

## Percent of children in poverty, by race, 1979-2006

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
2006	17.4	14.1	33.4	26.9
<b>Percentage-point changes</b>				
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
2000-06	1.2	1.0	2.2	-1.5
<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
2006	19.9	16.6	38.4	29.1
<b>Percentage-point changes</b>				
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
2000-06	2.7	2.6	5.5	0.2

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

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