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ABSTRACT

This report presents data on the 1986 income and poverty status of families and persons from 60,500 households in the United States. Among the variables examined are the following: (1) race; (2) Hispanic origin; (3) sex; (4) age; (5) marital status; (6) residence; and (7) family status. The following highlights are included: (1) for the fourth consecutive year, median family income moved ahead of inflation. In 1986, the median income for families was \$29,460, 4.2 percent higher than the 1985 median after adjusting for a 1.9 percent increase in consumer prices between 1985 and 1986; (2) since 1982, when the last economic recession ended, real median family income rose a total of 10.7 percent; (3) the median earnings of both men and women working year-round, full-time increased significantly between 1985 and 1986; (4) the number of persons below the poverty level was 32.4 million in 1986; (5) the poverty rate was 13.6 percent in 1986, compared with 14.0 in 1985; and (6) the number and percentage of persons in poverty have decreased since 1983. Data are presented on 31 tables and figures. Appendices provide definitions of terms used, and discuss the source and reliability of the estimates, and the problem of income underreporting. (BJV)

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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.

# Money Income and Poverty Status of Families and Persons in the United States: 1986 (Advance Report)

## INTRODUCTION

This report presents data on the income and poverty status of families and persons in the United States for the calendar year 1986. These data were compiled from information collected in the March 1987 Current Population Survey (CPS) conducted by the Bureau of the Census. The survey consisted of 60,500 households nationwide and was designed mainly to produce reliable national estimates, though some data by region and metropolitan residence were also compiled and appear in this report. The estimates in this report represent the government's official annual poverty estimates.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- For the fourth consecutive year, median family income moved ahead of inflation. In 1986, the median income for families was \$29,460, 4.2 percent higher than the 1985 median after adjusting for a 1.9 percent increase in consumer prices between 1985 and 1986.<sup>1</sup>
- Since 1982, when the last economic recession ended, real median family income rose a total of 10.7 percent.
- The median earnings of both men and women working year-round, full-time increased significantly in real terms between 1985 and 1986.
- The number of persons below the poverty level was 32.4 million in 1986.<sup>2</sup> The difference between the 1986 figure and the 1985 estimate of 33.1 million was not statistically significant.
- The poverty rate was 13.6 percent in 1986, compared with 14.0 in 1985. The percent change was significant at the 90-percent level of confidence but not at the 95-percent level.
- The number and percentage of persons in poverty have declined since the recent peak level of 1983, when the

number of persons in poverty was 35.3 million and the poverty rate was 15.2 percent.

## FAMILY INCOME

In 1986, median family income was \$29,460, 4.2 percent higher than the 1985 median of \$27,740 after adjusting for inflation. The increase in 1986 was preceded by annual increases of 1.3 percent in 1985, 2.8 percent in 1984, and 1.6 percent in 1983<sup>3</sup> and was one of the largest increases since 1972. The increase of 1.6 percent in real family income for 1983 marked the first rise in income following the most recent recessionary period lasting from mid-1981 thru the latter part of 1982. Since 1982, real median family income increased by 10.7 percent. These recent increases have brought real median family income to a level comparable to that of 1978.

Examining changes in median family income during the 1960's and 1970's provides some perspective on the changes experienced thus far in the 1980's. During the 1960-70 period median family income rose an average of 3.0 percent per year. Statistically significant real annual increases occurred in 8 of the 10 years during this period. Between 1970 and 1980, median family income registered four real annual increases and three real annual declines, resulting in an average annual growth rate not statistically different from zero. Since 1980, median family income has risen an average of 0.8 percent per year. This rate reflects the average annual decline of 2.4 percent per year during the 1980-82 period and the 2.5 percent per year increase since 1982. (See figure 1.)

Real median income of married-couple families rose 3.5 percent between 1985 and 1986 to a level of \$32,810, while the income of families with a female householder, no husband present (\$13,650) showed no statistically significant change. Since 1982, the median income of married-couple families rose 11.0 percent and female householder families with no husband present experienced an increase in median income of 4.6 percent. (See table A.)

Median income of White married-couple families increased by 3.8 percent between 1985 and 1986, Hispanic married-couple families by 5.4 percent, and Black married-couple families by 6.2 percent.<sup>4</sup> White, Hispanic, and Black married-couple families have all shown a significant increase in real income since 1982—gains of 11.3 percent, 8.9 percent, and

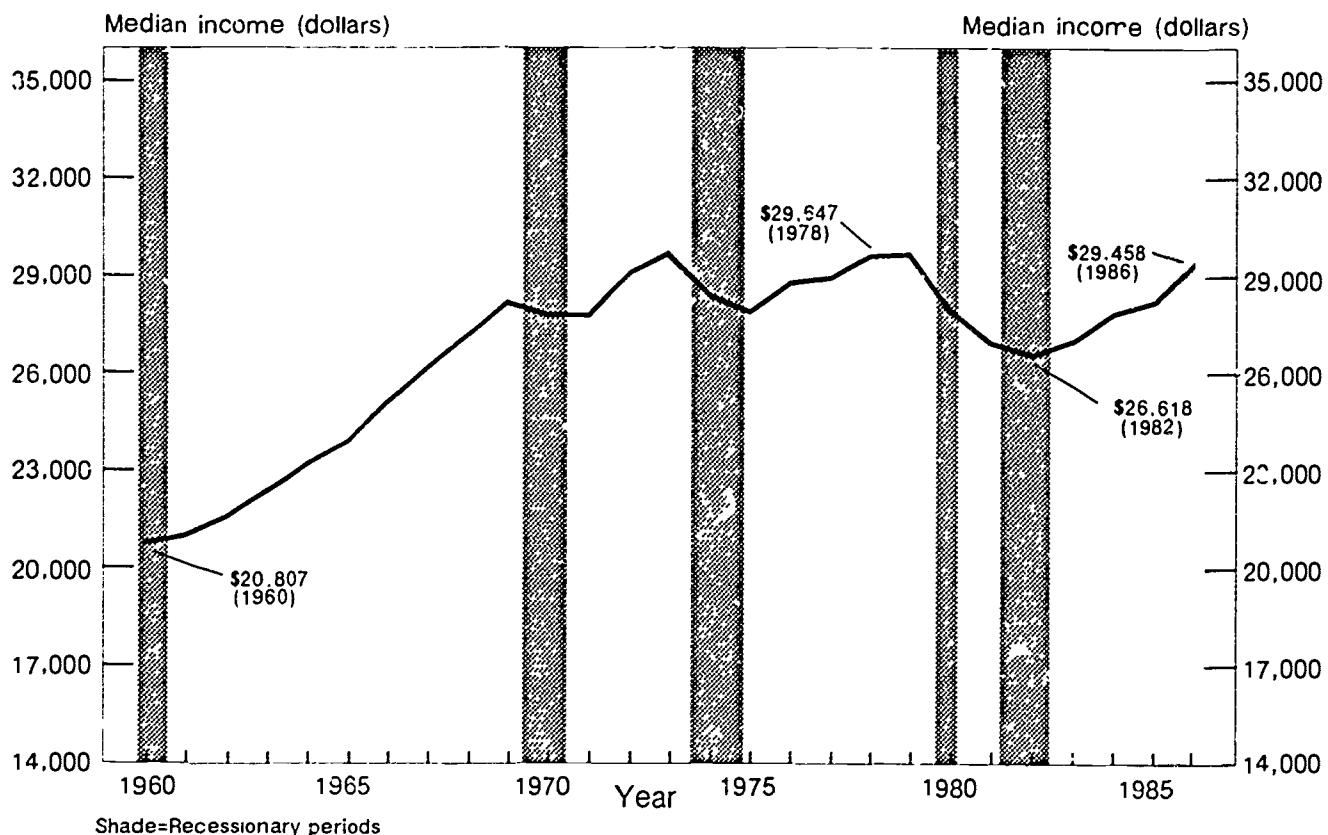
<sup>1</sup>Changes in real income refer to comparison after adjusting for inflation. The percentage change in prices between 1985 and 1986 was computed by dividing the annual average Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (CPI-U) for 1986 by the annual average for 1985. See table A-2 of appendix A for the CPI's from 1947 to 1986.

<sup>2</sup>Poverty statistics exclude inmates of institutions, Armed Forces members in barracks, college students living in dormitories and unrelated individuals under 15 years of age. Such persons are also excluded from denominator when calculating poverty rates.

<sup>3</sup>The percent change in median income between 1984 and 1985 was not significantly different from the 1982-83 or the 1983-84 change.

<sup>4</sup>The differences between the percentage increases for White, Black, and Hispanic family incomes were not statistically significant.

**Figure 1.**  
**Median Family Income: 1960 to 1986**  
 (In 1986 dollars)



13.7 percent, respectively.<sup>4</sup> For families with a female householder, no husband present, only Blacks showed a statistically significant change (+9.8 percent) in real median income, since 1982.

Regionally, real median income increased for families in the Northeast (3.3 percent), Midwest (3.9 percent), and the South (4.5 percent) between 1985 and 1986.<sup>5</sup> The West showed no statistically significant change. All four regions have shown a real income gain since 1982 ranging from 7.5 percent in the Midwest to 13.6 percent in the Northeast.

### EARNINGS OF YEAR-ROUND, FULL-TIME WORKERS

Both men and women posted gains in real median earnings between 1985 and 1986. For men, 1986 median earnings were \$25,260, up 2.4 percent. For women, real median earnings rose 1.9 percent to a level of \$16,230.<sup>6</sup> (See table 7.) Since 1982, the gain in real earnings for women has been larger than for men. Between 1982 and 1986 women's median earnings rose by 9.8 percent. This increase compares with a 5.5 percent increase in men's earnings.

In 1986, 66.8 percent of civilian male workers and 49.2 percent of civilian female workers worked year-round, full-time. Both of these percentages were unchanged from 1985. Since 1982, these proportions have risen significantly from levels of 61.9 percent for men and 45.6 percent for women.

### PER CAPITA INCOME

In 1986, per capita income was \$11,670, up 4.0 percent from 1985 in real terms. Per capita incomes in 1986 for Whites, Blacks, and Hispanics were \$12,350, \$7,210, and \$7,000, respectively, all higher than in 1985 in real terms.<sup>7</sup>

The 1982 to 1986 period following the last recession saw per capita income increase by 14.4 percent overall. This rise is somewhat greater than the rise in median family income for the same period. Between 1970 and 1980, real per capita income rose 15.5 percent while real median family income showed no significant change.

Per capita income is computed by dividing the total aggregate money income by the total population. Basically, it is the amount of income per person, for every man, woman, and child in the CPS noninstitutional population. Per capita

<sup>4</sup>The differences between the percentage increases in income by region were not statistically significant.

<sup>5</sup>The difference between the percentage increases in men's and women's earnings was not statistically significant.

<sup>6</sup>The difference between the per capita incomes of Blacks and Hispanics was not statistically significant. The percent increase in per capita income of Blacks and Hispanics was significant at the 90 percent confidence interval.

**Table A. Comparison of Median Family Money Income Between 1986 and 1985, 1982, and 1978, by Selected Characteristics**

(Families as of March 1987)

Characteristic	1986		Median family income (1986 dollars)			Percent change in real income	
	Number (thous.)	Median income	1985	1982	1978	1985-86	1982-86
<b>TYPE OF FAMILY</b>							
<b>All Races</b>							
All families	64,491	\$29,458	\$28,269	\$26,618	\$29,647	*4.2	*10.7
Married-couple families	51,537	32,805	31,698	29,550	32,705	*3.5	*11.0
Female householder, no husband present	10,445	13,647	13,923	13,045	14,348	-2.0	*4.6
<b>White</b>							
All families	55,676	30,809	29,713	27,948	30,869	*3.7	*10.2
Married-couple families	46,410	33,426	32,210	30,038	33,005	*3.8	*11.3
Female householder, no husband present	7,227	15,716	16,130	15,331	16,657	-2.6	2.5
<b>Black</b>							
All families	7,096	17,604	17,109	15,448	18,284	2.9	*14.0
Married-couple families	3,742	26,583	25,043	23,384	26,744	*6.2	*13.7
Female householder, no husband present	2,967	9,300	9,484	8,472	9,896	-1.9	*9.8
<b>Hispanic<sup>1</sup></b>							
All families	4,403	19,995	19,393	18,434	21,119	3.1	*8.5
Married-couple families	3,116	23,912	22,698	21,967	24,739	*5.4	*8.9
Female householder, no husband present	1,032	9,432	8,961	8,447	9,375	5.0	11.7
<b>REGION</b>							
Northeast	13,367	21,160	31,132	28,305	30,571	*3.3	*13.6
Midwest	15,844	29,584	23,467	27,511	31,259	*3.9	*7.5
South	22,536	26,708	25,560	24,423	26,796	*4.5	*9.4
West	12,744	30,965	30,351	27,971	30,941	2.0	*10.7

\*Significant at the 95-percent confidence level.

<sup>1</sup>Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

income differs from family income in that it includes the income of all persons whereas family income is restricted to the income of related persons living in households. Changes in family income do not, therefore, reflect the changes in income for other segments of the population, such as unrelated individuals, or the fact that the characteristics of families are changing. Changes in living arrangements, such as declines in average family size or decreases in the proportion of families maintained by married couples, can affect the measurement of family income. Use of per capita income provides a measure that includes all population segments and that is less affected by changes in living arrangements.

## POVERTY STATUS

The number of persons in poverty was 32.4 million in 1986 and the poverty rate was 13.6 percent. The number of poor in 1986 was not statistically different from the 1985 figure, but was below the recent peak of 35.3 million recorded in 1983.<sup>2</sup> The 1986 poverty rate of 13.6 percent was lower than

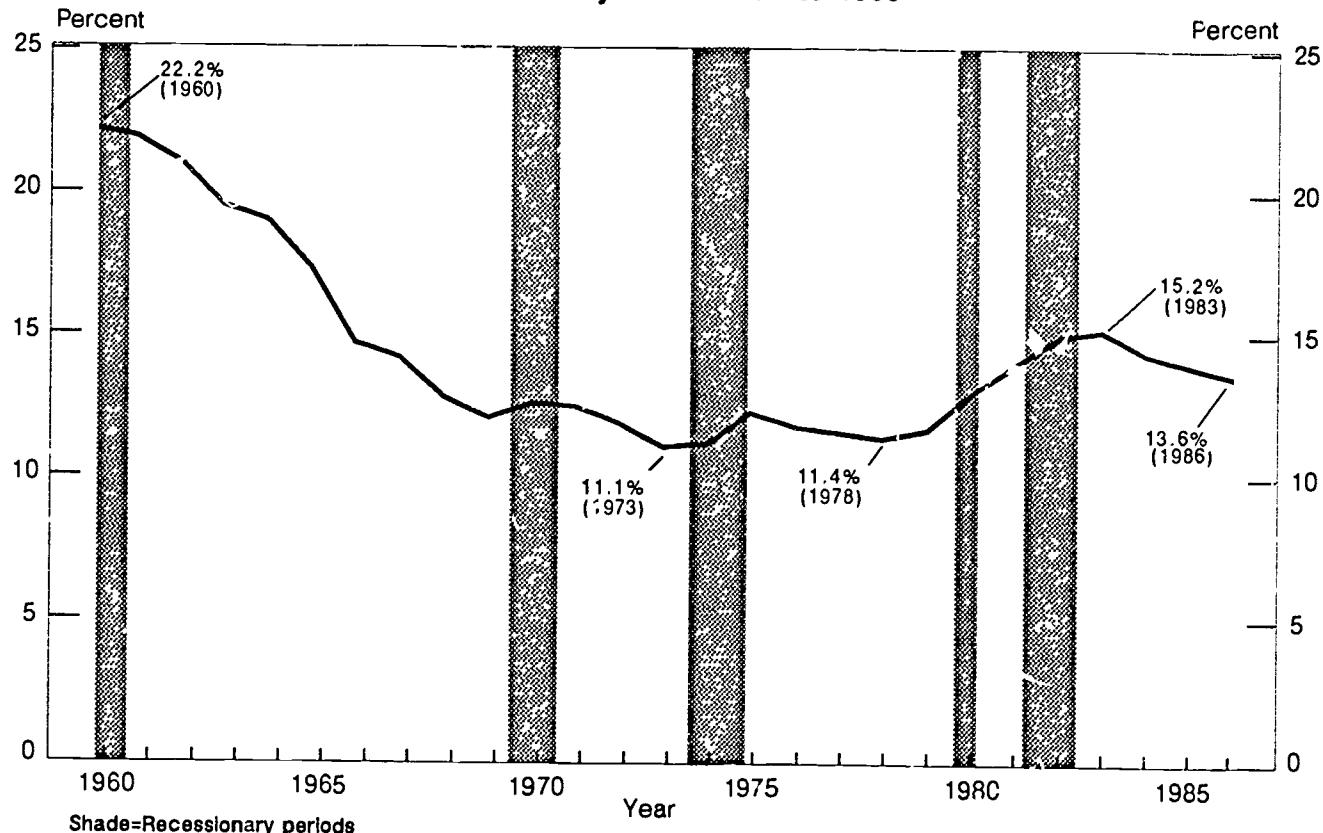
the 1985 rate of 14.0 percent at the 90-percent confidence level but not at the 95-percent level. The poverty rate was 15.2 percent in 1983.<sup>3</sup>

Poverty data using the official government definition were first tabulated for 1959. The poverty rate fell dramatically in the 1960's, decreasing from 22 percent to 12 percent in 1969. (See figure 2.) During the same period, the number of poor declined from 39.9 million to 24.1 million. (See figure 3.) During the period 1970 to 1977, the size of the poverty population fluctuated between 23 and 26 million, and the poverty rate was in the 11 to 13 percent range. From 1978 to 1983, the number of persons in poverty increased by 44 percent, from 24.5 to 35.3 million, and the poverty rate rose from 11 to 15 percent.

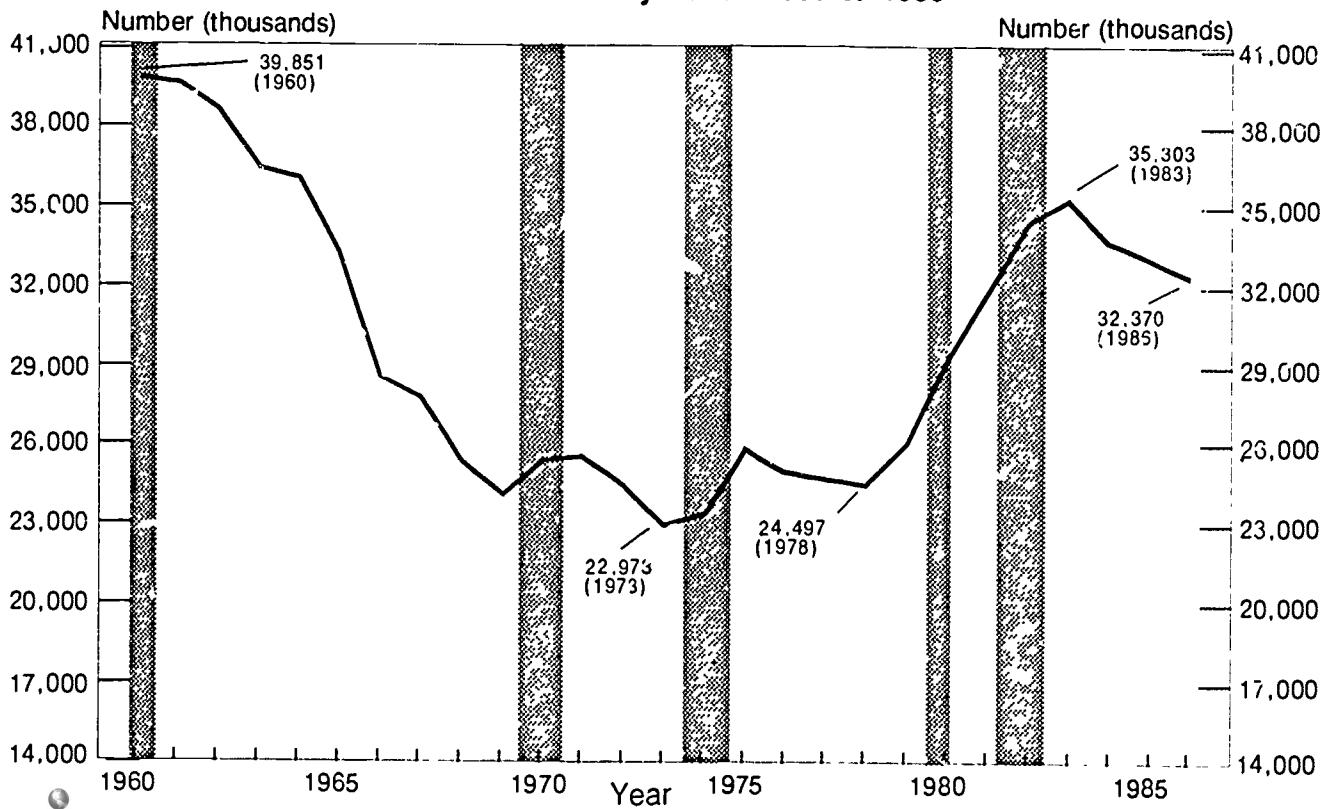
The poverty definition used here is that adopted for official government use by the Office of Management and Budget and consists of a set of money income thresholds that vary by family size and composition. Families or individuals with income below their appropriate thresholds are classified as below the poverty level. The poverty thresholds are updated every year to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index. For example, the average poverty threshold for a family of four was \$11,203 in 1986, \$10,989 in 1985 and \$10,609 in 1984.

<sup>2</sup>Although the last recession ended in the latter part of 1982, the number poor did not peak until the following year. There was no significant difference between the poverty rates for 1982 and 1983.

**Figure 2.**  
**Percent of Persons Below the Poverty Level: 1960 to 1986**



**Figure 3.**  
**Number of Persons Below the Poverty Level: 1960 to 1986**



**Table B. Percent of Persons, Families, and Unrelated Individuals Below the Poverty Level:  
1986, 1985, 1983, and 1978**

Characteristic	1986	1985	1983	1978	1986 minus 1985
All persons . . . . .	13.6	14.0	15.2	11.4	**-0.4
White . . . . .	11.0	11.4	12.1	8.7	-0.4
Black . . . . .	31.1	31.3	35.7	30.6	-0.2
Hispanic <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	27.3	29.0	28.0	21.6	*-1.7
Under 15 years . . . . .	21.2	21.5	23.1	16.4	-0.3
15 to 24 years . . . . .	15.0	16.6	17.7	12.2	**-0.6
25 to 44 years . . . . .	10.2	10.6	12.0	7.9	**-0.4
45 to 54 years . . . . .	8.2	8.4	9.2	7.2	-0.2
55 to 59 years . . . . .	10.0	9.8	10.3	8.0	0.2
60 to 64 years . . . . .	9.9	11.3	11.4	10.2	*-1.4
65 years and over . . . . .	12.4	12.6	13.8	13.9	-0.2
Northeast . . . . .	10.5	11.6	13.4	10.4	**-1.1
Midwest . . . . .	13.0	13.9	14.6	9.1	-0.9
South . . . . .	16.1	16.0	17.2	14.7	0.1
West . . . . .	13.2	13.0	14.6	10.0	0.2
All related children under 18 years in families . . . . .	19.8	20.1	21.8	15.7	-0.3
White . . . . .	15.3	15.6	17.0	11.0	-0.3
Black . . . . .	42.7	43.1	46.2	41.2	-0.4
Hispanic <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	37.1	39.6	37.7	27.2	-2.5
All families . . . . .	10.9	11.4	12.3	9.1	*-0.5
White . . . . .	8.6	9.1	9.7	6.9	*-0.5
Black . . . . .	28.0	28.7	32.3	27.5	-0.7
Hispanic <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	24.7	25.5	25.9	20.4	-0.8
Married-couple families . . . . .	6.1	6.7	7.6	5.2	*-0.6
Male householder, no wife present . . . . .	11.4	12.9	13.2	9.2	-1.5
Female householder, no husband present . . . . .	34.6	34.0	36.0	31.4	0.6
All unrelated individuals . . . . .	21.0	21.5	23.1	22.1	0.1
Male . . . . .	17.5	17.4	20.1	17.1	0.1
Female . . . . .	25.1	24.8	25.6	26.0	0.3

\*Significant at the 95-percent confidence level.

\*\*Significant at the 90-percent confidence level.

<sup>1</sup>Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

The estimates of poverty in this report are based solely on money income. The value of noncash benefits such as food stamps, Medicare, Medicaid, public housing, and employer provided fringe benefits are not included as income in the government's poverty concept.<sup>9</sup> For a further discussion of valuing noncash benefits and poverty, see the section discussing experimental estimates of poverty.

Whites represented 69 percent of the poor in 1986, Blacks represented 28 percent, and the remainder were persons of other races (principally Asians and American Indians). The poverty rate in 1986 was 11 percent for Whites, 31 percent for Blacks, and 16 percent for persons of other races. The poverty rate for persons of Hispanic origin (who may be of any race) was 27 percent in 1986. Neither the number of poor nor the poverty rate changed significantly for Whites, Blacks, or persons of other races between 1985 and 1986. Among Hispanics, the number in poverty did not change between

1985 and 1986, but their poverty rate declined from 29 percent to 27 percent.

The poverty rate for Whites has declined since 1983 (the rate in that year was 12 percent), but the 1986 rate was higher than the 1978 rate of 9 percent (1978 was a recent low-point in the poverty rate).<sup>10</sup> Among Blacks, the 1986 poverty rate was lower than the 1983 figure of 36 percent and was at about the same level as the 1978 rate. The 1986 rate among persons of Hispanic origin was not statistically different from the 1983 rate but was well above the 1978 rate of 22 percent.

The number of poor and the poverty rates in the Northeast and Midwest regions declined between 1985 and 1986,<sup>11</sup> but there were no significant changes in the South or West. Each of the four regions had a 1986 poverty rate that was lower than the 1983 rate.<sup>12</sup>

<sup>9</sup>The Census Bureau's income concept does not assign a value to any noncash benefit, regardless of the person's or family's income level. Benefits such as employer-provided health and life insurance, pension ins., stock options, paid vacations, and use of company automobiles not valued and not included as income.

<sup>10</sup>The change in the poverty rate for the Midwest was significant at the 90-percent but not the 95-percent confidence level.

<sup>11</sup>The change in the poverty rates for the South and West were significant at the 90-percent but not the 95-percent confidence level.

**Table C. Number of Persons, Families, and Unrelated Individuals Below the Poverty Level:  
1986, 1985, 1983, and 1978**

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	1986	1985	1983	1978	1986 minus 1985
All persons	32,370	33,064	35,303	24,497	-694
White	22,183	22,860	23,984	16,259	-677
Black	8,983	8,926	9,982	7,625	57
Hispanic <sup>1</sup>	5,117	5,236	4,633	2,607	-119
Under 15 years	11,018	11,110	11,863	8,192	-92
15 to 24 years	5,991	6,363	6,973	4,926	*-372
25 to 44 years	7,815	7,899	8,403	4,643	-84
45 to 54 years	1,886	1,911	2,053	1,639	-25
55 to 59 years	1,113	1,103	1,171	900	10
60 to 64 years	1,071	1,222	1,215	964	*-151
65 years and over	3,477	3,456	3,625	3,233	21
Northeast	5,211	5,751	6,605	5,050	*-540
Midwest	7,641	8,191	8,511	5,192	**-550
South	13,106	12,921	13,504	10,255	185
West	6,412	6,201	6,682	4,000	211
All related children under 18 years in families	12,257	12,483	13,427	9,722	-226
White	7,714	7,838	8,534	5,674	-124
Black	4,039	4,057	4,273	3,781	-18
Hispanic <sup>1</sup>	2,413	2,512	2,251	1,354	-99
All families	7,023	7,223	7,647	5,280	-200
White	4,811	4,983	5,220	3,523	-172
Black	1,987	1,983	2,161	1,622	4
Hispanic <sup>1</sup>	1,085	1,074	981	559	11
Married-couple families	3,123	3,438	3,815	2,474	*-315
Male householder, no wife present	287	311	268	152	-24
Female householder, no husband present	3,613	3,474	3,564	2,654	139
All unrelated individuals	6,846	6,725	6,740	5,435	121
Male	2,536	2,499	2,641	1,824	37
Female	4,311	4,226	4,099	3,611	85

\*Significant at the 95-percent confidence level.

\*\*Significant at the 90-percent confidence level.

<sup>1</sup>Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race

The number of poor families in 1986 was about 7 million, not significantly different from the 1985 figure. About 44 percent of poor families were composed of married-couple families and 51 percent were composed of families with a female householder, no husband present. The number of poor married-couple families decreased from 3.4 to 3.1 million between 1985 and 1986, but the number of poor families maintained by a woman with no husband present did not change significantly.

The number of poor families has decreased since 1983, when there were about 7.6 million, as has their poverty rate (12 percent in 1983; 11 percent in 1986). Similarly the number of married-couple families below the poverty level decreased during the 1983-86 period, from 3.8 to 3.1 million and their poverty rate dropped from 8 to 6 percent. The number of poor families with a female householder and no spouse present was about 3.6 million in both 1983 and 1986, and their poverty rate was about 35 percent in both years.

Persons in families represented 76 percent of the poor in 1986 and persons living alone or with nonrelatives represented 21 percent (persons in unrelated subfamilies made up the remainder of the poverty population). Between 1985 and 1986,

the number of family members in poverty declined by about 1 million but the number of poor unrelated individuals did not change significantly. Between 1983 and 1986, the number of poor family members declined by 3.2 million, but the number of poor unrelated individuals showed no statistically significant change.

The poverty rate in 1986 was about 20 percent for related children under 18 years old in families and 12 percent for persons 65 years and over. These rates were not statistically different from the 1985 rates, but were lower than the 1983 rates (22 percent and 14 percent, respectively).

The 1986 poverty rate was higher in central cities of metropolitan areas and in nonmetropolitan areas (both about 18 percent) than in suburban areas (about 8 percent). The poverty rate in central cities declined from 19 percent in 1985, while the rates for suburban and nonmetropolitan areas did not change significantly. The number of poor in central cities declined by about 900,000 between 1985 and 1986.

One-half of poor family householders worked at some time during 1986, and 17 percent worked year-round, full-time. Neither of these proportions changed between 1985 and 1986.

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In 1986, the average amount of additional money needed to raise the incomes of poor families above their respective poverty threshold was about \$4,400. For unrelated individuals the comparable figure was about \$2,500.

## **EXPERIMENTAL ESTIMATES OF POVERTY**

For the past several years the Bureau of the Census has provided experimental estimates of poverty based on income

definitions that include the value of selected noncash benefits, using different methods of valuing such benefits. Since the same poverty thresholds were used as in the official definition, the resulting poverty estimates, which are exploratory in nature, are all lower than the official estimates. The latest series of these estimates are published in Technical Paper 57, *Estimates of Poverty Including the Value of Noncash Benefits: 1986*.

**Table Median Income of Families by Selected Characteristics, Race, and Hispanic Origin of Householder: 1986 and 1985**

(Families as of March of the following year. An asterisk (\*) preceding percent change indicates statistically significant change at the 95-percent confidence level, two asterisks (\*\*) indicates significance between the 90- and 95-percent confidence level. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Characteristic	All families						Householder year-round, full-time worker					
	1986			1985	Percent change (median income)		1986			1985	Percent change (median income)	
	Number (thous.)	Median income (dollars)	Standard error (dollars)	Median income (dollars)	In current dollars	In 1986 dollars	Number (thous.)	Median income (dollars)	Standard error (dollars)	Median income (dollars)	In current dollars	In 1986 dollars
<b>ALL RACES</b>												
All families	64 491	29 458	158	27 735	*6.2	*4.2	36 928	37 509	181	35 765	*4.9	*2.9
<b>Type of Residence</b>												
Nonfarm	63 043	29 632	160	27 881	*6.3	*4.3	35 936	37 811	199	36 089	*4.8	*2.8
Farm	1 448	23 326	1 052	21 853	6.7	4.7	992	26 032	1 350	25 233	3.2	1.2
Inside metropolitan areas	49 426	31 639	160	30 045	*5.3	*3.3	28 978	40 127	199	38 002	*5.6	*3.6
1 million or more	26 757	33 971	294	31 919	*6.4	*4.4	16 060	42 445	319	40 227	*5.5	*3.5
Inside central cities	10 317	26 679	347	25 158	*6.0	*4.0	5 478	35 928	451	35 154	2.2	.3
Outside central cities	16 439	38 445	330	36 211	*6.2	*4.2	10 582	45 685	351	42 733	*6.9	*4.9
Under 1 million	22 669	29 390	250	27 934	*5.2	*3.2	12 918	37 330	278	35 611	*4.8	*2.8
Inside central cities	8 695	26 641	384	25 528	*4.4	2.4	4 624	35 469	472	33 828	*4.9	*2.9
Outside central cities	13 974	30 905	292	29 490	*4.8	*2.8	8 294	36 505	415	36 482	*5.5	*3.6
Outside metropolitan areas	15 065	23 229	309	21 956	*5.8	*3.8	7 950	30 280	331	28 533	6.1	*4.1
<b>Region</b>												
Northeast	13 367	32 160	276	30 544	*5.3	*3.3	7 815	40 591	340	33 990	*4.1	*2.1
Midwest	15 844	29 584	270	27 930	*5.9	*3.9	9 319	36 818	296	34 644	*6.3	*4.3
South	22 536	26 708	243	25 077	*6.5	*4.5	12 605	35 507	323	33 071	*7.4	*5.3
West	12 744	30 965	334	29 778	*4.0	2.0	7 189	39 052	437	38 493	1.5	-.5
<b>Type of Family</b>												
Married-couple families	51 537	32 805	184	31 100	*5.5	*3.5	31 643	40 023	190	37 820	*5.8	*3.8
Wife in paid labor force	28 498	38 346	221	36 431	*5.3	*3.3	20 663	42 492	240	40 593	*4.7	*2.7
Wife not in paid labor force	23 038	25 803	207	24 556	*5.1	*3.1	10 779	35 012	333	32 632	*7.3	*5.3
Male householder, no wife present	2 510	24 962	645	22 622	*10.3	*8.3	1 366	31 629	642	29 059	*8.8	*6.8
Female householder, no husband present	10 445	13 647	222	13 660	-.1	-2.0	3 919	21 008	286	21 822	.8	-1.3
<b>Number of Earners<sup>1</sup></b>												
Total	63 618	29 515	159	27 843	*6.0	*4.0	36 878	37 502	181	35 760	*4.9	*2.9
No earners	9 391	12 506	182	12 073	*3.6	1.6	1	(B)	(B)	(X)	(X)	
One earner	17 945	22 310	194	21 190	*5.3	*3.3	9 535	27 144	263	25 992	*4.4	*2.5
Two earners	27 228	35 108	200	33 411	*5.1	*3.1	20 288	38 327	244	36 601	*4.7	*2.7
Three earners	6 408	44 306	527	41 805	*6.0	*4.0	4 962	47 297	465	44 566	*6.1	*4.1
Four earners or more	2 647	55 655	827	51 229	*8.6	*6.6	2 092	58 415	1 017	52 586	*9.0	*7.0
<b>Size of Family</b>												
Two persons	26 323	24 565	212	23 132	*6.2	*4.2	11 511	35 806	296	33 518	*6.8	*4.8
Three persons	15 395	30 727	280	29 265	*5.0	*3.0	9 597	37 202	340	35 780	*4.0	*2.0
Four persons	13 620	34 716	344	32 777	*5.9	*3.9	9 735	39 387	388	37 452	*5.2	*3.2
Five persons	5 900	34 079	537	31 794	*7.2	*5.2	4 094	39 162	584	36 276	*7.9	*5.9
Six persons	2 078	32 342	877	30 819	*4.9	*3.0	1 343	39 519	1 128	36 393	*8.6	*6.5
Seven persons or more	1 176	27 724	1 241	27 473	.9	-1.0	647	36 909	1 232	37 035	-3	-2.2
<b>Occupation Group of Longest Job of Householder</b>												
Total <sup>2</sup>	49 327	33 750	183	31 966	*5.6	*3.6	36 928	37 509	181	35 765	*4.9	*2.9
Executive, administrators, and managerial	7 057	48 939	574	46 448	*5.4	*3.4	6 219	50 544	487	48 294	*4.7	*2.7
Professional specialty	6 343	46 927	562	44 207	*6.2	*4.1	5 129	49 843	602	46 079	*8.2	*6.1
Technical and related support	1 320	38 430	862	36 659	*4.8	2.9	1 362	40 098	912	38 169	*5.0	*3.1
Sales	5 485	36 917	521	34 793	*6.1	*4.1	4 248	40 454	573	38 412	*5.3	*3.3
Administrative support, including clerical	4 434	29 594	491	28 695	*3.1	1.2	3 349	31 607	454	30 673	*3.0	1.1
Precision production, craft and repair	9 055	32 499	323	31 077	*4.6	*2.6	6 717	36 073	304	34 090	*5.8	*3.8
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	3 887	27 436	462	27 009	1.6	-3	2 821	29 729	564	30 087	-12	-3.1
Transportation and material moving	3 105	29 203	482	28 499	2.5	5	2 112	32 205	509	31 825	12	-7
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	1 919	24 242	814	22 716	**6.7	4.7	1 158	29 085	645	25 553	*13.8	*11.7
Service workers	4 769	21 458	403	21 231	1.1	-8	2 862	28 050	649	27 183	3.2	1.2
Private household	194	8 729	1 253	9 418	-7.3	-9.1	44	(B)	(B)	(X)	(X)	
Service, except private household	4 575	21 98	408	21 723	1.2	-7	2 817	28 381	656	27 276	4.1	2.1
Fishing, forestry, and logging	1 899	19 329	682	17 749	*8.9	**6.8	1 217	21 361	621	19 705	*8.4	6.4

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Characteristic	All families						Householder year-round, full-time worker					
	1986			1985	Percent change (median income)	1986			1985	Percent change (median income)		
	Number (thous.)	Median income (dollars)	Standard error (dollars)	Median income (dollars)	In current dollars	In 1986 dollars	Number (thous.)	Median income (dollars)	Standard error (dollars)	Median income (dollars)	In current dollars	In 1986 dollars
<b>ALL RACES—Con</b>												
<b>Tenure</b>												
Owner occupied .....	46 287	34 141	185	32 198	*60	*40	28 067	41 363	203	39 346	*51	*3.1
Renter occupied .....	17 283	18 692	246	17 796	*50	*31	8 369	26 428	257	25 493	*37	1.7
Occupier paid no cash rent .....	921	17 371	810	17 031	20	1	22 313	780	21 948		1.7	-3
<b>Educational Attainment of Householder</b>												
Total, 25 years and over .....	61 552	30 338	137	28 672	*5.8	*3.8	35 627	38 242	198	36 476	*4.8	*2.9
Elementary Total .....	7 736	16 108	246	15 370	*4.8	*2.8	2 113	25 183	589	24 457	30	1.0
Less than 8 years .....	4 170	14 101	283	13 539	*4.2	*2.2	1 081	22 235	582	22 137	4	-1.5
8 years .....	3 568	18 515	393	17 793	4.1	*2.1	1 078	28 201	719	26 561	*62	*4.2
High school Total .....	29 965	26 474	177	25 419	*4.2	*2.2	16 5-1	33 195	254	31 684	*48	*2.8
1 to 3 years .....	7 395	20 119	307	19 213	*4.7	*2.7	3 121	28 423	572	27 237	*4.4	*2.4
4 years .....	22 509	28 716	220	27 472	*4.5	*2.6	12 420	34 354	266	32 602	*54	*3.4
College Total .....	23 651	41 637	258	39 487	*54	*3.5	16 974	46 400	317	44 424	*44	*2.5
1 to 3 years .....	10 458	34 205	357	32 177	*6.3	*4.3	6 896	39 327	475	37 150	*59	*3.9
4 years or more .....	13 393	48 695	430	46 423	*4.9	*2.9	10 078	52 132	407	50 668	*29	1.0
4 years .....	152	45 603	459	43 187	*5.6	*3.6	5 408	49 060	561	47 022	*43	*2.4
5 years or more .....	6 241	52 670	596	50 525	*4.2	*2.3	4 670	56 852	808	54 735	*39	1.9
<b>WHITE</b>												
All families .....	55 676	30 809	143	29 152	*5.7	*3.7	32 692	38 413	204	36 540	*51	*3.1
<b>Type of Residence</b>												
Nonfarm .....	54 273	30 997	145	29 359	*5.6	*3.6	31 724	38 757	206	36 908	*5.0	*3.0
Farm .....	1 403	23 650	1 096	21 903	80	59	26 176	1 324	25 221	38	1.6	
Inside metropolitan areas .....	42 098	33 321	216	31 575	*5.5	*3.5	25 356	41 109	218	39 211	*48	*2.9
1 million or more .....	22 008	36 328	249	34 229	*61	*4.1	13 616	44 204	374	41 674	*61	*4.1
Inside central cities .....	7 078	30 394	420	28 777	*5.6	*3.6	3 966	38 799	668	37 709	*29	*0
Outside central cities .....	14 929	38 998	337	36 739	*61	*4.1	9 650	46 113	362	43 271	*66	*4.8
Under 1 million .....	20 091	30 601	239	29 160	*4.9	*3.0	11 740	37 975	344	36 363	*44	*2.5
Inside central cities .....	7 063	28 982	462	27 385	*5.8	*3.8	3 910	36 782	483	35 492	*36	*1.7
Outside central cities .....	13 028	31 423	299	30 056	*4.5	*2.6	7 830	38 668	427	36 745	*52	*3.2
Outside metropolitan areas .....	13 578	24 301	315	22 839	*64	*4.4	7 337	30 770	340	29 052	*59	*3.9
<b>Region</b>												
Northeast .....	11 873	33 348	367	31 491	*5.9	*3.9	7 052	41 091	373	39 816	*32	1.3
Midwest .....	14 260	30 511	244	28 964	*53	*3.4	8 620	37 189	304	34 953	*64	*44
South .....	18 405	29 141	300	27 104	*75	*5.5	10 681	37 158	340	34 849	*66	*41
West .....	11 137	31 378	356	30 239	*38	18	6 340	39 345	459	38 757	15	-4
<b>Type of Family</b>												
Married-couple families .....	46 410	33 426	193	31 602	*58	*38	28 698	40 375	190	38 256	*55	*3.5
Wife in paid labor force .....	25 202	38 972	231	36 992	*54	*34	18 673	42 957	264	41 076	*46	*2.6
Wife not in paid labor force .....	21 208	26 421	215	25 307	*44	*24	10 026	35 521	278	33 343	*65	*45
Male householder, no wife present .....	2 038	26 247	618	24 190	*85	*65	1 150	32 018	738	30 068	*65	*45
Female householder, no husband present .....	7 227	15 716	305	15 825	-7	-26	2 644	23 353	414	23 002	15	-4
<b>Number of Earners<sup>1</sup></b>												
Total .....	54 979	30 869	145	28 253	*55	*35	32 661	38 400	204	36 537	*51	*3.1
No earners .....	7 820	14 252	200	13 682	*42	2.2	1	(B)	(B)	(X)	(X)	
One earner .....	15 175	24 026	247	22 684	*50	*30	8 261	28 725	390	27 287	*53	*3.3
Two earners .....	24 015	35 848	202	34 084	*52	*32	18 066	38 921	253	37 085	*50	*3.0
Three earners .....	5 631	45 251	468	42 821	*57	*37	4 445	47 583	518	45 468	*49	*2.9
Four earners or more .....	2 338	57 037	909	52 332	*89	*68	1 888	59 569	1 023	54 426	*94	*74
<b>BLACK</b>												
All families .....	7 096	17 604	414	16 786	**49	29	3 225	28 690	776	26 580	*79	*59
<b>Type of Residence</b>												
Nonfarm .....	7 058	17 644	418	16 805	**50	30	3 207	28 732	781	26 594	*80	*6.0
Farm .....	38	(B)	(B)	(X)	(X)	19		(B)	(B)	(X)	(X)	
Inside metropolitan areas .....	5 851	19 122	505	17 772	*74	**56	2 708	30 427	585	27 900	*91	*7.0
1 million or more .....	3 730	20 481	547	19 286	*62	42	1 788	31 357	681	29 438	*66	*4.5
Inside central cities .....	2 696	17 942	673	16 835	66	46	1 200	29 481	1 041	27 045	*89	*6.9
Outside central cities .....	1 034	27 363	1 386	26 687	26	.7	588	36 823	1 460	33 878	8.7	6.6
Under 1 million .....	2 121	16 513	722	14 999	53	3.3	920	27 703	1 428	25 429	8.9	6.9
Inside central cities .....	1 406	15 194	722	17 057	174	**15.2	598	26 244	1 370	25 620	2.4	1.5
Outside central cities .....	715	20 025	1 322	17 057	174	**15.2	322	30 915	1 781	24 950	*23.9	*21.6
Outside metropolitan areas .....	1 245	13 192	806	12 357	68	47	517	21 694	1 356	20 263	7.0	4.9

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Characteristic	All families						Householder year-round, full-time worker					
	1986			1985	Percent change (median income)		1986			1985	Percent change (median income)	
	Number (thous.)	Median income (dollars)	Standard error (dollars)	Median income (dollars)	In current dollars	In 1986 dollars	Number (thous.)	Median income (dollars)	Standard error (dollars)	Median income (dollars)	In current dollars	In 1986 dollars
<b>BLACK—Con.</b>												
<b>Region</b>												
Northeast	1 223	20 902	688	18 085	*156	*134	594	32 974	1 067	30 340	**87	66
Midwest	1 370	17 360	1 049	15 958	88	67	592	31 339	915	27 954	*121	*100
South	3 871	16 236	428	15 816	27	7	1 769	25 329	733	24 217	46	26
West	632	22 149	1 580	24 453	-94	**-111	271	32 997	1 332	32 472	16	-3
<b>Type of Family</b>												
Married-couple families	3 742	26 583	503	24 570	*82	*62	2 088	34 179	730	31 719	*78	*57
Wife in paid labor force	2 448	31 949	563	30 502	*47	28	1 593	37 679	842	35 660	*57	37
Wife not in paid labor force	1 295	16 766	695	15 129	*108	**8.7	495	24 304	1 167	20 809	*168	*146
Male householder, no wife present	388	27 731	1 417	18 416	**141	119	163	26 202	2 208	21 150	*239	*215
Female householder, no husband present	2 967	9 300	302	9 305	-1	-1.9	974	17 985	669	18 559	-31	-49
<b>Number of Earners<sup>1</sup></b>												
Total	6 945	17 328	391	16 665	40	20	3 213	28 751	774	26 563	*8.2	*62
No earners	1 401	5 798	223	5 733	11	-8	—	(B)	(B)	(Y)	(X)	
One earner	2 276	13 116	412	12 624	39	19	1 015	17 321	546	16 348	**60	40
Two earners	2 440	27 694	665	26 963	27	.8	1 657	31 864	571	30 832	33	14
Three earners	605	36 029	1 046	34 010	58	39	392	40 906	1 619	37 130	*10.2	*8.1
Four earners or more	223	43 345	2 437	39 229	**105	84	149	47 012	2 128	43 209	88	67
<b>HISPANIC<sup>2</sup></b>												
All families	4 403	19 995	498	19 027	*51	31	2 366	26 849	513	26 524	12	-.7
<b>Type of Residence</b>												
Nonfarm	4 379	20 010	501	19 065	**50	30	2 350	26 901	520	26 595	12	-8
Farm	24	(B)	(B)	(B)	(X)	(X)	16	(B)	(B)	(B)	(X)	(X)
Inside metropolitan areas	4 071	20 501	468	19 349	*60	40	2 208	27 258	576	26 866	15	-5
1 million or more	2 811	21 284	564	19 661	*83	*62	1 575	27 453	698	27 073	14	-5
Inside central cities	1 679	17 718	787	16 721	60	40	874	25 475	846	23 890	66	46
Outside central cities	1 132	26 319	665	25 268	42	22	701	30 829	1 280	31 410	-18	-37
Under 1 million	1 259	18 713	870	18 097	34	1.5	634	26 755	1 081	26 337	16	-3
Inside central cities	706	17 501	1 026	16 658	51	31	352	26 219	1 544	24 995	49	29
Outside central cities	553	20 572	1 200	20 635	-3	-22	282	27 314	2 055	28 126	-29	-47
Outside metropolitan areas	333	14 593	1 469	15 82-	-78	-95	157	21 254	2 343	23 186	-83	-10.1
<b>Region</b>												
Northeast	884	17 153	847	15 309	*120	**99	419	25 806	907	26 452	-24	-43
Midwest	274	21 710	1 489	22 300	-26	-4.5	136	31 265	890	30 052	40	21
South	1 430	18 949	844	19 139	-1.0	-2.9	794	26 733	744	26 296	17	-.3
West	1 835	21 226	540	19 998	*61	41	1 016	26 812	655	26 336	18	-1
<b>Type of Family</b>												
Married-couple families	3 118	23 912	586	22 269	*74	*54	1 923	28 699	761	27 575	4.1	21
Wife in paid labor force	1 584	30 206	777	28 132	*74	*53	1 086	33 950	928	32 496	4.5	2.5
Wife not in paid labor force	1 535	17 507	648	17 116	23	4	837	21 571	702	22 059	-22	-41
Male householder, no wife present	253	20 894	1 101	19 773	57	37	147	25 697	1 609	25 918	-9	-27
Female household, no husband present	1 032	9 432	487	8 792	73	53	296	17 306	1 105	18 451	-62	-80
<b>Number of Earners<sup>1</sup></b>												
Total	4 363	19 994	503	19 081	**48	28	2 364	26 835	513	26 515	12	-7
No earners	590	6 311	316	6 167	23	4	—	(B)	(B)	(X)	(X)	
One earner	1 454	14 352	544	14 939	-39	**-57	806	17 027	635	18 454	**-77	*95
Two earners	1 713	26 376	564	24 596	*72	*52	1 138	29 611	807	28 463	40	21
Three earners	416	33 111	1 974	32 949	5	-14	290	38 788	3 024	35 816	83	63
Four earners or more	190	40 185	2 538	42 140	-47	-65	130	46 834	4 173	46 441	8	-11

<sup>1</sup>Excludes families with members who are in the Armed Forces.

<sup>2</sup>Includes persons whose longest job was in the Armed Forces.

None of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

**Table 2. Families, by Race and Hispanic Origin, and Total Money Income: 1970, 1972-86**

(In current dollars Families as of March of the following year For meaning of symbols, see text)

Total money income	1986	1985	1984	1983*	1982	1981	1980	1979	1978	1977	1976	1975	1974*	1973	1972	1970
<b>ALL RACES</b>																
Number .. . . . . thous.	64 491	63 558	62 706	62 015	61 393	61 019	60 309	59 550	57 804	57 215	56 710	56 245	55 698	55 053	54 373	52 227
Percent .. . . . .	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	100.0	100.0
Under \$2,500 .. . . .	18	19	20	22	23	21	22	25	28	28	28	32	36	43	52	66
\$2,500 to \$4,999 .. . . .	28	29	30	35	37	37	41	48	57	66	75	88	91	103	115	125
\$5,000 to \$7,499 .. . . .	37	42	45	50	52	55	62	65	78	91	99	105	111	120	131	150
\$7,500 to \$9,999 .. . . .	41	43	49	52	54	60	65	71	80	90	98	107	115	124	138	168
\$10,000 to \$12,499 .. . . .	49	52	56	61	65	71	73	83	88	95	104	116	131	140	147	159
\$12,500 to \$14,999 .. . . .	48	50	52	55	59	65	69	73	79	90	99	107	111	115	114	109
\$15,000 to \$19,999 .. . . .	97	105	108	118	121	126	140	150	169	178	191	188	181	171	158	126
\$20,000 to \$24,999 .. . . .	98	103	107	115	123	126	137	143	145	139	129	116	105	90	72	49
\$25,000 to \$34,999 .. . . .	181	186	190	194	195	202	198	191	166	141	117	95	81	62	49	31
\$35,000 to \$49,999 .. . . .	196	188	184	171	160	149	128	102	77	57	42	32	26	21	16	1.0
\$50,000 and over .. . . . .	207	183	158	128	109	89	67	52	36	26	19	14	12	10	8	.5
Median income* .. . . . dol.	29 456	27 735	26 433	24 674	23 433	22 388	21 023	19 587	17 640	16 009	14 958	13 719	12 902	12 051	11 116	9 867
Mean income .. . . . . dol.	34 924	32 944	31 052	28 820	27 391	25 828	23 974	22 316	20 091	18 264	16 870	15 546	14 711	13 622	12 825	11 106
<b>WHITE</b>																
Number .. . . . . thous.	55 676	54 991	54 400	53 890	53 407	53 269	52 710	52 243	50 910	50 530	50 083	49 873	49 440	48 919	48 477	46 535
Percent .. . . . .	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	100.0	100.0
Under \$2,500 .. . . .	15	16	16	18	19	17	16	17	20	22	23	26	28	34	42	56
\$2,500 to \$4,999 .. . . .	20	21	22	26	27	28	33	38	45	54	61	76	78	91	102	114
\$5,000 to \$7,499 .. . . .	31	36	37	42	44	47	53	57	73	83	92	100	105	113	125	144
\$7,500 to \$9,999 .. . . .	36	39	44	46	49	56	60	66	76	87	96	104	113	122	139	170
\$10,000 to \$12,499 .. . . .	45	48	53	58	62	67	71	81	86	94	104	116	133	143	152	165
\$12,500 to \$14,999 .. . . .	45	49	50	53	59	64	68	73	80	91	99	110	114	120	119	114
\$15,000 to \$19,999 .. . . .	96	103	107	119	123	126	141	154	173	184	198	195	189	181	165	135
\$20,000 to \$24,999 .. . . .	99	104	110	118	126	130	142	149	152	146	136	122	109	96	76	52
\$25,000 to \$34,999 .. . . .	186	192	198	202	203	211	208	200	174	150	124	101	87	67	53	33
\$35,000 to \$49,999 .. . . .	206	197	194	180	169	157	136	109	81	61	45	35	28	22	1.8	.1
\$50,000 and over .. . . . .	220	196	169	138	119	97	72	56	40	28	21	15	13	11	9	.6
Median income* .. . . . dol.	30 809	29 152	27 686	25 837	24 603	23 517	21 904	20 439	18 368	16 740	15 537	14 286	13 408	12 595	11 549	10 236
Mean income .. . . . . dol.	36 416	34 375	32 422	30 067	28 603	26 934	24 938	23 232	20 860	18 997	17 525	16 111	15 252	14 163	13 106	11 495
<b>BLACK AND OTHER RACES</b>																
Number .. . . . . thous.	6 815	8 567	8 306	8 124	7 987	7 750	7 589	7 307	6 884	6 685	6 627	6 372	6 258	6 134	5 896	5 413
Percent .. . . . .	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	100.0	100.0
Under \$2,500 .. . . .	4.1	3.9	4.4	5.1	4.9	4.7	5.0	5.8	6.3	7.3	6.8	7.9	9.5	11.6	13.0	15.6
\$2,500 to \$4,999 .. . . .	79	7.9	8.7	9.4	10.2	10.1	10.2	12.1	14.2	15.5	17.7	18.4	19.1	20.5	22.3	21.5
\$5,000 to \$7,499 .. . . .	75	8.4	9.3	10.4	10.8	11.1	12.3	12.0	11.8	15.1	15.0	14.3	15.8	17.5	18.0	19.8
\$7,500 to \$9,999 .. . . .	70	7.2	8.3	8.7	8.8	8.9	9.8	10.3	10.9	11.5	11.3	12.8	12.9	13.4	13.0	14.8
\$10,000 to \$12,499 .. . . .	7.0	7.6	7.8	7.6	8.7	9.5	8.7	10.1	9.7	10.1	10.0	11.6	10.8	11.4	10.4	10.9
\$12,500 to \$14,999 .. . . .	6.5	5.9	6.4	6.2	6.2	6.7	7.4	7.4	7.7	7.7	9.1	8.6	8.7	7.7	6.4	6.4
\$15,000 to \$19,999 .. . . .	104	12.1	11.8	11.4	11.1	12.3	12.7	12.3	14.2	13.0	13.9	13.3	11.7	9.8	8.9	7.1
\$20,000 to \$24,999 .. . . .	83	9.4	9.2	9.5	10.7	9.8	10.6	10.3	9.2	9.0	7.9	6.8	6.9	4.6	3.3	2.3
\$25,000 to \$34,999 .. . . .	150	14.7	13.8	14.4	14.5	14.2	12.9	12.4	10.7	7.8	6.3	4.9	3.3	2.7	1.6	1.2
\$35,000 to \$49,999 .. . . .	133	13.2	12.1	11.0	9.6	9.2	7.6	5.4	4.3	2.2	1.4	1.2	8	.6	.5	.1
\$50,000 and over .. . . . .	120	0.7	8.2	8.2	4.6	3.4	2.8	1.9	1.0	6	3	1	1	1	.2	.1
Median income* .. . . . dol.	19 832	18 635	17 098	16 020	15 211	14 588	13 843	12 404	11 754	10 142	9 821	9 321	8 578	7 598	7 106	6 516
Mean income .. . . . . dol.	25 502	23 755	22 076	20 546	19 282	18 300	17 280	15 770	14 416	12 723	11 922	11 127	10 440	9 307	8 687	7 780
<b>BLACK</b>																
Number .. . . . . thous.	7 096	6 921	6 778	6 681	8 530	6 413	6 317	6 184	5 806	5 804	5 586	5 491	5 440	5 265	4 928	
Percent .. . . . .	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	100.0	100.0
Under \$2,500 .. . . .	4.6	4.2	4.7	5.6	5.4	5.2	5.3	6.2	6.7	7.6	7.2	8.4	10.3	12.4	13.8	16.4
\$2,500 to \$4,999 .. . . .	9.4	9.3	10.1	10.6	11.6	11.5	11.3	13.3	15.6	16.3	18.9	20.0	20.4	21.6	23.0	22.2
\$5,000 to \$7,499 .. . . .	8.4	9.4	10.2	11.4	11.7	12.2	13.4	12.9	12.3	16.0	15.8	14.7	16.6	17.8	18.2	20.2
\$7,500 to \$9,999 .. . . .	7.8	7.7	9.0	9.0	9.1	9.4	10.4	11.1	11.5	12.2	11.6	13.0	13.3	13.5	13.3	14.7
\$10,000 to \$12,499 .. . . .	70	7.9	8.3	8.0	9.0	9.3	9.5	10.3	11.1	12.7	13.7	14.0	12.1	10.9	11.5	10.8
\$12,500 to \$14,999 .. . . .	6.8	6.4	6.6	6.7	6.4	7.0	7.7	7.4	7.9	7.5	8.9	8.4	8.7	7.5	7.3	6.1
\$15,000 to \$19,999 .. . . .	107	13.0	12.3	11.8	11.2	12.4	12.8	12.3	13.9	12.7	13.5	13.5	12.3	10.7	9.2	6.5
\$20,000 to \$24,999 .. . . .	9.6	9.0	9.4	9.7	10.7	9.6	10.2	9.7	8.9	8.2	7.4	6.0	6.0	3.8	2.8	2.1
\$25,000 to \$34,999 .. . . .	14.7	14.3	13.1	14.1	14.1	13.0	11.8	11.3	9.8	6.8	5.4	4.1	2.4	2.2	1.5	.8
\$35,000 to \$49,999 .. . . .	12.4	11.8	10.5	9.2	7.7	7.9	6.3	4.6	3.3	1.7	1.1	.5	4	.4	.4	.1
\$50,000 and over .. . . . .	8.8	7.0	5.8	4.0	2.6	2.1	1.7	1.9	6	5	3	1	1	1	.2	.1
Median income* .. . . . dol.	17 604	16 786	15 431	14 561	13 598	13 268	12 674	11 574	10 879	9 563	9 242	8 779	8 008	7 268	6 884	6 279
Mean income .. . . . . dol.	22 778	21 359	19 778	18 397	17 259	16 696	15 806	14 508	13 409	11 962	11 276	10 401	9 647	8 807	8 346	7 442
<b>HISPANIC<sup>2</sup></b>																
Number .. . . . . thous.	4 403	4 206	3 839	3 788	3 369	3 305	3 235	3 029	2 741	2 764	2 583	2 498	2 475	2 365	2 312	(NA)
Percent .. . . . .	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	100.0	(NA)
Under \$2,500 .. . . .	33	29	34	37	36	30	36	34	37	42	50	64	52	58	73	(NA)
\$2,500 to \$4,999 .. . . .	54	54	63	63	65	70	79	91	10.9	11.6	14.1	15.6	162			

**Table 3. Families, by Race and Hispanic Origin, and Total Money Income in 1986 Dollars: 1970, 1972-86**

(Families as of March of the following year For meaning of symbols, see text)

<sup>1</sup>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.  
<sup>2</sup>Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

<sup>2</sup>Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

**Table 4. Share of Aggregate Income in 1986 of Families and Unrelated Individuals, by Race of Householder and Region**

(Families and unrelated individuals as of March 1987)

Race of householder and region	Number (thous.)	Income at selected positions (dollars)					Percent distribution of aggregate income						Mean income (dollars)										
		Upper limit of each fifth				Top 5 percent	Lowest fifth	Second fifth	Third fifth	Fourth fifth	Highest fifth	Top 5 percent											
		Lowest	Second	Third	Fourth																		
<b>FAMILIES</b>																							
<b>Race of Householder</b>																							
Total	64 491	13 886	24 020	35 015	50 370	82 273	4 6	10 8	16 8	24 0	43 7	17 0	34 924										
White	55 676	15 200	25 452	36 300	51 760	84 627	5 0	11 2	16 9	23 8	4 1	16 8	36 416										
Black and other races	8 815	7 580	15 000	25 000	39 882	67 295	3 4	8 8	15 5	24 9	47 4	18 0	25 502										
Black	7 096	6 792	13 400	22 700	35 780	59 000	3 4	8 8	15 6	25 2	47 0	17 5	22 778										
<b>Region</b>																							
Northeast	13 367	16 020	26 508	38 200	54 451	88 324	4 9	11 2	16 9	24 0	43 1	16 5	36 089										
Midwest	15 844	14 498	24 500	34 671	48 960	77 053	4 9	11 5	17 4	24 1	42 0	15 8	33 891										
South	22 536	12 223	21 500	32 260	47 500	78 850	4 3	10 2	16 4	24 0	45 1	17 9	32 714										
West	12 744	14 600	25 424	36 580	52 908	87 104	4 8	10 9	16 8	23 9	43 5	16 9	36 789										
<b>UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS</b>																							
<b>Race</b>																							
Total	31 679	5 128	9 260	15 334	25 000	40 600	3 5	8 6	15 2	24 5	48 1	19 1	16 030										
White	27 143	5 542	10 000	16 000	25 390	42 124	3 8	9 0	15 3	24 3	47 6	19 0	16 710										
Black and other races	4 536	3 336	6 016	11 000	19 804	33 724	2 4	7 8	14 2	24 9	50 7	18 7	11 984										
Black	3 714	3 216	5 700	10 050	18 323	32 000	2 6	7 9	13 9	24 8	50 8	18 8	11 183										
<b>Region</b>																							
Northeast	6 786	5 569	9 666	16 416	25 347	43 260	4 0	8 7	15 3	24 1	48 2	20 1	17 086										
Midwest	7 578	5 208	9 112	14 974	23 595	38 600	3 8	9 1	15 4	24 5	47 2	18 3	15 300										
South	10 023	4 449	8 280	14 000	22 966	39 011	3 3	8 5	15 0	24 2	49 0	19 4	14 735										
West	7 312	5 700	10 419	17 286	27 650	44 190	3 2	9 0	15 7	25 1	47 0	18 0	17 586										

**Table 5. Farm-Nonfarm Residence and Race of Families and Unrelated Individuals, by Total Money Income in 1986**

(Numbers in thousands Families and unrelated individuals as of March 1987 For meaning of symbols, see text)

Total money income	Families					Unrelated individuals					Farm	
	Total			Nonfarm	Farm	Total			Nonfarm			
	All races	White	Black			All races	White	Black				
<b>TOTAL</b>												
Total	64 491	55 676	7 096	63 043	1 448	31 679	27 143	3 714	31 373	305		
\$Under \$2,500	1 182	821	325	1 113	69	2 312	1 685	516	2 279	34		
\$2,500 to \$4,999	1 826	1 126	669	1 780	47	3 604	2 735	780	3 556	47		
\$5,000 to \$7,499	2 399	1 737	595	2 336	64	4 468	3 860	533	4 423	46		
\$7,500 to \$9,999	2 623	2 010	551	2 557	67	2 942	2 551	328	2 900	43		
\$10,000 to \$12,499	3 147	2 533	497	3 061	96	2 969	2 546	327	2 944	24		
\$12,500 to \$14,999	3 085	2 514	460	2 996	89	2 135	1 665	224	2 116	19		
\$15,000 to \$17,499	3 247	2 758	417	3 175	72	2 313	2 080	179	2 305	8		
\$17,500 to \$19,999	3 030	2 604	340	2 933	97	1 663	1 449	179	1 654	8		
\$20,000 to \$22,499	3 331	2 879	362	3 225	106	1 744	1 567	130	1 723	21		
\$22,500 to \$24,999	3 005	2 634	316	2 923	82	1 188	1 047	118	1 182	6		
\$25,000 to \$27,499	3 195	2 826	309	3 113	82	1 300	1 158	102	1 294	5		
\$27,500 to \$29,999	2 776	2 479	221	2 709	67	789	702	57	766	3		
\$30,000 to \$32,499	3 204	2 633	294	3 140	65	1 059	963	67	1 055	4		
\$32,500 to \$34,999	2 479	2 194	219	2 421	56	518	450	50	518	1		
\$35,000 to \$37,499	2 777	2 506	211	2 740	38	573	527	30	567	6		
\$37,500 to \$39,999	2 339	2 131	168	2 290	49	376	341	25	372	4		
\$40,000 to \$44,999	4 213	3 784	300	4 136	77	518	479	24	507	11		
\$45,000 to \$49,999	3 303	3 040	199	3 247	56	326	305	13	321	5		
\$50,000 to \$59,999	5 069	4 606	287	5 002	67	391	368	19	366	5		
\$60,000 to \$74,999	3 853	3 542	200	3 814	39	229	216	7	224	5		
\$75,000 and over	4 406	4 119	137	4 333	73	262	248	8	261	2		
Median income	29 458	30 809	17 604	29 632	23 326	12 116	12 761	7 713	12 147	9 032		
Standard error	157	143	414	160	1 052	103	152	311	104	955		
Mean income	34 924	36 416	22 778	35 054	29 298	16 030	16 710	11 183	16 041	14 916		
Standard error	153	168	345	155	1 443	121	135	254	121	2 365		
<b>HOUSEHOLDER YEAR-ROUND, FULL-TIME WORKER</b>												
Percent of total excluding Armed Forces	57.9	59.3	46.3	57.7	68.5	41.5	41.9	38.0	41.5	39.8		
Median income	37 509	38 413	28 690	37 811	26 032	20 946	21 362	17 273	21 005	10 913		
Standard error	181	204	776	199	1 350	160	169	491	160	1 533		
Mean income	43 330	44 330	32 571	43 633	32 360	24 020	24 647	19 028	24 066	19 192		
Standard error	212	229	540	214	1 948	209	232	439	208	5 275		

**Table 6. Age of Family Householder and Unrelated Individuals, by Total Money Income in 1986**

(Numbers in thousands Families and unrelated individuals as of March 1987)

Total money income		Age of householder (years)												
		15 to 24		25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over						
		Total	18 to 24											
<b>FAMILIES</b>														
<b>Total</b>														
Total .....	64 491	2 939	2 920	15 112	15 475	10 998	9 738	10 229						
Under \$2,500 .....	1 182	227	219	346	210	130	175	93						
\$2,500 to \$4,999 .....	1 826	287	286	632	348	198	178	183						
\$5,000 to \$7,499 .....	2 399	286	284	681	403	262	267	501						
\$7,500 to \$9,999 .....	2 623	194	181	590	426	257	375	773						
\$10,000 to \$12,499 .....	3 147	254	253	726	501	315	384	967						
\$12,500 to \$14,999 .....	3 085	226	224	677	497	316	442	927						
\$15,000 to \$17,499 .....	3 247	214	214	853	601	333	417	829						
\$17,500 to \$19,999 .....	3 030	162	160	707	587	329	398	887						
\$20,000 to \$22,499 .....	3 331	208	208	885	644	415	550	830						
\$22,500 to \$24,999 .....	3 005	172	172	760	670	388	431	585						
\$25,000 to \$27,499 .....	3 195	158	158	923	705	444	458	508						
\$27,500 to \$29,999 .....	2 776	103	103	715	673	407	455	425						
\$30,000 to \$32,499 .....	3 204	90	90	929	840	506	483	378						
\$32,500 to \$34,999 .....	2 479	88	88	604	645	440	390	313						
\$35,000 to \$37,499 .....	2 777	69	69	730	767	519	410	282						
\$37,500 to \$39,999 .....	2 339	42	42	568	644	443	375	267						
\$40,000 to \$44,999 .....	4 213	73	73	1 022	1 278	816	652	373						
\$45,000 to \$49,999 .....	3 303	43	43	755	943	781	506	275						
\$50,000 to \$59,999 .....	5 069	19	19	970	1 612	1 239	848	382						
\$60,000 to \$74,999 .....	3 853	16	16	553	1 230	1 103	669	282						
\$75,000 and over .....	4 406	6	6	489	1 262	1 358	897	393						
Median income .....	dollars..	29 458	14 945	15 026	26 894	34 992	38 861	31 833						
Standard error .....	dollars..	157	422	425	229	306	407	455						
Mean income .....	dollars..	34 924	17 200	17 272	30 016	39 449	44 315	38 800						
Standard error .....	dollars..	153	327	328	247	320	426	445						
<b>Householder Year-Round, Full-Time Worker</b>														
Percent of total excluding Armed Forces .....														
Median income .....	dollars..	57 9	46 7	47 0	69 3	75 1	72 5	53 5						
Standard error .....	dollars..	37 509	22 325	22 325	31 920	39 667	44 587	40 785						
Mean income .....	dollars..	43 330	23 975	23 975	35 465	35 311	50 429	48 422						
Standard error .....	dollars..	212	453	453	295	371	507	661						
<b>UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS</b>														
<b>Total</b>														
Total .....	31 679	4 391	4 238	7 93	4 104	2 613	3 449	9 184						
Under \$2,000 .....	1 913	600	490	354	261	225	268	205						
\$2,000 to \$2,999 .....	854	215	198	143	93	81	115	208						
\$3,000 to \$3,999 .....	1 101	243	228	147	72	75	158	408						
\$4,000 to \$4,999 .....	2 049	191	191	189	99	111	226	1 233						
\$5,000 to \$5,999 .....	1 883	290	257	188	83	79	206	1 067						
\$6,000 to \$6,999 .....	1 745	258	258	216	91	86	157	936						
\$7,000 to \$7,999 .....	1 439	211	210	185	121	43	143	737						
\$8,000 to \$8,999 .....	1 273	218	213	227	99	58	149	522						
\$9,000 to \$9,999 .....	1 071	170	169	182	99	75	97	448						
\$10,000 to \$12,499 .....	2 963	575	575	740	285	195	329	848						
\$12,500 to \$14,999 .....	2 135	351	351	547	219	162	249	607						
\$15,000 to \$17,499 .....	2 313	328	328	833	244	161	261	486						
\$17,500 to \$19,999 .....	1 663	191	191	596	228	175	135	339						
\$20,000 to \$24,999 .....	2 933	292	292	1 149	542	246	271	432						
\$25,000 to \$29,999 .....	2 088	145	145	812	446	226	210	251						
\$30,000 to \$34,999 .....	1 577	94	94	622	373	181	151	157						
\$35,000 to \$49,999 .....	1 792	42	42	598	498	262	200	193						
\$50,000 and over .....	882	7	7	211	252	173	126	113						
Median income .....	dollars..	12 118	8 992	9 440	17 581	20 435	16 812	11 572						
Standard error .....	dollars..	103	238	265	232	330	547	308						
Mean income .....	dollars..	16 030	10 408	10 715	19 452	22 655	20 989	16 211						
Standard error .....	dollars..	121	175	178	216	410	597	427						
<b>Year-Round, Full-Time Workers</b>														
Percent of total excluding Armed Forces .....														
Median income .....	dollars..	41 5	42 0	43 5	67 3	68 9	60 4	36 2						
Standard error .....	dollars..	20 887	14 174	14 178	21 309	25 034	23 032	19 122						
Mean income .....	dollars..	158	296	296	224	427	688	656						
Standard error .....	dollars..	24 020	15 430	15 433	23 570	27 891	27 944	23 559						
209	249	249	257	501	639	639	1 453							

## Table 7. Median Income of Persons by Selected Characteristics: 1986 and 1985

(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; two asterisks (\*\*) indicate significance between the 90- and 95-percent confidence level. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Characteristic	All persons						Year-round, full-time workers					
	1986			1985	Percent change (median income)		1986			1985	Percent change (median income)	
	Number with income (thous.)	Median income (dollars)	Standard error (dollars)	Median income (dollars)	In current dollars	In 1986 dollars	Number with income (thous.)	Median income (dollars)	Standard error (dollars)	Median income (dollars)	In current dollars	In 1986 dollars
<b>MALE</b>												
All males .....	84 471	17 114	92	16 311	*4.9	*2.9	45 919	25 894	116	24 999	*3.6	*1.8
<b>Region, Race, and Hispanic Origin<sup>1</sup></b>												
United States:												
All races .....	84 471	17 114	92	16 311	*4.9	*2.9	45 919	25 894	116	24 999	*3.6	*1.6
White .....	73 827	18 060	128	17 111	*5.5	*3.6	40 809	26 617	131	25 893	*3.6	*1.6
Black .....	8 285	10 822	214	10 768	5	-1.4	3 642	18 788	355	17 971	*4.4	2.5
Hispanic .....	5 870	11 532	204	11 434	9	-1.0	3 158	17 008	348	17 344	-1.9	*3.8
Northeast:												
All rac .....	17 707	18 929	216	17 581	*7.7	*5.6	10 157	26 913	226	25 928	*3.8	*1.8
White .....	15 961	19 682	231	18 361	*7.1	*5.1	9 232	27 492	249	26 715	*2.9	1.0
Black .....	1 342	13 033	612	11 689	*11.5	*9.4	679	20 836	573	18 855	*10.5	*8.4
Hispanic .....	926	13 111	703	12 270	6.9	4.8	564	18 516	524	16 713	*10.8	*8.7
Midwest:												
All races .....	20 640	17 438	199	16 377	*6.5	*4.5	11 202	25 998	211	24 939	*4.2	*2.3
White .....	18 882	18 057	222	16 845	*7.2	*5.2	10 420	26 339	224	25 155	*4.7	*2.7
Black .....	1 509	11 742	485	11 393	3.1	1.1	2 103	18 775	386	16 088	*4.3	2.3
Hispanic .....	356	13 323	1 204	11 531	15.5	13.4	190	20 877	1 133	19 499	7.1	5.0
South:												
All races .....	28 818	15 468	152	14 935	*3.6	1.8	15 277	23 943	288	22 774	*5.1	*3.1
White .....	23 804	16 778	163	16 160	*3.8	1.9	12 972	25 496	214	24 418	*4.4	*2.4
Black .....	4 629	9 568	327	9 817	-2.4	-4.2	2 103	18 775	386	16 088	*4.3	2.3
Hispanic .....	2 012	10 687	264	11 140	-2.3	-4.1	1 023	16 031	503	17 078	*6.1	*7.9
West:												
All races .....	17 306	18 302	301	17 390	*5.2	**3.3	9 283	27 697	343	28 854	*3.1	1.2
White .....	15 201	18 763	310	17 965	*4.4	2.5	8 185	28 111	387	27 315	*2.9	1.0
Black .....	805	12 918	812	13 492	*4.3	-6.1	382	24 421	1 447	22 426	8.9	6.8
Hispanic .....	2 576	11 429	288	11 356	.6	-1.3	1 382	16 633	472	17 561	**5.3	*7.1
<b>Relationship to Family Householder</b>												
In families .....	70 125	17 477	115	16 570	*5.5	*3.5	38 310	28 527	135	25 527	*3.9	*2.0
Householder .....	50 752	22 171	131	21 106	*5.0	*3.1	31 811	28 482	164	27 213	*4.6	*2.7
Spouse present .....	48 287	22 425	137	21 355	*5.0	*3.0	30 445	28 649	169	27 426	*4.5	*2.5
Spouse absent .....	2 465	17 322	550	16 219	*6.6	4.8	1 368	24 859	755	22 495	*10.5	*8.4
Spouse of householder .....	2 683	20 392	489	18 321	*11.3	*9.2	1 798	26 574	659	25 351	4.8	2.8
Other relative of householder .....	16 490	5 344	99	4 884	*9.4	*7.4	4 701	14 284	238	14 069	15	-4
In unrelated subfamilies .....	184	7 774	628	8 390	-7.3	-9.1	83	17 208	2 105	14 408	19.4	17.2
Unrelated individuals .....	14 183	15 853	201	15 275	2.5	5	7 527	22 712	281	21 905	*3.7	1.7
<b>Age</b>												
15 to 19 years .....	8 055	1 928	36	1 893	1.8	-1	424	9 730	436	9 050	7.5	5.5
20 to 24 years .....	8 943	8 961	212	8 629	5.8	1.9	3 785	14 152	233	13 827	2.4	.4
25 to 34 years .....	20 600	19 162	172	18 682	*2.7	.7	14 399	22 892	189	22 321	*1.7	-3
35 to 44 years .....	16 289	26 172	220	25 358	*3.2	1.3	12 504	30 189	194	28 968	*4.2	*2.3
45 to 54 years .....	10 966	27 758	315	25 845	*7.4	*5.4	8 293	31 857	293	29 880	*5.9	*3.9
55 to 64 years .....	10 128	21 034	294	20 257	*3.8	1.9	5 625	29 119	428	28 387	2.6	.6
65 years and over .....	11 490	11 544	136	10 900	*5.9	*3.9	889	27 326	1 143	28 146	4.5	2.5
<b>Occupation Group of Longest Job<sup>2</sup> (Earnings)</b>												
Total with earnings <sup>3</sup> .....	68 728	18 762	139	17 779	*5.6	*3.6	45 912	25 256	108	24 195	*4.4	*2.4
Executive, administrators, and managerial .....	8 494	32 071	377	30 792	*4.2	*2.2	7 285	34 962	383	33 530	*4.3	2.3
Professional specialty .....	7 820	31 854	349	29 698	*6.6	*4.6	6 081	35 143	329	32 812	*7.1	*5.1
Technical and related support .....	1 797	25 213	526	23 367	*7.9	*5.9	1 355	27 680	555	26 266	*6.1	*4.1
Sales .....	7 424	21 076	351	20 058	*5.1	*3.1	5 388	26 803	389	25 445	*5.3	*3.3
Administrative support, including clerical .....	3 894	17 679	498	18 127	-2.5	-4.3	2 699	22 718	440	22 997	-1.2	-3.1
Precision production, craft and repair .....	13 494	19 710	258	18 956	*4.0	2.0	9 174	24 281	291	23 289	*4.3	*2.4
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors .....	5 091	17 056	262	17 000	3	-1.6	3 459	20 551	270	20 788	-1.1	-3.0
Transportation and material moving .....	4 637	17 460	334	16 186	*8.0	*6.0	2 999	21 770	350	20 630	*5.5	*3.5
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers .....	5 112	7 872	197	7 330	*7.4	5.4	2 055	17 694	515	15 755	*12.3	*10.2
Service workers .....	7 197	9 319	344	8 038	*15.9	*13.7	3 630	17 332	286	16 824	3.0	1.1
Private household .....	61	(B)	(B)	(X)	(X)	4	(B)	(B)	287	16 636	3.0	(X)
Service, except private household .....	7 135	9 488	344	8 123	*16.8	*14.8	3 626	17 345	287	16 636	3.0	1.1
Farming, forestry, and fishing .....	3 790	4 908	258	3 986	*23.7	*21.4	1 760	10 748	277	10 361	3.7	1.8
<b>Educational Attainment</b>												
Total, 25 years and over .....	69 473	20 538	100	19 684	*4.3	*2.4	41 711	27 337	133	26 365	*3.7	*1.7
Elementary Total .....	8 805	9 240	164	8 996	2.7	8	2 498	16 389	310	16 607	-1.3	-3.2
Less than 8 years .....	4 689	8 077	150	7 857	2.8	1	1 326	14 495	446	14 788	-1.9	-3.8
8 years .....	3 916	11 084	233	10 818	2.5	5	1 172	18 541	620	18 645	-6	-2.4
High school Total .....	32 216	18 075	143	17 261	*4.7	*2.7	18 704	23 681	186	22 797	*3.8	*1.8
1 to 3 years .....	7 715	13 401	245	12 870	*4.1	*2.2	3 614	20 003	322	18 881	*5.9	*3.9
4 years .....	24 501	19 772	161	18 997	*4.1	*2.1	15 090	24 701	224	23 853	*3	1.8
College Total .....	28 452	28 844	210	27 563	*4.6	*2.7	20 509	32 921	209	31 745	*3.7	*1.7
1 to 3 years .....	11 911	23 738	276	22 581	*5.1	*3.1	8 005	28 025	277	26 960	*4.0	*2.0
4 years .....	16 540	33 304	279	31 946	*4.3	*2.3	12 504	36 865	265	35 605	*3.0	1.0
5 years or more .....	8 965	31 062	304	29 598	*4.6	*2.6	6 871	34 391	399	32 822	*4.8	*2.8
	7 575	36 241	358	35 249	*2.8	9	5 833	38 592	484	39 335	7	-1.2

## Table 7. Median Income of Persons by Selected Characteristics: 1986 and 1985—Con.

(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; two asterisks (\*\*) indicate significance between the 90- and 95-percent confidence level. For meaning of symbols, see text.)

Characteristic	All persons						Year-round, full time workers					
	1986			1985	Percent change (median income)		1986			1985	Percent change (median income)	
	Number with income (thous.)	Median income (dollars)	Standard error (dollars)	Median income (dollars)	In current dollars	In 1986 dollars	Number with income (thous.)	Median income (dollars)	Standard error (dollars)	Median income (dollars)	In current dollars	In 1986 dollars
<b>FEMALE</b>												
All females .....	87 822	7 610	55	7 217	*5.4	*3.5	28 462	16 843	89	16 252	*3.6	*1.7
<b>Region, Race, and Hispanic Origin<sup>1</sup></b>												
United States												
All races.....	87 822	7 610	55	7 217	*5.4	*3.5	28 462	16 843	89	16 252	*3.6	*1.7
White .....	75 587	7 760	60	7 357	*5.5	*3.5	24 002	17 101	95	16 482	*3.8	*1.8
Black.....	9 819	6 566	127	6 277	*4.6	2.6	3 457	14 964	265	14 590	2.6	6
Hispanic.....	5 096	6 338	179	6 020	*5.3	3.3	1 703	14 191	380	13 522	4.9	30
Northeast												
All races.....	19 072	8 020	103	7 543	*6.3	*4.0	6 175	18 075	209	17 004	*6.3	*4.3
White .....	16 969	7 983	107	7 559	*5.6	*3.6	5 326	18 200	226	17 095	*6.5	*4.5
Black.....	1 752	8 307	456	7 248	*14.6	**12.4	687	17 246	399	16 422	*5.0	30
Hispanic.....	1 013	6 278	251	5 889	6.6	4.6	332	14 552	566	13 886	4.8	28
Midwest												
All races.....	21 957	7 265	110	6 853	*6.0	*4.0	6 734	16 364	174	16 262	6	-1.3
White .....	19 896	7 312	114	6 908	*5.8	*3.8	6 025	16 327	183	16 194	8	-1.1
Black.....	1 794	6 711	308	6 326	6.1	4.1	609	16 189	531	16 719	-3.3	-5.1
Hispanic.....	320	6 306	655	6 392	-1.3	-3.2	106	14 410	741	14 714	-2.1	-3.9
South												
All races.....	29 523	7 286	91	6 795	*7.2	*5.2	9 939	15 711	155	15 044	*4.4	*2.5
White .....	23 730	7 700	108	7 119	*8.2	*6.1	7 915	16 354	168	15 646	*4.5	*2.6
Black.....	5 422	6 018	163	5 518	*9.1	**7.0	1 862	13 046	324	12 575	3.7	1.8
Hispanic.....	1 619	5 568	349	5 636	-1.2	-3.1	540	13 354	639	12 508	6.8	4.7
West												
All races.....	17 270	8 180	131	8 115	8	-1.1	5 615	18 403	292	17 477	*5.3	*3.3
White .....	14 993	8 178	139	8 109	9	-1.1	4 736	18 598	314	17 639	*5.4	*3.4
Black.....	852	7 869	559	8 094	-2.8	-4.6	310	17 533	964	16 138	8.6	6.6
Hispanic.....	2 143	6 701	194	6 224	*7.7	*5.6	725	14 536	545	13 622	6.7	4.7
<b>Relationship to Family Householder</b>												
In families .....	70 489	6 941	57	6 513	*6.6	*4.6	22 675	16 444	98	15 857	*3.7	*1.7
Householder .....	12 954	9 626	195	9 286	3.7	1.7	5 117	17 547	251	17 140	2.4	4
Spouse present .....	2 772	10 674	343	9 674	*10.3	**8.3	1 197	17 960	712	17 443	3.0	1.0
Spouse absent .....	10 182	9 323	204	9 183	1.5	-4	3 919	17 469	265	17 068	2.3	4
Spouse of householder .....	44 003	7 436	90	6 820	*9.0	*7.0	14 627	16 808	124	16 213	*3.7	*1.7
Other relative of householder .....	13 531	4 181	73	3 922	*6.6	*4.6	2 932	12 634	260	12 392	2.0	-
In unrelated subfamilies .....	519	6 109	513	6 675	-8.5	-10.2	170	14 577	880	14 040	3.8	1.9
Unrelated individuals .....	16 814	10 443	147	10 120	*3.2	1.2	5 618	18 878	260	18 009	*4.8	*2.8
<b>Age</b>												
15 to 19 years .....	5 790	1 854	35	1 796	3.2	1.3	304	8 333	309	8 372	-5	-23
20 to 24 years .....	8 952	6 554	124	6 155	*6.5	*4.5	3 029	12 192	129	11 757	*3.7	1.7
25 to 34 years .....	19 795	10 310	125	9 879	*4.4	2.4	9 033	17 087	136	16 740	*2.1	1
35 to 44 years .....	15 913	11 064	164	10 275	*7.7	*5.6	7 686	18 810	239	18 032	*4.3	2.3
45 to 54 years .....	10 791	10 380	194	9 619	*7.9	*5.9	5 019	18 057	268	17 009	*6.2	*4.2
55 to 64 years .....	10 448	7 377	193	7 175	2.8	9	2 976	16 983	257	16 761	1.3	-6
65 years and over .....	16 126	6 425	65	6 313	1.8	-1	416	17 180	790	16 336	-6.3	**-8.1
<b>Occupation Group of Longest Job<sup>2</sup> (Earnings)</b>												
Total with earnings <sup>3</sup> .....	57 686	10 016	83	9 328	*7.4	*5.3	28 420	16 232	85	15 624	*3.9	*1.9
Executive, administrators, and managerial .....	5 162	19 133	354	17 556	*9.0	*6.9	3 911	21 432	243	20 565	*4.2	2.2
Professional specialty .....	8 051	18 196	281	17 032	*6.8	*4.8	4 590	23 076	232	21 781	*5.9	*3.9
Technical and related support .....	1 702	16 014	312	15 201	*5.3	3.4	1 094	19 236	478	18 177	*5.8	3.8
Sales .....	7 745	5 475	140	5 293	3.4	1.5	2 686	16 956	419	12 692	2.2	2
Administrative support, including clerical .....	16 239	11 581	96	11 310	*2.4	5	9 305	15 509	109	15 157	*2.3	4
Precision production, craft and repair .....	1 351	11 807	446	11 185	5.6	3.6	752	16 810	491	15 093	*11.4	*9.3
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors .....	3 808	9 373	239	9 170	2.2	3	1 988	12 324	184	12 232	8	-1.2
Transportation and material moving .....	458	8 327	709	6 583	*26.5	*24.1	131	14 310	989	12 618	134	11.3
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers .....	1 022	5 883	415	6 555	-10.3	-11.9	318	12 198	490	12 704	-4.0	-5.8
Service workers .....	11 431	4 529	106	4 224	*7.2	*5.2	3 456	10 367	137	10 204	1.6	-3
Private household .....	1 347	1 549	61	1 541	5	-1.4	189	6 638	637	5 888	12.7	10.6
Service, except private household .....	10 084	5 155	112	4 856	*6.2	4.2	3 267	10 568	137	10 460	10	-9
Farming, forestry, and fishing .....	697	2 271	285	1 726	*31.6	**29.1	182	8 032	763	6 783	18.4	16.2
<b>Educational Attainment</b>												
Total, 25 years and over .....	73 080	8 582	82	8 154	*5.2	*3.3	25 130	17 675	127	17 124	*3.2	*1.3
Elementary:												
Total .....	8 748	4 896	46	4 891	-1	**-2.0	933	10 688	278	10 564	1.2	-7
Less than 8 years .....	4 590	4 691	56	4 615	1.6	-3	475	10 153	394	9 736	4.3	2.3
8 years .....	4 159	5 258	118	5 415	-2.9	**-4.7	452	11 183	375	11 377	-1.7	-3.6
High school												
Total .....	38 845	7 651	74	7 372	*3.8	1.8	12 526	15 380	117	14 968	*2.8	8
1 to 3 years .....	8 466	5 831	90	5 689	2.5	6	1 770	12 267	185	11 836	*3.6	1.7
4 years .....	30 379	8 366	86	8 137	*2.8	9	10 755	15 947	123	15 481	*3.0	1.1
College												
Total .....	25 487	14 471	161	13 731	*5.4	*3.4	11 672	21 595	148	20 821	*3.7	*1.8
1 to 3 years .....	12 845	11 574	175	11 018	*5.0	3.1	5 331	18 516	238	17 989	*2.9	1.0
4 years .....	12 641	18 065	249	17 235	*4.8	*2.8	6 341	24 482	267	23 119	*5.9	*3.9
5 years or more .....	7 877	15 126	234	15 256	*5.7	*3.7	3 772	22 412	265	21 389	*4.8	*2.8
	4 764	21 599	316	20 578	*4.5	2.5	2 569	27 279	368	25 928	*5.2	*3.2

<sup>1</sup>Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race

<sup>2</sup>Amounts shown are median earnings

<sup>3</sup>Includes persons whose longest job was in the Armed Forces

**Table 8. Farm-Nonfarm Residence and Race of Persons, by Sex and Total Money Income in 1986**

(Numbers in thousands Persons 15 years old and over as of March 1987 For meaning of symbols, see text)

Total money income	Male					Female				
	Total			Nonfarm	Farm	Total			Nonfarm	Farm
	All races	White	Black			All races	White	Black		
<b>TOTAL</b>										
Total .....	89 368	77 212	9 472	87 213	2 156	97 320	83 003	11 447	95 370	1 949
Without income .....	4 897	3 385	1 186	4 818	80	9 497	7 415	1 628	9 298	199
With income .....	84 471	73 827	8 285	82 395	2 076	87 822	75 587	9 819	86 072	1 750
\$1 to \$1,999 or less .....	6 111	5 037	853	5 790	321	15 385	13 523	1 375	14 917	468
\$2,000 to \$2,999 .....	2 190	1 745	180	2 096	93	5 157	4 255	789	5 047	113
\$3,000 to \$3,999 .....	2 377	1 820	465	2 304	73	5 588	4 592	851	5 457	131
\$4,000 to \$4,999 .....	2 541	1 994	491	2 460	81	5 834	4 782	939	5 715	119
\$5,000 to \$5,999 .....	2 549	2 099	379	2 436	113	4 989	4 246	613	4 880	108
\$6,000 to \$8,999 .....	2 615	2 206	332	2 548	68	4 581	3 871	604	4 503	78
\$7,000 to \$8,499 .....	4 152	3 458	548	4 021	131	5 644	4 979	730	5 712	132
\$8,500 to \$9,999 .....	3 010	2 562	424	2 980	90	4 174	3 656	409	4 076	98
\$10,000 to \$12,499 .....	6 801	5 57	820	6 611	190	7 732	6 659	829	7 596	136
\$12,500 to \$14,999 .....	5 009	4 345	556	4 885	123	7 493	4 757	605	5 397	97
\$15,000 to \$17,499 .....	5 702	5 028	540	5 592	110	5 241	4 588	533	5 154	87
\$17,500 to \$19,999 .....	4 378	3 837	444	4 294	84	3 575	3 159	332	3 557	28
\$20,000 to \$24,999 .....	8 578	7 652	695	8 422	156	6 050	5 351	531	5 962	87
\$25,000 to \$29,999 .....	7 276	6 577	515	7 151	126	3 436	2 994	314	3 405	32
\$30,000 to \$34,999 .....	5 939	5 428	341	5 858	82	1 991	1 726	190	1 978	13
\$35,000 to \$49,999 .....	9 083	8 509	357	8 955	138	1 908	1 693	132	1 895	13
\$50,000 to \$74,999 .....	3 983	3 746	118	3 927	56	579	521	27	575	4
\$75,000 and over .....	2 107	2 022	25	2 065	42	255	235	16	249	7
Median income .....	17 114	18 060	10 822	17 265	10 897	7 610	7 760	6 566	7 662	5 404
Standard error .....	92	128	214	92	598	55	60	126	56	384
Mean income .....	21 822	22 746	13 861	21 962	16 268	10 741	10 867	9 538	10 799	7 875
Standard error .....	108	119	221	109	941	53	60	157	56	441
<b>YEAR-ROUND, FULL-TIME WORKERS</b>										
Percent of civilian income recipients .....	54.9	55.8	47.2	54.7	61.5	32.4	31.7	35.3	32.5	26.9
Median income .....	25 894	26 617	18 766	26 111	14 469	16 843	17 101	14 964	16 936	11 170
Standard error .....	116	131	355	119	1 304	88	95	265	89	658
Mean income .....	30 128	30 977	21 111	30 407	20 381	18 916	19 175	16 888	19 021	12 830
Standard error .....	159	173	333	160	1 396	103	111	311	103	890

**Table 9. Marital Status of Persons 18 Years Old and Over, by Sex and Total Money Income in 1986**

(Numbers in thousands Persons 18 years old and over as of March 1987)

Total money income	Male					Female				
	Total	Single	Married		Widowed	Divorced	Total	Single	Married	
			Wife present	Wife absent					Husband present	Husband absent
<b>TOTAL</b>										
Total .....	83 706	21 146	52 280	2 573	2 120	5 586	91 903	17 096	52 197	3 443
Without income .....	2 422	1 672	414	113	43	181	6 902	1 348	4 894	228
With income .....	81 284	19 474	51 866	2 461	2 077	5 406	84 239	15 749	47 303	3 215
\$1 to \$1,999 or less .....	3 865	2 237	1 220	106	35	266	13 339	2 125	10 197	315
\$2,000 to \$2,999 .....	1 839	1 157	464	64	44	109	4 877	1 137	2 893	245
\$3,000 to \$3,999 .....	2 158	1 166	679	88	90	136	5 396	1 219	2 853	264
\$4,000 to \$4,999 .....	2 407	1 112	855	117	167	157	5 725	1 167	2 347	271
\$5,000 to \$5,999 .....	2 452	1 018	988	119	141	186	4 918	953	2 173	1 186
\$6,000 to \$6,999 .....	2 568	937	1 164	103	183	181	4 538	845	2 067	1 064
\$7,000 to \$8,499 .....	4 104	1 431	2 007	154	212	300	5 802	1 112	2 757	278
\$8,500 to \$9,999 .....	3 045	829	1 722	105	155	234	4 163	720	1 215	138
\$10,000 to \$12,499 .....	6 791	1 5	3 869	243	257	446	7 715	1 392	4 318	308
\$12,500 to \$14,999 .....	5 002	1 251	3 171	131	151	298	5 493	978	3 011	208
\$15,000 to \$17,499 .....	5 702	1 301	3 709	161	100	431	5 233	961	2 815	597
\$17,500 to \$19,999 .....	4 378	792	3 069	137	90	289	3 582	640	1 947	118
\$20,000 to \$24,999 .....	8 575	1 434	6 208	233	139	560	6 046	1 070	3 362	529
\$25,000 to \$29,999 .....	7 277	1 011	5 525	214	92	434	3 436	588	1 927	97
\$30,000 to \$34,999 .....	5 939	792	4 475	152	63	457	1 991	339	1 062	80
\$35,000 to \$49,999 .....	9 093	706	7 505	221	106	554	1 908	372	940	52
\$50,000 to \$74,999 .....	3 983	238	3 398	70	28	249	579	102	305	12
\$75,000 and over .....	2 107	85	1 838	42	25	117	255	30	155	8
Median income .....	17 905	9 727	22 141	15 008	10 122	17 257	7 958	7 577	7 611	7 476
Standard error .....	117	182	130	616	319	323	54	122	85	237
Mean income .....	22 614	12 936	26 773	19 404	14 643	22 100	11 044	10 783	10 587	10 878
Standard error .....	110	133	148	570	46	434	56	124	76	157
<b>YEAR-ROUND, FULL-TIME WORKERS</b>										
Percent of civilian income recipients .....	57.0	43.9	63.8	55.1	13.7	57.6	23.4	38.3	33.8	37.4
Median income .....	25 907	17 280	28 393	22 418	23 694	25 156	16 852	16 034	16 844	15 425
Standard error .....	116	174	161	704	1 628	496	88	195	118	398
Mean income .....	30 146	20 326	32 984	26 448	27 561	29 185	18 930	18 122	18 893	16 990
Standard error .....	159	224	199	818	1 544	607	103	212	139	416

## Table 10. Age of Persons, by Sex and Total Money Income in 1986

(Numbers in thousands. Persons 15 years old and over as of March 1987. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Total money income		Age (years)														65 and over
		25 to 34			35 to 44			45 to 54			55 to 64					
		Total	15 to 19	20 to 24	Total	25 to 29	30 to 34	Total	35 to 39	40 to 44	Total	45 to 49	50 to 54	Total	55 to 59	60 to 64
<b>MALE</b>																
<b>Total</b>																
Total .....	89 368	9 193	9 499	21 141	10 694	10 448	16 529	9 163	7 365	11 151	5 909	5 242	10 277	5 276	5 002	11 578
Without income .....	4 697	3 37	556	541	314	227	240	152	88	166	105	81	150	92	58	87
With income .....	84 471	6 055	8 943	20 600	10 380	10 221	16 289	9 012	7 277	10 966	5 804	5 162	10 128	5 184	4 944	11 490
\$1 to \$1,999 or less .....	6 111	3 140	921	646	364	282	543	315	228	321	162	159	382	213	169	157
\$2,000 to \$2,999 .....	2 190	729	476	374	206	168	169	104	65	135	50	75	152	74	78	154
\$3,000 to \$3,999 .....	2 377	572	581	367	205	162	190	103	87	125	61	64	168	77	91	394
\$4,000 to \$4,999 .....	2 541	360	493	348	191	157	240	141	99	173	80	93	253	115	138	674
\$5,000 to \$5,999 .....	2 549	312	559	406	233	173	194	117	77	141	57	84	232	96	137	704
\$6,000 to \$6,999 .....	2 615	197	513	455	280	165	221	106	115	180	92	87	252	121	132	788
\$7,000 to \$6,499 .....	4 152	242	799	890	530	360	440	259	181	248	115	132	417	163	254	1 117
\$8,500 to \$9,999 .....	3 070	130	483	644	380	265	346	185	161	241	115	126	348	134	213	877
\$10,000 to \$12,499 .....	6 801	177	1 191	1 881	1 153	738	785	474	311	576	291	268	755	352	402	1 425
\$12,500 to \$14,999 .....	5 009	64	715	1 342	800	543	648	347	301	389	209	180	681	294	368	1 168
\$15,000 to \$17,499 .....	5 702	38	737	1 925	1 014	881	949	580	389	557	277	279	812	285	328	884
\$17,500 to \$19,999 .....	4 378	30	354	1 505	771	734	839	492	347	486	265	221	583	246	317	601
\$20,000 to \$24,999 .....	8 578	15	591	2 845	1 423	1 423	2 063	1 173	890	1 168	641	528	1 089	593	497	806
\$25,000 to \$29,999 .....	7 276	15	302	2 324	1 129	1 195	1 881	1 060	820	1 237	665	571	969	546	424	549
\$30,000 to \$34,999 .....	5 939	10	159	1 715	736	879	1 835	984	851	1 172	666	506	756	457	299	293
\$35,000 to \$49,999 .....	9 093	2	65	2 055	729	1 326	2 928	1 579	1 349	2 194	1 171	1 023	1 381	804	577	468
\$50,000 to \$74,999 .....	3 983	2	18	614	150	484	1 384	689	674	1 072	547	525	668	355	313	245
\$75,000 and over .....	2 107	1	3	242	57	185	654	503	351	551	331	220	469	26*	209	187
Median income .....	17 114	1 929	8 961	19 182	17 032	21 352	28 172	25 423	27 227	27 756	28 378	27 071	21 034	23 326	18 786	11 544
Standard error .....	92	36	212	172	176	230	220	270	370	315	446	442	294	476	400	135
Mean income .....	21 822	3 127	10 484	21 478	18 885	24 112	29 708	28 606	31 075	31 717	32 612	30 710	26 809	28 181	25 370	16 115
Standard error .....	108	78	122	163	190	261	270	347	423	374	534	518	373	519	535	238
<b>Year-Round, Full-Time Workers</b>																
Percent of civilian income recipients .....	54 9	7 0	43 1	22 713	20 720	25 705	30 778	29 75 5	30 782	31 75 9	31 77 7	31 73 7	29 55 5	29 64 9	28 45 7	27 77
Median income .....	25 894	8 730	14 152	22 692	20 720	25 105	30 189	29 323	30 890	31 657	31 747	31 537	29 119	29 334	28 782	27 326
Standard error .....	116	435	233	189	205	262	304	382	307	293	380	458	426	544	685	1 143
Mean income .....	30 128	9 818	15 259	25 351	22 557	27 929	33 974	32 668	35 326	38 386	36 919	35 755	35 057	34 601	35 738	38 828
Standard error .....	159	345	179	184	225	303	312	402	487	442	827	818	557	681	946	1 894
<b>FEMALE</b>																
<b>Total</b>																
Total .....	97 320	8 894	9 859	21 494	10 942	10 552	17 103	9 423	7 680	11 888	6 255	5 811	11 608	5 830	5 776	18 388
Without income .....	9 497	3 204	907	1 889	887	811	1 184	810	573	1 078	508	568	1 158	722	435	271
With income .....	87 822	5 790	8 952	19 795	10 055	8 740	15 919	8 813	7 106	10 781	5 748	5 045	10 448	5 108	5 340	18 128
\$1 to \$1,999 or less .....	15 386	3 123	1 472	3 433	1 571	1 862	2 819	1 517	1 102	2 009	1 025	984	2 057	1 130	927	873
\$2,000 to \$2,999 .....	5 157	734	704	790	409	381	681	346	315	472	235	237	814	263	351	1 181
\$3,000 to \$3,999 .....	5 588	584	708	882	473	409	836	398	240	433	229	203	744	292	452	1 501
\$4,000 to \$4,999 .....	5 834	370	652	844	448	398	580	300	280	450	221	228	685	275	389	2 273
\$5,000 to \$5,999 .....	4 989	258	632	793	408	385	822	382	250	430	218	212	519	215	304	1 735
\$6,000 to \$6,999 .....	4 581	185	553	878	484	395	635	340	295	427	237	190	42	198	284	1 410
\$7,000 to \$8,499 .....	5 844	224	821	1 174	821	554	942	844	458	544	295	249	572	269	303	1 568
\$8,500 to \$9,999 .....	4 174	85	493	852	459	393	674	392	282	485	252	233	499	231	287	1 078
\$10,000 to \$12,499 .....	7 732	110	1 094	2 028	1 110	918	1 388	768	619	987	511	458	898	432	463	1 250
\$12,500 to \$14,999 .....	5 483	40	815	1 421	751	870	1 125	853	472	778	408	368	657	321	336	650
\$15,000 to \$17,499 .....	5 241	31	448	827	898	728	1 111	812	499	707	404	303	819	310	308	889
\$17,500 to \$19,999 .....	3 585	10	277	1 038	578	460	839	457	382	589	323	268	385	209	177	448
\$20,000 to \$24,999 .....	8 050	11	301	1 828	946	977	1 539	834	705	1 027	575	452	888	388	302	559
\$25,000 to \$29,999 .....	3 438	-	113	947	450	497	1 022	555	487	509	335	274	438	251	188	308
\$30,000 to \$34,999 .....	1 981	-	38	579	241	336	617	338	281	364	190	174	228	125	102	168
\$35,000 to \$43,999 .....	1 908	3	19	443	170	273	633	314	319	352	201	151	252	138	114	205
\$40,000 to \$74,999 .....	579	-	1	100	24	78	188	104	93	118	89	47	92	42	50	73
\$75,000 and over .....	255	-	9	44	18	80	44	37	35	17	18	43	19	24	43	43
Median income .....	7 810	1 854	8 554	10 310	10 365	10 257	11 084	10 878	11 296	10 380	9 919	7 377	8 003	8 872	8 425	
Standard error .....	55	35	123	125	3	194	184	220	245	194	287	311	193	297	187	85
Mean income .....	10 741	2 898	7 954	12 043	11 702	12 385	13 710	13 410	14 082	12 750	13 077	12 378	10 905	11 297	10 531	9 195
Standard error .....	55	82	111	115	149	175	152	199	238	171	235	250	180	281	248	105
<b>Year-Round, Full-Time Workers</b>																
Percent of civilian income recipients .....	32 4	5 2	33 8	45 8	47 8	43 3	48 2	47 5	49 2	46 5	48 9	43 7	28 4	38 1	21 1	25
Median income .....	18 843	8 333	12 192	17 087	18 400	18 273	18 810	18 485	19 223	18 057	18 128	17 873	18 983	17 089	18 825	17 180
Standard error .....	88	308	129	138	173	332	239	324	354	288	389	287	339	393	788	
Mean income .....	18 918	8 781	13 158	18 854	17 734	20 130	20 868	20 597	21 192	18 752	19 859	18 815	19 431	19 489	19 319	19 887
Standard error .....	103	306	154	172	215	273	218	285	335	238	313	359	360	484	525	897

**Table 11. Work Experience of Civilians, by Sex and Total Money Earnings in 1986**

(Numbers in thousands Persons 15 years old and over as of March 1987 For meaning of symbols, see text)

Total money earnings	Total workers	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
<b>MALE</b>									
Total	68 783	59 221	45 940	7 670	5 611	9 582	3 249	2 169	4 144
Without earnings	54	33	28	1	4	21	4	4	12
With earnings	68 728	59 187	45 912	7 668	5 607	9 541	3 244	2 165	4 132
\$1 to \$1,999 or less	6 455	2 514	703	146	1 665	3 941	439	543	2 959
\$2,000 to \$2,999	2 066	1 018	147	95	775	1 049	291	324	434
\$3,000 to \$3,999	1 798	919	161	179	579	879	553	244	281
\$4,000 to \$4,999	1 533	927	236	263	428	605	296	198	111
\$5,000 to \$5,999	1 677	1 052	373	332	346	625	386	174	72
\$6,000 to \$6,999	1 489	1 111	389	418	304	378	215	95	68
\$7,000 to \$8,499	2 826	2 243	1 181	705	357	583	301	198	85
\$8,500 to \$9,999	1 821	1 637	1 06	489	142	184	107	71	6
\$10,000 to \$12,499	5 103	4 656	3 312	1 028	316	447	301	111	35
\$12,500 to \$14,999	3 195	3 057	2 324	588	145	178	96	28	14
\$15,000 to \$17,499	4 653	4 469	3 577	719	174	184	119	47	18
\$17,500 to \$19,999	3 408	3 326	2 803	433	90	82	43	30	9
\$20,000 to \$24,999	7 409	7 253	6 70	768	114	156	88	55	13
\$25,000 to \$29,999	6 545	6 455	5 829	555	71	89	56	22	9
\$30,000 to \$34,999	5 452	5 396	5 031	330	35	57	37	10	9
\$35,000 to \$49,999	8 165	8 091	7 637	411	42	74	66	6	1
\$50,000 to \$74,999	3 398	3 359	3 209	135	14	39	34	3	2
\$75,000 and over	1 734	1 704	1 622	74	6	30	20	5	4
Median earnings	dollars	18 782	21 569	25 256	13 262	3 627	2 791	5 640	3 882
Standard error	dollars	139	112	108	268	93	67	108	139
Mean earnings	dollars	22 308	25 076	28 777	16 832	6 052	5 136	8 690	5 777
Standard error	dollars	119	129	149	247	194	136	292	239
<b>FEMALE</b>									
Total	57 932	39 321	28 493	5 955	4 873	18 611	7 366	4 392	6 853
Without earnings	246	107	72	7	27	139	70	18	51
With earnings	57 686	39 214	28 420	5 948	4 848	18 472	7 296	4 374	6 802
\$1 to \$1,999 or less	9 481	2 493	389	159	1 944	6 988	858	951	5 179
\$2,000 to \$2,999	3 039	1 033	146	155	732	2 007	573	723	711
\$3,000 to \$3,999	2 728	1 092	207	275	610	1 635	664	582	388
\$4,000 to \$4,999	2 230	931	239	367	325	1 29	671	473	155
\$5,000 to \$5,999	2 525	1 166	437	414	336	1 337	820	396	122
\$6,000 to \$6,999	2 515	1 401	666	524	212	1 113	665	365	84
\$7,000 to \$8,499	3 801	2 599	1 354	736	210	1 202	822	318	61
\$8,500 to \$9,999	2 468	1 941	1 371	437	82	547	395	139	13
\$10,000 to \$12,499	6 259	5 267	4 228	878	161	892	766	192	32
\$12,500 to \$14,999	4 041	3 648	3 114	448	86	393	303	79	12
\$15,000 to \$17,499	4 401	4 052	3 587	.29	55	349	270	67	12
\$17,500 to \$19,999	2 862	2 713	2 401	276	35	149	136	12	1
\$20,000 to \$24,999	5 105	4 852	4 425	397	31	253	195	41	18
\$25,000 to \$29,999	2 793	2 699	2 508	188	4	94	75	13	5
\$30,000 to \$34,999	1 579	1 536	1 421	106	9	43	36	7	1
\$35,000 to \$49,999	1 368	1 330	1 232	84	14	39	26	7	6
\$50,000 to \$74,999	347	327	315	12	-	20	13	8	-
\$75,000 and over	126	115	100	15	-	11	7	2	2
Median earnings	dollars	10 016	13 640	16 232	9 562	2 654	3 148	6 093	3 881
Standard error	dollars	63	98	85	171	69	60	93	82
Mean earnings	dollars	11 811	15 187	17 900	11 487	3 818	4 645	7 391	4 915
Standard error	dollars	88	81	94	160	92	62	111	120

## Table 12. Persons, by Sex and Total Money Income: 1970, 1973-86

(In current dollars Persons 14 years old and over as of March following year For meaning of symbols, see text)

Total money income	1986	1985	1984	1983 <sup>a</sup>	1982	1981	1980	1979	1978	1977	1976	1975	1974 <sup>a</sup>	1973	1970
<b>BOTH SEXES</b>															
<b>Total</b>															
Number of persons . . . . . thous.															
Number of persons with income . . . . . thous.	186 688	184 828	182 316	180 283	178 100	176 186	174 082	171 861	169 586	167 262	164 935	162 542	159 962	157 284	148 241
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	100.0
\$1 to \$1,999 or less . . . . .	12.5	13.0	13.8	14.8	15.5	15.9	17.0	18.9	19.1	20.6	21.6	23.6	25.7	31.1	
\$2,000 to \$3,999 . . . . .	8.9	9.6	10.1	10.9	11.5	12.5	13.4	14.5	15.8	16.6	17.0	17.5	17.4	17.4	17.4
\$4,000 to \$5,999 . . . . .	9.2	9.3	9.8	9.9	10.3	10.6	10.8	10.6	11.1	12.1	12.4	12.9	13.0	13.2	14.1
\$6,000 to \$7,999 . . . . .	7.9	8.1	8.2	8.1	8.3	8.5	8.9	9.4	9.7	10.0	10.4	10.5	10.7	10.7	12.0
\$8,000 to \$9,999 . . . . .	6	6.6	5.6	6.9	7.1	7.5	7.6	7.9	8.0	8.3	8.5	8.6	8.6	8.8	9.0
\$10,000 to \$12,499 . . . . .	1	8.5	8.8	9.0	9.3	9.2	9.6	9.3	9.5	9.4	9.2	9.5	9.5	9.4	7.6
\$12,500 to \$14,999 . . . . .	1	6.2	6.1	6.4	6.3	6.2	6.1	5.9	5.7	6.0	5.9	5.5	5.5	5.3	3.4
\$15,000 to \$19,999 . . . . .	11.0	10.9	10.9	11.0	10.5	10.3	10.3	9.8	9.8	9.2	8.5	7.5	6.5	5.5	3.0
\$20,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	8.5	8.2	8.0	7.6	7.4	6.9	6.2	5.4	4.5	3.6	3.0	2.5	2.0	1.0	
\$25,000 and over . . . . .	21.2	19.6	17.7	15.4	13.6	11.9	9.6	7.6	6.0	4.9	3.9	3.0	2.7	2.3	1.3
Median income <sup>1</sup> . . . . . dol.	11 546	11 007	10 416	9 805	9 142	8 531	7 943	7 254	6 812	6 428	6 001	5 664	5 335	5 004	4 7
Mean income . . . . . dol.	16 173	15 323	14 411	13 456	12 709	11 908	10 997	10 121	9 451	8 242	7 704	7 255	6 312	5 589	
<b>Year-Round, Full-Time Workers</b>															
Percent of civilian income recipients . . . . .															
Median income . . . . . dol.	21 590	20 824	20 026	18 767	17 927	16 955	15 835	14 544	13 333	12 433	11 723	10 968	10 292	9 537	4 47
Mean income . . . . . dol.	25 839	24 706	23 400	22 118	21 209	19 861	18 354	17 021	15 631	14 495	13 531	12 654	11 879	10 888	8 973
<b>MALE</b>															
<b>Total</b>															
Number of persons . . . . . thous.	89 388	88 474	87 034	86 014	84 955	83 958	82 949	81 947	80 969	79 863	78 782	77 560	76 363	75 040	70 592
Number of persons with income . . . . . thous.	84 471	83 631	82 183	80 795	79 722	79 688	78 661	78 129	75 609	74 015	72 775	71 234	70 863	69 387	65 008
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	100.0
\$1 to \$1,999 or less . . . . .	7.2	7.5	8.1	8.9	9.1	8.9	9.1	9.5	10.6	11.6	12.4	12.9	13.9	14.9	18.8
\$2,000 to \$3,999 . . . . .	5.4	5.9	6.5	6.9	7.0	7.6	8.0	9.3	10.2	10.9	11.3	12.0	12.2	13.7	
\$4,000 to \$5,999 . . . . .	6.0	6.3	6.8	6.9	7.3	7.6	8.2	8.5	8.9	9.6	10.3	10.8	10.9	11.5	12.9
\$6,000 to \$7,999 . . . . .	6.2	6.4	6.5	6.7	7.0	7.3	7.6	7.9	8.6	9.1	9.6	10.0	10.6	11.0	14.7
\$8,000 to \$9,999 . . . . .	5.4	5.8	5.8	6.1	6.4	6.8	7.1	7.5	7.7	8.2	8.9	9.6	10.1	11.1	13.2
\$10,000 to \$12,499 . . . . .	8.1	8.2	8.5	8.7	9.4	9.1	10.0	10.2	10.9	11.2	11.8	12.9	13.7	14.2	12.1
\$12,500 to \$14,999 . . . . .	5.9	6.3	6.1	6.5	6.7	6.7	7.1	7.5	7.5	8.3	8.8	8.9	8.7	8.1	5.6
\$15,000 to \$19,999 . . . . .	11.9	12.2	12.1	12.8	12.8	13.1	14.2	14.7	15.3	14.7	13.9	12.3	10.8	9.3	5.1
\$20,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	10.2	10.1	10.3	10.4	10.8	11.4	11.3	10.8	9.4	7.8	6.3	5.2	4.4	3.5	1.7
\$25,000 and over . . . . .	33.6	31.4	29.2	25.9	23.6	21.4	17.5	14.0	11.0	8.6	6.8	5.4	4.7	4.0	2.3
Median income <sup>1</sup> . . . . . dol.	17 114	16 311	15 600	14 661	13 950	13 473	12 510	11 779	10 935	10 123	9 426	8 853	8 452	8 056	6 670
Mean income . . . . . dol.	21 822	20 652	19 438	18 182	17 381	16 515	15 340	14 311	13 113	12 063	11 165	10 429	9 861	9 289	7 537
<b>Year-Round, Full-Time Workers</b>															
Percent of civilian income recipients . . . . .															
Median income . . . . . dol.	25 894	24 995	24 004	22 506	21 655	20 692	19 172	17 479	16 062	15 070	13 859	12 934	12 162	11 468	5 566
Mean income . . . . . dol.	30 128	28 747	27 238	25 807	24 809	23 219	21 436	19 935	18 305	16 929	15 701	14 714	13 757	12 618	10 312
<b>FEMALE</b>															
<b>Total</b>															
Number of persons . . . . . thous.	97 320	96 354	95 282	94 269	93 145	92 228	91 133	89 914	88 617	87 399	86 153	84 982	83 599	82 244	77 649
Number of persons with income . . . . . thous.	87 824	86 531	85 555	83 781	82 505	82 139	80 826	79 921	71 864	65 407	63 170	60 807	59 642	57 029	51 647
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	100.0
\$1 to \$1,999 or less . . . . .	17.5	.83	19.2	20.5	21.7	22.8	24.8	28.0	27.7	27.5	30.1	31.9	35.2	38	46.7
\$2,000 to \$3,999 . . . . .	12.2	13.2	13.6	14.6	15.9	17.2	18.6	19.6	21.8	23.0	23.6	24.0	23.9	16	22.1
\$4,000 to \$5,999 . . . . .	12.3	12.2	12.6	12.8	13.1	13.4	13.3	12.7	13.5	14.9	14.8	15.4	15.3	15	15.7
\$8,000 to \$9,999 . . . . .	9.6	9.7	9.8	9.5	9.5	9.8	10.2	10.8	10.9	11.0	11.2	11.2	10.8	10.4	8.6
\$10,000 to \$12,499 . . . . .	8.8	8.8	7.4	7.6	7.9	8.2	8.1	8.3	8.4	8.4	7.9	7.3	6.7	5.8	3.8
\$12,500 to \$14,999 . . . . .	6.3	6.2	6.0	6.2	5.8	5.7	5.1	4.4	3.8	3.4	2.8	2.3	1.6	1.3	1.9
\$15,000 to \$19,999 . . . . .	10.1	9.8	9.8	9.2	8.3	7.5	6.4	5.0	3.9	3.0	2.4	1.8	1.3	9	4
\$20,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	6.9	6.4	5.9	4.9	4.4	3.4	2.6	1.7	1.1	8	5	4	3	2	1
\$25,000 and over . . . . .	9.3	8.2	6.6	5.4	3.9	2.7	1.9	1.2	8	6	5	3	2	2	2
Median income <sup>1</sup> . . . . . dol.	7 610	7 217	6 868	6 405	5 887	5 458	4 920	4 352	4 068	3 941	3 576	3 385	3 082	2 796	2 237
Mean income . . . . . dol.	10 741	10 173	9 534	8 899	8 195	7 440	6 772	6 026	5 599	5 291	4 875	4 513	4 161	3 799	3 138
<b>Year-Round, Full-Time Workers</b>															
Percent of civilian income recipients . . . . .															
Median income . . . . . dol.	16 843	16 252	15 422	14 486	13 663	12 457	11 59 <sup>b</sup>	10 531	9 641	8 814	8 212	7 719	7 174	6 488	5 440
Mean income . . . . . dol.	18 918	18 088	17 068	16 056	15 142	13 870	12 7 <sup>b</sup>	11 448	10 403	9 535	8 956	8 262	7 684	6 911	5 856

<sup>a</sup>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

Beginning with the year 1979, based on persons 15 years old and over Previous years are based on persons 14 years old and over

**Table 13. Total CPS Population and Per Capita Money Income, by Race and Hispanic Origin: 1967-86**

(Total CPS population as of March of the following year. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Year		All races	White	Black and other races		Hispanic <sup>1</sup>
				Total	Black	
<b>POPULATION (THOUSANDS)</b>						
1986		238 789	202 453	36 336	28 930	18 790
1985		236 749	201 019	35 730	28 538	18 091
1984		234 066	199 117	34 949	28 151	16 940
1983		231 938	197 649	34 289	27 747	16 553
1982		229 587	196 036	33 551	27 263	14 400
1981		227 375	194 647	32 728	26 896	14 043
1980		225 242	193 075	32 166	26 455	13 617
1979		223 160	191 905	31 255	26 033	13 371
1978		215 935	186 640	29 295	25 041	12 079
1977		214 159	185 404	28 755	24 839	12 045
1976		212 566	184 334	28 232	24 474	11 269
1975		211 140	183 364	27 776	24 163	11 117
1974		209 572	182 500	27 072	23 785	11 202
1973		207 949	181 342	26 607	23 542	10 795
1972		206 302	180 262	26 040	23 187	(NA)
1971		204 840	179 439	25 401	22 920	(NA)
1970		205 214	179 582	25 632	23 214	(NA)
1969		202 183	177 400	24 789	22 488	(NA)
1968		200 139	175 621	24 518	22 393	(NA)
1967		198 120	173 996	24 124	22 029	(NA)
<b>PER CAPITA MONEY INCOME (DOLLARS)</b>						
<b>In Current Dollars</b>						
1986		11 670	12 352	7 870	7 207	7 000
1985		11 013	11 671	7 314	6 840	6 613
1984		10 328	10 939	6 846	6 277	6 401
1983		9 548	10 125	6 223	5 755	5 852
1982		8 980	9 527	5 786	5 360	5 448
1981		8 476	8 979	5 482	5 129	5 349
1980		7 787	8 233	5 115	4 804	4 685
1979		7 166	7 574	4 681	4 444	4 432
1978		6 455	6 797	4 276	4 034	3 961
1977		5 785	6 100	3 752	3 574	3 538
1976		5 271	5 556	3 406	3 286	3 179
1975		4 918	5 072	3 142	2 972	2 847
1974		4 445	4 677	2 881	2 718	2 735
1973		4 141	4 361	2 643	2 521	2 454
1972		3 769	3 968	2 389	2 300	(NA)
1971		3 417	3 596	2 147	2 062	(NA)
1970		3 177	3 354	1 935	1 869	(NA)
1969		3 007	3 174	1 816	1 762	(NA)
1968		2 731	2 884	1 637	1 580	(NA)
1967		2 464	2 604	1 460	1 402	(NA)
<b>In 1986 Dollars</b>						
1986		11 670	12 352	7 870	7 207	7 000
1985		11 225	11 896	7 455	6 972	6 740
1984		10 902	11 547	7 227	6 626	6 757
1983		10 508	11 143	6 849	6 334	6 440
1982		10 201	10 822	6 573	6 089	6 189
1981		10 218	10 825	6 609	6 183	6 449
1980		10 362	10 955	6 806	6 392	6 474
1979		10 828	11 441	7 071	6 713	6 695
1978		10 849	11 423	7 186	6 780	6 657
1977		10 467	11 037	6 789	6 457	6 402
1976		10 152	10 701	6 560	6 329	6 123
1975		9 815	10 333	6 401	6 055	5 800
1974		9 878	10 399	6 406	6 043	6 081
1973		10 511	10 760	6 521	6 220	6 055
1972		9 878	10 400	6 261	6 028	(NA)
1971		9 251	9 736	5 813	5 583	(NA)
1970		8 971	9 471	5 464	5 278	(NA)
1969		8 994	9 493	5 431	5 270	(NA)
1968		8 607	9 089	5 159	4 980	(NA)
1967		8 092	8 552	4 795	4 604	(NA)

<sup>1</sup>Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

Table 14. Selected Characteristics of Households, by Total Money Income in 1986

(Numbers in thousands Households as of March 1987)

Characteristic	Total	\$ Under \$5,000	\$5,000 to \$8,999	\$10,000 to \$14,999	\$15,000 to \$19,999	\$20,000 to \$24,999	\$25,000 to \$29,999	\$30,000 to \$34,999	\$35,000 to \$39,999	\$40,000 to \$49,999	\$50,000 to \$74,999	\$75,000 and over	Median income		Mean income	
													Value (dol.)	Stand error (dol.)	Value (dol.)	Stand error (dol.)
All households .....	89 479	6 657	10 473	9 854	9 303	8 617	7 733	7 078	6 069	8 667	10 085	4 922	24 897	129	30 759	125
<b>TYPE OF RESIDENCE</b>																
Nonfarm .....	87 775	6 490	10 272	9 640	9 118	8 401	7 578	6 953	5 992	8 519	9 966	4 847	24 979	128	30 821	126
Farm .....	1 704	167	201	214	185	217	155	126	97	148	119	75	21 655	750	27 560	1 311
Inside metropolitan areas .....	69 361	4 517	7 537	7 194	6 825	6 125	5 909	5 524	4 860	7 215	8 821	4 534	26 892	141	32 771	148
1 million or more .....	38 155	2 260	3 861	3 704	3 449	3 321	3 160	2 999	2 753	4 136	5 406	3 113	28 812	238	35 133	213
Inside central cities .....	16 305	1 514	2 258	1 960	1 689	1 543	1 329	1 242	983	1 347	1 577	863	22 153	259	28 827	296
Outside central cities .....	21 860	746	1 603	1 744	1 759	1 778	1 830	1 757	1 771	2 789	3 632	2 250	34 003	352	39 837	261
Under 1 million .....	31 196	2 257	3 677	3 490	3 376	3 104	2 750	2 525	2 107	3 079	3 412	1 421	24 460	215	29 881	200
Inside central cities .....	13 020	1 235	1 824	1 596	1 463	1 303	1 069	999	763	1 102	1 166	500	21 359	272	27 044	294
Outside central cities .....	18 177	1 021	1 852	1 894	1 913	1 901	1 681	1 526	1 344	1 977	2 246	921	26 715	282	31 814	270
Outside metropolitan areas .....	20 118	2 141	2 936	2 660	2 478	2 192	1 824	1 555	1 229	1 452	1 264	388	19 667	256	23 821	245
<b>REGION</b>																
Northeast .....	18 873	1 189	2 241	1 743	1 974	1 758	1 596	1 421	1 308	1 836	2 379	1 327	28 494	231	32 982	250
Midwest .....	21 973	1 592	2 572	2 407	2 312	2 163	2 051	1 821	1 592	2 146	2 384	1 484	24 851	240	29 645	220
South .....	30 620	2 910	3 708	3 742	3 283	3 018	2 506	2 358	1 882	2 781	2 970	2 257	22 578	209	28 848	215
West .....	18 014	966	1 952	1 962	1 735	1 676	1 560	1 480	1 327	1 804	2 352	1 179	27 001	268	33 040	296
<b>RACE AND HISPANIC ORIGIN OF HOUSEHOLDER</b>																
White .....	77 264	4 653	8 516	8 218	7 980	7 510	6 890	6 284	5 523	7 880	9 244	4 588	26 175	127	32 040	137
Black .....	9 922	1 851	1 742	1 349	1 081	919	656	620	450	586	525	163	15 080	296	20 232	275
Hispanic <sup>1</sup> .....	5 418	597	842	809	643	558	465	366	286	352	397	103	18 352	478	23 173	381
<b>MARITAL STATUS AND SEX OF HOUSEHOLDER</b>																
Male householder .....	81 735	2 173	4 225	5 842	6 094	6 135	5 912	5 839	4 965	7 478	8 847	4 425	30 377	133	35 917	158
Married, wife present .....	48 573	913	2 435	4 053	4 496	4 734	4 705	4 628	4 197	6 524	7 910	3 981	32 923	168	38 742	182
Married, wife absent .....	1 589	157	222	206	185	181	151	93	106	102	104	51	20 109	638	25 157	331
Widowed .....	1 721	188	443	318	207	143	106	70	75	73	55	45	13 569	470	12 3/2	819
Divorced .....	3 887	354	440	448	443	408	345	353	253	342	328	173	22 987	571	28 301	577
Single .....	5 985	560	687	818	753	669	606	498	332	435	452	175	21 129	346	25 507	389
Female householder .....	27 744	4 464	8 248	4 012	3 209	2 482	1 821	1 438	1 125	1 191	1 238	497	13 827	154	12 283	158
Married, husband present .....	2 964	70	199	230	260	285	306	291	238	351	471	283	32 217	603	38 931	739
Married, husband absent .....	2 638	718	628	433	271	207	114	89	81	59	49	11	9 738	374	13 811	360
Widowed .....	9 570	1 700	3 190	1 507	1 005	663	403	312	261	233	223	73	9 784	138	14 815	218
Divorced .....	8 487	939	1 148	967	888	714	572	393	278	281	255	53	15 933	272	19 345	271
Single .....	8 086	1 058	1 083	876	784	833	425	353	288	287	240	77	15 151	319	19 133	303
<b>RELATIONSHIP TO HOUSEHOLDER</b>																
All members related .....	83 986	8 458	10 062	9 338	8 715	8 065	7 229	8 614	5 681	8 045	9 223	4 558	24 589	134	30 487	129
All members unrelated .....	3 880	117	283	389	409	398	358	342	292	449	602	240	29 935	593	34 661	579
Some members unrelated .....	1 834	82	128	148	176	155	148	122	118	173	260	124	29 187	1 115	38 069	1 002
<b>AGE OF HOUSEHOLDER</b>																
15 to 24 years .....	5 197	778	847	924	718	817	435	330	191	201	132	24	15 310	309	18 155	268
25 to 34 years .....	20 502	1 252	1 875	2 051	2 435	2 393	2 218	2 031	1 859	2 197	1 942	851	25 898	189	29 304	208
35 to 44 years .....	18 703	834	1 113	1 330	1 520	1 899	1 738	1 783	1 822	2 517	3 133	1 415	32 787	310	37 662	285
45 to 54 years .....	13 211	673	770	905	851	1 019	1 044	1 090	1 083	1 737	2 511	1 429	35 680	339	41 088	387
55 to 64 years .....	12 868	985	1 315	1 320	1 189	1 230	1 118	1 000	878	1 285	1 832	952	28 778	335	33 708	374
65 years and over .....	18 998	2 135	4 753	3 324	2 510	1 680	1 180	844	855	751	735	451	13 845	154	19 816	210
<b>SIZE OF HOUSEHOLD</b>																
One person .....	21 128	3 873	5 268	3 355	2 818	1 879	1 382	1 021	666	824	430	214	12 155	133	18 442	154
Two persons .....	28 602	1 336	2 843	3 589	3 438	3 127	2 870	2 363	1 940	2 874	3 110	1 514	25 293	202	31 302	214
Three persons .....	16 159	634	1 192	1 289	1 475	1 519	1 453	1 427	1 404	1 951	2 548	1 086	31 004	278	35 967	312
Four persons .....	13 984	450	745	878	1 018	1 250	1 378	1 354	1 284	1 962	2 438	1 227	34 858	348	39 988	339
Five persons .....	8 182	234	382	388	451	542	543	640	535	843	1 018	596	34 166	512	38 555	507
Six persons .....	2 176	73	154	195	180	178	183	190	157	270	382	203	32 829	872	39 066	938
Seven persons or more .....	1 268	57	110	149	128	123	114	84	102	143	181	100	27 838	1 128	35 159	1 149
<b>EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF HOUSEHOLDER</b>																
Elementary: Total .....	12 043	2 135	3 124	2 089	1 388	1 014	863	500	331	452	270	77	11 585	158	15 954	189
0 to 7 years .....	8 540	1 338	1 824	1 155	884	510	307	230	138	206	111	28	10 413	212	14 408	225
8 years .....	5 503	787	1 301	934	893	505	356	271	184	248	159	49	13 231	323	17 792	314
High school: Total .....	42 981	3 472	5 538	5 414	4 709	4 050	3 534	2 977	3 783	3 484	904	21 875	139	25 744	130	
1 to 3 years .....	10 988	1 408	2 212	1 708	1 339	1 125	798	614	519	602	538	106	15 524	242	20 038	228
College: Total .....	32 023	2 083	3 327	3 706	3 807	3 584	3 252	2 921	2 458	3 181	2 848	799	24 271	189	27 700	153
1 to 3 years .....	14 445	1 051	1 810	2 350	2 771	2 893	3 020	3 044	2 781	4 452	6 331	3 941	35 460	263	42 194	247
4 years or more .....	18 989	341	583	909	1 188	1 377	1 398	1 618	1 575	2 818	4 236	5 187	41 877	313	49 608	373
<b>TENURE</b>																
Owner occupied .....	57 258	2 513	4 832	5 070	5 253	5 191	5 012	4 941	4 547	6 806	8 586	4 408	30 587	147	36 148	189
Renter occupied .....	30 687	3 853	5 220	4 552	3 870	3										

**Table 15. Number, Poverty Rate, and Standard Errors for Persons, Families, and Unrelated Individuals Below the Poverty Level in 1986 and 1985**

(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, two asterisks (\*\*) indicates significance between the 90- and 95-percent confidence level. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Characteristic	1986				1985		Difference		
	Below poverty level		Poverty rate		Number	Poverty rate	Below poverty level		Poverty rate
	Number	Standard error	Percent	Standard error			Number	Standard error	
<b>PERSONS</b>									
All persons	32 370	507	13.6	2	33 064	14.0	-694	534	**-.4
<b>Race and Hispanic Origin</b>									
White	22 183	434	11.0	2	22 860	11.4	-677	498	-.4
Related children under 18	8 048	213	15.8	4	8 082	15.9	-34	243	-.1
Black	8 983	237	31.1	8	8 926	31.2	57	249	-.2
Related children under 18	4 123	127	43.0	1.6	4 136	43.4	-13	133	-.4
Hispanic <sup>1</sup>	5 117	171	27.3	9	5 236	29.0	-119	143	**-.7
Related children under 18	2 466	106	37.4	1.8	2 558	39.9	-92	89	-.25
<b>Family Status</b>									
In families	24 754	454	12.0	2	25 729	12.6	-975	480	**-.6
Householder	7 023	255	10.9	4	7 223	11.4	-200	270	-.5
Related children under 18 years	12 257	250	19.8	4	12 483	20.1	-226	263	-.3
Related children under 6 years	4 619	167	21.6	8	4 832	22.6	-213	177	**-1.0
Other family members	5 475	226	6.9	3	6 023	7.7	-548	243	**-.8
In unrelated subfamilies	769	86	54.3	6.8	609	47.6	**160	85	.6
Related children under 18 years	431	53	63.2	9.4	331	54.1	**100	53	9.1
Unrelated individuals	6 846	252	21.6	8	6 725	21.5	121	263	.1
Male	2 536	155	17.5	1.1	2 499	17.4	37	162	1
Female	4 311	201	25.1	1.2	4 226	24.8	85	210	3
<b>Age</b>									
Under 15 years	11 018	241	21.2	5	11 110	21.5	-92	253	**-.3
15 to 24 years	5 991	129	16.0	3	6 363	16.6	-372	137	**-.6
25 to 44 years	7 815	152	10.2	2	7 899	10.6	-84	160	**-.4
45 to 54 years	1 886	77	8.2	3	1 911	8.4	-25	81	-.2
55 to 59 years	1 113	60	7.0	5	1 103	9.8	10	63	2
60 to 64 years	1 071	59	9.9	5	1 222	11.3	-151	64	**-1.4
65 years and over	3 477	100	12.4	4	3 456	12.6	21	105	**-.2
<b>Residence</b>									
Nonfarm	31 374	501	13.4	2	31 994	13.8	-620	528	**-.4
Farm	996	135	19.6	2.8	1 070	20.3	-74	144	**-.7
In metropolitan areas	22 657	438	12.3	2	23 275	12.7	-618	462	**-.4
In central cities	13 295	345	18.0	5	14 177	19.0	-882	367	**-1.0
Outside central cities	9 362	293	8.4	3	9 097	8.4	265	305	**-.2
Outside metropolitan areas	9 712	384	18.1	.7	9 789	18.3	-77	383	**-.2
<b>REGION</b>									
Northeast	5 211	192	10.5	4	5 751	11.6	-540	206	**-1.1
Midwest	7 841	258	13.0	4	8 191	13.9	-550	273	**-.9
South	13 106	350	16.1	4	12 921	16.0	185	366	.1
West	6 412	253	13.2	5	6 201	13.0	211	263	.2
<b>FAMILIES</b>									
<b>Sex, Race, and Hispanic Origin of Householder</b>									
All families	7 023	137	10.9	2	7 223	11.4	-200	157	**-.5
Married-couple families	3 123	85	8.1	2.2	3 438	6.7	-315	100	**-.6
Male householder	2 876	81	5.9	2.2	3 200	6.7	-324	95	**-.8
Female householder	247	23	8.3	5	238	8.0	9	26	3
Male householder, no wife present	287	24	11.4	1.0	311	12.9	-24	29	**-1.5
Female householder, no husband present	3 613	93	34.6	1.0	3 474	34.0	139	105	.6
White families	4 811	109	8.6	2	4 983	9.1	-172	130	**-.5
Married-couple families	2 591	77	5.6	2.2	2 815	6.1	-224	94	**-.5
Male householder	2 411	74	5.5	2.2	2 660	6.1	-249	90	**-.6
Female householder	180	19	7.5	8	155	6.3	25	22	1.2
Male householder, no wife present	179	19	8.8	1.0	218	11.2	-39	24	**-2.4
Female householder, no husband present	2 041	68	28.2	1.0	1 950	27.4	91	79	8
Black families	1 987	87	28.0	1.0	1 983	28.7	4	76	**-.7
Married-couple families	403	29	10.8	8	447	12.2	-44	34	**-1.4
Male householder	353	27	10.7	9	386	11.9	-33	31	**-1.2
Female householder	51	10	11.6	2.5	62	14.5	-11	12	**-2.9
Male householder, no wife present	96	14	24.9	4.0	84	22.9	12	15	2.0
Female householder, no husband present	1 488	57	50.1	2.2	1 452	50.5	36	64	**-4
Hispanic families <sup>1</sup>	1 085	48	24.7	1.2	1 074	25.5	11	46	**-.8
Married-couple families	518	33	16.6	1.1	505	17.0	13	31	**-.4
Male householder	477	32	16.7	1.2	458	16.9	19	30	**-.2
Female householder	41	9	15.8	3.7	47	18.7	-6	9	**-2.9
Male householder, no wife present	39	9	15.5	3.8	48	18.4	-9	9	**-2.9
Female householder, no husband present	528	33	51.2	3.8	521	53.1	7	31	**-1.9

<sup>1</sup>Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race

**Table 16. Family Status, by Race and Hispanic Origin of Persons Below the Poverty Level for Selected Years**

(Numbers in thousands Persons as of March of the following year For meaning of symbols, see text)

Year	Number below poverty level								Poverty rate							
	Total <sup>1</sup>		In families				Unrelated individuals	Total <sup>1</sup>		In families				Unrelated individuals		
	All persons	65 years and over	Total	Householder	Related children under 18	Other family members		All persons	65 years and over	Total	Householder	Related children under 18	Other family members			
<b>ALL PERSONS</b>																
<b>All Races</b>																
1986.....	32 370	3 477	24 754	7 023	12 257	5 475	6 846	13 6	12 4	12 0	10 9	19 8	6 9	21 6		
1985.....	33 064	3 458	25 729	7 223	12 483	6 032	6 725	14 0	12 5	12 6	11 4	20 1	7 7	21 5		
1984.....	33 700	3 330	26 458	7 277	12 929	6 251	6 609	14 4	12 4	13 1	11 6	21 0	8 0	21 8		
1983.....	25 303	3 625	27 933	7 647	13 427	6 659	6 740	15 2	13 8	13 9	12 3	21 8	8 8	23 1		
1982.....	34 398	3 751	27 349	7 512	13 139	6 698	6 458	15 0	14 6	13 6	12 2	21 3	8 7	23 1		
1981.....	31 622	3 853	24 850	6 851	12 068	5 931	6 490	14 0	15 3	12 5	11 2	19 5	7 8	23 4		
1980.....	29 272	3 871	22 601	6 217	11 114	5 270	6 227	13 0	15 7	11 5	10 3	17 9	7 1	22 9		
1979.....	26 072	3 682	19 964	5 461	9 993	4 509	5 743	11 7	15 2	10 2	9 2	16 0	6 1	21 9		
1978.....	24 497	3 233	19 062	5 280	9 722	4 059	5 435	11 4	14 0	10 0	9 1	15 7	5 7	22 1		
1977.....	24 720	3 177	19 505	5 311	10 028	4 165	5 216	11 6	14 1	10 2	9 3	16 0	5 9	22 6		
1976.....	24 975	3 313	19 632	5 311	10 081	4 240	5 344	11 8	15 0	10 3	9 4	15 8	6 0	24 9		
1975.....	25 877	3 317	20 769	5 450	10 882	4 457	5 088	12 3	15 3	10 9	9 7	16 8	6 4	25 1		
1974.....	23 370	3 085	18 817	4 922	9 967	3 928	4 553	11 2	14 6	9 9	8 8	15 1	5 7	24 1		
1973.....	22 973	3 354	18 299	4 828	9 453	4 018	4 674	11 1	16 3	9 7	8 8	14 2	5 9	25 6		
1972.....	24 460	3 738	19 577	5 075	10 082	4 420	4 883	11 9	18 6	10 3	9 3	14 9	6 6	29 0		
1971.....	25 559	4 273	20 405	5 303	10 344	4 757	5 154	12 5	21 6	10 8	10 0	15 1	7 2	31 6		
1970.....	25 420	4 793	20 330	5 260	10 235	4 835	5 090	12 6	24 6	10 9	10 1	14 9	7 4	32 9		
1969.....	24 147	4 787	19 175	5 008	9 501	4 667	4 972	12 1	25 3	10 4	9 7	13 8	7 2	34 0		
1968.....	28 510	5 114	23 809	5 784	12 146	5 879	4 70	14 7	28 5	13 1	11 8	17 4	9 5	38 3		
1965.....	33 185	(NA)	28 358	6 721	14 388	7 249	4 827	17 3	(NA)	15 8	13 9	20 7	11 8	39 8		
1960.....	39 851	(NA)	34 925	8 243	17 288	9 394	4 926	22 2	(NA)	20 7	18 1	26 5	16 2	45 2		
1959.....	39 490	5 481	34 582	8 320	17 208	9 034	4 928	22 4	35 2	20 8	18 5	26 9	15 9	46 1		
<b>White</b>																
1986.....	22 183	2 689	16 393	4 811	7 714	3 868	5 198	11 0	10 7	9 4	8 6	15 3	5 7	19 2		
1985.....	22 860	2 698	17 125	4 983	7 838	4 304	5 299	11 4	11 0	9 9	9 1	15 6	6 4	19 6		
1984.....	22 955	2 579	17 299	4 925	8 086	4 289	5 181	11 5	10 7	10 1	9 1	16 1	6 4	19 9		
1983.....	23 984	2 776	18 377	5 220	8 524	4 624	5 189	12 1	11 7	10 7	9 7	17 0	6 9	20 6		
1982.....	23 517	2 870	18 015	5 118	8 282	4 615	5 041	12 0	12 4	10 6	9 6	16 5	6 9	20 7		
1981.....	21 553	2 978	16 127	4 670	7 429	4 027	5 061	11 1	13 1	9 5	8 8	14 7	6 1	21 2		
1980.....	19 699	3 042	14 587	4 195	6 817	3 575	4 760	10 2	13 6	8 6	8 0	13 4	5 5	20 4		
1979.....	17 214	2 911	12 495	3 581	5 909	3 006	4 452	9 0	13 3	7 4	6 9	11 4	4 7	19 7		
1978.....	16 259	2 530	12 050	3 523	5 674	2 862	4 209	8 7	12 1	7 3	6 9	11 0	4 5	19 8		
1977.....	16 416	2 426	12 364	3 540	5 943	2 882	4 051	8 9	11 9	7 5	7 0	11 4	4 6	20 4		
1976.....	16 713	2 633	12 500	3 560	6 034	2 906	4 213	9 1	13 2	7 5	7 1	11 3	4 7	22 7		
1975.....	17 770	2 634	13 799	3 838	6 748	3 213	3 972	9 7	13 4	8 3	7 7	12 5	5 2	22 7		
1974.....	15 736	2 460	12 181	3 352	6 079	2 750	3 555	8 6	12 8	7 3	6 8	11 0	4 5	21 8		
1973.....	15 142	2 698	11 412	3 219	5 462	2 731	3 730	8 4	14 4	6 9	6 6	9 7	4 5	23 7		
1972.....	16 203	3 072	12 268	3 441	5 784	3 043	3 935	9 0	16 8	7 4	7 1	10 1	5 1	27 1		
1971.....	17 780	3 605	13 566	3 751	6 341	3 474	4 214	9 9	19 9	8 2	7 9	10 9	5 8	29 6		
1970.....	17 484	4 011	13 323	3 708	6 138	3 477	4 161	9 9	22 6	8 1	8 0	10 5	5 9	30 8		
1969.....	16 659	4 052	12 623	3 575	5 667	3 381	4 036	9 5	23 3	7 8	7 7	9 7	5 8	32.1		
1968.....	19 290	4 357	15 430	4 106	7 204	4 120	3 860	11 3	26 4	9 7	9 3	12 1	7 4	36.1		
1965.....	22 496	(NA)	18 508	4 824	8 595	5 089	3 988	13 3	(NA)	11 7	11 1	14 4	9 2	38.1		
1960.....	28 309	(NA)	24 262	6 115	11 229	6 918	4 047	17 8	(NA)	16 2	14 9	20 0	13 3	43.0		
1959.....	28 484	4 744	24 443	6 185	11 386	6 872	4 041	18 1	33 1	16 5	15 2	20 6	13 3	44.1		
<b>Black</b>																
1986.....	8 883	722	7 401	1 987	4 039	1 375	1 431	31 1	31 0	29 7	28 0	42 7	16 5	38 5		
1985.....	8 926	717	7 504	1 983	4 057	1 464	1 264	31 3	31 5	30 5	28 7	43 1	17 7	34.7		
1984.....	9 490	710	8 104	2 094	4 320	1 691	1 255	33 8	31 7	33 2	30 9	46 2	20 5	35 8		
1983.....	9 882	791	8 376	2 161	4 273	1 942	1 338	35 7	36 0	34 7	32 3	46 2	23 6	40 7		
1982.....	9 697	811	8 355	2 158	4 388	1 809	1 229	35 6	38 2	34 9	32 3	47 3	22 2	40 3		
1981.....	9 173	820	7 780	1 972	4 170	1 637	1 296	34 2	39 0	33 2	30 8	44 9	21 2	39 6		
1980.....	8 579	783	7 190	1 826	3 906	1 458	1 314	32 5	38 1	31 1	28 9	42 1	19 5	41 0		
1979.....	8 050	740	6 800	1 722	3 745	1 333	1 168	31 0	36 2	30 0	27 8	40 8	18 2	37 3		
1978.....	7 625	662	6 493	1 622	3 781	1 094	1 132	30 6	33 9	29 5	27 5	41 2	15 7	38 6		
1977.....	7 726	701	6 667	1 637	3 850	1 181	1 059	31 3	36 3	30 5	28 2	41 6	17 4	37.0		
1976.....	7 595	644	6 576	1 617	3 758	1 201	1 019	31 1	34 8	30 1	27 9	40 4	17 8	39 8		
1975.....	7 545	652	6 533	1 513	3 884	1 136	1 011	31 3	36 3	30 1	27 1	41 4	16 9	42 1		
1974.....	7 182	591	6 255	1 479	3 713	1 063	927	30 3	34 3	29 3	26 9	39 6	16 4	39 3		
1973.....	7 388	620	6 560	1 527	3 822	1 211	828	31 4	37 1	30 8	28 1	40 6	18 7	37 9		
1972.....	7 710	640	6 841	1 529	4 025	1 287	870	33 3	39 9	32 4	29 0	42 7	20 0	42.9		
1971.....	7 396	623	6 530	1 484	3 836	1 210	866	32 5	39 3	31 2	28 8	40.7	19 1	46.0		
1970.....	7 548	683	6 683	1 481	3 922	1 279	865	33 5	48 0	32 2	29 5	41 5	20 5	48 3		
1969.....	7 095	689	5 245	1 366	3 677	1 202	850	32 2	50 2	30 9	27 9	39 6	20 0	46 7		
1968.....	8 867	722	8 000	1 620	4 774	1 696	777	41 8	55 1	40 9	35 5	50 6	29 4	54 4		
1959.....	9 927	711	9 112	1 860	5 022	2 230	815	55 1	62 5	54 9	48 1	65 5	44 1	57 0		

**Table 16. Family Status, by Race and Hispanic Origin of Persons Below the Poverty Level for Selected Years—Con.**

(Numbers in thousands. Persons as of March of the following year. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Year	Number below poverty level							Poverty rate							
	Total <sup>1</sup>		In families					Unrelated individuals	Total <sup>1</sup>		In families				Unrelated individuals
	All persons	65 years and over	Total	Householder	Related children under 18	Other family members	All persons	65 years and over	Total	Householder	Related children under 18	Other family members			
<b>Hispanic<sup>2</sup></b>															
1986	5 117	204	4 469	1 085	2 413	970	553	27 3	22 5	26 5	24 7	37 1	16 3	32 8	
1985	5 236	219	4 605	1 074	2 512	1 018	532	29 0	23 9	28 3	25 5	39 6	17 8	33 2	
1984	4 806	176	4 192	991	2 317	885	545	28 4	21 5	27 4	25 2	38 7	16 5	36 8	
1983	4 633	173	4 113	981	2 251	881	457	28 0	22 *	27 3	25 9	37 7	16 6	33 5	
1982	4 301	159	3 65	916	2 117	832	358	29 9	26 6	29 2	27 2	38 9	18 7	35 1	
1981	3 713	146	3 349	792	1 874	683	313	26 5	25 7	25 9	24 0	35 4	15 8	31 1	
1980	3 491	179	3 143	751	1 718	674	312	25 7	30 8	25 1	23 2	33 0	16 4	32 2	
1979	2 921	154	2 599	614	1 505	481	286	21 8	26 8	21 1	20 3	27 7	12 5	28 8	
1978	2 607	125	2 343	559	1 354	429	264	21 6	23 2	20 9	20 4	27 2	12 3	29 8	
1977	2 700	113	2 463	591	1 402	469	237	22 4	21 9	21 9	21 4	28 0	13 5	29 8	
1976	2 783	128	2 516	598	1 424	494	266	24 7	27 7	23 8	23 1	30 1	15 3	37 2	
1975	2 991	137	2 755	627	1 619	508	236	26 9	32 6	26 3	25 1	33 1	16 5	36 6	
1974	2 575	117	2 374	526	1 414	435	201	23 0	28 9	22 4	21 2	28 6	13 7	32 6	
1973	2 366	95	2 209	468	1 364	377	157	21 9	24 9	21 5	19 8	27 8	12 6	29 9	
<b>PERSONS IN FAMILIES WITH FEMALE HOUSEHOLDER, NO HUSBAND PRESENT<sup>3</sup></b>															
<b>All Races</b>															
1986	16 926	2 144	11 944	3 613	6 943	1 388	4 311	34 2	23 1	38 3	34 6	54 4	17 5	25 1	
1985	16 365	2 127	11 600	3 474	6 716	1 410	4 226	33 5	23 2	37 6	34 0	53 6	17 3	24 8	
1984	16 440	2 001	11 831	3 498	6 772	1 562	4 035	34 0	22 1	38 4	34 5	54 0	19 1	24 4	
1983	16 713	2 120	12 072	3 564	6 747	1 762	4 098	35 6	23 8	40 2	36 0	55 4	22 1	25 6	
1982	16 336	2 173	11 701	3 434	6 696	1 571	4 110	36 2	25 4	40 6	36 3	56 0	21 2	26 6	
1981	15 738	2 285	11 051	3 252	6 305	1 495	4 251	35 2	27 4	38 7	34 6	52 3	21 0	27 7	
1980	14 649	2 308	10 120	2 972	5 866	1 282	4 118	33 8	27 8	36 7	32 7	50 6	18 5	27 4	
1979	13 503	2 109	9 400	2 645	5 635	1 120	3 771	32 0	26 1	34 9	30 4	48 6	16 9	26 0	
1978	12 880	1 891	9 269	2 654	5 687	928	3 611	32 3	23 9	35 6	31 4	50 6	14 6	26 0	
1977	12 624	1 827	9 205	2 610	5 658	938	3 419	32 8	24 1	36 2	31 7	50 3	15 8	26 1	
1976	12 586	1 934	9 029	2 543	5 583	903	3 557	34 4	26 1	37 3	33 0	52 0	15 7	28 7	
1975	12 268	1 905	8 846	2 430	5 597	819	3 422	34 6	26 4	37 5	32 5	52 7	15 0	28 9	
1974	11 469	1 795	8 452	2 324	5 361	777	3 007	33 6	26 3	36 5	32 1	51 5	14 1	27 3	
1973	11 357	1 893	8 178	2 193	5 171	814	3 179	34 9	28 4	37 5	32 2	52 1	16 0	29 7	
1972	11 587	2 204	8 114	2 158	5 094	862	3 473	36 8	33 2	38 2	32 7	53 1	17 0	34 3	
1971	11 409	2 445	7 797	2 100	4 850	847	3 611	38 0	38 4	38 7	33 9	53 *	17 5	36 6	
1970	11 154	2 511	7 503	1 951	4 689	862	3 652	38 2	41 1	38 1	32 5	53 0	17 9	38 4	
1969	10 412	2 482	6 879	1 827	4 247	805	3 532	38 4	41 1	38 2	32 7	54 4	17 5	38 7	
1966	10 250	2 404	6 861	1 721	4 262	878	3 389	41 0	44 2	39 8	33 1	58 2	18 6	43 5	
1965	11 058	(NA)	7 524	1 916	4 562	1 046	3 534	46 0	(NA)	46 0	38 4	64 2	24 5	46 2	
1960	10 663	(NA)	7 247	1 955	4 095	1 197	3 416	49 5	(NA)	48 9	42 4	68 4	28 3	50 9	
1959	10 390	2 031	7 014	1 916	4 145	953	3 376	50 2	49 2	49 4	42 6	72 2	24 0	52 1	
<b>White</b>															
1986	10 052	1 675	6 171	2 041	3 522	608	3 375	27 9	20 3	30 6	28 2	46 3	11 4	22 5	
1985	9 778	1 696	5 990	1 950	3 372	668	3 406	27 3	20 8	29 8	27 4	45 2	12 1	22 8	
1984	9 570	1 565	5 866	1 878	3 377	610	3 262	27 3	19 6	29 7	27 1	45 9	11 2	22 4	
1983	9 641	1 623	6 017	1 926	3 388	703	3 258	28 3	20 5	31 2	28 3	7 1	13 3	23 0	
1982	9 392	1 681	5 686	1 813	3 249	624	3 303	28 7	22 1	30 9	27 9	46 5	12 8	24 2	
1981	9 347	1 812	5 600	1 814	3 120	666	3 404	28 4	24 5	29 8	27 4	42 8	13 7	25 1	
1980	8 569	1 845	4 940	1 609	2 813	518	3 297	27 1	25 0	28 0	25 7	41 6	11 2	24 8	
1979	7 653	1 678	4 375	1 350	2 629	396	3 019	24 9	23 2	25 2	22 3	38 6	8 8	23 6	
1978	7 262	1 495	4 371	1 391	2 627	353	2 691	24 9	21 3	25 9	23 5	39 9	8 1	23 6	
1977	7 221	1 435	4 474	1 400	2 693	381	2 747	25 5	21 3	26 8	24 0	40 3	9 0	23 7	
1976	7 356	1 572	4 463	1 379	2 713	372	2 692	27 3	23 7	28 0	25 2	42 7	9 0	26 4	
1975	7 324	1 527	4 577	1 394	2 813	370	2 747	28 1	23 7	29 4	25 9	44 2	9 7	26 3	
1974	6 673	1 435	4 278	1 289	2 683	306	2 394	26 5	23 6	27 7	24 8	42 9	7 7	24 6	
1973	6 642	1 564	4 003	1 190	2 461	352	2 639	27 9	26 3	28 0	24 5	47 1	9 8	27 7	
1972	6 682	1 847	3 770	1 135	2 273	362	2 913	29 4	31 2	27 4	24 3	41 1	10 2	32 3	
1971	7 146	2 111	4 099	1 191	2 452	456	3 047	32 1	36 8	30 4	26 5	44 6	13 0	34 7	
1970	6 832	2 164	3 761	1 102	2 247	413	3 070	31 4	38 9	28 4	25 0	43 1	11 5	36.1	
1969	6 531	2 121	3 577	1 069	2 068	440	2 953	32 1	38 7	29 1	25.7	45 2	12 4	36 6	
1966	6 511	2 099	3 646	1 036	2 112	498	2 865	33 9	42 3	29 7	25 7	46 9	13 4	41.2	
1965	7 085	(NA)	4 092	1 196	2 321	575	2 993	38 5	(NA)	35 4	31 0	52 9	17 3	43.9	
1960	7 207	(NA)	4 296	1 252	2 357	687	2 911	42 3	(NA)	39 0	34 0	59 9	20 1	48.6	
1959	7 115	1 779	4 232	1 233	2 420	579	2 683	42 8	47 2	40 2	34 8	64 6	17 9	50.3	

**Table 16. Family Status, by Race and Hispanic Origin of Persons Below the Poverty Level for Selected Years—Con.**

(Numbers in thousands. Persons as of March of the following year. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Year	Number below poverty level							Poverty rate							Unrelated individuals
	Total <sup>1</sup>		In families				Unrelated individuals	Total <sup>1</sup>		In families				Unrelated individuals	
	All persons	65 years and over	Total	Householder	Related children under 18	Other family members		All persons	65 years and over	Total	Householder	Related children under 18	Other family members		
<b>Black</b>															
1966	6 454	440	5 473	1 488	3 251	734	837	52.9	46.0	53.8	50.1	67.1	31.0	46.6	
1965	6 215	411	5 342	1 452	3 181	709	734	51.8	42.9	53.2	50.5	66.9	29.4	41.7	
1964	6 462	418	5 666	1 533	3 234	899	687	52.9	43.5	54.6	51.7	66.2	35.5	41.0	
1963 <sup>2</sup>	6 637	474	5 736	1 541	3 187	1 008	750	55.9	50.4	57.0	53.7	68.3	40.0	47.3	
1962	6 533	463	5 698	1 535	3 288	894	724	57.4	52.0	58.8	58.2	70.7	38.2	48.3	
1961	6 081	451	5 222	1 377	3 051	794	777	55.8	51.7	56.7	52.9	67.7	37.8	42.1	
1960	5 807	445	4 964	1 301	2 944	740	757	53.1	52.5	53.4	49.4	64.8	34.3	50.3	
1979	5 571	420	4 818	1 234	2 887	696	696	52.2	51.7	53.1	49.4	63.1	34.9	46.2	
1978	5 92	378	4 712	1 208	2 948	558	679	53.1	48.6	54.2	50.8	66.4	29.9	46.4	
1977	5 230	376	4 595	1 162	2 885	548	636	53.8	48.2	55.3	51.0	65.7	33.3	45.8	
1976	5 024	348	4 415	1 122	2 778	515	609	54.7	45.9	55.7	52.2	65.6	33.4	48.1	
1975	4 764	360	4 168	1 064	2 724	441	616	53.8	48.7	54.3	50.1	68.0	28.5	49.7	
1974	4 705	350	4 116	1 010	2 651	455	589	54.3	50.0	55.0	52.2	65.0	31.0	50.1	
1973	4 564	321	4 064	974	2 635	455	500	55.4	48.5	56.5	52.7	67.2	32.2	47.3	
1972	4 670	346	4 139	972	2 688	481	531	57.3	51.4	58.1	53.3	69.5	33.4	51.9	
1971	4 129	327	3 587	879	2 329	379	542	55.8	54.7	56.1	53.5	66.6	30.2	54.4	
1970	4 213	337	3 656	834	2 383	439	560	58.8	63.9	58.7	54.3	67.7	37.5	59.3	
1969	3 768	341	3 225	737	2 137	350	541	57.8	64.2	58.2	53.3	68.2	34.4	55.5	
1968	3 857	302	3 160	674	2 107	379	487	65.1	64.8	65.3	59.2	76.6	39.9	63.7	
1966	2 906	244	2 416	551	1 475	390	490	70.0	69.9	70.6	65.4	81.6	50.4	67.1	
<b>Hispanic<sup>2</sup></b>															
1986	2 261	111	1 921	528	1 194	199	285	51.3	38.9	52.9	51.2	66.7	24.6	41.7	
1985	2 330	111	1 983	521	1 247	216	278	54.2	35.0	55.7	53.1	72.4	25.1	42.9	
1984	2 068	79	1 784	483	1 093	187	244	54.3	31.2	56.2	53.4	71.0	27.0	40.9	
1983	1 941	74	1 670	454	1 018	188	219	53.2	28.6	55.1	52.8	70.6	27.1	40.8	
1982	1 649	83	1 601	425	990	186	191	57.4	41.5	60.1	55.4	71.8	35.9	41.5	
1981	1 682	63	1 485	398	909	157	168	54.0	37.4	55.9	53.2	67.3	30.2	39.7	
1980	1 501	76	1 318	382	809	147	152	52.5	51.6	54.5	51.3	65.0	31.3	39.8	
1979	1 241	60	1 053	300	668	85	155	48.8	41.3	51.2	48.2	62.2	22.8	36.6	
1976	1 158	48	1 024	288	663	74	134	53.3	37.1	56.4	53.1	68.9	23.6	37.7	
1977	1 204	46	1 07	301	686	89	127	53.3	34.0	58.7	53.8	68.8	26.5	35.3	
1976	1 144	53	1 000	275	636	90	143	54.3	40.9	56.6	53.1	67.3	28.5	42.3	
1975	1 188	59	1 053	279	694	79	138	55.6	46.8	57.2	53.6	68.4	28.0	45.6	
1974	1 012	48	815	229	621	65	98	51.4	43.7	53.1	49.6	64.3	21.6	39.8	
1973	971	42	881	211	606	64	90	55.5	41.1	57.4	51.4	68.7	26.8	42.0	
<b>PERSONS IN ALL OTHER FAMILIES<sup>4</sup></b>															
<b>All Races</b>															
1968	15 444	1 333	12 811	3 410	5 313	4 087	2 538	8.2	7.1	7.3	6.3	10.8	5.8	17.5	
1965	16 698	1 328	14 128	3 749	5 767	4 813	2 499	8.9	7.3	8.2	7.0	11.7	6.6	17.4	
1964	17 260	1 329	14 627	3 780	6 157	4 690	2 575	8.3	7.5	8.5	7.2	12.5	8.7	18.7	
1963 <sup>2</sup>	18 590	1 505	15 860	4 083	6 680	5 087	2 641	10.1	8.7	9.3	7.8	13.5	7.3	20.1	
1962	18 063	1 578	15 649	4 079	6 443	5 127	2 347	9.8	9.2	9.1	7.9	13.0	7.3	18.8	
1961	16 080	1 568	13 798	3 589	5 764	4 436	2 239	8.8	9.3	8.1	7.0	11.6	6.5	18.1	
1960	14 623	1 563	12 481	3 245	5 248	3 988	2 109	8.0	9.5	7.4	6.3	10.4	5.9	17.4	
1979	12 589	1 572	10 563	2 816	4 358	3 389	1 972	7.0	8.8	6.3	5.5	8.5	5.1	16.9	
1978	11 617	1 342	9 793	2 626	4 035	3 131	1 824	6.6	8.8	5.9	5.3	7.8	4.8	17.1	
1977	12 096	1 350	10 300	2 701	4 371	3 228	1 796	6.8	9.1	6.2	5.5	8.5	5.0	18.0	
1976	12 390	1 379	10 603	2 768	4 497	3 337	1 787	7.1	9.4	6.4	5.6	8.5	5.2	19.7	
1975	13 608	1 411	11 943	3 020	5 284	3 638	1 687	7.8	9.8	7.1	5.2	9.8	5.7	19.9	
1974	11 901	1 290	10 355	2 598	4 605	3 151	1 547	6.8	9.0	6.2	5.4	8.3	5.0	19.5	
1973	11 616	1 461	10 121	2 635	4 282	3 204	1 495	6.6	10.5	6.0	5.5	7.6	5.1	19.8	
1972	12 873	1 535	11 463	2 817	4 988	3 558	1 410	7.4	11.4	6.8	6.1	8.6	5.7	21.1	
1971	14 151	1 827	12 608	3 203	5 494	3 910	1 543	8.1	13.6	7.5	6.8	9.3	6.3	23.9	
1970	14 266	2 198	12 828	3 309	5 546	3 973	1 438	8.2	16.7	7.7	7.2	9.2	6.5	24.0	
1969	13 735	2 305	12 296	3 181	5 53	3 682	1 439	8.0	17.9	7.4	6.8	8.6	6.4	26.2	
1968	18 260	2 710	13 948	4 063	7 864	5 001	1 312	10.8	21.7	10.3	9.3	12.6	8.7	26.3	
1965	22 127	(NA)	20 834	4 805	9 826	8 203	1 293	13.2	(NA)	12.8	11.1	15.7	10.9	26.9	
1960	29 188	(NA)	27 678	6 288	13 193	8 197	1 510	18.5	(NA)	18.0	15.4	22.3	15.3	36.1	
1959	29 100	3 450	27 548	6 404	13 063	6 081	1 552	18.7	30.2	18.2	15.8	22.4	15.3	36.8	

**Table 16. Family Status, by Race and Hispanic Origin of Persons Below the Poverty Level for Selected Years—Con.**

(Numbers in thousands. Persons as of March of the following year. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Year	Number below poverty level						Poverty rate							
	Total <sup>1</sup>		In families			Unrel- ated indi- viduals	Total <sup>1</sup>		In families			Unrel- ated indi- viduals		
	All persons	65 years and over	Total	House- holder	Related children under 18		All persons	65 years and over	Total	House- holder	Related children under 18			
<b>White</b>														
1966	12 131	1 014	10 222	2 769	4 192	3 260	1 823	73	60	66	57	98	52	15 1
1965	13 082	1 002	11 135	3 033	4 467	3 636	1 893	79	61	73	63	104	59	15 6
1964	13 385	1 014	11 434	3 046	4 709	3 678	1 920	82	63	75	64	110	60	16 7
1963 <sup>a</sup>	14 343	1 153	12 360	3 293	5 146	3 921	1 931	88	73	81	70	120	63	17 5
1962	14 125	1 188	12 328	3 306	5 032	3 991	1 737	87	76	81	70	116	64	16 3
1961	12 206	1 166	10 527	2 657	4 308	3 361	1 657	76	76	70	63	100	55	16 0
1960	11 129	1 196	9 647	2 588	4 004	3 057	1 463	69	80	64	56	90	51	14 5
1979	9 562	1 234	8 120	2 231	3 278	2 609	1 433	59	64	54	48	73	43	14 8
1978	8 997	1 034	7 678	2 132	3 047	2 489	1 318	57	74	52	47	68	43	14 7
1977	8 195	990	7 890	2 140	3 250	2 501	1 305	59	73	53	48	71	43	15 7
1976	8 357	1 061	8 037	2 162	3 321	2 534	1 321	60	79	54	49	71	44	17 3
1975	10 446	1 106	9 221	2 444	3 934	2 843	1 225	66	84	61	55	82	48	17 4
1974	9 063	1 025	7 902	2 063	3 396	2 444	1 161	58	78	52	47	69	43	17 7
1973	8 500	1 134	7 409	2 029	3 001	2 379	1 091	54	69	49	46	60	42	17 5
1972	9 521	1 225	8 499	2 308	3 511	2 681	1 022	60	98	56	53	66	48	16 6
1971	10 635	1 494	9 468	2 560	3 889	3 019	1 187	68	121	62	59	74	54	21 5
1970	10 653	1 820	9 562	2 606	3 891	3 065	1 091	68	150	63	62	73	56	21 6
1969	10 128	1 832	9 046	2 506	3 598	2 941	1 083	65	163	60	60	87	54	24 1
1968	12 779	2 256	11 784	3 070	5 082	3 622	995	85	196	60	77	92	70	26 6
1965	15 411	(NA)	14 416	3 626	6 274	4 514	995	103	(NA)	98	92	114	87	27 2
1960	21 102	(NA)	19 966	4 863	8 872	6 231	1 136	149	(NA)	144	130	170	128	33 3
1959	21 369	2 965	20 211	4 952	8 966	6 293	1 158	152	280	147	133	174	130	33 6
<b>Black</b>														
1966	2 529	282	1 928	500	787	642	594	15 2	20 5	13 1	12 1	17 0	10 7	31 0
1965	2 710	305	2 162	531	875	756	530	16 4	23 2	14 8	13 1	18 8	12 8	26 2
1964	3 029	292	2 438	561	1 085	791	568	19 1	22 9	17 4	14 7	24 3	13 8	31 1
1963	3 245	317	2 640	621	1 085	934	588	20 5	25 2	18 8	16 3	23 7	16 4	34 6
1962	3 163	348	2 657	622	1 120	915	505	20 0	28 2	18 6	16 4	24 1	15 8	32 5
1961	3 092	368	2 557	595	1 119	843	519	19 4	30 0	18 0	15 6	23 4	15 0	30 6
1960	2 772	337	2 206	528	962	718	557	17 9	28 0	16 0	14 3	20 3	13 5	32 7
1979	2 479	319	1 984	488	858	636	472	16 2	26 0	14 6	13 2	18 7	12 0	29 1
1978	2 233	284	1 781	414	833	534	452	15 1	24 9	13 4	11 8	17 5	10 5	30 9
1977	2 495	325	2 072	475	965	633	423	16 6	28 2	15 3	13 5	19 9	12 3	26 7
1976	2 571	296	2 161	495	980	686	410	16 9	27 0	15 5	13 5	19 4	13 2	31 7
1975	2 761	292	2 385	509	1 181	694	398	18 2	27 6	16 9	14 2	22 1	13 4	34 0
1974	2 477	241	2 140	470	1 062	608	338	16 5	23 6	15 4	13 2	20 0	12 2	28 5
1973	2 624	299	2 496	553	1 188	756	328	18 5	29 6	17 7	15 4	21 7	14 9	29 1
1972	3 040	295	2 701	558	1 338	805	338	20 3	31 7	19 3	16 2	24 1	18 2	33 7
1971	3 267	296	2 943	605	1 507	831	324	21 2	30 0	20 3	17 2	25 5	16 4	36 5
1970	3 334	345	3 030	648	1 542	840	304	21 7	38 6	20 9	18 6	26 0	16 5	35 9
1969	3 328	347	3 020	629	1 539	852	308	21 5	41 2	20 6	17 9	25 0	17 1	36 5
1968	5 210	420	4 930	948	2 667	1 317	280	33 4	49 7	33 0	27 6	39 9	27 3	43 2
1959	7 021	467	6 696	1 309	3 547	1 840	325	50 7	59 2	50 9	43 3	60 6	43 0	48 4
<b>Hispanic<sup>2</sup></b>														
1966	2 856	92	2 548	557	1 219	771	268	19 9	14 9	19 2	16 5	25 6	14 9	26 8
1965	2 898	108	2 621	553	1 266	802	256	21 1	18 0	20 6	17 1	27 4	16 5	26 7
1964	2 737	97	2 428	508	1 223	698	301	20 9	17 1	20 0	16 7	27 5	14 9	34 0
1963	2 892	99	2 443	527	1 233	683	238	20 9	18 9	20 3	18 0	27 2	14 9	32 8
1962	2 452	76	2 265	491	1 127	643	167	22 0	19 1	21 4	18 9	27 8	16 5	29 9
1961	2 031	83	1 884	393	966	525	145	18 6	20 8	18 3	15 4	24 5	13 8	24 9
1960	1 989	103	1 825	389	909	527	160	18 5	23 7	18 0	15 4	22 9	14 5	27 3
1979	1 660	94	1 546	315	837	395	131	15 5	21 9	15 1	13 0	19 2	11 4	23 0
1978	1 448	75	1 319	2/2	692	355	129	14 6	18 4	14 1	12 4	17 2	11 2	24 4
1977	1 497	67	1 386	290	716	380	111	15 3	17 6	14 8	13 2	17 9	12 1	25 2
1976	1 639	76	1 516	323	789	404	123	17 9	22 6	17 3	15 6	20 8	13 8	32 6
1975	1 802	78	1 702	348	925	429	100	20 1	26 6	19 7	17 6	23 8	15 5	28 8
1974	1 563	69	1 460	297	793	370	102	16 9	23 3	16 5	14 7	20 0	12 9	27 8
1973	1 395	54	1 328	256	758	314	67	15 4	19 2	15 2	13 1	18 8	11 4	21 6

<sup>1</sup>Beginning with 1979, includes members of unrelated subfamilies not shown separately. For earlier years, unrelated subfamily members are included in the 'in families' categories.

<sup>2</sup>Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

<sup>3</sup>Includes female unrelated individuals.

<sup>4</sup>Includes male unrelated individuals.

**Table 17. Family Status, by Race and Hispanic Origin of Persons Below 125 Percent of the Poverty Level for Selected Years**

(Numbers in thousands Persons as of March of the following year For meaning of symbols, see text)

Year	Number below 125 percent of poverty level							Poverty rate							Unrelated individuals
	Total <sup>1</sup>		In families				Unrelated individuals	Total <sup>1</sup>		In families				Unrelated individuals	
	All persons	65 years and over	Total	Householder	Related children under 18	Other family members		All persons	65 years and over	Total	Householder	Related children under 18	Other family members		
<b>ALL PERSONS</b>															
<b>All Races</b>															
1986.....	43 486	5 743	33 190	9 476	15 549	8 165	9 434	18 2	20 5	16 2	14 7	25 1	10 3	29 8	
1985.....	44 166	5 706	34 394	9 753	15 785	8 855	9 093	18 7	20 9	16 9	15 3	25 5	11 3	29 0	
1984.....	45 288	5 684	35 499	9 901	16 380	9 218	9 063	19 4	21 2	17 5	15 8	26 6	11 8	29 9	
1983.....	47 150	5 784	37 474	10 361	17 205	9 908	8 979	20 3	22 0	18 6	16 7	27 9	12 7	30 8	
1982.....	46 520	6 106	36 965	10 279	16 844	9 841	8 904	20 3	23 7	18 4	16 7	27 4	12 7	31 9	
1981.....	43 748	6 354	34 196	9 568	15 732	8 896	9 025	19 3	25 2	17 2	15 7	25 5	11 7	32 6	
1980.....	40 658	6 346	31 491	8 764	14 711	8 016	8 675	18 1	25 7	16 0	14 5	23 7	10 8	32 0	
1970.....	35 624	6 529	29 222	7 516	14 296	7 410	6 402	17 6	33 9	15 7	14 4	20 8	11 3	41 3	
<b>White</b>															
1986.....	30 685	4 602	22 609	6 670	10 077	5 862	7 414	15 2	18 3	13 0	12 0	20 0	8 6	27 3	
1985.....	31 539	4 621	23 737	6 959	10 331	6 447	7 315	15 7	18 8	13 7	12 7	20 5	9 5	27 0	
1984.....	32 059	4 590	24 230	6 981	10 690	6 558	7 278	16 1	19 0	14 1	12 8	21 3	9 8	27 9	
1983.....	33 306	4 618	25 714	7 324	11 387	7 003	7 132	16 9	19 4	15 0	13 6	22 7	10 4	28 3	
1982.....	33 071	4 889	25 339	7 282	11 059	6 999	7 224	16 9	21 0	14 8	13 6	22 0	10 4	29 7	
1981.....	30 992	5 142	23 357	6 817	10 214	6 326	7 234	15 9	22 6	13 8	12 8	20 2	9 6	30 3	
1980.....	28 682	5 151	21 393	6 175	9 558	5 661	6 892	14 9	23 1	12 7	11 7	18 7	8 7	28 5	
1970.....	25 373	5 626	20 045	5 504	9 080	5 461	5 328	14 3	31 8	12 2	11 8	15 5	9 3	39 5	
<b>Black</b>															
1986.....	11 169	1 043	9 240	2 487	4 811	1 943	1 757	38 7	44 7	37 1	35 0	50 8	23 3	47 3	
1985.....	11 054	1 021	9 331	2 480	4 796	2 055	1 556	38 8	44 9	37 9	35 8	51 0	24 8	42 7	
1984.....	11 629	1 022	9 230	2 587	5 060	2 283	1 561	41 4	45 5	40 7	38 2	54 1	27 7	44 6	
1983.....	12 077	1 063	10 299	2 686	5 087	2 526	1 585	43 6	48 4	42 7	40 2	55 0	30 8	48 2	
1982.....	11 911	1 095	10 341	2 684	5 202	2 455	1 445	43 8	51 6	43 2	41 1	56 1	30 1	47 4	
1981.....	11 376	1 126	9 654	2 466	4 931	2 237	1 614	42 4	53 6	41 2	38 8	53 1	29 0	49 2	
1980.....	10 625	1 093	8 961	2 324	4 621	2 017	1 586	40 2	53 2	38 8	36 8	49 8	27 0	49 4	
1970.....	9 668	854	8 68*	1 908	4 942	1 831	987	42 9	60 1	41 9	38 0	52 3	29 3	55 1	
<b>Hispanic<sup>2</sup></b>															
1986.....	6 760	298	5 931	1 444	3 051	1 436	714	36 0	32 9	35 1	32 8	46 9	24 1	42 4	
1985.....	6 648	319	5 873	1 398	3 021	1 453	662	36 8	34 8	36 1	33 2	47 6	25 4	41 3	
1984.....	6 100	284	5 347	1 278	2 801	1 267	674	36 1	34 7	35 0	32 5	46 8	23 6	45 5	
1983.....	6 120	288	5 481	1 297	2 882	1 302	571	37 0	36 8	36 4	34 2	48 2	24 5	41 9	
1982.....	5 542	244	5 002	1 189	2 622	1 191	452	38 5	40 9	37 8	35 3	48 2	26 8	44 4	
1981.....	4 917	232	4 439	1 064	2 376	999	423	35 1	40 9	34 4	32 2	44 9	23 1	42 1	
1980.....	4 796	245	4 357	1 047	2 318	992	396	35 3	42 1	34 7	32 4	44 5	24 2	40 8	
<b>PERSONS IN FAMILIES WITH FEMALE HOUSEHOLDER, NO HUSBAND PRESENT<sup>3</sup></b>															
<b>All Races</b>															
1986.....	20 978	3 404	14 205	4 348	7 946	1 911	6 025	42 4	36 6	45 6	41 5	62 3	24 1	35 0	
1985.....	20 111	3 366	13 742	4 161	7 607	1 973	5 772	41 1	36 6	44 5	40 8	60 7	24 2	33 9	
1984.....	20 270	3 333	13 982	4 208	7 675	2 099	5 658	41 9	36 8	45 3	41 5	61 2	25 7	34 2	
1983.....	20 597	3 325	14 377	4 311	7 703	2 363	5 618	43 8	37 3	47 8	43 6	63 3	29 6	35 1	
1982.....	20 289	3 475	13 859	4 141	7 640	2 088	5 842	44 9	40 6	48 1	43 7	64 0	28 1	37 9	
1981.....	19 757	3 609	13 300	3 985	7 320	1 995	5 981	44 2	43 3	46 5	42 4	60 7	28 0	39 0	
1980.....	18 470	3 598	12 301	3 666	6 841	1 793	5 724	42 6	43 4	44 6	40 4	59 3	25 8	38 1	
1970.....	13 716	3 223	9 125	2 403	5 558	1 164	4 591	47 0	52 8	46 4	40 0	62 9	24 1	48 3	
<b>White</b>															
1986.....	12 995	2 801	7 546	2 508	4 132	906	4 888	36 0	34 0	37 4	34 7	54 3	17 0	32 5	
1985.....	12 477	2 771	7 284	2 398	3 910	977	4 766	34 8	34 0	36 2	33 7	52 4	17 7	31 9	
1984.....	12 315	2 718	7 18	2 318	3 892	908	4 712	35 1	34 0	36 1	33 4	52 9	16 7	32 4	
1983.....	12 476	2 682	7 457	2 414	3 975	1 068	4 616	36 6	33 9	38 7	35 5	55 3	20 3	32 6	
1982.....	12 338	2 852	7 005	2 266	3 808	932	4 890	37 7	37 5	38 1	34 8	54 4	19 1	35 8	
1981.....	12 245	3 001	6 916	4 141	3 711	936	4 953	37 1	40 5	36 8	34 3	50 8	19 2	32 6	
1980.....	11 338	2 982	6 215	2 040	3 391	784	4 760	35 9	40 3	35 2	32 5	50 2	17 0	35 8	
1970.....	8 728	2 819	4 797	1 418	2 786	593	3 931	40 2	50 7	36 3	32 2	53 4	16 5	46 3	
<b>Black</b>															
1986.....	7 485	567	6 302	1 734	3 622	947	1 017	61 4	59 3	61 9	58 4	74 8	40 1	56 6	
1985.....	7 197	563	6 154	1 679	3 520	954	893	60 0	58 7	61 3	58 4	74 0	39 6	50 8	
1984.....	7 940	581	6 543	1 797	3 611	1 135	834	61 3	60 5	63 0	60 6	73 9	44 8	49 8	
1983.....	7 579	602	6 528	1 782	3 525	1 221	875	63 9	64 0	64 9	62 1	75 5	43 5	55 2	
1982.....	7 469	580	6 497	1 772	3 634	1 091	848	65 6	65 1	67 0	64 8	78 6	46 6	56 6	
1981.....	7 132	579	6 103	1 638	3 449	1 016	938	65 4	66 3	66 2	62 9	76 5	48 3	59 2	
1980.....	6 781	582	5 828	1 548	3 308	971	894	62 0	68 5	62 4	58 8	72 8	45 0	58 7	
1970.....	4 866	389	4 235	968	2 708	559	631	67 9	73 8	60 0	63 1	77 0	47 7	66 8	
<b>Hispanic<sup>2</sup></b>															
1986.....	2 666	143	2 259	626	1 347	286	340	60 5	50 1	62 2	60 6	75 2	35 5	49 7	
1985.....	2 689	159	2 270	604	1 358	307	335	62 3	50 4	63 7	61 7	78 9	35 7	51 9	
1984.....	2 343	134	1 970	545	1 169	256	310	61 5	53 5	62 8	60 3	75 9	36 9	52 0	
1983.....	2 294	127	1 956	532	1 137	287	283	62 8	49 1	64 5	61 9	78 8	39 3	52 6	
1982.....	2 144	118	1 837	492	1 097	248	243	66 6	59 3	69 0	64 2	79 5	48 0	53 0	
1981.....	1 934	94	1 663	459	1 006	198	219	62 1	55 9	63 4	61 2	74 5	37 9	51 7	
1980.....	1 777	96	1 544	434	923	187	199	62 2	64 6	63 8	61 5	74 1	39 8	51 8	

**Table 17. Family Status, by Race and Hispanic Origin of Persons Below 125 Percent of the Poverty Level for Selected Years—Con.**

(Numbers in thousands Persons as of March of the following year For meaning of symbols, see text)

Year	Number below 125 percent .. poverty level							Poverty rate						
	Total <sup>1</sup>		In families				Unrel- ated indi- viduals	Total <sup>1</sup>		In families				Unrel- ated indi- viduals
	All persons	65 years and over	Total	House- holder	Related children under 18	Other family members		All persons	65 years and over	Total	House- holder	Related children under 18	Other family members	
<b>PERSONS IN ALL OTHER FAMILIES<sup>2</sup></b>														
<b>All Races</b>														
1986.....	22 508	2 338	18 985	5 128	7 603	6 254	3 410	11.9	12.5	10.9	9.5	15.4	8.8	23.5
1985.....	24 055	2 340	20 652	5 592	8 178	6 683	3 321	12.8	12.9	11.9	10.5	16.5	9.8	23.2
1984.....	25 018	2 351	21 517	5 693	8 705	7 119	3 406	13.5	13.2	12.6	10.8	17.7	10.2	24.8
1983.....	26 553	2 458	23 097	6 049	9 502	7 546	3 361	14.4	14.1	13.5	11.6	19.2	10.8	25.6
1982.....	26 231	2 631	23 096	6 138	9 205	7 754	3 062	14.2	15.3	13.5	11.8	18.6	11.1	24.5
1981.....	23 991	2 745	20 897	5 583	8 412	6 901	3 044	13.1	16.2	12.3	10.8	16.9	10.1	24.6
1980.....	22 188	2 749	19 190	5 098	7 869	6 223	2 951	12.2	16.8	11.3	10.0	15.5	9.2	24.4
1970.....	21 909	3 306	20 097	5 113	8 733	6 245	1 812	12.7	25.2	12.0	11.1	14.6	10.2	30.3
<b>White</b>														
1986.....	17 690	1 801	15 063	4 162	5 945	4 956	2 525	10.6	10.6	9.8	8.6	13.9	7.9	20.9
1985.....	19 062	1 850	15 452	4 561	6 421	5 470	2 549	11.5	11.2	10.8	9.5	15.0	8.8	21.0
1984.....	19 744	1 872	17 111	4 663	6 798	5 650	2 566	12.0	11.5	11.2	9.8	15.9	9.1	22.3
1983.....	20 830	1 936	18 257	4 910	7 412	5 935	2 515	12.7	12.2	12.0	10.4	17.2	9.6	22.7
1982.....	20 733	2 037	18 334	5 016	7 251	6 067	2 334	12.7	13.0	12.0	10.7	16.7	9.8	22.0
1981.....	18 747	2 141	16 441	4 547	6 503	5 390	2 281	11.6	13.9	10.9	9.7	15.0	8.8	22.0
1980.....	17 345	2 169	15 179	4 135	6 167	4 877	2 133	10.8	14.5	10.0	8.9	13.9	8.1	21.2
1970.....	16 645	2 807	15 248	4 087	6 294	4 367	1 397	10.7	23.2	10.1	9.7	11.8	8.8	27.9
<b>Black</b>														
1986.....	3 683	475	2 938	753	1 189	996	739	22.1	34.6	19.9	18.2	25.7	16.6	38.6
1985.....	3 857	458	3 177	801	1 276	1 100	663	23.4	34.8	21.8	19.8	27.4	18.7	35.2
1984.....	4 139	441	3 387	790	1 449	1 148	727	26.1	34.5	24.2	20.7	32.4	20.1	39.8
1983.....	4 498	461	3 771	904	1 561	1 305	710	28.4	36.7	26.8	23.7	34.1	22.9	41.7
1982.....	4 443	515	3 843	912	1 567	1 364	593	28.1	41.8	27.0	24.0	33.7	23.5	38.5
1981.....	4 243	547	3 551	849	1 482	1 221	676	26.6	44.5	25.0	22.3	31.0	21.7	39.9
1980.....	3 844	511	3 133	775	1 313	1 045	702	24.8	42.4	22.8	21.0	27.7	19.6	41.3
1970.....	4 801	464	4 445	940	2 234	1 271	356	31.3	51.9	30.7	26.9	37.7	25.0	42.1
<b>Hispanic<sup>2</sup></b>														
1986.....	4 994	155	3 672	818	1 704	1 149	374	28.5	25.0	27.4	24.3	36.1	22.3	37.4
1985.....	3 959	160	3 03	794	1 663	1 146	327	28.8	26.7	28.3	24.6	36.0	23.6	34.2
1984.....	3 757	149	3 77	733	1 632	1 011	364	28.7	26.3	27.8	24.2	36.8	21.6	41.1
1983.....	3 828	161	3 526	765	1 745	1 016	288	29.7	30.8	29.3	26.1	38.5	22.2	34.9
1982.....	3 399	126	3 165	697	1 526	943	209	30.4	31.7	29.9	26.8	37.6	24.0	37.4
1981.....	2 983	139	2 776	605	1 370	802	204	27.3	34.6	27.0	23.7	34.8	21.1	35.1
1980.....	3 019	149	2 813	613	1 396	804	197	28.1	34.4	27.8	24.2	35.2	22.1	33.6

<sup>1</sup>Beginning with 1980, includes members of unrelated subfamilies not shown separately. For 1970, unrelated subfamily members are included in the 'in families' categories.

<sup>2</sup>Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

<sup>3</sup>Includes female unrelated individuals.

<sup>4</sup>Includes male unrelated individuals.

Note Beginning with 1980, data are based on 1980 census population controls.

**Table 18. Age, Type of Residence, Region, and Work Experience of Persons, by Race and Hispanic Origin and Poverty Status in 1986**

(Numbers in thousands. Persons as of March 1987 For meaning of symbols, see text)

Characteristic	Total			White			Black			Hispanic <sup>1</sup>		
		Below poverty level			Below poverty level			Below poverty level			Below poverty level	
		Total	Number		Total	Number		Total	Number		Total	Number
<b>AGE</b>												
<b>Both Sexes</b>												
Total	238 554	32 370	13.6	202 282	22 183	11.0	28 871	8 983	31.1	18 758	5 117	27.3
Under 3 years	10 836	2 353	21.7	8 851	1 535	17	1 621	747	46.1	1 155	473	40.9
3 to 5 years	10 820	2 443	22.6	8 823	1 602	18.2	1 627	735	45.2	1 267	512	40.4
6 to 13 years	26 869	5 618	20.9	21 597	3 550	16.4	4 180	1 808	43.2	2 908	1 096	37.7
14 and 15 years	6 936	1 237	17.8	5 599	750	13.4	1 086	440	40.5	655	217	33.1
16 to 21 years	21 922	3 631	16.6	13 015	2 384	13.2	3 191	1 107	34.7	2 104	582	27.7
22 to 44 years	68 294	9 543	10.8	74 975	6 719	9.0	10 334	2 420	23.4	7 269	1 556	21.4
45 to 54 years	23 018	1 886	8.2	19 642	1 324	6.7	2 437	493	20.2	1 451	251	17.3
55 to 59 years	11 106	1 113	10.0	9 725	821	8.4	1 093	286	24.5	955	130	23.5
60 to 64 years	10 777	1 071	9.9	9 581	810	8.5	970	242	25.0	487	96	19.8
65 years and over	27 975	3 477	12.4	25 173	2 689	10.7	2 331	722	31.0	906	204	22.5
Total, under 18 years	62 948	12 876	20.5	51 111	8 209	16.1	9 629	4 148	43.1	6 646	2 507	37.7
Related children under 18 years	62 691	12 688	20.2	50 895	8 048	15.8	9 591	4 123	43.0	6 592	2 466	37.4
Total, 5 to 17 years	44 898	8 931	19.9	36 365	5 637	15.5	6 927	2 908	42.0	4 663	1 699	38.4
Related children, 5 to 17 years	44 643	8 745	19.6	36 152	5 479	15.2	6 888	2 883	41.9	4 609	1 858	38.0
<b>Male</b>												
Total	115 915	13 721	11.8	98 765	9 487	9.6	13 505	3 685	27.3	9 395	2 396	25.5
Under 18 years	28 390	5 997	21.1	23 031	3 817	16.6	4 317	1 944	45.0	3 052	1 207	39.5
16 to 21 years	10 923	1 598	14.6	9 016	1 080	12.0	1 542	450	29.2	1 063	279	26.2
22 to 44 years	43 594	3 566	8.2	37 146	2 685	7.1	4 721	731	15.5	3 727	640	17.2
45 to 54 years	11 151	733	6.6	9 721	544	5.6	1 078	157	14.6	693	110	15.9
55 to 59 years	5 276	427	8.1	4 658	330	7.1	491	89	18.2	252	46	18.3
60 to 64 years	5 002	422	8.4	4 484	328	7.4	420	87	20.8	220	41	18.6
65 years and over	11 578	978	8.5	10 429	724	8.9	935	228	24.2	388	73	18.8
Total, under 18 years	32 209	6 593	20.5	26 182	4 204	18.1	4 878	2 141	43.9	3 381	1 312	38.8
Related children under 18 years	32 131	6 522	20.3	26 118	4 144	15.9	4 865	2 130	43.8	3 359	1 293	38.5
<b>Female</b>												
Total	122 640	18 849	15.2	103 517	12 698	12.3	15 386	5 297	34.5	9 363	2 721	29.1
Under 18 years	27 071	5 653	20.8	21 940	3 620	18.5	4 198	1 768	42.5	2 933	1 091	37.2
16 to 21 years	10 998	2 033	18.5	8 999	1 303	14.5	1 650	857	39.8	1 041	303	29.1
22 to 44 years	44 700	5 977	13.4	37 529	4 054	10.8	5 813	1 689	30.1	3 542	916	25.9
45 to 54 years	11 886	1 154	9.7	10 121	780	7.7	1 359	338	24.7	758	141	18.8
55 to 59 years	5 830	686	11.8	5 067	491	9.7	602	179	29.7	303	64	27.8
60 to 64 years	5 778	649	11.2	5 117	482	9.4	550	155	28.2	287	54	20.3
65 years and over	16 398	2 498	15.2	14 744	1 965	13.3	1 396	496	35.5	518	131	25.2
Total, under 18 years	30 739	8 283	20.4	24 929	4 005	18.1	4 751	2 007	42.2	3 285	1 195	38.6
Related children under 18 years	30 560	8 168	20.2	24 778	3 904	15.8	4 728	1 993	42.2	3 233	1 173	38.3
<b>TYPE OF RESIDENCE</b>												
Total	238 554	32 370	13.6	202 282	22 183	11.0	28 871	8 983	31.1	18 758	5 117	27.3
Nonfarm	233 475	31 374	13.4	197 399	21 266	10.8	28 899	8 906	31.0	18 828	5 078	27.3
Farm	5 079	996	19.8	4 864	917	18.8	172	78	44.5	129	40	31.1
Inside metropolitan areas	164 848	22 657	12.3	154 934	15 048	9.7	23 582	6 738	28.8	17 313	4 585	28.4
Inside central cities	73 758	13 295	18.0	53 972	7 537	14.0	18 470	5 132	31.2	10 034	3 125	31.1
Outside central cities	20 410	7 397	38.2	10 055	3 251	32.3	9 554	3 842	40.2	4 987	2 066	41.4
In poverty areas	111 090	9 362	8.4	100 962	7 511	7.4	7 092	1 606	22.8	7 279	1 440	19.8
Outside metropolitan areas	5 688	1 759	30.9	4 018	1 041	25.9	1 560	895	44.8	1 507	568	37.7
In poverty areas	53 706	9 712	18.1	47 348	7 136	15.1	5 310	2 245	42.3	1 445	552	38.2
In poverty areas	12 429	3 738	30.1	5 660	1 952	22.5	3 301	1 823	49.2	592	271	45.8
<b>REGION</b>												
Total	238 554	32 370	13.6	202 282	22 183	11.0	28 871	8 983	31.1	18 758	5 117	27.3
Northeast	49 572	5 211	10.5	43 524	3 886	8.9	4 877	1 170	24.0	3 410	1 113	32.7
Midwest	58 702	7 641	13.0	52 308	5 533	10.6	5 485	1 892	34.5	1 170	284	24.3
South	81 846	13 106	18.1	64 441	7 583	11.8	16 038	5 383	33.6	5 993	1 759	28.4
West	48 634	6 412	13.2	42 012	5 172	12.3	2 470	537	21.7	8 185	1 960	24.0

**Table 18. Age, Type of Residence, Region, and Work Experience of Persons, by Race and Hispanic Origin and Poverty Status in 1986—Con.**

(Numbers in thousands. Persons as of March 1987 For meaning of symbols, see text)

Characteristic	Total			White			Black			Hispanic <sup>1</sup>		
	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
<b>WORK EXPERIENCE IN 1986</b>												
Total, 15 years and over .....	186 688	21 352	11.4	160 214	15 138	9.4	20 919	5 481	26.2	13 104	2 925	22.3
Worked .....	126 714	8 864	7.0	110 061	6 893	6.1	12 928	1 860	14.4	8 630	1 234	14.3
50 to 52 weeks .....	85 047	2 940	3.5	74 387	2 245	3.1	8 146	541	6.6	5 458	416	7.6
Full time .....	74 423	2 009	2.7	64 855	1 580	2.4	7 309	345	4.7	4 866	315	6.5
49 weeks or less* .....	41 667	5 924	14.2	35 873	4 408	12.4	4 782	1 313	27.6	3 172	818	25.8
Duration of unemployment												
1 to 4 weeks .....	3 533	453	12.8	3 057	341	11.2	372	98	26.4	274	48	17.5
5 to 14 weeks .....	6 063	767	12.7	5 049	815	12.2	835	137	16.4	548	106	19.4
15 to 26 weeks .....	4 468	863	19.3	3 714	817	16.6	635	216	34.0	505	177	35.0
27 weeks or more .....	3 381	1 178	34.8	2 512	800	31.9	732	335	45.7	356	160	44.8
Did not work .....	59 078	12 457	21.1	49 431	8 414	17.0	7 834	3 621	46.2	4 435	1 892	38.1
Main reason did not work:												
Ill or disabled .....	8 194	2 671	32.6	6 269	1 755	27.9	1 728	873	50.5	584	247	42.2
Keeping house .....	18 948	3 849	20.3	16 858	2 764	16.6	1 723	967	56.1	1 900	774	40.7
Going to school .....	9 340	2 079	22.3	6 799	1 175	17.3	1 938	741	38.2	1 039	346	33.3
Unable to find work .....	2 211	1 203	54.4	1 343	640	47.7	777	532	68.5	196	118	60.3
Retired .....	19 246	2 216	11.5	17 484	1 796	10.3	1 431	372	26.0	544	109	20.0
All other reasons .....	1 141	438	38.4	858	283	32.9	237	136	57.4	174	99	56.8
In Armed Forces .....	896	32	3.5	723	30	4.2	157	—	1	39	—	(6)

<sup>1</sup>Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race

<sup>2</sup>Includes 'no weeks' unemployed, not shown separately.

**Table 19. Selected Characteristics of Families, by Type of Family, Race and Hispanic Origin of Householder, and Poverty Status in 1986**

(Numbers in thousands. Families as of March 1987. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Characteristic	Total			White			Black			Hispanic <sup>1</sup>		
	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
<b>ALL FAMILIES</b>												
Total .....	64 491	7 023	10.9	55 676	4 811	8.6	7 096	1 987	28.0	4 403	1 085	24.7
<b>Age of Householder</b>												
15 to 24 years .....	2 939	925	31.5	2 412	634	26.3	475	278	58.6	396	159	40.1
25 to 34 years .....	15 112	2 292	15.2	12 701	1 540	12.1	1 997	688	34.4	1 370	403	29.4
35 to 44 years .....	15 475	1 526	9.9	13 306	1 051	7.9	1 681	408	24.3	1 147	253	22.0
45 to 54 years .....	10 998	811	7.4	9 372	521	5.6	1 230	249	20.2	689	128	18.6
55 to 59 years .....	5 033	407	8.1	4 461	307	6.9	444	92	20.6	253	56	22.1
60 to 64 years .....	4 704	345	7.3	4 223	260	6.2	383	76	19.9	214	28	13.3
65 years and over .....	10 229	716	7.0	9 201	498	5.4	886	196	22.1	334	56	17.3
<b>Size of Family</b>												
Two persons .....	26 323	2 350	8.9	23 490	1 730	7.4	2 335	567	24.3	1 114	208	18.7
Three persons .....	15 395	1 697	11.0	13 123	1 144	8.7	1 874	512	27.3	1 005	242	24.1
Four persons .....	13 620	1 375	10.1	11 783	952	8.1	1 431	378	26.4	1 099	254	23.1
Five persons .....	5 900	811	13.7	4 905	530	10.8	764	252	33.0	657	181	29.1
Six persons .....	2 078	415	20.0	1 614	257	15.9	362	120	33.3	293	95	32.4
Seven persons or more .....	1 176	375	31.0	761	199	26.1	331	159	48.0	235	95	40.3
Mean size of family .....	3.19	3.52	(X)	3.13	3.42	(X)	3.52	3.73	(X)	3.83	4.11	(X)
<b>Number of Related Children Under 18 Years</b>												
No children .....	30 690	1 507	4.9	27 747	1 174	4.2	2 290	288	12.6	1 324	137	10.3
One child .....	14 445	1 817	12.6	12 080	1 302	10.8	1 944	471	24.2	1 048	223	21.3
Two children .....	12 501	1 792	14.3	10 547	1 194	11.3	1 564	549	35.1	1 073	303	28.2
Three children .....	4 774	1 068	22.4	3 865	683	17.7	733	342	46.6	618	232	37.5
Four children .....	1 407	496	35.3	1 024	289	28.2	339	182	53.7	218	111	51.0
Five children or more .....	673	342	50.8	412	169	41.0	226	156	69.1	123	80	65.4
Mean number of children per family with children .....	1.63	2.22	(X)	1.81	2.13	(X)	1.97	2.38	(X)	2.14	2.54	(X)
<b>Educational Attainment of Householder</b>												
Total, 25 years old and over .....	61 552	6 096	9.9	53 264	4 177	7.8	6 621	1 709	25.8	4 007	926	23.1
No years of school completed .....	240	83	34.5	161	53	32.9	40	13	(B)	109	37	34.1
Elementary: Less than 8 years .....	3 930	1 000	25.5	3 026	689	22.8	790	272	34.4	981	368	37.3
8 years .....	3 566	554	15.5	3 178	421	13.3	327	121	36.9	340	113	33.2
High school: 1 to 3 years .....	7 396	1 371	18.5	5 988	876	14.6	1 271	453	35.6	586	162	27.7
4 years .....	22 569	2 138	9.5	19 652	1 429	7.3	2 491	664	26.6	1 113	193	17.3
College 1 year or more .....	23 851	951	4.0	21 280	708	3.3	1 702	186	10.9	878	55	6.3
Percent a high school graduate .....	75.4	50.7	(X)	76.8	51.2	(X)	63.3	49.7	(X)	49.7	26.8	(X)
<b>Number of Workers<sup>2</sup></b>												
Total .....	63 707	6 991	11.0	55 041	4 780	8.7	6 962	1 987	28.5	3 368	1 085	24.9
No workers .....	9 393	2 809	29.9	7 822	1 751	22.4	1 404	970	69.1	590	413	70.0
One worker .....	17 825	2 738	15.4	15 040	1 886	12.5	2 287	765	33.5	1 446	446	30.9
Two workers .....	27 365	1 225	4.5	24 154	982	4.1	2 438	204	8.4	1 718	190	11.1
Three workers or more .....	9 121	220	2.4	8 025	162	2.0	834	47	5.7	612	35	5.8
<b>Employment Status of Householder</b>												
Employed .....	45 229	2 756	6.1	39 756	2 095	5.3	4 236	583	13.8	3 032	456	15.1
Unemployed .....	2 561	830	32.4	1 970	539	27.4	496	264	53.2	298	114	38.2
Not in labor force .....	15 917	3 406	21.4	13 314	2 146	16.1	2 230	1 140	51.1	1 036	513	49.5
In Armed Forces .....	784	32	4.0	635	30	4.7	134	-	1	37	-	(B)
<b>Work Experience of Householder in 1986<sup>2</sup></b>												
Total .....	63 707	6 991	11.0	55 041	4 780	8.7	6 962	1 987	28.5	4 366	1 085	24.9
Worked .....	49 327	3 500	7.1	43 140	2 802	6.0	1 822	793	16.4	3 392	559	16.5
Worked 50 to 52 weeks .....	38 876	1 452	3.7	34 345	1 114	3.2	3 470	288	8.3	2 491	259	10.4
Full time .....	36 928	1 167	3.2	32 692	915	2.8	3 225	212	6.6	2 366	219	9.3
Worked 1 to 49 weeks .....	10 451	2 048	19.6	8 795	1 488	16.9	1 353	505	37.3	900	300	33.3
Reason for working part year:												
Looking for work .....	5 043	1 127	22.4	4 204	841	20.0	683	262	38.4	549	195	35.6
All other reasons .....	5 408	921	17.0	4 591	647	14.1	670	242	36.2	352	105	29.3
Did not work .....	14 380	3 491	24.3	11 900	2 178	18.3	2 140	1 195	55.8	975	525	54.0

**Table 19. Selected Characteristics of Families, by Type of Family, Race and Hispanic Origin of Householder, and Poverty Status in 1986—Con.**

(Numbers in thousands. Families as of March 1987. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Characteristic	Total			White			Black			Hispanic <sup>1</sup>		
	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
<b>FAMILIES WITH FEMALE HOUSEHOLDER, NO HUSBAND PRESENT</b>												
Total .....	10 445	3 613	34.6	7 227	2 041	28.2	2 967	1 488	50.1	1 032	528	51.2
<b>Age of Householder</b>												
15 to 24 years .....	843	617	73.1	519	358	68.6	306	250	81.5	125	91	73.0
25 to 34 years .....	2 717	1 400	51.5	1 706	793	46.5	957	586	61.2	320	217	67.9
35 to 44 years .....	2 675	819	30.6	1 902	479	25.2	706	314	44.5	268	119	44.2
45 to 54 years .....	1 614	368	22.8	1 084	179	16.5	464	174	37.5	152	48	31.8
55 to 59 years .....	658	149	22.7	472	88	18.6	165	56	35.0	58	28	(B)
60 to 64 years .....	539	78	14.6	417	43	10.3	116	33	28.4	41	9	(B)
65 years and over .....	1 400	181	13.0	1 127	103	9.1	253	74	29.1	70	16	(B)
<b>Size of Family</b>												
Two persons .....	4 902	1 254	25.6	3 750	838	22.3	1 051	390	37.2	337	127	37.5
Three persons .....	3 118	1 094	35.1	2 172	637	29.3	870	436	50.1	299	164	54.9
Four persons .....	1 412	666	47.2	850	352	41.4	523	295	56.5	201	126	62.7
Five persons .....	555	294	53.1	275	119	43.2	262	169	64.5	106	64	60.0
Six persons .....	249	156	62.9	112	59	52.3	125	88	70.4	43	28	(B)
Seven persons or more .....	209	148	70.6	69	37	(B)	138	110	79.9	45	19	(B)
Mean size of family .....	2.96	3.31	(X)	2.80	3.03	(X)	3.41	3.67	(X)	3.49	3.60	(X)
<b>Number of Related Children Under 18 Years</b>												
No children .....	3 351	349	10.4	2 675	229	8.5	582	104	17.8	210	39	18.5
One child .....	3 357	1 142	34.0	2 319	732	31.6	958	390	40.8	281	125	44.3
Two children .....	2 319	1 101	47.5	1 526	620	40.7	749	460	61.4	226	174	60.7
Three children .....	685	568	64.0	503	292	58.1	362	257	71.1	150	105	70.0
Four children .....	332	273	82.3	145	117	80.8	182	152	83.6	71	57	(B)
Five children or more .....	202	181	89.8	60	51	(B)	135	124	81.9	33	29	(B)
Mean number of children per family with children .....	1.80	2.13	(X)	1.69	1.96	(X)	2.01	2.34	(X)	2.15	2.40	(X)
<b>Educational Attainment of Householder</b>												
Total, 25 years old and over .....	9 601	2 996	31.2	5 708	1 685	25.1	2 681	1 238	46.5	907	437	48.2
No years of school completed .....	52	25	(B)	39	15	(B)	9	5	(B)	28	13	(B)
Elementary: Less than 8 years .....	832	365	43.9	565	228	40.4	252	132	52.5	261	147	58.8
8 years .....	584	227	38.8	434	147	34.0	134	76	58.7	83	52	62.5
High school: 1 to 3 years .....	1 522	774	47.7	971	370	38.1	600	376	62.6	142	84	59.8
4 years .....	3 908	1 185	30.3	2 768	644	23.3	1 074	524	48.8	254	115	45.1
College: 1 year or more .....	2 603	420	16.1	1 934	281	14.5	592	126	21.2	139	26	18.7
Percent a high school graduate .....	67.8	53.6	(X)	70.1	54.9	(X)	62.6	52.4	(X)	43.4	32.2	(X)
<b>Number of Workers<sup>2</sup></b>												
Total .....	10 445	3 613	34.6	7 227	2 041	28.2	2 967	1 488	50.1	1 032	528	51.2
No workers .....	2 538	1 882	73.3	1 573	1 025	65.2	914	799	87.4	368	326	68.6
One worker .....	4 785	1 437	30.0	3 328	853	25.6	1 345	552	41.0	415	159	38.4
Two workers .....	2 310	252	10.9	1 740	140	8.0	504	101	20.0	169	39	23.3
Three workers or more .....	612	63	7.7	587	23	3.9	205	37	17.9	81	4	4.5
<b>Employment Status of Householder</b>												
Employed .....	5 842	1 085	18.6	4 257	673	15.8	1 449	390	26.9	453	125	27.7
Unemployed .....	658	444	67.4	357	219	61.1	286	214	74.3	67	40	(B)
Not in labor force .....	3 945	2 084	52.8	2 613	1 145	44.0	1 232	884	71.7	513	363	70.7
In Armed Forces .....	-	-	(B)	-	-	(B)	-	-	(B)	-	-	(B)
<b>Work Experience of Householder in 1986<sup>2</sup></b>												
Total .....	10 445	3 613	34.6	7 227	2 041	28.2	2 967	1 488	50.1	1 032	528	51.2
Worked .....	6 552	1 450	22.1	4 646	854	18.4	1 748	560	32.1	517	153	29.6
Worked 60 to 52 weeks .....	4 506	468	10.4	3 286	271	8.3	1 113	182	15.4	343	59	17.1
Full time .....	3 919	300	7.7	2 844	160	5.6	974	128	13.1	296	34	11.5
Worked 1 to 49 weeks .....	2 047	982	48.0	1 360	582	42.8	635	378	59.6	174	94	54.2
Reason for working part year:												
Looking for work .....	812	386	47.6	520	218	41.9	280	168	59.3	76	43	58.4
All other reasons .....	1 235	596	48.3	840	365	43.4	354	212	59.8	98	52	52.4
Did not work .....	3 892	2 163	55.6	2 581	1 189	46.0	1 220	928	76.0	515	375	72.8

<sup>1</sup>Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

<sup>2</sup>Restricted to families with civilian householders

**Table 20. Type of Residence of Families and Unrelated Individuals, by Region, Race and Hispanic Origin, and Poverty Status in 1986**

(Numbers in thousands Families and unrelated individuals as of March 1987 For meaning of symbols, see text)

Type of residence and region	Total			White			Black			Hispanic <sup>1</sup>		
		Below poverty level			Below poverty level			Below poverty level			Below poverty level	
		Total	Number		Total	Number		Total	Number		Total	Number
<b>FAMILIES</b>												
All families .....	64 491	7 023	10.9	55 676	4 811	8.6	7 096	1 987	28.0	4 403	1 085	24.7
<b>Type of Residence</b>												
Nonfarm .....	63 043	6 790	10.8	54 273	4 595	8.5	7 058	1 971	27.9	4 379	1 079	24.6
Farm .....	1 448	233	16.1	1 403	215	15.4	38	16	(B)	24	6	(B)
Inside metropolitan areas .....	49 426	4 797	9.7	42 098	3 106	7.4	5 851	1 529	26.1	4 071	969	23.8
Inside central cities .....	19 013	2 840	14.9	14 141	1 528	10.8	4 101	1 190	29.0	2 385	665	28.7
In poverty areas .....	4 843	1 614	33.3	2 347	681	28.2	2 327	898	38.6	1 152	447	38.8
Outside central cities .....	30 414	1 957	6.4	27 957	1 578	5.6	1 749	339	19.4	1 685	263	16.8
In poverty areas .....	1 402	350	25.0	1 032	209	20.3	347	139	40.0	333	106	31.8
Outside metropolitan areas .....	15 065	2 226	14.8	13 578	1 705	12.6	1 245	458	36.8	333	117	35.1
In poverty areas .....	3 368	812	24.1	2 493	444	17.8	757	333	44.1	127	53	41.9
<b>Region</b>												
Northeast .....	13 367	1 156	8.6	11 873	853	7.2	1 223	271	22.1	864	276	32.0
North Central .....	15 844	1 683	10.6	14 260	1 203	8.4	1 370	442	32.3	274	68	24.8
South .....	22 536	2 860	12.7	18 405	1 681	9.1	3 871	1 153	29.8	1 430	360	25.2
West .....	12 744	1 325	10.4	11 137	1 074	9.6	632	122	19.2	1 835	381	20.8
<b>UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS</b>												
All unrelated individuals .....	31 679	6 646	21.6	27 143	5 198	19.2	3 714	1 431	38.5	1 685	553	32.8
<b>Type of Residence</b>												
Nonfarm .....	31 373	6 750	21.5	26 858	5 115	19.0	3 698	1 419	38.4	1 661	538	32.4
Farm .....	305	96	31.4	287	63	28.9	16	12	(B)	24	15	(B)
Inside metropolitan areas .....	25 716	5 048	19.6	21 858	3 750	17.2	3 154	1 118	35.5	1 586	506	31.9
Inside central cities .....	13 191	2 996	22.7	10 373	1 999	19.3	2 374	879	37.0	983	337	34.3
In poverty areas .....	3 506	1 305	37.2	2 038	676	33.2	1 337	580	43.4	429	199	46.4
Outside central cities .....	12 525	2 052	16.4	11 483	1 751	15.3	780	240	30.8	603	169	28.0
Outside metropolitan areas .....	5 651	228	35.0	459	132	28.8	168	84	50.3	75	36	(B)
In poverty areas .....	5 933	1 798	30.2	5 287	1 448	27.4	560	312	55.6	99	47	47.4
1 356	599	44.1	952	367	38.6	357	211	59.1	33	16		
<b>Region</b>												
Northeast .....	6 768	1 284	18.7	5 983	1 031	17.2	658	214	32.5	338	112	33.2
North Central .....	7 578	1 612	21.3	6 748	1 298	19.2	709	266	37.5	88	22	24.8
South .....	10 023	2 582	25.8	7 967	1 732	21.7	1 895	817	43.1	541	193	35.8
West .....	7 312	1 388	19.0	6 445	1 138	17.7	452	134	29.6	718	226	31.4

<sup>1</sup> Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race

**Table 21. Size of Income Deficit of Families and Unrelated Individual Below the Poverty Level in 1986, by Sex and Race and Hispanic Origin**

(Numbers in thousands Families and unrelated individuals as of March 1987)

Size of income deficit	Total			White			Black			Hispanic <sup>1</sup>		
	Total	Families with female hldr., no husband present <sup>2</sup>	All other families <sup>3</sup>	Total	Families with female hldr., no husband present <sup>2</sup>	All other families <sup>3</sup>	Total	Families with female hldr., no husband present <sup>2</sup>	All other families <sup>3</sup>	Total	Families with female hldr., no husband present <sup>2</sup>	All other families <sup>3</sup>
<b>FAMILIES<sup>4</sup></b>												
Total	7 317	3 669	3 648	5 041	2 081	2 959	2 038	1 500	538	1 119	534	585
Less than \$250	255	90	165	194	56	137	51	28	22	34	7	27
\$250 to \$499	260	77	183	210	53	157	37	21	16	47	14	33
\$500 to \$999	496	180	316	370	110	260	108	64	44	73	29	44
\$1,000 to \$1,499	449	183	266	349	124	225	85	54	32	69	29	40
\$1,500 to \$1,999	480	224	256	370	155	215	87	58	29	65	22	43
\$2,000 to \$2,999	927	473	454	639	294	344	265	168	97	117	54	63
\$3,000 to \$3,999	897	477	420	646	305	341	219	162	57	138	79	59
\$4,000 to \$4,999	785	430	355	542	250	291	224	172	53	127	65	62
\$5,000 and over	2 768	1 535	1 234	1 722	733	989	960	773	187	450	235	214
Median income deficit	Dol. 3 882	Dol. 4 303	Dol. 3 438	Dol. 3 603	Dol. 3 812	Dol. 3 415	Dol. 4 737	Dol. 5 015	Dol. 3 491	Dol. 4 138	Dol. 4 518	Dol. 3 728
Standard error	Dol. 66	Dol. 97	Dol. 99	Dol. 76	Dol. 103	Dol. 110	Dol. 145	Dol. 32	Dol. 290	Dol. 187	Dol. 256	Dol. 293
Mean income deficit	Dol. 4 394	Dol. 4 688	Dol. 4 099	Dol. 4 117	Dol. 4 231	Dol. 4 036	Dol. 5 095	Dol. 5 381	Dol. 4 297	Dol. 4 624	Dol. 4 884	Dol. 4 388
Standard error	Dol. 51	Dol. 69	Dol. 74	Dol. 58	Dol. 83	Dol. 81	Dol. 107	Dol. 123	Dol. 207	Dol. 141	Dol. 190	Dol. 206
Deficit per family member	Dol. 1 259	Dol. 1 424	Dol. 1 111	Dol. 1 219	Dol. 1 400	Dol. 1 113	Dol. 1 373	Dol. 1 469	Dol. 1 116	Dol. 1 135	Dol. 1 362	Dol. 970
<b>UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS</b>												
Total	Dol. 346	Dol. 4 311	Dol. 2 536	Dol. 5 198	Dol. 3 375	Dol. 1 823	Dol. 431	Dol. 837	Dol. 594	Dol. 553	Dol. 285	Dol. 268
Less than \$250	Dol. 380	Dol. 273	Dol. 107	Dol. 345	Dol. 249	Dol. 96	Dol. 31	Dol. 20	Dol. 11	Dol. 18	Dol. 12	Dol. 7
\$250 to \$499	Dol. 453	Dol. 350	Dol. 103	Dol. 375	Dol. 297	Dol. 78	Dol. 71	Dol. 50	Dol. 21	Dol. 26	Dol. 19	Dol. 7
\$500 to \$999	Dol. 1 126	Dol. 774	Dol. 352	Dol. 896	Dol. 625	Dol. 272	Dol. 212	Dol. 137	Dol. 75	Dol. 89	Dol. 45	Dol. 44
\$1,000 to \$1,499	Dol. 825	Dol. 580	Dol. 245	Dol. 640	Dol. 447	Dol. 193	Dol. 168	Dol. 126	Dol. 42	Dol. 66	Dol. 32	Dol. 34
\$1,500 to \$1,999	Dol. 694	Dol. 432	Dol. 262	Dol. 518	Dol. 338	Dol. 181	Dol. 154	Dol. 80	Dol. 73	Dol. 47	Dol. 27	Dol. 19
\$2,000 to \$2,999	Dol. 918	Dol. 598	Dol. 321	Dol. 650	Dol. 438	Dol. 212	Dol. 239	Dol. 146	Dol. 93	Dol. 64	Dol. 32	Dol. 31
\$3,000 and over	Dol. 2 449	Dol. 1 303	Dol. 1 145	Dol. 1 773	Dol. 982	Dol. 792	Dol. 557	Dol. 278	Dol. 280	Dol. 244	Dol. 118	Dol. 126
Median income deficit	Dol. 1 960	Dol. 1 708	Dol. 2 819	Dol. 1 831	Dol. 1 603	Dol. 2 436	Dol. 2 338	Dol. 2 038	Dol. 2 812	Dol. 2 481	Dol. 2 240	Dol. 2 731
Standard error	Dol. 41	Dol. 52	Dol. 108	Dol. 48	Dol. 59	Dol. 139	Dol. 114	Dol. 138	Dol. 189	Dol. 266	Dol. 348	Dol. 331
Mean Income deficit	Dol. 2 492	Dol. 2 280	Dol. 2 887	Dol. 2 398	Dol. 2 184	Dol. 2 795	Dol. 2 701	Dol. 2 492	Dol. 2 987	Dol. 2 800	Dol. 2 645	Dol. 2 966
Standard error	Dol. 31	Dol. 37	Dol. 52	Dol. 35	Dol. 42	Dol. 63	Dol. 68	Dol. 87	Dol. 105	Dol. 117	Dol. 159	Dol. 172

<sup>1</sup>Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

<sup>2</sup>Includes female unrelated individuals.

<sup>3</sup>Includes male unrelated individuals.

<sup>4</sup>Includes unrelated subfamilies.

## 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.

**Per capita income.** Per capita income is the mean income computed for every man, woman, and child in a particular group. It is derived by dividing the total income of a particular group by the total population (excluding patients or inmates in institutional quarters) in that group.

**Constant dollars.** Some of the income figures for previous years have been converted to 1986 constant dollars in order to discount for changes in consumer prices. These adjustments were made based on changes in the average annual Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U). These indexes are shown in table A-

**Nonresponse.** Nonresponse in household surveys has two main components. The first, often termed noninterview, consists of those occupied sample housing units for which no interview was obtained. In the March CPS, about 4-to-5 percent of all sample households are determined to be noninterviews. Noninterviews result because the household members refuse to participate in the survey or because the occupants could not be found at home at any time during the survey week. The survey weights of the interviewed households are adjusted to reflect the loss of these noninterviews. The second component of nonresponse, usually referred

to as item nonresponse, represents failure to obtain answers to specific questions for households that do

participate in the survey. Item nonresponse occurs because individuals may refuse to answer some questions or because the answers to some of the questions are not known and cannot be accurately estimated by the respondent. The magnitude of item nonresponse for amounts of income received varies considerably by the type of income. For example, the item nonresponse rate for wage and salary amounts was about 17 percent, compared with 19 percent for Social Security income and 28 percent for interest income. The data processing system used for the March CPS makes assignments (imputes) of values when survey responses are missing. These imputations are made on a case-by-case basis using the respondent's reported information to develop an appropriate substitute value.

**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 \$11,203 in 1986, about 1.9 percent higher than the comparable 1985 cutoff of \$10,989. Weighted average poverty thresholds by size of family are shown in table A-1.

**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 direct access from the outside or through a common hall.

**Table A-1. Weighted Average Poverty Thresholds in 1986**

Size of family unit	Threshold
One person (unrelated individual)	\$ 5,572
15 to 64 years	5,701
65 years and over	5,255
Two persons . . .	7,138
Householder 15 to 64 years	7,372
Householder 65 years and over	6,630
Three persons . . .	8,737
Four persons . . .	11,203
Five persons . . .	13,259
Six persons . . .	14,986
Seven persons . . .	17,049
Eight persons . . .	18,791
Nine persons or more	22,497

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 (one of whom is the householder) related by birth, marriage, or adoption and residing together, all such persons (including related subfamily members) 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 householder'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 subfamilies are not included in the count of total families.

Unrelated individuals. The term "unrelated individuals" refers to persons of any age (other than inmates of institutions) who are not living with any relatives. An unrelated individual may be (1) a person living alone or with nonrelatives only, (2) a roomer, boarder, or resident employee with no relatives in the household, or (3) a group quarters member who has no relatives living with him/her. 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-2. Annual Average Consumer Price Index (CPI): 1947 to 1986**

(1977 = 100)

Year	CPI	Year	CPI
1947	36.9	1967	55.1
1948	39.7	1968	57.4
1949	39.3	1969	60.5
1950	39.7	1970	64.1
1951	42.9	1971	66.8
1952	43.8	1972	69.0
1953	44.1	1973	73.3
1954	44.4	1974	81.4
1955	44.2	1975	88.8
1956	44.8	1976	93.9
1957	46.4	1977	100.0
1958	47.7	1978	107.7
1959	48.1	1979	119.8
1960	48.9	1980	136.0
1961	49.4	1981	150.1
1962	49.9	1982	159.3
1963	50.5	1983	164.4
1964	51.2	1984	171.4
1965	52.1	1985	177.5
1966	53.6	1986	180.9

Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

## Appendix B. Source and Reliability of Estimates

### SOURCE OF DATA

The estimates in this report are based on data obtained annually in March of 1961 through March 1987 from the Current Population Survey (CPS) conducted by the Bureau of the 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 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 Hispanic population, the March CPS sample was enlarged to include all households from the previous November which contained at least one sample person of Hispanic origin. For this report, persons in the Armed Forces living off post or with their families on post are also included.

**Current Population Survey (CPS).** The present CPS sample was selected from the 1980 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 729 areas comprising 1,973 counties, independent cities, and minor civil divisions in the Nation. In this sample, approximately 60,500 occupied households were eligible for interview. Of this number, about 2,500 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.

**CPS estimation procedure** 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, sex, race, and Hispanic/non-Hispanic categories. 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 to obtain data for years 1979 and later are based on the 1980 census. Data for 1979 in earlier reports were obtained using independent population estimates based on the 1970 decennial census.

### RELIABILITY OF ESTIMATES

Since the CPS estimates are based on a sample, they may differ somewhat from the figures that would have been ob-

tained 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 accuracy of a survey result depends on both types of errors, but the full extent of the 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. The standard errors provided for the CPS estimates primarily indicate the magnitude of the sampling error. They also partially measure the effect of some nonsampling errors in responses and enumeration, but do not measure any systematic biases in the data. (Bias is the difference, averaged over all possible samples, between the estimate and the desired value.)

**Sampling variability.** The standard errors given in the following tables are primarily measures of sampling variability; that is, of the variations that occurred by chance because a sample rather than the entire population was surveyed. The sample estimate and its 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 standard error were calculated from each sample, then:

1. 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.
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.

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 type of hypotheses appearing in this report is that the population parameters are different. An example of this would be

comparing the median annual income of Black families versus the median annual income of White families. Tests may be performed at various levels of significance, where a level of significance is the probability of concluding that the characteristics are different when, in fact, they are identical.

To perform the most common test, let  $x$  and  $y$  be sample estimates for two characteristics of interest. Let the standard error on the difference  $x-y$  be  $S_{DIFF}$ . If the ratio  $R = (x-y)/S_{DIFF}$  is between -2 and +2, no conclusion about the difference between the characteristics is justified at the 0.05 level of significance. If, on the other hand, this ratio is smaller than -2 or larger than +2, the observed difference is significant at the 0.05 level. In this event, it is commonly accepted practice to say that the characteristics are different. Of course, sometimes this conclusion will be wrong. When the characteristics are, in fact, the same, there is a 5 percent chance of concluding that they are different. 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 characteristics is greater than twice the standard error of the difference. For the other differences mentioned, the estimated difference between characteristics is between 1.6 and 2.0 times the standard error of the difference. When this is the case, the statement of comparison is qualified, e.g., by use of the phrase "some evidence."

**Comparability of data.** Income and poverty estimates for 1985 are the first based entirely on households selected from the 1980 census-based sample design. Estimates by type of residence categories such as metropolitan, nonmetropolitan, farm and nonfarm, which were omitted from the 1984 report because of the mixed 1970 and 1980 census sampling frame used for the March 1985 CPS, have been resumed. The residence categories reflect metropolitan areas defined as of June 1984. In addition, the March 1986 CPS income supplement was revised to allow the coding of larger earnings amounts on the questionnaire.

Caution should be used when comparing 1984-85 income year with the 1985-86 income year because of the change in population controls between the 1970 and 1980 designs. The combination of the phase-out of the 629 sampling areas obtained by sampling from the 1970 census materials and the phase-in of the 729 sampling areas obtained by sampling from the 1980 census materials means that the current number of sample areas is not completely comparable to the old number of sample areas since many of the sample areas have been redefined. A description of these changes and the effect they had on the data is given in the section "Modifications to the March 1980 CPS" of an earlier report (Series P-60, No. 130).

**Note when using small estimates.** Summary measures (such as medians and percent distributions) are shown 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 data user's needs. Also, care must be taken in the interpretation of small differences. For instance, even a small amount of nonsampling error can cause a borderline difference to appear significant or not, thus distorting a seemingly valid hypothesis test.

## STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATED NUMBERS AND PERCENTAGES

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.

Two parameters (denoted "a" and "b") are used to calculate standard errors for each type of characteristic. Direct computation of the standard errors will give more accurate results than the use of standard error tables.

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

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

**Table B-1. Parameters for Direct Computation of Standard Errors of Estimated Numbers and Percentages of Households, Families, Unrelated Individuals, and Persons: March 1980 to 1987**

(Total persons 14 years and over)

Characteristic	Parameters	
	a	b
<b>Number of households, families, and unrelated individuals</b>		
Total or non-Black .. .	-0.000008	1,896
Black .. .	-0.000058	2,067
Hispanic origin .. .	-0.000121	2,067
<b>Number of persons</b>		
Total or non-Black .. .	-0.000011	2,077
Black .. .	-0.000092	2,374
Hispanic origin .. .	-0.000189	2,374
<b>Families below poverty level:</b>		
Total or non-Black .. .	0.000084	2,067
Black .. .	0.000084	2,067
Hispanic origin .. .	0.000084	2,067
<b>Persons below poverty level:</b>		
Total or non-Black .. .	-0.000052	9,628
Black .. .	-0.000375	9,628
Hispanic origin .. .	-0.000768	9,628

Note: For years prior to 1980, apply these factors to the parameters to obtain the standard errors. For 1947 to 1954, multiply the standard error by 1.6; for 1955 to 1964, multiply by 1.3; for 1965, multiply by 1.1, and for 1966 to 1979 multiply by 0.9.

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

$$S_{(x,p)} = \sqrt{(b/x) (p) (100 - p)} \quad (2)$$

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 the standard error of the difference between two estimates  $x$  and  $y$ , is given by

$$S_{(x-y)} = \sqrt{S_x^2 + S_y^2 - 2r S_x S_y} \quad (3)$$

where  $S_x$  and  $S_y$  are the standard errors of the estimates  $x$  and  $y$ , and  $r$  represents the correlation between the two estimates.

For the year-to-year comparisons of income and poverty estimates the correlation coefficients,  $r$ , are contained in the detailed reports in this series, (Current Population Reports, Series P-60, Nos. 151 and 152). For other comparisons, assume  $r$  equals zero. Making this assumption will result in accurate estimates of the difference between two estimates of the same characteristic in 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.

## Appendix C. Underreporting of Income

In general, estimates of the number of income recipients and amounts derived from household surveys are somewhat less than comparable estimates derived from independent sources based on administrative records such as tax returns, W-2 forms, Social Security benefit records, etc. This underestimation is commonly referred to as "underreporting." There are three main causes for income underreporting in surveys: 1) failure to report receipt of a specific income type, 2) reporting an amount that was less than the actual amount received, and 3) reporting the source of income incorrectly.

Measuring the magnitude of underreporting in the March CPS is difficult, especially for some income types. First, to estimate underreporting of recipients an independent estimate of persons receiving the income source at any time during the calendar year must be calculated. While data on income recipients by month are available for many government benefit programs, no data are available for a calendar-year period. Since the "turnover" in some programs such as Aid to Families with Dependent Children and unemployment compensation is significant, it is difficult to derive a calendar-year recipient estimate from these monthly administrative sources. Second, estimates available from administrative sources must be adjusted to the CPS universe (noninstitutional population). Third, certain administrative sources are also subject to errors. For example, tax filers tend to underreport income on tax returns, therefore, establishing benchmarks based on tax return data would not capture the full extent of underreporting. Also, not all persons are required to file tax returns.

Because it is easier to compute independent estimates of the total amount of income received than the number of

income recipients, most estimates of underreporting are based on comparisons of aggregate income amounts derived from independent sources and survey data. This method of measuring underreporting combines the effects of all underreporting causes listed earlier. This method is not without problems, however. There are, for instance, significant differences between sources of independent estimates for the same income type, especially for self-employment, interest, dividends, and rental incomes. Also, some independent estimates, such as the Bureau of Economic Analysis' personal income series, undergo revisions thereby substantially altering the measures of underreporting.

Since the derivation of independent estimates is a significant undertaking, it is only attempted periodically. The last detailed effort for the March CPS was completed for 1983. A summary of the underreporting for key income sources is shown in table C-1. Overall, the level of CPS underreporting was about 10 percent, however, the level varied widely between individual types of income. Underreporting tends to be more pronounced for public assistance, unemployment and workers' compensation, and property income. The apparent survey overestimation for self-employment income reflects the difficulty in developing comparable independent figures.

Finally, various population subgroups receive a higher proportion of their total income from certain income sources, such as interest and dividends for the elderly and public assistance for female-family householders. The differential underreporting between income types, therefore, affect the estimates of some population subgroups more than others.

**Table C-1. Comparisons of CPS Aggregate Money Income in 1983 with Independently Derived Estimates, by Income Type**

(Billions of dollars)

Source of income	Independent estimate	CPS estimate	CPS as a percent of independent
Total	2,402.5	2,164.9	90.1
Wages and salaries	1,632.3	1,616.3	99.0
Self-employment	112.6	130.1	115.5
Social Security <sup>a</sup>	155.2	142.3	91.7
Supplemental Security Income	9.0	7.6	84.9
Aid to Families with Dependent Children	13.8	10.5	76.0
Interest, dividends, and rental income	315.4	143.2	45.4
Veterans' payments	14.0	8.8	63.3
Unemployment compensation	26.1	19.7	75.5
Workers' compensation	14.1	6.6	47.0
Private, government, and military pensions	110.1	79.7	72.4

<sup>a</sup>Includes Railroad Retirement benefits.



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