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<i>Selected characteristics, race, and Hispanic origin</i>	1973	1980	1985	1990	1995	1997	1998	1999	2000 <sup>1</sup>	2001 <sup>1</sup>
All persons										
Percent below poverty										
All races . . . . .	11.1	13.0	14.0	13.5	13.8	13.3	12.7	11.8	11.3	11.7
White . . . . .	8.4	10.2	11.4	10.7	11.2	11.0	10.5	9.8	9.5	9.9
Black or African American . . . . .	31.4	32.5	31.3	31.9	29.3	26.5	26.1	23.6	22.5	22.7
Asian or Pacific Islander . . . . .	---	---	---	12.2	14.6	14.0	12.5	10.7	9.9	10.2
Hispanic or Latino . . . . .	21.9	25.7	29.0	28.1	30.3	27.1	25.6	22.8	21.5	21.4
Mexican . . . . .	---	---	28.8	28.1	31.2	27.9	27.1	24.1	22.9	22.8
Puerto Rican . . . . .	---	---	43.3	40.6	38.1	34.2	30.9	25.8	25.6	26.1
White, not Hispanic or Latino . . . . .	7.5	9.1	9.7	8.8	8.5	8.6	8.2	7.7	7.4	7.8
Related children under 18 years of age in families										
All races . . . . .	14.2	17.9	20.1	19.9	20.2	19.2	18.3	16.3	15.6	15.8
White . . . . .	9.7	13.4	15.6	15.1	15.5	15.4	14.4	12.9	12.4	12.8
Black or African American . . . . .	40.6	42.1	43.1	44.2	41.5	36.8	36.4	32.7	30.9	30.0
Asian or Pacific Islander . . . . .	---	---	---	17.0	18.6	19.9	17.5	11.5	12.5	11.1
Hispanic or Latino . . . . .	27.8	33.0	39.6	37.7	39.3	36.4	33.6	29.9	27.6	27.4
Mexican . . . . .	---	---	37.4	35.5	39.3	35.8	34.6	31.2	29.5	28.8
Puerto Rican . . . . .	---	---	58.6	56.7	53.2	49.1	43.2	37.6	32.1	33.0
White, not Hispanic or Latino . . . . .	---	11.3	12.3	11.6	10.6	10.7	10.0	8.8	8.5	8.9
Related children under 18 years of age in families with female householder and no spouse present										
All races . . . . .	---	50.8	53.6	53.4	50.3	49.0	46.1	41.9	40.1	39.3
White . . . . .	---	41.6	45.2	45.9	42.5	44.3	40.0	35.5	33.9	34.7
Black or African American . . . . .	---	64.8	66.9	64.7	61.6	55.3	54.7	51.7	49.3	46.6
Asian or Pacific Islander . . . . .	---	---	---	32.2	42.4	58.3	49.8	32.8	38.0	26.7
Hispanic or Latino . . . . .	---	65.0	72.4	68.4	65.7	62.8	59.6	52.4	49.8	49.3
Mexican . . . . .	---	---	64.4	62.4	65.9	62.2	61.5	51.4	51.4	50.9
Puerto Rican . . . . .	---	---	85.4	82.7	79.6	71.0	61.6	50.9	55.3	52.9
White, not Hispanic or Latino . . . . .	---	---	---	39.6	33.5	37.2	32.8	29.0	28.0	29.0
All persons										
Number below poverty in thousands										
All races . . . . .	22,973	29,272	33,064	33,585	36,425	35,574	34,476	32,258	31,581	32,907
White . . . . .	15,142	19,699	22,860	22,326	24,423	24,396	23,454	21,922	21,645	22,739
Black or African American . . . . .	7,388	8,579	8,926	9,837	9,872	9,116	9,091	8,360	7,982	8,136
Asian or Pacific Islander . . . . .	---	---	---	858	1,411	1,468	1,360	1,163	1,258	1,275
Hispanic or Latino . . . . .	2,366	3,491	5,236	6,006	8,574	8,308	8,070	7,439	7,747	7,997
Mexican . . . . .	---	---	3,220	3,764	5,608	5,509	5,566	5,214	5,460	5,698
Puerto Rican . . . . .	---	---	1,011	966	1,183	1,059	929	760	814	839
White, not Hispanic or Latino . . . . .	12,864	16,365	17,839	16,622	16,267	16,491	15,799	14,875	14,366	15,271
Related children under 18 years of age in families										
All races . . . . .	9,453	11,114	12,483	12,715	13,999	13,422	12,845	11,510	11,005	11,175
White . . . . .	5,462	6,817	7,838	7,696	8,474	8,441	7,935	7,123	6,834	7,086
Black or African American . . . . .	3,822	3,906	4,057	4,412	4,644	4,116	4,073	3,644	3,495	3,423
Asian or Pacific Islander . . . . .	---	---	---	356	532	608	542	348	407	353
Hispanic or Latino . . . . .	1,364	1,718	2,512	2,750	3,938	3,865	3,670	3,382	3,342	3,433
Mexican . . . . .	---	---	1,589	1,733	2,655	2,666	2,654	2,512	2,537	2,613
Puerto Rican . . . . .	---	---	535	490	610	519	433	365	329	319
White, not Hispanic or Latino . . . . .	---	5,174	5,421	5,106	4,745	4,759	4,458	3,921	3,715	3,887

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Related children under 18 years of age in families with female householder and no spouse present					Number below poverty in thousands					
All races . . . . .	---	5,866	6,716	7,363	8,364	7,928	7,627	6,602	6,300	6,341
White . . . . .	---	2,813	3,372	3,597	4,051	4,186	3,875	3,266	3,090	3,291
Black or African American . . . . .	---	2,944	3,181	3,543	3,954	3,402	3,366	2,997	2,908	2,741
Asian or Pacific Islander . . . . .	---	---	---	80	145	200	231	134	162	105
Hispanic or Latino . . . . .	---	809	1,247	1,314	1,872	1,758	1,739	1,471	1,407	1,508
Mexican . . . . .	---	---	553	615	1,056	991	1,092	897	938	1,001
Puerto Rican . . . . .	---	---	449	382	459	392	298	461	242	236
White, not Hispanic or Latino . . . . .	---	---	---	2,411	2,299	2,551	2,294	1,931	1,832	1,953

--- Data not available.

<sup>1</sup>Estimates of poverty for 2000 have been recalculated based on an expanded household sample and Census 2000-based population weights. 2001 estimates are also based on an expanded household sample and 2000-based postcensal population weights. The 2000 estimates differ from those in *Health, United States, 2002*, which did not incorporate the sample expansion and were based on 1990 weights. See Appendix I, Current Population Survey.

NOTES: Estimates of poverty for the 1990s are based on 1990 postcensal population estimates. The race groups white, black, and Asian or Pacific Islander include persons of Hispanic and non-Hispanic origin; persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. Poverty status is based on family income and family size using Bureau of the Census poverty thresholds. See Appendix II, Poverty status. The Current Population Survey is not large enough to produce reliable annual estimates for American Indian or Alaska Native persons. The 1999–2001 average poverty rate for this group was 24.5 percent, representing 783,000 persons. Data for additional years are available (see Appendix III).

SOURCES: U.S. Bureau of the Census. Proctor B, Dalaker J. Poverty in the United States: 2001. Current population reports, series P–60, no 219. Washington: U.S. Government Printing Office. 2002; and Table 2. Age, sex, household relationship, race and Hispanic origin by ratio of income to poverty level: 2001 accessed at [http://ferret.bls.census.gov/macro/032002/pov/new02\\_001.htm](http://ferret.bls.census.gov/macro/032002/pov/new02_001.htm).