

Percent and number of persons in poverty and twice poverty, 1959-2006

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%	69,769
1989	12.8	31,528	31.4	77,241
1995	13.8	36,425	33.6	88,614
2000	11.3	31,581	29.3	81,731
2006	12.3	36,460	30.5	90,417
Percentage-point changes				
1959-79	-10.7	-13,418	n/a	n/a
1979-89	1.1	5,456	0.1	7,473
1989-2000	-1.5	53	-2.1	4,489
1995-2000	-2.5	-4,844	-4.3	-6,884
2000-06	1.0	4,879	1.2	8,687

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

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