

Table 5.

## Change in Poverty During First Year After a Recession: 1961 to 2010

(Numbers in thousands. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see [www.census.gov/apspd/techdoc/cps/cpsmar11.pdf](http://www.census.gov/apspd/techdoc/cps/cpsmar11.pdf))

Recession <sup>1</sup>	First calendar year after the recession ended	People below poverty					
		Year in which the recession ended		First calendar year after the recession ended		Change	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
December 2007 to June 2009 . . . . .	2010	43,569	14.3	46,180	15.1	*2,611	*0.8
March 2001 to November 2001 . . . . .	2002	32,907	11.7	34,570	12.1	*1,663	*0.4
July 1990 to March 1991 . . . . .	1992	35,708	14.2	38,014	14.8	*2,306	*0.6
July 1981 to November 1982 . . . . .	1983	34,398	15.0	35,303	15.2	905	0.2
January 1980 to July 1980 . . . . .	1981 <sup>2</sup>	29,272	13.0	31,822	14.0	*2,550	*1.0
November 1973 to March 1975 . . . . .	1976	25,877	12.3	24,975	11.8	*-902	*-0.5
December 1969 to November 1970 . . . . .	1971	25,420	12.6	25,559	12.5	139	-0.1
April 1960 to February 1961 . . . . .	1962	39,628	21.9	38,625	21.0	-1,003	*-0.9

\* Statistically different from zero at the 90 percent confidence level. Statistical significance of the changes for 2009 to 2010 is based on standard errors calculated using replicate weights. Prior years are based on the general variance function. For more information, see "Standard Errors and Their Use" at <[www.census.gov/hhes/www/p60\\_239sa.pdf](http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/p60_239sa.pdf)>.

<sup>1</sup> Business cycle peaks and troughs used to delineate the beginning and end of recessions are determined by the National Bureau of Economic Research, a private research organization. See Appendix A for more information.

<sup>2</sup> While 1981 was the first calendar year after the recession that ended in July 1980, the economy entered another recession in July 1981.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 1962 to 2011 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.