

TABLE B-33.—Median money income (in 1996 dollars) and poverty status of families and persons, by race, selected years, 1978–96

Year	Families ¹						Persons below poverty level		Median money income (in 1996 dollars) of persons 15 years old and over with income ^{2 3}			
	Number (mil-lions)	Median money income (in 1996 dol-lars) ²	Below poverty level				Number (mil-lions)	Per-cent	Males		Females	
			Total		Female householder				All persons	Year-round full-time workers	All persons	Year-round full-time workers
			Number (mil-lions)	Per-cent	Number (mil-lions)	Per-cent						
ALL RACES												
1978	57.8	\$41,003	5.3	9.1	2.7	31.4	24.5	11.4	\$25,418	\$37,335	\$9,456	\$22,410
1979 ⁴	59.6	41,530	5.5	9.2	2.6	30.4	26.1	11.7	24,975	37,060	9,227	22,329
1980	60.3	40,079	6.2	10.3	3.0	32.7	29.3	13.0	23,888	36,552	9,380	22,098
1981	61.0	38,986	6.9	11.2	3.3	34.6	31.8	14.0	23,462	36,033	9,505	21,693
1982	61.4	38,459	7.5	12.2	3.4	36.3	34.4	15.0	22,895	35,540	9,662	22,424
1983 ⁵	62.0	38,869	7.6	12.3	3.6	36.0	35.3	15.2	23,095	35,454	10,090	22,823
1984	62.7	39,917	7.3	11.6	3.5	34.5	33.7	14.4	23,558	36,249	10,371	23,289
1985	63.6	40,443	7.2	11.4	3.5	34.0	33.1	14.0	23,784	36,453	10,524	23,698
1986	64.5	42,171	7.0	10.9	3.6	34.6	32.4	13.6	24,500	37,069	10,894	24,112
1987 ⁶	65.2	42,775	7.0	10.7	3.7	34.2	32.2	13.4	24,565	36,851	11,457	24,259
1988	65.8	42,695	6.9	10.4	3.6	33.4	31.7	13.0	25,077	36,263	11,783	24,596
1989	66.1	43,290	6.8	10.3	3.5	32.2	31.5	12.8	25,171	35,959	12,177	24,848
1990	66.3	42,440	7.1	10.7	3.8	33.4	33.6	13.5	24,361	34,788	12,089	24,719
1991	67.2	41,401	7.7	11.5	4.2	35.6	35.7	14.2	23,580	34,941	12,068	24,474
1992 ⁷	68.2	40,900	8.1	11.9	4.3	35.4	38.0	14.8	22,875	34,480	11,982	24,707
1993	68.5	40,131	8.4	12.3	4.4	35.6	39.3	15.1	22,913	33,744	11,994	24,397
1994	69.3	41,059	8.1	11.6	4.2	34.6	38.1	14.5	22,995	33,468	12,139	24,631
1995	69.6	41,810	7.5	10.8	4.1	32.4	36.4	13.8	23,228	33,150	12,488	24,479
1996	70.2	42,300	7.7	11.0	4.2	32.6	36.5	13.7	23,834	33,538	12,815	24,935
WHITE												
1978	50.9	42,695	3.5	6.9	1.4	23.5	16.3	8.7	26,622	38,028	9,570	22,621
1979 ⁴	52.2	43,336	3.6	6.9	1.4	22.3	17.2	9.0	26,090	38,131	9,314	22,524
1980	52.7	41,759	4.2	8.0	1.6	25.7	19.7	10.2	25,409	37,595	9,431	22,311
1981	53.3	40,952	4.7	8.8	1.8	27.4	21.6	11.1	24,895	36,879	9,611	22,055
1982	53.4	40,379	5.1	9.6	1.8	27.9	23.5	12.0	24,205	36,487	9,793	22,726
1983 ⁵	53.9	40,701	5.2	9.7	1.9	28.3	24.0	12.1	24,297	36,400	10,266	23,129
1984	54.4	41,809	4.9	9.1	1.9	27.1	23.0	11.5	24,867	37,490	10,494	23,520
1985	55.0	42,509	5.0	9.1	2.0	27.4	22.9	11.4	24,951	37,465	10,728	24,034
1986	55.7	44,105	4.8	8.6	2.0	28.2	22.2	11.0	25,854	38,104	11,109	24,481
1987 ⁶	56.1	44,729	4.6	8.1	2.0	26.9	21.2	10.4	26,111	37,710	11,750	24,708
1988	56.5	44,981	4.5	7.9	1.9	26.5	20.7	10.1	26,471	37,484	12,073	24,965
1989	56.6	45,520	4.4	7.8	1.9	25.4	20.8	10.0	26,398	37,545	12,415	25,143
1990	56.8	44,315	4.6	8.1	2.0	26.8	22.3	10.7	25,414	36,111	12,385	25,016
1991	57.2	43,525	5.0	8.8	2.2	28.4	23.7	11.3	24,647	35,657	12,350	24,831
1992 ⁷	57.7	43,245	5.3	9.1	2.2	28.5	25.3	11.9	23,939	35,300	12,260	24,993
1993	57.9	42,672	5.5	9.4	2.4	29.2	26.2	12.2	23,867	34,564	12,233	24,951
1994	58.4	43,284	5.3	9.1	2.3	29.0	25.4	11.7	24,000	34,344	12,313	25,297
1995	58.9	43,905	5.0	8.5	2.2	26.6	24.4	11.2	24,601	34,505	12,680	24,980
1996	58.9	44,756	5.1	8.6	2.3	27.3	24.7	11.2	24,949	34,741	12,961	25,358
BLACK												
1978	5.9	25,288	1.6	27.5	1.2	50.6	7.6	30.6	15,948	29,125	8,617	20,966
1979 ⁴	6.2	24,540	1.7	27.8	1.2	49.4	8.1	31.0	16,150	27,481	8,477	20,639
1980	6.3	24,162	1.8	28.9	1.3	49.4	8.6	32.5	15,269	26,452	8,731	20,809
1981	6.4	23,101	2.0	30.8	1.4	52.9	9.2	34.2	14,804	26,093	8,538	19,918
1982	6.5	22,317	2.2	33.0	1.5	56.2	9.7	35.6	14,505	25,915	8,638	20,312
1983 ⁵	6.7	22,938	2.2	32.3	1.5	53.7	9.9	35.7	14,209	25,953	8,773	20,531
1984	6.8	23,302	2.1	30.9	1.5	51.7	9.5	33.8	14,267	25,586	9,308	21,196
1985	6.9	24,477	2.0	28.7	1.5	50.5	8.9	31.3	15,702	26,205	9,153	21,275
1986	7.1	25,201	2.0	28.0	1.5	50.1	9.0	31.1	15,492	26,865	9,400	21,422
1987 ⁶	7.2	25,422	2.1	29.4	1.6	51.1	9.5	32.4	15,490	26,963	9,598	22,068
1988	7.4	25,636	2.1	28.2	1.6	49.0	9.4	31.3	15,974	27,475	9,747	22,371
1989	7.5	25,571	2.1	27.8	1.5	46.5	9.3	30.7	15,954	26,197	9,964	22,613
1990	7.5	25,717	2.2	29.3	1.6	48.1	9.8	31.9	15,448	25,787	9,997	22,261
1991	7.7	24,823	2.3	30.4	1.8	51.2	10.2	32.7	14,932	26,067	10,156	22,042
1992 ⁷	8.0	23,600	2.5	31.1	1.9	50.2	10.8	33.4	14,610	25,711	9,938	22,655
1993	8.0	23,391	2.5	31.3	1.9	49.9	10.9	33.1	15,858	25,588	10,324	22,058
1994	8.1	26,148	2.2	27.3	1.7	46.2	10.2	30.6	15,862	25,838	11,163	21,839
1995	8.1	26,737	2.1	26.4	1.7	45.1	9.9	29.3	16,479	25,530	11,285	21,701
1996	8.5	26,522	2.2	26.1	1.7	43.7	9.7	28.4	16,491	27,136	11,772	21,990

¹The term "family" refers to a group of two or more persons related by birth, marriage, or adoption and residing together. Every family must include a reference person. Beginning 1979, based on householder concept and restricted to primary families.

²Current dollar median money income adjusted by CPI-U-X1.

³Prior to 1979, data are for persons 14 years and over.

⁴Based on 1980 census population controls; comparable with succeeding years.

⁵Reflects implementation of Hispanic population controls; comparable with succeeding years.

⁶Based on revised methodology; comparable with succeeding years.

⁷Based on 1990 census adjusted population controls; comparable with succeeding years.

Note.—Poverty rates (percent of persons below poverty level) for all races for years not shown above are: 1959, 22.4; 1960, 22.2; 1961, 21.9; 1962, 21.0; 1963, 19.5; 1964, 19.0; 1965, 17.3; 1966, 14.7; 1967, 14.2; 1968, 12.8; 1969, 12.1; 1970, 12.6; 1971, 12.5; 1972, 11.9; 1973, 11.1; 1974, 11.2; 1975, 12.3; 1976, 11.8; and 1977, 11.6.

Poverty thresholds are updated each year to reflect changes in the consumer price index (CPI-U).

For details see "Current Population Reports," Series P-60.

Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.