

Table 2a.

People in Poverty 2 or More Months by Selected Characteristics During the 3-Year Period: 2004–2006

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	2004–2006 ¹				
	Total	People in poverty 2 or more months			
		Number		Percent	
		Estimate	90 percent C.I. ² (+/-)	Estimate	90 percent C.I. ² (+/-)
All people	270,914	78,348	1,361	28.9	0.5
Race and Hispanic Origin					
White alone ³	218,713	56,837	1,232	26.0	0.6
White alone, non-Hispanic ⁴	185,708	41,945	1,100	22.6	0.6
Black alone ³	33,773	15,373	617	45.5	1.7
Asian alone ³	8,814	2,392	292	27.1	2.9
Hispanic ⁴	36,043	16,491	665	45.8	1.7
Non-Hispanic	234,871	61,858	1,268	26.3	0.5
Age					
Under 18 years	70,579	25,684	895	36.4	1.1
18 to 64 years	170,610	47,286	1,152	27.7	0.6
65 years and over	29,725	5,378	428	18.1	1.3
Sex					
Male	131,022	35,879	949	27.4	0.7
Female	139,892	42,469	1,009	30.4	0.7
Educational attainment (people 18 years and over)					
Less than 4 years of high school	28,855	13,487	666	46.7	1.7
High school graduate, no college	49,675	13,816	674	27.8	1.2
One or more years of college	121,805	25,361	890	20.8	0.7
Disability status (people 15 to 69 years)					
With a work disability	21,366	9,541	565	44.7	2.0
With no work disability	170,292	43,230	1,113	25.4	0.6
Residence					
Metropolitan	219,638	61,578	1,266	28.0	0.6
Nonmetropolitan	51,276	16,770	738	32.7	1.2
Region					
Northeast	50,872	14,050	679	27.6	1.2
Midwest	61,788	15,483	711	25.1	1.0
South	96,468	30,451	964	31.6	0.9
West	61,786	18,364	769	29.7	1.1
Family status					
In families	228,679	61,701	1,267	27.0	0.5
With related children under 18 years ...	147,481	47,747	1,157	32.4	0.7
In married-couple families	178,576	37,355	1,050	20.9	0.6
With related children under 18 years ...	111,478	27,458	921	24.6	0.8
In families with a female householder, no husband present	39,035	20,218	804	51.8	1.5
With related children under 18 years ...	29,268	17,237	747	58.9	1.7
In families with a male householder, no wife present	11,068	4,129	376	37.3	2.7
With related children under 18 years ...	6,734	3,052	324	45.3	3.6
Unrelated individuals	42,235	16,647	735	39.4	1.4
In non-family households	39,166	14,670	693	37.5	1.4

See footnotes at end of table.

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Employment and labor force status (people 18 years and over)					
Employed absent from work	1,749	697	156	39.8	6.9
Employed full-time	104,344	19,223	789	18.4	0.7
Employed part-time	27,361	8,827	546	32.3	1.7
Unemployed.	6,536	3,693	357	56.5	3.6
Not in labor force	60,345	20,224	807	33.5	1.1
Marital status (people 18 years and over)					
Married	115,577	21,733	830	18.8	0.7
Separated, divorced, or widowed	36,954	13,286	662	36.0	1.5
Never married	47,804	17,645	755	36.9	1.3
Family size					
1 Person (unrelated individual)	42,235	16,647	735	39.4	1.4
2 People.	66,348	14,529	690	21.9	0.9
3 People.	48,925	12,297	638	25.1	1.2
4 People.	57,184	14,040	679	24.6	1.1
5 People.	33,079	10,683	597	32.3	1.5
6 or more people	23,143	10,153	582	43.9	1.9

¹ Panel and yearly estimates contain different samples. The 3-year panel estimates include only respondents in the panel for 10 waves whereas calendar year estimates include people in sample for 12 months. The total number of respondents in each sample are as follows: 27,840 in the 3-year panel; 86,128 in 2004; 76,953 in 2005; and 34,372 in 2006. In wave 9 of the SIPP 2004 Panel, a 53 percent sample reduction was made. However, the calendar year weight for 2006 and the 3-year panel weight correct for that sample reduction.

² A 90 percent confidence interval (C.I.) 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.

³ Federal surveys, including the SIPP 2004 Panel, give respondents the option of reporting more than one race. These data can be shown in two ways: (1) as mutually exclusive from other race groups, which may be denoted by "alone" or (2) not mutually exclusive with other race groups, denoted by "alone or in combination with other race groups." The figures, tables, and text in this report show race using the first method.

⁴ Hispanics may be any race, data in this report for Hispanics overlap data for racial groups. Data users should exercise caution when interpreting aggregate results for these groups because they consist of many distinct subgroups that differ in socioeconomic characteristics, culture, and recency of immigration.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Survey of Income and Program Participation, 2004 Panel. For information on confidentiality protection and sampling and nonsampling error, see <<http://www.census.gov/sipp/source.html>>.