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CHARACTERISTICS OF THE LOW-INCOME POPULATION: 1973 (Advance report)

About 23 million persons were below the low-income level in 1973 comprising 11 percent of the United States population, according to the results of the Current Population Survey (CPS) conducted in March 1974 by the Bureau of the Census. This figure is 1.5 million or 6.1 percent below the 1972 figure. There were about 4.8 million families and 4.7 million unrelated individuals (persons living alone or with nonrelatives) below the low-income level in 1973. Both of these figures were below the 1972 levels.

In 1973, the low-income or poverty threshold--the income level which separates "poor" from "nonpoor"--was $4,540 for a nonfarm family of four; it was $4,275 in 1972, and $2,973 in 1959, the first year for which data on the low-income population are available.[1] These thresholds are updated every year to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

The number of low-income white persons continued to decline between 1972 and 1973. The number of low-income blacks was 7.4 million in 1973, about the same as in 1971; it was 7.7 million in 1972. Although it is probable that the number of low-income blacks changed during the period, sampling variation obscures the picture. About 8 percent of white persons and 31 percent of black persons were below the poverty level in 1973.

[1]See page 2 for a more detailed explanation of the low-income definition.

The number of low-income aged persons (65 years and over) declined by 10 percent between 1972 and 1973, a continuation of the decrease observed during the 1971-72 period. This decline reflects substantial increases in Social Security benefits enacted since 1970.

The sex of the family head continues to be an important factor in the low-income status of families as evidenced by the fact that the number of low-income families with a male head declined sharply between 1959 and 1973, while there was a 14 percent increase in the number of low-income families headed by a female. Thus, families headed by women have become a greater proportion of all low-income families--23 percent in 1959, 43 percent in 1972, and 45 percent in 1973. The comparable proportions for families above the low-income level were 7 percent in 1959 and 9 percent in both 1972 and 1973. There was no change in the proportion of low-income black families headed by a woman between 1972 and 1973, while the comparable proportion for white families increased.

There are significant differences in the composition of the white and black low-income groups. In 1973, as in previous years, families headed by women accounted for a greater proportion of low-income black families than of low-income white families (64 percent compared to 37 percent). Persons 65 years and over comprised a larger proportion of the low-income white population in 1973 than of the low-income black population, whereas the reverse relationship was true for children under 18 years.

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The 1973 statistics presented in this report were obtained from the Census Bureau's Current Population Survey of March 1974. The information was collected from the civilian noninstitutional population and members of the Armed Forces living off post or with their families on post in the United States. Unrelated individuals under 14 years of age are also excluded from this report. More detailed data on the low-income population will appear in a report in this series to be issued later this year.

Low-income (poverty) definition. Families and unrelated individuals are classified as being above or below the low-income level using the poverty index adopted by a Federal Interagency Committee in 1969. This index is based on the Department of Agriculture's 1961 Economy Food Plan and reflects the different consumption requirements of families based on their size and composition, sex and age of the family head, and farm-nonfarm residence. The poverty thresholds were originally updated based on changes in the average per capita cost of the food in the economy food plan. During the 1960's, the cost of the economy food plan did not increase as much as the overall cost of living. Thus, general price changes since 1959 were not paralleled by comparable changes in the poverty thresholds. As a result of deliberations of the Federal Interagency Committee in 1969, it was decided that annual adjustments in the low-income thresholds would be based on changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) rather than on changes in the cost of food included in the economy food plan. However, between 1972 and 1973, this trend was reversed; the cost of foods in the economy food plan increased considerably more than the CPI. Thus, it should be noted that changes in the CPI may not be entirely reflective of changes in the "cost of living" for the poor during this period.

In analyzing data on the low-income population, the following limitations should be noted. The low-income concept has been developed in order to identify, in dollar terms, a minimum level of income adequacy for families of different types in keeping with American consumption patterns. Based on an analysis of the percent of income devoted to food expenditures, an estimate was developed of the minimum cost at which an American family, making average choices, can be provided with a diet meeting recommended nutritional goals. Consequently, it is an overall statistical yardstick which reflects the different consumption requirements of families of different size, taking into account family composition and farm-nonfarm residence. Insofar as individual circumstances or consumption patterns differ, the dollar value of the low-income threshold for a given family size may not represent the money income required by an individual family to maintain a level of economic well-being equivalent to other families with similar incomes.

Limitations of the income data. Data on income collected in the CPS are limited to money income received before payments for personal income taxes, and deductions for Social Security, union dues, Medicare, etc. Money income is the sum of the amounts received from earnings; Social Security and public assistance payments; dividends, interest, and rent; unemployment and workmen's compensation; government and private employee pensions; and other periodic income. (Certain money receipts such as capital gains are not included.) Therefore, money income does not reflect the fact that many families receive part of their income in the form of nonmoney transfers such as food stamps, health benefits, and subsidized housing; that many farm families receive nonmoney income in the form of rent-free housing and goods produced and consumed on the farm; or that nonmoney incomes are also received by some nonfarm residents which often take the form of the use of business transportation and facilities, full or partial payments by business for retirement programs, medical and educational expenses, etc. These elements should be considered when comparing income levels. Moreover, readers should be aware that for many different reasons there is a tendency in household surveys for respondents to underreport their income. Underreporting is especially pronounced for income sources that are not derived from earnings, such as Social Security, public assistance, and net income from interest, dividends, rentals, etc. Overall, income earned from wages or salary is much better reported than other sources of income and is nearly equal to independently derived benchmark estimates. By contrast, recent CPS income data on Social Security and public assistance payments to beneficiaries have averaged approximately 84 and 73 percent, respectively, of their benchmark estimates.

In the March 1974 Current Population Survey (CPS) of the Bureau of the Census, approximately 47,000 households were eligible for interview. Of this number, 2,000 occupied units, on the average, were visited, but interviews were not obtained because the occupants were not found at home after repeated calls or were unavailable for some other reason. In order to obtain more reliable data for the Spanish origin population, the March CPS sample was enlarged to include all households from the November 1973 sample which contained at least one person of Spanish origin. Since the estimates in this report are based on a sample, they are subject to sampling variability. Moreover, as in all

field surveys of income, the figures are subject to errors of response and nonreporting. All statements of comparison appearing in the text are significant at a 1.6 standard error level or better. Most are significant at a level of more than 2.0 standard errors. Thus, for most differences cited in the text, the estimated difference is greater than twice the standard error of the difference. This means that the chances are at least 19 in 20 that a difference identified in the text indicates a true difference in the population rather than the chance variations arising from the use of samples. Statements of comparison qualified in some way (e.g., by use of the phrase "some evidence") have a level of significance between 1.6 and 2.0 standard errors. For further details, see Current Population Reports Series P-60, No. 91, "Characteristics of the Low-Income Population: 1972."

Table 1. PERSONS BELOW THE LOW-INCOME LEVEL BY FAMILY STATUS AND SEX AND RACE OF HEAD: 1959 TO 1973

(Numbers in thousands. Persons as of March of the following year)

Family status	1973[1]	1972[1]	1971[1]	1970[1]	1969[1]	1969	1968	1967	1966[2]	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959
All Persons																
Total	22,973	24,460	25,559	25,420	24,147	24,289	25,389	27,769	28,510	33,185	36,055	36,436	38,625	39,628	39,851	39,490
Percent 65 years and over	14.6	15.3	16.7	18.9	(NA)	19.7	18.3	19.4	17.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	14.1
In families	18,299	19,577	20,405	20,330	19,175	19,438	20,685	22,771	23,809	28,358	30,912	31,498	33,623	34,509	34,925	34,562
Head	4,828	5,075	5,303	5,260	5,008	4,950	5,047	5,667	5,784	6,721	7,100	7,554	8,077	8,391	8,243	8,320
Female	2,193	2,158	2,100	1,951	1,827	1,804	1,755	1,774	1,721	1,916	1,822	1,972	2,034	1,954	1,955	1,916
Related children under 18 years	9,453	10,082	10,344	10,235	9,501	9,821	10,739	11,427	12,146	14,388	15,736	15,691	16,630	16,577	17,288	17,208
Other family members	4,018	4,420	4,757	4,835	4,667	4,667	4,909	5,677	5,879	7,249	8,016	8,253	8,916	9,541	9,394	9,034
Unrelated individuals	4,674	4,883	5,154	5,090	4,972	4,851	4,694	4,998	4,701	4,827	5,143	4,938	5,002	5,119	4,926	4,928
White	15,142	16,203	17,780	17,484	16,659	16,671	17,395	18,983	19,290	22,496	24,957	25,238	26,672	27,890	28,309	28,484
Percent 65 years and over	17.8	19.0	20.3	22.9	(NA)	24.3	22.7	24.5	22.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	16.7
In families	11,412	12,268	13,566	13,323	12,623	12,709	13,546	14,851	15,430	18,508	20,716	21,149	22,613	23,747	24,262	24,443
Head	3,219	3,441	3,751	3,708	3,575	3,555	3,616	4,056	4,106	4,824	5,258	5,466	5,887	6,205	6,115	6,185
Female	1,190	1,135	1,191	1,102	1,069	1,065	1,021	1,037	1,036	1,196	1,125	1,191	1,230	1,208	1,252	1,233
Related children under 18 years	5,462	5,784	6,341	6,138	5,667	5,777	6,373	6,729	7,204	8,595	9,573	9,749	10,382	10,614	11,229	11,386
Other family members	2,731	3,043	3,474	3,477	3,381	3,377	3,557	4,066	4,120	5,089	5,885	5,934	6,344	6,928	6,918	6,872
Unrelated individuals	3,730	3,935	4,214	4,161	4,036	3,962	3,849	4,132	3,860	3,988	4,241	4,089	4,059	4,143	4,047	4,041
Negro and other races	7,831	8,257	7,780	7,936	7,488	7,618	7,994	8,786	9,220	10,689	11,098	11,198	11,853	11,738	11,542	11,006
Percent 65 years and over	8.4	8.1	8.6	9.9	(NA)	9.6	8.6	8.4	8.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	7.1
In families	6,887	7,309	6,839	7,007	6,552	6,729	7,149	7,920	8,379	9,850	10,196	10,349	11,010	10,762	10,663	10,119
Head	1,609	1,634	1,552	1,552	1,433	1,395	1,431	1,611	1,678	1,897	1,902	2,088	2,190	2,186	2,128	2,135
Female	1,002	1,023	908	851	758	739	734	737	685	720	697	781	804	746	703	683
Related children under 18 years	3,991	4,298	4,003	4,097	3,834	4,044	4,366	4,698	4,942	5,793	6,163	5,942	6,248	5,963	6,059	5,822
Other family members	1,287	1,377	1,283	1,358	1,286	1,290	1,352	1,611	1,759	2,160	2,131	2,319	2,572	2,613	2,476	2,162
Unrelated individuals	944	948	941	929	936	889	845	866	841	839	902	849	943	976	879	887
Persons in Families With Male Head and Male Unrelated Individuals																
Total	11,616	12,873	14,151	14,266	13,735	13,819	15,025	17,178	18,260	22,127	25,084	25,339	27,394	28,830	29,188	29,100
Percent 65 years and over	12.6	11.9	12.9	15.6	(NA)	16.7	14.9	16.1	14.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	11.7
In families	10,121	11,463	12,608	12,828	12,296	12,440	13,705	15,873	16,948	20,834	23,615	23,852	25,842	27,257	27,678	27,548
Head	2,635	2,917	3,203	3,309	3,181	3,146	3,292	3,893	4,063	4,805	5,338	5,582	6,043	6,437	6,288	6,404
Related children under 18 years	4,282	4,988	5,494	5,546	5,253	5,444	6,330	7,181	7,884	9,828	11,314	11,137	12,124	12,533	13,193	13,083
Other family members	3,204	3,558	3,910	3,973	3,862	3,850	4,083	4,799	5,001	6,203	6,963	7,133	7,675	8,287	8,197	8,081
Unrelated individuals	1,495	1,410	1,543	1,438	1,439	1,379	1,320	1,305	1,312	1,293	1,469	1,487	1,552	1,573	1,510	1,552
Persons in Families With Female Head and Female Unrelated Individuals																
Total	11,357	11,587	11,409	11,154	10,412	10,470	10,364	10,591	10,250	11,058	10,871	11,097	11,231	10,798	10,663	10,390
Percent 65 years and over	16.7	19.0	21.4	23.0	(NA)	23.7	23.1	24.8	23.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	21.9
In families	8,178	8,114	7,797	7,503	6,879	6,998	6,990	6,898	6,861	7,524	7,297	7,646	7,781	7,252	7,247	7,014
Head	2,193	2,158	2,100	1,951	1,827	1,804	1,755	1,774	1,721	1,916	1,822	1,972	2,034	1,954	1,955	1,916
Related children under 18 years	5,171	5,094	4,850	4,689	4,247	4,377	4,409	4,246	4,262	4,562	4,422	4,554	4,506	4,044	4,095	4,145
Other family members	814	862	847	862	805	817	826	878	878	1,046	1,053	1,120	1,241	1,254	1,197	953
Unrelated individuals	3,179	3,473	3,611	3,652	3,532	3,472	3,374	3,693	3,389	3,534	3,674	3,451	3,450	3,546	3,416	3,376
PERCENT BELOW LOW-INCOME LEVEL																
All Persons																
Total	11.1	11.9	12.5	12.6	12.1	12.2	12.8	14.2	14.7	17.3	19.0	19.5	21.0	21.9	22.2	22.4
65 years and over	16.3	18.6	21.6	24.6	(NA)	25.3	25.0	29.5	28.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
In families	9.7	10.3	10.8	10.9	10.4	10.5	11.3	12.5	13.1	15.8	17.4	17.9	19.4	20.3	20.7	20.8
Head	8.8	9.3	10.0	10.1	9.7	9.7	10.0	11.4	11.8	13.9	15.0	15.9	17.2	18.1	18.1	18.5
Female	32.2	32.7	33.9	32.5	32.7	32.3	32.3	33.3	33.1	38.4	36.4	40.4	42.9	42.1	42.4	42.6
Related children under 18 years	14.2	14.9	15.1	14.9	13.8	14.1	15.3	16.3	17.4	20.7	22.7	22.8	24.7	25.2	26.5	26.9
Other family members	5.9	6.6	7.2	7.4	7.2	7.3	7.8	9.1	9.5	11.8	13.3	13.8	15.1	16.5	16.2	15.9
Unrelated individuals	25.6	29.0	31.6	32.9	34.0	33.6	34.0	38.1	38.3	39.8	42.7	44.2	45.4	45.9	45.2	46.1

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 1. PERSONS BELOW THE LOW-INCOME LEVEL BY FAMILY STATUS AND SEX AND RACE OF HEAD: 1959 TO 1973--Continued

(Numbers in thousands. Persons as of March of the following year)

Family status	1973[1]	1972[1]	1971[1]	1970[1]	1969[1]	1969	1968	1967	1966[2]	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959
PERCENT BELOW LOW-INCOME LEVEL--Continued																
White	8.4	9.0	9.9	9.9	9.5	9.5	10.0	11.0	11.3	13.3	14.9	15.3	16.4	17.4	17.8	18.1
65 years and over	14.4	16.8	19.9	22.6	(NA)	23.3	23.1	27.7	26.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
In families	6.9	7.4	8.2	8.1	7.8	7.8	8.4	9.2	9.7	11.7	13.2	13.6	14.7	15.8	16.2	16.5
Head	6.6	7.1	7.9	8.0	7.7	7.7	8.0	9.0	9.3	11.1	12.2	12.8	13.9	14.8	14.9	15.2
Female	24.5	24.3	26.5	25.0	25.7	25.4	25.2	25.9	25.7	31.0	29.0	31.4	33.9	33.5	34.0	34.8
Related children under 18 years	9.7	10.1	10.9	10.5	9.7	9.8	10.7	11.3	12.1	14.4	16.1	16.5	17.9	18.7	20.0	20.6
Other family members	4.5	5.1	5.8	5.9	5.8	5.8	6.3	7.2	7.4	9.2	10.8	11.0	12.0	13.3	13.3	13.3
Unrelated individuals	23.7	27.1	29.6	30.8	32.1	31.8	32.2	36.5	36.1	38.1	40.7	42.0	42.7	43.2	43.0	44.1
Negro and other races	29.6	31.9	30.9	32.0	31.0	31.1	33.5	37.2	39.8	47.1	49.6	51.0	55.8	56.1	55.9	56.2
65 years and over	35.5	37.5	38.4	45.9	(NA)	48.1	46.6	51.0	53.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
In families	28.8	31.0	29.7	30.7	29.6	29.9	32.4	36.3	38.9	46.8	49.1	50.5	55.3	55.6	55.7	56.0
Head	26.2	27.7	27.4	28.1	26.9	26.7	28.2	32.1	33.9	39.7	40.0	43.7	48.0	49.0	49.0	50.4
Female	51.4	52.9	53.3	53.4	53.1	53.0	52.9	55.7	58.5	63.6	61.9	72.0	72.1	72.0	75.1	72.0
Related children under 18 years	38.3	41.3	38.7	39.6	37.7	38.0	41.6	44.9	48.2	57.3	61.5	60.9	66.4	65.7	66.6	66.7
Other family members	17.4	19.0	18.2	19.5	19.4	19.4	20.9	25.3	27.7	35.3	35.7	38.9	43.2	44.8	43.3	42.5
Unrelated individuals	37.8	40.9	44.9	46.7	45.5	44.9	45.7	48.2	53.1	50.7	55.0	58.3	62.1	62.7	59.3	57.4
Persons in Families With Male Head and Male Unrelated Individuals																
Total	6.6	7.4	8.1	8.2	8.0	8.0	8.8	10.1	10.8	13.2	15.1	15.4	16.9	18.1	18.5	18.7
65 years and over	10.5	11.4	13.6	16.8	(NA)	17.9	17.6	21.8	21.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
In families	6.0	6.8	7.5	7.7	7.4	7.4	8.3	9.6	10.3	12.8	14.6	14.9	16.4	17.6	18.0	18.2
Head	5.5	6.1	6.8	7.2	6.9	6.9	7.3	8.7	9.3	11.1	12.5	13.1	14.3	15.4	15.4	15.8
Related children under 18 years	7.6	8.6	9.3	9.2	8.6	8.8	10.2	11.5	12.6	15.7	18.2	18.0	19.9	21.0	22.3	22.4
Other family members	5.1	5.7	6.3	6.5	6.4	6.5	7.0	8.3	8.7	10.9	12.4	12.9	14.1	15.4	15.3	15.3
Unrelated individuals	19.8	21.1	23.9	24.1	26.2	25.3	25.4	26.9	29.3	28.9	32.0	34.8	36.5	36.0	36.1	38.8
Persons in Families With Female Head and Female Unrelated Individuals																
Total	34.9	36.9	38.0	38.2	38.4	38.3	38.9	40.6	41.0	45.0	45.9	48.4	50.5	49.5	49.5	50.2
65 years and over	28.4	33.2	38.4	41.2	(NA)	41.1	41.1	47.3	44.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
In families	37.5	38.2	38.7	38.1	38.2	38.1	38.7	38.6	39.8	46.0	44.4	47.7	50.3	48.1	48.9	49.4
Head	32.2	32.7	33.9	32.5	32.7	32.3	32.3	33.3	33.1	38.4	36.4	40.4	42.9	42.1	42.4	42.6
Related children under 18 years	52.1	53.1	53.1	53.0	54.4	54.4	55.2	54.3	58.2	64.2	62.3	66.6	70.2	65.1	68.4	72.2
Other family members	16.0	17.0	17.5	17.9	17.5	17.3	17.8	18.9	18.6	24.5	24.3	26.0	28.8	29.8	28.3	24.0
Unrelated individuals	29.7	34.3	36.6	38.4	38.7	38.5	39.2	44.7	43.5	46.2	49.3	50.0	51.0	52.4	50.9	52.1

NA Not available.

[1]Based on 1970 census population controls; therefore, not strictly comparable to data for earlier years. See Series P-60, No. 91 for explanation.

[2]Beginning with the March 1967 CPS, data are based on revised methodology for processing income data. See Series P-60, No. 91 for explanation.

Table 2. NEGRO PERSONS BELOW THE LOW-INCOME LEVEL BY FAMILY STATUS: 1966 TO 1973

(Numbers in thousands. Persons as of March of the following year)

Family status	1973[1]	1972[1]	1971[1]	1970[1]	1969[1]	1969	1968	1967	1966
Total	7,388	7,710	7,396	7,548	7,095	7,215	7,616	8,486	8,867
Percent 65 years and over	8.4	8.3	8.4	9.7	(NA)	9.6	8.6	8.4	8.1
In families	6,560	6,841	6,530	6,683	6,245	6,409	6,839	7,677	8,090
Head	1,527	1,529	1,484	1,481	1,366	1,326	1,366	1,555	1,620
Female	974	972	879	834	737	718	706	716	674
Related children under 18 years	3,822	4,025	3,836	3,922	3,677	3,879	4,188	4,558	4,774
Other family members	1,211	1,287	1,210	1,279	1,202	1,204	1,285	1,564	1,696
Unrelated individuals	828	870	866	865	850	806	777	809	777
PERCENT BELOW LOW-INCOME LEVEL									
Total	31.4	33.3	32.5	33.5	32.2	32.3	34.7	39.3	41.8
65 years and over	37.1	39.9	39.3	47.7	(NA)	50.2	47.7	53.3	55.1
In families	30.8	32.4	31.2	32.2	30.9	31.2	33.7	38.4	40.9
Head	28.1	29.0	28.8	29.5	27.9	27.8	29.4	33.9	35.5
Female	52.7	53.3	53.5	54.3	53.3	53.2	53.2	56.3	59.2
Related children under 18 years	40.6	42.7	40.7	41.5	39.6	39.7	43.1	47.4	50.6
Other family members	18.7	20.0	19.1	20.5	20.0	20.0	21.7	27.1	29.4
Unrelated individuals	37.9	42.9	46.0	48.3	46.7	46.0	46.3	49.3	54.4

NA Not available.
[1]Based on 1970 census population controls; therefore, not strictly comparable to data for earlier years. See Series P-60, No. 91 for explanation.

Table 3. PERSONS BY LOW-INCOME STATUS IN 1973, FAMILY STATUS, AND SEX AND RACE OF HEAD

(Numbers in thousands. Persons as of March 1974)

Family status	All races			White			Negro		
	Total	Below low-income level		Total	Below low-income level		Total	Below low-income level	
		Number	Percent of total		Number	Percent of total		Number	Percent of total
ALL PERSONS									
Total	207,621	22,973	11.1	181,185	15,142	8.4	23,512	7,388	31.4
65 years and over	20,602	3,354	16.3	18,754	2,698	14.4	1,672	620	37.1
In families	189,361	18,299	9.7	165,424	11,412	6.9	21,328	6,560	30.8
Head	55,053	4,828	8.8	48,919	3,219	6.6	5,440	1,527	28.1
65 years and over	7,885	829	10.5	7,120	595	8.4	698	219	31.4
Related children under 18 years	66,626	9,453	14.2	56,211	5,462	9.7	9,405	3,822	40.6
Other family members	67,683	4,018	5.9	60,293	2,731	4.5	6,483	1,211	18.7
Unrelated individuals	18,260	4,674	25.6	15,761	3,730	23.7	2,183	828	37.9
65 years and over	6,292	2,014	31.9	5,761	1,711	29.6	489	289	59.2
PERSONS IN FAMILIES WITH MALE HEAD AND MALE UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS									
Total	175,079	11,616	6.6	157,344	8,500	5.4	15,267	2,824	18.5
65 years and over	13,947	1,461	10.5	12,799	1,134	8.9	1,010	299	29.6
In families	167,538	10,121	6.0	151,121	7,409	4.9	14,141	2,496	17.7
Head	48,249	2,635	5.5	44,066	2,029	4.6	3,591	553	15.4
65 years and over	6,750	638	9.4	6,216	503	8.1	473	120	25.4
Related children under 18 years	56,697	4,282	7.6	50,361	3,001	6.0	5,482	1,188	21.7
Other family members	62,592	3,204	5.1	56,694	2,379	4.2	5,068	756	14.9
Unrelated individuals	7,541	1,495	19.8	6,223	1,091	17.5	1,126	328	29.1
65 years and over	1,442	391	27.1	1,253	287	22.9	170	97	56.8
PERSONS IN FAMILIES WITH FEMALE HEAD AND FEMALE UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS									
Total	32,542	11,357	34.9	23,851	6,642	27.9	8,245	4,564	55.4
65 years and over	6,855	1,893	28.4	5,955	1,564	26.3	662	321	48.5
In families	21,823	8,178	37.5	14,303	4,003	28.0	7,188	4,064	56.5
Head	6,804	2,193	32.2	4,853	1,190	24.5	1,849	974	52.7
65 years and over	1,136	191	16.8	904	92	10.2	225	99	43.9
Related children under 18 years	9,929	5,171	52.1	5,850	2,461	42.1	3,923	2,635	67.2
Other family members	5,090	814	16.0	3,599	352	9.8	1,415	455	32.2
Unrelated individuals	10,719	3,179	29.7	9,539	2,639	27.7	1,057	500	47.3
65 years and over	4,850	1,624	33.4	4,508	1,423	31.5	319	193	60.5

Table 4. AGE OF PERSONS BY LOW-INCOME STATUS IN 1973, SEX, AND RACE

(Numbers in thousands. Persons as of March 1974)

Age	All races			White[1]			Negro[1]		
	Total	Below low-income level		Total	Below low-income level		Total	Below low-income level	
		Number	Percent of total		Number	Percent of total		Number	Percent of total
BOTH SEXES									
Total	207,621	22,973	11.1	181,185	15,165	8.4	23,418	7,367	31.5
Under 3 years	9,443	1,501	15.9	7,897	869	11.0	1,384	610	44.1
3 to 5 years	10,304	1,596	15.5	8,633	955	11.1	1,492	613	41.1
6 to 13 years	30,590	4,448	14.5	25,857	2,609	10.1	4,288	1,748	40.8
14 and 15 years	8,409	1,120	13.3	7,133	627	8.8	1,157	475	41.1
16 to 21 years	23,471	2,780	11.8	20,144	1,716	8.5	2,990	984	32.9
22 to 44 years	61,985	4,713	7.6	54,276	3,215	5.9	6,567	1,380	21.0
45 to 54 years	23,602	1,621	6.9	21,094	1,116	5.3	2,218	484	21.8
55 to 59 years	10,155	785	7.7	9,217	563	6.1	842	213	25.3
60 to 64 years	9,060	1,056	11.7	8,180	797	9.7	807	238	29.6
65 years and over	20,602	3,354	16.3	18,754	2,698	14.4	1,672	620	37.1
MALE									
16 years and over	70,765	5,213	7.4	62,914	3,684	5.9	6,844	1,372	20.0
16 to 21 years	11,542	1,205	10.4	9,963	726	7.3	1,417	425	30.0
22 to 44 years	30,286	1,654	5.5	26,811	1,231	4.6	2,936	364	12.4
45 to 54 years	11,359	627	5.5	10,201	439	4.3	1,025	181	17.7
55 to 59 years	4,833	292	6.0	4,400	217	4.9	386	72	18.7
60 to 64 years	4,217	379	9.0	3,812	270	7.1	364	98	26.9
65 years and over	8,528	1,056	12.4	7,727	801	10.4	716	232	32.4
FEMALE									
16 years and over	78,110	9,096	11.6	68,750	6,420	9.3	8,254	2,550	30.9
16 to 21 years	11,929	1,575	13.2	10,179	989	9.7	1,574	560	35.6
22 to 44 years	31,699	3,059	9.7	27,466	1,984	7.2	3,631	1,017	28.0
45 to 54 years	12,243	994	8.1	10,893	677	6.2	1,194	304	25.5
55 to 59 years	5,322	493	9.3	4,817	347	7.2	456	141	30.9
60 to 64 years	4,843	677	14.0	4,368	527	12.1	442	140	31.7
65 years and over	12,074	2,298	19.0	11,027	1,898	17.2	957	388	40.5

[1]The data on persons by race in this table differ from those in other tables of this report where persons are classified by race of the family head.

Table 5. SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS OF ALL FAMILIES AND THOSE WITH FEMALE HEAD, BY LOW-INCOME STATUS IN 1973

(Numbers in thousands. Families as of March 1974)

Selected characteristics	All races			White			Negro		
	Total	Below low-income level		Total	Below low-income level		Total	Below low-income level	
		Number	Percent of total		Number	Percent of total		Number	Percent of total
All families	55,053	4,828	8.8	48,919	3,219	6.6	5,440	1,527	28.1
AGE OF HEAD									
Under 25 years	4,258	676	15.9	3,862	428	11.7	536	230	42.9
25 to 44 years	23,026	2,040	8.9	20,147	1,309	6.5	2,524	701	27.8
45 to 64 years	19,883	1,284	6.5	17,991	887	4.9	1,681	378	22.5
65 years and over	7,885	829	10.5	7,120	595	8.4	698	219	31.4
SIZE OF FAMILY									
2 persons	20,592	1,697	8.2	18,776	1,265	6.7	1,627	408	25.0
3 persons	11,673	863	7.4	10,341	622	6.0	1,168	234	20.0
4 persons	10,789	741	6.9	9,674	481	5.0	925	232	25.1
5 persons	6,386	620	9.7	5,653	392	6.9	655	214	32.7
6 persons	3,021	368	12.2	2,550	206	8.1	430	160	37.2
7 or more persons	2,593	539	20.8	1,925	254	13.2	635	279	43.9
NUMBER OF RELATED CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS									
No children	24,076	1,308	5.4	22,225	1,042	4.7	1,609	247	15.4
1 and 2 children	21,155	1,817	8.6	18,647	1,241	6.7	2,187	539	24.6
3 and 4 children	7,965	1,155	14.5	6,730	683	10.1	1,130	450	39.8
5 children or more	1,857	548	29.5	1,317	253	19.2	513	289	56.3
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF HEAD[1]									
Elementary school, total	11,749	1,901	16.2	9,829	1,250	12.7	1,804	620	34.4
Less than 8 years	6,197	1,336	21.6	4,764	808	17.0	1,358	511	37.6
8 years	5,553	565	10.2	5,065	442	8.7	446	109	24.4
High school, total	24,846	1,846	7.4	22,124	1,198	5.4	2,489	622	25.0
1 to 3 years	8,022	932	11.6	6,771	538	7.9	1,184	380	32.1
4 years	16,824	913	5.4	15,353	660	4.3	1,305	243	18.6
College (1 year or more)	14,200	405	2.9	13,304	343	2.6	611	54	8.8
NUMBER OF EARNERS									
No earners	5,781	1,841	31.8	4,886	1,227	25.1	830	583	70.3
1 earner	19,604	2,023	10.3	17,436	1,355	7.8	1,918	636	33.2
2 earners	21,918	767	3.5	19,653	524	2.7	1,974	226	11.4
3 earners or more	7,750	197	2.5	6,944	113	1.6	718	81	11.3
EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF HEAD									
Employed	41,780	1,989	4.8	37,766	1,411	3.7	3,497	540	15.4
Unemployed	1,345	263	19.5	1,081	156	14.4	245	104	42.2
Not in labor force	11,006	2,560	23.3	9,271	1,640	17.7	1,603	879	54.8
In Armed Forces	921	16	1.8	801	12	1.5	94	4	4.4
WORK EXPERIENCE OF HEAD									
Worked last year	45,154	2,482	5.5	40,627	1,712	4.2	3,979	729	18.3
50 to 52 weeks	36,063	1,049	2.9	32,810	716	2.2	2,820	308	10.9
Full time	34,874	879	2.5	31,803	609	1.9	2,653	246	9.3
1 to 49 weeks	9,091	1,433	15.8	7,817	996	12.7	1,159	421	36.4
Main reason for working part year:									
Unemployed	3,395	475	14.0	2,900	336	11.6	456	133	29.1
Other	5,695	958	16.8	4,917	660	13.4	702	289	41.1
Did not work last year	8,978	2,330	26.0	7,492	1,495	20.0	1,367	793	58.0
In Armed Forces	921	16	1.8	801	12	1.5	94	4	4.4
OCCUPATION OF LONGEST JOB OF HEAD									
Worked last year	45,154	2,482	5.5	40,627	1,712	4.2	3,979	729	18.3
Professional and managerial workers	13,037	262	2.0	12,409	222	1.8	417	37	8.9
Clerical and sales workers	6,268	278	4.4	5,690	221	3.9	498	56	11.2
Craft and kindred workers	9,699	306	3.2	9,088	247	2.7	538	47	8.7
Operatives, including transport	7,898	470	6.0	6,767	313	4.6	1,064	153	14.4
Service wkrs., incl. private household	3,867	551	14.2	2,906	269	9.3	891	271	30.4
Laborers, except farm	2,308	228	9.9	1,849	137	7.4	430	89	20.7
Farm laborers, managers, and supervisors	2,078	387	18.6	1,919	304	15.8	141	77	54.6

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 5. SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS OF ALL FAMILIES AND THOSE WITH FEMALE HEAD, BY LOW-INCOME STATUS IN 1973--Continued

(Numbers in thousands. Families as of March 1974)

Selected characteristics	All races			White			Negro		
	Total	Below low-income level		Total	Below low-income level		Total	Below low-income level	
		Number	Percent of total		Number	Percent of total		Number	Percent of total
Families with a female head	6,804	2,193	32.2	4,853	1,190	24.5	1,849	974	52.7
AGE OF HEAD									
Under 25 years	606	391	64.5	357	208	58.3	243	180	74.3
25 to 44 years	2,904	1,199	41.3	1,928	653	33.9	931	525	56.4
45 to 64 years	2,158	411	19.0	1,665	237	14.2	450	170	37.8
65 years and over	1,136	191	16.8	904	92	10.2	225	99	43.9
SIZE OF FAMILY									
2 persons	3,057	674	22.0	2,455	439	17.9	565	226	40.0
3 persons	1,663	504	30.3	1,232	317	25.7	401	185	46.1
4 persons	947	364	38.4	618	184	29.8	303	169	55.8
5 persons	559	286	51.2	323	136	42.1	234	148	63.2
6 persons	278	161	57.9	130	56	43.1	145	106	73.1
7 or more persons	300	202	67.3	94	59	62.8	201	140	69.7
NUMBER OF RELATED CHILDRED UNDER 18 YEARS									
No children	2,207	206	9.3	1,865	137	7.3	311	69	22.2
1 and 2 children	3,132	1,061	33.9	2,235	656	29.4	850	390	45.9
3 and 4 children	1,095	644	58.8	616	301	48.9	463	332	71.7
5 children or more	369	282	76.4	136	97	71.3	226	183	81.0
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF HEAD[1]									
Elementary school, total	1,783	626	35.1	1,234	327	26.5	518	292	56.4
Less than 8 years	1,133	448	39.5	729	217	29.8	391	231	59.1
8 years	650	178	27.4	504	109	21.6	127	61	48.0
High school, total	3,404	1,023	30.1	2,411	538	22.3	947	469	49.5
1 to 3 years	1,337	538	40.2	809	240	29.7	509	288	56.6
4 years	2,067	486	23.5	1,602	299	18.7	438	180	41.1
College (1 year or more)	1,010	152	15.0	852	117	13.7	141	33	23.4
NUMBER OF EARNERS									
No earners	1,684	1,081	64.2	1,078	577	53.5	576	483	83.9
1 earner	3,034	859	28.3	2,189	488	22.3	803	366	45.6
2 earners	1,509	196	13.0	1,174	99	8.4	315	98	31.0
3 earners or more	576	57	9.8	412	27	6.5	155	27	17.2
EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF HEAD									
Employed	3,443	604	17.5	2,574	341	13.2	827	261	31.6
Unemployed	237	116	48.8	151	61	40.3	84	54	64.2
Not in labor force	3,124	1,473	47.2	2,128	789	37.1	938	659	70.2
WORK EXPERIENCE OF HEAD									
Worked last year	4,032	852	21.1	2,970	476	16.0	1,013	372	36.7
50 to 52 weeks	2,481	230	9.3	1,887	98	5.2	569	132	23.1
Full time	2,164	157	7.2	1,649	59	3.6	493	97	19.7
1 to 49 weeks	1,551	622	40.1	1,082	378	34.9	443	240	54.1
Main reason for working part year:									
Unemployed	401	137	34.0	276	79	28.6	119	56	47.2
Other	1,150	486	42.3	806	299	37.0	325	184	56.7
Did not work last year	2,772	1,340	48.4	1,883	714	37.9	837	602	71.9
OCCUPATION OF LONGEST JOB OF HEAD									
Worked last year	4,032	852	21.1	2,970	476	16.0	1,013	372	36.7
Professional and managerial workers	641	52	8.1	541	39	7.2	90	14	15.6
Clerical and sales workers	1,354	179	13.2	1,122	134	12.0	211	43	20.4
Craft and kindred workers	92	19	21.0	72	15	(B)	20	5	(B)
Operatives, including transport	641	157	24.5	455	81	17.8	177	76	42.9
Service wkrs., including private household	1,201	408	34.0	705	185	26.2	484	220	45.5
Laborers, except farm	45	9	(B)	29	3	(B)	16	6	(B)
Farm laborers, managers, and supervisors	59	28	(B)	45	19	(B)	15	9	(B)

B Base less than 75,000.
[1]Head 25 years and over.

Table 6. PERSONS AND FAMILIES BY LOW-INCOME STATUS IN 1973, TYPE OF RESIDENCE, AND RACE OF HEAD

(Numbers in thousands. Persons and families as of March 1974)

Type of residence	All races			White			Negro		
	Total	Below low-income level		Total	Below low-income level		Total	Below low-income level	
		Number	Percent of total		Number	Percent of total		Number	Percent of total
PERSONS									
United States	207,621	22,973	11.1	181,185	15,142	8.4	23,512	7,388	31.4
Nonfarm	198,075	21,689	11.0	172,327	14,159	8.2	22,852	7,102	31.1
Farm	9,546	1,283	13.4	8,858	983	11.1	659	287	43.5
Metropolitan areas[1]	141,795	13,759	9.7	121,638	8,452	6.9	17,700	4,998	28.2
Inside central cities	61,526	8,594	14.0	46,392	4,305	9.3	13,701	4,082	29.8
In low-income areas	13,450	4,363	32.4	5,535	1,303	23.5	7,695	2,998	39.0
Outside central cities	80,269	5,165	6.4	75,246	4,147	5.5	3,999	936	23.4
In low-income areas	4,486	1,029	22.9	3,224	670	20.8	1,209	357	29.6
Nonmetropolitan areas[1]	65,826	9,214	14.0	59,547	6,690	11.2	5,811	2,390	41.1
In low-income areas	23,473	5,257	22.4	19,181	3,288	17.1	4,159	1,903	45.7
North and West	142,008	12,912	9.1	128,511	9,741	7.6	11,086	2,877	25.9
South	65,613	10,061	15.3	52,674	5,401	10.3	12,425	4,511	36.3
FAMILIES									
United States	55,053	4,828	8.8	48,919	3,219	6.6	5,440	1,527	28.1
Nonfarm	52,511	4,533	8.6	46,523	2,984	6.4	5,304	1,471	27.7
Farm	2,542	295	11.6	2,397	235	9.8	136	56	40.8
Metropolitan areas[1]	37,317	2,838	7.6	32,584	1,723	5.3	4,154	1,057	25.4
Inside central cities	16,019	1,753	10.9	12,463	851	6.8	3,223	860	26.7
In low-income areas	3,157	902	28.6	1,337	256	19.2	1,772	630	35.9
Outside central cities	21,297	1,086	5.1	20,121	872	4.3	931	197	21.1
In low-income areas	1,136	218	19.2	830	141	17.0	292	77	26.4
Nonmetropolitan areas[1]	17,736	1,990	11.2	16,335	1,496	9.2	1,286	470	36.5
In low-income areas	6,289	1,125	17.9	5,357	747	14.0	905	368	40.6
North and West	37,410	2,685	7.2	34,242	2,015	5.9	2,596	614	23.6
South	17,643	2,143	12.1	14,677	1,204	8.2	2,844	913	32.1

[1]Based on SMSA's as defined in the 1970 census.

Table 7. WEIGHTED AVERAGE THRESHOLDS AT THE LOW-INCOME LEVEL IN 1973 BY SIZE OF FAMILY AND SEX OF HEAD, BY FARM-NONFARM RESIDENCE

Size of family unit	Total	Nonfarm			Farm		
		Total	Male head[1]	Female head[1]	Total	Male head[1]	Female head[1]
1 person (unrelated individual)	$2,239	$2,247	$2,350	$2,174	$1,887	$1,951	$1,832
Under 65 years	2,302	2,307	2,395	2,215	1,974	2,035	1,883
65 years and over	2,119	2,130	2,151	2,123	1,813	1,829	1,804
2 persons	2,874	2,895	2,904	2,847	2,434	2,439	2,346
Head under 65 years	2,967	2,984	2,999	2,908	2,543	2,546	2,455
Head 65 years and over	2,682	2,688	2,690	2,675	2,285	2,285	2,285
3 persons	3,525	3,548	3,565	3,447	3,005	3,015	2,878
4 persons	4,512	4,540	4,542	4,521	3,871	3,872	3,775
5 persons	5,322	5,358	5,364	5,299	4,561	4,560	4,609
6 persons	5,979	6,028	6,034	5,965	5,147	5,144	5,206
7 or more persons	7,359	7,435	7,455	7,288	6,349	6,357	6,150

[1]For one person (i.e. unrelated individual), sex of the individual.

Table 8. SIZE OF INCOME DEFICIT FOR FAMILIES AND UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS BELOW THE LOW-INCOME LEVEL IN 1973, BY SEX AND RACE OF HEAD

(Families and unrelated individuals as of March 1974)

Size of income deficit	All races			White			Negro		
	Total	Male head[1]	Female head[1]	Total	Male head[1]	Female head[1]	Total	Male head[1]	Female head[1]
FAMILIES									
Number.....thousands..	4,828	2,635	2,193	3,219	2,029	1,190	1,527	553	974
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
$1 to $249.....	11.0	13.5	8.0	12.1	14.1	8.8	8.5	11.3	7.0
$250 to $499.....	10.2	11.2	8.8	11.0	11.6	10.2	8.3	9.6	7.5
$500 to $999.....	20.7	21.2	20.1	21.8	22.1	21.1	18.8	18.5	19.0
$1,000 to $1,499.....	15.6	15.4	16.0	15.6	15.5	15.7	15.9	15.6	16.1
$1,500 to $1,999.....	11.0	9.9	12.4	10.3	9.3	11.9	12.8	12.7	12.8
$2,000 to $2,999.....	17.5	16.8	18.5	16.4	16.1	16.9	19.2	17.6	20.1
$3,000 and over.....	13.9	12.0	16.3	12.9	11.3	15.4	16.4	14.7	17.4
Median income deficit.....	$1,241	$1,126	$1,396	$1,152	$1,066	$1,303	$1,445	$1,341	$1,513
Mean income deficit.....	$1,577	$1,487	$1,685	$1,511	$1,450	$1,614	$1,712	$1,620	$1,764
Deficit per family member.....	$416	$387	$452	$426	$397	$480	$399	$359	$423
UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS									
Number.....thousands..	4,674	1,495	3,179	3,730	1,091	2,639	828	328	500
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
$1 to $249.....	17.2	14.4	18.5	18.3	16.5	19.1	13.1	9.7	15.4
$250 to $499.....	15.7	15.3	15.8	16.2	14.7	16.8	15.1	20.1	11.8
$500 to $749.....	14.7	13.9	15.2	14.6	13.5	15.1	15.9	15.8	16.0
$750 to $999.....	13.4	13.9	13.1	13.2	15.0	12.4	15.2	12.8	16.8
$1,000 to $1,499.....	17.9	16.3	18.6	18.1	17.4	18.4	18.6	14.6	21.2
$1,500 and over.....	21.2	26.1	18.8	19.6	22.9	18.2	22.1	27.1	18.6
Median income deficit.....	$796	$865	$760	$766	$838	$734	$845	$836	$851
Mean income deficit.....	$934	$1,034	$887	$902	$983	$869	$977	$1,025	$946

[1]For unrelated individuals, sex of the individual.

Table 9. DISTRIBUTION OF FAMILIES AND UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS BELOW THE LOW-INCOME LEVEL AND AGGREGATE INCOME DEFICIT: 1973, 1972, AND 1959

(Families and unrelated individuals as of March of the following year. Deficit in 1973 dollars)

Sex of head and presence of related children under 18 years	All races			White			Negro and other races		
	1973	1972	1959	1973	1972	1959	1973	1972	1959
NUMBER BELOW LOW-INCOME LEVEL									
Total.....thousands..	9,502	9,958	13,248	6,949	7,376	10,226	2,553	2,582	3,022
All families.....	4,828	5,075	8,320	3,219	3,441	6,185	1,609	1,634	2,135
Male head.....	2,635	2,917	6,404	2,029	2,306	4,952	607	611	1,452
No related children under 18 years....	1,102	1,221	2,486	905	1,038	2,088	197	182	398
With related children under 18 years..	1,533	1,696	3,918	1,124	1,268	2,864	410	429	1,054
Female head.....	2,193	2,158	1,916	1,190	1,135	1,233	1,002	1,023	683
No related children under 18 years....	206	233	391	137	165	285	69	68	106
With related children under 18 years..	1,987	1,925	1,525	1,053	970	948	933	955	577
Unrelated individuals.....	4,674	4,883	4,928	3,730	3,935	4,041	944	948	887
Male.....	1,495	1,410	1,552	1,091	1,022	1,158	404	388	394
Female.....	3,179	3,473	3,376	2,639	2,913	2,883	540	560	493
AGGREGATE INCOME DEFICIT									
Total.....millions..	$11,975	$12,784	$20,838	$8,224	$8,932	$14,953	$3,754	$3,851	5,881
All families.....	7,614	8,092	14,955	4,864	5,238	10,185	2,751	2,853	4,770
Male head.....	3,918	4,387	10,906	2,941	3,429	7,693	978	957	3,208
No related children under 18 years....	1,154	1,280	2,865	940	1,099	2,385	214	181	482
With related children under 18 years..	2,764	3,107	8,041	2,001	2,330	5,309	764	777	2,726
Female head.....	3,695	3,704	4,049	1,921	1,809	2,491	1,773	1,896	1,558
No related children under 18 years....	178	224	463	115	155	334	(B)	(B)	(B)
With related children under 18 years..	3,517	3,480	3,586	1,806	1,654	2,157	1,710	1,827	1,429
Unrelated individuals.....	4,361	4,692	5,884	3,360	3,695	4,770	1,003	997	1,111
Male.....	1,546	1,526	1,822	1,072	1,086	1,345	474	441	476
Female.....	2,815	3,166	4,062	2,288	2,609	3,425	529	557	637

B 1973 base less than 75,000; 1959 base less than 200,000.

Table 10. PERSONS BELOW 125 PERCENT OF THE LOW-INCOME LEVEL IN 1973 BY FAMILY STATUS AND SEX AND RACE OF HEAD

(Numbers in thousands. Persons as of March 1974)

Family status	All races			White			Negro		
	Total	Male head[1]	Female head[1]	Total	Male head[1]	Female head[1]	Total	Male head[1]	Female head[1]
All persons	32,828	18,380	14,447	22,641	13,843	8,798	9,540	4,088	5,452
In families	26,509	16,461	10,048	17,460	12,396	5,064	8,539	3,697	4,842
Head	7,044	4,297	2,747	4,935	3,395	1,539	1,986	816	1,170
65 years and over	1,450	1,152	299	1,092	925	167	334	202	132
Related children under 18 years	13,074	6,930	6,144	8,009	5,013	2,996	4,796	1,745	3,051
Other family members	6,392	5,235	1,157	4,517	3,988	529	1,757	1,136	621
Unrelated individuals	6,318	1,919	4,400	5,180	1,447	3,733	1,001	391	610
65 years and over	3,099	592	2,507	2,712	459	2,253	367	126	242
PERCENT BELOW 125 PERCENT OF LOW-INCOME LEVEL									
All persons	15.8	10.5	44.4	12.5	8.8	36.9	40.6	26.8	68.1
In families	14.0	9.8	46.0	10.6	8.2	35.4	40.0	26.1	67.4
Head	12.8	8.9	40.4	10.1	7.7	31.7	36.5	22.7	63.3
65 years and over	18.4	17.1	28.3	15.3	14.9	18.5	47.8	42.7	58.5
Related children under 18 years	19.6	12.2	61.9	14.2	10.0	51.2	51.0	31.8	77.8
Other family members	9.4	8.4	22.7	7.5	7.0	14.7	27.1	22.4	43.9
Unrelated individuals	34.6	25.4	41.0	32.9	23.3	39.1	45.8	34.7	57.7
65 years and over	49.3	41.1	51.7	47.1	36.6	50.0	75.1	73.9	75.8

[1]For unrelated individuals, sex of the individual.

Table 11. PERSONS IN FAMILIES WITH HEAD OF SPANISH ORIGIN AND UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS OF SPANISH ORIGIN BY LOW-INCOME STATUS AND FAMILY STATUS: 1972 AND 1973

(Numbers in thousands. Persons as of March of the following year)

Family status	1973			1972		
	Total	Below low-income level		Total	Below low-income level	
		Number	Percent of total		Number	Percent of total
Total	10,159	2,311	22.7	10,046	2,376	23.7
In families	9,634	2,154	22.4	9,556	2,214	23.2
Head	2,368	468	19.8	2,312	477	20.6
Female	411	211	51.4	386	187	48.5
Related children under 18 years	4,386	1,308	29.8	4,369	1,319	30.2
Other family members	2,883	378	13.1	2,875	418	14.6
Unrelated individuals	526	157	29.9	489	162	33.2

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