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<i>Selected characteristic, race, and Hispanic origin</i> ¹	1973	1980	1990	2000 ²	2005	2009	2010 ⁴	2011	2012
All persons									
	Percent below poverty								
All races	11.1	13.0	13.5	11.3	12.6	14.3	15.1	15.0	15.0
White only	8.4	10.2	10.7	9.5	10.6	12.3	13.0	12.8	12.7
Black or African American only	31.4	32.5	31.9	22.5	24.9	25.8	27.4	27.6	27.2
Asian only	---	---	12.2	9.9	11.1	12.5	12.2	12.3	11.7
Hispanic or Latino	21.9	25.7	28.1	21.5	21.8	25.3	26.5	25.3	25.6
Mexican	---	---	28.1	22.9	---	---	---	---	---
Puerto Rican	---	---	40.6	25.6	---	---	---	---	---
White only, not Hispanic or Latino	7.5	9.1	8.8	7.4	8.3	9.4	9.9	9.8	9.7
Related children under age 18 in families									
All races	14.2	17.9	19.9	15.6	17.1	20.1	21.5	21.4	21.3
White only	9.7	13.4	15.1	12.4	13.9	17.0	17.9	18.1	17.9
Black or African American only	40.6	42.1	44.2	30.9	34.2	35.3	39.0	38.6	37.5
Asian only	---	---	17.0	12.5	11.0	13.6	14.0	13.0	13.3
Hispanic or Latino	27.8	33.0	37.7	27.6	27.7	32.5	34.3	33.7	33.3
Mexican	---	---	35.5	29.5	---	---	---	---	---
Puerto Rican	---	---	56.7	32.1	---	---	---	---	---
White only, not Hispanic or Latino	---	11.3	11.6	8.5	9.5	11.2	11.7	11.9	11.8
Related children under age 18 in families with female householder and no husband present									
All races	---	50.8	53.4	40.1	42.8	44.4	46.6	47.6	47.2
White only	---	41.6	45.9	33.9	38.8	41.2	43.3	44.3	44.2
Black or African American only	---	64.8	64.7	49.3	50.2	50.6	53.2	54.2	53.3
Asian only	---	---	32.2	38.0	25.6	25.6	36.9	34.5	33.0
Hispanic or Latino	---	65.0	68.4	49.8	50.2	52.2	56.3	56.8	54.7
Mexican	---	---	62.4	51.4	---	---	---	---	---
Puerto Rican	---	---	82.7	55.3	---	---	---	---	---
White only, not Hispanic or Latino	---	---	39.6	28.0	33.1	33.5	34.7	35.5	36.5
All persons									
	Number below poverty, in thousands								
All races	22,973	29,272	33,585	31,581	36,950	43,569	46,343	46,247	46,496
White only	15,142	19,699	22,326	21,645	24,872	29,830	31,083	30,849	30,816
Black or African American only	7,388	8,579	9,837	7,982	9,168	9,944	10,746	10,929	10,911
Asian only	---	---	858	1,258	1,402	1,746	1,899	1,973	1,921
Hispanic or Latino	2,366	3,491	6,006	7,747	9,368	12,350	13,522	13,244	13,616
Mexican	---	---	3,764	5,460	---	---	---	---	---
Puerto Rican	---	---	966	814	---	---	---	---	---
White only, not Hispanic or Latino	12,864	16,365	16,622	14,366	16,227	18,530	19,251	19,171	18,940
Related children under age 18 in families									
All races	9,453	11,114	12,715	11,005	12,335	14,774	15,598	15,539	15,437
White only	5,462	6,817	7,696	6,834	7,652	9,440	9,590	9,643	9,547
Black or African American only	3,822	3,906	4,412	3,495	3,743	3,919	4,271	4,247	4,097
Asian only	---	---	356	407	312	444	477	466	470
Hispanic or Latino	1,364	1,718	2,750	3,342	3,977	5,419	5,815	5,820	5,773
Mexican	---	---	1,733	2,537	---	---	---	---	---
Puerto Rican	---	---	490	329	---	---	---	---	---
White only, not Hispanic or Latino	---	5,174	5,106	3,715	3,973	4,518	4,544	4,554	4,510

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Related children under age 18 in families with female householder and no husband present	Number below poverty, in thousands								
All races	---	5,866	7,363	6,300	7,210	7,942	8,603	9,026	8,664
White only	---	2,813	3,597	3,090	3,747	4,325	4,495	4,792	4,598
Black or African American only	---	2,944	3,543	2,908	2,993	2,998	3,252	3,331	3,165
Asian only	---	---	80	162	68	90	141	147	128
Hispanic or Latino	---	809	1,314	1,407	1,774	2,437	2,707	2,955	2,809
Mexican	---	---	615	938	---	---	---	---	---
Puerto Rican	---	---	382	242	---	---	---	---	---
White only, not Hispanic or Latino	---	---	2,411	1,832	2,158	2,144	2,209	2,321	2,245

--- Data not available.

¹The race groups, white, black, and Asian, include persons of Hispanic and non-Hispanic origin. Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. Starting with 2002 data, race-specific estimates are tabulated according to the 1997 *Revisions to the Standards for the Classification of Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity* and are not strictly comparable with estimates for earlier years. The three single-race categories shown in the table conform to the 1997 Standards. For 2002 and subsequent years, race-specific estimates are for persons who reported only one racial group. Estimates for single-race categories prior to 2002 are based on answers to the Current Population Survey question which asked respondents to choose only a single race. Prior to data year 2002, data were tabulated according to the 1977 Standards in which the Asian only category included Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander. See [Appendix II, Hispanic origin; Race](#).

²Estimates are consistent with 2001 data through implementation of the 2000 census-based population controls and a 28,000-household sample expansion.

³The 2004 data (shown in spreadsheet version) reflect a correction to the weights in the 2005 Annual Social and Economic Supplements of the Current Population Survey. See [Appendix I, Current Population Survey \(CPS\)](#).

⁴Data for 2010 reflect Census 2010-based population controls.

NOTES: Estimates of poverty for 1991–1998 are based on 1990 postcensal population estimates. Estimates for 1999–2009 were based on Census 2000 population controls. Estimates for 2010 and beyond were based on Census 2010 population controls. Poverty level is based on family income and family size using U.S. Census Bureau poverty thresholds. See [Appendix II, Poverty](#). Poverty estimates based on a supplemental poverty measure are available from the U.S. Census Bureau. The Current Population Survey is not large enough to produce reliable annual estimates for American Indian or Alaska Native persons, or for Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander persons. The 2009–2011 average poverty rate for American Indian or Alaska Native only persons was 30.7%, representing 996,000 persons. Data for additional years are available. See the Excel spreadsheet on the *Health, United States* website at: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/hus.htm>.

SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, Annual Social and Economic Supplements; DeNavas-Walt C, Proctor BD, Smith JC. Income, poverty, and health insurance coverage in the United States: 2012. Current Population Reports, P60–245. Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office. 2013. Available from: <http://www.census.gov/prod/2013pubs/p60-245.pdf>. See [Appendix I, Current Population Survey \(CPS\)](#).