

Table 13. Number of Families Below the Poverty Level and Poverty Rate: 1959 to 2015

NOTE: Numbers in thousands. Families as of March of the following year.

Year	Number of poor families	Poverty rate for families	Number of poor families with female (NSP) householder	Poverty rate for families with female householder	Families with female householder as a percent of all families	Poor families with female householder as a percent of all poor families
1959	8,320	18.5	1,916	42.6	9.8	23.0
1961	8,391	18.1	1,954	42.1	9.9	23.3
1960	8,243	18.1	1,955	42.4	10.1	23.7
1962	8,077	17.2	2,034	42.9	10.0	25.2
1963	7,554	15.9	1,972	40.4	10.2	26.1
1964	7,160	15.0	1,822	36.4	10.4	25.4
1965	6,721	13.9	1,916	38.4	10.3	28.5
1993 (10)	8,393	12.3	4,424	35.6	18.1	52.7
1983 (6)	7,647	12.3	3,564	36.0	16.0	46.6
1982	7,512	12.2	3,434	36.3	15.4	45.7
1992 (9)	8,144	11.9	4,275	35.4	17.7	52.5
2012	9,520	11.8	4,793	30.9	19.1	50.3
2011	9,497	11.8	4,894	31.2	19.5	51.5
2010 (17)	9,400	11.8	4,827	31.7	19.2	51.4
1966	5,784	11.8	1,721	33.1	10.5	29.8
2013 (19)	9,645	11.7	5,203	32.2	19.7	53.9
2014	9,467	11.6	4,764	30.6	19.0	50.3
1994	8,053	11.6	4,232	34.6	17.6	52.6
1984	7,277	11.6	3,498	34.5	16.2	48.1
1991 (8)	7,712	11.5	4,161	35.6	17.4	54.0
1985	7,223	11.4	3,474	34.0	16.1	48.1
1967 (1)	5,667	11.4	1,774	33.3	10.6	31.3
2013 (18)	9,130	11.2	4,646	30.6	18.7	50.9
1981 (5)	6,851	11.2	3,252	34.6	15.4	47.5
2009	8,792	11.1	4,441	29.9	18.8	50.5
1996	7,708	11.0	4,167	32.6	18.2	54.1
1986	7,023	10.9	3,613	34.6	16.2	51.4
1995	7,532	10.8	4,057	32.4	18.0	53.9
1990	7,098	10.7	3,768	33.4	17.0	53.1
1987 (7)	7,005	10.7	3,654	34.2	16.4	52.2
2015	8,589	10.4	4,404	28.2	19.0	51.3
1988	6,874	10.4	3,642	33.4	16.5	53.0
2008	8,147	10.3	4,163	28.7	18.4	51.1
1997	7,324	10.3	3,995	31.6	17.8	54.6
1989	6,784	10.3	3,504	32.2	16.5	51.7
1980	6,217	10.3	2,972	32.7	15.1	47.8
2004 (14)	7,835	10.2	3,962	28.3	18.2	50.6
1970	5,260	10.1	1,951	32.5	11.5	37.1
2003	7,607	10.0	3,856	28.0	18.1	50.7
1998	7,186	10.0	3,831	29.9	17.9	53.3
1971 (2)	5,303	10.0	2,100	33.9	11.6	39.6
1968	5,047	10.0	1,755	32.3	10.7	34.8
2005	7,657	9.9	4,044	28.7	18.2	52.8
2006	7,668	9.8	4,087	28.3	18.4	53.3
2007	7,623	9.8	4,078	28.3	18.5	53.5
1975	5,450	9.7	2,430	32.5	13.3	44.6
1969	5,008	9.7	1,827	32.7	10.8	36.5

2002	7,229	9.6	3,613	26.5	18.0	50.0
1976	5,311	9.4	2,543	33.0	13.6	47.9
1999 (11)	6,792	9.3	3,559	27.8	17.5	52.4
1977	5,311	9.3	2,610	31.7	14.4	49.1
1972	5,075	9.3	2,158	32.7	12.2	42.5
2001	6,813	9.2	3,470	26.4	17.7	50.9
1979 (4)	5,461	9.2	2,645	30.4	14.6	48.4
1978	5,280	9.1	2,654	31.4	14.6	50.3
1974 (3)	4,922	8.8	2,324	32.1	13.0	47.2
1973	4,828	8.8	2,193	32.2	12.4	45.4
2000 (12)	6,400	8.7	3,278	25.4	17.5	51.2

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Current Population Survey, Annual Social and Economic Supplements. For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/cps/techdocs/cpsmar16.pdf. Footnotes are available at <http://www.census.gov/topics/income-poverty/poverty/guidance/poverty-footnotes/cps-historic-footnotes.html>.

**Nonpoor families
with female
householder as a
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