

**Table 21. Poverty status of persons, families, and children under age 18, by race/ethnicity: Selected years, 1959 to 2001**

| Year and race/<br>ethnicity        | Number below the poverty level, in thousands |                 |                               |                                 |   |                                 | Percent below the poverty level |                 |                               |                                 |   |                                 |
|------------------------------------|--|-----------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
|                                    | All<br>persons                               | In all families |                               |                                 | In families with female<br>householder, no husband<br>present |                                 | All<br>persons                  | In all families |                               |                                 | In families with female<br>householder, no<br>husband present |                                 |
|                                    |  | Total           | House-<br>holder <sup>1</sup> | Related<br>children<br>under 18 | Total   | Related<br>children<br>under 18 |                                 | Total           | House-<br>holder <sup>1</sup> | Related<br>children<br>under 18 | Total   | Related<br>children<br>under 18 |
| 1                                  | 2  | 3               | 4                             | 5                               | 6   | 7                               | 8                               | 9               | 10                            | 11                              | 12  | 13                              |
| <b>All races</b>                   |  |                 |                               |                                 |   |                                 |                                 |                 |                               |                                 |   |                                 |
| 1959                               | 39,490                                       | 34,562          | 8,320                         | 17,208                          | 7,014   | 4,145                           | 22.4 (0.3)                      | 20.8            | 18.5                          | 26.9 (0.4)                      | 49.4  | 72.2                            |
| 1960                               | 39,851                                       | 34,925          | 8,243                         | 17,288                          | 7,247   | 4,095                           | 22.2 (0.3)                      | 20.7            | 18.1                          | 26.5 (0.4)                      | 48.9  | 68.4                            |
| 1965                               | 33,185                                       | 28,358          | 6,721                         | 14,388                          | 7,524   | 4,562                           | 17.3 (0.2)                      | 15.8            | 13.9                          | 20.7 (0.4)                      | 46.0  | 64.2                            |
| 1970                               | 25,420                                       | 20,330          | 5,260                         | 10,235                          | 7,503   | 4,689                           | 12.6 (0.2)                      | 10.9            | 10.1                          | 14.9 (0.3)                      | 38.1  | 53.0                            |
| 1975                               | 25,877                                       | 20,789          | 5,450                         | 10,882                          | 8,846   | 5,597                           | 12.3 (0.2)                      | 10.9            | 9.7                           | 16.8 (0.4)                      | 37.5  | 52.7                            |
| 1980                               | 29,272                                       | 22,601          | 6,217                         | 11,114                          | 10,120  | 5,866                           | 13.0 (0.2)                      | 11.5            | 10.3                          | 17.9 (0.4)                      | 36.7  | 50.8                            |
| 1985                               | 33,064                                       | 25,729          | 7,223                         | 12,483                          | 11,600  | 6,716                           | 14.0 (0.2)                      | 12.6            | 11.4                          | 20.1 (0.4)                      | 37.6  | 53.6                            |
| 1988                               | 31,745                                       | 24,048          | 6,876                         | 11,935                          | 11,972  | 6,742                           | 13.0 (0.2)                      | 11.6            | 10.4                          | 19.0 (0.4)                      | 37.2  | 50.6                            |
| 1989                               | 31,528                                       | 24,066          | 6,784                         | 12,001                          | 11,668  | 6,808                           | 12.8 (0.2)                      | 11.5            | 10.3                          | 19.0 (0.4)                      | 35.9  | 51.1                            |
| 1990                               | 33,585                                       | 25,232          | 7,098                         | 12,715                          | 12,578  | 7,363                           | 13.5 (0.2)                      | 12.0            | 10.7                          | 19.9 (0.4)                      | 37.2  | 53.4                            |
| 1991                               | 35,708                                       | 27,143          | 7,712                         | 13,658                          | 13,824  | 8,065                           | 14.2 (0.2)                      | 12.8            | 11.5                          | 21.1 (0.4)                      | 39.7  | 55.5                            |
| 1992                               | 36,880                                       | 27,947          | 7,960                         | 13,876                          | 13,716  | 8,032                           | 14.8 (0.2)                      | 13.3            | 11.7                          | 21.1 (0.4)                      | 39.0  | 54.3                            |
| 1993                               | 39,265                                       | 29,927          | 8,393                         | 14,961                          | 14,636  | 8,503                           | 15.1 (0.2)                      | 13.6            | 12.3                          | 22.0 (0.4)                      | 38.7  | 53.7                            |
| 1994                               | 38,059                                       | 28,985          | 8,053                         | 14,610                          | 14,380  | 8,427                           | 14.5 (0.2)                      | 13.1            | 11.6                          | 21.2 (0.4)                      | 38.6  | 52.9                            |
| 1995                               | 36,425                                       | 27,501          | 7,532                         | 13,999                          | 14,205  | 8,364                           | 13.8 (0.2)                      | 12.3            | 10.8                          | 20.2 (0.4)                      | 36.5  | 50.3                            |
| 1996                               | 36,529                                       | 27,376          | 7,708                         | 13,764                          | 13,796  | 7,990                           | 13.7 (0.2)                      | 12.2            | 11.0                          | 19.8 (0.4)                      | 35.8  | 49.3                            |
| 1997                               | 35,574                                       | 26,217          | 7,324                         | 13,422                          | 13,494  | 7,928                           | 13.3 (0.2)                      | 11.6            | 10.3                          | 19.2 (0.4)                      | 35.1  | 49.0                            |
| 1998                               | 34,476                                       | 25,370          | 7,186                         | 12,845                          | 12,907  | 7,627                           | 12.7 (0.2)                      | 11.2            | 10.0                          | 18.3 (0.4)                      | 33.1  | 46.1                            |
| 1999                               | 32,258                                       | 23,396          | 6,676                         | 11,510                          | 11,607  | 6,602                           | 11.8 (0.2)                      | 10.2            | 9.3                           | 16.3 (0.4)                      | 30.4  | 41.9                            |
| 2000                               | 31,054                                       | 22,015          | 6,222                         | 11,018                          | 10,425  | 6,116                           | 11.3 (0.2)                      | 9.6             | 8.6                           | 15.6 (0.2)                      | 27.9  | 39.8                            |
| 2001                               | 32,907                                       | 23,215          | 6,813                         | 11,175                          | 11,223  | 6,341                           | 11.7 (0.2)                      | 9.9             | 9.2                           | 15.8 (0.2)                      | 28.6  | 39.3                            |
| <b>White<sup>2</sup></b>           |  |                 |                               |                                 |   |                                 |                                 |                 |                               |                                 |   |                                 |
| 1960                               | 28,309                                       | 24,262          | 6,115                         | 11,229                          | 4,296   | 2,357                           | 17.8 (0.3)                      | 16.2            | 14.9                          | 20.0 (0.4)                      | 39.0  | 59.9                            |
| 1965                               | 22,496                                       | 18,508          | 4,824                         | 8,595                           | 4,092   | 2,321                           | 13.3 (0.2)                      | 11.7            | 11.1                          | 14.4 (0.4)                      | 35.4  | 52.9                            |
| 1970                               | 17,484                                       | 13,323          | 3,708                         | 6,138                           | 3,761   | 2,247                           | 9.9 (0.2)                       | 8.1             | 8.0                           | 10.5 (0.3)                      | 28.4  | 43.1                            |
| 1975                               | 17,770                                       | 13,799          | 3,838                         | 6,748                           | 4,577   | 2,813                           | 9.7 (0.2)                       | 8.3             | 7.7                           | 12.5 (0.3)                      | 29.4  | 44.2                            |
| 1980                               | 19,699                                       | 14,587          | 4,195                         | 6,817                           | 4,940   | 2,813                           | 10.2 (0.2)                      | 8.6             | 8.0                           | 13.4 (0.4)                      | 28.0  | 41.6                            |
| 1985                               | 22,860                                       | 17,125          | 4,983                         | 7,838                           | 5,990   | 3,372                           | 11.4 (0.2)                      | 9.9             | 9.1                           | 15.6 (0.4)                      | 29.8  | 45.2                            |
| 1990                               | 22,326                                       | 15,916          | 4,622                         | 7,696                           | 6,210   | 3,597                           | 10.7 (0.2)                      | 9.0             | 8.1                           | 15.1 (0.4)                      | 29.8  | 45.9                            |
| 1991                               | 23,747                                       | 17,268          | 5,022                         | 8,316                           | 6,806   | 3,941                           | 11.3 (0.2)                      | 9.7             | 8.8                           | 16.1 (0.4)                      | 31.5  | 47.1                            |
| 1992                               | 25,259                                       | 18,294          | 5,160                         | 8,333                           | 6,907   | 3,783                           | 11.9 (0.2)                      | 10.1            | 8.9                           | 16.0 (0.4)                      | 30.8  | 45.3                            |
| 1993                               | 26,226                                       | 18,968          | 5,452                         | 9,123                           | 7,199   | 4,102                           | 12.2 (0.2)                      | 10.5            | 9.4                           | 17.0 (0.4)                      | 31.0  | 45.6                            |
| 1994                               | 25,379                                       | 18,474          | 5,312                         | 8,826                           | 7,228   | 4,099                           | 11.7 (0.2)                      | 10.1            | 9.1                           | 16.3 (0.4)                      | 31.8  | 45.7                            |
| 1995                               | 24,423                                       | 17,593          | 4,994                         | 8,474                           | 7,047   | 4,051                           | 11.2 (0.2)                      | 9.6             | 8.5                           | 15.5 (0.4)                      | 29.7  | 42.5                            |
| 1996                               | 24,650                                       | 17,621          | 5,059                         | 8,488                           | 7,073   | 4,029                           | 11.2 (0.2)                      | 9.6             | 8.6                           | 15.5 (0.4)                      | 29.8  | 43.1                            |
| 1997                               | 24,396                                       | 17,258          | 4,990                         | 8,441                           | 7,296   | 4,186                           | 11.0 (0.2)                      | 9.3             | 8.4                           | 15.4 (0.4)                      | 30.7  | 44.3                            |
| 1998                               | 23,454                                       | 16,549          | 4,829                         | 7,935                           | 6,674   | 3,875                           | 10.5 (0.2)                      | 8.9             | 8.0                           | 14.4 (0.4)                      | 27.6  | 40.0                            |
| 1999                               | 21,922                                       | 15,141          | 4,377                         | 7,123                           | 5,891   | 3,266                           | 9.8 (0.2)                       | 8.1             | 7.3                           | 12.9 (0.4)                      | 24.7  | 35.5                            |
| 2000                               | 21,242                                       | 14,392          | 4,151                         | 6,838                           | 5,211   | 2,955                           | 9.4 (0.2)                       | 7.7             | 6.9                           | 12.3 (0.2)                      | 22.1  | 33.0                            |
| 2001                               | 22,739                                       | 15,369          | 4,579                         | 7,086                           | 5,972   | 3,291                           | 9.9 (0.2)                       | 8.1             | 7.4                           | 12.8 (0.2)                      | 24.3  | 34.7                            |
| <b>Black<sup>2</sup></b>           |  |                 |                               |                                 |   |                                 |                                 |                 |                               |                                 |   |                                 |
| 1959                               | 9,927  | 9,112           | 1,860                         | 5,022                           | 2,416   | 1,475                           | 55.1 (1.0)                      | 54.9            | 48.1                          | 65.5 (1.3)                      | 70.6  | 81.6                            |
| 1966                               | 8,867  | 8,090           | 1,620                         | 4,774                           | 3,160   | 2,107                           | 41.8 (0.9)                      | 40.9            | 35.5                          | 50.6 (1.3)                      | 65.3  | 76.6                            |
| 1970                               | 7,548  | 6,683           | 1,481                         | 3,922                           | 3,656   | 2,383                           | 33.5 (0.9)                      | 32.2            | 29.5                          | 41.5 (1.2)                      | 58.7  | 67.7                            |
| 1975                               | 7,545  | 6,533           | 1,513                         | 3,884                           | 4,168   | 2,724                           | 31.3 (0.8)                      | 30.1            | 27.1                          | 41.4 (1.2)                      | 54.3  | 66.0                            |
| 1980                               | 8,579  | 7,190           | 1,826                         | 3,906                           | 4,984   | 2,944                           | 32.5 (0.8)                      | 31.1            | 28.9                          | 42.1 (1.3)                      | 53.4  | 64.8                            |
| 1985                               | 9,826  | 7,504           | 1,983                         | 4,057                           | 5,342   | 3,181                           | 31.3 (0.8)                      | 30.5            | 28.7                          | 43.1 (1.3)                      | 53.2  | 66.9                            |
| 1990                               | 9,837  | 8,160           | 2,193                         | 4,412                           | 6,005   | 3,543                           | 31.9 (0.8)                      | 31.0            | 29.3                          | 44.2 (1.3)                      | 50.6  | 64.7                            |
| 1991                               | 10,242                                       | 8,504           | 2,343                         | 4,637                           | 6,557   | 3,853                           | 32.7 (0.8)                      | 32.0            | 30.4                          | 45.6 (1.3)                      | 54.8  | 68.2                            |
| 1992                               | 10,827                                       | 9,134           | 2,435                         | 4,850                           | 6,799   | 3,967                           | 33.4 (0.8)                      | 32.9            | 30.9                          | 46.3 (1.3)                      | 54.0  | 67.1                            |
| 1993                               | 10,877                                       | 9,242           | 2,499                         | 5,030                           | 6,955   | 4,104                           | 33.1 (0.8)                      | 32.9            | 31.3                          | 45.9 (1.3)                      | 53.0  | 65.9                            |
| 1994                               | 10,196                                       | 8,447           | 2,212                         | 4,787                           | 6,489   | 3,935                           | 30.6 (0.8)                      | 29.6            | 27.3                          | 43.3 (1.3)                      | 50.2  | 63.2                            |
| 1995                               | 9,872  | 8,189           | 2,127                         | 4,644                           | 6,553   | 3,954                           | 29.3 (0.8)                      | 28.5            | 26.4                          | 41.5 (1.3)                      | 48.2  | 61.6                            |
| 1996                               | 9,694  | 7,993           | 2,206                         | 4,411                           | 6,123   | 3,619                           | 28.4 (0.8)                      | 27.6            | 26.1                          | 39.5 (1.3)                      | 46.4  | 58.2                            |
| 1997                               | 9,116  | 7,386           | 1,985                         | 4,116                           | 5,654   | 3,402                           | 26.5 (0.8)                      | 25.5            | 23.6                          | 36.8 (1.3)                      | 42.8  | 55.3                            |
| 1998                               | 9,091  | 7,259           | 1,981                         | 4,073                           | 5,629   | 3,366                           | 26.1 (0.8)                      | 24.7            | 23.4                          | 36.4 (1.3)                      | 42.8  | 54.7                            |
| 1999                               | 8,360  | 6,688           | 1,898                         | 3,644                           | 5,179   | 2,997                           | 23.6 (0.7)                      | 22.7            | 21.9                          | 32.7 (1.3)                      | 41.0  | 51.7                            |
| 2000                               | 7,862  | 6,108           | 1,685                         | 3,417                           | 4,697   | 2,830                           | 22.0 (0.7)                      | 20.7            | 19.1                          | 30.4 (0.7)                      | 38.6  | 49.4                            |
| 2001                               | 8,136  | 6,389           | 1,829                         | 3,423                           | 4,694   | 2,741                           | 22.7 (0.7)                      | 21.4            | 20.7                          | 30.0 (0.7)                      | 37.4  | 46.6                            |
| <b>Hispanic origin<sup>3</sup></b> |  |                 |                               |                                 |   |                                 |                                 |                 |                               |                                 |   |                                 |
| 1975                               | 2,991  | 2,755           | 627                           | 1,619                           | 1,053   | 694                             | 26.9 (1.4)                      | 26.3            | 25.1                          | 33.1 (1.7)                      | 57.2  | 68.4                            |
| 1980                               | 3,491  | 3,143           | 751                           | 1,718                           | 1,319   | 809                             | 25.7 (1.3)                      | 25.1            | 23.2                          | 33.0 (1.6)                      | 54.5  | 65.0                            |
| 1985                               | 5,236  | 4,605           | 1,074                         | 2,512                           | 1,983   | 1,247                           | 29.0 (1.0)                      | 28.3            | 25.5                          | 39.6 (1.6)                      | 55.7  | 72.4                            |
| 1990                               | 6,006  | 5,091           | 1,244                         | 2,750                           | 2,115   | 1,314                           | 28.1 (1.0)                      | 26.9            | 25.0                          | 37.7 (1.5)                      | 53.0  | 68.4                            |
| 1991                               | 6,339  | 5,541           | 1,372                         | 2,977                           | 2,282   | 1,398                           | 28.7 (0.9)                      | 28.2            | 26.5                          | 39.8 (1.5)                      | 52.7  | 68.6                            |
| 1992                               | 7,592  | 6,455           | 1,395                         | 2,946                           | 2,474   | 1,289                           | 29.6 (0.9)                      | 28.4            | 26.2                          | 38.8 (1.5)                      | 51.5  | 65.7                            |
| 1993                               | 8,126  | 6,876           | 1,625                         | 3,666                           | 2,837   | 1,673                           | 30.6 (0.9)                      | 29.3            | 27.3                          | 39.9 (1.4)                      | 53.2  | 66.1                            |
| 1994                               | 8,416  | 7,357           | 1,724                         | 3,956                           | 2,920   | 1,804                           | 30.7 (0.9)                      | 30.2            | 27.8                          | 41.1 (1.4)                      | 54.8  | 68.3                            |
| 1995                               | 8,574  | 7,341           | 1,695                         | 3,938                           | 3,053   | 1,872                           | 30.3 (0.9)                      | 29.2            | 27.0                          | 39.3 (1.4)                      | 52.8  | 65.7                            |
| 1996                               | 8,697  | 7,515           | 1,748                         | 4,090                           | 3,020   | 1,779                           | 29.4 (0.9)                      | 28.5            | 26.4                          | 39.9 (1.4)                      | 53.5  | 67.4                            |
| 1997                               | 8,308  | 7,198           | 1,721                         | 3,865                           | 2,911   | 1,758                           | 27.1 (0.8)                      | 26.2            | 24.7                          | 36.4 (1.3)                      | 50.9  | 62.8                            |
| 1998                               | 8,070  | 6,814           | 1,648                         | 3,670                           | 2,837   | 1,739                           | 25.6 (0.8)                      | 24.3            | 22.7                          | 33.6 (1.3)                      | 46.7  | 59.6                            |
| 1999                               | 7,439  | 6,349           | 1,525                         | 3,382                           | 2,488   | 1,471                           | 22.8 (0.7)                      | 21.7            | 20.2                          | 29.9 (1.2)                      | 40.7  | 52.4                            |
| 2000                               | 7,153  | 6,025           | 1,431                         | 3,173                           | 2,210   | 1,303                           | 21.2 (0.7)                      | 20.1            | 18.5                          | 27.3 (0.6)                      | 36.5  | 48.3                            |
| 2001                               | 7,997  | 6,674           | 1,649                         | 3,433                           | 2,585   | 1,508                           | 21.4 (0.7)                      | 20.2            | 19.4                          | 27.4 (0.6)                      | 37.8  | 49.3                            |
| <b>Asian and Pacific Islander</b>  |  |                 |                               |                                 |   |                                 |                                 |                 |                               |                                 |   |                                 |
| 1990                               | 858  | 712             | —                             | 356                             | 132   | —                               | 12.2 (1.2)                      | 11.3            | —                             | 17.0 (2.2)                      | 20.7  | —                               |
| 1991                               | 996  | 773             | —                             | 348                             | 177   | —                               | 13.8 (1.3)                      | 12.1            | —                             | 17.1 (2.3)                      | 24.6  | —                               |
| 1992                               | 985  | 787             | —                             | 352                             | 183   | —                               | 12.7 (1.2)                      | 11.4            | —                             | 16.0 (2.1)                      | 25.0  | —                               |
| 1993                               | 1,134  | 898             | —                             | 358                             | 126   | —                               | 15.3 (1.3)                      | 13.6            | —                             | 17.6 (2.3)                      | 17.4  | —                               |
| 1994                               | 974  | 776             | —                             | 308                             | 137   | —                               | 14.6 (1.3)                      | 13.1            | —                             | 17.9 (2.5)                      | 23.6  | —                               |
| 1995                               | 1,411  | 1,112           | —                             | 532                             | 266   | —                               | 14.6 (1.2)                      | 13.0            | —                             |                                 |   |                                 |