

Table 3.
People and Families in Poverty by Selected Characteristics: 2006 and 2007

(Numbers in thousands, confidence intervals [C.I.] in thousands or percentage points as appropriate. People as of March of the following year)

Characteristic	2006					2007					Change in poverty (2007 less 2006) ²		
	Total	Below poverty				Total	Below poverty				Number	Percentage	
		Number	90-percent C.I. ¹ (±)	Percentage	90-percent C.I. ¹ (±)		Number	90-percent C.I. ¹ (±)	Percentage	90-percent C.I. ¹ (±)			
PEOPLE													
Total	296,450	36,460	676	12.3	0.2	298,699	37,276	682	12.5	0.2	*816	0.2	
Family Status													
In families	245,199	25,915	581	10.6	0.2	245,443	26,509	587	10.8	0.2	594	0.2	
Householder	78,454	7,668	185	9.8	0.2	77,908	7,623	184	9.8	0.2	-45	-	
Related children under 18	72,609	12,299	339	16.9	0.5	72,792	12,802	345	17.6	0.5	*504	*0.6	
Related children under 6	24,204	4,830	221	20.0	0.9	24,543	5,101	227	20.8	0.9	*271	0.8	
In unrelated subfamilies	1,367	567	90	41.5	5.0	1,516	577	91	38.1	4.7	9	-3.4	
Reference person	567	229	57	40.4	7.8	609	222	56	36.5	7.4	-7	-3.9	
Children under 18	719	323	60	44.9	6.2	819	332	60	40.5	5.7	9	-4.4	
Unrelated individuals	49,884	9,977	218	20.0	0.3	51,740	10,189	221	19.7	0.3	212	-0.3	
Male	24,674	4,388	132	17.8	0.4	25,447	4,348	131	17.1	0.4	-40	*-0.7	
Female	25,210	5,589	152	22.2	0.5	26,293	5,841	156	22.2	0.5	*252	-	
Race³ and Hispanic Origin													
White	237,619	24,416	566	10.3	0.2	239,133	25,120	573	10.5	0.2	*704	0.2	
White, not Hispanic	196,049	16,013	465	8.2	0.2	196,583	16,032	465	8.2	0.2	19	-	
Black	37,306	9,048	331	24.3	0.8	37,665	9,237	334	24.5	0.8	189	0.3	
Asian	13,177	1,353	135	10.3	1.0	13,257	1,349	135	10.2	1.0	-4	-0.1	
Hispanic (any race)	44,784	9,243	324	20.6	0.7	45,933	9,890	333	21.5	0.7	*647	*0.9	
Age													
Under 18 years	73,727	12,827	345	17.4	0.5	73,996	13,324	350	18.0	0.5	*497	*0.6	
18 to 64 years	186,688	20,239	515	10.8	0.3	187,913	20,396	516	10.9	0.3	157	-	
65 years and older	36,035	3,394	129	9.4	0.4	36,790	3,556	132	9.7	0.4	*162	0.2	
Nativity													
Native born	259,199	30,790	628	11.9	0.2	261,456	31,126	631	11.9	0.2	336	-	
Foreign born	37,251	5,670	321	15.2	0.8	37,243	6,150	335	16.5	0.8	*480	*1.3	
Naturalized citizen	14,534	1,345	158	9.3	1.0	15,050	1,426	162	9.5	1.0	81	0.2	
Not a citizen	22,716	4,324	281	19.0	1.1	22,193	4,724	294	21.3	1.2	*400	*2.2	
Region													
Northeast	54,072	6,222	287	11.5	0.5	53,952	6,166	286	11.4	0.5	-56	-0.1	
Midwest	65,411	7,324	309	11.2	0.5	65,403	7,237	308	11.1	0.5	-87	-0.1	
South	107,902	14,882	445	13.8	0.4	109,545	15,501	453	14.2	0.4	*619	0.4	
West	69,065	8,032	334	11.6	0.5	69,799	8,372	340	12.0	0.5	340	0.4	
Metropolitan Status													
Inside metropolitan statistical areas	249,092	29,283	614	11.8	0.2	251,023	29,921	620	11.9	0.2	638	0.2	
Inside principal cities	95,138	15,336	456	16.1	0.5	96,731	15,983	465	16.5	0.5	*646	0.4	
Outside principal cities	153,954	13,947	436	9.1	0.3	154,292	13,938	436	9.0	0.3	-8	-	
Outside metropolitan statistical areas ⁴	47,357	7,177	387	15.2	0.8	47,676	7,355	392	15.4	0.8	178	0.3	
Work Experience													
Total, 16 years and older	231,800	24,896	565	10.7	0.2	233,885	25,297	569	10.8	0.2	401	0.1	
All workers	157,352	9,181	355	5.8	0.2	158,468	9,089	354	5.7	0.2	-92	-0.1	
Worked full-time, year-round	107,734	2,906	203	2.7	0.2	108,617	2,768	198	2.5	0.2	-138	-0.1	
Not full-time, year-round	49,618	6,275	296	12.6	0.6	49,851	6,320	297	12.7	0.6	45	-	
Did not work at least one week	74,448	15,715	458	21.1	0.6	75,417	16,208	465	21.5	0.6	*493	0.4	
FAMILIES													
Total	78,454	7,668	185	9.8	0.2	77,908	7,623	184	9.8	0.2	-45	-	
Type of Family													
Married-couple	58,964	2,910	105	4.9	0.2	58,395	2,849	104	4.9	0.2	-61	-0.1	
Female householder, no husband present	14,424	4,087	127	28.3	1.0	14,411	4,078	127	28.3	1.0	-9	-	
Male householder, no wife present	5,067	671	48	13.2	1.0	5,103	696	49	13.6	1.0	25	0.4	

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

- Represents or rounds to zero.

¹ A 90-percent confidence interval is a measure of an estimate's variability. The larger the confidence interval in relation to the size of the estimate, the less reliable the estimate. For more information, see "Standard Errors and Their Use" at <www.census.gov/hhes/www/p60_235sa.pdf>.

² Details may not sum to totals because of rounding.

³ Federal surveys now give respondents the option of reporting more than one race. Therefore, two basic ways of defining a race group are possible. A group such as Asian may be defined as those who reported Asian and no other race (the race-alone or single-race concept) or as those who reported Asian regardless of whether they also reported another race (the race-alone-or-in-combination concept). This table shows data using the first approach (race alone). The use of the single-race population does not imply that it is the preferred method of presenting or analyzing data. The Census Bureau uses a variety of approaches. Information on people who reported more than one race, such as *White and* American Indian and Alaska Native or Asian *and* Black or African American, is available from Census 2000 through American FactFinder. About 2.6 percent of people reported more than one race in Census 2000. Data for American Indians and Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders, and those reporting two or more races are not shown separately.

⁴ The "Outside metropolitan statistical areas" category includes both micropolitan statistical areas and territory outside of metropolitan and micropolitan statistical areas. For more information, see "About Metropolitan and Micropolitan Statistical Areas" at <www.census.gov/population/www/estimates/aboutmetro.html>.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2007 and 2008 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.