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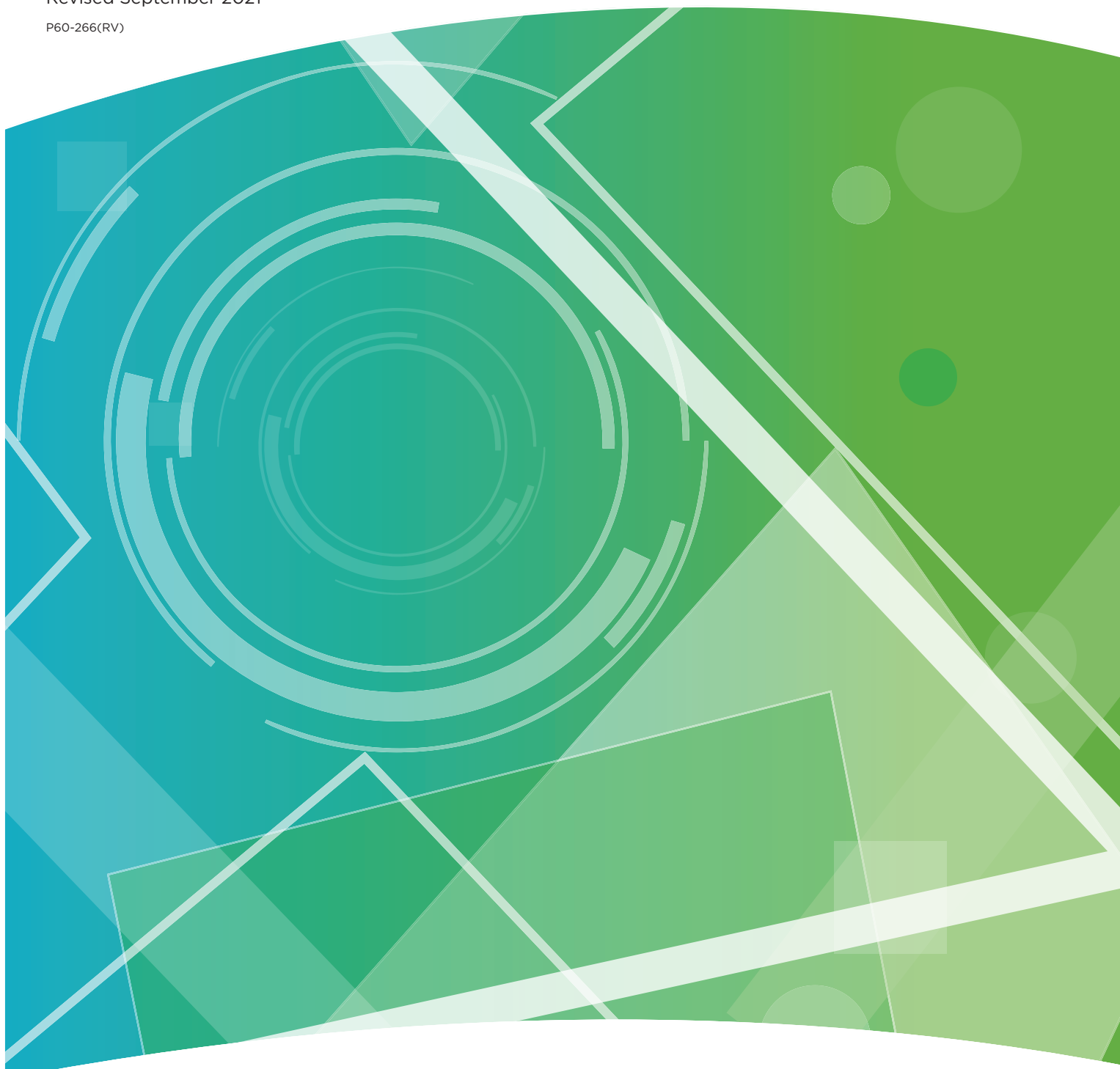
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INTRODUCTION

The U.S. Census Bureau collects data and publishes estimates on income and poverty in order to evaluate national economic trends as well as to understand their impact on the well-being of households, families, and individuals. This report presents data on income and poverty in the United States based on information collected in the 2019 and earlier Current Population Survey (CPS) Annual Social and Economic Supplements (ASEC) conducted by the Census Bureau.¹

The Census Bureau has been engaged, for the past several years, in implementing improvements to the CPS ASEC. These changes have been implemented in a two-step process, beginning first with questionnaire design changes incorporated over the period of 2014 to 2016, followed by more recent changes to the data processing system. This report is the first time income and poverty measures reflect both data collection and processing system changes. The 2017 and 2018 income and poverty estimates presented in this report are based on the updated processing system and therefore the 2017 estimates may differ from those released in

September 2018. See Appendix D for more information.²

This report contains two main sections, one focuses on income and the other on poverty. Each section presents estimates by characteristics such as race, Hispanic origin, nativity, and region. Other topics, such as earnings and family poverty rates, are included only in the relevant section.

Summary of Findings

- Median household income was \$63,179 in 2018, not statistically different from the 2017 median, following 3 consecutive years of annual increases.
- Between 2017 and 2018, the real median earnings of all workers increased 3.4 percent to \$40,247.
- The 2018 real median earnings of men and women who worked full-time, year-round increased by 3.4 percent and 3.3 percent, respectively, between 2017 and 2018.³
- The number of full-time, year-round workers increased by 2.3 million, between 2017 and 2018.

² Given the impact of the new income questions introduced in 2014, the new relationship categories introduced in 2015–2016, and the 2019 implementation of an updated processing system, comparisons of 2018 estimates to pre-2017 estimates should be made with caution. In this report, comparisons to earlier years are made when questionnaire and processing system changes did not result in statistically significant differences in the estimates. See Appendix D and <www.census.gov/library/stories/2019/09/us-median-household-income-not-significantly-different-from-2017.html> for more details.

³ The difference between the 2017–2018 percent changes in median earnings for men and women working full-time, year-round was not statistically significant.

The number of men and women full-time, year-round workers increased by about 700,000 and 1.6 million, respectively.

- The official poverty rate in 2018 was 11.8 percent, a decrease of 0.5 percentage points from 2017. This is the fourth consecutive annual decline in the national poverty rate. In 2018, for the first time in 11 years, the official poverty rate was significantly lower than 2007, the year before the most recent recession.
- The number of people in poverty in 2018 was 38.1 million, 1.4 million fewer people than 2017.

For all demographic groups shown in Figure 1 (see page 2), the 2018 median household income estimates were higher or were not statistically different from the 2017 estimates. For most demographic groups shown in Figure 8 (see page 13), poverty rates in 2018 were either lower than in 2017 or not statistically different. The only group to experience a statistically significant increase in poverty rates from 2017 to 2018 was people aged 25 or older with no high school diploma.

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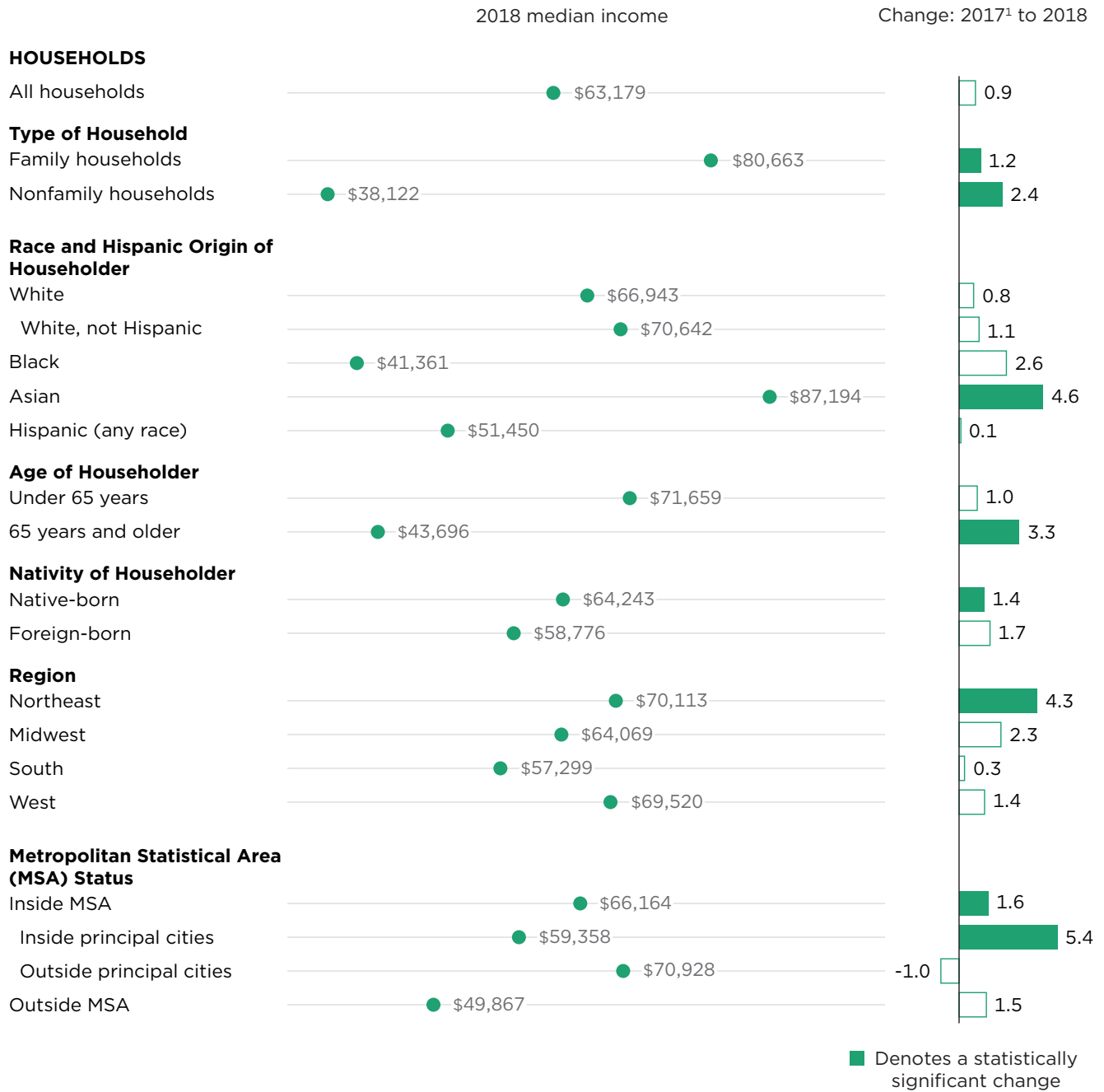
Highlights

- Median household income was \$63,179 in 2018, not statistically different from the 2017 median (Figure 1 and Table A-1).
- The 2018 real median income of family households and nonfamily households increased 1.2 percent and 2.4 percent, respectively,

¹ The Census Bureau reviewed this data product for unauthorized disclosure of confidential information and approved the disclosure avoidance practices applied to this release. CBDRB-FY19-POP001-0028.

Figure 1.

Median Household Income and Percent Change by Selected Characteristics



¹ The 2017 data reflect the implementation of an updated processing system. See Appendix D for more information.
 Notes: Households as of March of the following year. Inflation-adjusted estimates may differ slightly from other published data due to rounding. Statistically significant indicates the change is statistically different from zero at the 90 percent confidence level. For more details, see Table A-1. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, and definitions, see <<https://www2.census.gov/programs-survey/cps/techdocs/cpsmar19.pdf>>.
 Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2018 and 2019 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.

between 2017 and 2018 (Figure 1 and Table A-1).⁴ This is the fourth consecutive annual increase in median household income for family households.

- The 2018 real median income of Asian households increased 4.6 percent from 2017 to \$87,194, while the real median incomes of non-Hispanic White (\$70,642), Black (\$41,361), and Hispanic (\$51,450) households were not statistically different from their 2017 medians (Figure 1 and Table A-1).⁵
- For householders under the age of 65, real median household income was not statistically different between 2017 and 2018, while real median household income for householders aged 65 and over increased 3.3 percent from 2017 (Figure 1 and Table A-1).⁶
- The real median income of households maintained by a native-born person increased 1.4 percent between 2017 and 2018, while the 2018 real median income of households maintained by a foreign-born person was not statistically different from 2017 (Figure 1 and Table A-1).⁷

⁴ The difference between the 2017-2018 percent changes in median income for family (1.2 percent) and nonfamily (2.4 percent) households was not statistically significant.

⁵ The only significant difference between the 2017-2018 percent changes in median income for each race group was Asian (4.6 percent) and Hispanic (0.1 percent).

⁶ The difference between the 2017-2018 percent changes in median income for householders under the age of 65 (1.0 percent) and by householders aged 65 and over (3.3 percent) was not statistically significant.

⁷ The difference between the 2017-2018 percent changes in median income for households maintained by a native-born person (1.4 percent) and those maintained by a foreign-born person (1.7 percent) was not statistically significant.

Caution for Historical Comparisons

Although 2018 median household income appears to be the highest median household income ever reported from the CPS ASEC, comparisons to income and poverty estimates prior to 2017 must be made with caution as the income questions were redesigned in 2014 and estimates for 2018 are only available using a new processing system.

To better understand how these survey changes would affect income and poverty estimates, the 2014 CPS ASEC used a split-panel design. In the split-panel design, about 70 percent of the sample was randomly selected to receive the traditional income questions, which matched those administered prior to 2014. The other 30 percent of the sample received the redesigned questions. Likewise, two sets of estimates are available from the 2018 CPS ASEC, providing estimates of income and poverty for 2017 under the legacy and updated data processing systems. In each case, dual estimates are available for a single year. Comparisons across these estimates help to account for the changes in the questionnaire and processing system when making comparisons over time. For more details, see Appendix D and <www.census.gov/library/stories/2019/09/us-median-household-income-not-significantly-different-from-2017.html>.

- Between 2017 and 2018, the real median earnings of all workers increased 3.4 percent to \$40,247 (Figure 4 and Table A-6).
- The 2018 real median earnings of men (\$55,291) and women (\$45,097) who worked full-time, year-round increased by 3.4 percent and 3.3 percent, respectively, (Figure 4 and Table A-6) between 2017 and 2018.⁸ The 2018 female-to-male earnings ratio was 0.816, not statistically different from the 2017 ratio (Figure 5).
- The number of full-time, year-round workers increased by 2.3 million, between 2017 and 2018. The number of men and women full-time, year-round workers

⁸ The difference between the 2017-2018 percent changes in median earnings for men (3.4 percent) and women (3.3 percent) working full-time, year-round was not statistically significant.

increased by about 700,000 and 1.6 million, respectively.

Household Income⁹

Following 3 consecutive years of annual increases in the real median income of all households in the United States, the 2018 median income (\$63,179) was not statistically different in real terms from the 2017 median of \$62,626 (Figure 1 and Table A-1).

⁹ The householder is the person (or one of the people) in whose name the home is owned or rented and the person to whom the relationship of other household members is recorded. If a married couple owns the home jointly, either spouse may be listed as the householder. Since only one person in each household is designated as the householder, the number of householders is equal to the number of households. This report uses the characteristics of the householder to describe the household.

Type of Household¹⁰

The 2018 real median income of family households and nonfamily households increased 1.2 percent and 2.4 percent, respectively, between 2017 and 2018 (Figure 1 and Table A-1).¹¹ This is the fourth consecutive annual increase in median household income for family households. Real median income among family households maintained by women with no spouse present increased 5.8 percent between 2017 and 2018, while median income of married-couple households and family households maintained by men with no spouse present were not statistically different from 2017 medians in real terms.¹² For family households, married-couple households had the highest median income in 2018 (\$93,654), followed by households maintained by men with no spouse present (\$61,518). Family households maintained by women with no spouse present had the lowest median income (\$45,128).

Looking at nonfamily households, real median income for male householders (\$45,754) increased 4.4 percent between 2017 and 2018, while the change in real median income

¹⁰ A family household is a household maintained by a householder who is related to at least one other person in the household by birth, marriage, or adoption and includes any unrelated individuals who may be residing there. A nonfamily household is a householder living alone (a one-person household) or sharing the home exclusively with nonrelatives.

¹¹ The difference between the 2017–2018 percent changes in median income for family (1.2 percent) and nonfamily (2.4 percent) households was not statistically significant.

¹² The following differences between the 2017–2018 percent changes in median income by type of family household were not statistically significant: family households (1.2 percent) and male householders, no spouse present (3.2 percent); married-couple households (0.1 percent) and male householders, no spouse present (3.2 percent); and female householders, no spouse present (5.8 percent) and male householders, no spouse present (3.2 percent).

was not statistically significant for female-headed households.¹³

Race and Hispanic Origin¹⁴

The 2018 real median income of Asian households increased 4.6 percent from 2017 to \$87,194, while the real median incomes of non-Hispanic White (\$70,642), Black (\$41,361), and Hispanic (\$51,450) households were not statistically different from their 2017 medians (Figure 2 and Table A-1).¹⁵ Among the race groups,

¹³ The differences between the 2017–2018 percent changes in median income by specific type of nonfamily household were not statistically significant.

¹⁴ Federal surveys 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). The body of this report (text and figures) shows data using the first approach (race alone). The appendix tables show data using both approaches. 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.

In this report, the terms “White, not Hispanic” and “non-Hispanic White” are used interchangeably and refer to people who are not Hispanic and who reported White and no other race. The Census Bureau uses non-Hispanic Whites as the comparison group for other race groups and Hispanics.

Since Hispanics may be any race, data in this report for Hispanics overlap with data for race groups. Hispanic origin was reported by 15.7 percent of White householders who reported only one race, 5.3 percent of Black householders who reported only one race, and 2.0 percent of Asian householders who reported only one race.

Data users should exercise caution when interpreting aggregate results for the Hispanic population or for race groups because these populations consist of many distinct groups that differ in socioeconomic characteristics, culture, and nativity. Data were first collected for Hispanics in 1972 and for Asians and Pacific Islanders in 1987. For further information, see <www.census.gov/programs-surveys/cps.html>.

¹⁵ The only significant difference between the 2017–2018 percent changes in median income for each race group was Asian (4.6 percent) and Hispanic (0.1 percent).

Asian households had the highest median income in 2018.¹⁶

The real median income of different groups can be compared by calculating the ratio of the median income of a specific group to the median income of non-Hispanic White households. For 2018, the ratio of Asian to non-Hispanic White household income was 1.23, the ratio of Black to non-Hispanic White household income was 0.59, while the ratio of Hispanic to non-Hispanic White household income was 0.73; none of these ratios were statistically different from 2017.

Age of Householder

For householders under the age of 65, real median household income was not statistically different between 2017 and 2018, while real median household income of householders aged 65 and over increased 3.3 percent from 2017 (Figure 1 and Table A-1).¹⁷ Householders aged 15 to 24, 25 to 34, and 45 to 54 experienced an increase in real median income between 2017 and 2018, of 9.1 percent, 5.0 percent and 2.9 percent, respectively.¹⁸

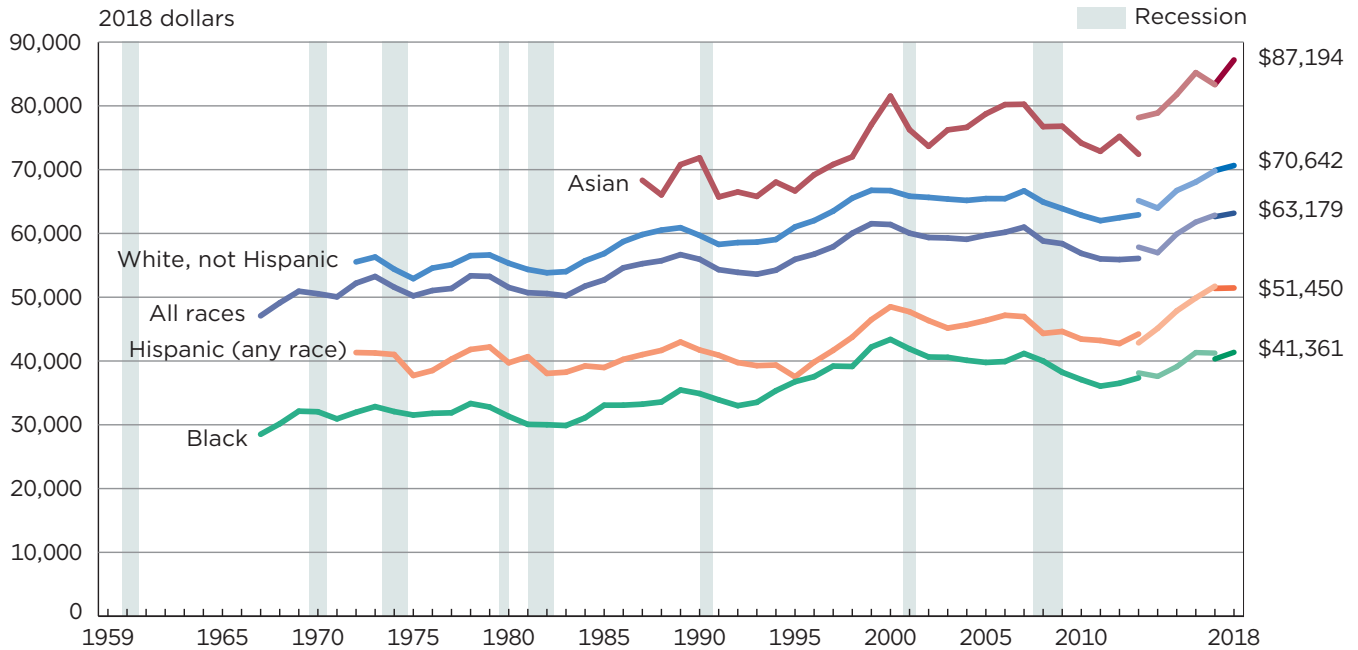
Householders aged 45 to 54 had the highest median income in 2018

¹⁶ The small sample size of the Asian population and the fact that the CPS ASEC does not use separate population controls for weighting the Asian sample to national totals contribute to the large variances surrounding estimates for this group. The American Community Survey (ACS), based on a much larger sample of the population, is a better source for estimating and identifying changes for small subgroups of the population.

¹⁷ The difference between the 2017–2018 percent changes in median income for householders under the age of 65 (1.0 percent) and householders aged 65 and over (3.3 percent) was not statistically significant.

¹⁸ For householders under the age of 65, the following differences between the 2017–2018 percent changes in median household income were not statistically significant: householders aged 15 to 24 and 25 to 34; householders aged 15 to 24 and 45 to 54; householders aged 25 to 34 and 45 to 54; householders aged 35 to 44 and 45 to 54; and householders aged 35 to 44 and 55 to 64.

Figure 2.
Real Median Household Income by Race and Hispanic Origin: 1967 to 2018



Notes: The data for 2017 and beyond reflect the implementation of an updated processing system. See Appendix D for more information. The data for 2013 and beyond reflect the implementation of the redesigned income questions. See Table A-2 for historical footnotes. The data points are placed at the midpoints of the respective years. Median household income data are not available prior to 1967. For more information on recessions, see Appendix A. For more information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see <<https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/cps/techdocs/cpsmar19.pdf>>.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 1968 to 2019 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.

(\$84,464), followed by householders aged 35 to 44 (\$80,743), householders aged 55 to 64 (\$68,951), and householders aged 25 to 34 (\$65,890). Householders aged 65 and over (\$43,696) and householders aged 15 to 24 (\$43,531) had the lowest median incomes.¹⁹

¹⁹ The difference between the 2018 median household income among those with householders aged 15 to 24 (\$43,531) and householders aged 65 and over (\$43,696) was not statistically different.

Nativity²⁰

Between 2017 and 2018, the real median income of households maintained by a native-born person increased 1.4 percent, from \$63,377 to \$64,243, the fourth consecutive annual increase in median household

²⁰ Native-born households are those in which the householder was born in the United States, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Island Areas of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands of the United States, or was born in a foreign country but had at least one parent who was a U.S. citizen. All other households are considered foreign-born regardless of the date of entry into the United States or citizenship status. The CPS does not interview households in Puerto Rico. Of all householders, 84.4 percent were native-born; 8.6 percent were foreign-born, naturalized citizens; and 7.0 percent were not U.S. citizens.

income for native-born households. The 2018 real median income of households maintained by a foreign-born person (\$58,776) was not statistically different from 2017 (Figure 1 and Table A-1). The foreign-born can be classified into two categories: those who are naturalized U.S. citizens and those who are not U.S. citizens. Neither group experienced a statistically significant change in their median household income between 2017 and 2018.²¹

²¹ The difference between the 2017-2018 percent changes in median income for households by specific nativity status were not statistically significant.

In 2018, households maintained by a naturalized citizen (\$65,520) and by a native-born person (\$64,243) had the highest median household incomes.²² Households maintained by a noncitizen had the lowest median household income (\$51,944).

Region²³

Households in the Northeast experienced an increase in real median income of 4.3 percent between 2017 and 2018, from \$67,192 to \$70,113. The changes in real median incomes of households in the Midwest, South, and West were not statistically significant.²⁴ Median incomes were highest in the Northeast (\$70,113) and the West (\$69,520), followed by the Midwest (\$64,069) and the South (\$57,299) (Figure 1 and Table A-1).²⁵

²² The difference in 2018 median household income for households maintained by a naturalized citizen and a native-born person was not statistically significant.

²³ The Northeast region includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont. The Midwest region includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. The South region includes Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia. The West region includes Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

²⁴ The only significant difference between the 2017–2018 percent changes in median income for each region was the Northeast (4.3 percent) and South (0.3 percent).

²⁵ The difference in 2018 median household incomes for the Northeast and the West was not statistically significant.

Residence²⁶

The real median income for households within metropolitan statistical areas increased 1.6 percent between 2017 and 2018, from \$65,142 to \$66,164. This is the fourth consecutive annual increase in median income for households within metropolitan statistical areas. Among households inside metropolitan areas, those in principal cities experienced a 5.4 percent increase in real median income, while the change for households outside principal cities was not statistically significant (Figure 1 and Table A-1). The change in real median income of households outside of metropolitan statistical areas was not statistically significant.²⁷

In 2018, households inside metropolitan areas but outside principal cities had the highest median income (\$70,928), followed by households inside principal cities (\$59,358). Households outside metropolitan areas had the lowest median income (\$49,867).

²⁶ For the definition of metropolitan statistical areas and principal cities, see <www.census.gov/programs-surveys/metro-micro/about/glossary.html>.

²⁷ The difference between the 2017–2018 percent changes in median income for households outside metropolitan statistical areas and all categories of households inside metropolitan statistical areas were not statistically significant.

Income Inequality

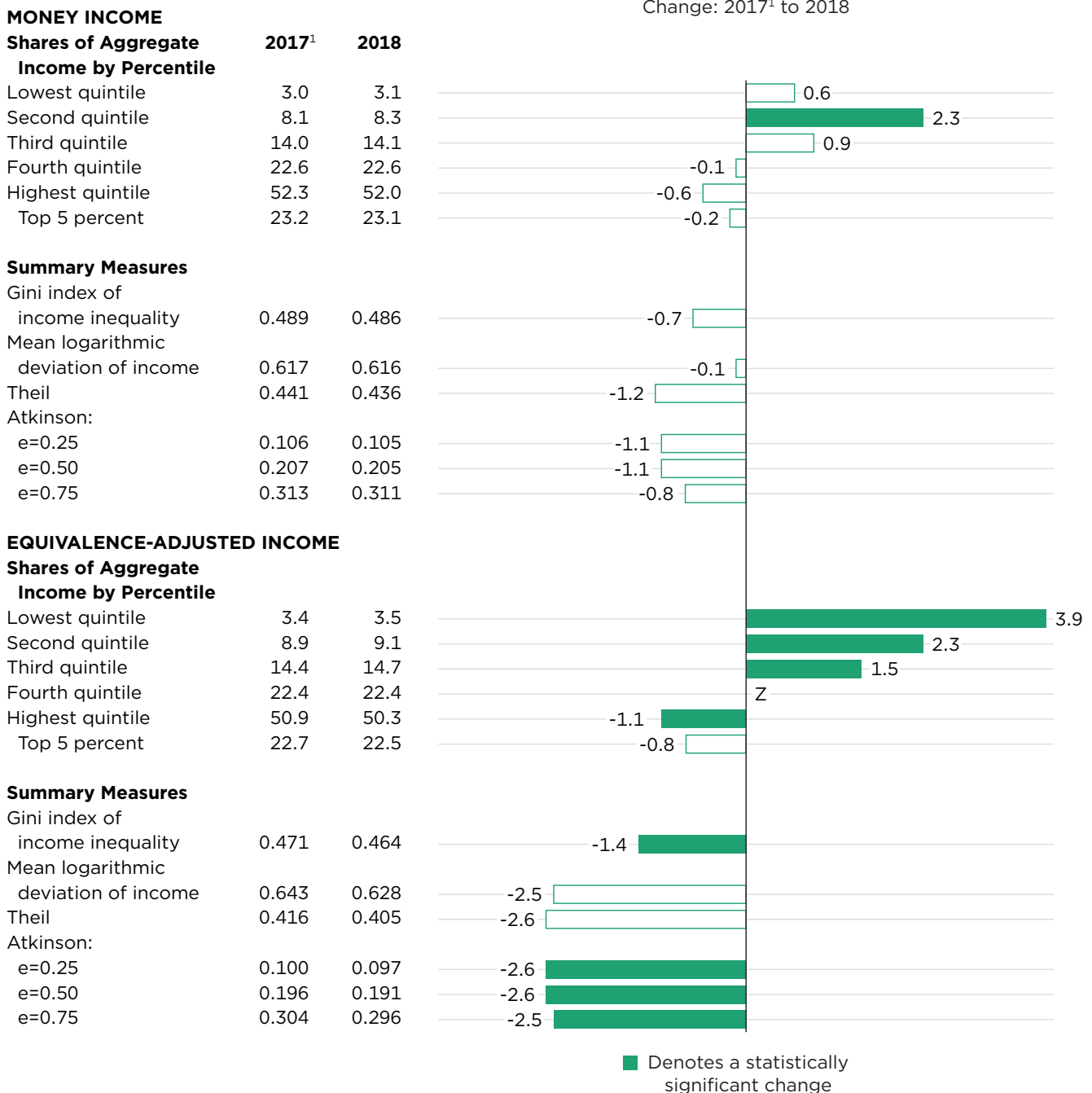
The Census Bureau reports various measures of income inequality: (1) the Gini index; (2) the shares of aggregate household income received by quintiles; (3) the ratio of income percentiles; (4) the Theil index; (5) the mean logarithmic deviation of income (MLD); and (6) the Atkinson measures.²⁸ The Gini index is a statistical measure of income inequality ranging from 0 to 1, with a measure of 1 indicating perfect inequality (one household having all the income and the rest having none) and a measure of 0 indicating perfect equality (all households having an equal share of income). The Theil index and the MLD are similar to the Gini index in that they are single statistics that summarize the dispersion of income across the entire income distribution. The Atkinson measures are useful in determining which end of the income distribution contributed most to inequality.

Based on money income, changes in inequality between 2017 and 2018 were not statistically significant as measured by the Gini index, the MLD, the Theil index, and the Atkinson measures (Figure 3 and Table A-3). The share of aggregate household income in the second quintile

²⁸ For an explanation of these inequality measures, see James Foster, Suman Seth, Michael Lokshin, and Zurab Sajaia, “A Unified Approach to Measuring Poverty and Inequality: Theory and Practice,” World Bank, Washington, DC, 2013, <<https://openknowledge.worldbank.org/bitstream/handle/10986/13731/9780821384619.pdf>>.

Figure 3.

Income Distribution Measures and Percent Change Using Money Income and Equivalence-Adjusted Income



Z Represents or rounds to zero.

¹ The 2017 data reflect the implementation of an updated processing system. See Appendix D for more information.

Notes: Percent change estimates may be different due to rounded components. Statistically significant indicates the change is statistically different from zero at the 90 percent confidence level. For more details, see Table A-3. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, and definitions, see <<https://www2.census.gov/programs-survey/cps/techdocs/cpsmar19.pdf>>.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2018 and 2019 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.

increased 2.3 percent between 2017 and 2018; the changes in the other quintiles were not statistically significant. The money income Gini index was 0.486 in 2018; the MLD was 0.616, the Theil index was 0.436, and the Atkinson measure calculated with $e=0.25$ was 0.105 and 0.311 with $e=0.75$ in 2018.²⁹

Table A-4 shows money income measures of the income distribution by percentiles, as well as the Gini index, MLD, Theil index, and Atkinson measures for income years 1967 to 2018. Comparing changes in household income at percentiles between 2017 and 2018, incomes at the 30th and 40th percentiles increased 3.0 percent and 3.4 percent, respectively, while changes in income at the other percentiles were not statistically significant.³⁰

Households in the lowest quintile (20th percentile) had incomes of \$25,600 or less in 2018. Households in the second quintile (40th percentile) had incomes from \$25,601 to \$50,000, those in the third quintile (60th percentile) had incomes from \$50,001 to \$79,542, and those in the fourth quintile (80th percentile) had incomes from \$79,543 to \$130,000. Households in the highest quintile had incomes of \$130,001 or more.

²⁹ The differences between these index values (Gini index, MLD, Theil index, and Atkinson measures) did not undergo statistical testing because these indices are not directly comparable.

³⁰ The difference between the 2017–2018 percent changes in household income at the 30th (3.0 percent) and 40th (3.4 percent) percentiles was not statistically significant.

The top 5 percent (95th percentile) of households in the income distribution had incomes of \$248,729 or more (Table A-4).

Equivalence-Adjusted Income Inequality

Another way to measure income inequality is to use an equivalence-adjusted income estimate that takes into consideration the number of people living in the household and how these people share resources and take advantage of economies of scale. For example, the money-income-based distribution treats an income of \$30,000 for a single-person household and a family household similarly. However, the equivalence-adjusted income would be the same for a single-person household with an income of \$30,000 and a family household with two adults and two children and an income of nearly \$65,000. The equivalence adjustment used here is based on a three-parameter scale.³¹

Figure 3 and Table A-3 show several income inequality measures, including aggregate income shares and the Gini index, using both money income and equivalence-adjusted income for 2017 and 2018. For both 2017 and 2018, the Gini index was lower when

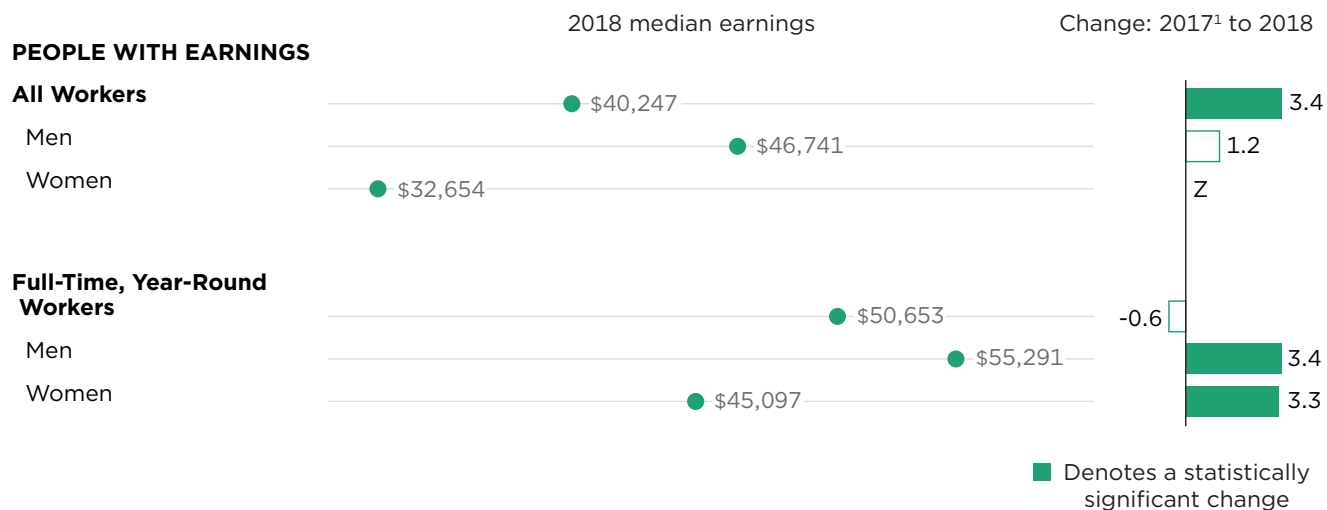
³¹ The three-parameter scale used here is the same as the one used in the Supplemental Poverty Measure. For details on the derivation of the three-parameter scale, see Liana Fox, "The Supplemental Poverty Measure: 2018," *Current Population Reports*, P60-268, U.S. Census Bureau, September 2018, <<https://www2.census.gov/library/publications/2019/demo/p60-268.html>>.

based on an equivalence-adjusted income estimate than on the traditional money-income estimate, suggesting a more equal income distribution. Generally, the income shares in the lower quintiles are higher with equivalence-adjusted income than money income, while the reverse is true for the higher quintiles. This redistribution would be expected because the lower end of the income distribution has a higher concentration of single-person households and smaller family sizes than those at the upper end of the distribution. Thus, equivalence-adjusting increases the relative income of people living in lower-income groups.

Based on equivalence-adjusted income, changes in inequality between 2017 and 2018 were statistically significant as measured by the Gini index and the Atkinson measures (Figure 3 and Table A-3). The equivalence-adjusted Gini index decreased from 0.471 in 2017 to 0.464 in 2018. The Atkinson measures at $e=0.25$, 0.50, and 0.75 decreased by 2.6 percent, 2.6 percent, and 2.5 percent, respectively, between 2017 and 2018.³² The equivalence-adjusted MLD and Theil index did not show a statistically significant change between 2017 and 2018.

³² The differences between the 2017–2018 percent changes in the Atkinson measure at $e=0.25$ (-2.6 percent), $e=0.50$ (-2.6 percent), and $e=0.75$ (-2.5 percent) were not statistically significant.

Figure 4.
Median Earnings and Percent Change by Selected Characteristics



Z Represents or rounds to zero.

¹ The 2017 data reflect the implementation of an updated processing system. See Appendix D for more information.

Notes: People 15 years and older with earnings. Statistically significant indicates the change is statistically different from zero at the 90 percent confidence level. For more details, see Table A-6. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, and definitions, see <<https://www2.census.gov/programs-survey/cps/techdocs/cpsmar19.pdf>>.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2018 and 2019 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.

The share of equivalence-adjusted aggregate household income in the lowest quintile, second quintile, and third quintile increased by 3.9 percent, 2.3 percent, and 1.5 percent, respectively, while the share of aggregate household income in the highest quintile decreased by 1.1 percent between 2017 and 2018.³³

Table A-5 shows equivalence-adjusted measures of the income distribution, as well as the Gini index, MLD, Theil index, and Atkinson measures for income years 1967 to 2018.

³³ The differences between the 2017–2018 percent changes in the share of aggregate household income received by quintiles were statistically significant except among the lowest quintile (3.9 percent) and the second quintile (2.3 percent).

Earnings and Work Experience³⁴

The 2018 real median earnings of all workers increased 3.4 percent from 2017, although changes in median earnings of male and female workers were not statistically different from

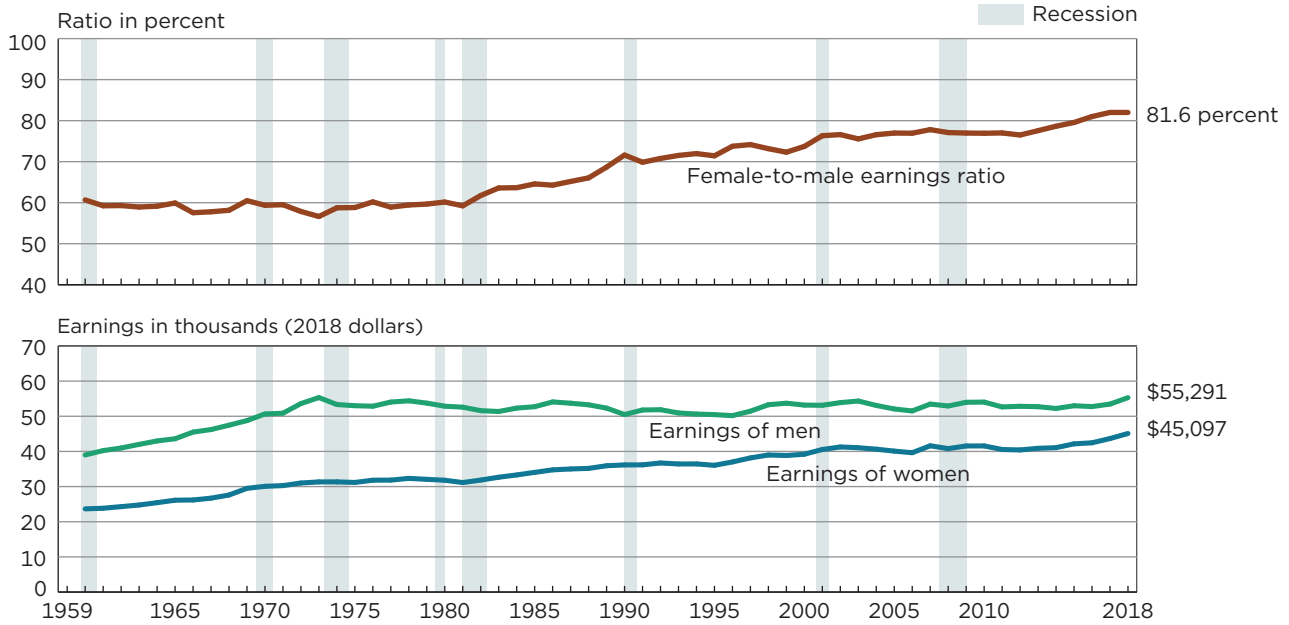
³⁴ Earnings are the sum of wage and salary income and nonfarm and farm self-employment income (gross receipts expenses). In 2018, approximately 79 percent of aggregate income came from earnings. In this section, all workers includes people 15 years and older with earnings who, during the preceding calendar year, worked on a part-time or full-time basis. A full-time, year-round worker is a person who worked at least 35 hours per week (full-time) and at least 50 weeks during the previous calendar year (year-round). For school personnel, summer vacation is counted as weeks worked if they are scheduled to return to their job in the fall. For detailed information on work experience, see Table PINC-05, “Work Experience in 2018—People 15 Years Old and Over by Total Money Earnings in 2018, Age, Race, Hispanic Origin, and Sex” at <www.census.gov/data/tables/time-series/demo/income-poverty/cps-pinc/pinc-05.html>.

the 2017 estimates (Figure 4 and Table A-6). The 2018 real median earnings of all full-time, year-round workers were not statistically different from the 2017 median, while the 2018 real median earnings of men (\$55,291) and women (\$45,097) who worked full-time, year-round each increased by 3.4 percent and 3.3 percent, respectively, between 2017 and 2018 (Figure 4 and Table A-6).^{35, 36} After adjusting for inflation, median earnings of full-time,

³⁵ For more detailed information on the relationship between earnings and household income, see “Understanding the Relationship Between Individual Earnings and Household Income” at <www.census.gov/newsroom/blogs/random-samplings/2017/11/earnings-income.html>.

³⁶ The difference between the 2017–2018 percent changes in median earnings for men (3.4 percent) and women (3.3 percent) working full-time, year-round was not statistically significant.

Figure 5.
**Female-to-Male Earnings Ratio and Median Earnings of Full-Time, Year-Round Workers
 15 Years and Older by Sex: 1960 to 2018**



Notes: The data for 2017 and beyond reflect the implementation of an updated processing system. See Appendix D for more information. The data for 2013 and beyond reflect the implementation of the redesigned income questions. See Table A-7 for historical footnotes. The data points are placed at the midpoints of the respective years. Data on earnings for full-time, year-round workers are not available before 1960. For more information on recessions, see Appendix A. For more information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see <https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/cps/techdocs/cpsmar19.pdf>.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 1961 to 2019 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.

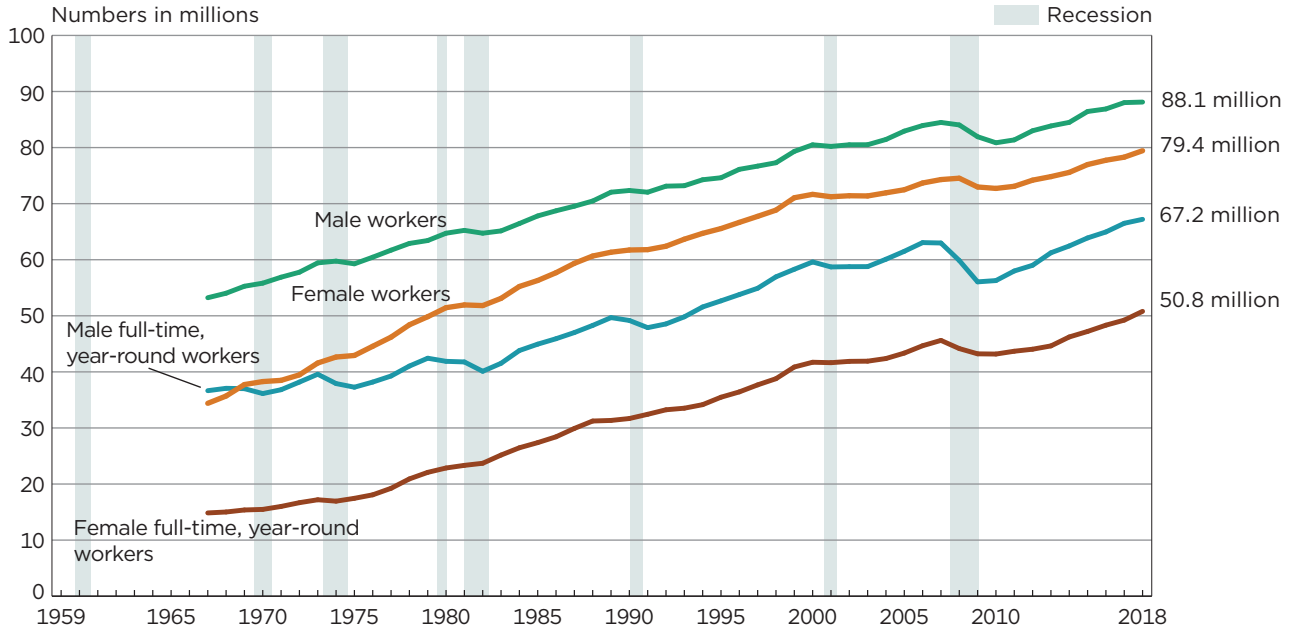
year-round working women in 2018 were 5.8 percent higher than their 2007 median, the year before the most recent recession. The real median earnings of full-time, year-round working men were not statistically different in 2018 than in 2007 (Table A-7).

The female-to-male earnings ratio compares the median earnings of women working full-time, year-round to the median earnings of men working full-time, year-round. The 2018 female-to-male earnings ratio was 0.816, not statistically different from the 2017 ratio of 0.817. Year-to-year changes in this ratio are not

common. However, the female-to-male earnings ratio has increased 4.8 percent from 0.778 in 2007 (Figure 5).

Between 2017 and 2018, the total number of people with earnings, regardless of work experience, increased by 1.2 million. The number

Figure 6.
Total and Full-Time, Year-Round Workers With Earnings by Sex: 1967 to 2018



Notes: The data for 2017 and beyond reflect the implementation of an updated processing system. See Appendix D for more information. The data for 2013 and beyond reflect the implementation of the redesigned income questions. See Table A-7 for historical footnotes. The data points are placed at the midpoints of the respective years. Data on earnings of full-time, year-round workers are not available before 1960. For more information on recessions, see Appendix A. For more information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see <<https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/cps/techdocs/cpsmar19.pdf>>.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 1968 to 2019 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.

of women with earnings increased by approximately 1.1 million, while the change for men was not statistically significant.³⁷ The number of full-time, year-round workers increased by

³⁷ The difference between the 2017–2018 increases in the number of total people with earnings (1.2 million) and the number of women with earnings (1.1 million) was not statistically significant.

2.3 million, specifically the number of men and women full-time, year-round workers increased by about 700,000 and 1.6 million, respectively, between 2017 and 2018. This continues a shift from part-time, part-year work status to full-time, year-round work status (Figure 6 and Table A-7). An estimated 76.3 percent of

working men with earnings and 63.9 percent of working women with earnings worked full-time, year-round in 2018; both percentages were higher than the 2017 estimates of 75.6 percent and 62.9 percent, respectively.

POVERTY IN THE UNITED STATES

Highlights

- The official poverty rate in 2018 was 11.8 percent, down 0.5 percentage points from 12.3 percent in 2017.³⁸ This is the fourth consecutive annual decline in poverty. Since 2014, the poverty rate has fallen 3.0 percentage points, from 14.8 percent to 11.8 percent (Figure 7 and Table B-5).
- In 2018, for the first time in 11 years, the official poverty rate was significantly lower than 2007, the year before the most recent

recession (Figure 7 and Table B-5).

- In 2018, there were 38.1 million people in poverty, approximately 1.4 million fewer people than 2017 (Figure 7 and Table B-1).
- Between 2017 and 2018, poverty rates for children under age 18 decreased 1.2 percentage points from 17.4 percent to 16.2 percent. Poverty rates decreased 0.4 percentage points for adults aged 18 to 64, from 11.1 percent to 10.7 percent. The poverty rate for those aged 65 and older (9.7 percent) was not statistically different from 2017 (Figure 8 and Table B-1).³⁹

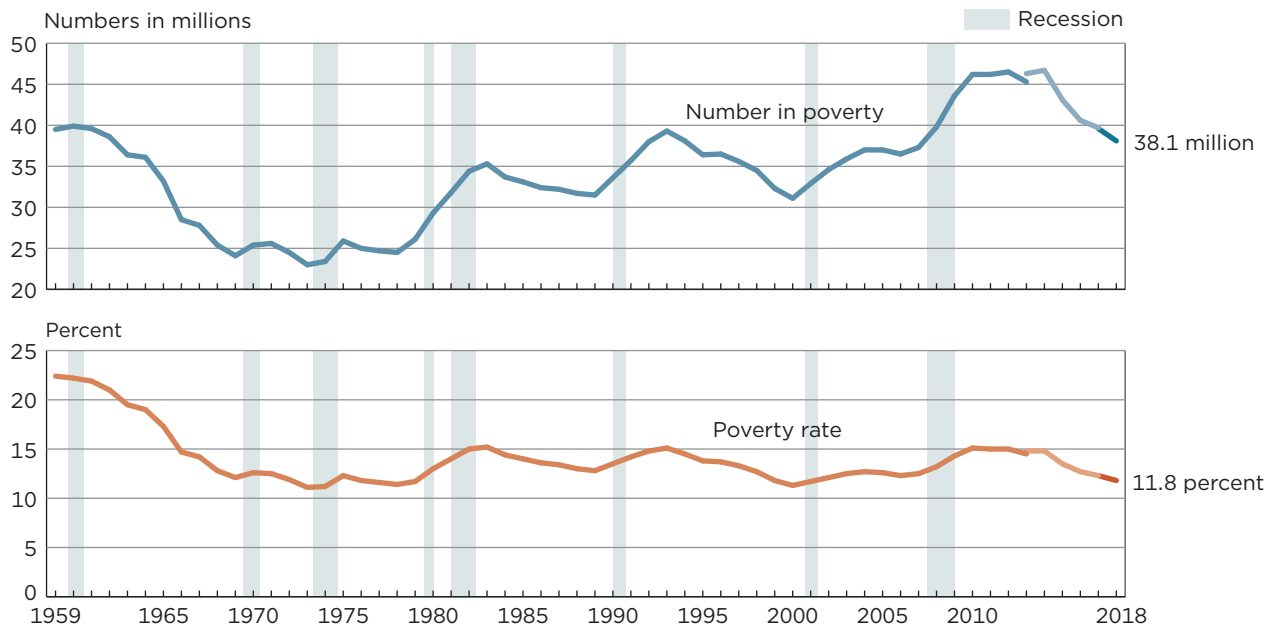
- From 2017 to 2018, the poverty rate decreased for non-Hispanic Whites; females; native-born people; people living in the Northeast, Midwest, and West; people living inside metropolitan statistical areas and principal cities; people without a disability; those with some college education; people in families; and people in female householder families (Figures 8 and 9, Tables B-1 and B-2).⁴⁰
- Between 2017 and 2018, people aged 25 and older without a high school diploma was the only

³⁸ The Office of Management and Budget determined the official definition of poverty in Statistical Policy Directive 14. Appendix B provides a more detailed description of how the Census Bureau calculates poverty.

³⁹ Since unrelated individuals under the age of 15 are excluded from the poverty universe, there were 508,685 fewer children in the poverty universe than in the total civilian noninstitutionalized population.

⁴⁰ In the text of this report, families with a female householder with no spouse present will be referred to as families with a female householder. Families with a male householder with no spouse present will be referred to as families with a male householder. Individuals aged 25 and older with an associate degree are included in the some college category.

Figure 7.
Number in Poverty and Poverty Rate: 1959 to 2018

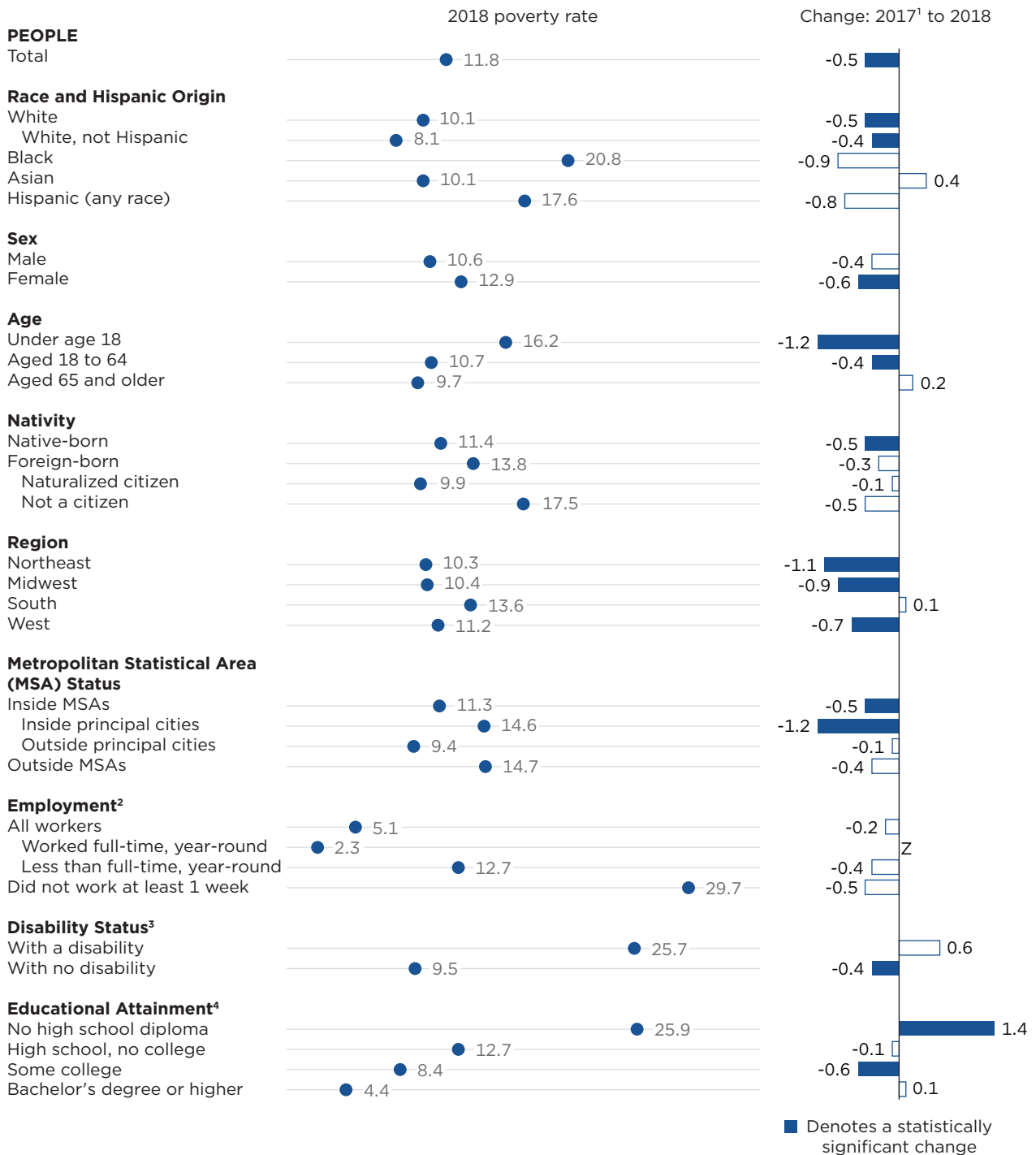


Note: The data for 2017 and beyond reflect the implementation of an updated processing system. See Appendix D for more information. The data for 2013 and beyond reflect the implementation of the redesigned income questions. The data points are placed at the midpoints of the respective years. For information on recessions, see Appendix A. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see <<https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/cps/techdocs/cpsmar19.pdf>>.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 1960 to 2019 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.

Figure 8.

Poverty Rate and Percentage Point Change by Selected Characteristics: People



Z represents or rounds to zero.

¹The 2017 data reflect the implementation of an updated processing system. See Appendix D for more information.

²Population limited to individuals aged 18 to 64. The overall poverty rate for this group in 2018 is 10.7 percent.

³Population limited to individuals aged 18 to 64. The overall poverty rate for this group in 2018 is 10.7 percent. The sum of those with and without a disability does not equal the total because disability status is not defined for individuals in the armed forces.

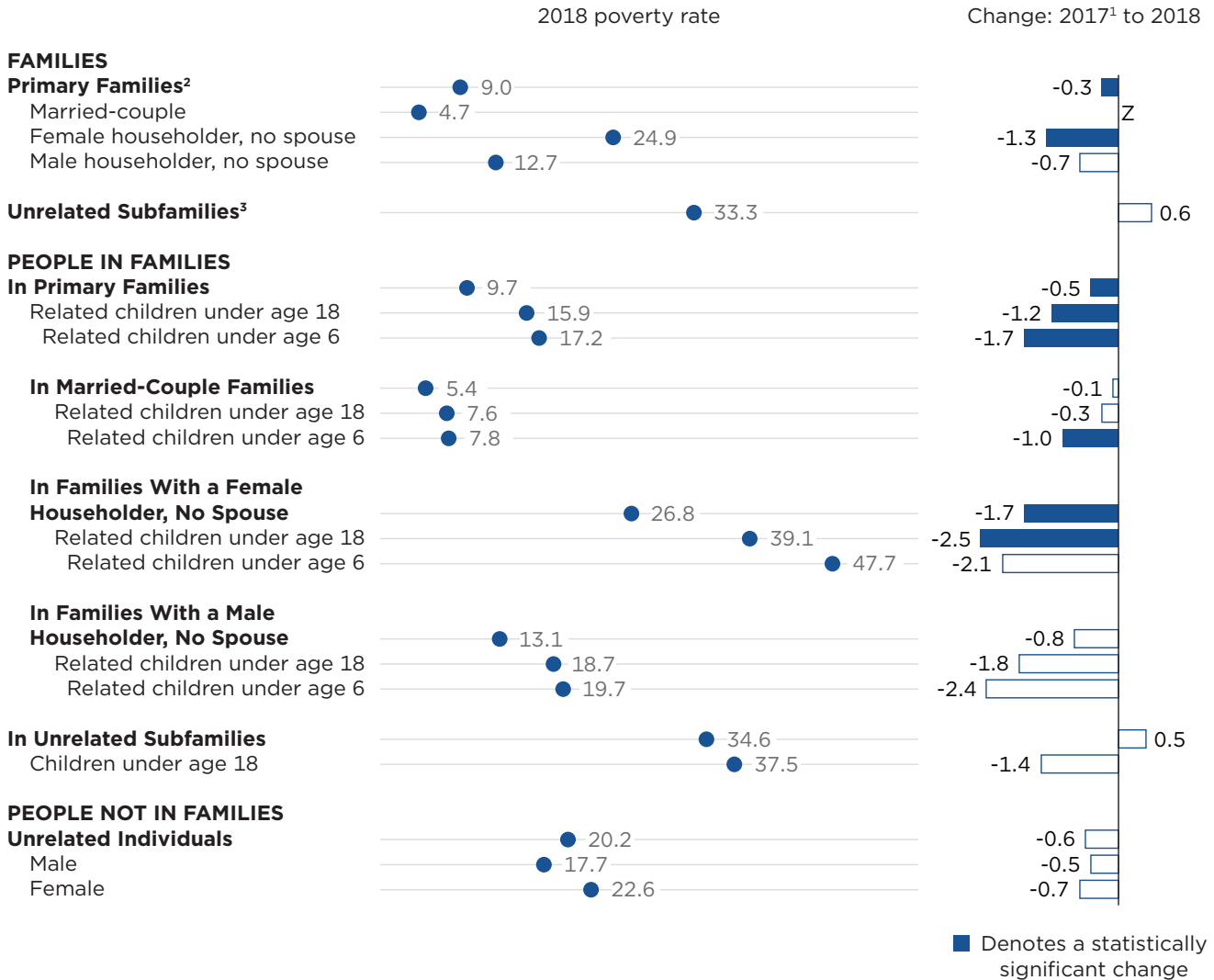
⁴Population limited to individuals aged 25 and older. In 2018, the overall poverty rate for this group is 9.9 percent.

Notes: People as of March of the following year. Statistically significant indicates the change is statistically different from zero at the 90 percent confidence level. For more details, see Table B-1. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, and definitions, see <<https://www2.census.gov/programs-survey/cps/techdocs/cpsmar19.pdf>>.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2018 and 2019 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.

Figure 9.

Poverty Rate and Percentage Point Change by Type of Family: Families and People



Z represents or rounds to zero.

¹ The 2017 data reflect the implementation of an updated processing system. See Appendix D for more information.

² A primary family is a group of two or more people, one of whom is the householder, related by birth, marriage, or adoption and residing together. All such people (including related subfamily members) are considered as members of one family.

³ An unrelated subfamily is defined as a married couple with or without children or a single parent with one or more own, never-married, children under the age of 18 living in a household and not related by birth, marriage, or adoption to the householder.

Notes: Families as of March of the following year. Statistically significant indicates the change is statistically different from zero at the 90 percent confidence level. For more details, see Appendix Table B-2. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, and definitions, see <<https://www2.census.gov/programs-survey/cps/techdocs/cpsmar19.pdf>>.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2018 and 2019 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.

examined group to experience an increase in their poverty rate. Among this group, the poverty rate increased 1.4 percentage points to 25.9 percent, but the number in poverty was not statistically different from 2017 (Figure 8 and Table B-1).

Race and Hispanic Origin

The poverty rate for non-Hispanic Whites was 8.1 percent in 2018, with 15.7 million individuals in poverty, down from 8.5 percent and 16.6 million in 2017. The poverty rate for non-Hispanic Whites was lower than the poverty rates for other racial groups shown in Figure 8. Non-Hispanic Whites accounted for 60.2 percent of the total population and 41.2 percent of the people in poverty in 2018 (Figure 8 and Table B-1).

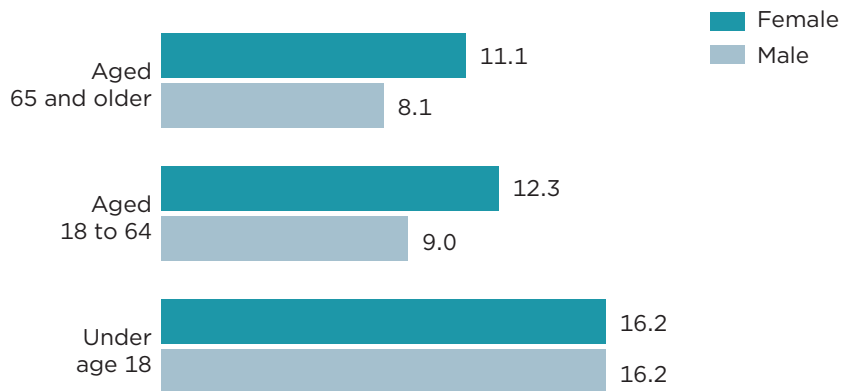
The poverty rate for Blacks was 20.8 percent in 2018, representing 8.9 million people in poverty. For Asians, the 2018 poverty rate and number in poverty were 10.1 percent and 2.0 million, respectively. The poverty rate for Hispanics was 17.6 percent in 2018, representing 10.5 million people in poverty. Among Blacks, Asians, and Hispanics, neither the poverty rate nor the number in poverty was statistically different from 2017.

Sex

In 2018, the poverty rate for males was 10.6 percent, not statistically different from 2017. The 2018 poverty rate for females was 12.9 percent, down from 13.6 percent in 2017 (Figure 8 and Table B-1).

The poverty rate in 2018 for women aged 18 to 64 was 12.3 percent, while the poverty rate for men aged 18 to 64 was 9.0 percent. The poverty rate for women aged 65 and older was 11.1 percent, while the poverty rate

Figure 10.
Poverty Rates by Age and Sex: 2018
(In percent)



Note: For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see <<https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/cps/techdocs/cpsmar19.pdf>>. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2019 Annual Social and Economic Supplement.

for men aged 65 and older was 8.1 percent. For people under the age of 18, the poverty rate for girls (16.2 percent) and the poverty rate for boys (16.2 percent) were not statistically different (Figure 10).

Age

Between 2017 and 2018, the poverty rate for people aged 18 to 64 decreased to 10.7 percent, down from 11.1 percent in 2017. There were 21.1 million people aged 18 to 64 in poverty in 2018, down from 21.9 million in 2017. For people aged 65 and older, the 2018 poverty rate was 9.7 percent, representing 5.1 million individuals in poverty. Neither the poverty rate nor the number in poverty was statistically different from 2017 for this age group (Figure 11 and Table B-1).

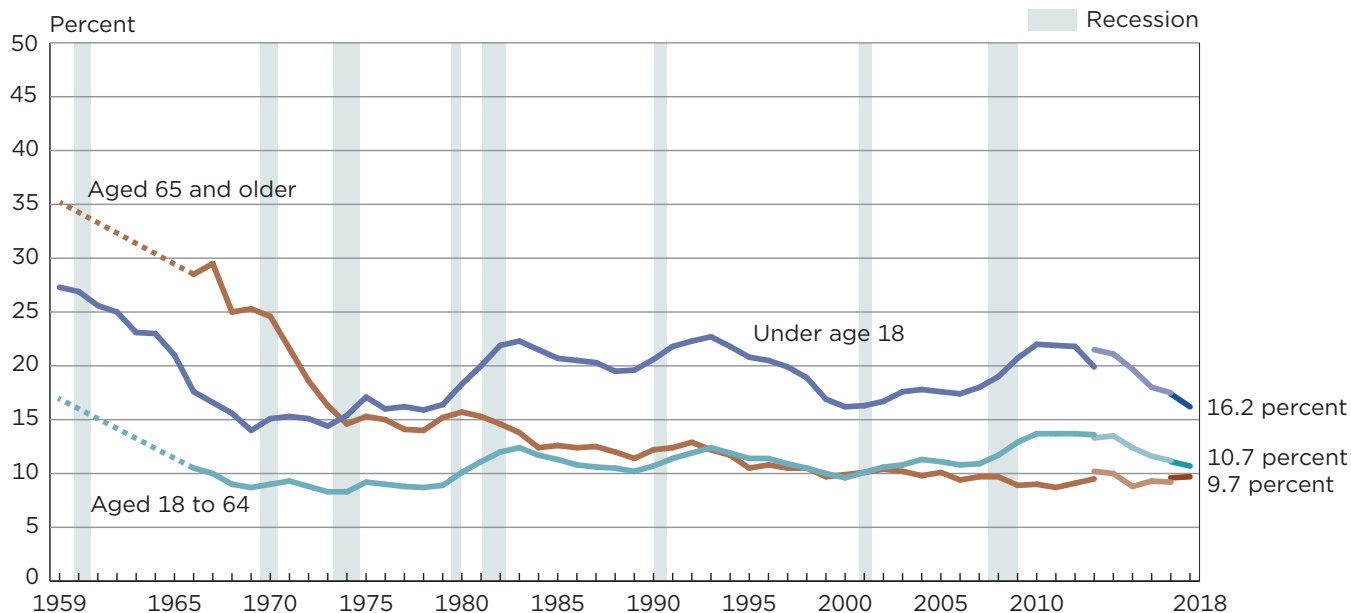
For people under the age of 18, 16.2 percent were in poverty in 2018, down from 17.4 percent in 2017. Approximately 11.9 million individuals under the age of 18 were in poverty

in 2018, down from 12.8 million in 2017. People under the age of 18 represented 22.6 percent of the total population in 2018 and 31.1 percent of the people in poverty.

Related children are people under the age of 18 related to the householder by birth, marriage, or adoption and who are not themselves householders or spouses of householders. For related children in 2018, the poverty rate and the number in poverty was 15.9 percent and 11.5 million, down from 17.0 percent and 12.4 million in 2017 (Figure 9 and Table B-2).

In 2018, 39.1 percent of related children in female householder families were in poverty, down from 41.6 percent in 2017. In 2018, the proportion of related children in poverty was 7.6 percent among married-couple families and 18.7 percent among male householder families. Poverty rates for both groups were not statistically different from 2017.

Figure 11.
Poverty Rates by Age: 1959 to 2018



Note: The data for 2017 and beyond reflect the implementation of an updated processing system. See Appendix D for more information. The data for 2013 and beyond reflect the implementation of the redesigned income questions. The data points are placed at the midpoints of the respective years. Data for people aged 18 to 64 and aged 65 and older are not available from 1960 to 1965. For information on recessions, see Appendix A. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see <<https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/cps/techdocs/cpsmar19.pdf>>.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 1960 to 2019 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.

Among related children under the age of 6, 17.2 percent, or 4.0 million, were in poverty in 2018, down from 18.8 percent and 4.4 million in 2017. About half (47.7 percent) of related children under the age of 6 in families with a female householder were in poverty. This was more than six times the rate of their counterparts in married-couple families (7.8 percent).

Children living in unrelated subfamilies, those whose parents (or parent) are not related by birth, marriage, or adoption to the householder, had a poverty rate of 37.5 percent in 2018, not statistically different from the poverty rate in 2017.⁴¹

⁴¹ The 2018 poverty rate for related children in female householder families was not statistically different from the poverty rate for children living in unrelated subfamilies.

Nativity

The poverty rate for the native-born population decreased to 11.4 percent in 2018, down from 12.0 percent in 2017. The number of native-born people in poverty was 31.8 million in 2018, down from 33.1 million in 2017. Among the foreign-born population, 13.8 percent were in poverty in 2018, representing 6.3 million people. Neither the poverty rate nor the number of foreign-born individuals in poverty were statistically different from the 2017 estimate (Figure 8 and Table B-1).

The poverty rate in 2018 for foreign-born naturalized citizens (9.9 percent) was lower than the poverty rates for noncitizens and native-born citizens (17.5 percent and 11.4 percent, respectively). The 2018 poverty rate of 17.5 percent for those who were not U.S. citizens represents

4.1 million individuals in poverty. For both foreign-born naturalized citizens and noncitizens, neither the 2018 poverty rate nor the number in poverty were statistically different from the 2017 estimate.

Region

From 2017 to 2018, the South was the only region not to experience a decline in its poverty rate. The 2018 poverty rate for those in the South was 13.6 percent, representing 16.8 million individuals in poverty, with neither estimate statistically different from 2017. The South had the highest poverty rate in 2018 relative to the other three regions. The 2018 poverty rate and number in poverty for the Northeast was 10.3 percent and 5.7 million, down from 11.3 percent and 6.3 million in 2017. The 2018 poverty rate and number

in poverty for the Midwest was 10.4 percent and 7.0 million, down from 11.2 percent and 7.6 million in 2017. Comparing 2017 and 2018, poverty rates declined in the West, while the number in poverty did not. The poverty rate for the West in 2018 was 11.2 percent, down from 11.9 percent in 2017 while the number in poverty was 8.7 million (Figure 8 and Table B-1).⁴²

Residence

Inside metropolitan statistical areas, the poverty rate and the number of people in poverty in 2018 were 11.3 percent and 31.9 million, down from 11.8 percent and 33.1 million in 2017. Among those living outside metropolitan statistical areas, 14.7 percent, or 6.2 million, were in poverty in 2018, with neither estimate statistically different from 2017.

The 2018 poverty rate for those in principal cities was 14.6 percent, with 15.3 million in poverty, a decline from 15.8 percent and 16.4 million in 2017. Among those living inside metropolitan areas, but not in principal cities, the poverty rate in 2018 was 9.4 percent and the number in poverty was 16.6 million. Neither the poverty rate nor the number in poverty within this group were statistically different from the 2017 estimate (Figure 8 and Table B-1).

Work Experience

In 2018, 5.1 percent of workers aged 18 to 64 were in poverty, not statistically different from the 2017 estimate. For those who worked full-time, year-round, 2.3 percent were in poverty in 2018, not statistically different from 2017. Those working less than full-time, year-round had a poverty rate in 2018 of 12.7 percent. While the poverty rate among this

⁴² The 2018 poverty rate for the Northeast was not statistically different from the poverty rate for the Midwest.

group is not statistically different from 2017, the number in poverty is statistically lower, declining to 5.2 million in 2018 from 5.6 million in 2017 (Figure 8 and Table B-1).

Among those aged 18 to 64 who did not work at least 1 week during the calendar year, 29.7 percent were in poverty in 2018, not statistically different from 2017. Those who did not work at least 1 week in 2018 represented 22.7 percent of all people aged 18 to 64, while they made up 63.2 percent of people aged 18 to 64 in poverty.

Disability Status

For people aged 18 to 64 with a disability, the poverty rate in 2018 was 25.7 percent and the number in poverty was 3.8 million. Neither the 2018 poverty rate nor the number in poverty were statistically different from 2017 estimates. In 2018, among those aged 18 to 64 without a disability, the poverty rate was 9.5 percent and the number in poverty was 17.3 million, down from 9.9 percent and 18.1 million in 2017 (Figure 8 and Table B-1).

Among people aged 18 to 64, those with a disability represented 7.5 percent of all people, compared with 18.1 percent of people aged 18 to 64 in poverty.

Educational Attainment

In 2018, 25.9 percent of people aged 25 and older without a high school diploma were in poverty, an increase from 24.5 percent in 2017. This was the highest poverty rate among educational groups shown in Figure 8. Additionally, it was the only group shown in Figure 8 to have a statistically significant increase in poverty from 2017 to 2018. However, the number of people in poverty without a high school diploma (5.7 million) was not statistically different from

2017. The poverty rate for those with a high school diploma but with no college was 12.7 percent, not statistically different from 2017. For those with some college, 8.4 percent were in poverty in 2018, a decline from 9.0 percent in 2017 (Figure 8 and Table B-1).

Among people with at least a bachelor's degree, 4.4 percent were in poverty in 2018, not statistically different from 2017. Among educational attainment groups, people with at least a bachelor's degree had the lowest poverty rates in 2018. Among those aged 25 and older, 36.0 percent had obtained at least a bachelor's degree in 2018, these individuals represented 15.9 percent of the population aged 25 and older in poverty.

Families⁴³

In 2018, the poverty rate for primary families declined from 9.3 percent to 9.0 percent, representing a decrease from 7.8 million to 7.5 million families in poverty. For primary families with a female householder, the poverty rate was 24.9 percent, representing 3.7 million families in 2018, a decline from 26.2 percent and 4.0 million families in 2017 (Figure 9 and Table B-2).

The poverty rate for married-couple families was 4.7 percent in 2018, representing 2.9 million families. For primary families with a male householder, the poverty rate was 12.7 percent, representing 820,000 families.

⁴³ A family is a group of two or more people (not necessarily including the householder), related by birth, marriage, or adoption and residing together. A primary family includes the householder and members related by the same categories. All such people (including related subfamily members) are considered as members of one family. An unrelated subfamily is defined as a married couple with or without children or a single parent with one or more own, never-married, children under the age of 18 living in a household and not related by birth, marriage, or adoption to the householder.

For unrelated subfamilies, the poverty rate was 33.3 percent, representing 160,000 families. Differences in the poverty rate and number of families in poverty for these family types were not statistically different between 2017 and 2018.

Shared Households

Shared households are defined as households that include at least one “additional” adult, a person aged 18 or older, who is not the householder, spouse, or cohabiting partner of the householder.⁴⁴ Adults aged 18 to 24 who are enrolled in school are not counted as additional adults.

In 2019, the number and percentage of shared households remained higher than in 2007, the year before the most recent recession.⁴⁵ In 2007, 17.0 percent of households were shared, totaling 19.7 million shared households. In 2019, 19.6 percent of households were shared, totaling 25.2 million shared households. The number of shared households in 2019 was greater than the number in 2018 by 410,000, though the percentage was not statistically different.

It is difficult to assess the precise impact of household sharing on overall poverty rates. An example is young adults living with parents. In 2019, an estimated 7.6 million adults aged 25 to 34 lived with their parents, with a poverty rate of 6.0 percent (when the entire family’s income is compared with the

threshold that includes the young adult as a member of the family). If poverty status for these individuals had been determined using only the young adult’s own income, 35.6 percent of these individuals would have been below the poverty threshold for a single person under the age of 65. On the other hand, 6.0 percent of families which include at least one adult child (aged 25 to 34) were in poverty in 2018. The poverty rate for these families would have increased to 11.8 percent if the young adult were not living in—and contributing to—the household.⁴⁶

Depth of Poverty

Categorizing a person as “in poverty” or “not in poverty” is one way to describe their economic situation. The income-to-poverty ratio and the income deficit or surplus describe additional aspects of economic well-being. While the poverty rate shows the proportion of people with income below the relevant poverty threshold, the income-to-poverty ratio gauges the depth of poverty and shows how close a family’s income is to its poverty threshold. The income-to-poverty ratio is reported as a percentage that compares a family’s or an individual’s income with the applicable threshold. For example, a family with an income-to-poverty ratio of 125 percent has income that is 25 percent above its poverty threshold.

The income deficit or surplus shows how many dollars a family’s or an individual’s income is below (or above) their poverty threshold. For those with an income deficit, the measure is an estimate of the dollar

amount necessary to reach their poverty threshold.

Ratio of Income to Poverty

Table B-3 presents the number and the percentage of people with specified income-to-poverty ratios—those below 50 percent of poverty (“Under 0.50”), those below 125 percent of poverty (“Under 1.25”), those below 150 percent of poverty (“Under 1.50”), and those below 200 percent of poverty (“Under 2.00”).

In 2018, 17.3 million people reported family income below one-half of their poverty threshold. They represented 5.3 percent of all people and 45.3 percent of those in poverty. Approximately 16.0 percent of individuals had family income below 125 percent of their threshold, 20.1 percent had family income below 150 percent of their poverty threshold, and 28.9 percent had family income below 200 percent of their threshold (Table B-3).

Of the 17.3 million people in 2018 with family income below one-half of their poverty threshold, 5.0 million were individuals under the age of 18, 10.1 million were aged 18 to 64, and 2.1 million were aged 65 and older (Table B-3). The demographic makeup of the population differs at varying degrees of poverty (Figure 12). In 2018, people under the age of 18 represented:

- 22.6 percent of the overall population.
- 19.8 percent of people in families with income above 200 percent of their poverty threshold.
- 28.4 percent of people in families with income between 100 percent and 200 percent of their poverty threshold.

⁴⁴ For more detailed information on shared households and the table associated with this section, see <<https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/demo/tables/p60/266/SharedHousehold2019.xlsx>>.

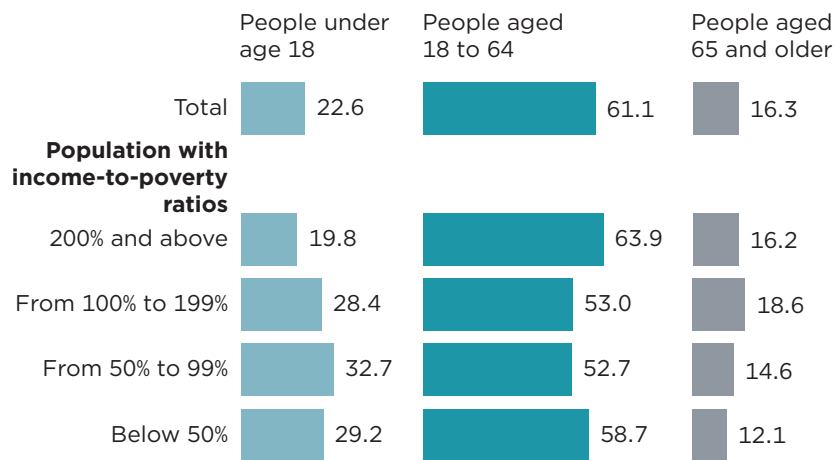
⁴⁵ While poverty estimates are based on income in the previous calendar year, estimates of living arrangements, including shared households, reflect household composition at the time of the survey. The CPS ASEC is collected during the months of February, March, and April each year.

⁴⁶ The poverty rate for adults aged 25 to 34 living with their parents (6.0 percent) was not statistically different from the poverty rate for families that included at least one adult child (aged 25 to 34) of the householder.

Figure 12.

Demographic Makeup of the Population at Varying Degrees of Poverty: 2018

(In percent)



Note: For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see <<https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/cps/techdocs/cpsmar19.pdf>>. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2019 Annual Social and Economic Supplement.

- 29.2 percent of people in families below 50 percent of their poverty threshold.⁴⁷

By comparison, people aged 65 and older represented:

- 16.3 percent of the overall population.
- 16.2 percent of people in families with income above 200 percent of their poverty threshold.⁴⁸
- 18.6 percent of people in families between 100 percent and 200 percent of their poverty threshold.
- 12.1 percent of people in families below 50 percent of their poverty threshold.

⁴⁷ The percentage of people under the age of 18 below 50 percent of their poverty threshold was not statistically different from the percentage of people under the age of 18 between 100 and 200 percent of their poverty thresholds.

⁴⁸ The percentage of all people aged 65 and older was not statistically different from the percentage of people aged 65 and older above 200 percent of their poverty threshold.

Income Deficit

The income deficit for families in poverty (the difference in dollars between a family's income and its poverty threshold) averaged \$10,452 in 2018, approximately \$355 less than the inflation-adjusted income deficit for families in poverty in 2017. The average income deficit was larger for families with a female householder (\$11,138) than for married-couple families (\$9,789) (Table B-4).

The average per capita income deficit was also larger for families with a female householder (\$3,337) than for married-couple families (\$2,735).⁴⁹ For unrelated individuals,

⁴⁹ The income deficit per capita is computed by dividing the average deficit by the average number of people in that type of family. Since families with a female householder were smaller on average than married-couple families, the larger per capita deficit for female-householder families reflects their smaller average family size as well as their lower average family income.

the average income deficit for those in poverty was \$7,502 in 2018. The \$7,362 deficit for unrelated women was lower than the \$7,688 deficit for unrelated men.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON INCOME AND POVERTY

State and Local Estimates of Income and Poverty

Since the CPS ASEC produces more complete and thorough estimates of income and poverty, the Census Bureau recommends that people use it as the data source for national estimates. However, the Census Bureau also reports income and poverty estimates based on data from the American Community Survey (ACS) and the Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (SAIPE) program.

The ACS is an ongoing survey that collects comprehensive information on social, economic, and housing topics. Due to its large sample size, the ACS provides estimates at many levels of geography and for smaller population groups.

The Census Bureau presents annual estimates of median household income and poverty by state and other smaller geographic units based on data collected in the ACS. Single-year estimates from the ACS are available for geographic units with populations of 65,000 or more. Estimates of income and poverty for all geographic units, including census tracts and block groups, are available by pooling 5 years of ACS data. Income and poverty estimates from the ACS are available at <www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/>.

Using statistical models, SAIPE produces estimates of median household income and poverty for states and all counties, as well as population and poverty estimates for

school districts. The SAIPE approach combines data from a variety of sources, including administrative records, population estimates, the decennial census, and the ACS, to provide consistent and reliable single-year estimates. In general, SAIPE estimates have lower variances than ACS estimates but are released later because they incorporate ACS data in the models. The 2017 income and poverty estimates from this program are available at www.census.gov/programs-surveys/saipe.html. Estimates for 2018 will be available later this year.

Longitudinal Estimates

The CPS ASEC provides reliable estimates of the net change, from one year to the next, in the overall distribution of economic characteristics such as income and earnings. It does not, however, show how these characteristics change for the same person, family, or household. Longitudinal measures of income and poverty based on following the same people over time are available from the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP).

The SIPP provides monthly data about labor force participation and income sources and amounts for individuals, families, and households. The data yield insights into the dynamic nature of these experiences and the economic mobility of U.S. residents. For example, the data demonstrate that using a longer time frame to measure poverty (e.g., 2 years) yields, on average, a lower poverty rate than the annual measures presented in this report, while

using a shorter time frame (e.g., 2 months) yields higher poverty rates. Some other specific findings include:

- During the 2-year period from 2013 to 2014, 27.5 percent of the population had at least one spell of poverty lasting 2 or more months.
- Chronic poverty over the 2-year period from 2013 to 2014 was relatively uncommon, with 6.4 percent of the population living in poverty all 24 months.
- Approximately 42.0 percent of individuals in poverty in 2013 were not in poverty 2014, while 6.2 percent of individuals not in poverty in 2013 were in poverty in 2014.
- Of people who received benefits from the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) in at least one month of 2013, 16.9 percent of them were no longer receiving SNAP benefits in 2014, while 26.1 percent were no longer receiving SNAP benefits in 2015.

More information based on these data is available in the Census Bureau's P70 Series Reports, as well as in table packages and working papers. For more information, see www.census.gov/programs-surveys/sipp/library/publications.html.

The Supplemental Poverty Measure

The income and poverty estimates shown in this report are based solely on money income before taxes and do not include the value of noncash benefits such as those provided by SNAP, Medicare, Medicaid, public

housing, or employer-provided fringe benefits.

Since the publication of the first U.S. poverty estimates, there has been a continuing debate about the best approach to measuring income and poverty in the United States. Recognizing that alternative estimates of income and poverty can provide useful information to the public as well as to the federal government, in 2010, an inter-agency technical working group issued a series of suggestions to the Census Bureau and Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) on how to develop the Supplemental Poverty Measure (SPM). Their suggestions drew on the recommendations of a 1995 National Academy of Sciences report and the subsequent extensive research on poverty measurement. For more information, see www.census.gov/library/visualizations/2018/demo/poverty_measure-how.html.

Based on these suggestions, the SPM serves as an additional indicator of economic well-being and provides a deeper understanding of economic conditions and policy effects. SPM estimates incorporate deductions such as tax payments, work expenses, and medical costs in its resource estimates as well as additions to reflect noncash resource transfers such as housing subsidies and food assistance programs. Thresholds used in the SPM are produced by the BLS and derived from Consumer Expenditure Survey data on spending for basic necessities (food, clothing, shelter, and utilities)

and are adjusted for geographic differences in the cost of housing.⁵⁰ The SPM is not intended to assess eligibility for government programs.

The Census Bureau began publishing annual poverty estimates using this new approach in November 2011. SPM estimates for 2018 will be released in a separate report, “The Supplemental Poverty Measure: 2018,” *Current Population Reports*, P60-268, U.S. Census Bureau, September 2019 at <<https://www2.census.gov/library/publications/2018/demo/p60-268.pdf>>.

In 2016, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) convened a new interagency technical working group to provide advice on challenges and opportunities brought before it by the Census Bureau and BLS concerning data sources, estimation, survey production, and processing activities for development, implementation, publication, and improvement of the SPM. Currently the SPM working group is reviewing potential changes to implement in 2021, the 10-year anniversary of the first SPM report. Before adopting any major changes, researchers at the Census Bureau and BLS will present results showing the need for and impact of such a change. Potential changes to the SPM will be presented and discussed at conferences, expert meetings, and posted on the Census SPM Web site <www.census.gov/topics/income-poverty/supplemental-poverty-measure.html>. The Interagency Working Group on the SPM will make

the final decision on changes in September 2020 and these changes (if any) will be implemented in the September 2021 SPM report.

Interagency Technical Working Group on Evaluating Alternative Measures of Poverty

In 2019, OMB established the Interagency Technical Working Group on Evaluating Alternative Measures of Poverty in order to evaluate possible alternative measures of poverty, how such measures might be constructed, and whether to publish those measures along with the measures currently being published.⁵¹ The group is chaired by OMB’s Statistical and Science Policy Office and includes career representatives from various federal agencies and offices. The group plans to publish a Federal Register Notice (FRN) providing for 60 days of public comment, soliciting feedback on the preliminary findings and recommendations on alternative poverty measures. The group will submit a final report to the Chief Statistician of the United States that includes a set of final recommendations with regard to producing and publishing alternative measure(s), remaining research questions, proposed timelines for implementation, and other pertinent topics.

SOURCE AND ACCURACY OF THE ESTIMATES

The CPS is the longest-running survey conducted by the Census Bureau. The CPS is a household

survey primarily used to collect employment data. The sample universe for the basic CPS consists of the resident civilian noninstitutionalized population of the United States. People in institutions, such as prisons, long-term care hospitals, and nursing homes, are not eligible to be interviewed in the CPS. Students living in dormitories are included in the estimates only if information about them is reported in an interview at their parents’ home. Since the CPS is a household survey, people who are homeless and not living in shelters are not included in the sample.

The CPS ASEC collects data in February, March, and April each year, asking detailed questions categorizing income into over 50 sources. The key purpose of the CPS ASEC is to provide timely and comprehensive estimates of income and poverty and to measure change in these national-level estimates. The CPS ASEC is the official source of national poverty estimates calculated in accordance with OMB Statistical Policy Directive 14 (Appendix B).

The Census Bureau introduced redesigned questions for income and health insurance coverage in the 2014 CPS ASEC. Both the 2017 and 2018 estimates in this report were produced using an updated CPS ASEC processing system. For more details, see Appendix D.

The CPS ASEC collects data in the 50 states and the District of Columbia; these data do not represent residents of Puerto Rico or

⁵⁰ Thresholds for the SPM are produced by the BLS Division of Price and Index Number Research <www.bls.gov/pir/spmhome.htm>.

⁵¹ OMB also established a second interagency technical working group in 2019 to examine consumer inflation measures. See Appendix A for more details about the work of that group.

U.S. Island Areas.⁵² The 2019 CPS ASEC sample consists of about 95,000 addresses, slightly larger than that of the CPS since it includes military personnel who live in a household with at least one other civilian adult, regardless of whether they live off post or on post. All other armed forces personnel are excluded. The estimates in this report are controlled to March 2019 independent national population estimates by age, sex, race, and Hispanic origin. Beginning with 2010, population estimates are based on

⁵² U.S. Island Areas include American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Virgin Islands of the United States.

2010 Census population counts and are updated annually taking into account births, deaths, emigration, and immigration. For further documentation about the CPS ASEC, see <<https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/cps/techdocs/cpsmar19.pdf>>.

The estimates in this report (which may be shown in text, figures, and tables) are based on responses from a sample of the population and may differ from actual values because of sampling variability or other factors. As a result, apparent differences between the estimates for two or more groups may not be statistically significant. All comparative

statements have undergone statistical testing and are statistically significant at the 90 percent confidence level unless otherwise noted. In this report, the variances of estimates were calculated using both the Successive Difference Replication (SDR) method and the Generalized Variance Function (GVF) approach. See Appendix C for a more extensive discussion of these methods. Further information about the source and accuracy of the estimates is available at <<https://www2.census.gov/library/publications/2019/demo/p60-266sa.pdf>>.

APPENDIX A. ESTIMATES OF INCOME

How Income Is Measured

For each person 15 years and older in the sample, the Annual Social and Economic Supplement (ASEC) asks questions on the amount of money income received in the preceding calendar year from each of the following sources:

1. Earnings
2. Unemployment compensation
3. Workers' compensation
4. Social security
5. Supplemental security income
6. Public assistance
7. Veterans' payments
8. Survivor benefits
9. Disability benefits
10. Pension or retirement income
11. Interest
12. Dividends
13. Rents, royalties, and estates and trusts
14. Educational assistance
15. Alimony
16. Child support
17. Financial assistance from outside of the household
18. Other income

It should be noted that although the income statistics refer to receipts during the preceding calendar year, the demographic characteristics, such as age, labor force status, and household composition, are as of the survey date. The income of the household does not include amounts received by people who were members during all or part of the previous year if these people no longer resided in the household at the time of the interview. The ASEC collects

Business Cycles

Peak month	Year	Trough month	Year
November	1948	October	1949
July	1953	May	1954
August	1957	April	1958
April	1960	February	1961
December	1969	November	1970
November	1973	March	1975
January	1980	July	1980
July	1981	November	1982
July	1990	March	1991
March	2001	November	2001
December	2007	June	2009

Source: National Bureau of Economic Research, Cambridge, MA, 02138, <www.nber.org/cycles.html>.

income data for people who are current residents but did not reside in the household during the previous year.

Data on income collected in the ASEC by the U.S. Census Bureau cover money income received (exclusive of certain money receipts such as capital gains) before payments for personal income taxes, social security, union dues, Medicare deductions, etc. Therefore, money income does not reflect the fact that some families receive noncash benefits such as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance/food stamps, health benefits, and subsidized housing. In addition, money income does not reflect the fact that noncash benefits 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. Data users should consider these

elements 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. Based on an analysis of independently derived income estimates, the Census Bureau determined that respondents report income earned from wages or salaries more accurately than other sources of income, and that the reported wage and salary income is nearly equal to independent estimates of aggregate income.

Business Cycles

Business cycle peaks and troughs used to delineate the beginning and end of recessions, as shown in the text box above, are determined by the National Bureau of Economic Research, a private research organization. The data points in the time series charts in this report use July as a reference.

**Annual Average Consumer Price Index Research Series (CPI-U-RS)
Using Current Methods All Items: 1947 to 2018**

Year	CPI-U-RS ¹ index (December 1977 = 100)	Year	CPI-U-RS ¹ index (December 1977 = 100)
1947.....	37.5	1983.....	153.8
1948.....	40.5	1984.....	160.2
1949.....	40.0	1985.....	165.7
1950.....	40.5	1986.....	168.6
1951.....	43.7	1987.....	174.4
1952.....	44.5	1988.....	180.7
1953.....	44.8	1989.....	188.6
1954.....	45.2	1990.....	197.9
1955.....	45.0	1991.....	205.1
1956.....	45.7	1992.....	210.2
1957.....	47.2	1993.....	215.5
1958.....	48.5	1994.....	220.0
1959.....	48.9	1995.....	225.3
1960.....	49.7	1996.....	231.3
1961.....	50.2	1997.....	236.3
1962.....	50.7	1998.....	239.5
1963.....	51.4	1999.....	244.6
1964.....	52.1	2000.....	252.9
1965.....	52.9	2001.....	260.1
1966.....	54.4	2002.....	264.2
1967.....	56.1	2003.....	270.2
1968.....	58.3	2004.....	277.5
1969.....	60.9	2005.....	286.9
1970.....	63.9	2006.....	296.2
1971.....	66.7	2007.....	304.6
1972.....	68.7	2008.....	316.3
1973.....	73.0	2009.....	315.2
1974.....	80.3	2010.....	320.4
1975.....	86.9	2011.....	330.5
1976.....	91.9	2012.....	337.5
1977.....	97.7	2013.....	342.5
1978.....	104.4	2014.....	348.3
1979.....	114.3	2015.....	348.9
1980.....	127.1	2016.....	353.4
1981.....	139.1	2017.....	361.0
1982.....	147.5	2018.....	369.8

¹ The U.S. Census Bureau uses the Bureau of Labor Statistics' (BLS) Consumer Price Index Research Series (CPI-U-RS) for 1977 through 2018. The Census Bureau derived the CPI-U-RS for years before 1977 by applying the 1977 CPI-U-RS-to-CPI-U ratio to the 1947 to 1976 CPI-U.

Note: Data users can compute the percentage changes in prices between earlier years' data and 2018 data by dividing the annual average CPI-U-RS for 2018 by the annual average for the earlier year(s). For more information on the CPI-U-RS, see <www.bls.gov/cpi/research-series/home.htm>.

Cost-of-Living Adjustment

In order to accurately assess changes in income and earnings over time, an adjustment for changes in the cost of living is required. The Census Bureau uses the research series of the Consumer Price Index (CPI-U-RS), provided by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

for 1977 through 2018, to adjust for changes in the cost of living. The index used to make the constant dollar conversions is shown in the text box "Annual Average Consumer Price Index Research Series (CPI-U-RS) Using Current Methods All Items: 1947 to 2018."

Poverty Threshold Adjustment

The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Statistical Policy Directive 14 directed the Census Bureau to consistently update the poverty thresholds each year for changes in the cost of living. Thresholds in this report series are adjusted using the CPI-U and compared to current year (unadjusted for inflation) money income. If, alternatively, the CPI-U-RS index had been used to inflation-adjust poverty thresholds from previous years, current poverty rates would be lower. This is because the CPI-U-RS results in a smaller cost-of-living adjustment over time than the CPI-U.

Recently, OMB sought comment via Federal Register Notice on the differences among the various consumer price indexes produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Bureau of Economic Analysis, and in particular how those differences might influence the estimation of the Official Poverty Measure and other income measures produced by the Census Bureau. Per the notice, OMB is currently reevaluating the appropriateness of the use of the CPI-U for annual adjustment in the Official Poverty Measure. To assist in this reevaluation, OMB assembled an interagency technical working group to study an array of possible price change measures and to make a recommendation to OMB on potentially revising the current method for adjusting the Official Poverty Measure <www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/05/07/2019-09106/request-for-comment-on-the-consumer-inflation-measures-produced-by-federal-statistical-agencies>.

Table A-1.

Income Summary Measures by Selected Characteristics: 2017 and 2018

(Income in 2018 dollars. Households as of March of the following year. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see <<https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/cps/techdocs/cpsmar19.pdf>>)

Characteristic	2017 ¹			2018			Percent change* in real median income (2018 less 2017)	
	Number (thousands)	Median income (dollars)		Number (thousands)	Median income (dollars)		Estimate	Margin of error ² (±)
		Estimate	Margin of error ² (±)		Estimate	Margin of error ² (±)		
HOUSEHOLDS								
All households	127,669	62,626	542	128,579	63,179	691	0.9	1.06
Type of Householder								
Family households	83,523	79,693	884	83,482	80,663	664	*1.2	1.14
Married-couple	61,869	93,556	863	61,959	93,654	1,125	0.1	1.16
Female householder, no spouse present	15,303	42,669	862	15,043	45,128	1,116	*5.8	3.00
Male householder, no spouse present	6,351	59,636	2,072	6,480	61,518	1,246	3.2	3.90
Nonfamily households	44,146	37,229	512	45,096	38,122	825	*2.4	2.38
Female householder	23,316	31,915	593	23,515	32,007	667	0.3	2.53
Male householder	20,830	43,843	1,680	21,582	45,754	868	*4.4	3.98
Race³ and Hispanic Origin of Householder								
White	100,113	66,413	862	100,528	66,943	646	0.8	1.25
White, not Hispanic	84,706	69,851	1,136	84,727	70,642	652	1.1	1.57
Black	17,019	40,324	1,430	17,167	41,361	906	2.6	3.67
Asian	6,750	83,376	1,822	6,981	87,194	2,805	*4.6	3.66
Hispanic (any race)	17,336	51,389	776	17,758	51,450	735	0.1	1.83
Age of Householder								
Under 65 years	94,703	70,944	1,018	94,423	71,659	573	1.0	1.40
15 to 24 years	6,223	39,901	1,663	6,199	43,531	2,689	*9.1	8.00
25 to 34 years	20,258	62,732	852	20,611	65,890	1,075	*5.0	1.95
35 to 44 years	21,609	80,768	1,893	21,370	80,743	1,071	Z	2.47
45 to 54 years	22,566	82,111	1,365	22,071	84,464	1,845	*2.9	2.43
55 to 64 years	24,047	70,576	1,603	24,172	68,951	1,444	-2.3	2.95
65 years and older	32,966	42,303	808	34,156	43,696	816	*3.3	2.48
Nativity of Householder								
Native-born	107,720	63,377	580	108,560	64,243	712	*1.4	1.21
Foreign-born	19,949	57,795	1,233	20,019	58,776	1,588	1.7	3.03
Naturalized citizen	10,886	66,101	2,515	11,043	65,520	2,251	-0.9	4.76
Not a citizen	9,063	50,363	1,707	8,976	51,944	1,052	3.1	3.59
Region								
Northeast	22,513	67,192	1,707	22,054	70,113	1,886	*4.3	3.21
Midwest	27,659	62,613	1,145	27,686	64,069	1,445	2.3	2.59
South	48,630	57,134	1,006	49,743	57,299	821	0.3	1.87
West	28,866	68,593	1,278	29,096	69,520	1,595	1.4	2.29
Residence⁴								
Inside metropolitan statistical areas	109,804	65,142	869	110,789	66,164	609	*1.6	1.31
Inside principal cities	42,573	56,299	1,306	42,983	59,358	1,223	*5.4	2.87
Outside principal cities	67,230	71,627	1,076	67,806	70,928	757	-1.0	1.41
Outside metropolitan statistical areas	17,865	49,116	1,545	17,790	49,867	1,629	1.5	3.91

* An asterisk preceding an estimate indicates change is statistically different from zero at the 90 percent confidence level.

Z Represents or rounds to zero.

¹ The 2017 data reflect the implementation of an updated processing system. See Appendix D for more information.

² A margin of error is a measure of an estimate's variability. The larger the margin of error in relation to the size of the estimate, the less reliable the estimate. This number, when added to and subtracted from the estimate, forms the 90 percent confidence interval. Margins of error shown in this table are based on standard errors calculated using replicate weights. For more information, see "Standard Errors and Their Use" at <<https://www2.census.gov/library/publications/2019/demo/p60-266sa.pdf>>.

³ Federal surveys 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 the 2010 Census through American FactFinder. About 2.9 percent of people reported more than one race in the 2010 Census. 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 For the definition of metropolitan statistical areas and principal cities, see <www.census.gov/programs-surveys/metro-micro/about/glossary.html>.

Note: Inflation-adjusted estimates may differ slightly from other published data due to rounding.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2018 and 2019 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.

Table A-2.

Households by Total Money Income, Race, and Hispanic Origin of Householder: 1967 to 2018—Con.

(Income in 2018 CPI-U-RS adjusted dollars. Households as of March of the following year. Beginning with 2010, standard errors were calculated using replicate weights. Before 2010, standard errors were calculated using the generalized variance function. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see <https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/cps/techdocs/cpsmar19.pdf>)

Race and Hispanic origin of householder and year	Number (thousands)	Percentage distribution										Median income (dollars)		Mean income (dollars)	
		Total	Under \$15,000	\$15,000 to \$24,999	\$25,000 to \$34,999	\$35,000 to \$49,999	\$50,000 to \$74,999	\$75,000 to \$99,999	\$100,000 to \$149,999	\$150,000 to \$199,999	\$200,000 and over	Estimate	Standard error	Estimate	Standard error
1981	68,996	100.0	10.8	10.3	10.9	14.3	21.5	14.7	12.4	3.3	54,351	276	63,913	266	
1980	68,106	100.0	10.6	9.9	10.3	14.5	21.8	14.9	12.6	3.4	55,325	314	64,594	291	
1979 ¹⁶	67,203	100.0	10.4	9.6	9.8	14.4	21.4	15.7	12.8	3.5	56,625	314	66,519	291	
1978	64,836	100.0	10.3	10.0	9.7	14.5	21.7	15.5	12.8	3.3	56,515	298	65,898	283	
1977	63,721	100.0	10.7	10.6	10.0	14.5	21.7	15.7	11.9	3.0	55,091	310	64,104	303	
1976 ¹⁷	62,365	100.0	10.7	10.5	9.9	14.8	22.6	15.2	11.8	2.7	54,565	318	63,156	282	
1975 ¹⁸	61,533	100.0	11.1	10.6	10.4	14.7	22.9	14.9	11.2	2.5	52,908	281	61,547	298	
1974 ^{18,19}	60,164	100.0	10.8	9.9	9.7	15.1	23.3	15.2	11.5	2.8	54,388	267	63,239	276	
1973	59,236	100.0	10.7	10.0	9.0	13.9	23.1	15.6	12.4	2.1	56,301	263	64,680	274	
1972 ²⁰	58,005	100.0	11.4	9.5	9.6	14.5	23.3	15.5	11.6	1.9	55,540	264	63,846	285	
BLACK ALONE OR IN COMBINATION															
2018	18,095	100.0	18.8	12.6	11.6	13.7	16.4	9.6	9.7	4.1	41,692	557	59,363	811	
2017 ¹	17,813	100.0	19.1	13.0	11.9	13.7	16.1	9.5	9.9	3.4	40,963	704	59,800	812	
2016	17,505	100.0	19.4	12.4	11.7	14.0	16.6	10.3	9.8	3.3	41,584	513	60,423	818	
2015	17,322	100.0	20.5	12.4	11.9	13.0	16.1	9.5	9.4	3.0	41,924	610	60,819	979	
2014	17,198	100.0	21.1	13.7	12.1	14.5	15.6	8.4	9.3	2.5	39,440	579	58,088	919	
2013 ²	16,723	100.0	20.6	14.2	11.8	14.5	16.1	7.8	8.8	2.3	38,615	840	54,807	736	
2013 ³	16,855	100.0	20.8	14.8	12.0	14.7	15.1	8.7	9.0	2.2	37,547	756	53,668	940	
2012	16,559	100.0	21.9	14.3	11.7	14.0	15.6	9.0	8.5	2.0	36,945	874	52,769	809	
2011	16,165	100.0	22.9	14.3	11.7	13.3	15.4	8.8	8.5	2.1	36,215	619	53,155	865	
2010 ⁴	15,909	100.0	22.1	13.8	12.4	13.9	15.1	9.8	8.0	2.9	37,114	542	52,514	724	
2009 ⁵	15,212	100.0	19.9	13.8	11.9	15.1	15.8	10.0	8.5	1.9	38,423	490	54,297	605	
2008	15,056	100.0	19.6	13.1	11.5	15.8	16.8	9.3	8.9	3.0	40,154	513	54,574	571	
2007	14,976	100.0	19.7	14.7	10.5	14.9	16.6	9.6	10.0	3.2	41,388	565	56,855	622	
2006	14,709	100.0	19.9	13.3	10.8	15.7	16.3	9.4	9.2	2.3	40,116	297	56,797	697	
2005	14,399	100.0	20.0	13.9	11.7	13.5	17.2	9.6	9.0	2.0	39,898	380	55,073	599	
2004 ⁶	14,151	100.0	20.4	12.2	12.7	14.7	16.2	10.1	8.8	1.9	40,292	369	54,316	577	
2003	13,969	100.0	19.9	13.3	11.6	13.9	16.8	10.2	9.5	2.0	40,633	510	55,177	584	
2002	13,778	100.0	19.2	13.0	12.2	15.1	16.0	9.8	9.5	2.3	40,839	537	56,455	658	
BLACK ALONE²⁵															
2018	17,167	100.0	19.2	12.6	11.6	13.7	16.4	9.6	9.5	4.0	41,361	551	58,665	818	
2017 ¹	17,019	100.0	19.4	13.0	12.0	13.7	15.9	9.4	9.8	3.4	40,324	869	59,444	841	
2016	16,997	100.0	19.6	12.6	11.6	13.8	15.8	10.0	9.7	3.3	41,239	591	60,021	845	
2015	16,733	100.0	19.8	12.4	11.8	13.9	16.5	9.6	9.4	3.0	41,323	754	60,111	975	
2014	16,539	100.0	20.7	13.5	12.0	13.1	16.0	9.4	9.2	2.7	39,108	544	57,608	913	
2013 ²	16,437	100.0	21.3	13.8	12.3	14.4	15.6	8.4	8.7	2.5	37,583	489	54,392	734	
2013 ³	16,009	100.0	21.1	14.3	11.6	14.5	16.0	7.9	8.8	2.2	38,140	925	54,476	1,279	
2012	16,108	100.0	21.0	14.9	12.0	14.6	15.2	8.7	8.7	2.2	37,356	786	53,585	956	
2011	15,872	100.0	22.1	14.4	11.7	14.0	15.7	9.0	8.2	1.9	36,510	866	52,306	825	
2010 ⁴	15,583	100.0	23.0	14.4	11.8	13.3	15.4	8.8	8.4	2.0	36,061	570	52,874	898	
2009 ⁵	15,265	100.0	22.3	13.8	12.3	13.9	15.2	9.9	7.9	1.8	37,077	576	51,889	723	
2008	14,730	100.0	20.0	13.9	11.9	15.2	15.8	10.0	8.6	1.8	38,228	462	54,022	616	
2007	14,595	100.0	19.7	13.1	11.5	15.9	16.8	9.4	8.8	1.9	40,006	516	54,404	582	
2006	14,551	100.0	19.7	13.4	10.6	14.8	16.7	9.7	9.9	2.1	41,176	577	56,612	631	
2005	14,354	100.0	20.1	13.3	10.9	15.6	16.2	9.5	9.1	2.0	39,913	301	56,340	697	
2004 ⁶	14,002	100.0	20.1	13.9	11.7	13.5	17.2	9.6	8.9	2.2	39,774	388	54,721	594	
2003	13,809	100.0	20.6	12.2	12.8	14.8	16.1	10.1	8.7	2.0	40,105	417	54,148	586	

See footnotes at end of table.

Table A-2. **Households by Total Money Income, Race, and Hispanic Origin of Householder: 1967 to 2018—Con.**

(Income in 2018 CPI-U-RS adjusted dollars. Households as of March of the following year. Beginning with 2010, standard errors were calculated using replicate weights. Before 2010, standard errors were calculated using the generalized variance function. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see <https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/cps/techdocs/cpsmar19.pdf>)

Race and Hispanic origin of householder and year	Number (thou- sands)	Percentage distribution											Median income (dollars)		Mean income (dollars)						
		Total	Under \$15,000	\$15,000 to \$24,999		\$25,000 to \$34,999		\$35,000 to \$49,999		\$50,000 to \$74,999		\$75,000 to \$99,999		\$100,000 to \$149,999		\$150,000 to \$199,999		\$200,000 and over		Standard error	Standard error
				to	to	to	to	to	to	to	to	to	to	to	to	to	to	Estimate	Standard error		
2007	4,715	100.0	8.7	6.7	6.5	10.0	16.0	12.9	18.6	10.6	10.2	79,977	1,683	102,661	1,756						
2006	4,664	100.0	8.4	6.3	6.7	9.9	16.2	12.8	17.9	11.5	10.5	79,778	2,019	109,277	2,287						
2005	4,500	100.0	9.2	7.0	6.8	8.6	15.9	13.2	19.0	9.0	11.1	78,688	940	103,112	1,799						
2004 ⁶	4,346	100.0	8.6	6.7	7.4	9.3	17.1	13.9	17.6	9.5	9.8	76,557	1,543	101,453	1,915						
2003	4,235	100.0	11.5	8.0	5.9	8.6	15.6	13.4	18.4	8.8	9.6	75,632	1,686	94,998	1,634						
2002	4,079	100.0	8.7	6.6	7.9	11.0	17.0	12.3	18.8	8.7	8.9	73,183	1,107	97,245	1,849						
ASIAN ALONE²⁶																					
2018	6,981	100.0	8.4	6.1	6.0	8.5	14.2	12.0	18.1	10.2	16.4	87,194	1,705	119,816	2,261						
2017 ¹	6,750	100.0	8.1	6.5	5.8	9.8	14.9	12.1	16.6	11.3	14.8	83,376	1,107	117,202	2,697						
2016	6,735	100.0	8.9	6.6	5.6	9.4	14.3	12.9	16.3	10.9	15.1	83,314	1,222	116,887	2,516						
2015	6,328	100.0	8.7	6.3	6.3	7.8	14.9	13.7	16.7	12.1	13.7	85,210	1,219	113,004	1,904						
2014	6,040	100.0	9.4	6.3	6.2	9.5	15.2	11.8	16.8	10.9	13.9	81,788	1,799	111,732	2,360						
2013 ²	5,818	100.0	9.8	6.5	7.6	9.3	14.9	11.8	18.0	10.9	11.0	78,883	2,237	103,584	2,039						
2012	5,759	100.0	10.3	7.5	5.1	8.5	15.3	13.2	17.9	12.8	12.8	78,153	3,630	109,276	4,822						
2011	5,560	100.0	9.8	6.5	7.3	9.9	16.4	13.3	16.5	9.9	10.2	75,205	2,071	100,147	2,012						
2010 ⁴	5,374	100.0	9.3	8.2	7.7	10.0	16.3	13.2	17.9	10.7	9.0	72,874	1,753	95,828	2,320						
2009 ⁵	4,687	100.0	10.4	6.7	6.6	8.9	16.4	11.9	17.0	10.7	9.9	74,167	1,818	97,625	1,957						
2008	4,573	100.0	10.1	7.0	6.6	11.0	14.5	12.4	18.1	9.9	11.3	76,810	1,486	106,542	2,165						
2007	4,494	100.0	8.6	6.8	6.5	9.8	16.0	12.6	19.0	10.4	10.3	80,252	1,681	103,216	1,821						
2006	4,454	100.0	8.4	6.3	6.7	9.9	16.0	12.6	17.8	11.4	10.8	80,200	2,090	110,232	2,372						
2005	4,273	100.0	9.3	7.1	6.8	9.1	15.8	13.4	18.9	9.5	11.2	78,747	918	103,240	1,821						
2004 ⁶	4,123	100.0	8.5	6.7	7.5	9.3	17.0	13.7	17.7	9.5	9.9	76,631	1,628	101,968	1,972						
2003	4,040	100.0	11.7	8.0	5.8	8.5	15.3	13.4	18.4	8.9	9.9	76,231	1,497	95,766	1,696						
2002	3,917	100.0	8.6	6.6	7.9	11.2	16.6	12.4	18.8	8.8	9.2	73,660	1,289	98,045	1,912						
ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER²⁶																					
2001	4,071	100.0	8.8	6.6	6.9	10.9	16.3	13.8	17.5	9.6	9.7	76,256	1,820	104,015	2,455						
2000 ⁷	3,963	100.0	7.8	6.3	6.0	10.7	16.1	13.4	19.1	10.2	10.5	81,530	1,391	106,447	2,209						
1999 ⁸	3,742	100.0	8.6	7.1	6.1	10.8	16.6	12.7	17.1	9.6	11.6	77,044	2,715	101,879	2,582						
1998	3,308	100.0	8.8	7.7	6.7	11.7	17.0	12.4	19.7	8.4	7.5	72,010	2,004	92,964	2,685						
1997	3,125	100.0	9.4	8.2	6.7	10.0	18.3	14.0	17.4	8.6	7.4	70,813	1,969	92,160	2,856						
1996	2,998	100.0	10.4	7.5	7.3	10.6	17.9	12.7	18.2	9.5	6.0	69,189	2,480	90,407	3,242						
1995 ⁹	2,777	100.0	10.1	8.7	7.6	11.2	18.2	13.7	17.0	6.6	6.9	66,662	1,673	90,649	3,657						
1994 ¹⁰	2,040	100.0	9.8	8.8	7.1	11.3	17.3	13.4	17.6	7.6	7.1	68,047	2,579	88,352	3,148						
1993 ¹¹	2,233	100.0	12.2	8.3	8.6	11.0	14.9	13.9	18.7	6.4	6.0	65,804	3,236	86,219	3,471						
1992 ¹²	2,262	100.0	10.0	8.6	8.4	10.6	18.8	13.7	17.4	7.1	5.5	66,502	1,919	82,422	2,266						
1991	2,094	100.0	10.4	7.5	8.0	13.3	17.3	13.6	16.4	7.9	5.7	65,718	2,120	83,440	2,459						
1990	1,958	100.0	8.7	7.4	8.0	10.5	18.2	15.8	17.4	7.3	6.7	71,848	2,128	86,726	2,455						
1989	1,988	100.0	8.1	7.4	7.4	11.6	18.9	15.4	17.1	7.6	6.5	70,787	1,914	87,999	2,561						
1988	1,913	100.0	8.5	9.2	8.9	10.9	18.3	14.9	16.3	7.1	6.1	66,034	2,714	82,557	2,466						
1987 ¹³	N	100.0	10.2	8.8	8.9	10.0	16.9	14.2	18.4	7.8	4.7	68,332	2,540	N	N						
HISPANIC (ANY RACE)²⁷																					
2018	17,758	100.0	11.4	11.0	10.8	15.0	18.8	12.7	11.4	4.5	4.3	51,450	447	70,945	984						
2017 ¹	17,336	100.0	12.1	11.0	11.2	14.6	19.1	12.7	12.0	4.3	4.2	51,389	472	69,312	941						
2016	17,318	100.0	11.9	10.9	11.1	14.7	18.5	12.3	12.0	4.7	4.1	51,717	449	69,984	885						
2015	16,915	100.0	12.1	10.9	11.6	15.5	18.0	12.2	11.8	4.3	3.7	49,887	707	69,916	845						

See footnotes at end of table.

N Not available.

¹ Implementation of an updated CPS ASEC processing system.
² The 2014 CPS ASEC included redesigned questions for income and health insurance coverage. All of the approximately 98,000 addresses were eligible to receive the redesigned set of health insurance coverage questions. The redesigned income questions were implemented to a subsample of the 98,000 addresses using a probability split panel design. Approximately 68,000 addresses were eligible to receive a set of income questions similar to those used in the 2013 CPS ASEC and the remaining 30,000 addresses were eligible to receive the redesigned income questions. The source of these 2013 estimates is the portion of the CPS ASEC sample that received the redesigned income questions, approximately 30,000 addresses.

³ The source of these 2013 estimates is the portion of the CPS ASEC sample that received the income questions consistent with the 2013 CPS ASEC, approximately 68,000 addresses.

⁴ Implementation of 2010 Census-based population controls.

⁵ Median income is calculated using \$2,500 income intervals. Beginning with 2009 income data, the Census Bureau expanded the upper income intervals used to calculate medians to \$250,000 or more. Medians falling in the upper open-ended interval are plugged with "\$250,000." Before 2009, the upper open-ended interval was \$100,000 and a plug of "\$100,000" was used.

⁶ Data have been revised to reflect a correction to the weights in the 2005 CPS ASEC.

⁷ Implementation of a 28,000 household sample expansion.

⁸ Implementation of 2000 Census-based population controls.

⁹ Full implementation of 1990 Census-based sample design and metropolitan definitions, 7,000 household

sample reduction, and revised editing of responses on race.

¹⁰ Introduction of 1990 Census sample design.

¹¹ Data collection method changed from paper and pencil to computer-assisted interviewing. In addition, the 1994 CPS ASEC was revised to allow for the coding of different income amounts on selected questionnaire items. Limits either increased or decreased in the following categories: earnings limits increased to \$999,999; social security limits increased to \$49,999; supplemental security income and public assistance limits increased to \$24,999; veterans' benefits limits increased to \$99,999; and child support and alimony limits decreased to \$49,999.

¹² Implementation of 1990 Census population controls.

¹³ Implementation of a new CPS ASEC processing system.

¹⁴ Recording of amounts for earnings from longest job increased to \$299,999. Full implementation of 1980 Census-based sample design.

¹⁵ Implementation of Hispanic population weighting controls and introduction of 1980 Census-based sample design.

¹⁶ Implementation of 1980 Census population controls. Questionnaire expanded to show 27 possible values from 51 possible sources of income.

¹⁷ First year medians were derived using both Pareto and linear interpolation. Before this year, all medians were derived using linear interpolation.

¹⁸ Some of these estimates were derived using Pareto interpolation and may differ from published data, which were derived using linear interpolation.

¹⁹ Implementation of a new CPS ASEC processing system. Questionnaire expanded to ask 11 income questions.

²⁰ Full implementation of 1970 Census-based sample design.

²¹ Introduction of 1970 Census sample design and population controls.

²² Implementation of new CPS ASEC processing system.

²³ Beginning with the 2003 CPS ASEC, respondents were allowed to choose one or more races. White alone refers to people who reported White and did not report any other race category. The use of this single-race population does not imply that it is the preferred method of presenting or analyzing the 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 the 2010 Census through American FactFinder. About 2.9 percent of people reported more than one race in the 2010

²⁴ For the year 2001 and earlier, the CPS ASEC allowed respondents to report only one race group.

²⁵ Black alone refers to people who reported Black and did not report any other race category.

²⁶ Asian alone refers to people who reported Asian and did not report any other race category.

²⁷ Because Hispanics may be any race, data in this report for Hispanics overlap with data for racial groups. Being Hispanic was reported by 15.1 percent of White householders who reported only one race, 4.8 percent of Black householders who reported only one race, and 2.3 percent of Asian householders who reported only one race. Data users should exercise caution when interpreting aggregate results for the Hispanic population and for race groups because these populations consist of many distinct groups that differ in socioeconomic characteristics, culture, and recency of immigration. Data were first collected for Hispanics in 1972.

Note: Inflation-adjusted estimates may differ slightly from other published data due to rounding.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 1968 to 2019 Annual Social and Economic Supplements (CPS ASEC).

Table A-3.

Income Distribution Measures Using Money Income and Equivalence-Adjusted Income: 2017 and 2018

(For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see <<https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/cps/techdocs/cpsmar19.pdf>>)

Measure	2017 ¹		2018		Percent change ^{3, *} (2018 less 2017)	
	Estimate	Margin of error ² (±)	Estimate	Margin of error ² (±)	Estimate	Margin of error ² (±)
MONEY INCOME						
Shares of Aggregate Income by Percentile						
Lowest quintile	3.0	0.05	3.1	0.05	0.6	2.12
Second quintile	8.1	0.09	8.3	0.08	*2.3	1.40
Third quintile	14.0	0.12	14.1	0.11	0.9	1.14
Fourth quintile	22.6	0.16	22.6	0.16	-0.1	0.96
Highest quintile	52.3	0.35	52.0	0.34	-0.6	0.92
Top 5 percent	23.2	0.44	23.1	0.42	-0.2	2.61
Summary Measures						
Gini index of income inequality	0.489	0.0036	0.486	0.0035	-0.7	1.01
Mean logarithmic deviation of income	0.617	0.0119	0.616	0.0136	-0.1	2.68
Theil	0.441	0.0103	0.436	0.0094	-1.2	3.21
Atkinson:						
e=0.25	0.106	0.0020	0.105	0.0019	-1.1	2.62
e=0.50	0.207	0.0032	0.205	0.0031	-1.1	2.17
e=0.75	0.313	0.0042	0.311	0.0043	-0.8	1.87
EQUIVALENCE-ADJUSTED INCOME						
Shares of Aggregate Income by Percentile						
Lowest quintile	3.4	0.06	3.5	0.06	*3.9	2.24
Second quintile	8.9	0.09	9.1	0.08	*2.3	1.25
Third quintile	14.4	0.11	14.7	0.11	*1.5	1.11
Fourth quintile	22.4	0.15	22.4	0.15	Z	0.89
Highest quintile	50.9	0.34	50.3	0.33	*-1.1	0.89
Top 5 percent	22.7	0.42	22.5	0.40	-0.8	2.43
Summary Measures						
Gini index of income inequality	0.471	0.0036	0.464	0.0034	*-1.4	1.00
Mean logarithmic deviation of income	0.643	0.0153	0.628	0.0124	-2.5	2.83
Theil	0.416	0.0102	0.405	0.0087	-2.6	3.16
Atkinson:						
e=0.25	0.100	0.0020	0.097	0.0017	*-2.6	2.59
e=0.50	0.196	0.0033	0.191	0.0029	*-2.6	2.16
e=0.75	0.304	0.0047	0.296	0.0040	*-2.5	1.91

* An asterisk preceding an estimate indicates change is statistically different from zero at the 90 percent confidence level.

Z Represents or rounds to zero.

¹ The 2017 data reflect the implementation of an updated processing system. See Appendix D for more information.

² A margin of error is a measure of an estimate's variability. The larger the margin of error in relation to the size of the estimate, the less reliable the estimate. This number, when added to and subtracted from the estimate, forms the 90 percent confidence interval. Margins of error shown in this table are based on standard errors calculated using replicate weights. For more information, see "Standard Errors and Their Use" at <<https://www2.census.gov/library/publications/2019/demo/p60-266sa.pdf>>.

³ Calculated estimate may be different due to rounded components.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2018 and 2019 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.

Table A-4.

Selected Measures of Household Income Dispersion: 1967 to 2018

(Income in 2018 CPI-U-RS adjusted dollars. Beginning with 2010, standard errors were calculated using replicate weights. For further explanation of income inequality measures, see "The Changing Shape of the Nation's Income Distribution: 1947-1998," *Current Population Reports*, Series P60-204. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see <<https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/cps/techdocs/cpsmar19.pdf>>)

Measures of income dispersion	2018	2017 ¹	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013 ²	2013 ³	2012	2011
MEASURE										
Household Income at Selected Percentiles										
10th percentile limit	14,629	14,652	14,566	14,239	14,053	13,034	13,171	13,389	13,407	13,427
20th percentile limit	25,600	25,432	25,239	25,116	24,166	22,755	22,674	22,566	22,570	22,671
30th percentile limit	37,002	35,916	35,868	36,324	34,188	32,611	32,888	32,455	32,652	32,752
40th percentile limit	50,000	48,369	48,258	47,716	46,117	43,728	44,306	43,390	43,570	43,100
50th (median)	63,179	62,626	62,868	61,779	59,901	56,969	57,856	56,079	55,900	56,006
60th percentile limit	79,542	79,039	79,442	78,343	76,314	72,423	72,556	70,722	70,763	69,858
70th percentile limit	100,162	100,390	100,202	98,519	96,117	91,866	91,818	88,538	88,328	88,394
80th percentile limit	130,000	129,691	129,947	126,634	124,011	119,192	119,018	114,352	114,058	113,661
90th percentile limit	184,292	186,190	183,442	178,450	171,895	167,200	167,815	161,956	159,973	160,688
95th percentile limit	248,728	250,038	242,812	235,704	227,309	219,319	221,478	211,623	209,450	208,117
Household Income Ratios of Selected Percentiles										
90th/10th	12.60	12.71	12.59	12.53	12.23	12.83	12.74	12.10	11.93	11.97
95th/20th	9.72	9.83	9.62	9.38	9.41	9.64	9.77	9.38	9.28	9.18
95th/50th	3.94	3.99	3.86	3.82	3.79	3.85	3.83	3.77	3.75	3.72
80th/50th	2.06	2.07	2.07	2.05	2.07	2.09	2.06	2.04	2.04	2.03
80th/20th	5.08	5.10	5.15	5.04	5.13	5.24	5.25	5.07	5.05	5.01
20th/50th	0.41	0.41	0.40	0.41	0.40	0.40	0.39	0.40	0.40	0.40
Mean Household Income of Quintiles										
Lowest quintile	13,775	13,647	13,582	13,543	13,203	12,397	12,518	12,579	12,590	12,575
Second quintile	37,293	36,367	36,264	36,106	34,585	33,006	33,268	32,940	32,538	32,676
Third quintile	63,572	62,846	63,065	61,894	60,236	57,377	58,024	56,492	56,077	55,769
Fourth quintile	101,570	101,433	101,444	99,595	97,544	93,256	93,366	90,176	89,955	89,603
Highest quintile	233,895	234,603	227,254	223,869	214,488	206,032	208,764	199,968	199,314	199,189
Top 5 percent	416,520	416,303	394,681	392,494	371,889	352,862	361,124	348,036	348,491	348,478
Shares of Household Income of Quintiles										
Lowest quintile	3.1	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.2
Second quintile	8.3	8.1	8.2	8.3	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.4	8.3	8.4
Third quintile	14.1	14.0	14.3	14.2	14.3	14.3	14.3	14.4	14.4	14.3
Fourth quintile	22.6	22.6	23.0	22.9	23.2	23.2	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0
Highest quintile	52.0	52.3	51.5	51.5	51.1	51.2	51.4	51.0	51.0	51.1
Top 5 percent	23.1	23.2	22.3	22.6	22.1	21.9	22.2	22.2	22.3	22.3
Summary Measures										
Gini index of income inequality	0.486	0.489	0.482	0.481	0.479	0.480	0.482	0.476	0.477	0.477
Mean logarithmic deviation of income	0.616	0.617	0.609	0.601	0.596	0.611	0.606	0.578	0.586	0.585
Theil	0.436	0.441	0.424	0.426	0.420	0.419	0.428	0.415	0.423	0.422
Atkinson:										
e=0.25	0.105	0.106	0.103	0.103	0.101	0.102	0.103	0.100	0.101	0.101
e=0.50	0.205	0.207	0.202	0.201	0.199	0.200	0.202	0.196	0.198	0.198
e=0.75	0.311	0.313	0.307	0.305	0.303	0.307	0.307	0.298	0.300	0.300

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Measures of income dispersion	2010 ⁴	2009 ⁵	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004 ⁶	2003	2002	2001	2000 ⁷
MEASURE											
Household Income at Selected Percentiles											
10th percentile limit	13,690	14,219	14,218	14,765	14,982	14,550	14,533	14,420	14,865	15,193	15,473
20th percentile limit	23,084	23,996	24,215	24,634	25,013	24,719	24,635	24,613	25,077	25,549	26,203
30th percentile limit	32,813	34,208	34,673	35,936	36,104	34,956	34,648	34,807	35,186	35,874	36,777
40th percentile limit	43,859	45,228	45,597	47,469	47,160	46,402	46,208	46,533	46,718	47,365	48,254
50th (median)	56,873	58,400	58,811	60,985	60,178	59,712	59,080	59,286	59,360	60,038	61,399
60th percentile limit	70,982	72,506	73,335	75,271	74,909	74,321	73,600	74,525	74,411	75,353	76,291
70th percentile limit	90,026	91,056	92,257	94,734	93,800	92,804	92,350	93,408	93,122	93,886	95,045
80th percentile limit	115,452	117,322	117,195	121,405	121,143	118,203	117,273	118,888	117,597	118,717	119,561
90th percentile limit	160,174	161,473	161,693	165,111	166,048	162,524	161,068	161,770	159,722	161,552	163,771
95th percentile limit	208,313	211,181	210,446	214,887	217,251	213,966	209,423	210,931	209,957	213,974	212,346
Household Income Ratios of Selected Percentiles											
90th/10th	11.70	11.36	11.37	11.18	11.08	11.17	11.08	11.22	10.75	10.63	10.58
95th/20th	9.02	8.80	8.69	8.72	8.69	8.66	8.50	8.57	8.37	8.38	8.10
95th/50th	3.66	3.62	3.58	3.52	3.61	3.58	3.54	3.56	3.54	3.56	3.46
80th/50th	2.03	2.01	1.99	1.99	2.01	1.98	1.98	2.01	1.98	1.98	1.95
80th/20th	5.00	4.89	4.84	4.93	4.84	4.78	4.76	4.83	4.69	4.65	4.56
20th/50th	0.41	0.41	0.41	0.40	0.42	0.41	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.43	0.43
Mean Household Income of Quintiles											
Lowest quintile	12,689	13,553	13,628	14,024	14,172	13,733	13,651	13,681	13,983	14,411	14,852
Second quintile	32,931	34,325	34,509	35,744	35,928	35,262	34,930	35,143	35,552	36,209	37,083
Third quintile	56,748	58,115	58,611	60,664	60,205	59,679	59,182	59,655	59,909	60,608	61,755
Fourth quintile	91,038	92,326	93,251	96,045	95,295	93,868	93,318	94,427	94,237	95,028	96,001
Highest quintile	195,508	200,438	199,990	203,925	209,957	205,694	201,808	201,293	201,197	207,535	208,031
Top 5 percent	331,482	346,557	344,557	348,665	371,305	362,395	351,672	346,586	351,338	370,318	369,068
Shares of Household Income of Quintiles											
Lowest quintile	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.6
Second quintile	8.5	8.6	8.6	8.7	8.6	8.6	8.7	8.7	8.8	8.7	8.9
Third quintile	14.6	14.6	14.7	14.8	14.5	14.6	14.7	14.8	14.8	14.6	14.8
Fourth quintile	23.4	23.2	23.3	23.4	22.9	23.0	23.2	23.4	23.3	23.0	23.0
Highest quintile	50.3	50.3	50.0	49.7	50.5	50.4	50.1	49.8	49.7	50.1	49.8
Top 5 percent	21.3	21.7	21.5	21.2	22.3	22.2	21.8	21.4	21.7	22.4	22.1
Summary Measures											
Gini index of income inequality	0.470	0.468	0.466	0.463	0.470	0.469	0.466	0.464	0.462	0.466	0.462
Mean logarithmic deviation of income	0.574	0.550	0.541	0.532	0.543	0.545	0.543	0.530	0.514	0.515	0.490
Theil	0.400	0.403	0.398	0.391	0.417	0.411	0.406	0.397	0.398	0.413	0.404
Atkinson:											
e=0.25	0.097	0.097	0.096	0.095	0.099	0.098	0.097	0.095	0.095	0.098	0.096
e=0.50	0.191	0.190	0.188	0.185	0.192	0.192	0.190	0.187	0.186	0.189	0.185
e=0.75	0.293	0.288	0.285	0.281	0.289	0.289	0.286	0.283	0.279	0.282	0.275

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Measures of income dispersion	1999 ⁸	1998	1997	1996	1995 ⁹	1994 ¹⁰	1993 ¹¹	1992 ¹²	1991	1990	1989
MEASURE											
Household Income at Selected Percentiles											
10th percentile limit	15,642	14,977	14,421	14,245	14,241	13,494	13,189	13,195	13,382	13,678	14,117
20th percentile limit	25,907	24,884	24,100	23,611	23,636	22,568	22,251	22,167	22,702	23,358	23,717
30th percentile limit	36,829	35,998	34,429	33,575	33,057	32,151	31,913	31,755	32,602	33,635	33,951
40th percentile limit	48,258	46,951	45,697	44,382	44,176	42,359	42,349	42,469	43,273	44,215	45,098
50th (median)	61,526	60,040	57,911	56,744	55,931	54,233	53,610	53,897	54,318	55,952	56,678
60th percentile limit	76,173	74,635	71,988	70,356	68,941	67,404	66,569	66,677	66,838	67,644	69,313
70th percentile limit	94,606	92,492	89,092	87,102	85,130	84,079	82,801	82,044	81,875	83,311	84,823
80th percentile limit	119,787	115,804	111,895	108,742	106,892	105,630	103,475	102,050	102,338	103,157	105,313
90th percentile limit	162,945	156,412	152,837	147,169	143,946	142,681	140,268	136,432	136,819	138,465	141,085
95th percentile limit	214,684	204,122	198,046	191,119	185,474	184,599	179,561	174,204	173,811	177,048	179,900
Household Income Ratios of Selected Percentiles											
90th/10th	10.42	10.44	10.60	10.33	10.11	10.57	10.64	10.34	10.22	10.12	9.99
95th/20th	8.29	8.20	8.22	8.09	7.85	8.18	8.07	7.86	7.66	7.58	7.59
95th/50th	3.49	3.40	3.42	3.37	3.32	3.40	3.35	3.23	3.20	3.16	3.17
80th/50th	1.95	1.93	1.93	1.92	1.91	1.95	1.93	1.89	1.88	1.84	1.86
80th/20th	4.62	4.65	4.64	4.61	4.52	4.68	4.65	4.60	4.51	4.42	4.44
20th/50th	0.42	0.41	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.41	0.42	0.42	0.42
Mean Household Income of Quintiles											
Lowest quintile	14,990	14,240	13,833	13,742	13,698	12,966	12,628	12,766	13,029	13,390	13,713
Second quintile	36,807	35,958	34,582	33,730	33,480	32,314	32,014	31,985	32,725	33,691	34,119
Third quintile	61,609	60,167	58,180	56,735	55,980	54,437	53,663	53,888	54,357	55,649	56,716
Fourth quintile	95,886	93,053	90,113	87,809	86,055	84,709	83,396	82,723	82,862	83,903	85,789
Highest quintile	204,478	196,912	192,120	184,682	179,584	178,084	173,751	160,288	158,896	162,825	167,702
Top 5 percent	355,403	343,216	337,149	321,709	309,936	307,680	298,215	254,406	247,969	259,281	270,948
Shares of Household Income of Quintiles											
Lowest quintile	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8
Second quintile	8.9	9.0	8.9	9.0	9.1	8.9	9.0	9.4	9.6	9.6	9.5
Third quintile	14.9	15.0	15.0	15.1	15.2	15.0	15.1	15.8	15.9	15.9	15.8
Fourth quintile	23.2	23.2	23.2	23.3	23.3	23.4	23.5	24.2	24.2	24.0	24.0
Highest quintile	49.4	49.2	49.4	49.0	48.7	49.1	48.9	46.9	46.5	46.6	46.8
Top 5 percent	21.5	21.4	21.7	21.4	21.0	21.2	21.0	18.6	18.1	18.5	18.9
Summary Measures											
Gini index of income inequality	0.458	0.456	0.459	0.455	0.450	0.456	0.454	0.433	0.428	0.428	0.431
Mean logarithmic deviation of income	0.476	0.488	0.484	0.464	0.452	0.471	0.467	0.417	0.411	0.402	0.406
Theil	0.386	0.389	0.396	0.389	0.378	0.387	0.385	0.324	0.313	0.317	0.324
Atkinson:											
e=0.25	0.092	0.093	0.094	0.093	0.090	0.092	0.092	0.080	0.078	0.078	0.080
e=0.50	0.180	0.181	0.183	0.179	0.175	0.179	0.178	0.160	0.156	0.156	0.158
e=0.75	0.268	0.271	0.272	0.266	0.261	0.268	0.266	0.243	0.237	0.236	0.239

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Measures of income dispersion	1988	1987 ¹³	1986	1985 ¹⁴	1984 ¹⁵	1983	1982	1981	1980	1979 ¹⁶	1978
MEASURE											
Household Income at Selected Percentiles											
10th percentile limit	13,433	13,225	13,121	13,161	13,151	12,640	12,689	12,920	13,093	13,281	13,527
20th percentile limit	23,293	22,900	22,475	22,186	21,929	21,517	21,060	21,332	21,757	22,647	22,379
30th percentile limit	33,153	32,941	32,703	31,601	31,163	30,286	30,151	30,318	30,978	32,353	31,897
40th percentile limit	43,999	43,468	42,990	41,743	41,043	40,010	40,054	39,878	40,803	42,059	42,314
50th (median)	55,716	55,260	54,608	52,709	51,742	50,216	50,571	50,709	51,528	53,257	53,359
60th percentile limit	68,570	67,853	66,720	64,665	63,233	61,407	61,199	61,678	62,555	64,710	64,024
70th percentile limit	83,329	82,802	81,374	78,557	77,249	74,898	74,444	74,651	75,194	77,648	77,063
80th percentile limit	103,538	102,550	100,855	97,255	95,520	92,801	91,259	91,187	91,592	93,825	93,116
90th percentile limit	137,115	135,291	132,369	127,562	125,644	121,459	120,349	119,115	119,008	121,452	120,433
95th percentile limit	175,261	171,601	169,121	160,695	158,123	152,681	150,643	146,750	147,399	151,608	148,965
Household Income Ratios of Selected Percentiles											
90th/10th	10.21	10.23	10.09	9.69	9.55	9.61	9.48	9.22	9.09	9.14	8.90
95th/20th	7.52	7.49	7.52	7.24	7.21	7.10	7.15	6.88	6.77	6.69	6.66
95th/50th	3.15	3.11	3.10	3.05	3.06	3.04	2.98	2.89	2.86	2.85	2.79
80th/50th	1.86	1.86	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.80	1.80	1.78	1.76	1.75
80th/20th	4.45	4.48	4.49	4.38	4.36	4.31	4.33	4.27	4.21	4.14	4.16
20th/50th	0.42	0.41	0.41	0.42	0.42	0.43	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.43	0.42
Mean Household Income of Quintiles											
Lowest quintile	13,230	13,002	12,665	12,529	12,548	12,150	12,008	12,235	12,540	12,961	13,054
Second quintile	33,393	33,045	32,577	31,751	31,255	30,520	30,389	30,477	31,211	32,238	32,057
Third quintile	55,851	55,247	54,515	52,703	51,794	50,459	50,303	50,488	51,502	53,151	52,931
Fourth quintile	84,426	83,509	82,126	79,276	77,987	75,719	74,813	75,259	75,876	77,997	77,536
Highest quintile	161,179	158,812	155,445	148,084	143,397	139,022	137,213	134,436	135,283	139,978	138,430
Top 5 percent	254,204	250,209	243,515	228,428	216,464	210,047	207,331	199,771	202,167	213,482	210,706
Shares of Household Income of Quintiles											
Lowest quintile	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.2
Second quintile	9.6	9.6	9.7	9.8	9.9	9.9	10.0	10.1	10.2	10.2	10.2
Third quintile	16.0	16.1	16.2	16.2	16.3	16.4	16.5	16.7	16.8	16.8	16.8
Fourth quintile	24.2	24.3	24.3	24.4	24.6	24.6	24.5	24.8	24.7	24.6	24.7
Highest quintile	46.3	46.2	46.1	45.6	45.2	45.1	45.0	44.3	44.1	44.2	44.1
Top 5 percent	18.3	18.2	18.0	17.6	17.1	17.0	17.0	16.5	16.5	16.9	16.8
Summary Measures											
Gini index of income inequality	0.426	0.426	0.425	0.419	0.415	0.414	0.412	0.406	0.403	0.404	0.402
Mean logarithmic deviation of income	0.401	0.408	0.416	0.403	0.391	0.397	0.401	0.387	0.375	0.369	0.363
Theil	0.314	0.314	0.310	0.300	0.290	0.288	0.287	0.277	0.274	0.279	0.275
Atkinson:											
e=0.25	0.078	0.078	0.077	0.075	0.073	0.072	0.072	0.070	0.069	0.070	0.069
e=0.50	0.155	0.155	0.155	0.151	0.147	0.147	0.146	0.141	0.140	0.141	0.139
e=0.75	0.236	0.237	0.237	0.231	0.225	0.226	0.226	0.220	0.216	0.216	0.213

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Measures of income dispersion	1977	1976 ¹⁷	1975 ¹⁸	1974 ^{18, 19}	1973	1972 ²⁰	1971 ²¹	1970	1969	1968	1967 ²²
MEASURE											
Household Income at Selected Percentiles											
10th percentile limit	13,255	13,094	13,022	13,387	13,298	12,698	11,909	11,725	11,999	11,697	10,745
20th percentile limit	21,704	21,749	21,277	22,381	22,274	21,800	21,068	21,343	21,708	21,078	19,775
30th percentile limit	30,928	31,061	30,393	31,831	32,279	31,759	30,493	31,170	31,576	31,081	29,544
40th percentile limit	40,879	40,521	39,933	41,516	42,831	41,986	40,162	40,886	41,656	39,961	38,562
50th (median)	51,371	51,048	50,214	51,565	53,251	52,197	50,053	50,545	50,940	49,114	47,085
60th percentile limit	62,310	61,727	60,343	61,346	63,373	62,053	59,101	59,469	60,243	57,278	54,732
70th percentile limit	75,061	73,453	72,194	73,684	75,986	73,820	69,891	70,164	70,438	67,236	65,727
80th percentile limit	90,841	88,808	86,641	89,033	91,244	88,817	84,272	84,846	84,404	80,481	78,047
90th percentile limit	115,861	113,877	111,068	114,804	117,779	114,116	108,112	108,075	107,096	101,489	99,141
95th percentile limit	143,832	140,838	136,724	140,920	146,654	142,941	133,827	134,118	132,375	125,910	125,244
Household Income Ratios of Selected Percentiles											
90th/10th	8.74	8.70	8.53	8.58	8.86	8.99	9.08	9.22	8.93	8.68	9.23
95th/20th	6.63	6.48	6.43	6.30	6.58	6.56	6.35	6.28	6.10	5.97	6.33
95th/50th	2.80	2.76	2.72	2.73	2.75	2.74	2.67	2.65	2.60	2.56	2.66
80th/50th	1.77	1.74	1.73	1.73	1.71	1.70	1.68	1.68	1.66	1.64	1.66
80th/20th	4.19	4.08	4.07	3.98	4.10	4.07	4.00	3.98	3.89	3.82	3.95
20th/50th	0.42	0.43	0.42	0.43	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.43	0.43	0.42
Mean Household Income of Quintiles											
Lowest quintile	12,623	12,685	12,380	12,815	12,862	12,290	11,599	11,527	11,731	11,453	10,545
Second quintile	31,070	31,054	30,409	31,852	32,340	31,744	30,656	31,227	31,673	30,715	29,219
Third quintile	51,399	51,069	49,893	51,336	53,045	51,806	49,701	50,286	50,612	48,713	46,653
Fourth quintile	75,308	74,163	72,494	74,139	76,308	74,373	70,660	70,880	70,891	67,954	65,274
Highest quintile	134,292	131,255	127,995	131,357	136,536	133,522	125,204	125,484	124,603	118,080	117,468
Top 5 percent	205,443	199,991	194,237	199,662	210,308	206,952	192,040	192,605	191,791	180,531	185,294
Shares of Household Income of Quintiles											
Lowest quintile	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.0
Second quintile	10.2	10.3	10.4	10.6	10.4	10.4	10.6	10.8	10.9	11.1	10.8
Third quintile	16.9	17.0	17.0	17.0	17.0	17.0	17.3	17.4	17.5	17.6	17.3
Fourth quintile	24.7	24.7	24.7	24.6	24.5	24.5	24.5	24.5	24.5	24.5	24.2
Highest quintile	44.0	43.7	43.6	43.5	43.9	43.9	43.5	43.3	43.0	42.6	43.6
Top 5 percent	16.8	16.6	16.5	16.5	16.9	17.0	16.7	16.6	16.6	16.3	17.2
Summary Measures											
Gini index of income inequality	0.402	0.398	0.397	0.395	0.400	0.401	0.396	0.394	0.391	0.386	0.397
Mean logarithmic deviation of income	0.364	0.361	0.361	0.352	0.360	0.371	0.370	0.370	0.357	0.352	0.377
Theil	0.276	0.271	0.270	0.267	0.275	0.279	0.273	0.271	0.268	0.261	0.280
Atkinson:											
e=0.25	0.069	0.068	0.067	0.067	0.069	0.070	0.068	0.068	0.067	0.065	0.070
e=0.50	0.139	0.137	0.136	0.134	0.139	0.140	0.138	0.138	0.135	0.133	0.141
e=0.75	0.213	0.211	0.210	0.207	0.213	0.216	0.214	0.214	0.209	0.206	0.218

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¹ Estimates reflect the implementation of an updated processing system and should be used to make comparisons to 2018 and subsequent years.

² The 2014 CPS ASEC included redesigned questions for income and health insurance coverage. All of the approximately 98,000 addresses were eligible to receive the redesigned set of health insurance coverage questions. The redesigned income questions were implemented to a subsample of these 98,000 addresses using a probability split panel design. Approximately 68,000 addresses were eligible to receive a set of income questions similar to those used in the 2013 CPS ASEC and the remaining 30,000 addresses were eligible to receive the redesigned income questions. The source of these 2013 estimates is the portion of the CPS ASEC sample that received the redesigned income questions, approximately 30,000 addresses.

³ The source of these 2013 estimates is the portion of the CPS ASEC sample that received the income questions consistent with the 2013 CPS ASEC, approximately 68,000 addresses.

⁴ Implementation of 2010 Census-based population controls.

⁵ Medians are calculated using \$2,500 income intervals. Beginning with 2009 income data, the Census Bureau expanded the upper income intervals used to calculate medians to \$250,000 or more. Medians falling in the upper open-ended interval are plugged with "\$250,000." Before 2009, the upper open-ended interval was \$100,000 and a plug of "\$100,000" was used.

⁶ Data have been revised to reflect a correction to the weights in the 2005 CPS ASEC.

⁷ Implementation of a 28,000 household sample expansion.

⁸ Implementation of 2000 Census-based population controls.

⁹ Full implementation of 1990 Census-based sample design and metropolitan definitions, 7,000 household sample reduction, and revised editing of responses on race.

¹⁰ Introduction of 1990 Census sample design.

¹¹ Data collection method changed from paper and pencil to computer-assisted interviewing. In addition, the 1994 CPS ASEC was revised to allow for the coding of different income amounts on selected questionnaire items. Limits either increased or decreased in the following categories: earnings limits increased to \$999,999; social security limits increased to \$49,999; supplemental security income and public assistance limits increased to \$24,999; veterans' benefits limits increased to \$99,999; child support and alimony limits decreased to \$49,999.

¹² Implementation of 1990 Census population controls.

¹³ Implementation of a new CPS ASEC processing system.

¹⁴ Recording of amounts for earnings from longest job increased to \$299,999. Full implementation of 1980 Census-based sample design.

¹⁵ Implementation of Hispanic population weighting controls and introduction of 1980 Census-based sample design.

¹⁶ Implementation of 1980 Census population controls. Questionnaire expanded to allow the recording of up to 27 possible values from a list of 51 possible sources of income.

¹⁷ First year medians were derived using both Pareto and linear interpolation. Before this year, all medians were derived using linear interpolation.

¹⁸ Some of these estimates were derived using Pareto interpolation and may differ from published data, which were derived using linear interpolation.

¹⁹ Implementation of a new CPS ASEC processing system. Questionnaire expanded to ask 11 income questions.

²⁰ Full implementation of 1970 Census-based sample design.

²¹ Introduction of 1970 Census sample design and population controls.

²² Implementation of a new CPS ASEC processing system.

Note: Inflation-adjusted estimates may differ slightly from other published data due to rounding. Some estimates have been slightly revised from previous estimates due to an improved table processing system. Margins of error are available via e-mail at <sehsd.isb.list@census.gov>.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 1968 to 2019 Annual Social and Economic Supplements (CPS ASEC).

Table A-5.

Selected Measures of Equivalence-Adjusted Income Dispersion: 1967 to 2018

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Measures of income dispersion	2018	2017 ¹	2016	2015	2014	2013 ²	2013 ³	2012	2011	2010 ⁴	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
MEASURES															
Shares of Equivalence-Adjusted Income of Quintiles															
Lowest quintile.....	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.8
Second quintile.....	9.1	8.9	9.0	9.0	9.0	8.8	9.1	9.0	9.0	9.2	9.3	9.4	9.5	9.4	9.5
Third quintile.....	14.7	14.4	14.7	14.8	14.8	14.7	14.9	14.8	14.8	15.0	15.0	15.1	15.3	14.9	15.1
Fourth quintile.....	22.4	22.4	22.7	22.9	22.9	22.8	22.9	22.9	22.8	23.1	22.9	22.8	22.9	22.5	22.6
Highest quintile.....	50.3	50.9	50.1	49.8	50.0	50.3	49.6	49.9	50.0	49.2	49.4	48.9	48.5	49.3	49.1
Summary Measures															
Gini index of income inequality.....	0.464	0.471	0.463	0.462	0.464	0.467	0.459	0.463	0.463	0.456	0.456	0.450	0.444	0.452	0.450
Mean logarithmic deviation of income.....	0.628	0.643	0.639	0.623	0.648	0.635	0.620	0.629	0.626	0.617	0.605	0.568	0.548	0.557	0.571
Theil.....	0.405	0.416	0.397	0.403	0.397	0.409	0.392	0.405	0.404	0.382	0.390	0.377	0.368	0.393	0.386
Atkinson:															
e=0.25.....	0.097	0.100	0.096	0.096	0.096	0.098	0.095	0.097	0.097	0.093	0.094	0.091	0.089	0.093	0.092
e=0.50.....	0.191	0.196	0.191	0.190	0.192	0.194	0.188	0.192	0.191	0.185	0.186	0.180	0.175	0.182	0.181
e=0.75.....	0.296	0.304	0.298	0.295	0.301	0.301	0.293	0.298	0.297	0.290	0.289	0.278	0.271	0.278	0.280
STANDARD ERRORS															
Shares of Equivalence-Adjusted Income of Quintiles															
Lowest quintile.....	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.06	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
Second quintile.....	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.05	0.09	0.06	0.05	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.09	0.10	0.09	0.09
Third quintile.....	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.12	0.08	0.07	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15
Fourth quintile.....	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.08	0.09	0.16	0.11	0.10	0.09	0.08	0.09	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23
Highest quintile.....	0.20	0.21	0.20	0.20	0.19	0.37	0.25	0.21	0.18	0.18	0.21	0.49	0.48	0.49	0.49
Summary Measures															
Gini index of income inequality.....	0.0020	0.0022	0.0021	0.0023	0.0020	0.0039	0.0026	0.0022	0.0019	0.0019	0.0021	0.0018	0.0018	0.0018	0.0018
Mean logarithmic deviation of income.....	0.0076	0.0093	0.0092	0.0077	0.0076	0.0123	0.0083	0.0072	0.0073	0.0080	0.0069	0.0043	0.0042	0.0042	0.0043
Theil.....	0.0053	0.0062	0.0052	0.0057	0.0054	0.0111	0.0067	0.0062	0.0053	0.0048	0.0053	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001
Atkinson:															
e=0.25.....	0.0011	0.0012	0.0011	0.0011	0.0011	0.0021	0.0013	0.0012	0.0010	0.0010	0.0011	0.0007	0.0008	0.0009	0.0009
e=0.50.....	0.0018	0.0020	0.0019	0.0018	0.0017	0.0034	0.0022	0.0019	0.0016	0.0016	0.0017	0.0012	0.0012	0.0014	0.0013
e=0.75.....	0.0024	0.0028	0.0027	0.0025	0.0024	0.0044	0.0028	0.0024	0.0022	0.0023	0.0023	0.0015	0.0016	0.0017	0.0017

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Measures of income dispersion	2004 ⁵	2003	2002	2001	2000 ⁶	1999 ⁷	1998	1997	1996	1995 ⁸	1994 ⁹	1993 ¹⁰	1992 ¹¹
MEASURES													
Shares of Equivalence-Adjusted Income of Quintiles													
Lowest quintile	3.8	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.0	3.9	4.1
Second quintile	9.6	9.5	9.6	9.6	9.8	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.9	9.8	9.8	10.3
Third quintile	15.2	15.2	15.2	15.2	15.2	15.3	15.4	15.4	15.5	15.6	15.6	15.6	16.3
Fourth quintile	22.7	22.8	22.7	22.4	22.3	22.6	22.7	22.6	22.7	22.8	22.8	23.0	23.7
Highest quintile	48.7	48.6	48.4	48.8	48.6	48.4	48.1	48.3	47.9	47.6	47.8	47.7	45.5
Summary Measures													
Gini index of income inequality	0.447	0.445	0.443	0.446	0.442	0.441	0.439	0.440	0.437	0.433	0.436	0.436	0.413
Mean logarithmic deviation of income	0.559	0.548	0.523	0.527	0.501	0.492	0.506	0.500	0.474	0.463	0.474	0.472	0.419
Theil	0.380	0.373	0.373	0.386	0.380	0.366	0.369	0.374	0.370	0.356	0.363	0.363	0.299
Atkinson:													
e=0.25	0.091	0.090	0.089	0.091	0.090	0.088	0.088	0.089	0.088	0.085	0.087	0.087	0.074
e=0.50	0.179	0.176	0.174	0.177	0.174	0.171	0.172	0.173	0.170	0.166	0.169	0.169	0.149
e=0.75	0.276	0.272	0.267	0.270	0.263	0.260	0.262	0.263	0.256	0.251	0.256	0.256	0.230
STANDARD ERRORS													
Shares of Equivalence-Adjusted Income of Quintiles													
Lowest quintile	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
Second quintile	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
Third quintile	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16
Fourth quintile	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.22	0.22	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.24
Highest quintile	0.49	0.49	0.48	0.49	0.49	0.48	0.48	0.48	0.48	0.48	0.48	0.48	0.45
Summary Measures													
Gini index of income inequality	0.0018	0.0018	0.0019	0.0019	0.0019	0.0026	0.0027	0.0027	0.0028	0.0027	0.0027	0.0027	0.0024
Mean logarithmic deviation of income	0.0042	0.0041	0.0039	0.0039	0.0037	0.0046	0.0048	0.0047	0.0045	0.0044	0.0042	0.0041	0.0038
Theil	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001
Atkinson:													
e=0.25	0.0009	0.0008	0.0008	0.0009	0.0009	0.0009	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010	0.0009	0.0005
e=0.50	0.0014	0.0012	0.0013	0.0014	0.0014	0.0014	0.0015	0.0016	0.0016	0.0015	0.0015	0.0015	0.0008
e=0.75	0.0017	0.0016	0.0016	0.0018	0.0017	0.0018	0.0019	0.0020	0.0020	0.0019	0.0019	0.0018	0.0012

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Measures of income dispersion	1991	1990	1989	1988	1987 ¹²	1986	1985 ¹³	1984 ¹⁴	1983	1982	1981	1980	1979 ¹⁵
MEASURES													
Shares of Equivalence-Adjusted Incomes of Quintiles													
Lowest quintile	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.7	5.0	5.2	5.3
Second quintile	10.6	10.6	10.5	10.7	10.8	10.8	10.9	11.0	11.0	11.1	11.4	11.6	11.7
Third quintile	16.5	16.3	16.3	16.5	16.7	16.6	16.7	16.8	16.9	17.0	17.2	17.3	17.2
Fourth quintile	23.7	23.5	23.4	23.7	23.8	23.8	23.7	24.0	24.0	23.9	24.0	24.0	23.8
Highest quintile	45.0	45.1	45.4	44.7	44.4	44.3	44.1	43.6	43.5	43.2	42.4	41.9	41.9
Summary Measures													
Gini index of income inequality	0.406	0.406	0.408	0.402	0.399	0.397	0.394	0.389	0.389	0.384	0.373	0.367	0.366
Mean logarithmic deviation of income	0.402	0.388	0.393	0.380	0.381	0.375	0.369	0.366	0.373	0.370	0.352	0.330	0.322
Theil	0.289	0.293	0.298	0.285	0.281	0.276	0.269	0.261	0.260	0.255	0.241	0.234	0.234
Atkinson: e=0.25	0.072	0.072	0.073	0.070	0.069	0.068	0.067	0.065	0.065	0.064	0.060	0.058	0.058
e=0.50	0.144	0.144	0.145	0.141	0.139	0.137	0.135	0.132	0.132	0.129	0.123	0.119	0.118
e=0.75	0.223	0.220	0.222	0.216	0.215	0.212	0.208	0.205	0.207	0.203	0.194	0.186	0.184
STANDARD ERRORS													
Shares of Equivalence-Adjusted Incomes of Quintiles													
Lowest quintile	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05
Second quintile	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.12	0.12
Third quintile	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17
Fourth quintile	0.24	0.24	0.23	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.24
Highest quintile	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.43	0.42	0.42	0.42
Summary Measures													
Gini index of income inequality	0.0024	0.0025	0.0025	0.0026	0.0024	0.0024	0.0024	0.0023	0.0023	0.0023	0.0023	0.0022	0.0023
Mean logarithmic deviation of income	0.0037	0.0035	0.0035	0.0036	0.0035	0.0035	0.0035	0.0035	0.0035	0.0036	0.0035	0.0031	0.0030
Theil	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001
Atkinson: e=0.25	0.0004	0.0005	0.0005	0.0006	0.0005	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0.0003	0.0004
e=0.50	0.0008	0.0009	0.0009	0.0010	0.0008	0.0008	0.0007	0.0007	0.0007	0.0007	0.0007	0.0006	0.0007
e=0.75	0.0012	0.0012	0.0013	0.0013	0.0012	0.0011	0.0011	0.0011	0.0011	0.0011	0.0011	0.0010	0.0010

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Measures of income dispersion	1978	1977	1976 ¹⁶	1975 ¹⁷	1974 ^{17,18}	1973	1972 ¹⁹	1971 ²⁰	1970	1969	1968	1967 ²¹
MEASURES												
Shares of Equivalence-Adjusted Incomes of Quintiles												
Lowest quintile.....	5.4	5.5	5.6	5.6	5.8	5.6	5.6	5.7	5.7	5.8	5.8	5.6
Second quintile.....	11.8	11.7	11.8	11.9	12.1	12.0	11.9	12.0	12.1	12.2	12.3	12.0
Third quintile.....	17.3	17.3	17.4	17.3	17.3	17.2	17.2	17.2	17.3	17.3	17.4	17.1
Fourth quintile.....	23.7	23.7	23.8	23.6	23.6	23.5	23.4	23.4	23.4	23.4	23.4	23.2
Highest quintile.....	41.8	41.7	41.5	41.6	41.2	41.7	41.9	41.7	41.5	41.3	41.1	42.1
Summary Measures												
Gini index of income inequality.....	0.363	0.362	0.359	0.359	0.354	0.360	0.362	0.359	0.357	0.353	0.351	0.362
Mean logarithmic deviation of income.....	0.315	0.315	0.311	0.306	0.295	0.298	0.302	0.300	0.299	0.283	0.285	0.303
Theil.....	0.231	0.231	0.227	0.227	0.221	0.230	0.233	0.229	0.228	0.224	0.220	0.238
Atkinson: e=0.25.....	0.057	0.057	0.056	0.056	0.055	0.057	0.057	0.057	0.056	0.055	0.054	0.058
e=0.50.....	0.116	0.116	0.113	0.114	0.110	0.114	0.115	0.113	0.113	0.110	0.109	0.116
e=0.75.....	0.180	0.180	0.177	0.176	0.171	0.176	0.177	0.175	0.175	0.169	0.169	0.179
STANDARD ERRORS												
Shares of Equivalence-Adjusted Income of Quintiles												
Lowest quintile.....	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06
Second quintile.....	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12
Third quintile.....	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17
Fourth quintile.....	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23
Highest quintile.....	0.42	0.42	0.41	0.42	0.41	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.41	0.41	0.42
Summary Measures												
Gini index of income inequality.....	0.0023	0.0023	0.0024	0.0024	0.0026	0.0027	0.0029	0.0028	0.0035	0.0062	0.0070	0.0025
Mean logarithmic deviation of income.....	0.0032	0.0032	0.0032	0.0034	0.0033	0.0032	0.0033	0.0032	0.0031	0.0030	0.0030	0.0031
Theil.....	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001
Atkinson: e=0.25.....	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0.0005
e=0.50.....	0.0007	0.0007	0.0007	0.0007	0.0007	0.0007	0.0007	0.0007	0.0007	0.0008	0.0007	0.0008
e=0.75.....	0.0010	0.0011	0.0010	0.0011	0.0010	0.0011	0.0011	0.0011	0.0011	0.0011	0.0010	0.0011

¹ Implementation of an updated CPS ASEC processing system.
² The 2014 CPS ASEC included redesigned questions for income and health insurance coverage. All of the approximately 98,000 addresses were eligible to receive the redesigned set of health insurance coverage questions. The redesigned income questions were implemented to a subsample of these 98,000 addresses using a probability split panel design. Approximately 68,000 addresses were eligible to receive a set of income questions similar to those used in the 2013 CPS ASEC and the remaining 30,000 addresses were eligible to receive the redesigned income questions. The source of these 2013 estimates is the portion of the CPS ASEC sample that received the redesigned income questions, approximately 30,000 addresses.
³ The source of these 2013 estimates is the portion of the CPS ASEC sample that received the income questions consistent with the 2013 CPS ASEC, approximately 68,000 addresses.
⁴ Implementation of 2010 Census-based population controls.
⁵ Data have been revised to reflect a correction to the weights in the 2005 CPS ASEC.
⁶ Implementation of a 28,000 household sample expansion.
⁷ Implementation of 2000 Census-based population controls.
⁸ Full implementation of 1990 Census-based sample design and metropolitan definitions. 7,000 household sample reduction, and revised editing of responses on race.
⁹ Introduction of 1990 Census sample design.
¹⁰ Data collection method changed from paper and pencil to computer-assisted interviewing. In addition, the 1994 CPS ASEC was revised to allow for the coding of different income amounts on selected questionnaire items. Limits either increased or decreased in the following categories: earnings limits increased to \$999,999; social security limits increased to \$49,999; supplemental security income and public assistance limits increased to \$24,999; veterans' benefits limits increased to \$99,999; and child support and alimony limits decreased to \$49,999.
¹¹ Implementation of 1990 Census population controls.
¹² Implementation of a new CPS ASEC processing system.
¹³ Recording of amounts for earnings from longest job increased to \$299,999. Full implementation of 1980 Census-based sample design.
¹⁴ Implementation of Hispanic population weighting controls and introduction of 1980 Census-based sample design.
¹⁵ Implementation of 1980 Census population controls.
¹⁶ Questionnaire expanded to allow the recording of up to 27 possible values from a list of 51 possible sources of income.
¹⁷ First year medians were derived using both Pareto and linear interpolation. Before this year, all medians were derived using linear interpolation.
¹⁸ Some of these estimates were derived using Pareto interpolation and may differ from published data which were derived using linear interpolation.
¹⁹ Implementation of a new CPS ASEC processing system. Questionnaire expanded to ask 11 income questions.
²⁰ Full implementation of 1970 Census-based sample design and population controls.
²¹ Introduction of a new CPS ASEC processing system. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 1968 to 2019 Annual Social and Economic Supplements (CPS ASEC).

Table A-6.

Earnings Summary Measures by Selected Characteristics: 2017 and 2018

(Earnings in 2018 dollars. People 15 years and older with earnings. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see <<https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/cps/techdocs/cpsmar19.pdf>>)

Characteristic	2017 ¹			2018			Percent change* (2018 less 2017)	
	Number (thou- sands)	Median earnings (dollars)		Number (thou- sands)	Median earnings (dollars)		Estimate	Margin of error ² (±)
		Estimate	Margin of error ² (±)		Estimate	Margin of error ² (±)		
PEOPLE WITH EARNINGS								
All Workers	166,311	38,915	587	167,555	40,247	202	*3.4	1.47
Men	88,020	46,166	690	88,115	46,741	406	1.2	1.57
Women	78,291	32,664	195	79,440	32,654	691	Z	2.01
Full-Time, Year-Round Workers	115,727	50,968	594	118,000	50,653	202	-0.6	1.14
Men	66,500	53,459	228	67,205	55,291	475	*3.4	0.92
Women	49,227	43,658	894	50,795	45,097	487	*3.3	2.26
Female-to-male earnings ratio	N	0.817	0.0163	N	0.816	0.0100	-0.1	2.33

*An asterisk preceding an estimate indicates change is statistically different from zero at the 90 percent confidence level.

N Not applicable.

Z Represents or rounds to zero.

¹ The 2017 data reflect the implementation of an updated processing system. See Appendix D for more information.

² A margin of error is a measure of an estimate's variability. The larger the margin of error in relation to the size of the estimate, the less reliable the estimate. This number, when added to and subtracted from the estimate, forms the 90 percent confidence interval. Margins of error shown in this table are based on standard errors calculated using replicate weights. For more information, see "Standard Errors and Their Use" at <<https://www2.census.gov/library/publications/2019/demo/p60-266sa.pdf>>.

Note: Inflation-adjusted estimates may differ slightly from other published data due to rounding.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2018 and 2019 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.

N Not available.

¹ Implementation of an updated CPS ASEC processing system.

² The 2014 CPS ASEC included redesigned questions for income and health insurance coverage. All of the approximately 98,000 addresses were eligible to receive the redesigned set of health insurance coverage questions. The redesigned income questions were implemented to a subsample of the 98,000 addresses using a probability split panel design. Approximately 68,000 addresses were eligible to receive a set of income questions similar to those used in the 2013 CPS ASEC and the remaining 30,000 addresses were eligible to receive the redesigned income questions. The source of these 2013 estimates is the portion of the CPS ASEC sample that received the redesigned income questions, approximately 30,000 addresses.

³ The source of these 2013 estimates is the portion of the CPS ASEC sample that received the income questions consistent with the 2013 CPS ASEC, approximately 68,000 addresses.

⁴ Implementation of 2010 Census-based population controls.

⁵ Medians are calculated using \$2,500 income intervals. Beginning with 2009 income data, the Census Bureau expanded the upper income intervals used to calculate medians to \$250,000 or more. Medians falling in the upper open-ended interval are plugged with "\$250,000." Before 2009, the upper open-ended interval was \$100,000 and a plug of "\$100,000" was used.

⁶ The 2004 data have been revised to reflect a correction to the weights in the 2005 CPS ASEC.

⁷ Implementation of a 28,000 household sample expansion.

⁸ Implementation of 2000 Census-based population controls.

⁹ Full implementation of 1990 Census-based sample design and metropolitan definitions, 7,000 household sample reduction, and revised editing of responses on race.

¹⁰ Introduction of 1990 Census sample design.

¹¹ Data collection method changed from paper and pencil to computer-assisted interviewing. In addition, the 1994 CPS ASEC was revised to allow for the coding of different income amounts on selected questionnaire items. Limits either increased or decreased in the following categories: earnings limits increased to \$999,999;

social security limits increased to \$49,999; supplemental security income and public assistance limits increased to \$24,999; veterans' benefits limits increased to \$99,999; and child support and alimony limits decreased to \$49,999.

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¹³ Implementation of a new CPS ASEC processing system.

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¹⁹ Implementation of a new CPS ASEC processing system. Questionnaire expanded to ask 11 income questions.

²⁰ Full implementation of 1970 Census-based sample design.

²¹ Introduction of 1970 Census sample design and population controls.

²² Implementation of a new CPS ASEC processing system.

²³ Questionnaire expanded to ask eight income questions.

²⁴ Implementation of new procedures to impute missing data only.

²⁵ Full implementation of 1960 Census-based sample design and population controls.

²⁶ Introduction of 1960 Census-based sample design. Implementation of first hotdeck procedure to impute missing income entries.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 1961 to 2019 Annual Social and Economic Supplements (CPS ASEC).

APPENDIX B. ESTIMATES OF POVERTY

How Poverty Is Calculated

Following the Office of Management and Budget’s (OMB) Statistical Policy Directive 14, the U.S. Census Bureau uses a set of dollar value thresholds that vary by family size and composition to determine who is in poverty (see the matrix below).

Poverty Thresholds for 2018 by Size of Family and Number of Related Children Under 18 Years

(In dollars)

Size of family unit	Related children under 18 years								
	None	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six	Seven	Eight or more
One person (unrelated individual):									
Under age 65	13,064								
Aged 65 and older.	12,043								
Two people:									
Householder under age 65	16,815	17,308							
Householder aged 65 and older	15,178	17,242							
Three people.	19,642	20,212	20,231						
Four people	25,900	26,324	25,465	25,554					
Five people	31,234	31,689	30,718	29,967	29,509				
Six people	35,925	36,068	35,324	34,612	33,553	32,925			
Seven people	41,336	41,594	40,705	40,085	38,929	37,581	36,102		
Eight people	46,231	46,640	45,800	45,064	44,021	42,696	41,317	40,967	
Nine people or more	55,613	55,883	55,140	54,516	53,491	52,082	50,807	50,491	48,546

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

If a family’s total money income is less than the applicable threshold, then that family and every individual in it are considered in poverty. The official poverty thresholds are updated annually for inflation using the Consumer Price Index (CPI-U). The official poverty definition uses money income before taxes or tax credits and excludes capital gains and noncash benefits (such as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits and housing assistance). The thresholds do not vary geographically.

Example: Suppose Family A consists of five people: two children, their mother, their father, and their great-aunt. Family A’s poverty threshold in 2018 is \$30,718. Each member of Family A had the following income in 2018:

Mother	\$11,000
Father	\$10,000
Great-aunt	\$10,000
First child	0
Second child	0
Total:	\$31,000

Since their total family income, \$31,000, was higher than their threshold (\$30,718), Family A would not be considered “in poverty.”

While the thresholds, in some sense, represent the needs of families, they should be interpreted as a statistical yardstick rather than as a complete description of what people and families need to live. Many government assistance programs use different income eligibility cutoffs. While official poverty rates and the number of people or families in poverty are important, other poverty indicators are considered in the section “Depth of Poverty Measures” and another approach to setting thresholds and defining resources is discussed in the section “Supplemental Poverty Measure.”

For a history of the official poverty measure, see “Poverty: The History of the Official Poverty Measure” available at <www.census.gov/topics/income-poverty/poverty/about/history-of-the-poverty-measure.html> or “The Development of

the Orshansky Poverty Thresholds and Their Subsequent History as the Official U.S. Poverty Measure” by Gordon M. Fisher, available at <www.census.gov/library/working-papers/1997/demo/fisher-02.html>.

Weighted Average Thresholds: Since some data users want a summary of the 48 thresholds to get a general sense of the “poverty line,” the following table provides the weighted average thresholds for 2018. The weighted average thresholds are based on the relative number of families of each size and composition and are not used in computing poverty estimates.

Weighted Average Poverty Thresholds in 2018 by Size of Family

(In dollars)

One person	12,784
Two people	16,247
Three people	19,985
Four people	25,701
Five people	30,459
Six people	34,533
Seven people	39,194
Eight people	43,602
Nine people or more	51,393

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

Table B-1.

People in Poverty by Selected Characteristics: 2017 and 2018

(Numbers in thousands. Margin of error in thousands or percentage points as appropriate. People as of March of the following year. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see <<https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/cps/techdocs/cpsmar19.pdf>>)

Characteristic	2017 ¹					2018					Change in poverty (2018 less 2017) ^{3,*}		
	Below poverty					Below poverty					Number	Percent	
	Total	Number	Margin of error ² (±)	Percent	Margin of error ² (±)	Total	Number	Margin of error ² (±)	Percent	Margin of error ² (±)			
PEOPLE													
Total	322,548	39,564	896	12.3	0.3	323,847	38,146	791	11.8	0.2	*-1,418	*-0.5	
Race⁴ and Hispanic Origin													
White	247,255	26,026	712	10.5	0.3	247,634	24,945	615	10.1	0.2	*-1,082	*-0.5	
White, not Hispanic	195,218	16,619	513	8.5	0.3	194,815	15,725	453	8.1	0.2	*-894	*-0.4	
Black	42,477	9,224	358	21.7	0.8	42,773	8,884	416	20.8	1.0	-340	-0.9	
Asian	19,526	1,891	186	9.7	0.9	19,768	1,996	157	10.1	0.8	105	0.4	
Hispanic (any race)	59,051	10,816	457	18.3	0.8	59,957	10,526	403	17.6	0.7	-290	-0.8	
Sex													
Male	158,111	17,272	477	10.9	0.3	158,741	16,782	428	10.6	0.3	-489	-0.4	
Female	164,436	22,292	501	13.6	0.3	165,106	21,363	462	12.9	0.3	*-929	*-0.6	
Age													
Under age 18	73,470	12,759	407	17.4	0.5	73,284	11,869	415	16.2	0.6	*-890	*-1.2	
Aged 18 to 64	198,012	21,913	573	11.1	0.3	197,775	21,130	479	10.7	0.2	*-782	*-0.4	
Aged 65 and older	51,066	4,893	198	9.6	0.4	52,788	5,146	206	9.7	0.4	254	0.2	
Nativity													
Native-born	277,131	33,143	802	12.0	0.3	278,051	31,828	713	11.4	0.3	*-1,315	*-0.5	
Foreign-born	45,417	6,421	297	14.1	0.6	45,796	6,317	283	13.8	0.6	-104	-0.3	
Naturalized citizen	21,876	2,185	152	10.0	0.7	22,294	2,215	147	9.9	0.6	30	-0.1	
Not a citizen	23,541	4,236	241	18.0	0.9	23,502	4,103	227	17.5	0.8	-133	-0.5	
Region													
Northeast	55,962	6,347	329	11.3	0.6	55,270	5,682	304	10.3	0.6	*-665	*-1.1	
Midwest	67,341	7,571	380	11.2	0.6	67,539	7,005	378	10.4	0.6	*-566	*-0.9	
South	122,269	16,474	606	13.5	0.5	123,462	16,757	573	13.6	0.5	283	0.1	
West	76,976	9,172	387	11.9	0.5	77,576	8,701	420	11.2	0.5	-472	*-0.7	
Residence⁵													
Inside metropolitan statistical areas	279,549	33,094	885	11.8	0.3	281,549	31,936	771	11.3	0.3	*-1,158	*-0.5	
Inside principal cities	103,856	16,369	669	15.8	0.5	104,770	15,287	609	14.6	0.5	*-1,082	*-1.2	
Outside principal cities	175,693	16,725	604	9.5	0.3	176,779	16,649	615	9.4	0.3	-76	-0.1	
Outside metropolitan statistical areas	42,999	6,470	520	15.0	0.7	42,298	6,210	526	14.7	0.8	-260	-0.4	
Work Experience													
Total, aged 18 to 64	198,012	21,913	573	11.1	0.3	197,775	21,130	479	10.7	0.2	*-782	*-0.4	
All workers	152,227	8,106	268	5.3	0.2	152,835	7,781	256	5.1	0.2	-325	-0.2	
Worked full-time, year-round	109,726	2,506	127	2.3	0.1	111,702	2,544	133	2.3	0.1	39	Z	
Less than full-time, year-round	42,502	5,600	231	13.2	0.5	41,133	5,237	213	12.7	0.5	*-363	-0.4	
Did not work at least 1 week	45,785	13,807	460	30.2	0.8	44,940	13,349	354	29.7	0.7	-458	-0.5	
Disability Status⁶													
Total, aged 18 to 64	198,012	21,913	573	11.1	0.3	197,775	21,130	479	10.7	0.2	*-782	*-0.4	
With a disability	15,087	3,791	184	25.1	1.1	14,845	3,818	186	25.7	1.1	27	0.6	
With no disability	181,974	18,088	515	9.9	0.3	182,010	17,279	391	9.5	0.2	*-809	*-0.4	
Educational Attainment													
Total, aged 25 and older	219,821	22,007	502	10.0	0.2	221,478	21,916	440	9.9	0.2	-91	-0.1	
No high school diploma	22,404	5,488	209	24.5	0.8	21,975	5,693	222	25.9	0.9	205	*1.4	
High school, no college	62,669	8,054	280	12.9	0.4	62,259	7,925	255	12.7	0.4	-129	-0.1	
Some college	57,828	5,178	199	9.0	0.3	57,428	4,812	183	8.4	0.3	*-366	*-0.6	
Bachelor's degree or higher	76,920	3,286	178	4.3	0.2	79,816	3,486	214	4.4	0.3	200	0.1	

* An asterisk preceding an estimate indicates change is statistically different from zero at the 90 percent confidence level.

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³ Details may not sum to totals because of rounding.

⁴ Federal surveys 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 the 2010 Census through American FactFinder. About 2.9 percent of people reported more than one race in the 2010 Census. Data for American Indians and Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders, and those reporting two or more races are not shown separately.

⁵ For information on metropolitan statistical areas and principal cities, see <www.census.gov/programs-surveys/metro-micro/about/glossary.html>.

⁶ The sum of those with and without a disability does not equal the total because disability status is not defined for individuals in the U.S. armed forces.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2018 and 2019 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.

Table B-2.

Families and People in Poverty by Type of Family: 2017 and 2018

(Numbers in thousands. Margin of error in thousands or percentage points as appropriate. Families as of March of the following year. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see <<https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/cps/techdocs/cpsmar19.pdf>>)

Characteristic	2017 ¹					2018					Change in poverty (2018 less 2017) ^{3,*}	
	Total	Below poverty				Total	Below poverty				Number	Percent
		Number	Margin of error ² (±)	Percent	Margin of error ² (±)		Number	Margin of error ² (±)	Percent	Margin of error ² (±)		
FAMILIES												
Primary Families⁴	83,539	7,790	212	9.3	0.2	83,508	7,504	208	9.0	0.2	*-286	*-0.3
Married-couple	61,883	2,933	131	4.7	0.2	61,971	2,938	119	4.7	0.2	6	Z
Female householder, no spouse present	15,305	4,005	147	26.2	0.9	15,052	3,742	153	24.9	0.9	*-263	*-1.3
Male householder, no spouse present	6,351	853	77	13.4	1.1	6,485	824	79	12.7	1.1	-29	-0.7
Unrelated Subfamilies⁵	470	154	30	32.7	5.4	467	156	31	33.3	4.8	2	0.6
PEOPLE												
Persons in Families												
In primary families	261,599	26,720	731	10.2	0.3	262,010	25,489	699	9.7	0.3	*-1,231	*-0.5
Related children under age 18 ...	72,612	12,358	398	17.0	0.5	72,425	11,491	410	15.9	0.6	*-866	*-1.2
Related children under age 6 ...	23,564	4,436	219	18.8	0.9	23,395	4,016	194	17.2	0.8	*-420	*-1.7
In married-couple families	195,629	10,624	480	5.4	0.2	196,418	10,518	446	5.4	0.2	-106	-0.1
Related children under age 18 ...	49,751	3,961	234	8.0	0.5	49,983	3,820	246	7.6	0.5	-141	-0.3
Related children under age 6 ...	16,632	1,467	120	8.8	0.7	16,680	1,296	107	7.8	0.6	*-171	*-1.0
In families with a female householder, no spouse present	47,517	13,525	506	28.5	0.9	46,660	12,491	519	26.8	1.0	*-1,033	*-1.7
Related children under age 18 ...	17,574	7,312	308	41.6	1.3	17,058	6,664	315	39.1	1.5	*-649	*-2.5
Related children under age 6 ...	5,191	2,584	164	49.8	2.2	4,995	2,381	154	47.7	2.4	-203	-2.1
In families with a male householder, no spouse present	18,454	2,571	240	13.9	1.2	18,932	2,480	227	13.1	1.1	-91	-0.8
Related children under age 18 ...	5,287	1,084	122	20.5	2.0	5,384	1,008	113	18.7	1.9	-76	-1.8
Related children under age 6 ...	1,740	386	66	22.2	3.3	1,719	339	58	19.7	3.1	-46	-2.4
In unrelated subfamilies	1,113	379	75	34.1	5.7	1,069	370	73	34.6	5.0	-10	0.5
Children under age 18	553	215	44	38.9	6.6	539	202	41	37.5	5.8	-13	-1.4
Persons not in Families												
Unrelated individuals	59,835	12,465	389	20.8	0.5	60,768	12,287	338	20.2	0.5	-178	-0.6
Male	29,346	5,366	237	18.3	0.7	29,887	5,301	232	17.7	0.7	-65	-0.5
Female	30,489	7,099	248	23.3	0.7	30,881	6,986	219	22.6	0.6	-113	-0.7

* An asterisk preceding an estimate indicates change is statistically different from zero at the 90 percent confidence level.

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³ Details may not sum to totals because of rounding.

⁴ A primary family is a group of two or more people, one of whom is the householder, related by birth, marriage, or adoption and residing together. All such people (including related subfamily members) are considered as members of one family.

⁵ An unrelated subfamily is defined as a married couple with or without children or a single parent with one or more own, never-married, children under the age of 18 living in a household and not related by birth, marriage, or adoption to the householder.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2018 and 2019 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.

Table B-3.

People With Income Below Specified Ratios of Their Poverty Thresholds by Selected Characteristics: 2018

(Numbers in thousands. Margin of error in thousands or percentage points as appropriate. People as of March of the following year. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see <<https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/cps/techdocs/cpsmar19.pdf>>)

Characteristic	Income-to-poverty ratio ¹												
	Under 0.50			Under 1.25			Under 1.50			Under 2.00			
	Number	Margin of error ² (±)	Percent	Number	Margin of error ² (±)	Percent	Number	Margin of error ² (±)	Percent	Number	Margin of error ² (±)	Percent	
All people	17,274	537	5.3	51,706	858	16.0	65,091	919	20.1	93,594	1,136	28.9	0.4
Age													
Under age 18	5,042	284	6.9	16,074	434	21.9	20,007	467	27.3	27,590	495	37.6	0.7
Aged 18 to 64	10,141	320	5.1	28,180	529	14.2	34,975	581	17.7	50,529	731	25.5	0.4
Aged 65 and older	2,092	146	4.0	7,451	240	14.1	10,109	286	19.1	15,475	350	29.3	0.7
Sex													
Male	7,565	299	4.8	22,938	469	14.4	29,065	515	18.3	42,451	614	26.7	0.4
Female	9,709	325	5.9	28,768	493	17.4	36,026	518	21.8	51,143	636	31.0	0.4
Race³ and Hispanic Origin													
White	11,161	447	4.5	34,550	661	14.0	44,104	712	17.8	65,298	907	26.4	0.4
White, not Hispanic	7,554	334	3.9	21,321	497	10.9	27,378	569	14.1	41,672	756	21.4	0.4
Black	4,014	277	9.4	11,581	447	27.1	13,978	458	32.7	18,585	502	43.4	1.2
Asian	1,037	114	5.2	2,553	187	12.9	3,178	230	16.1	4,536	271	22.9	1.4
Hispanic (any race)	4,166	298	6.9	15,016	485	25.0	18,943	525	31.6	26,663	551	44.5	0.9
Family Status													
In families	10,484	464	4.0	35,429	789	13.5	45,685	858	17.4	67,375	1,079	25.7	0.4
Householder	3,265	141	3.9	10,241	238	12.3	13,222	268	15.8	19,655	332	23.5	0.4
Related children under age 18	4,767	278	6.6	15,613	434	21.6	19,510	470	26.9	27,002	494	37.3	0.7
Related children under age 6	1,778	131	7.6	5,401	224	23.1	6,640	228	28.4	9,148	229	39.1	1.0
In unrelated subfamilies	226	66	21.2	477	87	44.6	518	89	48.4	662	103	61.9	5.8
Unrelated individuals	6,564	238	10.8	15,800	385	26.0	18,888	441	31.1	25,558	523	42.1	0.6
Male	29,887	177	9.8	6,732	254	22.5	7,972	270	26.7	10,983	320	36.7	0.8
Female	3,638	162	11.8	9,068	243	29.4	10,916	289	35.3	14,575	341	47.2	0.9

¹ The estimates for people with income below 100 percent of their poverty thresholds (under 1.00) can be found in Table B-1.

² A margin of error is a measure of an estimate's variability. The larger the margin of error in relation to the size of the estimate, the less reliable the estimate. This number, when added to and subtracted from the estimate, forms the 90 percent confidence interval. Margin of errors shown in this table are based on standard errors calculated using replicate weights. For more information, see "Standard Errors and Their Use" at <<https://www2.census.gov/library/publications/2019/demo/p60-266sa.pdf>>.

³ Federal surveys 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 the 2010 Census through American FactFinder. About 2.9 percent of people reported more than one race in the 2010 Census. Data for American Indians and Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders, and those reporting two or more races are not shown separately.

Note: Details may not sum to totals because of rounding.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2019 Annual Social and Economic Supplement.

Table B-4.

Income Deficit or Surplus of Families and Unrelated Individuals by Poverty Status: 2018

(Numbers of families and unrelated individuals in thousands. Deficits and surpluses and their margin of error in 2018 dollars. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see <<https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/cps/techdocs/cpsmar19.pdf>>)

Characteristic	Total	Size of deficit or surplus										Average deficit or surplus (dollars)		Deficit or surplus per capita (dollars)	
		Under \$1,000	\$1,000 to \$2,499	\$2,500 to \$4,999	\$5,000 to \$7,499	\$7,500 to \$9,999	\$10,000 to \$12,499	\$12,500 to \$14,999	\$15,000 or more	Estimate	Margin of error ¹ (±)	Estimate	Margin of error ¹ (±)		
Below Poverty Threshold, Deficit															
All families.....	7,504	536	649	935	1,031	861	669	621	2,203	10,452	207	3,077	68		
Married-couple families.....	2,938	281	274	412	396	333	236	219	787	9,789	346	2,735	105		
Families with a female householder, no spouse present.....	3,742	207	295	429	486	421	367	332	1,205	11,138	294	3,337	94		
Families with a male householder, no spouse present.....	824	48	80	93	149	106	66	69	211	9,704	536	3,223	186		
Unrelated individuals.....	12,287	852	1,691	2,442	1,229	936	1,405	3,733	Z	7,502	123	7,502	123		
Male.....	5,301	313	729	1,004	557	374	632	1,693	Z	7,688	207	7,688	207		
Female.....	6,986	539	962	1,438	673	562	773	2,039	Z	7,362	155	7,362	155		
Above Poverty Threshold, Surplus															
All families.....	76,004	521	694	1,367	1,409	1,614	1,490	1,664	67,244	94,527	1,195	30,375	416		
Married-couple families.....	59,033	275	344	663	738	914	852	969	54,279	106,184	1,368	33,719	467		
Families with a female householder, no spouse present.....	11,309	176	269	528	528	517	446	486	8,360	49,829	1,685	16,493	590		
Families with a male householder, no spouse present.....	5,661	70	82	176	143	184	192	209	4,605	62,265	3,229	21,425	1,147		
Unrelated individuals.....	48,481	949	1,798	2,792	2,831	2,060	2,577	2,100	33,373	42,177	999	42,177	999		
Male.....	24,586	393	725	1,154	1,214	868	1,179	909	18,144	47,170	1,577	47,170	1,577		
Female.....	23,895	556	1,073	1,638	1,617	1,192	1,399	1,191	15,229	37,040	1,213	37,040	1,213		

Z Represents or rounds to zero.

¹ A margin of error is a measure of an estimate's variability. The larger the margin of error in relation to the size of the estimate, the less reliable the estimate. This number, when added to and subtracted from the estimate, forms the 90 percent confidence interval. Margin of errors shown in this table are based on standard errors calculated using replicate weights. For more information, see "Standard Errors and Their Use" at <<https://www2.census.gov/library/publications/2019/demo/p60-266sa.pdf>>.

Note: Details may not sum to totals because of rounding.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2019 Annual Social and Economic Supplement.

Table B-5.

Poverty Status of People by Family Relationship, Race, and Hispanic Origin: 1959 to 2018—Con.(Numbers in thousands. People as of March of the following year. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see <<https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/cps/techdocs/cpsmar19.pdf>>)

Race, Hispanic origin, and year	All people			People in families						Unrelated individuals			
	Total	Below poverty		Total	All families			Families with female householder, no husband present			Total	Below poverty	
		Number	Percent		Total	Below poverty		Total	Below poverty			Number	Percent
						Number	Percent		Number	Percent			
BLACK ALONE OR IN COMBINATION													
2018	46,825	9,695	20.7	36,729	6,910	18.8	14,820	4,692	31.7	9,942	2,726	27.4	
2017 ¹	46,337	10,050	21.7	36,675	7,290	19.9	15,201	5,258	34.6	9,480	2,688	28.4	
2017	46,391	9,820	21.2	36,702	7,013	19.1	15,297	5,089	33.3	9,535	2,758	28.9	
2016	45,683	9,965	21.8	36,463	7,353	20.2	15,315	5,231	34.2	9,105	2,563	28.2	
2015	45,227	10,797	23.9	36,028	7,965	22.1	15,809	5,642	35.7	8,999	2,744	30.5	
2014	44,566	11,581	26.0	35,545	8,711	24.5	15,304	6,179	40.4	8,836	2,793	31.6	
2013 ²	44,154	11,162	25.3	35,958	8,533	23.7	16,188	6,277	38.8	8,045	2,588	32.2	
2013 ³	44,112	11,959	27.1	35,657	9,174	25.7	14,906	6,319	42.4	8,199	2,657	32.4	
2012	43,583	11,809	27.1	35,205	9,016	25.6	15,113	6,220	41.2	8,179	2,663	32.6	
2011	42,648	11,730	27.5	34,495	9,012	26.1	15,282	6,500	42.5	7,986	2,635	33.0	
2010 ⁴	42,385	11,597	27.4	34,347	8,891	25.9	15,362	6,269	40.8	7,730	2,587	33.5	
2009	40,876	10,575	25.9	33,330	8,184	24.6	14,463	5,755	39.8	7,368	2,285	31.0	
2008	40,097	9,882	24.6	32,818	7,768	23.7	14,332	5,782	40.3	7,123	2,042	28.7	
2007	39,564	9,668	24.4	32,427	7,668	23.6	14,396	5,702	39.6	7,036	1,968	28.0	
2006	39,013	9,447	24.2	32,130	7,411	23.1	13,848	5,422	39.2	6,715	1,935	28.8	
2005	38,551	9,517	24.7	31,663	7,459	23.6	14,080	5,524	39.2	6,754	2,003	29.7	
2004 ⁵	38,037	9,411	24.7	31,468	7,495	23.8	13,830	5,484	39.7	6,418	1,840	28.7	
2003	37,503	9,108	24.3	31,059	7,162	23.1	13,664	5,312	38.9	6,194	1,814	29.3	
2002	37,207	8,884	23.9	31,008	6,985	22.5	13,551	5,145	38.0	6,034	1,851	30.7	
BLACK ALONE¹³													
2018	42,773	8,884	20.8	33,237	6,242	18.8	13,500	4,277	31.7	9,388	2,584	27.5	
2017 ¹	42,477	9,224	21.7	33,261	6,594	19.8	13,986	4,811	34.4	9,064	2,573	28.4	
2017	42,474	8,993	21.2	33,250	6,315	19.0	14,066	4,628	32.9	9,101	2,644	29.1	
2016	41,962	9,234	22.0	33,199	6,709	20.2	13,964	4,777	34.2	8,679	2,484	28.6	
2015	41,625	10,020	24.1	32,890	7,305	22.2	14,549	5,198	35.7	8,549	2,635	30.8	
2014	41,112	10,755	26.2	32,546	8,013	24.6	14,091	5,670	40.2	8,419	2,685	31.9	
2013 ²	40,498	10,186	25.2	32,658	7,665	23.5	14,838	5,759	38.8	7,717	2,483	32.2	
2013 ³	40,615	11,041	27.2	32,564	8,390	25.8	13,816	5,871	42.5	7,842	2,536	32.3	
2012	40,125	10,911	27.2	32,122	8,251	25.7	13,931	5,735	41.2	7,841	2,549	32.5	
2011	39,609	10,929	27.6	31,800	8,334	26.2	14,145	5,980	42.3	7,659	2,524	33.0	
2010 ⁴	39,283	10,746	27.4	31,596	8,181	25.9	14,236	5,831	41.0	7,419	2,479	33.4	
2009	38,556	9,944	25.8	31,306	7,642	24.4	13,680	5,427	39.7	7,102	2,209	31.1	
2008	37,966	9,379	24.7	30,986	7,339	23.7	13,648	5,533	40.5	6,835	1,970	28.8	
2007	37,665	9,237	24.5	30,778	7,312	23.8	13,741	5,459	39.7	6,807	1,898	27.9	
2006	37,306	9,048	24.3	30,621	7,072	23.1	13,244	5,180	39.1	6,545	1,897	29.0	
2005	36,802	9,168	24.9	30,154	7,164	23.8	13,481	5,303	39.3	6,521	1,949	29.9	
2004 ⁵	36,426	9,014	24.7	30,065	7,153	23.8	13,244	5,247	39.6	6,217	1,792	28.8	
2003	35,989	8,781	24.4	29,727	6,870	23.1	13,118	5,115	39.0	6,034	1,781	29.5	
2002	35,678	8,602	24.1	29,671	6,761	22.8	13,030	4,980	38.2	5,858	1,800	30.7	

See footnotes at end of table.

Table B-5.

Poverty Status of People by Family Relationship, Race, and Hispanic Origin: 1959 to 2018—Con.(Numbers in thousands. People as of March of the following year. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see <<https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/cps/techdocs/cpsmar19.pdf>>)

Race, Hispanic origin, and year	All people			People in families						Unrelated individuals			
	Total	Below poverty		Total	All families			Families with female householder, no husband present			Total	Below poverty	
		Number	Percent		Total	Below poverty		Total	Below poverty			Number	Percent
						Number	Percent		Number	Percent			
ASIAN ALONE¹⁴													
2018	19,768	1,996	10.1	16,765	1,243	7.4	1,686	327	19.4	2,946	732	24.8	
2017 ¹	19,526	1,891	9.7	16,748	1,220	7.3	1,715	288	16.8	2,737	652	23.8	
2017	19,475	1,953	10.0	16,666	1,276	7.7	1,757	275	15.7	2,758	674	24.4	
2016	18,879	1,908	10.1	16,220	1,179	7.3	1,657	326	19.7	2,627	715	27.2	
2015	18,241	2,078	11.4	15,597	1,260	8.1	1,435	222	15.5	2,556	784	30.7	
2014	17,790	2,137	12.0	15,261	1,391	9.1	1,725	315	18.2	2,431	713	29.3	
2013 ¹	17,257	2,255	13.1	15,057	1,589	10.6	1,574	442	28.1	2,180	661	30.3	
2013 ²	17,063	1,785	10.5	14,895	1,154	7.7	1,657	228	13.7	2,128	623	29.3	
2012	16,417	1,921	11.7	14,190	1,357	9.6	1,515	309	20.4	2,156	547	25.4	
2011	16,086	1,973	12.3	14,100	1,389	9.9	1,570	327	20.8	1,921	571	29.7	
2010 ⁴	15,611	1,899	12.2	13,515	1,341	9.9	1,471	327	22.2	2,040	547	26.8	
2009	14,005	1,746	12.5	12,296	1,244	10.1	1,353	250	18.5	1,673	491	29.3	
2008	13,310	1,576	11.8	11,719	1,192	10.2	1,308	209	16.0	1,574	378	24.0	
2007	13,257	1,349	10.2	11,471	930	8.1	1,256	217	17.3	1,720	391	22.7	
2006	13,177	1,353	10.3	11,428	912	8.0	1,057	187	17.7	1,683	428	25.4	
2005	12,580	1,402	11.1	10,911	970	8.9	1,059	189	17.8	1,645	427	26.0	
2004 ⁵	12,231	1,201	9.8	10,734	812	7.6	1,024	135	13.2	1,472	388	26.3	
2003	11,856	1,401	11.8	10,333	1,017	9.8	1,028	242	23.6	1,494	375	25.1	
2002	11,541	1,161	10.1	9,899	763	7.7	1,019	155	15.2	1,613	390	24.2	
ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER¹²													
2001	12,465	1,275	10.2	10,745	873	8.1	1,333	198	14.8	1,682	393	23.4	
2000 ⁶	12,672	1,258	9.9	11,044	895	8.1	1,231	289	23.4	1,588	350	22.0	
1999 ⁷	11,955	1,285	10.7	10,507	1,010	9.6	1,201	275	22.9	1,415	270	19.1	
1998	10,873	1,360	12.5	9,576	1,087	11.4	1,123	373	33.2	1,266	257	20.3	
1997	10,482	1,468	14.0	9,312	1,116	12.0	932	313	33.6	1,134	327	28.9	
1996	10,054	1,454	14.5	8,900	1,172	13.2	1,018	300	29.5	1,120	255	22.8	
1995	9,644	1,411	14.6	8,582	1,112	13.0	919	266	28.9	1,013	260	25.6	
1994	6,654	974	14.6	5,915	776	13.1	582	137	23.6	696	179	25.7	
1993	7,434	1,134	15.3	6,609	898	13.6	725	126	17.4	791	228	28.8	
1992 ⁸	7,779	985	12.7	6,922	787	11.4	729	183	25.0	828	193	23.3	
1991 ⁹	7,192	996	13.8	6,367	773	12.1	721	177	24.6	785	209	26.6	
1990	7,014	858	12.2	6,300	712	11.3	638	132	20.7	668	124	18.5	
1989	6,673	939	14.1	5,917	779	13.2	614	212	34.6	712	144	20.2	
1988 ¹⁰	6,447	1,117	17.3	5,767	942	16.3	650	263	40.5	651	160	24.5	
1987 ¹⁰	6,322	1,021	16.1	5,785	875	15.1	584	187	32.0	516	138	26.8	

See footnotes at end of table.

Table B-6.

Poverty Status of People by Age, Race, and Hispanic Origin: 1959 to 2018—Con.(Numbers in thousands. People as of March of the following year. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see <<https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/cps/techdocs/cpsmar19.pdf>>)

Race, Hispanic origin, and year	Under 18 years						18 to 64 years			65 years and older		
	All people			Related children in families			Total	Below poverty		Total	Below poverty	
	Total	Below poverty		Total	Below poverty			Number	Percent		Number	Percent
		Number	Percent		Number	Percent						
ASIAN ALONE OR IN COMBINATION												
2018	5,158	538	10.4	5,095	508	10.0	14,348	1,334	9.3	2,539	294	11.6
2017 ¹	5,170	524	10.1	5,124	505	9.9	13,993	1,259	9.0	2,392	280	11.7
2017	5,133	537	10.5	5,088	524	10.3	13,970	1,303	9.3	2,408	263	10.9
2016	4,922	495	10.1	4,874	477	9.8	13,581	1,301	9.6	2,253	266	11.8
2015	4,728	539	11.4	4,631	489	10.6	13,133	1,443	11.0	2,176	252	11.6
2014	4,792	577	12.0	4,722	544	11.5	12,834	1,390	10.8	2,059	301	14.6
2013 ²	4,900	628	12.8	4,858	600	12.4	12,393	1,457	11.8	1,889	312	16.5
2013 ³	4,740	457	9.6	4,701	442	9.4	12,374	1,258	10.2	1,910	259	13.6
2012	4,557	570	12.5	4,485	533	11.9	11,913	1,291	10.8	1,703	211	12.4
2011	4,572	607	13.3	4,495	566	12.6	11,660	1,397	12.0	1,581	185	11.7
2010 ⁴	4,308	586	13.6	4,256	560	13.2	11,414	1,265	11.1	1,515	214	14.1
2009	3,996	531	13.3	3,946	507	12.9	9,898	1,154	11.7	1,378	216	15.7
2008	3,717	494	13.3	3,678	476	12.9	9,507	1,031	10.8	1,319	162	12.3
2007	3,606	431	11.9	3,558	402	11.3	9,531	892	9.4	1,293	144	11.2
2006	3,573	408	11.4	3,530	398	11.3	9,553	897	9.4	1,205	142	11.8
2005	3,472	359	10.3	3,435	352	10.2	9,115	999	11.0	1,144	144	12.6
2004 ⁵	3,406	329	9.7	3,367	311	9.2	8,780	819	9.3	1,104	147	13.3
2003	3,316	420	12.7	3,279	406	12.4	8,510	956	11.2	1,065	152	14.2
2002	3,199	353	11.0	3,159	338	10.7	8,292	804	9.7	995	86	8.7
ASIAN ALONE¹⁴												
2018	3,998	453	11.3	3,948	426	10.8	13,292	1,254	9.4	2,479	289	11.7
2017 ¹	4,058	420	10.4	4,023	405	10.1	13,120	1,193	9.1	2,348	277	11.8
2017	4,019	455	11.3	3,985	442	11.1	13,097	1,244	9.5	2,358	255	10.8
2016	3,875	430	11.1	3,839	412	10.7	12,796	1,217	9.5	2,209	261	11.8
2015	3,786	466	12.3	3,693	420	11.4	12,325	1,360	11.0	2,130	252	11.8
2014	3,750	524	14.0	3,681	492	13.4	12,012	1,314	10.9	2,029	299	14.7
2013 ²	3,766	555	14.7	3,746	538	14.4	11,646	1,393	12.0	1,845	307	16.7
2013 ³	3,651	367	10.1	3,621	354	9.8	11,531	1,162	10.1	1,881	256	13.6
2012	3,596	497	13.8	3,542	470	13.3	11,153	1,220	10.9	1,669	205	12.3
2011	3,657	494	13.5	3,600	466	13.0	10,873	1,297	11.9	1,555	182	11.7
2010 ⁴	3,431	494	14.4	3,399	477	14.0	10,696	1,191	11.1	1,484	214	14.4
2009	3,311	463	14.0	3,271	444	13.6	9,344	1,069	11.4	1,350	213	15.8
2008	3,052	446	14.6	3,016	430	14.2	8,961	974	10.9	1,296	157	12.1
2007	2,980	374	12.5	2,932	345	11.8	9,012	832	9.2	1,265	143	11.3
2006	2,956	360	12.2	2,915	351	12.0	9,039	851	9.4	1,182	142	12.0
2005	2,871	317	11.1	2,842	312	11.0	8,591	941	11.0	1,118	143	12.8
2004 ⁵	2,854	281	9.9	2,823	265	9.4	8,294	774	9.3	1,083	146	13.5
2003	2,759	344	12.5	2,726	331	12.1	8,044	907	11.3	1,052	151	14.3
2002	2,683	315	11.7	2,648	302	11.4	7,881	764	9.7	977	82	8.4
ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER¹²												
2001	3,215	369	11.5	3,169	353	11.1	8,352	814	9.7	899	92	10.2
2000 ⁶	3,294	420	12.7	3,256	407	12.5	8,500	756	8.9	878	82	9.3
1999 ⁷	3,212	381	11.9	3,178	367	11.5	7,879	807	10.2	864	96	11.1
1998	3,137	564	18.0	3,099	542	17.5	6,951	698	10.0	785	97	12.4
1997	3,096	628	20.3	3,061	608	19.9	6,680	753	11.3	705	87	12.3
1996	2,924	571	19.5	2,899	553	19.1	6,484	821	12.7	647	63	9.7
1995	2,900	564	19.5	2,858	532	18.6	6,123	757	12.4	622	89	14.3
1994	1,739	318	18.3	1,719	308	17.9	4,401	589	13.4	513	67	13.0
1993	2,061	375	18.2	2,029	358	17.6	4,871	680	14.0	503	79	15.6
1992 ⁸	2,218	363	16.4	2,199	352	16.0	5,067	568	11.2	494	53	10.8
1991 ⁹	2,056	360	17.5	2,036	348	17.1	4,582	565	12.3	555	70	12.7
1990	2,126	374	17.6	2,098	356	17.0	4,375	422	9.6	514	62	12.1
1989	1,983	392	19.8	1,945	368	18.9	4,225	512	12.1	465	34	7.4
1988 ¹⁰	1,970	474	24.1	1,949	458	23.5	4,035	583	14.4	442	60	13.5
1987 ¹⁰	1,937	455	23.5	1,908	432	22.7	4,010	510	12.7	375	56	15.0

See footnotes at end of table.

APPENDIX C. REPLICATE WEIGHTS

Beginning in the 2011 Current Population Survey Annual Social and Economic Supplement (CPS ASEC) report, the variance of CPS ASEC estimates used to calculate the standard errors and confidence intervals displayed in the text tables were calculated using the Successive Difference Replication (SDR) method documented by Fay and Train (1995). This method involves the computation of a set of replicate weights that account for the complex survey design of the CPS.

In previous years, the standard errors of CPS ASEC estimates were calculated using a Generalized Variance Function (GVF) approach. Under this approach, generalized variance parameters were used in formulas provided in the source and accuracy (S&A) statement to estimate standard errors.

A study by Davern et al. (2006), found that the CPS ASEC GVF standard errors performed poorly against more precise Survey Design-Based (SDB) estimates. In most cases, Davern's results indicated that the published GVF parameters significantly underestimated standard errors in the CPS ASEC. This and other critiques prompted the U.S. Census Bureau to transition from using the GVF method to the

SDR method of estimating standard errors for the CPS ASEC. In 2009, the Census Bureau released replicate weights for the 2005 through 2009 CPS ASEC collection years and has released replicate weights for each year since with the release of the CPS ASEC public use data.

Following the 2009 release of CPS ASEC replicate weights, Boudreaux, Davern, and Graven (2011) compared replicate weight standard error estimates with SDB estimates. Replicate weight estimates performed markedly better against SDB standard errors than those calculated using the published GVF parameters. The Census Bureau will continue to provide the GVF parameters in the S&A statement, which can be found online at <<https://www2.census.gov/library/publications/2019/demo/p60-266sa.pdf>>.

Since the published GVF parameters generally underestimated standard errors, standard errors produced using SDR may be higher than in previous reports. For most CPS ASEC estimates, the increase in standard errors from GVF to SDR will not alter the findings. However, marginally significant differences using the GVF may not be significant using replicate weights.

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APPENDIX D. COMPARISON OF 2017 INCOME AND POVERTY ESTIMATES USING THE LEGACY AND UPDATED PROCESSING SYSTEMS

The U.S. Census Bureau has been engaged for the past several years in implementing improvements to the Current Population Survey Annual Social and Economic Supplement (CPS ASEC). These changes have been implemented in a two-step process, beginning first with questionnaire design changes incorporated over the period of 2014 to 2016 followed by more recent changes to the data processing system.

In 2014, the Census Bureau introduced redesigned income and health insurance questions in the CPS ASEC in an effort to improve data quality. The redesigned income questions were tested in the field using a split-panel design, where about 70 percent of respondents received the traditional income questionnaire used in the 2013 CPS ASEC and prior years, and 30 percent received the redesigned income questions.

In the redesigned questionnaire, income and means-tested benefit questions were updated with the goals of improving income reporting, increasing response rates, and reducing reporting errors by taking better advantage of the automated questionnaire. These updates included: (1) new retirement income questions to reflect the shift from defined-benefit to defined-contribution plans; (2) the option to provide income in “ranges” when a respondent could not, or would not, give a specific dollar amount; and (3) the elimination of “screeners” which filtered questions by household income.

Based on the success of this field test, the redesigned income questions were used for the full CPS ASEC sample in 2015 and subsequent

years.¹ Additionally, following questionnaire changes related to income and health insurance, changes were introduced beginning in 2015 to better identify opposite- or same-sex spouses and unmarried partners.²

While data *collection* methods reflected these changes immediately, data *processing* changes to take advantage of this new content have only recently been finalized. Estimates released from the CPS ASEC for calendar years 2013 through 2017 reflect questionnaire changes, but did not take advantage of the new questionnaire content in data processing.

In the second phase of implementation, the updated processing system changes how the Census Bureau edits and imputes income data and determines family relationships (including among same-sex couples). For income, the data processing and imputation system has been overhauled to improve data quality, this included:³

- For many income sources the top codes, or maximum allowed values, were increased.
- The creation of additional income variables.

¹ For details on the redesigned income questions, see Jessica L. Semega and Edward Welniak, Jr., “The Effects of the Changes to the Current Population Survey Annual Social and Economic Supplement on Estimates of Income,” January 2015, <www.census.gov/content/dam/Census/library/working-papers/2015/demo/ASSA-Income-CPSASEC-Red.pdf>.

² For details on changes to the CPS ASEC relationship data, see Rose Krieder and Benjamin Gurrentz, “Changes to the Household Relationship Data in the Current Population Survey,” SEHSD Working Paper 2019-13, April 2019, <www.census.gov/library/working-papers/2019/demo/SEHSD-WP2019-13.html>.

³ For details on the updated processing system, see Jonathan Rothbaum, “Changes to Income Processing in the CPS ASEC,” SEHSD Working Paper 2019-18, April 2019, <www.census.gov/library/working-papers/2019/demo/SEHSD-WP2019-18.html>.

- Changes to improve data on means-tested benefit receipt and the presence of mortgages.
- Additional information on non-response and allocation.

For family relationships, the processing system was updated to treat members of same-sex and opposite-sex marriages consistently.

In April 2019, the Census Bureau released a rerun of the 2018 CPS ASEC public-use data using the updated processing system. The original data had previously been released in September 2018 using the legacy edit procedures. The April 2019 release was accompanied by several working papers, notes, and tables summarizing differences in estimates from the two processing systems. Public-use microdata files, a data dictionary, and supplemental technical documentation are available on the Census Bureau Web site.⁴ Similar resources were released for the 2017 CPS ASEC.

This report, “Income and Poverty in the United States: 2018,” is the first release of income and poverty measures reflecting both data collection and processing system changes. Comparisons between 2017 and 2018 estimates in this report are based on estimates derived from the updated processing system. In some cases, as shown in Table D-1, the 2017 estimates in this report diverge from the estimates published in the “Income and Poverty in the United States: 2017” report released in September 2018, which were produced using the legacy processing system.

⁴ See resources at <<https://census.gov/data/datasets/time-series/demo/income-poverty/cps-asec-design.html>>.

INCOME

Table D-1 shows the percent change in median household income by selected characteristics using the legacy and the updated processing system. For most household demographic groups, the updated processing system resulted in only minor differences for median income. Overall median household income was not statistically different across the processing systems.

By type of family household, only male householders with no spouse present experienced a statistically significant difference in median income using the updated processing system. For nonfamily households, both female and male householders experienced a difference in median income.

Median incomes of households with White and Black householders were lower using the updated processing system. No other race group showed a statistically significant difference between the two systems. Median income of households with a householder aged 25 to 34 was lower using the updated system. The only other major demographic group to show a statistical difference was among households in metropolitan statistical areas, and specifically those inside principal cities.

Table D-2 shows the share of aggregate income by quintile and inequality summary statistics using the legacy and the updated processing system. The income shares in the bottom four quintiles were lower, while the share of income in the

highest quintile and top 5 percent were higher. Each inequality measure, except the mean logarithmic deviation, was higher (reflecting greater inequality) with the updated processing system. However, this was primarily due to the increased top codes.⁵

Table D-3 shows the percent difference in median earnings by type of worker using the legacy and the updated processing system. The median was statistically higher for all workers with earnings. By sex, the median for women with earnings was higher, while men with earnings did not show a statistically significant difference. The median for all full-time, year-round workers with earnings was higher, though neither male nor female full-time, year-round workers showed a statistically significant difference at the median using the updated processing system.

POVERTY

For poverty in 2017, there were no statistically significant differences in either the number or percentage of people in poverty when using the updated processing system compared to the legacy processing system (Table D-4). There were statistically significant differences in poverty rates by select demographic characteristics, including race, age, nativity, residence in metropolitan areas, disability status, work experience, and educational attainment.

⁵ See Jonathan Rothbaum, "Changes to Income Processing in the CPS ASEC," SEHSD Working Paper 2019-18, April 2019, <www.census.gov/library/working-papers/2019/demo/SEHSD-WP2019-18.html>.

Poverty rates decreased for non-Hispanic Whites and increased for Blacks when moving to the updated processing system. By age, individuals 65 years and older were the only group who's poverty rates were statistically different, increasing due to the updated processing system. By nativity, poverty is statistically lower for the foreign-born, and more specifically, those who were not citizens. Geographically, statistical differences across processing systems were limited to those living inside metropolitan statistical areas, but outside principal cities. There were no statistical differences in poverty rates by region. Individuals between the ages of 18 and 64 who had not worked at least 1 week in the prior year had statistically lower poverty rates. Individuals who did not report a disability also had lower poverty rates under the updated processing system. Additionally, individuals aged 25 and older with advanced education including a bachelor's degree or higher—who already had among the lowest poverty rates when using the legacy processing system—were the only educational attainment class to see a statistically significant difference, with poverty rates lower with the updated processing system.⁶

⁶ For additional information on the impact of the processing system changes on poverty rates in 2017, see John Creamer and Ashley Edwards, "Examining Poverty in 2016 and 2017 Using the Legacy and Updated Current Population Survey Processing System," SEHSD Working Paper 2019-28, August 2019, <www.census.gov/library/working-papers/2019/demo/SEHSD-WP2019-28.html>.

Table D-1.

Income Summary Measures by Selected Characteristics: 2017 Legacy and Updated Processing Systems

(Income in 2017 dollars. Households as of March 2018. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see <<https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/cps/techdocs/cpsmar18.pdf>>)

Characteristic	Legacy ¹ (L)			Updated ² (U)			Percent difference* in real median income (U/L)	
	Number (thou- sands)	Median income (dollars)		Number (thou- sands)	Median income (dollars)		Estimate	Margin of error ³ (±)
		Estimate	Margin of error ³ (±)		Estimate	Margin of error ³ (±)		
HOUSEHOLDS								
All Households	127,586	61,372	551	127,669	61,136	529	-0.4	0.48
Type of Household								
Family households	83,088	77,713	836	83,523	77,796	863	0.1	0.66
Married-couple	61,241	90,386	820	61,869	91,330	842	1.0	0.60
Female householder, no spouse present	15,423	41,703	746	15,303	41,653	841	-0.1	1.23
Male householder, no spouse present	6,424	60,843	1,733	6,351	58,217	2,023	*-4.3	2.42
Nonfamily households	44,498	36,650	557	44,146	36,343	500	-0.8	0.85
Female householder	23,481	30,748	632	23,316	31,156	579	*1.3	1.26
Male householder	21,017	44,250	2,185	20,830	42,800	1,640	*-3.3	2.71
Race⁴ and Hispanic Origin of Householder								
White	100,065	65,273	684	100,113	64,833	842	*-0.7	0.67
White, not Hispanic	84,681	68,145	1,050	84,706	68,189	1,109	0.1	0.85
Black	16,997	40,258	949	17,019	39,365	1,396	*-2.2	1.99
Asian	6,735	81,331	1,962	6,750	81,392	1,779	0.1	1.33
Hispanic (any race)	17,318	50,486	721	17,336	50,167	758	-0.6	0.95
Age of Householder								
Under 65 years	94,613	69,628	916	94,703	69,256	993	-0.5	0.75
15 to 24 years	6,211	40,093	1,430	6,223	38,951	1,624	-2.8	3.02
25 to 34 years	20,264	62,294	1,051	20,258	61,239	832	*-1.7	1.03
35 to 44 years	21,576	78,368	1,578	21,609	78,846	1,848	0.6	1.42
45 to 54 years	22,542	80,671	1,064	22,566	80,157	1,332	-0.6	0.93
55 to 64 years	24,020	68,567	1,587	24,047	68,897	1,565	0.5	1.51
65 years and older	32,973	41,125	839	32,966	41,297	789	0.4	1.32
Nativity of Householder								
Native-born	107,653	61,987	574	107,720	61,868	566	-0.2	0.53
Foreign-born	19,933	57,273	1,630	19,949	56,419	1,203	-1.5	1.50
Naturalized citizen	10,877	65,859	1,753	10,886	64,528	2,455	-2.0	2.19
Not a citizen	9,056	49,739	1,406	9,063	49,165	1,666	-1.2	2.07
Region								
Northeast	22,513	66,450	1,437	22,513	65,593	1,666	-1.3	1.38
Midwest	27,635	61,136	1,039	27,659	61,123	1,118	0.0	1.04
South	48,591	55,709	990	48,630	55,775	982	0.1	0.97
West	28,847	67,517	1,354	28,866	66,961	1,247	-0.8	0.92
Residence⁵								
Inside metropolitan statistical areas	109,734	64,265	971	109,804	63,592	848	*-1.0	0.79
Inside principal cities	42,564	55,708	1,073	42,573	54,959	1,275	*-1.3	1.11
Outside principal cities	67,170	69,358	1,178	67,230	69,922	1,051	0.8	0.94
Outside metropolitan statistical areas	17,852	47,563	1,364	17,865	47,947	1,508	0.8	1.53

* An asterisk preceding an estimate indicates change is statistically different from zero at the 90 percent confidence level.

¹ Estimates from the 2018 CPS ASEC Legacy file correspond to those previously released in the report "Income and Poverty in the United States: 2017," available at <www.census.gov/content/dam/Census/library/publications/2018/demo/p60-263.pdf>.

² Estimates from the 2018 CPS ASEC Bridge file reflect the updated processing system with different underlying universes and weights. For more information, see the Bridge file documentation at <<https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/demo/datasets/income-poverty/time-series/data-extracts/2018/cps-asec-bridge-file/2018-asec-bridge-file-documentation.pdf>>. For more information on the updated processing system, see <www.census.gov/data/datasets/time-series/demo/income-poverty/cps-asec-design.html>.

³ A margin of error is a measure of an estimate's variability. The larger the margin of error in relation to the size of the estimate, the less reliable the estimate. This number, when added to and subtracted from the estimate, forms the 90 percent confidence interval. Margins of error shown in this table are based on standard errors calculated using replicate weights. For more information, see "Standard Errors and Their Use" at <<https://www2.census.gov/library/publications/2018/demo/p60-263sa.pdf>>.

⁴ Federal surveys 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 the 2010 Census through American FactFinder. About 2.9 percent of people reported more than one race in the 2010 Census. Data for American Indians and Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders, and those reporting two or more races are not shown separately.

⁵ For the definition of metropolitan statistical areas and principal cities, see <www.census.gov/programs-surveys/metro-micro/about/glossary.html>.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2018 Annual Social and Economic Supplement (CPS ASEC).

Table D-2.

Income Distribution Measures Using Money Income and Equivalence-Adjusted Income: 2017 Legacy and Updated Processing Systems

(For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see <<https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/cps/techdocs/cpsmar18.pdf>>)

Measure	Legacy ¹ (L)		Updated ² (U)		Percent difference ^{4,*} (U/L)	
	Estimate	Margin of error ³ (±)	Estimate	Margin of error ³ (±)	Estimate	Margin of error ³ (±)
MONEY INCOME						
Shares of Aggregate Income by Percentile						
Lowest quintile	3.1	0.05	3.0	0.05	*-1.2	1.13
Second quintile	8.2	0.08	8.1	0.09	*-1.3	0.75
Third quintile	14.3	0.11	14.0	0.12	*-2.0	0.62
Fourth quintile	23.0	0.15	22.6	0.16	*-1.6	0.55
Highest quintile	51.5	0.33	52.3	0.35	*1.6	0.51
Top 5 percent	22.3	0.40	23.2	0.44	*3.8	1.53
Summary Measures						
Gini index of income inequality	0.482	0.0034	0.489	0.0036	*1.5	0.55
Mean logarithmic deviation of income . .	0.610	0.0121	0.617	0.0119	1.2	1.28
Theil	0.424	0.0089	0.441	0.0103	*4.2	1.81
Atkinson:						
e=0.25	0.103	0.0018	0.106	0.0020	*3.5	1.46
e=0.50	0.202	0.0030	0.207	0.0032	*2.8	1.18
e=0.75	0.307	0.0040	0.313	0.0042	*2.0	0.97
EQUIVALENCE-ADJUSTED INCOME						
Shares of Aggregate Income by Percentile						
Lowest quintile	3.5	0.07	3.4	0.06	*-1.3	1.03
Second quintile	9.0	0.08	8.9	0.09	*-1.7	0.68
Third quintile	14.7	0.11	14.4	0.11	*-1.7	0.56
Fourth quintile	22.7	0.14	22.4	0.15	*-1.6	0.52
Highest quintile	50.1	0.33	50.9	0.34	*1.6	0.51
Top 5 percent	21.8	0.38	22.7	0.42	*4.1	1.55
Summary Measures						
Gini index of income inequality	0.463	0.0035	0.471	0.0036	*1.6	0.56
Mean logarithmic deviation of income . .	0.640	0.0152	0.644	0.0154	0.6	1.17
Theil	0.397	0.0086	0.416	0.0102	*4.7	1.92
Atkinson:						
e=0.25	0.096	0.0018	0.100	0.0020	*3.8	1.51
e=0.50	0.191	0.0030	0.196	0.0033	*2.9	1.19
e=0.75	0.298	0.0045	0.304	0.0047	*1.9	0.94

* An asterisk preceding an estimate indicates change is statistically different from zero at the 90 percent confidence level.

¹ Estimates from the 2018 CPS ASEC Legacy file correspond to those previously released in the report "Income and Poverty in the United States: 2017," available at <www.census.gov/content/dam/Census/library/publications/2018/demo/p60-263.pdf>.

² Estimates from the 2018 CPS ASEC Bridge file reflect the updated processing system with different underlying universes and weights. For more information, see the Bridge file documentation at <<https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/demo/datasets/income-poverty/time-series/data-extracts/2018/cps-asec-bridge-file/2018-asec-bridge-file-documentation.pdf>>. For more information on the updated processing system, see <www.census.gov/data/datasets/time-series/demo/income-poverty/cps-asec-design.html>.

³ A margin of error is a measure of an estimate's variability. The larger the margin of error in relation to the size of the estimate, the less reliable the estimate. This number, when added to and subtracted from the estimate, forms the 90 percent confidence interval. Margins of error shown in this table are based on standard errors calculated using replicate weights. For more information, see "Standard Errors and Their Use" at <<https://www2.census.gov/library/publications/2018/demo/p60-263.pdf>>.

⁴ Calculated estimate may be different due to rounded components.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2018 Annual Social and Economic Supplement (CPS ASEC).

Table D-3.

Earnings Summary Measures by Selected Characteristics: 2017 Legacy and Updated Processing Systems

(Earnings in 2017 dollars. People 15 years and older with earnings. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see <<https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/cps/techdocs/cpsmar18.pdf>>)

Characteristic	Legacy ¹ (L)			Updated ² (U)			Percent difference* (U/L)	
	Number (thou- sands)	Median earnings (dollars)		Number (thou- sands)	Median earnings (dollars)		Estimate	Margin of error ³ (±)
		Estimate	Margin of error ³ (±)		Estimate	Margin of error ³ (±)		
PEOPLE WITH EARNINGS								
All Workers	166,296	37,479	321	166,311	37,989	573	*1.4	1.02
Men	88,101	44,408	1,226	88,020	45,067	674	1.5	1.91
Women	78,196	31,610	171	78,291	31,887	191	*0.9	0.38
Full-Time, Year-Round Workers . . .	115,672	48,500	622	115,727	49,755	580	*2.6	0.72
Men	66,379	52,146	225	66,500	52,186	223	0.1	0.29
Women	49,293	41,977	208	49,227	42,619	872	1.5	1.66
Female-to-male earnings ratio	N	0.805	0.0047	N	0.817	0.0158	1.5	1.71

* An asterisk preceding an estimate indicates change is statistically different from zero at the 90 percent confidence level.

N Not applicable.

¹ Estimates from the 2018 CPS ASEC Legacy file correspond to those previously released in the report "Income and Poverty in the United States: 2017," available at <www.census.gov/content/dam/Census/library/publications/2018/demo/p60-263.pdf>.

² Estimates from the 2018 CPS ASEC Bridge file reflect the updated processing system with different underlying universes and weights. For more information, see the Bridge file documentation at <<https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/demo/datasets/income-poverty/time-series/data-extracts/2018/cps-asec-bridge-file/2018-asec-bridge-file-documentation.pdf>>. For more information on the updated processing system, see <www.census.gov/data/datasets/time-series/demo/income-poverty/cps-asec-design.html>.

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2018 Annual Social and Economic Supplement (CPS ASEC).

APPENDIX E. ADDITIONAL DATA AND CONTACTS

Detailed tables, historical tables, press releases, and briefings are available electronically on the U.S. Census Bureau's income and poverty Web sites. The Web sites may be accessed through the Census Bureau's home page at <www.census.gov> or directly at <www.census.gov/topics/income-poverty/income.html> for income data and <www.census.gov/topics/income-poverty/poverty.html> for poverty data.

For assistance with income and poverty data or questions about them, contact the U.S. Census Bureau Customer Service Center at 1-800-923-8282 (toll free) or search your topic of interest using the Census Bureau's "Question and Answer Center" found at <<https://ask.census.gov/>>.

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New Data Platform

The Web site <data.census.gov/mdat> is the new platform to access data and digital content from the Census Bureau. The Microdata Access Tool (MDAT) beta replaces CPS Table Creator and DataFerrett. The tool provides data users the ability to create customized tables using data from the Current Population Survey Annual Social and Economic Supplement (CPS ASEC).

Public Use Microdata

CPS ASEC

Microdata for the 2018 CPS ASEC and earlier years are available online at <https://thedataweb.rm.census.gov/ftp/cps_ftp.html#cpsmarch>. Technical methods have been applied to CPS microdata to avoid disclosing the identities of individuals from whom data were collected.

Taxes and Noncash Benefits

Since the early 1980s, the Census Bureau has examined the effects of taxes and noncash benefits on poverty and income distribution measures. Public-use data containing these tax and noncash benefit variables are typically released later in the year and are available online at <https://thedataweb.rm.census.gov/ftp/cps_ftp.html#cpsmarch>.

Census Data API

The Census Data Application Programming Interface (API) gives the public access to raw statistical data from various Census Bureau data programs. It is an efficient way to query data directly from Census Bureau servers with many advantages including the ability to easily download target variables and geographies and immediate access to the most current data. The Census Data API's simple raw format provides greater ease and accessibility for inputting data to whatever format is needed for presenting and manipulating these data. Users can find which data sets are currently available via API online at <www.census.gov/data/developers/data-sets.html>.

Topcoding

In its long history of releasing public-use microdata files based on the CPS ASEC, the Census Bureau has always censored the release of "high income" amounts in order to meet the requirements of Title 13. This process is often called topcoding. Prior to the March 1996 survey, this censorship was applied by limiting the values for income amounts to be no greater than a specified maximum value (the topcode), which varied by source and year. From 1996 to 2010, mean values were substituted for all amounts above the topcode.

Using a specified maximum value or the mean value for all amounts above the topcode made it impossible to examine the distribution of income above the topcode. To alleviate these problems and improve the overall usefulness of the data, the Census Bureau implemented a rank proximity swapping method in the 2011 CPS ASEC. In this method, income amounts above the topcode are switched between respondents that are of similar rank. Swapped amounts are rounded following the swapping process to provide additional disclosure avoidance. Extract files containing swapped income values for survey years 1975 to 2010 are available on the Census Bureau's FTP site at <www.census.gov/data/datasets/time-series/demo/income-poverty/data-extracts.html>.

Comments

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