
Average poverty gap, 1959-2006 (2006 dollars)

Years	Families
1959	\$7,422
1973	6,637
1979	7,114
1989	7,682
1995	7,932
2000	7,986
2006	8,302
Annual growth rates	
1959-73	-0.8%
1973-79	1.2
1979-89	0.8
1989-2000	0.4
1989-95	0.5
1995-2000	0.1
2000-06	0.6

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

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