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<i>Selected characteristic, race, and Hispanic origin</i> ¹	1973	1980	1990	2000 ²	2010 ⁴	2013(1) ⁴	2013(2) ^{4,5}	2014 ⁵	2015 ⁵
All persons									
Percent below poverty									
All races	11.1	13.0	13.5	11.3	15.1	14.5	14.8	14.8	13.5
White only	8.4	10.2	10.7	9.5	13.0	12.3	12.9	12.7	11.6
Black or African American only	31.4	32.5	31.9	22.5	27.4	27.2	25.2	26.2	24.1
Asian only	---	---	12.2	9.9	12.2	10.5	13.1	12.0	11.4
Hispanic or Latino	21.9	25.7	28.1	21.5	26.5	23.5	24.7	23.6	21.4
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	9.6	10.0	10.1	9.1
Related children under age 18 in families									
All races	14.2	17.9	19.9	15.6	21.5	19.5	20.9	20.7	19.2
White only	9.7	13.4	15.1	12.4	17.9	15.9	18.4	17.4	16.7
Black or African American only	40.6	42.1	44.2	30.9	39.0	38.0	33.8	37.1	32.7
Asian only	---	---	17.0	12.5	14.0	9.8	14.4	13.4	11.4
Hispanic or Latino	27.8	33.0	37.7	27.6	34.3	30.0	32.2	31.3	28.6
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	10.1	12.7	11.9	11.5
Related children under age 18 in families with female householder and no husband present									
All races	---	50.8	53.4	40.1	46.6	45.8	47.4	46.5	42.6
White only	---	41.6	45.9	33.9	43.3	41.6	46.5	42.9	40.9
Black or African American only	---	64.8	64.7	49.3	53.2	54.0	49.6	52.8	46.1
Asian only	---	---	32.2	38.0	36.9	22.7	47.4	32.4	25.7
Hispanic or Latino	---	65.0	68.4	49.8	56.3	52.3	53.4	53.3	48.7
Mexican	---	---	62.4	51.4	---	---	---	---	---
Puerto Rican	---	---	82.7	55.3	---	---	---	---	---
White only, not Hispanic or Latino	---	---	39.6	28.0	34.7	33.6	39.5	35.8	34.8
All persons									
Number below poverty, in thousands									
All races	22,973	29,272	33,585	31,581	46,343	45,318	46,269	46,657	43,123
White only	15,142	19,699	22,326	21,645	31,083	29,936	31,287	31,089	28,566
Black or African American only	7,388	8,579	9,837	7,982	10,746	11,041	10,186	10,755	10,020
Asian only	---	---	858	1,258	1,899	1,785	2,255	2,137	2,078
Hispanic or Latino	2,366	3,491	6,006	7,747	13,522	12,744	13,356	13,104	12,133
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	18,796	19,552	19,652	17,786
Related children under age 18 in families									
All races	9,453	11,114	12,715	11,005	15,598	14,142	15,116	14,987	13,962
White only	5,462	6,817	7,696	6,834	9,590	8,428	9,702	9,172	8,838
Black or African American only	3,822	3,906	4,412	3,495	4,271	4,153	3,678	4,036	3,571
Asian only	---	---	356	407	477	354	538	492	420
Hispanic or Latino	1,364	1,718	2,750	3,342	5,815	5,273	5,638	5,522	5,139
Mexican	---	---	1,733	2,537	---	---	---	---	---
Puerto Rican	---	---	490	329	---	---	---	---	---
White only, not Hispanic or Latino	---	5,174	5,106	3,715	4,544	3,833	4,784	4,440	4,301

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	8,305	9,025	8,491	7,854
White only	---	2,813	3,597	3,090	4,495	4,316	5,155	4,426	4,278
Black or African American only	---	2,944	3,543	2,908	3,252	3,180	2,964	3,121	2,777
Asian only	---	---	80	162	141	89	159	136	74
Hispanic or Latino	---	809	1,314	1,407	2,707	2,763	3,069	2,739	2,463
Mexican	---	---	615	938	---	---	---	---	---
Puerto Rican	---	---	382	242	---	---	---	---	---
White only, not Hispanic or Latino	---	---	2,411	1,832	2,209	2,001	2,477	2,174	2,198

--- Data not available.

¹ The race groups white, black, and Asian include persons of Hispanic and non-Hispanic origin. Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. For 2002 and later years, 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 compatible with estimates for earlier years. Starting with 2002 data, the CPS allowed respondents to report more than one race; however, race-specific estimates shown in the table were for respondents who reported one race. Prior to 2002, race-specific estimates were tabulated according to the 1977 Standards, and the Asian only category included Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander. Race-specific estimates prior to 2002 were based on the Current Population Survey question, which allowed respondents to report only one race group. See Appendix II, Hispanic origin; Race.

² Implementation of 28,000-household sample expansion.

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

⁴ For 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 used to create estimates for 2012 and earlier. 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. For more information, see the CPS website at: <http://www.census.gov/cps>.

⁵ Data 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 1992–1998 were prepared using the 1990 census population controls. Estimates for 1999–2009 were prepared using the Census 2000-based population controls. Estimates for 2010 and beyond were prepared using the Census 2010-based 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 Supplement; Proctor BD, Semega JL, Kollar MA. Income and poverty in the United States: 2015. Current Population Reports, P60–256. Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office. 2016. Available from: <http://www.census.gov/content/dam/Census/library/publications/2016/demo/p60-256.pdf>. See Appendix I, Current Population Survey (CPS).