

Official and alternative poverty rates, 1996-2005, by demographics

Official	All	Children	Non-elderly adults	Elderly	White	African American
<i>1996</i>	13.7%	20.5%	11.4%	10.8%	11.2%	28.4%
<i>2000</i>	11.3	16.1	9.4	10.2	9.4	22.0
<i>2005</i>	12.3	17.4	10.8	9.4	10.3	24.3
Percentage-point change						
<i>1996-2005</i>	-1.4	-3.1	-0.6	-1.4	-0.9	-4.2
<i>2000-05</i>	1.0	1.3	1.4	-0.8	0.9	2.3
Alternative						
<i>1996</i>	17.1%	22.8%	14.4%	18.0%	14.3%	32.8%
<i>2000</i>	15.3	19.6	12.8	18.5	13.2	26.8
<i>2005</i>	17.7	21.4	15.5	21.8	15.2	31.7
Percentage-point change						
<i>1996-2005</i>	0.6	-1.4	1.1	3.8	1.1	-1.1
<i>2000-05</i>	2.4	1.8	2.7	3.3	2.2	4.9

Source: Garner and Short (2008).

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