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Selected characteristic, race, and Hispanic origin ¹	1973	1980	1990	2000 ²	2010 ⁴	2013(1) ⁵	2013(2) ⁶	2015	2016
All persons									
Percent below poverty									
All races	11.1	13.0	13.5	11.3	15.1	14.5	14.8	13.5	12.7
White only	8.4	10.2	10.7	9.5	13.0	12.3	12.9	11.6	11.0
Black or African American only	31.4	32.5	31.9	22.5	27.4	27.2	25.2	24.1	22.0
Asian only	---	---	12.2	9.9	12.2	10.5	13.1	11.4	10.1
Hispanic or Latino	21.9	25.7	28.1	21.5	26.5	23.5	24.7	21.4	19.4
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	9.1	8.8
Related children under age 18 years in families ⁷									
All races	14.2	17.9	19.9	15.6	21.5	19.5	20.9	19.2	17.6
White only	9.7	13.4	15.1	12.4	17.9	15.9	18.4	16.7	15.1
Black or African American only	40.6	42.1	44.2	30.9	39.0	38.0	33.8	32.7	30.6
Asian only	---	---	17.0	12.5	14.0	9.8	14.4	11.4	10.7
Hispanic or Latino	27.8	33.0	37.7	27.6	34.3	30.0	32.2	28.6	26.3
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	10.1	12.7	11.5	10.3
Related children under age 18 years in families with female householder and no husband present ⁷									
All races	---	50.8	53.4	40.1	46.6	45.8	47.4	42.6	42.1
White only	---	41.6	45.9	33.9	43.3	41.6	46.5	40.9	40.5
Black or African American only	---	64.8	64.7	49.3	53.2	54.0	49.6	46.1	45.7
Asian only	---	---	32.2	38.0	36.9	22.7	47.4	25.7	39.5
Hispanic or Latino	---	65.0	68.4	49.8	56.3	52.3	53.4	48.7	48.4
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	34.8	34.3
All persons									
Number below poverty in thousands									
All races	22,973	29,272	33,585	31,581	46,343	45,318	46,269	43,123	40,616
White only	15,142	19,699	22,326	21,645	31,083	29,936	31,287	28,566	27,113
Black or African American only	7,388	8,579	9,837	7,982	10,746	11,041	10,186	10,020	9,234
Asian only	---	---	858	1,258	1,899	1,785	2,255	2,078	1,908
Hispanic or Latino	2,366	3,491	6,006	7,747	13,522	12,744	13,356	12,133	11,137
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	17,786	17,263

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Related children under age 18 years in families ⁷	Number below poverty in thousands								
All races	9,453	11,114	12,715	11,005	15,598	14,142	15,116	13,962	12,803
White only	5,462	6,817	7,696	6,834	9,590	8,428	9,702	8,838	7,963
Black or African American only	3,822	3,906	4,412	3,495	4,271	4,153	3,678	3,571	3,382
Asian only	---	---	356	407	477	354	538	420	412
Hispanic or Latino	1,364	1,718	2,750	3,342	5,815	5,273	5,638	5,139	4,764
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	4,301	3,799
Related children under age 18 years in families with female householder and no husband present ⁷									
All races	---	5,866	7,363	6,300	8,603	8,305	9,025	7,854	7,613
White only	---	2,813	3,597	3,090	4,495	4,316	5,155	4,278	4,150
Black or African American only	---	2,944	3,543	2,908	3,252	3,180	2,964	2,777	2,665
Asian only	---	---	80	162	141	89	159	74	130
Hispanic or Latino	---	809	1,314	1,407	2,707	2,763	3,069	2,463	2,430
Mexican	---	---	615	938	---	---	---	---	---
Puerto Rican	---	---	382	242	---	---	---	---	---
White only, not Hispanic or Latino	---	---	2,411	1,832	2,209	2,001	2,477	2,198	2,122

--- 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. 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 Current Population Survey (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 CPS question, which allowed respondents to report only one race group. See Appendix II, Hispanic origin; Race.

²Implementation of 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) Supplement of CPS. See Appendix I, Current Population Survey (CPS).

⁴Implementation of 2010 Census-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 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: <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/cps.html>.

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: <https://www.census.gov/content/dam/Census/library/publications/2015/demo/p60-252.pdf>.

⁷Related children are persons under age 18 years related to the householder by birth, marriage, or adoption who are not themselves householders or spouses of householders. Excluded children include those who are members of unrelated subfamilies, unrelated individuals between age 15 and 17, or householders and spouses of householders under age 18 years.

NOTES: Estimates of poverty for 1992–1998 were prepared using the 1990 Census-based population controls. Estimates for 1999–2009 were prepared using the 2000 Census-based population controls. Estimates for 2010 and beyond were prepared using the 2010 Census-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 2014–2016, an estimated 23.9% of American Indian or Alaska Native only persons (940,000 persons) were living below the poverty level, and an estimated 18.1% of Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander only persons (230,000 persons) were living below the poverty level. Three-year estimates are shown to increase the stability of estimates for small population groups. Data for additional years are available. See the Excel spreadsheet on the *Health, United States* website at: <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/hus.htm>.

SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, Annual Social and Economic Supplement. 2005; Semega JL, Fontenot KR, Kollar MA. Income and poverty in the United States: 2016. Current Population Reports, P60-259. Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office. 2017.

Available from: <https://www.census.gov/content/dam/Census/library/publications/2017/demo/P60-259.pdf>. See Appendix I, Current Population Survey (CPS).