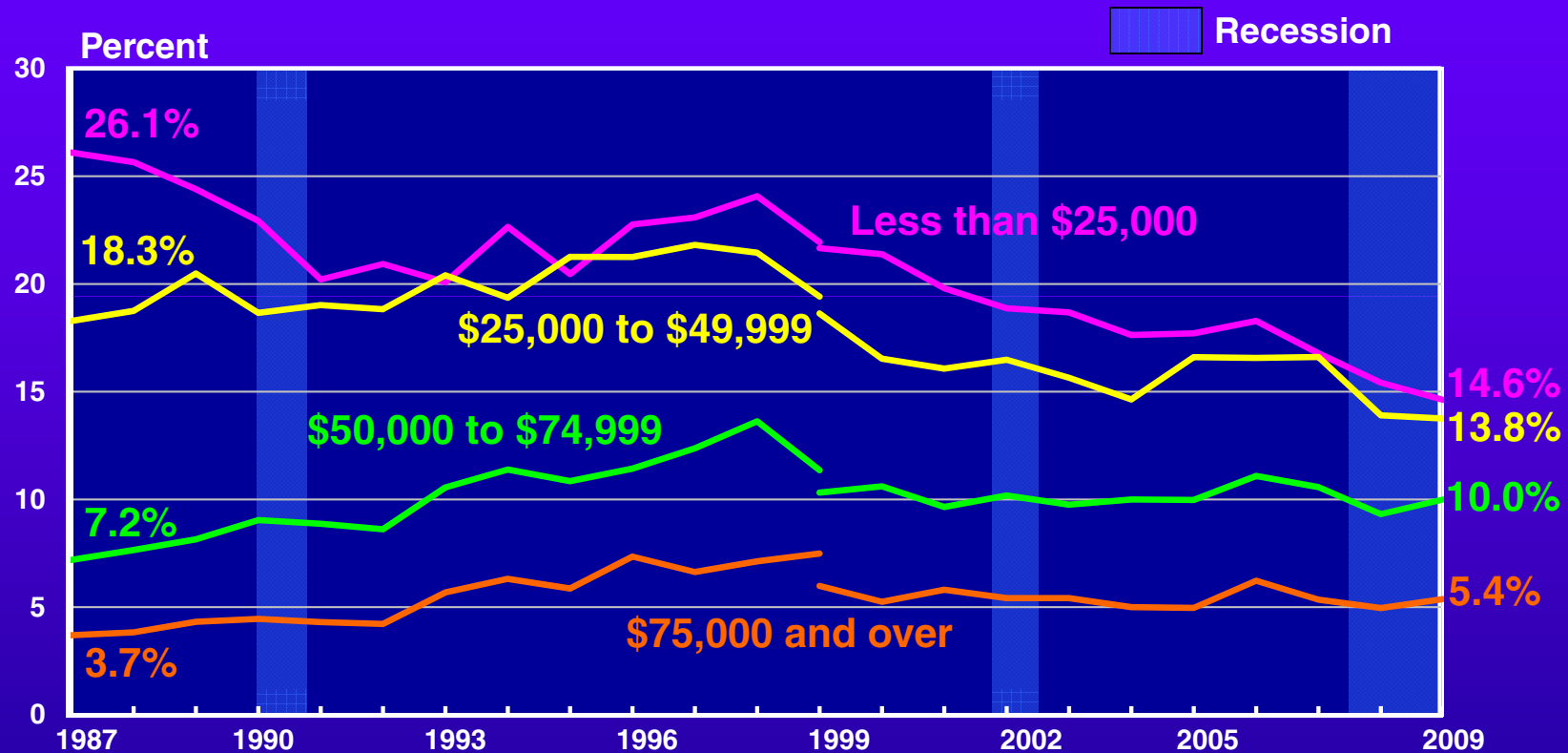
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July	1953	May	1954
August	1957	April	1958
April	1960	February	1961
December	1969	November	1970
November	1973	March	1975
January	1980	July	1980
July	1981	November	1982
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# Uninsured Rates for Children by Household Income: 1987 to 2009



Note: Income in 2009 dollars.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 1988 to 2010 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.

## Uninsured Rates for Children by Household Income: 1987 to 2009

(Percent)

Year	Household income			
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1987	26.1	18.3	7.2	3.7
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1989	24.4	20.5	8.1	4.3
1990	22.9	18.7	9.0	4.5
1991	20.2	19.0	8.9	4.3
1992	20.9	18.8	8.6	4.2
1993	20.1	20.4	10.6	5.7
1994	22.7	19.4	11.4	6.3
1995	20.5	21.3	10.8	5.9
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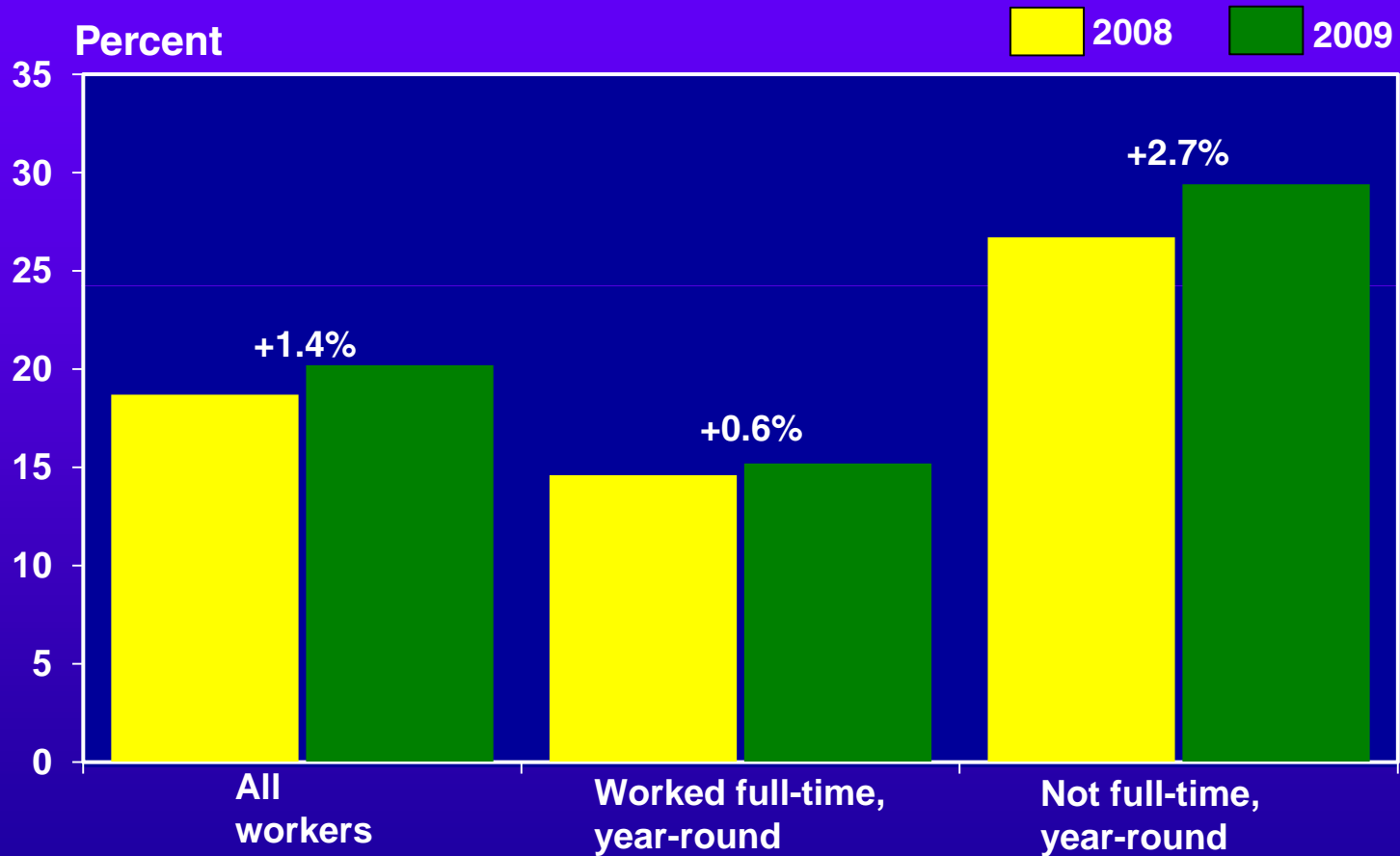
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# Percentage Point Change in Uninsured Workers: 2008 and 2009



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2009 to 2010 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.

## Percentage Point Change of Uninsured Workers: 2008 and 2009

(Percent)

	2008	2009	Percentage point change (2009 less 2008)
All Workers	18.7	20.1	*1.4
Worked Full-Time, Year-Round	14.6	15.2	*0.6
Not Full-Time, Year-Round	28.7	29.4	*2.7

\*Statistically different from zero at the 90 percent confidence level.

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## Upcoming Releases

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  - 2009 American Community Survey (ACS) one-year estimates for income, poverty, and health insurance coverage for all states and places with a population of 65,000 or more

### **December 2010**

2009 ACS five-year estimates from 2005-2009 for income and poverty for places down to the census tract level

2009 Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (SAIPE) of poverty and median household income for counties and school-age poverty for school districts

# Population Data Sets Scheduled for Release December 2010

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- **National population estimates based on demographic analysis of vital registration, immigration and emigration data, with age, sex and some race detail**



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