

Table 3.E1—Weighted average poverty thresholds for nonfarm families, by size, 1959–2009 (in dollars)

| Year | Unrelated individuals | | | Families | | | | | | | | Annual average CPI ^a |
|------|-----------------------|--------------|------------------|-----------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| | | | | 2 persons | | | 3 persons | 4 persons | 5 persons | 6 persons | 7 persons or more | |
| | All ages | Under age 65 | Aged 65 or older | All ages | Householder under age 65 | Householder aged 65 or older | | | | | | |
| 1959 | 1,467 | 1,503 | 1,397 | 1,894 | 1,952 | 1,761 | 2,324 | 2,973 | 3,506 | 3,944 | 4,849 | 29.2 |
| 1960 | 1,490 | 1,526 | 1,418 | 1,924 | 1,982 | 1,788 | 2,359 | 3,022 | 3,560 | 4,002 | 4,921 | 29.6 |
| 1961 | 1,506 | 1,545 | 1,433 | 1,942 | 2,005 | 1,808 | 2,383 | 3,054 | 3,597 | 4,041 | 4,967 | 29.9 |
| 1962 | 1,519 | 1,562 | 1,451 | 1,962 | 2,027 | 1,828 | 2,412 | 3,089 | 3,639 | 4,088 | 5,032 | 30.3 |
| 1963 | 1,539 | 1,581 | 1,470 | 1,988 | 2,052 | 1,850 | 2,442 | 3,128 | 3,685 | 4,135 | 5,092 | 30.6 |
| 1964 | 1,558 | 1,601 | 1,488 | 2,015 | 2,079 | 1,875 | 2,473 | 3,169 | 3,732 | 4,193 | 5,156 | 31.0 |
| 1965 | 1,582 | 1,626 | 1,512 | 2,048 | 2,114 | 1,906 | 2,514 | 3,223 | 3,797 | 4,264 | 5,248 | 31.5 |
| 1966 | 1,628 | 1,674 | 1,556 | 2,107 | 2,175 | 1,961 | 2,588 | 3,317 | 3,908 | 4,388 | 5,395 | 32.5 |
| 1967 | 1,675 | 1,722 | 1,600 | 2,168 | 2,238 | 2,017 | 2,661 | 3,410 | 4,019 | 4,516 | 5,550 | 33.4 |
| 1968 | 1,748 | 1,797 | 1,667 | 2,262 | 2,333 | 2,102 | 2,774 | 3,553 | 4,188 | 4,706 | 5,789 | 34.8 |
| 1969 | 1,840 | 1,893 | 1,757 | 2,383 | 2,458 | 2,215 | 2,924 | 3,743 | 4,415 | 4,958 | 6,101 | 36.7 |
| 1970 | 1,954 | 2,010 | 1,861 | 2,525 | 2,604 | 2,348 | 3,099 | 3,968 | 4,680 | 5,260 | 6,468 | 38.8 |
| 1971 | 2,040 | 2,098 | 1,940 | 2,633 | 2,716 | 2,448 | 3,229 | 4,137 | 4,880 | 5,489 | 6,751 | 40.5 |
| 1972 | 2,109 | 2,168 | 2,005 | 2,724 | 2,808 | 2,530 | 3,339 | 4,275 | 5,044 | 5,673 | 6,983 | 41.8 |
| 1973 | 2,247 | 2,307 | 2,130 | 2,895 | 2,984 | 2,688 | 3,548 | 4,540 | 5,358 | 6,028 | 7,435 | 44.4 |
| 1974 | 2,495 | 2,562 | 2,364 | 3,211 | 3,312 | 2,982 | 3,936 | 5,038 | 5,950 | 6,699 | 8,253 | 49.3 |
| 1975 | 2,724 | 2,797 | 2,581 | 3,506 | 3,617 | 3,257 | 4,293 | 5,500 | 6,499 | 7,316 | 9,022 | 53.8 |
| 1976 | 2,884 | 2,959 | 2,730 | 3,711 | 3,826 | 3,445 | 4,540 | 5,815 | 6,876 | 7,760 | 9,588 | 56.9 |
| 1977 | 3,075 | 3,152 | 2,906 | 3,951 | 4,072 | 3,666 | 4,833 | 6,191 | 7,320 | 8,261 | 10,216 | 60.6 |
| 1978 | 3,311 | 3,392 | 3,127 | 4,249 | 4,383 | 3,944 | 5,201 | 6,662 | 7,880 | 8,891 | 11,002 | 65.2 |
| 1979 | 3,689 | 3,778 | 3,479 | 4,725 | 4,878 | 4,390 | 5,784 | 7,412 | 8,775 | 9,914 | 12,280 | 72.6 |
| 1980 | 4,190 | 4,290 | 3,949 | 5,363 | 5,537 | 4,983 | 6,565 | 8,414 | 9,966 | 11,269 | 13,955 | 82.4 |
| 1981 | 4,620 | 4,729 | 4,359 | 5,917 | 6,111 | 5,498 | 7,250 | 9,287 | 11,007 | 12,449 | ... | 90.9 |
| 1982 | 4,901 | 5,019 | 4,626 | 6,281 | 6,487 | 5,836 | 7,693 | 9,862 | 11,684 | 13,207 | ... | 96.5 |
| 1983 | 5,061 | 5,180 | 4,775 | 6,483 | 6,697 | 6,023 | 7,938 | 10,178 | 12,049 | 13,630 | ... | 99.6 |
| 1984 | 5,278 | 5,400 | 4,979 | 6,762 | 6,983 | 6,282 | 8,277 | 10,609 | 12,566 | 14,207 | ... | 103.9 |
| 1985 | 5,469 | 5,593 | 5,156 | 6,998 | 7,231 | 6,503 | 8,573 | 10,989 | 13,007 | 14,696 | ... | 107.6 |
| 1986 | 5,572 | 5,701 | 5,255 | 7,138 | 7,372 | 6,630 | 8,737 | 11,203 | 13,259 | 14,986 | ... | 109.6 |
| 1987 | 5,778 | 5,909 | 5,447 | 7,397 | 7,641 | 6,872 | 9,056 | 11,611 | 13,737 | 15,509 | ... | 113.6 |
| 1988 | 6,022 | 6,155 | 5,674 | 7,704 | 7,958 | 7,157 | 9,435 | 12,092 | 14,304 | 16,146 | ... | 118.3 |
| 1989 | 6,310 | 6,451 | 5,947 | 8,076 | 8,343 | 7,501 | 9,885 | 12,674 | 14,990 | 16,921 | ... | 124.0 |
| 1990 | 6,652 | 6,800 | 6,268 | 8,509 | 8,794 | 7,905 | 10,419 | 13,359 | 15,792 | 17,839 | ... | 130.7 |
| 1991 | 6,932 | 7,086 | 6,532 | 8,865 | 9,165 | 8,241 | 10,860 | 13,924 | 16,456 | 18,587 | ... | 136.2 |
| 1992 | 7,143 | 7,299 | 6,729 | 9,137 | 9,443 | 8,487 | 11,186 | 14,335 | 16,952 | 19,137 | ... | 140.3 |
| 1993 | 7,363 | 7,518 | 6,930 | 9,414 | 9,728 | 8,740 | 11,522 | 14,763 | 17,449 | 19,718 | ... | 144.5 |
| 1994 | 7,547 | 7,710 | 7,108 | 9,661 | 9,976 | 8,967 | 11,821 | 15,141 | 17,900 | 20,235 | ... | 148.2 |
| 1995 | 7,763 | 7,929 | 7,309 | 9,933 | 10,259 | 9,219 | 12,158 | 15,569 | 18,408 | 20,804 | ... | 152.4 |
| 1996 | 7,995 | 8,163 | 7,525 | 10,233 | 10,564 | 9,491 | 12,516 | 16,036 | 18,952 | 21,389 | ... | 156.9 |
| 1997 | 8,183 | 8,350 | 7,698 | 10,473 | 10,805 | 9,712 | 12,802 | 16,400 | 19,380 | 21,886 | ... | 160.5 |
| 1998 | 8,316 | 8,480 | 7,818 | 10,634 | 10,972 | 9,862 | 13,003 | 16,660 | 19,680 | 22,228 | ... | 163.0 |
| 1999 | 8,501 | 8,667 | 7,990 | 10,869 | 11,214 | 10,075 | 13,290 | 17,029 | 20,127 | 22,727 | ... | 166.6 |

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3.E Poverty

Table 3.E1—Weighted average poverty thresholds for nonfarm families, by size, 1959–2009 (in dollars)—Continued

| Year | Unrelated individuals | | | Families | | | | | | | | Annual average CPI ^a |
|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------|------------------|-----------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| | | | | 2 persons | | | 3 persons | 4 persons | 5 persons | 6 persons | 7 persons or more | |
| | All ages | Under age 65 | Aged 65 or older | All ages | Householder under age 65 | Householder aged 65 or older | | | | | | |
| 2000 | 8,794 | 8,959 | 8,259 | 11,239 | 11,590 | 10,419 | 13,738 | 17,603 | 20,819 | 23,528 | ... | 172.2 |
| 2001 | 9,039 | 9,214 | 8,494 | 11,569 | 11,920 | 10,715 | 14,128 | 18,104 | 21,405 | 24,195 | ... | 177.1 |
| 2002 | 9,183 | 9,359 | 8,628 | 11,756 | 12,110 | 10,885 | 14,348 | 18,392 | 21,744 | 24,576 | ... | 179.9 |
| 2003 | 9,393 | 9,573 | 8,825 | 12,015 | 12,384 | 11,133 | 14,680 | 18,810 | 22,245 | 25,122 | ... | 184.0 |
| 2004 | 9,645 | 9,827 | 9,060 | 12,334 | 12,714 | 11,430 | 15,067 | 19,307 | 22,831 | 25,788 | ... | 188.9 |
| 2005 | 9,973 | 10,160 | 9,367 | 12,755 | 13,145 | 11,815 | 15,577 | 19,971 | 23,613 | 26,683 | ... | 195.3 |
| 2006 | 10,294 | 10,488 | 9,669 | 13,167 | 13,569 | 12,201 | 16,079 | 20,614 | 24,382 | 27,560 | ... | 201.6 |
| 2007 | 10,590 | 10,787 | 9,944 | 13,540 | 13,954 | 12,550 | 16,530 | 21,203 | 25,080 | 28,323 | ... | 207.3 |
| 2008 | 10,991 | 11,201 | 10,326 | 14,051 | 14,489 | 13,030 | 17,163 | 22,025 | 26,049 | 29,456 | ... | 215.3 |
| 2009 ^b | 10,952 | 11,161 | 10,289 | 14,001 | 14,437 | 12,984 | 17,102 | 21,947 | 25,956 | 29,351 | ... | 214.5 |

SOURCE: Census Bureau, Current Population Survey.

NOTES: CPI = Consumer Price Index; ... = not applicable.

Three technical changes in the definition of poverty are described in "Characteristics of the Population Below the Poverty Level, 1980," Census Bureau, *Current Population Reports*, Series P-60, No. 133: (1) Distinctions based on the sex of the family householder will no longer be made; (2) income thresholds for farm families will be the same as for nonfarm families of the same size and composition, and (3) the increased sample size will now permit separate poverty income criteria for families of 7, 8, and 9 or more persons. Separate criteria for these family sizes by number of children have been developed by the Social Security Administration for the base year 1978 on the same basis as the original poverty matrix for smaller family sizes, and then updated by means of the all-items CPI. The dollar thresholds for larger families beginning in 1980 are:

| Year | 9 persons | | |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| | 7 persons | 8 persons | or more |
| 1980 | 12,761 | 14,199 | 16,896 |
| 1981 | 14,110 | 15,655 | 18,572 |
| 1982 | 15,036 | 16,719 | 19,698 |
| 1983 | 15,500 | 17,170 | 20,310 |
| 1984 | 16,096 | 17,961 | 21,247 |
| 1985 | 16,656 | 18,512 | 22,083 |
| 1986 | 17,049 | 18,791 | 22,497 |
| 1987 | 17,649 | 19,515 | 23,105 |
| 1988 | 18,232 | 20,253 | 24,129 |
| 1989 | 19,162 | 21,328 | 25,480 |
| 1990 | 20,241 | 22,582 | 26,848 |
| 1991 | 21,058 | 23,605 | 27,942 |
| 1992 | 21,594 | 24,053 | 28,745 |
| 1993 | 22,383 | 24,838 | 29,529 |
| 1994 | 22,923 | 25,427 | 30,300 |
| 1995 | 23,552 | 26,237 | 31,280 |
| 1996 | 24,268 | 27,091 | 31,971 |
| 1997 | 24,802 | 27,593 | 32,566 |
| 1998 | 25,257 | 28,166 | 33,339 |
| 1999 | 25,912 | 28,967 | 34,417 |
| 2000 | 26,754 | 29,701 | 35,060 |
| 2001 | 27,517 | 30,627 | 36,286 |
| 2002 | 28,001 | 30,907 | 37,062 |
| 2003 | 28,544 | 31,589 | 37,656 |
| 2004 | 29,236 | 32,641 | 39,048 |
| 2005 | 30,249 | 33,610 | 40,288 |
| 2006 | 31,205 | 34,774 | 41,499 |
| 2007 | 32,233 | 35,816 | 42,739 |
| 2008 | 33,529 | 37,220 | 44,346 |
| 2009 ^b | 33,410 | 37,088 | 44,188 |

a. Beginning in January 1978, the Bureau of Labor Statistics introduced a new price index for all urban consumers (CPI-U) for all items (1982–1984 = 100) that forms a continuous series with the earlier index for urban wage earners and for clerical workers as of December 1977.

b. Preliminary estimates.

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Table 3.E2—Number and percentage of poor persons, by age, at end of selected years 1959–2008

| Age and family status ^a | 1959 | 1970 | 1980 | 1985 | 1990 ^b | 1995 | 2000 | 2005 | 2008 |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Total population ^c (millions) | | | | | | | | | |
| All ages | 176.5 | 202.5 | 225.0 | 236.6 | 248.6 | 263.7 | 275.9 | 293.1 | 301.1 |
| Children under 18 in families— | 64.0 | 69.9 | 62.2 | 62.0 | 64.9 | 70.3 | 70.6 | 72.0 | 72.8 |
| With male householder ^d | 58.3 | 60.8 | 50.6 | 49.5 | 49.5 | 52.1 | 54.5 | 54.4 | 54.2 |
| With female householder | 5.7 | 9.0 | 11.5 | 12.5 | 15.4 | 18.2 | 16.1 | 17.6 | 18.5 |
| 18–54 ^e | 81.0 | 94.9 | 116.3 | 125.2 | 132.3 | 140.7 | 147.4 | 153.6 | 155.0 |
| 55–64 | 15.5 | 18.4 | 21.7 | 22.1 | 21.3 | 21.1 | 23.8 | 31.0 | 34.3 |
| 65 or older | 15.6 | 19.3 | 24.7 | 27.3 | 30.1 | 31.7 | 33.0 | 35.5 | 37.8 |
| In families | 11.9 | 13.4 | 16.7 | 18.4 | 20.1 | 21.1 | 22.3 | 23.8 | 25.4 |
| Unrelated individuals | 3.7 | 5.8 | 8.0 | 8.9 | 10.0 | 10.6 | 10.7 | 11.7 | 12.4 |
| Men | 1.2 | 1.4 | 1.7 | 2.0 | 2.3 | 2.7 | 2.9 | 3.4 | 3.6 |
| Women | 2.5 | 4.4 | 6.3 | 7.0 | 7.7 | 7.9 | 7.8 | 8.3 | 8.8 |
| Number poor ^c (millions) | | | | | | | | | |
| All ages | 39.5 | 25.3 | 29.3 | 33.1 | 33.6 | 36.4 | 31.1 | 36.9 | 39.9 |
| Children under 18 in families— | 17.2 | 10.5 | 11.1 | 12.5 | 13.3 | 14.4 | 11.1 | 12.3 | 13.4 |
| With male householder ^d | 13.1 | 5.7 | 5.2 | 5.8 | 5.3 | 5.6 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 5.7 |
| With female householder | 4.1 | 4.8 | 5.9 | 6.7 | 8.0 | 8.9 | 6.2 | 7.3 | 7.7 |
| 18–54 ^e | 13.4 | 8.2 | 12.2 | 14.8 | 14.6 | 16.5 | 14.1 | 18.0 | 19.1 |
| 55–64 | 3.3 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.7 | 3.1 |
| 65 or older | 5.5 | 4.7 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 3.7 |
| In families | 3.2 | 2.0 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 1.5 |
| Unrelated individuals | 2.3 | 2.7 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.1 |
| Men | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 |
| Women | 1.6 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 2.1 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.7 |
| Percentage poor ^c | | | | | | | | | |
| All ages | 22.4 | 12.6 | 13.0 | 14.0 | 13.5 | 13.8 | 11.3 | 12.6 | 13.3 |
| Children under 18 in families— | 26.9 | 15.0 | 17.9 | 20.1 | 20.5 | 20.5 | 15.7 | 17.1 | 18.4 |
| With male householder ^d | 22.4 | 9.3 | 10.4 | 11.7 | 10.7 | 10.7 | 8.9 | 9.2 | 10.5 |
| With female householder | 72.2 | 53.4 | 50.8 | 53.6 | 52.1 | 48.6 | 38.4 | 41.6 | 41.6 |
| 18–54 ^e | 16.5 | 8.7 | 10.5 | 11.8 | 11.0 | 11.7 | 9.6 | 11.7 | 12.3 |
| 55–64 | 21.5 | 11.4 | 9.5 | 10.5 | 9.7 | 10.2 | 9.4 | 8.7 | 9.0 |
| 65 or older | 35.2 | 24.6 | 15.7 | 12.6 | 12.2 | 10.5 | 10.2 | 10.1 | 9.8 |
| In families | 26.9 | 14.7 | 8.5 | 6.4 | 5.9 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 5.6 | 5.9 |
| Unrelated individuals | 61.9 | 47.1 | 30.6 | 25.6 | 24.8 | 21.4 | 20.8 | 19.5 | 16.9 |
| Men | 59.0 | 38.9 | 24.4 | 20.5 | 17.3 | 14.3 | 18.3 | 15.6 | 11.1 |
| Women | 63.3 | 49.7 | 32.3 | 27.0 | 26.9 | 23.8 | 21.8 | 21.1 | 19.3 |

SOURCES: Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, public-use file of the March 2009 Income Supplement. Data for 1970 are based on the 1970 Census of Population controls.

NOTES: Table includes civilian noninstitutionalized population residing in the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

For a discussion of standard errors of estimated numbers and percentages, see Census Bureau, *Current Population Reports*, Series P-60.

- a. Income and poverty status refer to the calendar year shown; family status is as of March of the succeeding year.
- b. Based on revised methodology.
- c. Includes armed forces in the United States living off post or with families on post. Excludes unrelated individuals under age 16.
- d. Includes children in families with both spouses present and in families with male householder with no spouse present.
- e. Includes persons under age 18 listed as unrelated individual, family householder, spouse of householder, or other family member.

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3.E Poverty

Table 3.E3—Shares of money income from earnings and other sources for aged and nonaged families, 2008

| Type of money income received during year | Aged family units | | | | | | Nonaged family units | | | | | |
|--|---|--------------|-------------------|--|--------------|-------------------|---|--------------|-------------------|--|--------------|-------------------|
| | Individuals aged 65 or older living alone or with nonrelatives only | | | Multiperson families with householder aged 65 or older | | | Individuals under age 65 living alone or with nonrelatives only | | | Multiperson families with householder under age 65 | | |
| | Total | Nonpoor | Poor ^a | Total | Nonpoor | Poor ^a | Total | Nonpoor | Poor ^a | Total | Nonpoor | Poor ^a |
| Number of families and unrelated individuals (millions) | 12.4 | 10.2 | 2.1 | 13.0 | 12.2 | 0.8 | 39.0 | 30.3 | 8.7 | 65.9 | 58.6 | 7.3 |
| Percentage receiving income of specified type^b | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Earnings | 17 | 20 | 3 | 47 | 49 | 19 | 81 | 92 | 40 | 93 | 97 | 65 |
| Public program payments | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Social Security ^c | 89 | 91 | 79 | 89 | 91 | 64 | 7 | 6 | 10 | 11 | 11 | 12 |
| Supplemental Security Income | 4 | 2 | 15 | 4 | 4 | 12 | 4 | 1 | 12 | 4 | 3 | 10 |
| Other public assistance | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 8 | 7 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 20 |
| Other programs ^d | 4 | 4 | 1 | 9 | 9 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 11 | 11 | 7 |
| Other sources | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dividends, interest, rent | 52 | 58 | 22 | 62 | 65 | 25 | 38 | 45 | 13 | 53 | 58 | 14 |
| Employment-related pensions, alimony, annuities | 39 | 46 | 8 | 49 | 52 | 10 | 6 | 7 | 3 | 15 | 15 | 14 |
| Percentage distribution of income, by type | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Earnings | 19 | 20 | 1 | 38 | 38 | 15 | 89 | 90 | 50 | 90 | 90 | 67 |
| Public program payments | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Social Security ^c | 44 | 42 | 83 | 31 | 31 | 67 | 2 | 2 | 17 | 2 | 2 | 10 |
| Supplemental Security Income | 1 | ^e | 8 | 1 | ^e | 8 | 1 | ^e | 17 | ^e | ^e | 7 |
| Other public assistance | ^e | ^e | ^e | ^e | ^e | 2 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| Other programs ^d | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Other sources | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dividends, interest, rent | 14 | 14 | 2 | 11 | 12 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| Employment-related pensions, alimony, annuities | 21 | 22 | 4 | 17 | 17 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 5 |
| Median income (dollars) | 18,157 | 20,862 | 8,357 | 44,510 | 47,114 | 10,740 | 30,000 | 35,000 | 7,200 | 66,000 | 72,923 | 11,529 |

SOURCE: Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, public-use file of the March 2009 Income Supplement.

NOTES: Table includes civilian noninstitutionalized population residing in the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

For a discussion of standard errors of estimated numbers and percentages, see Census Bureau, *Current Population Reports*, Series P-60.

- a. Poverty status based on money income of all family members after receipt of Social Security and any other cash transfer payments.
- b. Received by individuals or any family member at any time during 2008. Most individuals or families received more than one type of income during the year.
- c. Social Security may include more than one type of income during the year.
- d. Unemployment insurance, workers' compensation, or veterans' payments.
- e. Less than 0.5 percent.

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Table 3.E4—Current living arrangements of persons aged 65 or older, by sex and poverty status, March 2009

| Living arrangement | Population (thousands) | | | Percentage distribution | | | Percentage officially poor |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|-------|---------|-------------------------|-------|---------|----------------------------|
| | Total | Poor | Nonpoor | Total | Poor | Nonpoor | |
| All persons aged 65 or older | | | | | | | |
| Total | 37,788 | 3,656 | 34,132 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 9.7 |
| Unrelated individuals | 12,382 | 2,127 | 10,255 | 32.8 | 58.2 | 30.0 | 17.2 |
| Family members | 25,405 | 1,529 | 23,877 | 67.2 | 41.8 | 70.0 | 6.0 |
| Householder or spouse | 23,111 | 1,337 | 21,774 | 61.2 | 36.6 | 63.8 | 5.8 |
| Other relative ^a | 2,295 | 192 | 2,103 | 6.1 | 5.3 | 6.2 | 8.4 |
| Poor by own income | 972 | 152 | 820 | 2.6 | 4.2 | 2.4 | 15.6 |
| Not poor by own income | 1,323 | 40 | 1,283 | 3.5 | 1.1 | 3.8 | 3.0 |
| Men | | | | | | | |
| Subtotal | 16,308 | 1,092 | 15,216 | 43.2 | 29.9 | 44.6 | 6.7 |
| Unrelated individuals | 3,565 | 443 | 3,122 | 9.4 | 12.1 | 9.1 | 12.4 |
| Family members | 12,743 | 649 | 12,094 | 33.7 | 17.8 | 35.4 | 5.1 |
| Householder | 7,941 | 381 | 7,559 | 21.0 | 10.4 | 22.1 | 4.8 |
| Spouse of householder | 4,253 | 217 | 4,037 | 11.3 | 5.9 | 11.8 | 5.1 |
| Other relative ^a | 549 | 51 | 498 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 9.3 |
| Poor by own income | 205 | 40 | 164 | 0.5 | 1.1 | 0.5 | 19.5 |
| Not poor by own income | 345 | 11 | 334 | 0.9 | 0.3 | 1.0 | 3.2 |
| Women | | | | | | | |
| Subtotal | 21,480 | 2,564 | 18,916 | 56.8 | 70.1 | 55.4 | 11.9 |
| Unrelated individuals | 8,817 | 1,684 | 7,133 | 23.3 | 46.1 | 20.9 | 19.1 |
| Family members | 12,662 | 880 | 11,782 | 33.5 | 24.1 | 34.5 | 6.9 |
| Householder, no husband present | 1,948 | 293 | 1,654 | 5.2 | 8.0 | 4.8 | 15.0 |
| Householder with husband present | 3,302 | 154 | 3,148 | 8.7 | 4.2 | 9.2 | 4.7 |
| Wife of householder | 5,667 | 291 | 5,375 | 15.0 | 8.0 | 15.7 | 5.1 |
| Other relative ^a | 1,746 | 141 | 1,605 | 4.6 | 3.9 | 4.7 | 8.1 |
| Poor by own income | 767 | 112 | 656 | 2.0 | 3.1 | 1.9 | 14.6 |
| Not poor by own income | 978 | 29 | 949 | 2.6 | 0.8 | 2.8 | 3.0 |

SOURCE: Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, public-use file of the March 2009 Income Supplement.

NOTES: Living arrangements as of March 2009.

Poverty status in 2008 as reflected by income of unrelated individual or family money income for year compared with official poverty income criterion for families of appropriate size and composition.

Table includes civilian noninstitutionalized population residing in the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Totals do not necessarily equal the sum of rounded components.

For a discussion of standard errors of estimated numbers and percentages, see Census Bureau, *Current Population Reports*, Series P-60.

- a. Aged family members who are neither the family householder nor the spouse of the householder. Official poverty classification is based on combined income of all related persons living together. Persons in this group are classified here on the basis of official poverty criteria for family income and on a comparison of their own income with official poverty criteria for elderly persons maintaining their own households. The hidden poor are other relatives in nonpoor households whose own income is below the official poverty line for unrelated individuals or married couples.

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3.E Poverty

Table 3.E6—Percentage distribution of aged families receiving Social Security benefits, by share of income from benefits and race, 2008

| Social Security share of money income for year ^a | Individuals aged 65 or older living alone or with nonrelatives only | | | | Multiperson families with householder aged 65 or older | | | |
|---|---|---------|-------|--------------|--|---------|------|--------------|
| | Total | Nonpoor | Poor | Percent poor | Total | Nonpoor | Poor | Percent poor |
| All races ^b | | | | | | | | |
| Number (thousands) | 12,367 | 10,247 | 2,119 | ... | 12,980 | 12,164 | 816 | ... |
| Percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 17 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 6 |
| No Social Security benefits | 11 | 9 | 21 | 33 | 11 | 9 | 36 | 21 |
| Some Social Security benefits | 89 | 91 | 79 | 15 | 89 | 91 | 64 | 4 |
| Less than one-fourth of income | 9 | 11 | 1 | 2 | 21 | 23 | 2 | 0 |
| One-fourth to one-half of income | 17 | 20 | 3 | 3 | 25 | 27 | 3 | 1 |
| One-half to three-fourths of income | 17 | 19 | 6 | 6 | 18 | 19 | 8 | 3 |
| Three-fourths or more of income | 46 | 42 | 69 | 26 | 25 | 23 | 51 | 13 |
| White only | | | | | | | | |
| Number (thousands) | 10,701 | 9,061 | 1,640 | ... | 11,322 | 10,749 | 572 | ... |
| Percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 15 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 5 |
| No Social Security benefits | 8 | 21 | 10 | 33 | 10 | 8 | 35 | 18 |
| Some Social Security benefits | 84 | 85 | 80 | 28 | 90 | 92 | 65 | 4 |
| Less than one-fourth of income | 9 | 11 | 1 | 2 | 21 | 22 | 1 | 0 |
| One-fourth to one-half of income | 18 | 20 | 3 | 3 | 26 | 27 | 3 | 0 |
| One-half to three-fourths of income | 17 | 19 | 6 | 6 | 18 | 19 | 7 | 2 |
| Three-fourths or more of income | 46 | 42 | 69 | 23 | 25 | 23 | 54 | 11 |
| Black only | | | | | | | | |
| Number (thousands) | 1,296 | 917 | 379 | ... | 1,068 | 890 | 178 | ... |
| Percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 29 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 17 |
| No Social Security benefits | 16 | 15 | 20 | 36 | 16 | 13 | 32 | 33 |
| Some Social Security benefits | 84 | 85 | 80 | 28 | 84 | 87 | 68 | 13 |
| Less than one-fourth of income | 7 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 22 | 3 | 3 |
| One-fourth to one-half of income | 13 | 18 | 3 | 7 | 25 | 29 | 4 | 3 |
| One-half to three-fourths of income | 14 | 18 | 4 | 9 | 14 | 14 | 12 | 14 |
| Three-fourths or more of income | 50 | 40 | 73 | 43 | 26 | 21 | 49 | 31 |

SOURCE: Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, public-use file of the March 2009 Income Supplement.

NOTES: Civilian noninstitutionalized population residing in the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Totals do not necessarily equal the sum of rounded components.

For a discussion of standard errors of estimated numbers and percentages, see Census Bureau, *Current Population Reports*, Series P-60.

... = not applicable.

a. Payments under Social Security program any time in 2008 to any family member as reported in the March 2009 Current Population Survey.

b. Includes other races.

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Table 3.E8—Poverty guidelines for families of specified size, 1965–2010 (in dollars)

| Date of issuance ^a | 1 person | 2 persons | 3 persons | 4 persons | 5 persons | 6 persons | 7 persons | 8 persons | Increment ^b |
|-------------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------------------|
| December 1965 | 1,540 | 1,990 | 2,440 | 3,130 | 3,685 | 4,135 | 4,635 | 5,135 | 500 |
| August 1967 | 1,600 | 2,000 | 2,500 | 3,200 | 3,800 | 4,200 | 4,700 | 5,300 | 500 |
| September 1968 | 1,600 | 2,100 | 2,600 | 3,300 | 3,900 | 4,400 | 4,900 | 5,400 | 500 |
| September 1969 | 1,800 | 2,400 | 3,000 | 3,600 | 4,200 | 4,800 | 5,400 | 6,000 | 600 |
| December 1970 | 1,900 | 2,500 | 3,100 | 3,800 | 4,400 | 5,000 | 5,600 | 6,200 | 600 |
| November 1971 | 2,000 | 2,600 | 3,300 | 4,000 | 4,700 | 5,300 | 5,900 | 6,500 | 600 |
| October 1972 | 2,100 | 2,725 | 3,450 | 4,200 | 4,925 | 5,550 | 6,200 | 6,850 | 650 |
| March 1973 | 2,200 | 2,900 | 3,600 | 4,300 | 5,000 | 5,700 | 6,400 | 7,100 | 700 |
| May 1974 | 2,330 | 3,070 | 3,810 | 4,550 | 5,290 | 6,030 | 6,770 | 7,510 | 740 |
| March 1975 | 2,590 | 3,410 | 4,230 | 5,050 | 5,870 | 6,690 | 7,510 | 8,330 | 820 |
| April 1976 | 2,800 | 3,700 | 4,600 | 5,500 | 6,400 | 7,300 | 8,200 | 9,100 | 900 |
| April 1977 | 2,970 | 3,930 | 4,890 | 5,850 | 6,810 | 7,770 | 8,730 | 9,690 | 960 |
| April 1978 | 3,140 | 4,160 | 5,180 | 6,200 | 7,220 | 8,240 | 9,260 | 10,280 | 1,020 |
| May 1979 | 3,400 | 4,500 | 5,600 | 6,700 | 7,800 | 8,900 | 10,000 | 11,100 | 1,100 |
| April 1980 | 3,790 | 5,010 | 6,230 | 7,450 | 8,670 | 9,890 | 11,110 | 12,330 | 1,220 |
| March 1981 | 4,310 | 5,690 | 7,070 | 8,450 | 9,830 | 11,210 | 12,590 | 13,970 | 1,380 |
| April 1982 | 4,680 | 6,220 | 7,760 | 9,300 | 10,840 | 12,380 | 13,920 | 15,460 | 1,540 |
| February 1983 | 4,860 | 6,540 | 8,220 | 9,900 | 11,580 | 13,260 | 14,940 | 16,620 | 1,680 |
| February 1984 | 4,980 | 6,720 | 8,460 | 10,200 | 11,940 | 13,680 | 15,420 | 17,160 | 1,740 |
| March 1985 | 5,250 | 7,050 | 8,850 | 10,650 | 12,450 | 14,250 | 16,050 | 17,850 | 1,800 |
| February 1986 | 5,360 | 7,240 | 9,120 | 11,000 | 12,880 | 14,760 | 16,640 | 18,520 | 1,880 |
| February 1987 | 5,500 | 7,400 | 9,300 | 11,200 | 13,100 | 15,000 | 16,900 | 18,800 | 1,900 |
| February 1988 | 5,770 | 7,730 | 9,690 | 11,650 | 13,610 | 15,570 | 17,530 | 19,490 | 1,960 |
| February 1989 | 5,980 | 8,020 | 10,060 | 12,100 | 14,140 | 16,180 | 18,220 | 20,260 | 2,040 |
| February 1990 | 6,280 | 8,420 | 10,560 | 12,700 | 14,840 | 16,980 | 18,120 | 21,260 | 2,140 |
| February 1991 | 6,620 | 8,880 | 11,140 | 13,400 | 15,660 | 17,920 | 20,180 | 22,440 | 2,260 |
| February 1992 | 6,810 | 9,190 | 11,570 | 13,950 | 16,330 | 18,710 | 21,090 | 23,470 | 2,380 |
| February 1993 | 6,970 | 9,430 | 11,890 | 14,350 | 16,810 | 19,270 | 21,730 | 24,190 | 2,460 |
| February 1994 | 7,360 | 9,840 | 12,320 | 14,800 | 17,280 | 19,760 | 22,240 | 24,720 | 2,480 |
| February 1995 | 7,470 | 10,030 | 12,590 | 15,150 | 17,710 | 20,270 | 22,830 | 25,390 | 2,560 |
| March 1996 | 7,740 | 10,360 | 12,980 | 15,600 | 18,220 | 20,840 | 23,460 | 26,080 | 2,620 |
| March 1997 | 7,890 | 10,610 | 13,330 | 16,050 | 18,770 | 21,490 | 24,210 | 26,960 | 2,720 |
| February 1998 | 8,050 | 10,850 | 13,650 | 16,450 | 19,250 | 22,050 | 24,850 | 27,650 | 2,800 |
| March 1999 | 8,240 | 11,060 | 13,880 | 16,700 | 19,520 | 22,340 | 25,160 | 27,980 | 2,820 |
| February 2000 | 8,350 | 11,250 | 14,150 | 17,050 | 19,950 | 22,850 | 25,750 | 28,650 | 2,900 |
| February 2001 | 8,590 | 11,610 | 14,630 | 17,650 | 20,670 | 23,690 | 26,710 | 29,730 | 3,020 |
| February 2002 | 8,860 | 11,940 | 15,020 | 18,100 | 21,180 | 24,260 | 27,340 | 30,420 | 3,080 |
| February 2003 | 8,980 | 12,120 | 15,260 | 18,400 | 21,540 | 24,680 | 27,820 | 30,960 | 3,140 |
| February 2004 | 9,310 | 12,490 | 15,670 | 18,850 | 22,030 | 25,210 | 28,390 | 31,570 | 3,180 |

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3.E Poverty

Table 3.E8—Poverty guidelines for families of specified size, 1965–2010 (in dollars)—Continued

| Date of issuance ^a | 1 person | 2 persons | 3 persons | 4 persons | 5 persons | 6 persons | 7 persons | 8 persons | Increment ^b |
|-------------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------------------|
| February 2005 | 9,570 | 12,830 | 16,090 | 19,350 | 22,610 | 25,870 | 29,130 | 32,390 | 3,260 |
| January 2006 | 9,800 | 13,200 | 16,600 | 20,000 | 23,400 | 26,800 | 30,200 | 33,600 | 3,400 |
| January 2007 | 10,210 | 13,690 | 17,170 | 20,650 | 24,130 | 27,610 | 31,090 | 34,570 | 3,480 |
| January 2008 | 10,400 | 14,000 | 17,600 | 21,200 | 24,800 | 28,400 | 32,000 | 35,600 | 3,600 |
| January 2009 | 10,830 | 14,570 | 18,310 | 22,050 | 25,790 | 29,530 | 33,270 | 37,010 | 3,740 |
| January 2010 | 10,830 | 14,570 | 18,310 | 22,050 | 25,790 | 29,530 | 33,270 | 37,010 | 3,740 |

SOURCES: Department of Health and Human Services, *Federal Register*, vol. 75, no. 14 (January 22, 2010), pp. 3734–3735; earlier *Federal Register* notices (1968–2008); and Israel Putnam, "Poverty Thresholds: Their History and Future Development" [November 1970], p. 281 in Mollie Orshansky [editor], *Documentation of Background Information and Rationale for Current Poverty Matrix* (Technical Paper I of *The Measure of Poverty*), Washington, D.C., U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, 1977.

NOTES: Except for Alaska and Hawaii. Guidelines for Alaska and Hawaii since 1980 are:

| Year | Alaska | | Hawaii | |
|------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| | 1 person | Increment | 1 person | Increment |
| 1980 | 4,760 | 1,520 | 4,370 | 1,400 |
| 1981 | 5,410 | 1,720 | 4,980 | 1,580 |
| 1982 | 5,870 | 1,920 | 5,390 | 1,770 |
| 1983 | 6,080 | 2,100 | 5,600 | 1,930 |
| 1984 | 6,240 | 2,170 | 5,730 | 2,000 |
| 1985 | 6,560 | 2,250 | 6,040 | 2,070 |
| 1986 | 6,700 | 2,350 | 6,170 | 2,160 |
| 1987 | 6,860 | 2,380 | 6,310 | 2,190 |
| 1988 | 7,210 | 2,450 | 6,650 | 2,250 |
| 1989 | 7,480 | 2,550 | 6,870 | 2,350 |
| 1990 | 7,840 | 2,680 | 7,230 | 2,460 |
| 1991 | 8,290 | 2,820 | 7,610 | 2,600 |
| 1992 | 8,500 | 2,980 | 7,830 | 2,740 |
| 1993 | 8,700 | 3,080 | 8,040 | 2,820 |
| 1994 | 9,200 | 3,100 | 8,470 | 2,850 |
| 1995 | 9,340 | 3,200 | 8,610 | 2,940 |
| 1996 | 9,660 | 3,280 | 8,910 | 3,010 |
| 1997 | 9,870 | 3,400 | 9,070 | 3,130 |
| 1998 | 10,070 | 3,500 | 9,260 | 3,220 |
| 1999 | 10,320 | 3,520 | 9,490 | 3,240 |
| 2000 | 10,430 | 3,630 | 9,590 | 3,340 |
| 2001 | 10,730 | 3,780 | 9,890 | 3,470 |
| 2002 | 11,080 | 3,850 | 10,200 | 3,540 |
| 2003 | 11,210 | 3,930 | 10,330 | 3,610 |
| 2004 | 11,630 | 3,980 | 10,700 | 3,660 |
| 2005 | 11,950 | 4,080 | 11,010 | 3,750 |
| 2006 | 12,250 | 4,250 | 11,270 | 3,910 |
| 2007 | 12,770 | 4,350 | 11,750 | 4,000 |
| 2008 | 13,000 | 4,500 | 11,960 | 4,140 |
| 2009 | 13,530 | 4,680 | 12,460 | 4,300 |
| 2010 | 13,530 | 4,680 | 12,460 | 4,300 |

Separate figures for Alaska and Hawaii reflect Office of Economic Opportunity administrative practice beginning in the 1966–1970 period. The Census Bureau, producer of the primary version of the poverty measure (the poverty thresholds), does not produce separate figures for Alaska and Hawaii.

Before 1983, the guidelines shown are for nonfarm families only.

- a. The guidelines are effective from the date of issuance (unless otherwise specified by a particular program using them).
- b. Add this amount for each additional family member. Before 1973, increments between some of the smaller family sizes differed from the increment shown in the table. Beginning in 1973, the increment has been the same for all family sizes in each year's set of guidelines.

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