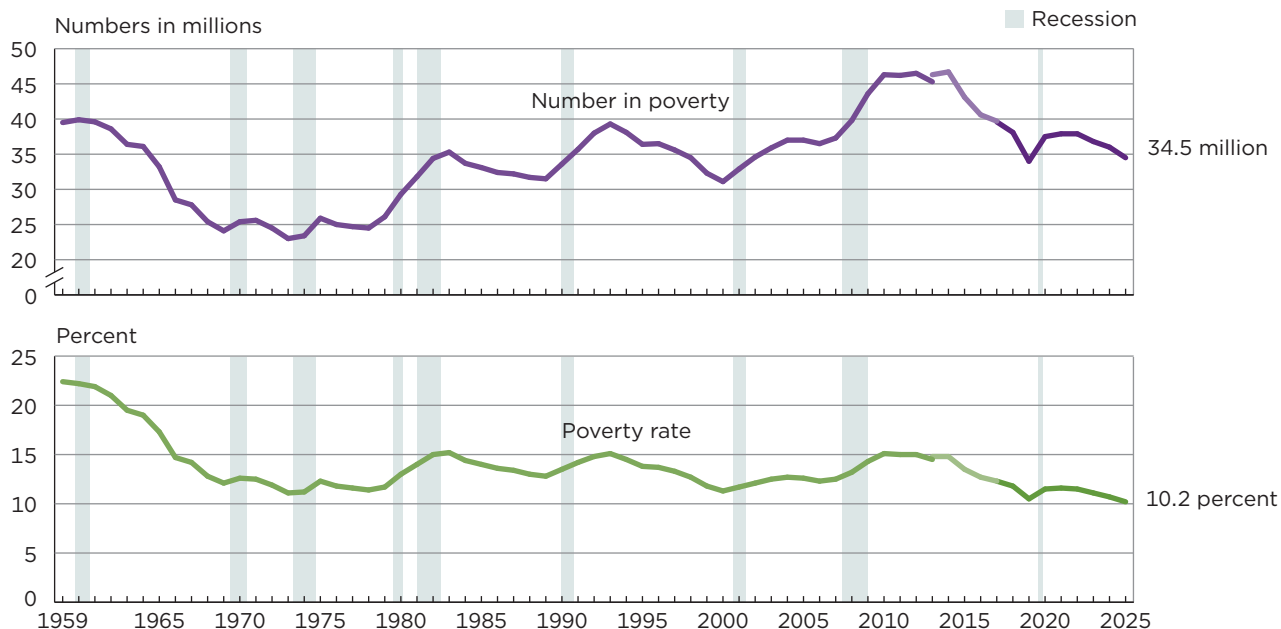


Figure 1.

Number in Poverty and Poverty Rate Using the Official Poverty Measure: 1959 to 2025



Note: Population as of March of the following year. Estimates and historical footnotes are available in Table 3 at www.census.gov/library/publications/2026/demo/p60-290.html. The data points are placed at the midpoints of the respective years. Information on recessions is available in Appendix C. Information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions is available at <https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/cps/techdocs/cpsmar26.pdf>. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 1960 to 2026 Annual Social and Economic Supplements (CPS ASEC; DMS number P-7534374 and DRB approval number CBDRB-FY26-0280).