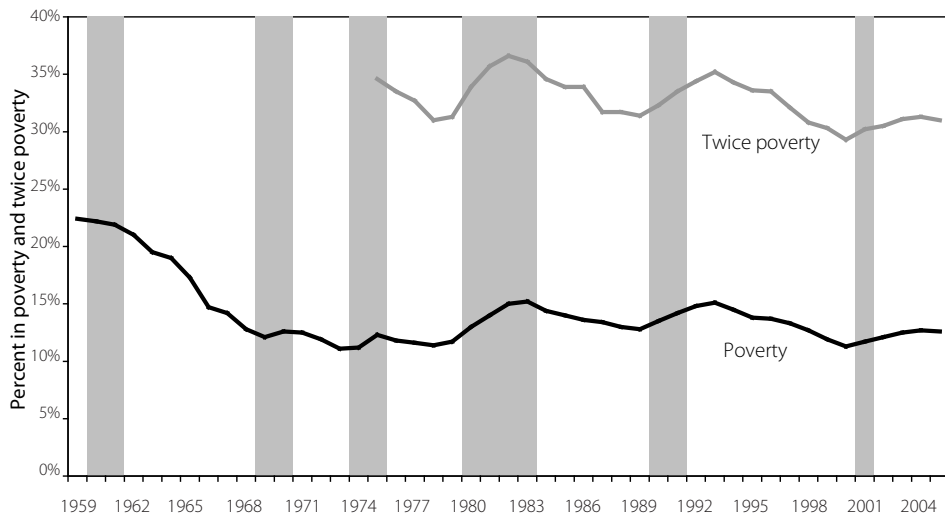


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### Poverty and twice poverty rate, 1959-2005



Note: Periods of recession are shaded.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau. For detailed information on figure sources, see Figure Notes.

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**Percent and number of persons in poverty and twice poverty, 1959-2005**

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Year	Poverty rate	Number in poverty (000)	Twice poverty rate	Number in twice poverty (000)
1959	22.4%	39,490	n/a	n/a
1967	14.2	27,769	n/a	n/a
1973	11.1	22,973	n/a	n/a
1979	11.7	26,072	31.3%	69,849
1989	12.8	31,528	31.4	77,304
1995	13.8	36,425	33.6	88,810
2000	11.3	31,581	29.3	81,898
2005	12.6	36,950	31.0	90,872
Percentage-point changes				
1959-79	-10.7	-13,418	n/a	n/a
1979-89	1.1	5,456	0.1	7,455
1989-2000	-1.5	53	-2.1	4,595
1995-2000	-2.5	-4,844	-4.3	-6,911
2000-05	1.3	5,369	1.7	8,973

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.  
 For detailed information on table sources, see Table Notes.

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**Persons in poverty, by race/ethnicity, 1959-2005**

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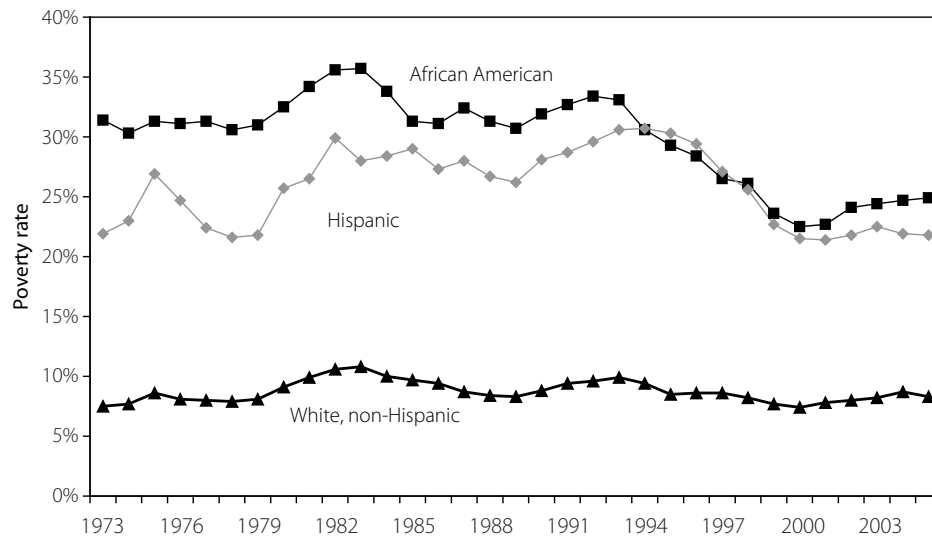
Year	Total	White	Black	Hispanic
1959	22.4%	18.1%	n/a	n/a
1967	14.2	11.0	39.3%	n/a
1973	11.1	8.4	31.4	21.9%
1979	11.7	9.0	31.0	21.8
1989	12.8	10.0	30.7	26.2
1995	13.8	11.2	29.3	30.3
2000	11.3	9.5	22.5	21.5
2005	12.6	10.6	24.9	21.8
<b>Percentage-point changes</b>				
1959-79	-10.7	-9.1	n/a	n/a
1979-89	1.1	1.0	-0.3	4.4
1989-2000	-1.5	-0.5	-8.2	-4.7
1989-95	1.0	1.2	-1.4	4.1
1995-2000	-2.5	-1.7	-6.8	-8.8
2000-05	1.3	1.1	2.4	0.3

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

Table 6.2 from: Mishel, Lawrence, Jared Bernstein, and Sylvia Allegretto, *The State of Working America 2006/2007*. An Economic Policy Institute Book. Ithaca, N.Y.: ILR Press, an imprint of Cornell University Press, 2007.



Poverty rates by race/ethnicity, 1973-2005



Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

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**Percent of children in poverty, by race, 1979-2005**

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Year	Total	White	Black	Hispanic
<b>Children under 18</b>				
1979	16.4%	11.8%	41.2%	28.0%
1989	19.6	14.8	43.7	36.2
1995	20.8	16.2	41.9	40.0
2000	16.2	13.1	31.2	28.4
2005	17.6	14.4	34.5	28.3
<i>Percentage-point changes</i>				
1979-89	3.2	3.0	2.5	8.2
1989-2000	-3.4	-1.7	-12.5	-7.8
1989-95	1.2	1.4	-1.8	3.8
1995-2000	-4.6	-3.1	-10.7	-11.6
2000-05	1.4	1.3	3.3	-0.1
<b>Children under 6</b>				
1979	18.1%	13.3%	43.6%	29.2%
1989	22.5	16.9	49.8	38.8
1995	24.1	18.6	49.2	42.8
2000	17.2	14.1	32.9	28.9
2003*	20.1	16.6	39.4	32.3
<i>Percentage-point changes</i>				
1979-89	4.4	3.6	6.2	9.6
1989-2000	-5.3	-2.8	-16.9	-9.9
1989-95	1.6	1.7	-0.6	4.0
1995-2000	-6.9	-4.5	-16.3	-13.9
2000-03*	2.9	2.5	6.5	3.4

\* Data for 2004 unavailable.  
Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

Table 6.3 from: Mishel, Lawrence, Jared Bernstein, and Sylvia Allegretto, *The State of Working America 2006/2007*. An Economic Policy Institute Book. Ithaca, N.Y.: ILR Press, an imprint of Cornell University Press, 2007.



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**Family poverty, by race/ethnicity of family head and for different family types, 1959-2005**

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	Race/ethnicity of family head:				Families with children:	
	All	White	Black	Hispanic	Married couples	Female head
1959	18.5%	15.2%	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	59.9%
1967	11.4	9.1	33.9%	n.a.	n.a.	44.5
1973	8.8	6.6	28.1	19.8%	n.a.	43.2
1979	9.2	6.9	27.8	20.3	6.1%	39.6
1989	10.3	7.8	27.8	23.4	7.3	42.8
1995	10.8	8.5	26.4	27.0	7.5	41.5
2000	8.7	7.1	19.3	19.2	6.0	33.0
2005	9.9	8.0	22.1	19.7	6.5	36.2
<i>Percentage-point changes</i>						
1959-73	-9.7	-8.6	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-16.7
1973-79	0.4	0.3	-0.3	0.5	n.a.	-3.6
1979-89	1.1	0.9	0.0	3.1	1.2	3.2
1989-2000	-1.6	-0.7	-8.5	-4.2	-1.3	-9.8
1989-95	0.5	0.7	-1.4	3.6	0.2	-1.3
1995-2000	-2.1	-1.4	-7.1	-7.8	-1.5	-8.5
2000-05	1.2	0.9	2.8	0.5	0.5	3.2

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

Table 6.4 from: Mishel, Lawrence, Jared Bernstein, and Sylvia Allegretto, *The State of Working America 2006/2007*. An Economic Policy Institute Book. Ithaca, N.Y.: ILR Press, an imprint of Cornell University Press, 2007.



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**Average poverty gap, 1959-2005 (2005 dollars)**

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<u>Year</u>	<u>Families</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Families</u>
1959	\$7,126	<i>Annual growth rates</i>	
1973	6,373	1959-73	-0.8%
1979	6,848	1973-79	1.2
1989	7,439	1979-89	0.8
1995	7,681	1989-2000	0.4
2000	7,732	1989-95	0.5
2005	8,125	1995-2000	0.1
		2000-05	1.0

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

Table 6.5 from: Mishel, Lawrence, Jared Bernstein, and Sylvia Allegretto, *The State of Working America 2006/2007*. An Economic Policy Institute Book. Ithaca, N.Y.: ILR Press, an imprint of Cornell University Press, 2007.



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### Family poverty gap and family poverty rates, 1959-2005

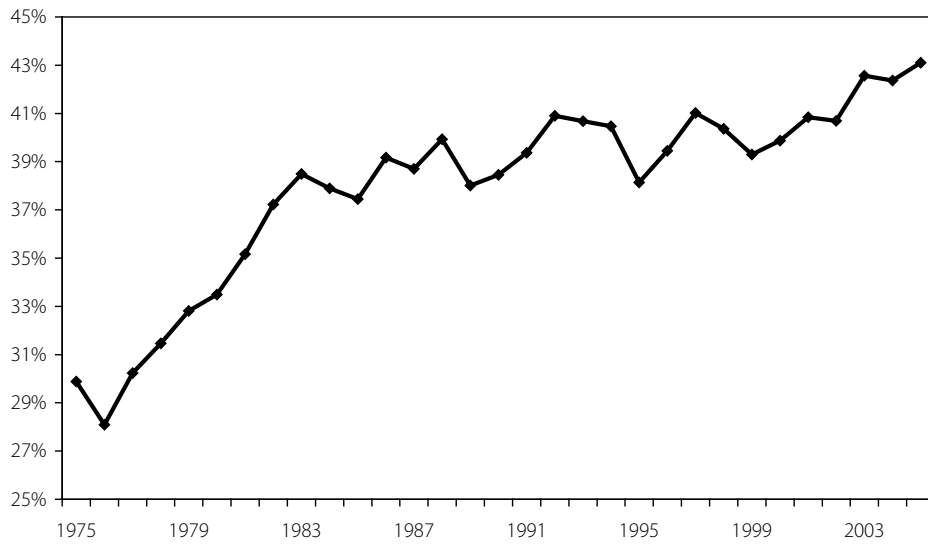


Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

Figure 6C from: Mishel, Lawrence, Jared Bernstein, and Sylvia Allegretto, *The State of Working America 2006/2007*. An Economic Policy Institute Book. Ithaca, N.Y.: ILR Press, an imprint of Cornell University Press, 2007.



Percent of the poor below half the poverty line, 1975-2005



Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

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**Poverty by place of birth, 1995-2005**

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	All	Native	Foreign born		
			Total	Naturalized	Noncitizen
1995	13.8%	12.9%	22.2%	10.5%	27.8%
2000	11.3	10.8	15.4	9.0	19.2
2005	12.6	12.1	16.5	10.4	20.4
1995-2000	-2.5%	-2.2%	-6.8%	-1.5%	-8.6%
2000-05	1.3	1.3	1.1	1.4	1.2

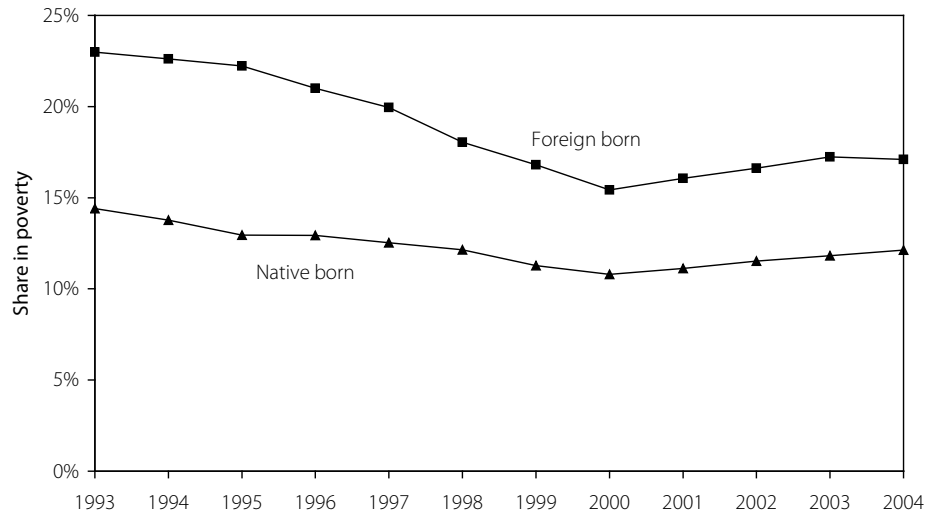
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**Poverty, native and foreign born, 1993-2004**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

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**Likelihood of a one-year-old child being poor at least five of the next 10 years,  
by age and family characteristics**

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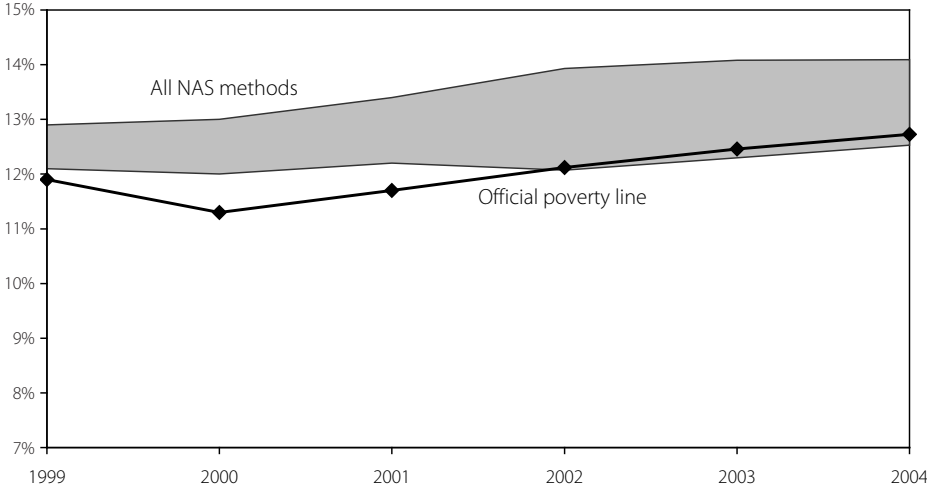
	Education of family head	
	Less than high school	High school or more
<b>Female head of household</b>		
White	63.0%	47.3%
African American	89.5	68.9
<b>Two-parent family</b>		
White	27.6%	16.7%
African American	55.6	33.3

Source: Stevens (1999).

Table 6.7 from: Mishel, Lawrence, Jared Bernstein, and Sylvia Allegretto, *The State of Working America 2006/2007*. An Economic Policy Institute Book. Ithaca, N.Y.: ILR Press, an imprint of Cornell University Press, 2007.



Poverty rates, official compared to National Academy of Sciences alternatives, 1999 to 2004



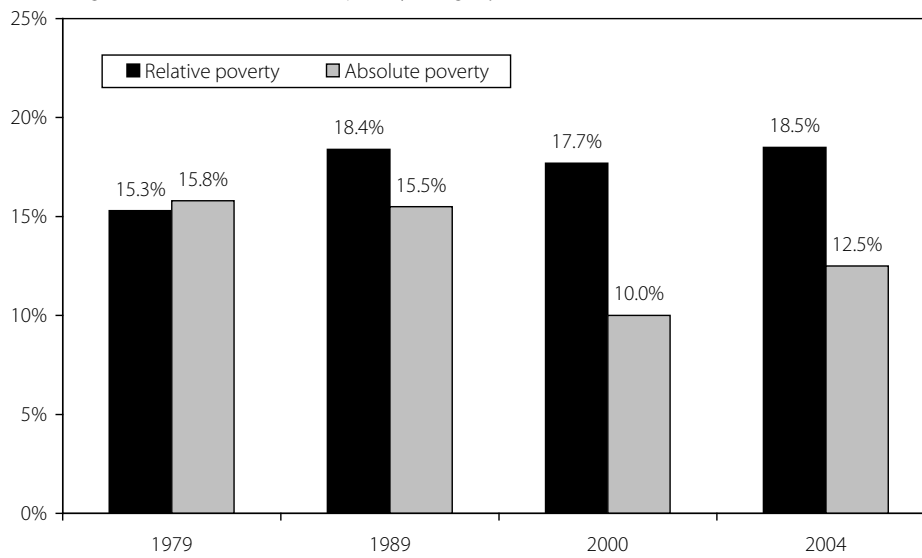
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### Relative and absolute poverty, using adjusted income measures



Source: Primus (2006) and authors' analysis of Census Bureau data.

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**Changes in poverty rates and various economic indicators, 1959-2004**

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	Poverty rates	Productivity*	Unemployment	Inequality**	Low-wage growth***
1959-73	-11.3	2.8%	-0.6	-0.9%	n.a.
1973-89	1.8	1.3	0.4	10.6	-0.2%
1989-2000	-1.5	2.0	-1.3	4.0	1.0
1989-95	1.0	1.6	0.3	2.4	0.0
1995-2000	-2.5	2.5	-1.6	1.5	2.3
2000-04	1.4	3.5	1.5	0.6	0.4

Note: Poverty rates and unemployment are percentage-point changes; productivity and low-wage growth are annualized changes; inequality is percent change in Gini coefficient.

\* Nonfarm business sector.

\*\* Gini coefficient.

\*\*\* 20th percentile real wage.

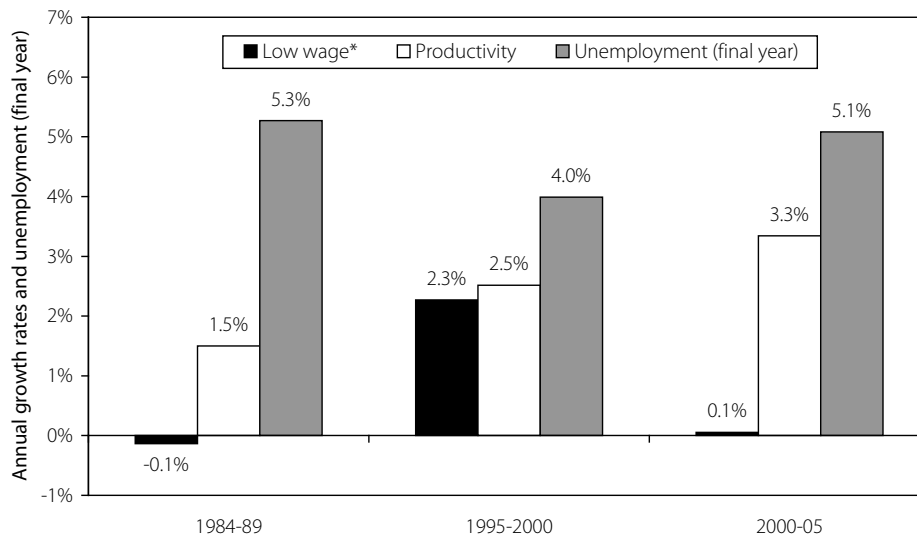
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, BLS, and authors' analysis.

Table 6.8 from: Mishel, Lawrence, Jared Bernstein, and Sylvia Allegretto, *The State of Working America 2006/2007*. An Economic Policy Institute Book. Ithaca, N.Y.: ILR Press, an imprint of Cornell University Press, 2007.



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**Real low-wage growth, productivity, and unemployment during three five-year periods**



\* 20th percentile hourly wage

Source: BLS and authors' analysis.

Figure 6H from: Mishel, Lawrence, Jared Bernstein, and Sylvia Allegretto, *The State of Working America 2006/2007*. An Economic Policy Institute Book. Ithaca, N.Y.: ILR Press, an imprint of Cornell University Press, 2007.



**Earnings, taxes, and benefits under differing scenarios for work and marriage  
in 1986 and 1996 (1996 dollars)**

	Marriage and work scenario					
	1986			1996		
	Single parent does not work	Single parent works full time at minimum wage	Difference	Single parent does not work	Single parent works full time at minimum wage	Difference
Total earnings	\$0	\$9,820	\$9,820	\$0	\$10,300	\$10,300
Federal taxes: Social Security, Medicare, and income taxes other than EITC	0	-861	-861	0	-788	-788
Means-tested benefits, TANF (AFDC), and food stamps	8,459	2,578	-5,881	7,501	2,462	-5,039
Child care expense	0	-2,000	-2,000	0	-2,000	-2,000
Earned income tax credit	0	768	768	0	3,656	3,656
Child care support	0	159	159	0	1,000	1,000
Total "disposable" income	8,459	10,464	2,005	7,501	14,630	7,129
Government paid health insurance? (Medicaid)	Yes	No	Loses all coverage	Yes	Children under 15	Only adult loses coverage

Source: Ellwood (2000), Table 1.

Table 6.9 from: Mishel, Lawrence, Jared Bernstein, and Sylvia Allegretto, *The State of Working America 2006/2007*. An Economic Policy Institute Book. Ithaca, N.Y.: ILR Press, an imprint of Cornell University Press, 2007.



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**Alternative poverty measure, gains in the 1990s**

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	1992	2000	2004	1992-2000	2000-04
<b>All</b>					
Official	14.8%	11.3%	12.7%	-3.5%	1.4%
Alternative	17.5	11.3	12.5	-6.2	1.2
<b>Children</b>					
Official	22.3%	16.2%	17.8%	-6.1%	1.6%
Alternative	24.3	14.5	16.4	-9.8	1.9

Source: Tabulations provided by Wendell Primus.

Table 6.10 from: Mishel, Lawrence, Jared Bernstein, and Sylvia Allegretto, *The State of Working America 2006/2007*. An Economic Policy Institute Book. Ithaca, N.Y.: ILR Press, an imprint of Cornell University Press, 2007.



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**Income components of low-income single mothers with at least two children**

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	Income	Earnings*	Annual hours*	Public assistance	EITC
1979	\$15,853	\$6,708	804	\$3,989	\$350
1989	14,699	6,816	828	3,028	450
2000	16,775	10,108	1,191	905	1,981
2004	16,353	9,664	1,092	671	1,701
1979-89	-7.3%	1.6%	3.0%	-24.1%	28.7%
1989-2000	14.1	48.3	43.7	-70.1	340.1
2000-04	-2.5	-4.4	-8.3	-25.8	-14.1

\* Refers to mothers' earnings and hours, not pooled across family.

Source: Authors' analysis of CPS data.

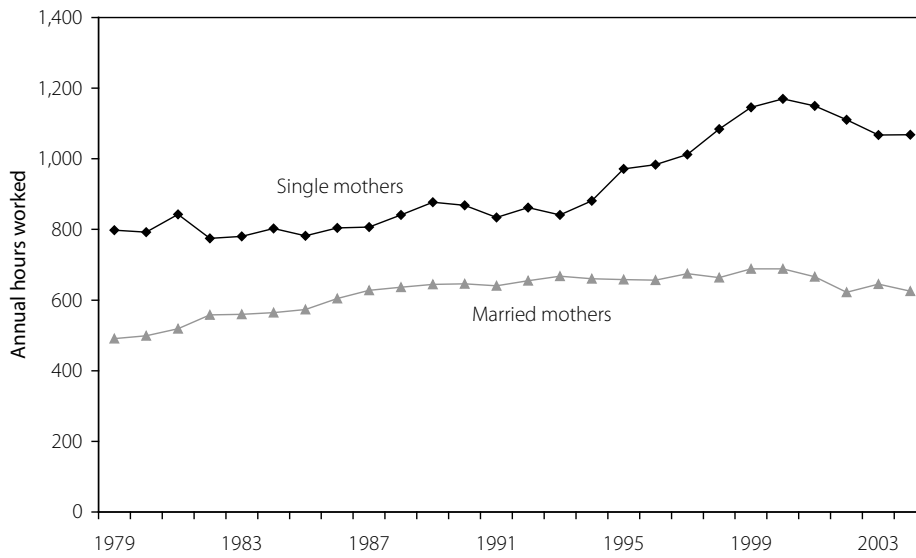
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### Annual hours worked by low-income mothers, 1979-2004



Source: Authors' analysis.

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**Employment rates of 16-24-year-olds, not in school, high school or less, by race**

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	African American		White	
	Men	Women	Men	Women
1989	57.8%	40.3%	79.6%	64.0%
1995	50.9	40.6	77.0	60.4
2000	52.2	52.1	78.1	65.8
2005	46.6	47.2	71.9	59.5
<i>Percentage-point changes</i>				
1989-2000	-5.7	11.8	-1.5	1.8
1995-2000	1.3	11.5	1.1	5.4
2000-05	-5.6	-4.9	-6.2	-6.3

Source: Authors' analysis of CPS data.

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**The impact of demographic and education changes on family poverty rates**

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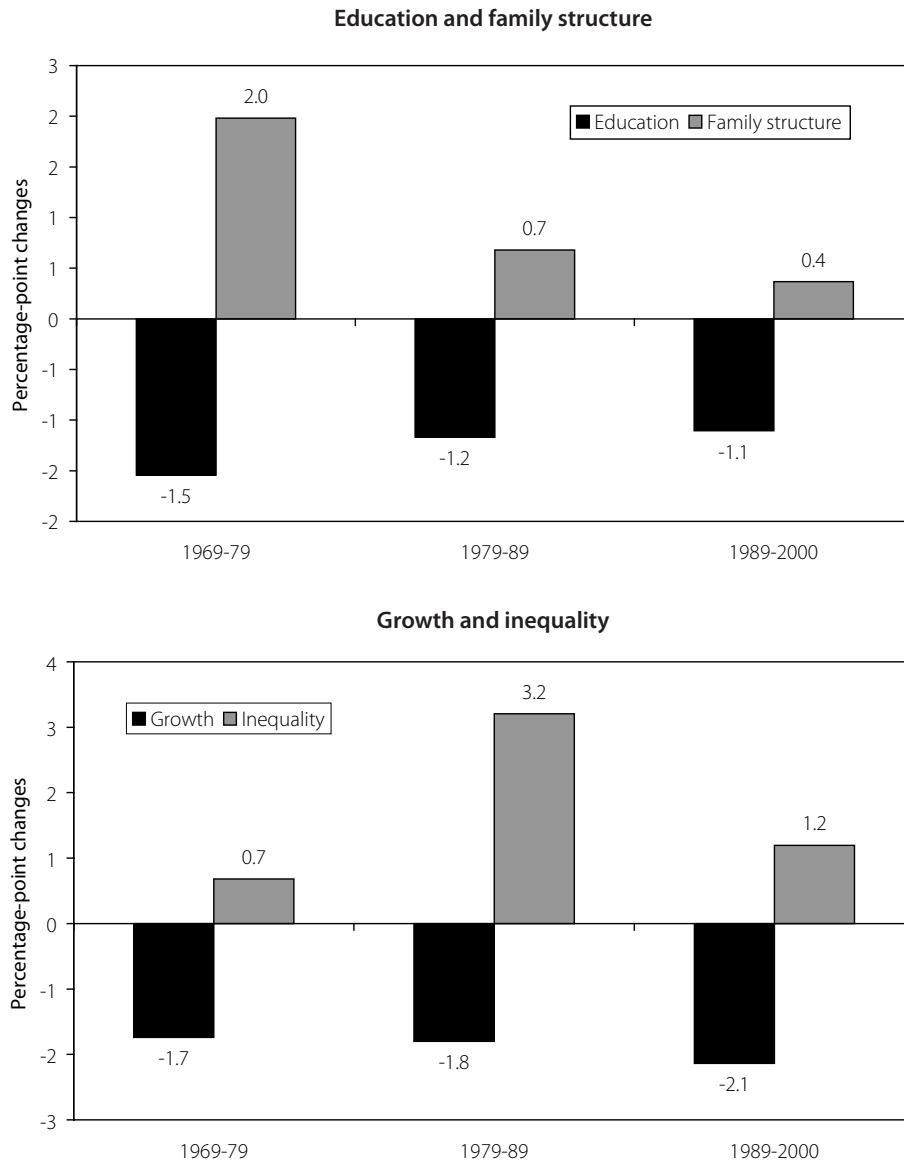
	1969-79	1979-89	1989-2000	2000-04	1969-2000
<b>Total demographic effect</b>	0.5%	-0.2%	-0.6%	0.2%	-0.2%
Race	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.1	1.0
Education	-1.5	-1.2	-1.1	-0.1	-3.8
Family structure	2.0	0.7	0.4	0.2	3.0
Interaction	-0.2	-0.1	-0.2	-0.1	-0.5
<b>Economic change</b>	-1.1%	1.4%	-0.9%	1.2%	-0.6%
Growth	-1.7	-1.8	-2.1	0.6	-5.7
Inequality	0.7	3.2	1.2	0.7	5.1

Source: Author's analysis based on Danziger/Gottschalk (1995).

Table 6.13 from: Mishel, Lawrence, Jared Bernstein, and Sylvia Allegretto, *The State of Working America 2006/2007*. An Economic Policy Institute Book. Ithaca, N.Y.: ILR Press, an imprint of Cornell University Press, 2007.



Poverty determinants: impact on family poverty rates



Source: Authors' analysis of Danziger and Gottschalk (1995).

Figure 6J from: Mishel, Lawrence, Jared Bernstein, and Sylvia Allegretto, *The State of Working America 2006/2007*. An Economic Policy Institute Book. Ithaca, N.Y.: ILR Press, an imprint of Cornell University Press, 2007.



## Characteristics of low-wage workers, 2005

	Low wage	Total workforce
Share of workforce	24.5%	100.0%
Number	29,275,894	119,587,366
Average wage	\$7.36	\$18.07
<b>Gender</b>		
Female	57.5%	47.8%
Male	42.5	52.2
<b>Race/ethnicity</b>		
White	56.5%	68.6%
African American	15.3	11.2
Hispanic	22.4	13.9
Asian	3.7	4.3
Other	2.2	1.8
<b>Education</b>		
Less than high school	22.9%	10.4%
High school	36.7	30.1
Associate's degree	6.9	9.8
Some college	24.7	20.1
College or more	8.8	29.6
<b>Age</b>		
18-25	37.6%	16.6%
26-35	21.4	23.9
35+	41.1	59.5
<b>Industry</b>		
Financial and information services	5.5%	9.6%
Manufacturing	8.8	12.7
Durable	4.8	8.1
Non-durable	3.9	4.6
Construction	4.6	6.9
Transportation and utilities	3.2	5.4
Services	52.4	43.8
Trade	21.3	14.8
Wholesale	2.1	3.3
Retail	19.2	11.6
Government	2.3	5.3
Other industries	2.0	1.3
<b>Occupations</b>		
Managers/professionals	11.3%	34.2%
Admin/office support	14.1	15.0
Blue collar	21.9	23.5
Services	35.3	16.1
Sales	15.6	10.4
Other occupations	1.8	0.7
<b>Union status</b>		
Non-union	93.7%	86.0%
Union	6.3	14.0
<b>Family income</b>		
Less than \$25K	45.9%	28.6%
\$25K-\$50K	26.9	23.9
More than \$50K	27.2	47.5

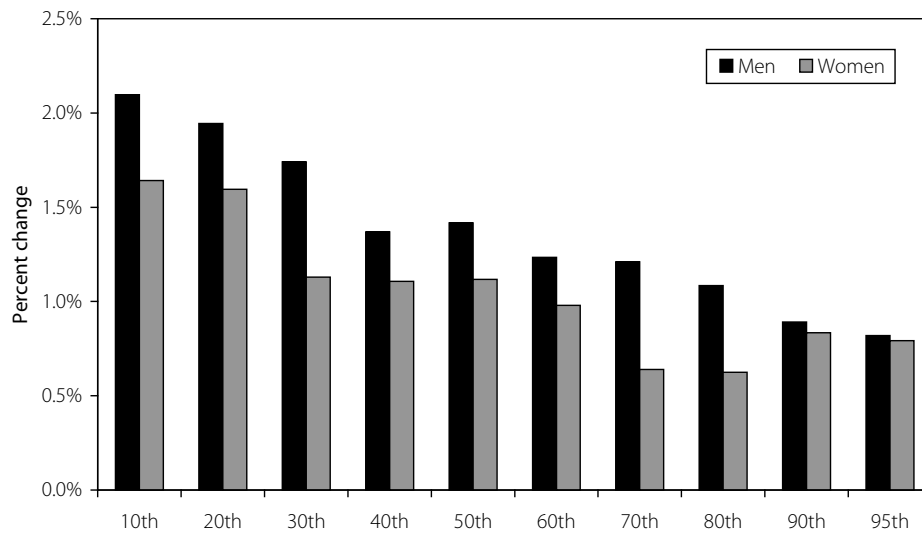
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**Percent change in real wages with one-point decline in unemployment**



Source: Authors' analysis of CPS data.

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### Real hourly wages of low-wage workers



Source: Authors' analysis of CPS data.

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