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ABSTRACT

This report presents 20 tables of data on money income and poverty status of individuals and families in the United States in 1981, as derived from the 1982 Current Population Survey of the Bureau of the Census. The income and poverty data are shown in relation to different variables, including race/ethnicity, type of residence, geographical location, type of family, family size, occupation, full time or part time employment, work experience, household structure, and comparative incomes in 1960, 1965, and 1970 to 1981. Discussing highlights of the survey findings, the report indicates that between 1980 and 1981, (1) there was a decline in real income for families; (2) the number of persons below the poverty level increased by 7.4 percent; (3) the median income of women did not change significantly, but that of men decreased; and (4) increase in poverty was partly due to the recession and higher unemployment rates. Appendices provide definitions of terms, describe data sources, and discuss the reliability of the estimates made. (MJL)

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SYMBOLS USED IN TABLES

- Represents zero or rounds to zero.
 - B Base less than 75,000.
 - NA Not available.
 - X Not applicable.
 - r Revised.
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Money Income and Poverty Status of Families and Persons in the United States: 1981 (Advance Data From the March 1982 CPS)

HIGHLIGHTS

For the second year in a row, the income of American families failed to make headway against inflation according to results of the March 1982 Current Population Survey (CPS) conducted by the Bureau of the Census. In 1981, the median family income was \$22,390, an increase of 6.5 percent before adjusting for the change in consumer prices. After adjusting for a 10.4-percent increase in consumer prices between 1980 and 1981, however, median family income decreased by 3.5 percent.¹ This decline was somewhat smaller than the decline in real median family income of 5.5 percent which occurred between 1979 and 1980.

Between 1980 and 1981 the number of persons below the poverty level rose from 29.6 million to 31.8 million, an increase of 2.2 million or 7.4 percent.² This means that approximately 1 out of every 7 persons was living below the poverty level in 1981. Between 1979 and 1980, the number of persons below the poverty level rose by 3.2 million or 12.3 percent; the difference in the increases is not statistically significant.

¹Changes in real income refer to comparisons after adjusting for inflation. The percentage change in prices between 1980 and 1981 was computed by dividing the annual average Consumer Price Index (CPI) for 1981 by the annual average value of the CPI for 1980. Research has shown that, in recent years, the treatment of home prices and mortgage interest costs in the calculation of the CPI tended to overstate the increase in prices experienced by the average consumer. See table A-2 of appendix A for CPI's from 1947 to 1981.

²All comparisons between 1980 and 1981 are made using the modified poverty definition. For a further explanation, see the section entitled "Changes in the Definition of Poverty."

The poverty threshold in 1981 for a family of four was \$9,287.

MONEY INCOME OF FAMILIES

Inflation and the recession contributed to the decline in real income for families. Real median family income fell in three of the four regions of the Nation. The Northeast, with a median family income of \$23,710, was the only region that did not experience a decline in real income. The North Central (\$23,120), South (\$20,580), and West (\$23,870) Regions all showed lower real median family income.³

For the third consecutive year the indexing of Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, and other retirement and transfer programs have helped families with no earners fare better relative to inflation than their working counterparts. The median income for families with no earners was \$9,410, unchanged from 1980 in real terms. One-earner family income was \$17,630, down 4.5 percent, while two-earner family income was \$26,860, down 1.3 percent.

Median family income in 1981 was \$23,520 for Whites, \$13,270 for Blacks, and \$16,400 for Spanish. After adjusting for inflation, the median family incomes of Blacks and Whites declined. Spanish-origin families experienced no decline in their real median income.

Following last year's large decline, the income of farm families in 1981 remained at about the 1980 level. Their 1981 median family income was \$17,080, unchanged from 1980 after adjusting for inflation. This differs

³Real median family incomes for the Northeast and West Regions were not significantly different from one another. The difference between real median family income in the Northeast and the North Central Regions was statistically significant at the 92-percent confidence level.

from the 14.8-percent drop in real median income experienced during the previous year.⁴

MONEY INCOME OF PERSONS

Results of the survey indicate that, as in 1980, women fared slightly better than men in terms of changes in real money income.

⁴The difference between the percent change in real income for 1980-81 and 1979-80 was statistically significant at the 92-percent confidence level.

Median income for women was \$5,460 in 1981, not significantly different from the 1980 median in real terms. The median income of men was \$13,470, down about 2.6 percent from the 1980 level.

As shown in table 7, real income of all women declined for only three of the characteristics presented. Black women in the South, women under the age of 25, and female private household workers all had their real median incomes decline. Men, however, showed declines in more categories. As in 1980, real median incomes of both men and women 65 years old and over showed no significant

Table A Comparison of Median Family Income in 1981 and 1980, by Selected Characteristics

Selected characteristics	Median family money income			Percent change in real money income
	1981	1980		
		Constant dollars	Current dollars	
All families.....	\$22,388	\$23,204	\$21,023	*-3.5
RACE OF HOUSEHOLDER				
White.....	23,517	24,176	21,904	*-2.7
Black.....	13,267	13,989	12,674	*-5.2
Spanish origin ¹	16,402	16,244	14,717	1.0
RESIDENCE				
Nonfarm.....	22,554	23,345	21,151	*-3.4
Farm.....	17,082	17,389	15,755	-1.8
REGION				
Northeast.....	23,706	24,123	21,856	-1.7
North Central.....	23,118	23,991	21,736	*-3.6
South.....	20,582	21,128	19,142	*-2.6
West.....	23,873	24,592	22,281	*-2.9
NUMBER OF EARNERS ²				
Total.....	22,433	23,257	21,071	*-3.5
No earners.....	9,410	9,450	8,562	-0.4
1 earner.....	17,626	18,448	16,714	*-4.5
2 earners.....	26,860	27,215	24,657	*-1.3
3 earners.....	34,298	35,135	31,833	*-2.4
4 earners or more.....	41,989	43,707	39,599	*-3.9

*Significant at the 95-percent confidence level.

¹Persons of Spanish origin may be of any race.

²Excludes families with members in the Armed Forces.

change, again indicating in part, that many sources of retirement income are indexed to inflation.

Both male and female year-round, full-time workers fared about the same in 1981, both showed a significant decline in real income from 1980. The median income for male year-round, full-time workers was \$20,690 compared with \$12,460 for women.

POVERTY STATUS

The decline in real money income between 1980 and 1981 was accompanied by an increase in the number and percentage of persons below the poverty level. There were 31.8 million persons classified as poor in 1981, an increase of 2.2 million over 1980. During the same period, the poverty rate rose from 13.2 to 14.0 percent.

Table P. Persons, Families, and Unrelated Individuals Below the Poverty Level in 1981 and 1980

(Numbers in thousands. Persons, families, and unrelated individuals as of March of the following year)

Selected characteristics	Below poverty level			Poverty rate		
	1981	1980	Difference (1981 minus 1980)	1981	1980	Difference (1981 minus 1980)
All persons.....	31,822	29,640	*2,182	14.0	13.2	*0.8
White.....	21,553	20,049	*1,504	11.1	10.4	*0.7
Black.....	9,173	8,555	*618	34.2	32.4	*1.8
Spanish origin ¹	3,713	3,566	147	26.5	26.2	0.3
Under 65 years.....	27,969	25,726	*2,243	13.9	12.8	*1.1
65 years and over.....	3,853	3,914	-61	15.3	15.9	-0.6
Related children under 18 years.....	12,324	11,456	*868	19.8	18.3	*1.5
Nonfarm.....	30,562	28,446	*2,116	13.8	13.0	*0.8
Farm.....	1,260	1,194	66	23.0	21.2	1.8
In metropolitan areas.....	19,347	18,157	*1,190	12.6	11.9	**0.7
In central cities.....	11,231	10,674	557	18.0	17.2	0.8
Outside central cities.....	8,116	7,483	**633	8.9	8.3	0.6
Outside metropolitan areas.....	12,475	11,483	*992	17.0	15.7	*1.3
North and West.....	18,566	17,136	*1,430	12.3	11.4	*0.9
South.....	13,256	12,504	*752	17.4	16.7	**0.7
All families.....	6,851	6,301	*550	11.2	10.4	*0.8
Married-couple families.....	3,394	3,085	*309	6.8	6.3	*0.5
Male householder, no wife present.....	205	196	9	10.3	10.1	0.2
Female householder, no husband present..	3,252	3,021	*231	34.6	33.3	**1.3
All unrelated individuals.....	6,490	6,257	**233	23.4	23.1	0.3
Male.....	2,239	2,028	*211	18.1	16.7	*1.4
Female.....	4,251	4,229	22	27.7	28.2	-0.5

*Significant at the 95-percent confidence level.

**Significant between the 90-percent and 95-percent confidence levels.

¹Persons of Spanish origin may be of any race.

Among the factors contributing to the increase in poverty were the recession that began in mid-1981 and the associated rise in the unemployment rate. The Consumer Price Index rose 10.4 percent between 1980 and 1981, resulting in a similar increase in the poverty thresholds. The threshold for a family of four was \$9,287 in 1981, compared with \$8,414 in 1980.

The increase in poverty between 1980 and 1981 affected many segments of the U.S. population. In 1981, there were 21.6 million Whites and 9.2 million Blacks below the poverty level; both of these figures were higher than in 1980. There was no significant change in the number of poor persons of Spanish origin (3.7 million in 1981). The number of poor children under 18 years old rose from 11.5 million in 1980 to 12.3 million in 1981, and their poverty rate rose from 18.3 to 19.8 percent. In contrast, the number of poor persons 65 years old and over remained unchanged at 3.9 million, and their poverty rate (15.3 percent) was also essentially the same as in the previous year. One reason for this may be that most elderly people are no longer working and, therefore, are less adversely affected by rising unemployment. In addition, the most important Government programs benefiting the elderly, including Social Security and Supplemental Security Income, are indexed to reflect changes in the price level.

The increase in the poverty population occurred in all major geographic areas. Metropolitan and nonmetropolitan areas experienced increases of similar size in the number of poor persons between 1980 and 1981 (1.2 million and 990,000, respectively). Although the overall poverty rate for metropolitan areas was 12.6 percent in 1981, their central cities had a considerably higher rate (18.0 percent) and areas outside central cities had a lower rate (8.9 percent). The poverty rate in nonmetropolitan areas was 17.0 percent, up from 15.7 percent in 1980.⁵ The number of poor persons also rose in both the South and in the other three regions combined (referred to in table B as "North and West"). In 1981, as in earlier years, the poverty rate was higher in the South (17.4 percent) than in the North and West (12.2 percent). There was a substantial increase in the number of nonfarm residents classified as poor, but the number of farm residents below the poverty level was unchanged at about 1.3 million.

The number of families below the poverty level increased from 6.3 million in 1980 to 6.9 million in 1981, and their poverty rate rose from 10.4 percent to 11.2 percent. The number of poor married-couple families rose

from 3.1 to 3.4 million, and their poverty rate went from 6.3 to 6.8 percent. Among families with a female householder, no husband present, the number in poverty rose from 3.0 to 3.3 million; there was some evidence of an increase in the poverty rate, from 33.3 to 34.6 percent. About one-half of all families below the poverty level in 1981 were maintained by women with no husband present. There was some evidence of an increase in the number of poor unrelated individuals between 1980 and 1981, from 6.3 million to 6.5 million. Of these 6.5 million, 2.2 million were male and 4.3 million were female; the number of males below the poverty level increased between 1980 and 1981, while the number of females was unchanged.

CHANGES IN THE DEFINITION OF POVERTY

The poverty definition used to produce the estimates in this report differs slightly from the one used in previous Current Population Surveys. As a result of recommendations made in 1980 by a Federal Interagency Committee, the following technical revisions have been incorporated:

1. There are no longer separate sets of poverty thresholds for the categories, "Families with a female householder, no husband present" and "All other families." Instead, a weighted average of the two sets of thresholds is used for all families.
2. Differences in the poverty thresholds based on farm-nonfarm residence have been eliminated through the use of nonfarm thresholds for all families and unrelated individuals.
3. The poverty matrix has been extended to families of nine or more persons from the old cutoff of seven or more persons. The thresholds for the additional family sizes were developed by Mollie Orshansky of the Social Security Administration, using the same methodology employed to construct the original poverty index.

The modified poverty matrix provides a range of income cutoffs adjusted by family size and number of children under 18 years old. Unrelated individuals and two-person families are further differentiated by the age of the individual or family householder (under 65 years and 65 years and over). A set of poverty thresholds incorporating the three changes was computed using March 1979 CPS data for the income year 1978, which serves as the base year for the revised poverty definition. These thresholds have been adjusted to reflect the increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) between 1978 and

⁵Poverty rates in 1981 for nonmetropolitan areas and central cities were not significantly different from one another.

1981. Weighted average poverty thresholds for 1981 are shown in appendix A.

Tabulations of the March 1981 CPS using both the old and new poverty definitions indicate that the combined effect of the three modifications is quite small. The total number of persons below the poverty level in 1980 was 29.3 million under the old definition and 29.6 million under the new one; the poverty rate rose from 13.0 to 13.2 percent. The new matrix also raised very slightly the number of poor families, from 6.2 to 6.3 million. In a few cases, the increases in poverty were more substantial. For example, the number of poor persons living on farms was 990,000 using the old matrix and 1.2 million using the revised matrix. This outcome is not surprising, since the thresholds applied to farm families are approximately 15 percent higher under the new definition. For a more detailed description of the revisions and their impact on the poverty data, see the upcoming Current

Population Reports, Series P-60, No. 133, "Characteristics of the Population Below the Poverty Level: 1980."

UPCOMING ADVANCE REPORT ON NONCASH BENEFITS

In addition to this report covering money income and poverty status in 1981, the Census Bureau is preparing an advance report covering households receiving noncash or in-kind benefits during 1981. For a detailed discussion on measuring and valuing noncash benefits, see Technical Paper No. 50, "Alternative Methods for Valuing Selected In-kind Transfer Benefits and Measuring Their Effect on Poverty." This technical paper presented estimates of poverty based on both money income and the value of selected noncash benefits. By including the value of noncash benefits the report indicates that the number of poor would be reduced by between 12 and 42 percent from the current money income poverty definition.

Table 1. Selected Characteristics of Families—Number of Families and Median Income in 1981 and 1980 of All Families and Families With Householders Working Year Round Full Time, by Race and Spanish Origin of Householder—Continued

(FAMILIES AS OF MARCH OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR. AN ASTERISK (*) PRECEDING PERCENT CHANGE INDICATES STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT CHANGE AT THE 95-PERCENT CONFIDENCE LEVEL. FOR MEANING OF SYMBOLS, SEE TEXT)

Table with columns for Selected Characteristics, All Families (1981, 1980, Percent Change), and Householder Year-Round Full-Time Worker (1981, 1980, Percent Change). Rows include tenure, educational attainment, family type, region, and race.

*EXCLUDES FAMILIES WITH MEMBERS WHO ARE IN THE ARMED FORCES.

Table 1. Selected Characteristics of Families—Number of Families and Median Income in 1981 and 1980 of All Families and Families With Householders Working Year Round Full Time, by Race and Spanish Origin of Householder—Continued
 (FAMILIES AS OF MARCH OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR. AN ASTERISK (*) PRECEDING PERCENT CHANGE INDICATES STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT CHANGE AT THE 95-PERCENT CONFIDENCE LEVEL. FOR MEANING OF SYMBOLS, SEE TEXT)

SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS	ALL FAMILIES					HOUSEHOLDER YEAR-ROUND FULL-TIME WORKER							
	1981		1980		PERCENT CHANGE (MEDIAN INCOME)		1981			1980		PERCENT CHANGE (MEDIAN INCOME)	
	NUMBER (THOUS.)	MEDIAN INCOME (DOL.)	STANDARD ERROR (DOL.)	MEDIAN INCOME (DOL.)	IN CURRENT DOLLARS	IN 1981 DOLLARS	NUMBER (THOUS.)	MEDIAN INCOME (DOL.)	STANDARD ERROR (DOL.)	MEDIAN INCOME (DOL.)	IN CURRENT DOLLARS	IN 1981 DOLLARS	
BLACK--CONTINUED													
REGION													
NORTHEAST	1 175	13 248	661	13 189	0.4	-9.0	530	21 722	648	19 857	9.4	-0.9	
NORTH CENTRAL	1 281	14 837	787	14 044	5.6	-4.3	530	23 783	728	23 011	3.4	-6.4	
SOUTH	3 312	12 263	323	11 629	5.6	-4.3	1 890	19 921	596	18 322	88.7	-1.5	
WEST	644	16 592	1 318	17 135	-3.2	-12.3	306	25 932	830	24 096	7.6	-2.5	
TYPE OF FAMILY													
MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES	3 535	19 624	364	18 593	85.5	**4.4	1 932	25 890	465	24 059	97.6	-2.5	
WIFE IN PAID LABOR FORCE	2 114	25 040	493	22 795	99.8	-0.5	1 390	28 572	503	24 432	98.1	-2.1	
WIFE NOT IN PAID LABOR FORCE	1 421	12 341	419	12 419	-0.6	*-10.0	542	18 803	826	18 799	-	-9.4	
MALE HOUSEHOLDER, NO WIFE PRESENT	273	14 489	1 520	12 557	15.4	4.5	146	22 688	1 336	17 425	*30.1	17.9	
FEMALE HHLDR, NO HUSBAND PRESENT	2 605	7 508	227	7 425	1.1	*-6.4	778	13 380	471	13 214	1.3	*-8.3	
NUMBER OF EARNERS¹													
TOTAL	4 328	13 321	311	12 662	4.4	*-5.4	2 845	21 697	363	20 059	88.2	-2.0	
NO EARNERS	1 312	4 890	14	4 644	5.3	-4.6	-	(e)	(e)	20 059	(x)	(x)	
1 EARNER	2 190	10 988	221	10 721	86.8	-3.2	969	13 289	341	13 015	2.0	*-7.8	
2 EARNERS	2 107	22 649	460	20 360	*11.2	0.8	1 393	25 756	472	23 043	*11.8	1.3	
3 EARNERS	482	25 407	1 366	23 835	6.6	-3.4	327	28 117	1 296	25 893	8.6	-1.4	
4 EARNERS OR MORE	238	32 319	1 854	30 985	4.3	-5.5	156	36 629	1 763	34 982	4.7	-5.1	
SPANISH ORIGIN²													
ALL FAMILIES	3 305	16 402	422	14 717	*11.4	1.0	1 816	21 316	487	20 022	86.5	-3.5	
TYPE OF RESIDENCE													
NONFARM	3 280	16 437	425	14 740	*11.5	1.0	1 795	21 415	488	20 106	86.5	-3.5	
FARM	25	(w)	(w)	(e)	(x)	(x)	20	(e)	(e)	(e)	(x)	(x)	
INSIDE METROPOLITAN AREAS													
1,000,000 OR MORE	2 827	16 624	671	14 904	*11.5	1.1	1 566	21 715	765	20 358	6.7	-3.4	
INSIDE CENTRAL CITIES	1 896	16 397	805	14 907	10.4	-0.3	1 048	21 601	920	20 110	7.4	-2.7	
OUTSIDE CENTRAL CITIES	1 039	14 422	1 114	12 418	16.2	5.2	542	19 532	1 347	18 067	6.1	-2.1	
UNDER 1,000,000	657	19 473	1 572	18 083	7.7	-2.4	506	23 775	1 595	22 071	7.7	-2.4	
INSIDE CENTRAL CITIES	931	17 112	1 199	14 900	17.8	4.1	517	21 961	1 701	20 931	4.9	-4.9	
OUTSIDE CENTRAL CITIES	600	16 990	1 641	14 856	14.4	3.4	342	21 620	1 934	20 727	4.3	-5.5	
OUTSIDE METROPOLITAN AREAS	331	17 265	1 734	14 977	15.3	4.4	175	22 900	3 069	21 272	7.7	-2.5	
REGION	478	15 368	1 386	13 866	10.8	0.4	250	19 294	1 544	18 637	3.5	-6.2	
REGION													
NORTHEAST	624	13 244	853	11 724	*13.1	2.5	281	20 738	900	19 295	7.5	-2.6	
NORTH CENTRAL	246	18 647	1 511	16 107	15.8	4.9	132	23 536	1 391	19 346	*21.7	10.2	
SOUTH	1 127	16 475	644	14 642	*12.5	1.9	701	20 798	669	19 789	5.1	-4.8	
WEST	1 308	17 318	548	15 985	*11.1	0.7	702	21 731	699	20 687	5.0	-4.8	
TYPE OF FAMILY													
MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES	2 414	19 329	520	17 361	*11.3	0.9	1 537	22 298	579	21 045	86.0	-4.0	
WIFE IN PAID LABOR FORCE	1 162	23 641	708	21 649	*9.2	-1.1	801	26 259	833	24 106	88.9	-1.3	
WIFE NOT IN PAID LABOR FORCE	1 252	15 551	527	14 050	*10.7	0.3	736	18 635	844	17 802	4.7	-5.2	
MALE HOUSEHOLDER, NO WIFE PRESENT	142	14 793	1 376	13 302	11.2	0.8	79	18 469	2 221	17 649	4.5	-5.3	
FEMALE HHLDR, NO HUSBAND PRESENT	750	7 588	522	7 031	7.9	-2.2	200	15 892	1 374	13 337	*19.2	8.0	
NUMBER OF EARNERS¹													
TOTAL	3 281	16 412	434	14 797	*10.9	0.5	1 816	21 316	487	20 024	86.5	-3.6	
NO EARNERS	448	5 368	332	5 027	6.8	-3.3	-	(b)	(b)	(e)	(x)	(x)	
1 EARNER	1 111	12 588	554	11 540	*9.1	-1.2	640	15 794	812	14 582	8.2	-1.9	
2 EARNERS	1 249	20 982	586	18 872	*11.2	0.7	840	23 257	872	21 394	88.7	-1.5	
3 EARNERS	308	25 695	1 672	24 591	4.5	-5.3	219	27 885	1 807	27 503	1.4	-8.1	
4 EARNERS OR MORE	165	35 881	2 016	32 031	*12.0	1.5	117	39 025	2 498	35 419	10.2	-0.2	

¹EXCLUDES FAMILIES WITH MEMBERS WHO ARE IN THE ARMED FORCES.
²PERSONS OF SPANISH ORIGIN MAY BE OF ANY RACE.

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Table 2. Family Income in 1960, 1965, and 1970 to 1981—Families, by Total Money Income, Race, and Spanish Origin of Householder

(IN CURRENT DOLLARS. FAMILIES AS OF MARCH OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR. FOR MEANING OF SYMBOLS, SEE TEXT)

Table with 15 columns (years 1981-1960) and multiple rows for income brackets (UNDER \$2,500 to \$50,000 AND OVER) and racial categories (ALL RACES, WHITE, BLACK AND OTHER RACES, BLACK, SPANISH ORIGIN). Rows include 'NUMBER' and 'PERCENT' in thousands and dollars.

*BASED ON REVISED METHODOLOGY.
†SINCE MEDIANS WERE CALCULATED USING MORE DETAILED INTERVALS THAN THOSE SHOWN ABOVE, THEY WILL NOT BE THE SAME AS THOSE CALCULATED USING THE ABOVE INTERVALS.
‡PERSONS OF SPANISH ORIGIN MAY BE OF ANY RACE.

NOTE: BEGINNING WITH THE YEAR 1979 BASED ON HOUSEHOLDER CONCEPT AND RESTRICTED TO PRIMARY FAMILIES.

FOR THE YEARS 1960 TO 1970, THE NUMBER OF WHITE AND BLACK AND OTHER RACES FAMILIES WILL NOT ADD TO ALL RACES BECAUSE THE NUMBERS FOR ALL RACES WERE ADJUSTED TO POPULATION CONTROLS BASED ON THE 1970 CENSUS. THESE CONTROLS ARE NOT AVAILABLE BY RACE.

Table 4. Number of Families and Unrelated Individuals, Income at Selected Positions, and Percentage Share of Aggregate Income in 1981 Received by Each Fifth and Top 5 Percent of Families and Unrelated Individuals, by Race of Householder and Region

(FAMILIES AND UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS AS OF MARCH 1982)

RACE OF HOUSEHOLDER AND REGION	NUMBER (THOUS.)	INCOME AT SELECTED POSITIONS (DOLLARS)					PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF AGGREGATE INCOME						MEAN INCOME (DOLL.)
		UPPER LIMIT OF EACH FIFTH				TOP 5 PERCENT	LOWEST FIFTH	SECOND FIFTH	THIRD FIFTH	FOURTH FIFTH	HIGHEST FIFTH		
		LOWEST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH								
FAMILIES													
RACE OF HOUSEHOLDER													
TOTAL	61 019	10 918	18 552	26 528	37 457	58 554	5.0	11.3	17.4	24.4	41.9	15.4	25 838
WHITE	53 269	11 994	19 782	27 606	38 524	60 050	5.4	11.7	17.5	24.2	41.2	15.1	26 934
BLACK AND OTHER RACES	7 750	6 072	11 296	18 523	28 738	45 608	4.0	9.4	16.0	25.5	45.1	16.0	18 299
BLACK	6 413	5 616	10 314	17 000	26 608	41 755	4.1	9.4	16.0	25.7	44.8	15.3	16 696
REGION													
NORTHEAST	12 924	11 908	19 920	27 562	38 702	59 050	5.3	11.9	17.7	24.5	40.5	14.3	26 706
NORTH CENTRAL	15 716	11 516	19 400	27 166	37 508	55 820	5.3	11.8	17.9	24.6	40.4	14.6	25 915
SOUTH	20 959	9 704	16 620	24 538	35 100	57 892	4.7	10.7	16.9	24.1	43.7	16.8	24 340
WEST	11 417	11 700	19 722	26 231	40 300	62 400	5.1	11.3	17.3	24.5	41.7	14.9	27 498
UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS													
RACE													
TOTAL	27 714	4 005	8 970	11 500	18 242	30 387	3.8	8.9	15.2	24.2	47.9	18.8	11 987
WHITE	23 913	4 320	7 365	12 000	19 006	31 100	4.0	9.1	15.4	24.2	47.3	18.7	12 115
BLACK AND OTHER RACES	3 801	3 010	4 810	8 000	14 000	24 000	3.2	8.5	14.0	24.4	50.0	19.1	8 853
BLACK	3 277	3 000	4 566	7 522	13 167	25 000	3.4	8.6	13.9	24.4	49.7	19.0	8 440
REGION													
NORTHEAST	6 120	4 200	7 010	11 473	18 291	30 300	4.2	9.1	15.2	23.4	47.6	18.7	12 031
NORTH CENTRAL	6 737	4 100	6 956	11 156	18 050	29 200	3.9	9.2	15.2	24.2	47.4	18.5	11 755
SOUTH	8 404	3 408	6 236	10 613	17 000	30 000	3.6	8.4	14.8	24.0	49.1	19.8	11 245
WEST	6 453	4 763	7 900	13 000	20 200	32 173	3.8	9.2	15.6	24.9	46.5	17.8	13 154

Table 5. Race and Farm-Nonfarm Residence—Families and Unrelated Individuals, by Total Money Income in 1981

(NUMBERS IN THOUSANDS. FAMILIES AND UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS AS OF MARCH 1982. FOR MEANING OF SYMBOLS, SEE TEXT)

TOTAL MONEY INCOME	FAMILIES					UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS				
	TOTAL			NONFARM	FARM	TOTAL			NONFARM	FARM
	ALL RACES	WHITE	BLACK			ALL RACES	WHITE	BLACK		
TOTAL	61 019	53 269	6 413	59 421	1 598	27 714	23 913	3 277	27 461	253
UNDER \$2,500	1 266	920	333	1 134	150	2 477	1 867	530	2 431	45
\$2,500 TO \$4,999	2 243	1 479	736	2 195	89	5 096	4 152	878	5 037	59
\$5,000 TO \$7,499	3 356	2 495	785	3 255	101	4 278	3 638	547	4 246	33
\$7,500 TO \$9,999	3 647	2 957	604	3 535	112	2 969	2 633	287	2 939	30
\$10,000 TO \$12,499	4 310	3 574	611	4 181	112	2 909	2 548	306	2 689	20
\$12,500 TO \$14,999	3 954	3 433	449	3 799	155	2 041	1 811	198	2 035	6
\$15,000 TO \$17,499	4 024	3 521	414	3 924	100	1 893	1 673	182	1 876	17
\$17,500 TO \$19,999	3 637	3 183	414	3 539	98	1 264	1 171	74	1 257	7
\$20,000 TO \$24,999	4 222	3 812	340	4 075	147	1 249	1 145	77	1 242	7
\$25,000 TO \$24,999	3 445	3 099	277	3 375	70	772	728	28	767	5
\$25,000 TO \$27,499	3 710	3 357	275	3 627	83	807	735	59	798	9
\$27,500 TO \$29,999	3 098	2 778	250	3 052	45	475	422	36	471	3
\$30,000 TO \$32,499	3 152	2 912	179	3 079	73	375	367	27	374	1
\$32,500 TO \$34,999	2 304	2 197	132	2 343	41	206	193	10	204	2
\$35,000 TO \$37,499	2 351	2 147	160	2 323	28	185	166	15	185	-
\$37,500 TO \$39,999	1 783	1 651	97	1 754	23	120	114	2	120	3
\$40,000 TO \$44,999	2 885	2 653	136	2 839	44	176	172	4	173	3
\$45,000 TO \$49,999	2 081	1 923	117	2 047	33	90	86	5	92	2
\$50,000 TO \$59,999	2 832	2 488	92	2 578	54	120	110	6	120	3
\$60,000 TO \$74,999	1 458	1 420	37	1 478	20	118	107	6	116	3
\$75,000 AND OVER	1 302	1 280	8	1 286	16	94	94	-	94	-
MEDIAN INCOME, DOLLARS	22 388	23 517	13 267	22 554	17 082	9 189	9 683	6 054	9 215	6 698
STANDARD ERROR, DOLLARS	96	122	305	113	894	92	96	179	92	1 100
MEAN INCOME, DOLLARS	25 638	26 934	18 696	25 998	19 887	11 987	12 485	8 438	12 004	10 114
STANDARD ERROR, DOLLARS	99	108	271	101	758	89	99	190	90	1 328
HOUSEHOLDER YEAR-ROUND FULL-TIME WORKER										
PERCENT OF TOTAL EXCLUDING ARMED FORCES	57.6	59.1	45.0	57.2	71.3	38.2	38.7	34.3	38.2	32.8
MEDIAN INCOME, DOLLARS	28 680	29 361	21 663	29 003	18 306	16 324	16 747	12 933	16 349	10 789
STANDARD ERROR, DOLLARS	139	148	380	139	1 206	130	141	396	130	3 140
MEAN INCOME, DOLLARS	31 985	32 708	23 794	32 346	20 739	18 455	19 104	14 771	18 700	12 995
STANDARD ERROR, DOLLARS	135	144	334	134	924	159	175	352	140	2 157

Table 6. Age of Householder—Families and Unrelated Individuals, by Total Money Income in 1981

(NUMBERS IN THOUSANDS. FAMILIES AND UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS AS OF MARCH 1982)

TOTAL MONEY INCOME	AGE OF HOUSEHOLDER (YEARS)							
	TOTAL	15 TO 24		25 TO 34	35 TO 44	45 TO 54	55 TO 64	65 AND OVER
		TOTAL	18 TO 24					
FAMILIES								
TOTAL								
TOTAL	41 019	3 621	3 606	14 449	13 083	10 710	9 752	9 403
UNDER \$2,500	1 286	210	208	355	231	177	177	106
\$2,500 TO \$4,999	2 263	332	329	644	384	249	235	149
\$5,000 TO \$7,499	3 356	321	319	735	456	360	300	1 084
\$7,500 TO \$9,999	3 647	334	334	777	542	361	475	1 158
\$10,000 TO \$12,499	4 310	394	393	1 005	649	528	568	1 188
\$12,500 TO \$14,999	4 954	367	365	962	644	432	530	1 018
\$15,000 TO \$17,499	4 024	352	349	1 045	711	484	614	817
\$17,500 TO \$19,999	3 637	237	237	333	734	448	606	640
\$20,000 TO \$22,499	4 222	262	261	1 239	890	645	679	507
\$22,500 TO \$24,999	3 445	208	208	962	831	542	551	351
\$25,000 TO \$27,499	3 710	181	181	1 034	865	685	607	337
\$27,500 TO \$29,999	3 098	124	124	872	728	587	483	303
\$30,000 TO \$32,499	3 152	74	74	861	901	614	478	223
\$32,500 TO \$34,999	2 384	60	60	587	614	498	444	187
\$35,000 TO \$37,499	2 351	44	44	587	670	520	365	187
\$37,500 TO \$39,999	1 783	34	34	360	487	477	314	111
\$40,000 TO \$44,999	2 885	31	31	591	788	766	536	174
\$45,000 TO \$49,999	2 081	20	20	313	573	625	406	143
\$50,000 TO \$59,999	2 632	21	21	324	714	828	569	174
\$60,000 TO \$74,999	1 498	12	12	150	369	449	370	149
\$75,000 AND OVER	1 302	2	2	86	343	396	346	131
MEDIAN INCOME DOLLARS	22 388	13 896	14 014	21 492	26 477	29 225	25 168	14 335
STANDARD ERROR DOLLARS	96	249	270	159	217	249	272	156
MEAN INCOME DOLLARS	25 838	15 528	15 558	22 855	29 114	32 070	29 462	18 945
STANDARD ERROR DOLLARS	99	229	229	155	218	259	290	220
HOUSEHOLDER YEAR-ROUND FULL-TIME WORKER								
PERCENT OF TOTAL EXCLUDING ARMED FORCES								
MEDIAN INCOME DOLLARS	57.6	49.8	49.9	67.3	73.6	72.2	56.6	7.9
STANDARD ERROR DOLLARS	28 680	14 746	18 751	25 324	30 098	33 578	31 804	27 867
MEAN INCOME DOLLARS	139	446	466	192	231	351	357	1 318
STANDARD ERROR DOLLARS	31 985	19 870	19 873	26 729	32 950	36 587	36 384	34 810
	135	298	298	185	255	298	406	1 257
UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS								
TOTAL								
TOTAL	27 714	4 495	4 340	6 686	2 802	2 166	3 431	8 134
UNDER \$2,000	1 917	708	595	432	187	171	201	218
\$2,000 TO \$2,999	1 127	263	245	134	89	114	148	148
\$3,000 TO \$3,999	2 394	231	224	171	98	129	359	1 407
\$4,000 TO \$4,999	2 134	284	275	194	56	80	260	1 260
\$5,000 TO \$5,999	1 958	267	264	226	87	72	263	1 042
\$6,000 TO \$6,999	1 591	300	300	257	88	75	197	674
\$7,000 TO \$7,999	1 353	280	280	253	82	87	155	496
\$8,000 TO \$8,999	1 227	243	243	249	79	89	115	432
\$9,000 TO \$9,999	1 118	259	259	219	67	77	171	325
\$10,000 TO \$12,499	2 909	591	586	850	271	240	322	635
\$12,500 TO \$14,999	2 041	375	375	696	213	146	239	371
\$15,000 TO \$17,499	1 893	308	308	730	248	166	193	247
\$17,500 TO \$19,999	1 264	98	98	489	190	141	171	166
\$20,000 TO \$24,999	2 020	175	175	845	364	186	249	182
\$25,000 TO \$29,999	1 282	75	75	463	302	145	172	125
\$30,000 TO \$34,999	581	13	13	204	132	85	87	52
\$35,000 TO \$49,999	571	21	21	148	157	101	86	67
\$50,000 AND OVER	333	5	5	77	90	61	42	58
MEDIAN INCOME DOLLARS	9 138	7 695	7 954	13 716	15 880	11 960	9 096	5 771
STANDARD ERROR DOLLARS	98	157	162	193	350	318	256	57
MEAN INCOME DOLLARS	11 987	8 617	8 874	15 008	17 711	15 483	12 169	8 387
STANDARD ERROR DOLLARS	89	135	137	175	40	447	252	136
YEAR-ROUND FULL-TIME WORKERS								
PERCENT OF TOTAL EXCLUDING ARMED FORCES								
MEDIAN INCOME DOLLARS	38.2	36.5	39.8	62.3	66.0	56.8	39.0	3.6
STANDARD ERROR DOLLARS	16 324	11 980	11 986	17 116	19 979	17 352	15 812	15 309
MEAN INCOME DOLLARS	130	170	171	185	343	468	452	739
STANDARD ERROR DOLLARS	18 655	13 110	13 116	18 695	22 511	21 068	18 448	19 708
	159	217	217	218	109	651	444	1 417

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Table 7. Selected Characteristics of Persons—Number With Income and Median Income in 1981 and 1980 of All Persons 15 Years Old and Over and Persons Working Year Round Full Time, by Sex

(PERSONS 15 YEARS OLD AND OVER AS OF MARCH OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR. AN ASTERISK (*) PRECEDING PERCENT CHANGE INDICATES STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT CHANGE AT THE 95-PERCENT CONFIDENCE LEVEL. FOR MEANING OF SYMBOLS, SEE TEXT)

Table with 13 columns: Selected Characteristics, 1981 (Number with Income, Median Income, Standard Error), 1980 (Median Income), Percent Change (Current, 1981), Year-Round Full-Time Workers (1981, 1980, Percent Change). Rows include Male, Race and Spanish Origin, Relationship to Family, Age, Occupation Group, and Educational Attainment.

*PERSONS OF SPANISH ORIGIN MAY BE OF ANY RACE.
†AMOUNTS SHOWN ARE MEDIAN EARNINGS.

Table 10. Age—Persons 15 Years Old and Over, by Total Money Income in 1981 and Sex

(NUMBERS IN THOUSANDS. PERSONS 15 YEARS OLD AND OVER AS OF MARCH 1982. FOR MEANING OF SYMBOLS, SEE TEXT)

Table with columns for Total Money Income, Age (Years), and Sex (Male/Female). Rows include income brackets (e.g., \$1 to \$1,999 or less, \$10,000 to \$14,999, etc.), Median Income, Mean Income, and Standard Error for both males and females. Sub-sections include 'YEAR-ROUND FULL-TIME WORKERS' and 'PERCENT OF CIVILIAN INCOME RECIPIENTS'.

Table 11. Work Experience in 1981—Civilians 15 Years Old and Over, by Total Money Earnings in 1981 and Sex

(NUMBERS IN THOUSANDS, PERSONS 15 YEARS OLD AND OVER AS OF MARCH 1982. FOR MEANING OF SYMBOLS, SEE TEXT)

TOTAL MONEY EARNINGS	WORKED LAST YEAR								
	TOTAL	WORKED AT FULL-TIME JOBS				WORKED AT PART-TIME JOBS			
		TOTAL	50 TO 52 WEEKS	27 TO 49 WEEKS	26 WEEKS OR LESS	TOTAL	50 TO 52 WEEKS	27 TO 49 WEEKS	26 WEEKS OR LESS
MALE									
TOTAL	65 362	55 914	41 811	8 338	5 765	9 448	3 045	2 129	4 274
WITHOUT EARNINGS	129	52	38	1	13	77	57	10	11
WITH EARNINGS	85 233	55 862	41 773	8 337	5 752	9 371	2 988	2 119	4 263
\$1 TO \$1,999 OR LOSS	7 363	2 943	806	205	1 932	4 420	618	545	3 257
\$2,000 TO \$2,999	2 314	1 221	225	180	816	1 093	322	349	422
\$3,000 TO \$3,999	2 155	1 173	198	341	650	982	419	316	246
\$4,000 TO \$4,999	1 721	1 098	247	284	490	623	309	221	92
\$5,000 TO \$5,999	1 914	1 361	481	481	522	554	298	160	96
\$6,000 TO \$6,999	1 821	1 505	481	528	280	316	180	106	29
\$7,000 TO \$7,999	2 858	2 552	1 357	873	323	308	177	98	34
\$8,500 TO \$9,999	2 356	2 166	1 356	662	148	190	122	59	9
\$10,000 TO \$12,999	5 903	5 681	4 281	1 084	296	283	143	92	28
\$12,500 TO \$14,999	4 062	3 955	3 177	658	120	127	83	41	4
\$15,000 TO \$17,999	5 312	5 172	4 296	759	117	140	78	44	18
\$17,500 TO \$19,999	3 872	3 813	3 285	495	32	39	38	16	9
\$20,000 TO \$24,999	4 485	4 367	7 432	876	40	117	67	46	4
\$25,000 TO \$29,999	5 780	5 719	5 227	467	24	61	46	9	5
\$30,000 TO \$34,999	3 457	3 428	3 227	181	21	29	16	7	6
\$35,000 TO \$39,999	3 746	3 710	3 551	194	5	36	32	2	2
\$50,000 TO \$74,999	1 425	1 393	1 347	45	1	32	23	7	2
\$75,000 AND OVER	669	646	625	22	-	23	18	4	1
MEDIAN EARNINGS . . . DOLLARS . .	15 081	17 087	20 260	11 320	3 185	2 242	4 434	3 523	1 309
STANDARD ERROR . . . DOLLARS . .	86	78	71	145	75	61	121	100	28
MEAN EARNINGS . . . DOLLARS . .	18 923	19 066	22 196	13 413	4 526	4 128	7 071	5 140	1 552
STANDARD ERROR . . . DOLLARS . .	79	84	98	146	88	108	271	205	64
FEMALE									
TOTAL	52 504	34 906	23 484	6 101	5 317	17 598	6 258	4 081	6 759
WITHOUT EARNINGS	565	233	159	31	42	331	185	51	96
WITH EARNINGS	51 940	34 674	23 329	6 070	5 275	17 267	6 074	4 530	6 663
\$1 TO \$1,999 OR LOSS	10 661	2 943	361	248	2 334	7 718	974	1 279	5 484
\$2,000 TO \$2,999	3 353	1 292	176	207	909	2 081	612	849	600
\$3,000 TO \$3,999	3 229	1 373	263	440	670	1 856	798	740	530
\$4,000 TO \$4,999	2 782	1 384	331	594	459	1 397	700	349	74
\$5,000 TO \$5,999	2 701	1 577	640	664	272	1 124	700	330	42
\$6,000 TO \$6,999	2 571	1 741	961	594	186	830	559	309	30
\$7,000 TO \$7,999	4 552	3 487	2 571	850	167	884	625	309	10
\$8,500 TO \$9,999	3 174	2 777	2 165	532	80	399	286	103	10
\$10,000 TO \$12,999	6 471	6 128	5 241	788	98	544	418	103	23
\$12,500 TO \$14,999	3 524	3 354	2 945	370	39	169	123	38	8
\$15,000 TO \$17,999	3 322	3 173	2 871	277	25	150	125	23	2
\$17,500 TO \$19,999	1 818	1 749	1 598	142	9	69	49	18	2
\$20,000 TO \$24,999	2 219	2 184	1 993	186	15	36	32	2	1
\$25,000 TO \$29,999	333	305	275	47	7	28	19	6	3
\$30,000 TO \$34,999	289	279	260	15	3	10	4	4	2
\$35,000 TO \$39,999	176	147	159	8	3	9	8	2	-
\$50,000 TO \$74,999	43	40	32	5	2	3	2	1	-
\$75,000 AND OVER	22	22	21	2	-	-	-	-	-
MEDIAN EARNINGS . . . DOLLARS . .	7 222	10 230	12 001	7 454	2 334	2 444	4 802	3 174	1 220
STANDARD ERROR . . . DOLLARS . .	52	52	50	34	55	44	72	59	20
MEAN EARNINGS . . . DOLLARS . .	8 300	10 786	13 112	8 463	3 039	3 349	5 476	3 731	1 149
STANDARD ERROR . . . DOLLARS . .	44	54	62	99	65	39	77	67	29

Table 12. Total Money Income in 1960, 1965, and 1970 to 1981—Persons 14 Years Old and Over, by Sex
(IN CURRENT DOLLARS, PERSONS AS OF MARCH OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR, FOR MEANING OF SYMBOLS, SEE TEXT)

TOTAL MONEY INCOME	1981	1980	1979	1978	1977	1976	1975	1974	1973	1972	1971	1970	1965	1960
BOTH SEXES														
TOTAL														
NUMBER OF PERSONS THOUSANDS . .	176 186	174 082	168 198	169 586	167 282	164 935	162 582	159 962	157 284	154 488	152 034	148 241	135 620	125 641
NUMBER OF PERSONS WITH INCOME THOUSANDS . .	161 827	159 487	154 768	147 473	139 422	135 945	132 081	130 505	126 416	121 961	119 089	1 6 655	101 317	91 698
PERCENT WITH INCOME	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
\$1 TO \$999 OR LESS	8.0	8.5	9.4	11.2	10.6	11.3	11.8	13.0	14.1	15.2	16.8	18.0	23.8	27.7
\$1,000 TO \$1,999	8.0	8.5	9.4	7.7	8.5	9.3	9.8	10.6	11.5	12.2	12.7	13.1	13.7	17.2
\$2,000 TO \$3,999	12.5	13.4	14.4	15.9	16.6	17.0	17.5	17.5	17.4	17.6	17.4	17.4	20.1	22.9
\$4,000 TO \$5,999	6.8	7.4	7.7	11.1	12.1	12.4	12.9	13.0	13.2	13.5	14.2	14.1	14.7	18.6
\$6,000 TO \$7,999	7.3	7.4	9.5	9.7	10.0	10.4	10.5	10.7	10.7	11.3	11.7	12.0	12.3	9.4
\$8,000 TO \$9,999	9.2	9.6	9.3	8.8	8.3	8.5	8.6	8.6	8.8	8.9	8.9	9.0	6.1	5.4
\$10,000 TO \$12,499	4.2	6.1	5.9	6.8	8.8	8.8	8.9	9.0	9.5	8.9	8.1	7.5	3.4	1.7
\$12,500 TO \$14,999	10.3	10.3	9.9	9.8	9.2	6.4	6.4	5.9	4.9	4.4	3.9	3.5	1.5	0.8
\$15,000 TO \$19,999	7.4	6.9	6.2	5.4	4.5	3.8	3.8	3.5	3.5	4.3	3.5	2.9	1.2	0.6
\$20,000 TO \$24,999	11.9	9.6	7.6	6.0	4.9	3.9	3.0	2.7	2.3	2.0	1.7	1.3	0.5	0.3
\$25,000 AND OVER													0.5	0.4
MEDIAN INCOME DOLLARS . .	8 532	7 984	7 286	6 813	6 429	6 002	5 664	5 335	5 004	4 683	4 366	4 178	3 187	2 639
MEAN INCOME DOLLARS . .	11 909	10 998	10 155	9 451	8 886	8 242	7 704	7 255	6 412	6 375	5 876	5 589	4 232	3 496
YEAR-ROUND FULL-TIME WORKERS														
PERCENT OF CIVILIAN INCOME RECIPIENTS	40.5	40.9	41.3	42.3	42.3	41.7	41.8	42.4	45.3	45.4	44.8	44.7	47.1	48.0
MEDIAN INCOME DOLLARS . .	18 955	15 835	14 589	13 333	12 433	11 723	10 968	10 292	9 537	8 839	8 188	7 846	5 751	4 770
MEAN INCOME DOLLARS . .	19 861	18 354	17 054	15 631	14 495	13 531	12 654	11 879	10 888	10 193	9 400	8 973	6 606	5 484
MALE														
TOTAL														
NUMBER OF PERSONS THOUSANDS . .	83 958	82 949	80 218	80 969	79 883	78 782	77 560	76 363	75 040	73 572	72 469	70 592	64 630	60 359
NUMBER OF PERSONS WITH INCOME THOUSANDS . .	79 888	78 661	76 548	75 609	74 015	72 775	71 234	70 663	69 387	67 474	66 468	65 008	59 157	55 172
PERCENT WITH INCOME	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
\$1 TO \$999 OR LESS	4.4	4.5	4.7	6.5	7.0	7.3	7.5	8.1	8.4	8.9	9.9	10.4	13.5	18.2
\$1,000 TO \$1,999	4.4	4.5	4.7	4.1	4.8	5.0	5.4	5.8	6.4	7.1	7.6	8.3	10.2	11.4
\$2,000 TO \$3,999	7.6	8.0	9.2	10.2	10.9	11.3	12.0	12.2	12.2	13.2	13.9	13.7	17.2	21.4
\$4,000 TO \$5,999	7.4	8.2	8.4	8.9	9.6	10.3	10.8	10.9	11.5	11.9	12.9	12.9	14.5	24.7
\$6,000 TO \$7,999	7.5	7.8	8.1	8.6	9.1	9.4	10.0	10.6	11.0	12.3	13.6	14.7	18.2	14.7
\$8,000 TO \$9,999	6.6	6.8	7.2	7.7	8.2	8.9	9.4	10.1	11.1	12.0	12.5	13.2	9.7	5.3
\$10,000 TO \$12,499	9.1	10.0	10.3	10.0	10.6	11.3	12.1	12.9	14.3	13.9	12.4	12.0	5.6	2.8
\$12,500 TO \$14,999	8.7	7.1	7.5	6.3	8.9	9.3	9.6	9.4	7.8	7.1	6.2	5.7	2.5	1.3
\$15,000 TO \$19,999	13.1	14.2	14.8	15.3	14.7	13.9	12.3	10.8	9.4	7.4	5.9	4.9	2.0	1.0
\$20,000 TO \$24,999	11.4	11.3	10.9	9.4	7.8	6.3	5.2	4.4	3.5	2.8	2.2	1.9	0.8	0.4
\$25,000 AND OVER	21.4	17.5	14.1	11.0	8.6	6.8	5.4	4.7	4.0	3.4	2.5	2.3	0.9	0.6
MEDIAN INCOME DOLLARS . .	13 473	12 530	11 845	10 935	10 123	9 426	8 853	8 452	8 056	7 430	6 903	6 670	5 023	4 080
MEAN INCOME DOLLARS . .	16 515	15 340	14 349	13 113	12 063	11 145	10 429	9 861	9 289	8 635	7 892	7 537	5 036	4 617
YEAR-ROUND FULL-TIME WORKERS														
PERCENT OF CIVILIAN INCOME RECIPIENTS	53.0	53.8	55.2	56.9	53.7	53.2	53.0	54.4	58.0	57.4	56.4	56.8	59.8	56.3
MEDIAN INCOME DOLLARS . .	20 692	19 172	17 514	16 062	15 070	13 859	12 939	12 102	11 488	10 538	9 631	9 184	6 598	5 435
MEAN INCOME DOLLARS . .	23 219	21 436	19 966	18 305	16 929	15 701	14 714	13 757	12 818	11 797	10 834	10 312	7 512	6 136
FEMALE														
TOTAL														
NUMBER OF PERSONS THOUSANDS . .	92 228	91 133	87 980	88 617	87 399	86 153	84 982	83 599	82 244	80 896	79 585	77 649	70 990	65 282
NUMBER OF PERSONS WITH INCOME THOUSANDS . .	82 139	80 826	78 240	71 864	65 407	63 170	60 807	59 642	57 029	54 487	52 603	51 847	42 160	36 526
PERCENT WITH INCOME	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
\$1 TO \$999 OR LESS	11.4	12.4	14.0	16.3	14.8	15.9	16.9	18.8	21.1	22.9	24.9	27.5	38.4	44.4
\$1,000 TO \$1,999	11.4	12.4	14.0	11.4	13.0	14.2	15.0	16.3	17.7	18.5	19.2	19.2	18.6	18.4
\$2,000 TO \$3,999	17.2	18.6	19.5	21.8	23.0	23.6	24.0	23.9	23.6	23.2	22.8	22.1	24.2	25.0
\$4,000 TO \$5,999	13.4	13.3	12.7	13.5	14.9	14.8	15.4	15.4	15.3	15.5	15.9	15.7	12.9	9.8
\$6,000 TO \$7,999	10.0	10.3	10.9	10.9	11.0	11.2	11.2	10.8	10.4	10.0	9.2	8.4	4.0	1.8
\$8,000 TO \$9,999	7.9	7.9	8.2	8.4	8.4	7.9	7.3	6.7	5.8	5.0	4.4	3.8	1.1	1.8
\$10,000 TO \$12,499	9.3	9.1	8.3	7.6	7.0	6.0	5.3	4.4	3.5	2.9	2.2	1.8	0.4	0.1
\$12,500 TO \$14,999	5.7	5.1	4.4	4.2	3.8	3.0	2.4	1.8	1.3	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.2	0.1
\$15,000 TO \$19,999	7.5	6.4	5.0	3.2	3.0	2.4	1.8	1.3	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.1
\$20,000 TO \$24,999	3.4	2.6	1.7	1.1	0.8	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	-	-
\$25,000 AND OVER	2.7	1.9	1.2	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	-	-
MEDIAN INCOME DOLLARS . .	5 458	4 920	4 354	4 068	3 941	3 576	3 385	3 082	2 796	2 599	2 408	2 237	1 521	1 281
MEAN INCOME DOLLARS . .	7 440	6 772	6 032	5 599	5 291	4 875	4 513	4 161	3 799	3 577	3 333	3 138	2 265	1 861
YEAR-ROUND FULL-TIME WORKERS														
PERCENT OF CIVILIAN INCOME RECIPIENTS	28.5	28.4	27.8	29.2	29.5	28.7	28.7	28.5	30.2	30.7	30.5	30.0	29.4	28.3
MEDIAN INCOME DOLLARS . .	12 457	11 590	10 450	9 881	8 814	8 312	7 719	7 174	6 488	6 053	5 701	5 440	3 814	3 296
MEAN INCOME DOLLARS . .	13 870	12 731	11 481	10 403	9 535	8 956	8 262	7 684	6 911	6 526	6 109	5 856	4 060	3 397

BASED ON REVISED METHODOLOGY. SINCE MEDIANS WERE CALCULATED USING MORE DETAILED INTERVALS THAN THOSE SHOWN ABOVE, THEY WILL NOT BE THE SAME AS THOSE CALCULATED USING THE ABOVE INTERVALS.

NOTE: BEGINNING WITH THE YEAR 1979 BASED ON PERSONS 15 YEARS OLD AND OVER, AND FOR PREVIOUS YEARS BASED ON PERSONS 14 YEARS OLD AND OVER.



Table 13. Selected Characteristics of Households—Households, by Total Money Income in 1981

(NUMBERS IN THOUSANDS, HOUSEHOLDS AS OF MARCH 1982)

Table with columns for Selected Characteristics, Total, and income brackets from \$5,000 to \$75,000 and over, plus Median Income and Mean Income. Rows include All Households, Type of Residence, Region, Race and Spanish Origin, Marital Status and Sex of Householder, Relationship to Householder, Age of Householder, Size of Household, Educational Attainment of Householder, and Tenure.

*PERSONS OF SPANISH ORIGIN MAY BE OF ANY RACE.



Table 14. Number, Poverty Rate, and Standard Errors—Persons, Families, and Unrelated Individuals Below the Poverty Level in 1981 and 1980

(NUMBERS IN THOUSANDS, PERSONS, FAMILIES, AND UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS AS OF MARCH OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR. AN ASTERISK (*) PRECEDING NUMBER AND POVERTY RATE DIFFERENCE INDICATES STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT CHANGE AT THE 95-PERCENT CONFIDENCE LEVEL)

SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS A	1981		1980				DIFFERENCE— 1981 MINUS 1980 (BASED ON NEW POVERTY DEFINITION)	
	ESTIMATE	STANDARD ERROR	BASED ON NEW POVERTY DEFINITION		BASED ON OLD POVERTY DEFINITION		ESTIMATE	STANDARD ERROR
			ESTIMATE	STANDARD ERROR	ESTIMATE	STANDARD ERROR		
NUMBER BELOW POVERTY LEVEL								
PERSONS								
ALL PERSONS	31 822	471	29 640	456	29 272	454	*2182	486
RACE AND SPANISH ORIGIN								
WHITE	21 553	396	20 049	383	19 699	380	*1504	444
BLACK	9 173	224	8 555	220	8 579	220	*618	233
SPANISH ORIGIN ¹	3 713	205	3 566	201	3 491	199	147	170
FAMILY STATUS								
IN FAMILIES	24 850	422	22 936	407	22 601	405	*1914	435
HOUSEHOLDER	6 851	128	6 301	122	6 217	93	*550	143
RELATED CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS	12 068	256	11 209	248	11 114	247	*859	264
RELATED CHILDREN UNDER 6 YEARS	4 422	161	4 030	154	3 986	153	*392	165
OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS	5 971	215	5 426	155	5 270	203	*505	220
IN UNRELATED SUBFAMILIES	482	62	448	55	444	59	38	41
RELATED CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS	256	39	247	38	245	38	9	11
UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS	6 490	124	6 257	61	6 227	121	233	129
MALE	2 239	68	2 028	64	2 109	66	*211	69
FEMALE	4 251	97	4 229	96	4 118	95	22	101
AGE								
UNDER 15 YEARS	10 562	241	9 830	233	9 755	233	*732	249
15 TO 24 YEARS	6 851	135	5 708	129	5 605	128	*566	139
25 TO 44 YEARS	7 010	128	6 295	123	6 242	123	*715	132
45 TO 54 YEARS	1 914	74	1 780	72	1 743	71	134	77
55 TO 59 YEARS	1 060	56	1 031	55	997	54	29	58
60 TO 64 YEARS	1 151	58	1 055	56	1 058	56	64	80
65 YEARS AND OVER	3 853	98	3 914	98	3 871	98	-61	103
RESIDENCE								
NONFARM	30 562	482	28 446	448	28 282	447	*2116	477
FARM	1 260	139	1 194	135	990	104	66	144
IN METROPOLITAN AREAS								
IN CENTRAL CITIES	19 347	533	18 157	518	18 021	516	*1190	551
OUTSIDE CENTRAL CITIES	11 231	413	10 674	403	10 644	403	557	428
OUTSIDE METROPOLITAN AREAS	8 116	353	7 483	340	7 377	337	633	384
12 475	434	11 483	418	11 251	413	*992	447	
FAMILIES								
SEX, RACE AND SPANISH ORIGIN OF HOUSEHOLDER								
ALL FAMILIES	6 851	128	6 301	122	6 217	121	*550	143
MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES	3 344	85	3 085	81	3 032	80	*309	95
MALE HOUSEHOLDER	3 213	83	2 938	79	2 886	78	*275	92
FEMALE HOUSEHOLDER	180	18	146	17	146	17	34	20
MALE HOUSEHOLDER, NO WIFE PRESENT	205	20	196	19	213	20	9	22
FEMALE HOUSEHOLDER, NO HUSBAND PRESENT	3 252	83	3 021	80	2 972	79	*231	93
WHITE FAMILIES	4 670	102	4 275	97	4 195	95	*395	118
MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES	2 712	75	2 490	72	2 437	71	*222	87
MALE HOUSEHOLDER	2 598	73	2 400	70	2 348	69	*198	85
FEMALE HOUSEHOLDER	114	15	90	13	89	13	24	17
MALE HOUSEHOLDER, NO WIFE PRESENT	145	17	141	16	149	17	4	20
FEMALE HOUSEHOLDER, NO HUSBAND PRESENT	1 814	60	1 643	57	1 609	57	*171	69
BLACK FAMILIES	1 972	63	1 825	61	1 826	61	*147	71
MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES	543	32	469	30	474	30	*74	35
MALE HOUSEHOLDER	483	30	418	28	422	28	65	37
FEMALE HOUSEHOLDER	60	11	51	10	52	10	9	12
MALE HOUSEHOLDER, NO WIFE PRESENT	52	10	43	9	52	10	9	11
FEMALE HOUSEHOLDER, NO HUSBAND PRESENT	1 377	52	1 314	51	1 301	51	63	59
SPANISH ORIGIN FAMILIES ¹	792	44	759	43	751	43	33	41
MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES	366	30	367	30	363	30	-1	28
MALE HOUSEHOLDER	442	29	441	29	438	29	1	28
FEMALE HOUSEHOLDER	23	8	26	8	25	8	-3	8
MALE HOUSEHOLDER, NO WIFE PRESENT	27	8	26	8	26	8	1	8
FEMALE HOUSEHOLDER, NO HUSBAND PRESENT	399	31	366	30	362	30	33	29

¹PERSONS OF SPANISH ORIGIN MAY BE OF ANY RACE.

Table 14. Number, Poverty Rate, and Standard Errors—Persons, Families, and Unrelated Individuals Below the Poverty Level in 1981 and 1980—Continued

(NUMBERS IN THOUSANDS. PERSONS, FAMILIES, AND UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS AS OF MARCH OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR. AN ASTERISK (*) PRECEDING NUMBER AND POVERTY RATE DIFFERENCE INDICATES STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT CHANGE AT THE 95-PERCENT CONFIDENCE LEVEL)

SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS	1981		1980				DIFFERENCE-- 1981 MINUS 1980 (BASED ON NEW POVERTY DEFINITION)	
	ESTIMATE	STANDARD ERROR	BASED ON NEW POVERTY DEFINITION		BASED ON OLD POVERTY DEFINITION		ESTIMATE	STANDARD ERROR
			ESTIMATE	STANDARD ERROR	ESTIMATE	STANDARD ERROR		
POVERTY RATE								
PERSONS								
ALL PERSONS	14.0	0.2	13.2	0.2	13.0	0.2	*0.8	0.2
RACE AND SPANISH ORIGIN								
WHITE	11.1	0.2	10.4	0.2	10.2	0.2	*0.7	0.2
BLACK	34.2	0.8	32.4	0.8	32.5	0.8	*1.8	0.9
SPANISH ORIGIN ¹	26.5	1.3	26.2	1.3	25.7	1.3	0.3	1.1
FAMILY STATUS								
IN FAMILIES	12.5	0.2	11.6	0.2	11.5	0.2	*0.9	0.2
HOUSEHOLDER	11.2	0.2	10.4	0.2	10.3	0.2	*0.8	0.2
RELATED CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS	19.5	0.4	18.0	0.4	17.9	0.4	*1.5	0.4
RELATED CHILDREN UNDER 6 YEARS	22.0	0.7	20.5	0.7	20.3	0.7	*1.5	0.7
OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS	7.8	0.3	7.3	0.3	7.1	0.3	0.5	0.3
IN UNRELATED SUBFAMILIES	23.4	0.5	22.9	0.5	22.9	0.5	0.5	0.4
RELATED CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS	23.4	0.3	23.1	0.3	22.9	0.3	0.3	0.5
UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS	18.1	0.5	16.7	0.5	17.4	0.5	*1.4	0.5
MALE	27.7	0.5	28.2	0.5	27.4	0.5	-0.5	0.5
FEMALE								
AGE								
UNDER 15 YEARS	20.7	0.4	19.3	0.4	19.1	0.4	*1.4	0.5
15 TO 24 YEARS	15.4	0.3	13.9	0.3	13.6	0.3	*1.5	0.3
25 TO 44 YEARS	10.6	0.2	9.8	0.2	9.8	0.2	*0.8	0.2
45 TO 54 YEARS	8.6	0.3	7.9	0.3	7.8	0.3	*0.7	0.3
55 TO 59 YEARS	9.3	0.5	8.9	0.5	8.6	0.5	0.4	0.5
60 TO 64 YEARS	11.1	0.5	10.7	0.5	10.4	0.5	0.4	0.6
65 YEARS AND OVER	15.3	0.4	15.0	0.4	15.7	0.4	-0.6	0.4
RESIDENCE								
NONFARM	13.8	0.2	13.0	0.2	12.9	0.2	*0.8	0.2
FARM	23.0	2.2	21.2	2.1	17.5	1.7	1.8	2.3
IN METROPOLITAN AREAS								
IN CENTRAL CITIES	12.6	0.3	11.9	0.3	11.9	0.3	0.7	0.4
OUTSIDE CENTRAL CITIES	18.0	0.6	17.2	0.6	17.2	0.6	0.8	0.6
OUTSIDE METROPOLITAN AREAS	8.9	0.4	8.3	0.4	8.2	0.4	0.6	0.4
	17.0	0.6	15.7	0.5	15.4	0.5	*1.3	0.6
FAMILIES								
SEX, RACE AND SPANISH ORIGIN OF HOUSEHOLDER								
ALL FAMILIES	11.2	0.2	10.4	0.2	10.3	0.2	*0.8	0.2
MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES	6.8	0.2	6.3	0.1	6.2	0.1	*0.5	0.2
MALE HOUSEHOLDER	6.8	0.2	6.2	0.2	6.1	0.1	*0.6	0.2
FEMALE HOUSEHOLDER	8.6	0.8	8.0	0.9	8.0	0.9	0.6	1.0
MALE HOUSEHOLDER, NO WIFE PRESENT	10.3	0.9	10.1	0.9	11.0	1.0	0.2	1.1
FEMALE HOUSEHOLDER, NO HUSBAND PRESENT	34.6	0.7	33.3	0.7	32.7	0.7	1.3	0.8
WHITE FAMILIES								
MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES	9.8	0.2	8.1	0.2	8.0	0.2	*0.7	0.2
MALE HOUSEHOLDER	8.0	0.2	5.6	0.1	5.4	0.1	*0.4	0.2
FEMALE HOUSEHOLDER	6.0	0.2	5.5	0.2	5.4	0.1	*0.5	0.2
MALE HOUSEHOLDER, NO WIFE PRESENT	6.8	0.8	5.9	0.8	5.8	0.8	0.9	1.0
FEMALE HOUSEHOLDER, NO HUSBAND PRESENT	8.8	1.0	8.9	1.0	9.4	1.0	-0.1	1.1
	27.4	0.8	26.2	0.8	25.7	0.8	1.2	0.9
BLACK FAMILIES								
MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES	30.8	0.8	28.9	0.8	28.9	0.8	*1.9	0.9
MALE HOUSEHOLDER	15.4	0.8	13.8	0.8	14.0	0.8	1.6	0.9
FEMALE HOUSEHOLDER	15.2	0.9	13.3	0.8	13.4	0.8	1.9	1.0
MALE HOUSEHOLDER, NO WIFE PRESENT	15.3	2.6	18.9	3.4	20.4	3.5	-3.6	3.5
FEMALE HOUSEHOLDER, NO HUSBAND PRESENT	19.1	3.3	14.7	2.8	17.7	3.1	4.4	3.5
	52.9	1.3	49.9	1.3	49.4	1.3	3.0	1.5
SPANISH ORIGIN FAMILIES¹								
MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES	24.0	1.2	23.5	1.2	23.2	1.2	0.5	1.1
MALE HOUSEHOLDER	15.1	1.1	15.5	1.2	15.3	1.2	-0.4	1.1
FEMALE HOUSEHOLDER	14.9	1.2	15.1	1.2	15.0	1.2	-0.2	1.1
MALE HOUSEHOLDER, NO WIFE PRESENT	19.6	5.6	23.5	6.3	22.3	6.1	-3.9	5.7
FEMALE HOUSEHOLDER, NO HUSBAND PRESENT	19.2	5.1	15.8	4.4	14.0	4.5	3.4	4.6
	53.2	2.8	51.8	2.9	51.3	2.9	1.4	2.7

¹PERSONS OF SPANISH ORIGIN MAY BE OF ANY RACE.

Table 15. Persons Below the Poverty Level in 1959 to 1981, by Family Status, Type of Family, Race, and Spanish Origin—Continued

(NUMBER IN THOUSANDS). PERSONS AS OF MARCH OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR. FOR MEANING OF SYMBOLS, SEE TEXT)

Table with columns: YEAR, TOTAL (ALL PERSONS, 65 YEARS AND OVER), IN FAMILIES (TOTAL, HOUSE-HOLDER, RELATED CHILDREN UNDER 18, OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS), UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS, POVERTY RATE (TOTAL, 65 YEARS AND OVER, IN FAMILIES (TOTAL, HOUSE-HOLDER, RELATED CHILDREN UNDER 18, OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS), UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS). Rows include ALL RACES, WHITE, BLACK, and SPANISH ORIGIN for years 1959-1981.

*BASED ON REVISED METHODOLOGY. BEGINNING WITH 1979, INCLUDES MEMBERS OF UNRELATED SUBFAMILIES NOT SHOWN SEPARATELY. FOR EARLIER YEARS, UNRELATED SUBFAMILY MEMBERS ARE INCLUDED IN THE 'IN FAMILIES' CATEGORIES. PERSONS OF SPANISH ORIGIN MAY BE OF ANY RACE. INCLUDES MALE UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS.

NOTE: FOR THE YEAR 1959, DATA FOR PERSONS 65 YEARS AND OVER AND FOR BLACKS ARE BASED ON 1-IN-1,000 SAMPLE OF THE 1960 CENSUS. BEGINNING WITH 1979, DATA ARE BASED ON 1980 CENSUS POPULATION CONTROLS.

Table 18. Selected Characteristics of Families—Poverty Status in 1981 of All Families and Families With Female Householder, No Husband Present, by Race and Spanish Origin of Householder

(NUMBERS IN THOUSANDS, FAMILIES AS OF MARCH 1982. FOR MEANING OF SYMBOLS, SEE TEXT)

SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS	TOTAL			WHITE			BLACK			SPANISH ORIGIN ¹		
	TOTAL	BELOW POVERTY LEVEL		TOTAL	BELOW POVERTY LEVEL		TOTAL	BELOW POVERTY LEVEL		TOTAL	BELOW POVERTY LEVEL	
		NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL		NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL		NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL		NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
ALL FAMILIES												
TOTAL	61 019	6 851	11.2	53 269	4 670	8.8	6 413	1 972	30.8	3 305	792	24.0
AGE OF HOUSEHOLDER												
15 TO 24 YEARS	3 621	840	23.2	3 030	550	18.2	522	265	50.8	321	100	33.0
25 TO 34 YEARS	14 446	2 072	14.3	12 205	1 393	11.4	1 846	609	33.0	1 050	261	24.6
35 TO 44 YEARS	13 083	1 423	10.9	11 359	985	8.7	1 399	394	28.2	792	206	26.0
45 TO 54 YEARS	10 710	917	8.6	9 363	605	6.5	1 099	282	25.9	543	100	18.5
55 TO 59 YEARS	5 197	376	7.2	4 698	256	5.4	415	107	25.6	216	32	14.6
60 TO 64 YEARS	4 555	372	8.2	4 104	271	6.6	379	89	23.6	150	31	20.5
65 YEARS AND OVER	9 403	851	9.0	8 511	611	7.2	763	227	29.7	224	56	25.0
SIZE OF FAMILY												
2 PERSONS	24 426	2 269	9.3	22 072	1 700	7.7	2 024	533	26.4	774	173	22.4
3 PERSONS	14 079	1 466	10.6	12 248	1 012	8.3	1 550	432	27.9	779	154	19.8
4 PERSONS	12 594	1 313	10.4	10 998	876	8.0	1 251	392	31.0	700	160	21.0
5 PERSONS	5 971	889	14.9	5 020	608	12.1	757	249	32.9	506	132	26.0
6 PERSONS	2 409	422	17.5	1 900	250	13.2	406	151	37.2	238	70	29.3
7 PERSONS OR MORE	1 539	471	30.6	1 031	224	21.7	412	214	52.0	298	103	41.5
MEAN SIZE OF FAMILY	3.25	3.63	(X)	3.19	3.46	(X)	3.65	3.92	(X)	3.89	4.20	(X)
NUMBER OF RELATED CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS												
NO CHILDREN	28 432	1 660	5.8	26 046	1 308	5.0	1 958	321	16.4	877	99	11.3
1 CHILD	13 291	1 563	11.8	11 353	1 100	9.7	1 641	416	25.4	862	170	20.4
2 CHILDREN	11 978	1 624	13.6	10 221	1 091	10.7	1 415	484	34.2	776	181	23.4
3 CHILDREN	4 840	1 078	22.3	3 895	680	17.5	777	361	46.5	425	147	34.1
4 CHILDREN	1 650	532	32.0	1 229	308	25.1	372	203	54.7	213	95	45.3
5 CHILDREN OR MORE	819	304	48.1	528	183	34.7	251	186	74.3	151	93	61.5
MEAN NO. OF CHILDREN PER FAMILY WITH CHILDREN	1.92	2.38	(X)	1.88	2.24	(X)	2.17	2.63	(X)	2.21	2.73	(X)
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF HOUSEHOLDER												
TOTAL, 25 YRS. OLD & OVER	57 397	6 010	10.5	50 240	4 120	8.2	5 891	1 707	29.0	2 984	680	23.0
NO YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED	325	124	38.3	232	87	37.5	60	24	(8)	121	50	41.0
ELEMENTARY: LESS THAN 8 YEARS	4 575	1 144	25.0	3 529	743	21.1	914	363	39.7	820	287	35.0
8 YEARS	4 094	597	14.6	3 670	451	12.3	369	133	36.1	283	77	27.3
HIGH SCHOOL: 1 TO 3 YEARS	7 822	1 398	17.9	6 400	848	13.2	1 304	518	39.7	402	106	26.3
4 YEARS	20 408	1 929	9.5	18 091	1 364	7.5	1 962	510	26.0	773	121	15.7
COLLEGE: 1 YR. OR MORE	20 173	817	4.1	18 317	627	3.4	1 282	159	12.4	585	45	7.7
PERCENT A HIGH SCHOOL GRAD	35.6	32.1	(X)	36.0	33.1	(X)	33.3	29.9	(X)	25.9	17.6	(X)
NUMBER OF WORKERS²												
TOTAL	40 396	6 830	11.3	52 736	4 655	8.8	6 348	1 967	31.0	3 282	791	24.1
NO WORKERS	8 542	2 677	31.3	7 073	1 609	22.7	1 314	982	74.7	448	332	74.0
1 WORKER	18 246	2 061	11.6	15 693	1 892	12.1	2 204	695	31.5	1 107	309	27.9
2 WORKERS	25 075	1 171	4.7	22 377	924	4.1	2 113	211	10.0	1 251	117	9.4
3 WORKERS OR MORE	8 533	321	3.8	7 592	230	3.0	717	79	11.1	476	34	7.0
EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF HMLDR												
EMPLOYED	42 685	2 727	6.4	38 006	2 076	5.5	3 737	573	15.3	2 276	302	13.3
UNEMPLOYED	3 130	795	25.4	2 502	531	21.2	544	239	43.9	273	96	35.3
NOT IN LABOR FORCE	14 581	3 308	22.7	12 227	2 048	16.7	2 068	1 156	55.9	733	393	53.6
IN ARMED FORCES	622	21	3.4	533	15	2.9	65	5	(8)	23	1	(8)
WORK EXPERIENCE OF HOUSEHOLDER IN 1981²												
TOTAL	40 396	6 830	11.3	52 736	4 655	8.8	6 348	1 967	31.0	3 282	791	24.1
WORKED	47 296	3 478	7.3	41 923	2 610	6.2	4 318	770	17.8	2 583	388	15.0
WORKED 50 TO 52 WEEKS	38 492	1 487	4.1	32 632	1 153	3.5	3 084	301	9.8	1 894	178	9.4
FULL TIME	34 759	1 200	3.5	31 152	974	3.1	2 856	266	7.2	1 816	153	8.4
WORKED 1 TO 49 WEEKS	10 804	1 969	18.4	9 291	1 457	15.7	1 294	408	37.4	689	210	30.6
REASON FOR WORKING PART YEAR												
LOOKING FOR WORK	5 548	1 055	19.0	4 756	801	16.9	461	216	32.6	402	123	30.7
ALL OTHER REASONS	5 256	934	17.8	4 534	654	14.4	593	253	42.8	257	87	30.3
DID NOT WORK LAST YEAR	13 100	3 354	25.6	10 813	2 045	18.9	2 031	1 196	59.0	699	403	57.6
OCCUPATION OF LONGEST JOB OF HOUSEHOLDER												
HMLDR WORKED LAST YEAR	47 296	3 478	7.3	41 923	2 610	6.2	4 318	770	17.8	2 583	388	15.0
PROFESSIONAL & MANAGERIAL WKRS	15 241	822	5.4	14 196	361	2.5	671	43	6.3	421	23	5.5
CLERICAL AND SALES WORKERS	7 174	437	6.1	6 286	313	5.0	750	112	14.9	326	41	12.6
CHAFF AND KINDRED WORKERS	9 469	681	7.2	8 793	422	4.8	1 110	40	7.9	521	70	14.5
OPERATIVES, INCL TRANSPORT WKRS	7 399	428	5.8	6 215	449	7.2	1 013	181	15.9	667	98	14.6
SERVICE WORKERS, INCL PVT. HSHLD	4 309	787	18.3	3 222	448	14.4	965	312	32.4	338	72	21.4
LABORERS, EXCEPT FARM.	2 132	256	12.0	1 754	189	10.8	317	56	17.5	201	38	18.8
FARMERS AND FARM LABORERS	1 571	465	29.6	1 458	412	28.3	92	46	50.0	109	40	37.0

¹ PERSONS OF SPANISH ORIGIN MAY BE OF ANY RACE.
² RESTRICTED TO FAMILIES WITH CIVILIAN HOUSEHOLDERS.

Table 18. Selected Characteristics of Families—Poverty Status in 1981 of All Families and Families With Female Householder, No Husband Present, by Race and Spanish Origin of Householder—Continued

(NUMBERS IN THOUSANDS. FAMILIES AS OF MARCH 1982. FOR MEANING OF SYMBOLS, SEE TEXT)

SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS	TOTAL			WHITE			BLACK			SPANISH ORIGIN ¹		
	BELOW POVERTY LEVEL			BELOW POVERTY LEVEL			BELOW POVERTY LEVEL			BELOW POVERTY LEVEL		
	TOTAL	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL	TOTAL	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL	TOTAL	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL	TOTAL	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
FAMILIES WITH FEMALE HOUSEHOLDER, NO HUSBAND PRESENT												
TOTAL	9 403	3 252	34.6	6 620	1 814	27.4	2 605	1 377	52.9	750	399	53.2
AGE OF HOUSEHOLDER												
15 TO 24 YEARS	782	514	65.8	468	275	58.6	292	227	77.7	86	60	76.5
25 TO 34 YEARS	2 440	1 178	48.3	1 578	677	43.0	817	483	59.1	241	142	58.8
35 TO 44 YEARS	2 277	732	32.2	1 621	412	25.4	606	306	50.5	185	99	53.3
45 TO 54 YEARS	1 616	404	25.0	1 161	213	18.3	427	183	42.9	112	51	45.7
55 TO 59 YEARS	576	135	23.4	427	69	16.2	139	64	46.0	45	15	(B)
60 TO 64 YEARS	484	93	19.2	366	48	13.1	108	41	38.1	34	11	(B)
65 YEARS AND OVER	1 228	196	16.0	1 005	121	12.0	216	73	33.9	46	16	(B)
SIZE OF FAMILY												
2 PERSONS	4 285	1 087	25.4	3 334	722	21.7	880	348	39.5	254	110	43.1
3 PERSONS	2 692	910	33.8	1 973	536	27.2	670	355	52.9	189	99	52.6
4 PERSONS	1 345	421	31.3	805	317	39.3	275	176	64.2	96	63	65.7
5 PERSONS	623	363	58.1	331	158	47.8	275	176	64.2	96	63	65.7
6 PERSONS	224	139	62.1	94	39	40.6	125	98	78.5	28	15	(B)
7 PERSONS OR MORE	235	152	64.5	82	42	51.1	148	107	72.1	38	26	(B)
MEAN SIZE OF FAMILY	3.04	3.40	(X)	2.85	3.12	(X)	3.52	3.76	(X)	3.47	3.65	(X)
NUMBER OF RELATED CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS												
NO CHILDREN	2 916	375	12.9	2 383	250	10.5	487	117	23.8	127	25	19.9
1 CHILD	2 932	950	32.4	2 108	599	28.4	769	336	43.7	244	110	47.5
2 CHILDREN	2 082	919	44.1	1 399	522	37.3	639	381	59.6	183	103	56.3
3 CHILDREN	903	578	64.0	478	272	56.9	401	290	72.3	96	74	76.8
4 CHILDREN	361	260	72.1	180	122	67.9	175	133	76.2	63	49	(B)
5 CHILDREN OR MORE	209	173	82.9	71	49	(B)	134	121	90.1	35	31	(B)
MEAN NO. OF CHILDREN PER FAMILY WITH CHILDREN	1.91	2.26	(X)	1.75	2.05	(X)	2.21	2.51	(X)	2.16	2.43	(X)
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF HOUSEHOLDER												
TOTAL, 25 YRS. OLD & OVER	6 621	2 738	41.4	6 153	1 539	25.0	2 313	1 150	49.7	664	333	50.2
NO YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED	68	28	41.2	50	22	(B)	16	5	(B)	38	17	(B)
ELEMENTARY: LESS THAN 8 YEARS	819	400	48.8	519	230	44.3	284	140	50.5	199	123	61.9
8 YEARS	617	224	36.3	460	133	28.8	145	87	60.0	69	46	(B)
HIGH SCHOOL: 1 TO 3 YEARS	1 655	776	46.9	1 266	394	31.1	641	397	61.9	109	67	61.6
4 YEARS	3 426	951	27.8	2 555	550	21.5	812	389	48.0	169	58	34.5
COLLEGE: 1 YR. OR MORE	2 037	339	16.6	1 583	220	13.9	415	111	26.8	81	22	27.6
PERCENT A HIGH SCHOOL GRAD	39.7	38.7	(X)	41.5	35.7	(X)	35.1	33.9	(X)	25.4	17.4	(X)
NUMBER OF WORKERS²												
TOTAL	9 403	3 252	34.6	6 620	1 814	27.4	2 605	1 377	52.9	750	399	53.2
NO WORKERS	2 256	1 689	74.9	1 343	840	62.6	884	778	88.0	273	244	89.4
1 WORKER	4 427	1 295	29.3	3 173	800	25.2	1 173	472	40.2	305	123	40.4
2 WORKERS	1 946	245	12.6	1 520	149	9.8	382	89	23.1	120	27	22.6
3 WORKERS OR MORE	764	62	8.2	565	24	4.1	166	38	23.4	52	4	(B)
EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF HMLDR												
EMPLOYED	5 068	926	18.3	3 775	572	15.2	1 347	334	28.2	302	82	27.2
UNEMPLOYED	623	380	61.0	347	173	49.7	270	186	69.1	62	38	(B)
NOT IN LABOR FORCE	3 712	1 966	53.0	2 498	1 069	42.8	1 148	856	74.6	385	279	72.4
IN ARMED FORCES	-	-	(B)	-	-	(B)	-	-	(B)	-	-	(B)
WORK EXPERIENCE OF HOUSEHOLDER IN 1981³												
TOTAL	9 403	3 252	34.6	6 620	1 814	27.4	2 605	1 377	52.9	750	399	53.2
WORKED 50 TO 52 WEEKS	5 834	1 240	21.3	4 288	779	18.2	1 429	480	33.6	374	117	31.2
WORKED 49 WEEKS	3 857	396	10.3	2 860	217	7.6	901	178	19.5	232	42	17.9
FULL TIME	3 335	230	6.9	2 481	123	5.0	778	107	13.7	200	24	12.2
WORKED 1 TO 49 WEEKS	1 977	884	44.7	1 420	563	39.6	528	304	57.6	142	75	52.8
REASON FOR WORKING PART TIME:												
LOOKING FOR WORK	755	316	41.9	514	186	36.3	228	121	53.1	53	26	(B)
ALL OTHER REASONS	1 222	567	46.4	906	376	41.5	300	183	61.0	89	49	55.2
DID NOT WORK LAST YEAR	3 549	1 972	55.3	2 332	1 035	44.4	1 176	897	76.3	376	282	75.2
OCCUPATION OF LONGEST JOB OF HOUSEHOLDER												
HMLDR WORKED LAST YEAR	5 834	1 280	21.9	4 288	779	18.2	1 429	480	33.6	374	117	31.2
PROFESSIONAL & MANAGERIAL WKRS	1 182	88	7.5	989	75	7.6	162	12	7.5	46	6	(B)
CLERICAL AND SALES WORKERS	2 122	316	14.9	1 658	214	12.9	423	97	22.9	11	6	(B)
CRAFT AND KINDRED WORKERS	110	10	9.1	103	15	14.6	13	3	23.1	26	21.7	
OPERATIVES, INCL. TRANSPORT WKRS	832	228	27.5	547	134	24.5	265	88	33.3	38	38	38.6
SERVICE WORKERS, INCL. PVT. HSHLD LABORS, EXCEPT FARM	1 487	584	39.3	913	310	33.9	531	267	50.2	90	34	41.9
FARMERS AND FARM LABORERS	97	32	33.0	64	21	(B)	30	10	(B)	7	2	(B)
	18	13	(B)	14	10	(B)	4	3	(B)	2	1	(B)

¹PERSONS OF SPANISH ORIGIN MAY BE OF ANY RACE.
²RESTRICTED TO FAMILIES WITH CIVILIAN HOUSEHOLDERS.

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Table 19. Type of Residence and Region—Poverty Status in 1981 of Families and Unrelated Individuals, by Race and Spanish Origin of Householder

(NUMBERS IN THOUSANDS. FAMILIES AND UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS AS OF MARCH 1982. FOR MEANING OF SYMBOLS, SEE TEXT)

TYPE OF RESIDENCE AND REGION	TOTAL			WHITE			BLACK			SPANISH ORIGIN ¹		
	BELOW POVERTY LEVEL			BELOW POVERTY LEVEL			BELOW POVERTY LEVEL			BELOW POVERTY LEVEL		
	TOTAL	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL	TOTAL	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL	TOTAL	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL	TOTAL	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
FAMILIES												
ALL FAMILIES	61 010	6 851	11.2	53 269	4 670	8.8	6 413	1 972	30.8	3 305	792	24.0
TYPE OF RESIDENCE												
NONFARM	59 421	6 526	11.0	51 722	4 365	8.4	6 370	1 955	30.7	3 280	786	24.0
FARM	1 598	324	20.3	1 547	306	19.8	43	18	(6)	25	6	(8)
INSIDE METROPOLITAN AREAS	40 612	4 086	10.1	34 865	2 545	7.3	4 833	1 412	28.6	2 627	666	23.6
INSIDE CENTRAL CITIES	15 638	2 329	14.7	11 845	1 142	9.6	3 498	1 114	31.9	1 639	440	26.9
IN POVERTY AREAS	2 551	950	37.3	1 024	297	29.0	1 451	637	43.9	451	200	44.4
OUTSIDE CENTRAL CITIES	24 774	1 757	7.1	22 820	1 403	6.1	1 435	298	20.8	1 188	226	19.0
IN POVERTY AREAS	1 144	269	23.6	922	154	16.7	297	113	38.0	158	54	37.6
OUTSIDE METROPOLITAN AREAS	20 407	2 765	13.5	18 604	2 125	11.4	1 480	560	37.8	478	129	24.2
IN POVERTY AREAS	6 973	1 411	20.2	5 801	929	16.0	1 030	431	41.9	232	76	32.9
REGION												
NORTHEAST	12 924	1 232	9.5	11 571	862	7.4	1 175	358	30.5	624	218	34.9
NORTH CENTRAL	15 716	1 532	9.7	14 270	1 118	7.8	1 281	381	29.7	246	44	17.8
SOUTH	20 959	2 903	13.9	17 377	1 789	10.2	3 312	1 087	32.8	1 127	265	23.5
WEST	11 417	1 104	10.4	10 052	921	9.2	644	146	22.7	1 308	266	20.3
UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS												
ALL UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS	27 714	6 490	23.4	23 913	5 061	21.2	3 277	1 298	39.6	1 005	313	31.1
TYPE OF RESIDENCE												
NONFARM	27 461	6 397	23.3	23 680	4 952	21.0	3 258	1 282	39.4	1 003	313	31.2
FARM	253	93	36.9	233	79	34.1	19	14	(6)	2	-	(8)
INSIDE METROPOLITAN AREAS	20 332	4 198	20.6	17 257	3 120	18.1	2 660	988	37.0	877	267	30.4
INSIDE CENTRAL CITIES	10 917	2 531	23.2	8 540	1 380	16.4	2 109	811	38.4	525	159	30.2
IN POVERTY AREAS	1 976	793	40.1	1 002	326	32.5	918	450	49.0	150	60	40.1
OUTSIDE CENTRAL CITIES	9 415	1 667	17.7	8 716	1 460	16.8	591	173	31.4	352	108	30.7
IN POVERTY AREAS	507	177	35.0	375	110	29.3	118	61	51.7	37	12	(8)
OUTSIDE METROPOLITAN AREAS	7 382	2 292	31.0	6 656	1 941	29.2	617	312	50.6	128	46	36.0
IN POVERTY AREAS	2 326	956	41.1	1 841	689	37.4	446	253	56.8	57	25	(8)
REGION												
NORTHEAST	6 120	1 337	21.9	5 360	1 077	20.1	673	233	34.7	177	62	35.1
NORTH CENTRAL	4 737	1 556	33.1	6 011	1 269	21.1	660	241	39.6	85	20	23.5
SOUTH	8 404	2 398	28.5	6 761	1 879	24.8	1 562	697	48.6	300	119	38.2
WEST	6 453	1 199	18.6	5 781	1 038	17.9	383	105	27.4	443	116	26.3

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Table 20. Size of Income Deficit—Families and Unrelated Individuals Below the Poverty Level in 1981, by Sex, Race, and Spanish Origin of Householder

(NUMBERS IN THOUSANDS. FAMILIES AND UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS AS OF MARCH 1982)

SIZE OF INCOME DEFICIT	TOTAL			WHITE			BLACK			SPANISH ORIGIN ¹		
	FAMILIES WITH FEMALE MHLDR, NO HUSBAND PRESENT ²			FAMILIES WITH FEMALE MHLDR, NO HUSBAND PRESENT ²			FAMILIES WITH FEMALE MHLDR, NO HUSBAND PRESENT ²			FAMILIES WITH FEMALE MHLDR, NO HUSBAND PRESENT ²		
	TOTAL	FAMILIES ³	ALL OTHER	TOTAL	FAMILIES ³	ALL OTHER	TOTAL	FAMILIES ³	ALL OTHER	TOTAL	FAMILIES ³	ALL OTHER
FAMILIES												
TOTAL	6 851	3 252	3 599	4 670	1 814	2 857	1 972	1 377	595	792	399	393
LESS THAN \$250	324	108	220	254	65	189	57	36	21	25	8	17
\$250 TO \$499	384	137	228	270	98	172	84	35	50	10	26	26
\$500 TO \$999	630	182	448	499	129	371	118	51	67	44	14	35
\$1,000 TO \$1,499	602	257	345	444	165	279	145	85	61	75	37	38
\$1,500 TO \$1,999	540	237	303	403	168	235	128	88	60	66	31	35
\$2,000 TO \$2,499	949	500	449	662	298	363	262	198	65	134	78	58
\$2,500 TO \$2,999	910	508	402	562	279	304	292	217	75	121	75	46
\$3,000 TO \$3,999	698	421	277	426	209	217	248	203	45	81	42	39
\$4,000 TO \$4,999	1 833	907	926	1 130	403	727	639	487	152	205	104	101
\$5,000 AND OVER												
MEDIAN INCOME DEFICIT . . . OOLS	3 018	3 414	2 568	2 703	2 948	2 503	3 603	4 010	2 613	3 092	3 284	2 817
STANDARD ERROR	59	74	68	68	96	96	104	122	257	178	208	287
MEAN INCOME DEFICIT . . . OOLS	3 511	3 698	3 385	3 293	3 289	3 295	3 080	4 219	3 648	3 734	3 556	3 530
STANDARD ERROR	43	57	63	51	71	70	83	94	186	149	191	230
DEFICIT PER FAM. MEMBER, OOLS	968	1 087	872	951	1 056	895	1 014	1 121	798	868	1 029	747
UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS												
TOTAL	6 490	4 251	2 239	5 061	3 404	1 657	1 298	777	519	313	188	145
LESS THAN \$250	482	336	146	415	296	119	61	36	25	18	6	12
\$250 TO \$499	465	356	109	384	305	79	74	46	28	13	10	3
\$500 TO \$999	1 172	888	306	923	698	226	223	159	94	38	17	22
\$1,000 TO \$1,499	1 080	760	280	840	627	213	210	148	84	41	28	13
\$1,500 TO \$1,999	707	457	250	531	344	187	173	112	61	44	28	10
\$2,000 TO \$2,499	828	547	379	714	425	289	191	111	60	49	25	24
\$2,500 TO \$2,999	1 678	910	769	1 254	709	544	364	187	197	128	66	61
\$3,000 AND OVER												
MEDIAN INCOME DEFICIT . . . OOLS	1 547	1 364	2 075	1 481	1 322	2 017	1 731	1 505	2 219	2 414	2 297	2 538
STANDARD ERROR	37	27	81	31	31	84	71	76	195	281	390	392
MEAN INCOME DEFICIT . . . OOLS	1 997	1 816	2 341	1 955	1 778	2 318	2 097	1 902	2 388	2 603	2 558	2 855
STANDARD ERROR	24	29	42	27	32	49	54	68	89	144	192	217

¹ PERSONS OF SPANISH ORIGIN MAY BE OF ANY RACE.

² INCLUDES FEMALE UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS.

³ INCLUDES MALE UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS.

Appendix A. Definitions and Explanations

Population coverage. This report includes the civilian noninstitutional population of the United States (the 50 States and the District of Columbia) and members of the Armed Forces living off post or with their families on post, but excludes all other members of the Armed Forces.

Money income. Income distributions and income summary measures (such as medians and means) shown in this report are limited to money income before payment of Federal, State, local, or Social Security (FICA) taxes and before any other types of deductions, such as union dues and Medicare premiums. Total money income is the sum of the amounts received from wages and salaries, self-employment income (including losses), Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, public assistance, interest, dividends, rent, royalties, estates or trusts, veterans' payments, unemployment and workers' compensations, private and government retirement and disability pensions, alimony, child support, and any other source of money income which was regularly received. Capital gains (or losses) and lump sum or one-time payments such as life insurance settlements are excluded.

Underreporting. As in most household surveys, the estimates of the number of money income recipients and the total amount of money income derived from the March CPS are somewhat less than comparable estimates derived from independent sources, such as the Bureau of Economic Analysis, Social Security Administration, and Veterans Administration. The difference between the survey estimate and the independent estimate is generally termed "underreporting." Underreporting tends to be more pronounced for income sources such as public assistance and welfare, unemployment compensation, and property income (interest, dividends, and net rental income). Estimates of income from wages and salaries tend to have less underreporting than most income types. For 1979 (the latest year for which estimates of underreporting are available), underre-

porting of total money income was about 11 percent. For further details concerning the reporting of money income, see the upcoming Current Population Reports, Series P-60, No. 132.

Poverty definition. Families and unrelated individuals are classified as being above or below the poverty level using the poverty index originated at the Social Security Administration in 1964 and revised by Federal Interagency Committees in 1969 and 1980. The poverty index is based solely on money income and does not reflect the fact that many low-income persons receive noncash benefits such as food stamps, Medicaid, and public housing. The index is based on the Department of Agriculture's 1961 economy food plan and reflects the different consumption requirements of families based on their size and composition. It was determined from the Department of Agriculture's 1955 survey of food consumption that families of three or more persons spend approximately one-third of their income on food; the poverty level for these families was, therefore, set at three times the cost of the economy food plan. For smaller families and persons living alone, the cost of the economy food plan was multiplied by factors that were slightly higher in order to compensate for the relatively larger fixed expenses of these smaller households. The poverty thresholds are updated every year to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The average poverty threshold for a family of four was \$9,287 in 1981, about 10.4 percent higher than the comparable 1980 cutoff of \$8,414. Weighted average poverty thresholds by size of family are shown in table A-1." For further details, see the upcoming Current Population Reports, Series P-60, No. 133.

Household. A household consists of all the persons who occupy a housing unit. A house, an apartment or other group of rooms, or a single room is regarded as a housing unit when it is occupied or intended for occupancy

as separate living quarters; that is, when the occupants do not live and eat with any other persons in the structure and there is either (1) direct access from the outside or through a common hall or (2) a kitchen of cooking equipment for the exclusive use of the occupants.

A household includes the related family members and all the unrelated persons, if any, such as lodgers, foster children, wards, or employees who share the housing unit. A person living alone in a housing unit or a group of unrelated persons sharing a housing unit as partners is also counted as a household. The count of households excludes group quarters.

Family. The term "family" refers to a group of two or more persons related by blood, marriage, or adoption and residing together; all such persons are considered members of the same family. Thus, if the son of the householder and the son's wife are in the household, they are treated as part of the house-

holder's family. However, a lodger and his wife not related to the householder or an unrelated servant and his wife are considered as additional families, not a part of the householder's family. These unrelated sub-families are not included in the count of total families.

Unrelated individuals. The term "unrelated individuals" refers to persons 15 years old and over (other than inmates of institutions) who are not living with any relatives. An unrelated individual may (1) constitute a one-person household, (2) be part of a household including one or more other families or unrelated individuals, or (3) reside in group quarters (such as a rooming house). Thus, a widow living by herself or with one or more other persons not related to her, a lodger not related to the householder or to anyone else in the household, and a servant living in an employer's household with no relatives are examples of unrelated individuals.

Table A-1. Weighted Average Poverty Thresholds in 1981

Size of family unit	Threshold
1 person (unrelated individual)...	\$ 4,620
15 to 64 years.....	4,729
65 years and over.....	4,359
2 persons.....	5,917
Householder 15 to 64 years.....	6,111
Householder 65 years and over...	5,498
3 persons.....	7,250
4 persons.....	9,287
5 persons.....	11,007
6 persons.....	12,449
7 persons.....	14,110
8 persons.....	15,655
9 persons or more.....	18,572

Table A-2. Annual Average Consumer Price Index (CPI): 1947 to 1981

(1977 = 100)

Year	CPI	Year	CPI
1947.	36.9	1964.	51.2
1948.	39.7	1965.	52.1
1949.	39.3	1966.	53.6
1950.	39.7	1967.	55.1
1951.	42.9	1968.	57.4
1952.	44.6	1969.	60.5
1953.	44.1	1970.	64.1
1954.	44.4	1971.	66.8
1955.	44.2	1972.	69.0
1956.	44.8	1973.	73.3
1957.	46.4	1974.	81.4
1958.	47.7	1975.	88.8
1959.	48.1	1976.	93.9
1960.	48.9	1977.	100.0
1961.	49.4	1978.	107.6
1962.	49.9	1979.	119.8
1963.	50.2	1980.	136.0
		1981.	150.1

Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Appendix B. Source and Reliability of the Estimates

SOURCE OF DATA

The estimates are based on data obtained annually in March of 1948 through 1982 from the Current Population Survey (CPS) conducted by the Bureau of Census and from supplementary questions to the CPS. The monthly CPS deals mainly with labor force data for the civilian noninstitutional population. Questions relating to labor force participation are asked about each member 14 years old and over in every sample household. In addition, supplementary questions are asked every March about money income and work experience for the previous year. In order to obtain more reliable data for the Spanish population, the March CPS sample was enlarged to include all households from the previous November which contained at least one sample person of Spanish origin. For this report, persons in the Armed Forces living off post or with their families on post are included.

The present CPS sample was initially selected from the 1970 census files with coverage in all 50 States and the District of Columbia. The sample is continually updated to reflect new construction. The current CPS sample is located in 629 areas comprising 1,133 counties, independent cities, and minor civil divisions in the Nation. In this sample, approximately 62,000 occupied households were eligible for interview. Of this number, about 2,800 occupied units were visited but interviews were not obtained because the occupants were not found at home after repeated calls or were unavailable for some other reason. For a description of the previous CPS sample designs see the detailed reports in this series, Current Population Reports, Series P-60.

The estimation procedure used in this survey involves the inflation of the weighted sample results to independent estimates of the total civilian noninstitutional population of the United States by age, race, and sex. The estimation procedure also involved a further adjustment so that husband and wife of a household received the same weight. These

independent estimates are based on statistics from the decennial censuses of population; statistics on births, deaths, immigration and emigration; and statistics on the strength of the Armed Forces. Beginning with reports containing income data for 1980, the independent population estimates used for 1979 and later years are based on the 1980 census. In earlier reports in this series (P-60), data for 1971 through 1979 were obtained using independent population estimates based on the 1970 census. For more details on this change, see the section of the text, "Introduction of 1980 Census Population Controls," in the upcoming Current Population Reports, Series P-60, No. 132.

RELIABILITY OF THE ESTIMATES

Since the CPS estimates are based on a sample, they may differ somewhat from the figures that would have been obtained if a complete census had been taken using the same questionnaires, instructions, and enumerators. There are two types of errors possible in an estimate based on a sample survey: sampling and nonsampling. The standard errors provided for this report primarily indicate the magnitude of the sampling error. They also partially measure the effect of some nonsampling errors in response and enumeration, but do not measure any systematic biases in the data. The full extent of nonsampling error is unknown. Consequently, particular care should be exercised in the interpretation of figures based on a relatively small number of cases or on small differences between estimates.

Sampling variability. The standard errors that may be obtained using this appendix are primarily measures of sampling variability; that is, of the variation that occurred by chance because a sample rather than the entire population was surveyed. The sample estimate and its estimated standard error enable one to construct confidence intervals--ranges that would include the average

result of all possible samples with a known probability. For example, if all possible samples were selected, each of these being surveyed under essentially the same general conditions and using the same sample design, and if an estimate and its estimated standard error were calculated from each sample, then:

1. Approximately 68 percent of the intervals from one standard error below the estimate to one standard error above the estimate would include the average result of all possible samples.
2. Approximately 90 percent of the intervals from 1.6 standard errors below the estimate to 1.6 standard errors above the estimate would include the average result of all possible samples.
3. Approximately 95 percent of the intervals from two standard errors below the estimate to two standard errors above the estimate would include the average result of all possible samples.

The average estimate derived from all possible samples is or is not contained in any particular computed interval. However, for a particular sample, one can say with a specified confidence that the average estimate derived from all possible samples is included in the confidence interval.

Standard errors may also be used to perform hypothesis testing, a procedure for distinguishing between population parameters using sample estimates. The most common types of hypotheses are 1) the population parameters are identical, versus 2) they are different. An example of this would be comparing the mean annual income of men versus the mean annual income of women. Tests may be performed at various levels of significance, where a level of significance is the probability of concluding that the parameters are different when, in fact, they are identical.

All statements of comparison in the text have passed a hypothesis test at the 0.10 level of significance or better, and most have passed a hypothesis test at the 0.05 level of significance or better. This means that, for most differences cited in the text, the estimated difference between parameters is greater than twice the standard error of the difference. For the other differences mentioned, the estimated difference between parameters is between 1.6 and 2.0 times the standard error of the difference. When this is the case, the statement of comparison will be qualified in some way; e.g., by use of the phrase "some evidence."

Note when using small estimates. Summary measures (such as means, medians, and percent distributions) are shown in the

report only when the base is 75,000 or greater. Because of the large standard errors involved, there is little chance that summary measures would reveal useful information when computed on a smaller base. Estimated numbers are shown, however, even though the relative standard errors of these numbers are larger than those for corresponding percentages. These smaller estimates are provided primarily to permit such combinations of the categories as serve each user's needs.

Standard errors for data based on CPS. Since this is an advance report, standard error parameters are provided in table B-1 for estimated numbers and estimated percentages of households, families, unrelated individuals, and persons for only certain characteristics which are considered the most important among the data in the report.

Standard error tables for each characteristic of interest for estimated numbers and estimated percentages of households, families, unrelated individuals, and persons are provided in the detailed report for 1980 income in this series. A more complete source and reliability statement will be published in the forthcoming detailed reports on income and poverty for 1981.

Standard errors of estimated numbers and estimated percentages. Standard errors of estimated numbers and estimated percentages can be computed directly with formulas (1) and (2), respectively. The formulas are

$$\sigma_x = \sqrt{ax^2 + bx} \quad (1)$$

Here x is the size of the estimate and a and b are the parameters associated with the characteristic.

$$\sigma_{(x,p)} = \sqrt{\frac{b}{x} \cdot p \cdot (100 - p)} \quad (2)$$

Here x is the size of the subclass of the population which is the base of the percentage, p is the percentage ($0 < p < 100$), and b is the parameter associated with the characteristic.

Table B-1 provides the values of the a and b parameters that are used in formulas (1) and (2) to create standard errors of estimated numbers and estimated percentages of households, families, unrelated individuals, and persons.

Standard error of a difference. The formula for approximate standard errors of the

difference between two estimates x and y , is given by

$$\sigma_{(x-y)} = \sqrt{\sigma_x^2 + \sigma_y^2 - 2\rho\sigma_x\sigma_y} \quad (3)$$

where σ_x and σ_y are the standard errors of the estimates x and y , and ρ represents the correlation between the two estimates.

For the year-to-year comparisons of income and poverty estimates the correlation coefficients, ρ , are contained in the upcoming

detailed reports in this series, (Current Population Reports, P-60, Nos. 132 and 133). For other comparisons, assume ρ equals zero. Making this assumption will result in accurate estimates of the difference between two estimates of the same characteristic in two different areas, or for the difference between separate and uncorrelated characteristics in the same area. If, however, there is a high positive (negative) correlation between the two characteristics, the formula will overestimate (underestimate) the true standard error.

Table B-1. Parameters for Direct Computation of Standard Errors of Estimated Numbers and Percentages of Households, Families, Unrelated Individuals, and Persons: 1966 to 1981

Characteristic	Parameters	
	a	b
Number of households, families, and unrelated individuals:		
All races or White.....	-0.000010	1,721
Black and/or other races.....	-0.000089	1,876
Spanish origin.....	-0.000014	2,420
Number of persons:		
All races or White.....	-0.000009	1,885
Black and/or other races.....	-0.000077	2,155
Spanish origin.....	-0.000020	3,000
Families below poverty level:		
All races or White.....	0.000076	1,876
Black and/or other races.....	0.000076	1,876
Spanish origin.....	-0.000014	2,420
Persons below poverty level:		
All races or White.....	-0.000031	7,946
Black and/or other races.....	-0.000270	7,946
Spanish origin.....	-0.000063	11,528

Note: For years prior to 1966, a standard error estimate computed with these parameters must be adjusted. For 1947 to 1954, multiply the standard error by 1.8; for 1955 to 1964, multiply by 1.4; and for 1965 multiply by 1.2.