
Official and alternative poverty thresholds, 1996-2006: Family of four (two parents, two children)

	Official	Alternative	Official/alternative
<i>1996</i>	\$15,911	\$18,096	88%
<i>2006</i>	20,444	25,834	79%
<i>Change</i>	28.5%	42.8%	-8.8%

Source: Garner and Short (2008).

Table 6.7 from: Mishel, Lawrence, Jared Bernstein, and Heidi Shierholz, *The State of Working America* 2008/2009. An Economic Policy Institute Book. Ithaca, N.Y.: ILR Press, an imprint of Cornell University Press, 2009.

