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<i>Selected characteristic, race, and Hispanic origin</i> ¹	1973	1980	1990	2000 ²	2010 ⁴	2012	2013(1) ⁵	2013(2) ⁵	2014 ⁶
All persons									
Percent below poverty									
All races	11.1	13.0	13.5	11.3	15.1	15.0	14.5	14.8	14.8
White only	8.4	10.2	10.7	9.5	13.0	12.7	12.3	12.9	12.7
Black or African American only	31.4	32.5	31.9	22.5	27.4	27.2	27.2	25.2	26.2
Asian only	---	---	12.2	9.9	12.2	11.7	10.5	13.1	12.0
Hispanic or Latino	21.9	25.7	28.1	21.5	26.5	25.6	23.5	24.7	23.6
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	9.9	9.7	9.6	10.0	10.1
Related children under age 18 in families									
All races	14.2	17.9	19.9	15.6	21.5	21.3	19.5	20.9	20.7
White only	9.7	13.4	15.1	12.4	17.9	17.9	15.9	18.4	17.4
Black or African American only	40.6	42.1	44.2	30.9	39.0	37.5	38.0	33.8	37.1
Asian only	---	---	17.0	12.5	14.0	13.3	9.8	14.4	13.4
Hispanic or Latino	27.8	33.0	37.7	27.6	34.3	33.3	30.0	32.2	31.3
Mexican	---	---	35.5	29.5	---	---	---	---	---
Puerto Rican	---	---	56.7	32.1	---	---	---	---	---
White only, not Hispanic or Latino	---	11.3	11.6	8.5	11.7	11.8	10.1	12.7	11.9
Related children under age 18 in families with female householder and no husband present									
All races	---	50.8	53.4	40.1	46.6	47.2	45.8	47.4	46.5
White only	---	41.6	45.9	33.9	43.3	44.2	41.6	46.5	42.9
Black or African American only	---	64.8	64.7	49.3	53.2	53.3	54.0	49.6	52.8
Asian only	---	---	32.2	38.0	36.9	33.0	22.7	47.4	32.4
Hispanic or Latino	---	65.0	68.4	49.8	56.3	54.7	52.3	53.4	53.3
Mexican	---	---	62.4	51.4	---	---	---	---	---
Puerto Rican	---	---	82.7	55.3	---	---	---	---	---
White only, not Hispanic or Latino	---	---	39.6	28.0	34.7	36.5	33.6	39.5	35.8
All persons									
Number below poverty, in thousands									
All races	22,973	29,272	33,585	31,581	46,343	46,496	45,318	46,269	46,657
White only	15,142	19,699	22,326	21,645	31,083	30,816	29,936	31,287	31,089
Black or African American only	7,388	8,579	9,837	7,982	10,746	10,911	11,041	10,186	10,755
Asian only	---	---	858	1,258	1,899	1,921	1,785	2,255	2,137
Hispanic or Latino	2,366	3,491	6,006	7,747	13,522	13,616	12,744	13,356	13,104
Mexican	---	---	3,764	5,460	---	---	---	---	---
Puerto Rican	---	---	966	814	---	---	---	---	---
White only, not Hispanic or Latino	12,864	16,365	16,622	14,366	19,251	18,940	18,796	19,552	19,652
Related children under age 18 in families									
All races	9,453	11,114	12,715	11,005	15,598	15,437	14,142	15,116	14,987
White only	5,462	6,817	7,696	6,834	9,590	9,547	8,428	9,702	9,172
Black or African American only	3,822	3,906	4,412	3,495	4,271	4,097	4,153	3,678	4,036
Asian only	---	---	356	407	477	470	354	538	492
Hispanic or Latino	1,364	1,718	2,750	3,342	5,815	5,773	5,273	5,638	5,522
Mexican	---	---	1,733	2,537	---	---	---	---	---
Puerto Rican	---	---	490	329	---	---	---	---	---
White only, not Hispanic or Latino	---	5,174	5,106	3,715	4,544	4,510	3,833	4,784	4,440

See footnotes at end of table.

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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	8,603	8,664	8,305	9,025	8,491
White only	---	2,813	3,597	3,090	4,495	4,598	4,316	5,155	4,426
Black or African American only	---	2,944	3,543	2,908	3,252	3,165	3,180	2,964	3,121
Asian only	---	---	80	162	141	128	89	159	136
Hispanic or Latino	---	809	1,314	1,407	2,707	2,809	2,763	3,069	2,739
Mexican	---	---	615	938	---	---	---	---	---
Puerto Rican	---	---	382	242	---	---	---	---	---
White only, not Hispanic or Latino	---	---	2,411	1,832	2,209	2,245	2,001	2,477	2,174

--- 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 or Other Pacific Islander. See Appendix II, Hispanic origin; Race.

²Estimates are consistent with 2001–2009 data through implementation of the 2000 census-based population controls and a 28,000-household sample expansion.

³Data for 2004 (shown in spreadsheet version) reflect a correction to the weights in the 2005 Annual Social and Economic (ASEC) Supplements of the Current Population Survey. See Appendix I, Current Population Survey (CPS).

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

⁵For 2013 data, the CPS ASEC used a split panel to test a new set of income questions. Estimates for 2013 shown in the column labeled (1) are based on the approximately 68,000 addresses that received questions consistent with those for 2012 and earlier ASECs. Estimates for 2013 shown in the column labeled (2) are based on the approximately 30,000 addresses that received the new set of income questions. The vertical line in the table indicates the introduction of the new set of income questions into the ASEC estimates.

⁶Data for 2013(2) and beyond are based on a redesigned questionnaire that includes the new set of income questions; therefore data trends need to be interpreted with caution. For more information on the redesigned questionnaire and the impact of the new income questions on poverty estimates, see: <http://www.census.gov/content/dam/Census/library/publications/2015/demo/p60-252.pdf>.

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. In 2011–2013, an estimated 30.1% of American Indian or Alaska Native only persons (1,005,000 persons) were living below the poverty level, and an estimated 15.9% of Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander only persons (176,000 persons) were living below the poverty level. Due to the redesign of the CPS ASEC income questions, 2013 is the last year that data were available to compute three-year estimates for the American Indian or Alaska Native only populations and the Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander populations. Estimates for these groups will not be updated until 2016 estimates are available. 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. Income and poverty in the United States: 2014. Current Population Reports, P60–252. Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office. 2015. Available from: <http://www.census.gov/content/dam/Census/library/publications/2015/demo/p60-252.pdf>. See Appendix I, Current Population Survey (CPS).