

Indicator 21. Poverty

Number and percent of related children under 18 years old living in poverty, by family status and race/ethnicity of family householder: 1960 to 1994

Year	All families		Families with female householder, no spouse present ¹		Percent of all poor related children living in families with female householder, no spouse present ¹
	Number of children under 18 in poverty, (in thousands)	Percent of children under 18 in poverty	Number of children under 18 in poverty, (in thousands)	Percent of children under 18 in poverty	
All races					
1960	17,288	26.5	4,095	68.4	23.7
1970	10,235	14.9	4,689	53.0	45.8
1975	10,882	16.8	5,597	52.7	51.4
1980	11,114	17.9	5,866	50.8	52.8
1985	12,483	20.1	6,716	53.6	53.8
1989	12,001	19.0	6,808	51.1	56.7
1990	12,715	19.9	7,363	53.4	57.9
1992	14,521	21.6	8,368	54.6	57.6
1993	14,961	22.0	8,503	53.7	56.8
1994	14,610	21.2	8,427	52.9	57.7
White ²					
1960	11,229	20.0	2,357	59.9	21.0
1970	6,138	10.5	2,247	43.1	36.6
1975	6,748	12.5	2,813	44.2	41.7
1980	6,817	13.4	2,813	41.6	41.3
1985	7,838	15.6	3,372	45.2	43.0
1989	7,164	14.1	3,320	42.8	46.3
1990	7,696	15.1	3,597	45.9	46.7
1992	8,752	16.5	3,960	45.9	45.2
1993	9,123	17.0	4,102	45.6	45.0
1994	8,826	16.3	4,099	45.7	46.4
Black ²					
1959	5,022	65.5	1,475	81.6	29.4
1970	3,922	41.5	2,383	67.7	60.8
1975	3,884	41.4	2,724	66.0	70.1
1980	3,906	42.1	2,944	64.8	75.4
1985	4,057	43.1	3,181	66.9	78.4
1989	4,257	43.2	3,256	62.9	76.5
1990	4,412	44.2	3,543	64.7	80.3
1992	5,015	46.3	4,098	67.1	81.7
1993	5,030	45.9	4,104	65.9	81.6
1994	4,787	43.3	3,935	63.2	82.2
Hispanic ³					
1973	1,364	27.8	606	68.7	44.4
1975	1,619	33.1	694	68.4	42.9
1980	1,718	33.0	809	65.0	47.1
1985	2,512	39.6	1,247	72.4	49.6
1989	2,496	35.5	1,163	65.0	46.6
1990	2,750	37.7	1,314	68.4	47.8
1992	3,440	39.0	1,504	65.9	43.7
1993	3,666	39.9	1,673	66.1	45.6
1994	3,955	41.1	1,804	68.3	45.6

¹ The householder is the person in whose name the housing unit is owned or rented.

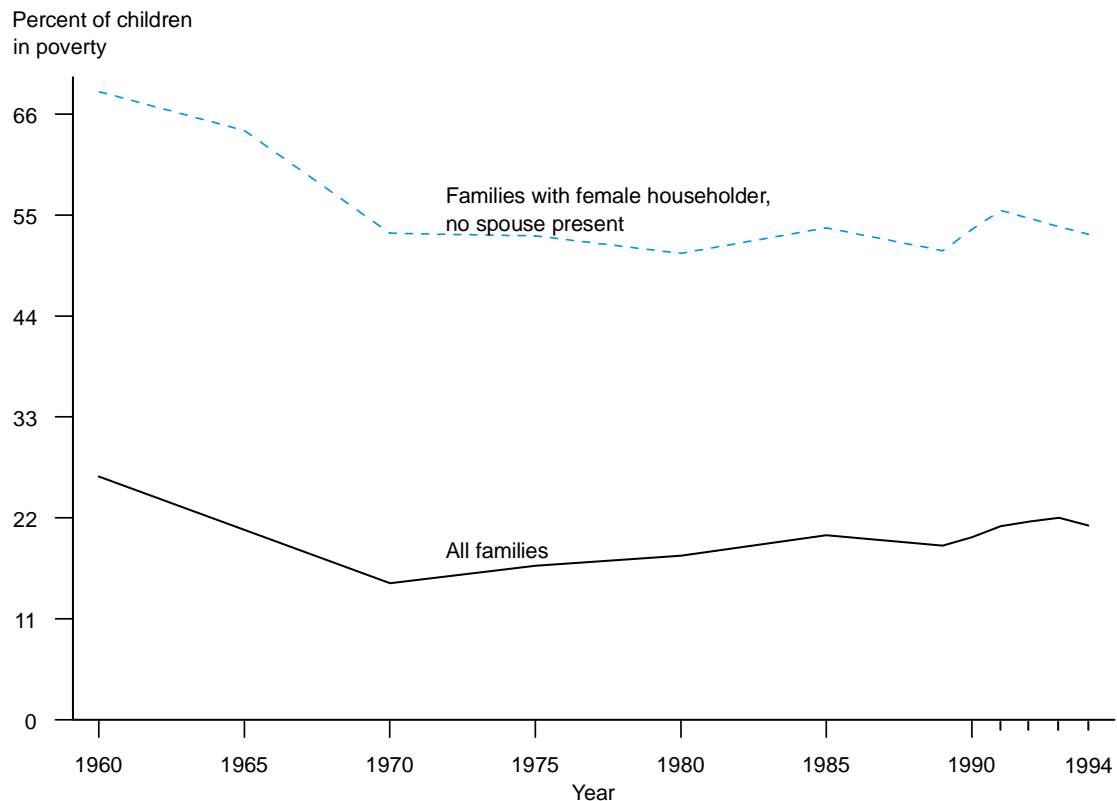
² Includes Hispanics.

³ Hispanics may be of any race.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Current Population Reports, Series P-20, *Characteristics of the Population Below the Poverty Level*, various years; Series P-60, *Money Income and Poverty Status of Families and Persons in the United States*, various years; Series P-60, *Poverty in the United States: 1991*, no. 181; *Income, Poverty, and Valuation of Noncash Benefits: 1993*, no. 188; and unpublished data.

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The proportion of children living in poverty declined significantly during the 1960s but rose after 1970. In 1994, about 21 percent of all children and 53 percent of children in female-headed families (with no husband present) lived in poverty. Poverty rates were relatively high for minority children, especially for those in female-headed households. About 43 percent of all black children and 41 percent of Hispanic children lived in poverty in 1994. The proportion of poor children coming from female-headed households has risen dramatically, from 24 percent in 1960 to 58 percent in 1994 for all children, and from 29 percent to 82 percent for black children.