

## Persons in poverty, by race/ethnicity, 1959-2006

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
2006	12.3	10.3	24.3	20.6
<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
2000-06	1.0	0.8	1.8	-0.9

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

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