

Table 8.

## Poverty Estimates Based on Alternative Measures of Income and Deflators: 2001 and 2002

(Numbers in thousands. All measures use the official poverty thresholds)

Selected alternative income definitions	2001		2002		Change (2002 less 2001) <sup>1</sup>	
	Number below poverty level	Poverty rate	Number below poverty level	Poverty rate	Number below poverty level	Poverty rate
<b>USING OFFICIAL POVERTY THRESHOLDS ADJUSTED USING CPI-U</b>						
MI (Money income; used in official measure of poverty) . . . . .	32,907	11.7	34,570	12.1	*1,663	*0.4
MI-Tx (Money income plus realized capital gains (losses), less income and payroll taxes) . . . . .	31,730	11.3	33,164	11.6	*1,434	*0.3
MI-Tx+NC-MM (Money income plus realized capital gains (losses), less income and payroll taxes, plus value of employer-provided health benefits and all noncash transfers except medicare and medicaid) . . . . .	26,910	9.6	28,166	9.9	*1,256	*0.3
MI-Tx+NC (Money income plus capital gains (losses), less income and payroll taxes, plus value of all noncash transfers) . . . . .	25,454	9.0	26,750	9.4	*1,296	*0.4
MI-Tx+NC+HE (Money income plus capital gains (losses), less income and payroll taxes, plus value of all noncash transfers, plus imputed return to home equity) . . . . .	23,473	8.3	24,632	8.6	*1,159	*0.3
<b>USING THRESHOLDS ADJUSTED USING CPI-U-X1</b>						
MI (Money income) . . . . .	29,389	10.4	30,685	10.8	*1,296	*0.4
MI-Tx (Money income plus realized capital gains (losses), less income and payroll taxes) . . . . .	27,665	9.8	29,050	10.2	*1,385	*0.4
MI-Tx+NC-MM (Money income plus realized capital gains (losses), less income and payroll taxes, plus value of employer-provided health benefits and all noncash transfers except medicare and medicaid) . . . . .	22,788	8.1	24,013	8.4	*1,225	*0.3
MI-Tx+NC (Money income plus capital gains (losses), less income and payroll taxes, plus value of all noncash transfers) . . . . .	22,051	7.8	23,359	8.2	*1,308	*0.4
MI-Tx+NC+HE (Money income plus capital gains (losses), less income and payroll taxes, plus value of all noncash transfers, plus imputed return to home equity) . . . . .	20,210	7.2	21,517	7.5	*1,307	*0.3

\*Statistically different from zero at the 90-percent confidence level.

<sup>1</sup>Details may not sum to totals because of rounding.

Note: For further description of the income measure, see text box.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2002 and 2003 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.