

# Poverty Dynamics: 2001-2003

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## INTRODUCTION

This paper presents information on poverty in the United States based on information collected in the 2001 panel of the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP). The data presented in this report cover the period of January 2001 through December 2003. See the section below titled “SIPP—A Longitudinal Survey” for information about the SIPP.

Official annual poverty data for the United States comes from the Annual Social and Economic Supplement (ASEC) to the Current Population Survey (CPS) following the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Statistical Policy Directive 14. The official poverty estimates are based on the family characteristics at the time of interview and their income for the full calendar year prior to the data collection. That approach may mask some of the changes and transitions that occur during a year that impact economic well-being. Based on research from longitudinal studies, those that interview the same people at more than one point in time, the data show that a majority of individuals in poverty at some point during the year do not remain in poverty for long periods of time and a relatively high proportion of people have experienced poverty at one point or another.<sup>1</sup> Poverty is chronic for a small but significant proportion of the poverty population.

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<sup>1</sup> Examples of previous longitudinal studies on poverty include: John Iceland, “Dynamics of Economic Well-Being: Poverty 1996-1999” Current Population Reports, P70-91, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC, 2003. Mary Naifeh, “Dynamics of Economic Well-Being, Poverty, 1993-94: Trap Door? Revolving Door? Or Both?” Current Population Reports, Series P70-63, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC, 1998. Signe-Mary McKernan and Caroline Ratcliffe. “Transition Events in the Dynamics of Poverty.” Urban Institute Research Report, September 2002, <<http://www.urban.org/url.cfm?ID=410575>>. Mary Jo Bane and David Ellwood, "Slipping Into and Out of Poverty: The Dynamics of Spells," *Journal of Human Resources* 21 (1986), 1-23. Ann Huff Stevens, "The

This report describes patterns of poverty using measures with different time horizons and provides a dynamic view of the duration of poverty spells and the frequency of transitions into and out of poverty. It further examines how poverty dynamics vary across demographic groups.

### ***SIPP—A Longitudinal Survey***

The Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP) is a longitudinal panel survey that interviews a representative sample of U.S. households every 4 months. The population represented (the population universe) is the civilian noninstitutionalized population of the United States. The longitudinal estimates in this report relate to the civilian noninstitutionalized population of the United States at the end of the 2001 SIPP panel in December 2003.

The SIPP interviews members of sampled households to obtain the core content, which includes the following: demographic characteristics, labor force participation, government program participation, and the amount of income received from a variety of sources. With the exception of average monthly poverty (explained below in the section called, “How Poverty Is Calculated Using SIPP”), this report presents monthly, annual, and full panel longitudinal estimates based on people who were interviewed in all months of the estimates reference period, or for whom imputed information exists. Efforts were made during the life of the panel to ensure that the sample remained representative of the noninstitutionalized population of the United States. People who moved were followed to their new addresses. If the people included in the estimates have different experiences of poverty than the people who did not respond initially, left the sample, or missed two or more consecutive waves, these longitudinal estimates may be biased.

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Dynamics of Poverty Spells: Updating Bane and Ellwood," *AEA Papers and Proceedings* 84, 2 (1994), 34-37. Ann Huff Stevens, "Climbing Out of Poverty, Falling Back In: Measuring the Persistence of Poverty Over Multiple Spells," *Journal of Human Resources* 34, 3 (1999), 557-88.

Each wave of the SIPP panel consists of four rotations interviewed in turn in consecutive months. For rotations with missing data at the end of the panel, imputations were made using the closest month of data available. Rotation group 1 had three months of data imputed (October to December 2003); rotation group 2 had two months of data imputed (November and December 2003); and rotation group 3 had one month of data imputed (December 2003).

### ***How Poverty Is Calculated Using SIPP***

Poverty statistics presented in this report adhere to the standards specified by OMB's Statistical Policy Directive 14. The Census Bureau uses a set of money income thresholds that vary by family size and composition to determine who is in poverty. If a family's total income is less than that family's threshold, then that family and every individual in it are considered to be in poverty. The poverty thresholds do not vary geographically. They are updated to allow for changes in the cost of living (inflation factor) using the Consumer Price Index (CPI-U).

Since SIPP respondents are interviewed throughout the year and asked about their income for the previous 4 months individually, the appropriate monthly poverty thresholds are determined. The process involves multiplying the base-year annual poverty thresholds by an inflation factor relevant to the reference month and then dividing the calculated annual threshold by 12.

For example: Consider a family of three with one child under 18 years of age, interviewed in July 2002 and reporting a monthly income of \$1,200 for each of the previous 4 months (March 2002 to June 2002). The table below shows the base year (1982) annual threshold, the monthly inflation factors, the adjusted annual threshold, and the final monthly poverty threshold assigned to the family. Multiplying the base threshold, \$7,765, by the inflation factor gives the adjusted

annual threshold and dividing by 12 gives the monthly poverty threshold. Comparing this result with the family's monthly income of \$1,200 shows that the family and all individuals in the family would be considered to have been in poverty in April, May and June, but they would not have been in poverty in March.

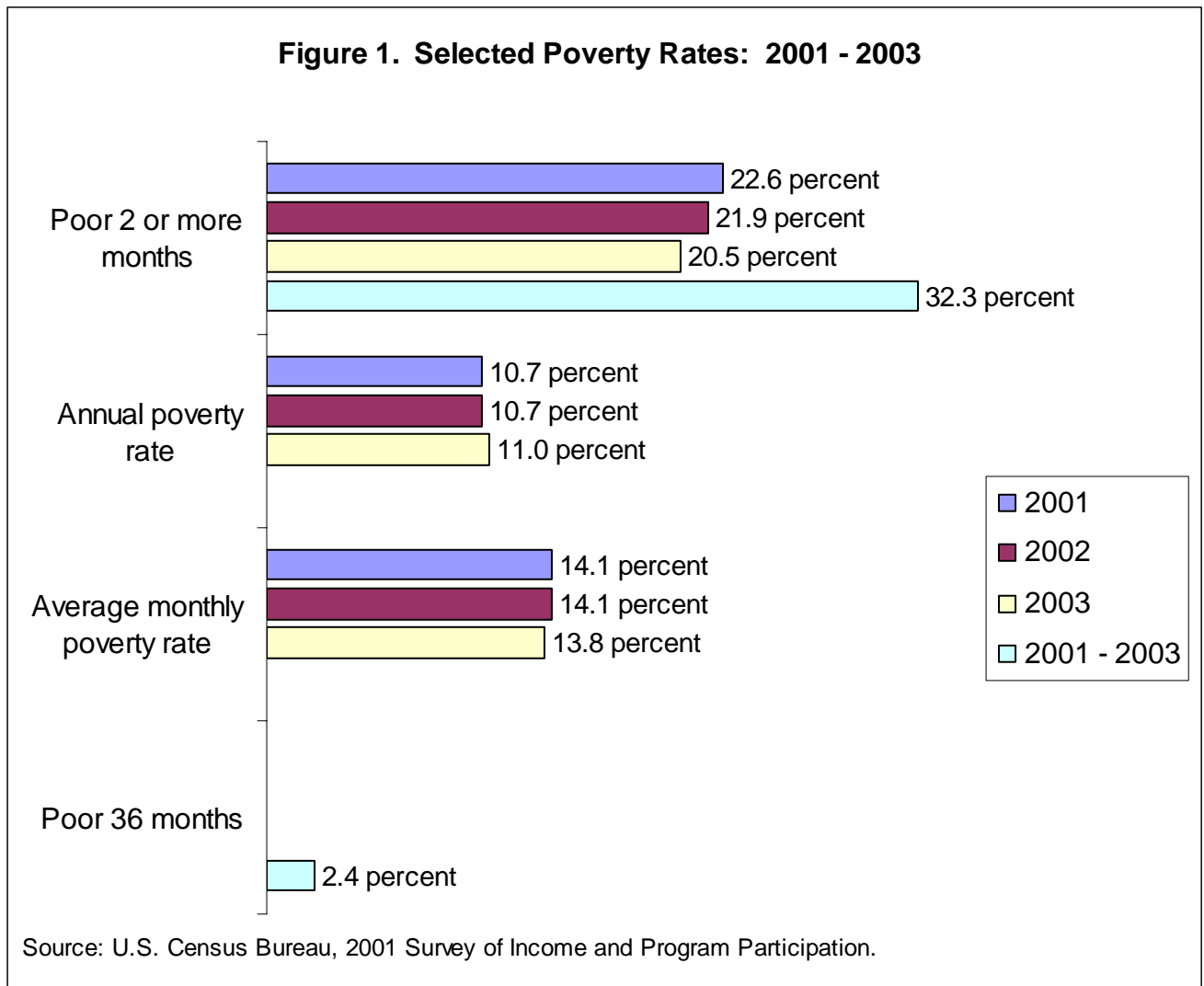
	Family Base Threshold	Monthly CPI-U Factor	Adjusted Annual Threshold	Monthly Poverty Threshold
2002				
March	7,765	1.85230	14,383	1,199
April	7,765	1.86302	14,466	1,206
May	7,765	1.86268	14,464	1,205
June	7,765	1.86406	14,474	1,206

*This report uses this monthly information on income and thresholds to calculate the following:*

<b>Average monthly poverty</b>	An average of the monthly poverty rates for the period of interest. For example, the average monthly poverty for calendar year 2001 is the average of poverty rates from January to December 2001.
<b>Episodic poverty</b>	People who were in poverty for 2 or more consecutive months in a given time period.
<b>Chronic or long-term poverty</b>	People in poverty for every month from 2001 through the end of 2003.
<b>Spells</b>	Number of months in poverty (excluding spells underway in the first interview month of the panel). Minimum spell length is two months. Spells are separated by two or more months of not being in poverty. Individuals can have more than one spell.
<b>Annual poverty</b>	People who are in poverty in a calendar year as calculated by comparing the sum of monthly family income over the year to the sum of monthly poverty thresholds. Note that this is not equivalent to using an annual poverty threshold since a person's family composition may change during the reference period.
<b>Entries</b>	Uses the annual poverty calculation. People who were not in poverty in 2001 but in poverty in 2002 or 2003 had an entry into poverty.
<b>Exits</b>	Uses the annual poverty calculation. People who were in poverty in 2001 but not in poverty in 2002 or 2003 had an exit out of poverty.

## POVERTY BY MEASURE

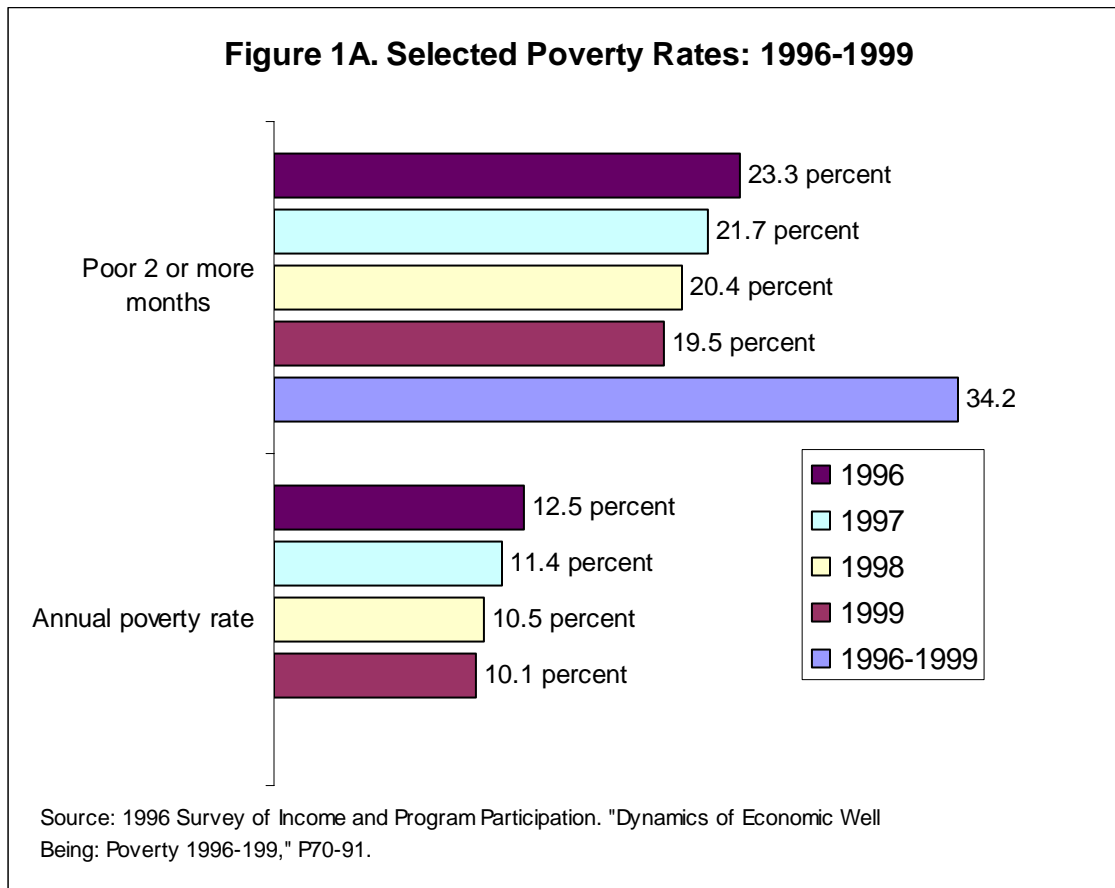
Using the monthly poverty data in SIPP, this paper examines poverty using seven different views: average monthly poverty, episodic poverty, chronic poverty, poverty spells, annual poverty, poverty entry rates, and poverty exit rates. (For more information, see the section above titled, “How Poverty Is Calculated Using SIPP.”)



Providing a summary of results for these approaches, Figure 1 shows the following:

- Nearly one-third of people had at least one spell of poverty lasting two or more months during the three year period from 2001 to 2003.
- The percentage of people with annual income below their thresholds was not statistically different in any of the three years.
- The average monthly poverty rate was not statistically different in any of the three years.
- As previous research has shown, chronic poverty is relatively uncommon, with 2.4 percent of the population living in poverty all 36 months of the period.

Figure 1A shows that the percentage of people ever in poverty (34.2 percent) from 1996 to 1999 was also higher than the annual poverty rates.

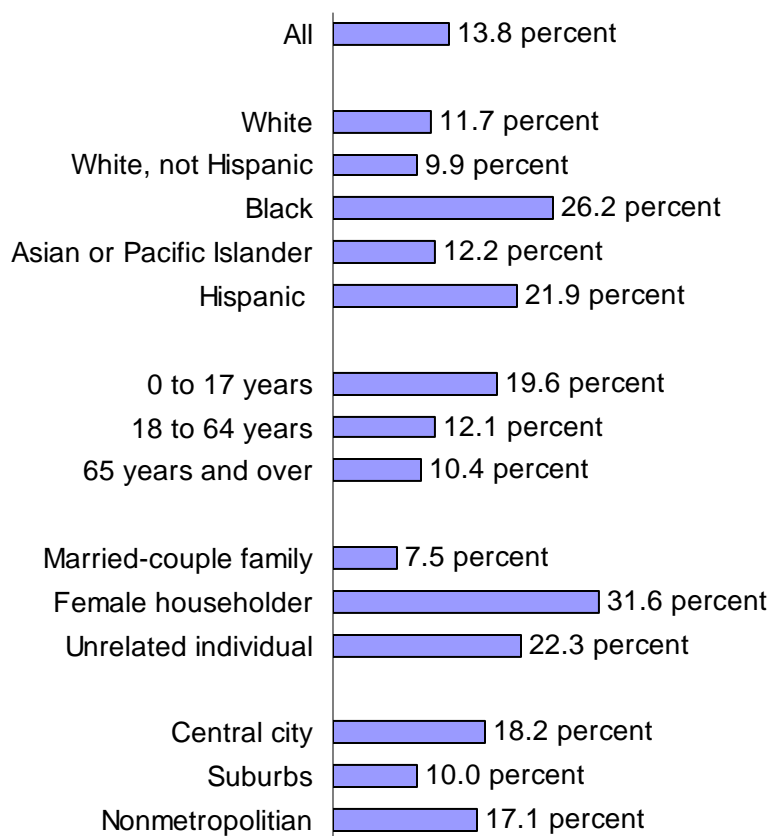


## ***Average Monthly Poverty***

Calculating average monthly poverty in SIPP uses all people in the poverty universe by individual month using the person's monthly weight. On average, 39.2 million people were in poverty in a given month in 2001, representing an average monthly poverty rate of 14.1 percent. (See Table 1.) This measure showed no statistical difference later in the panel with average monthly poverty rates of 14.1 percent in 2002 and 13.8 in 2003.

Average monthly poverty varied by characteristics. Figure 2 presents average monthly poverty rates for 2003. In 2003, the average monthly poverty rate for Blacks was more than twice as high as the average monthly poverty rate for non-Hispanic Whites, 26.2 percent and 9.9 percent respectively. The average monthly poverty rate for Hispanics (who may be of any race) fell in between the two at 21.9 percent.

**Figure 2. Average Monthly Poverty Rates: 2003**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2001 Survey of Income and Program Participation.



## ***Episodic Poverty***

Only people in the poverty universe the entire period are used to evaluate episodic poverty.

People in poverty two or more sequential months are identified among full panel people using their final panel weight.<sup>2</sup>

Table 2 shows that 32.3 percent of people experienced a spell of poverty, defined in this report as two or more consecutive months, at some point during the 2001 to 2003 time period. Annually, the rate was lower. In each of these years, between 20.5 percent and 22.6 percent of people were in poverty for at least two consecutive months.

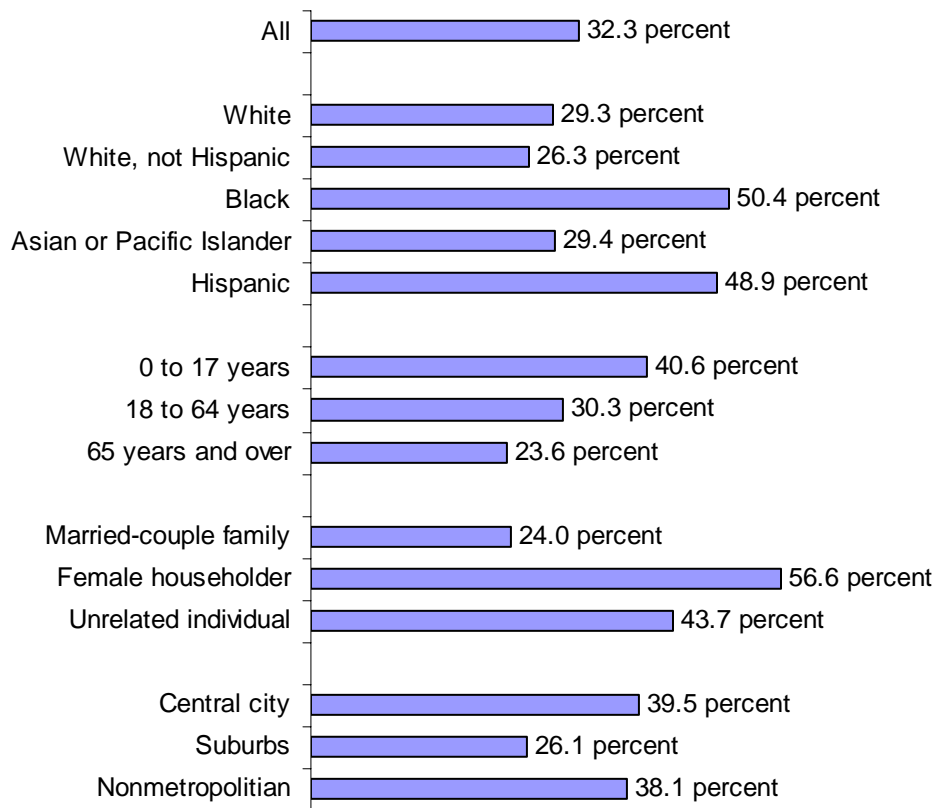
As in the average monthly statistics, non-Hispanic whites had an episodic poverty rate for the 3-year period (26.3 percent) that was lower than the rate for Blacks (50.4 percent). At 48.9 percent, Hispanics (who may be of any race) had an episodic poverty rate that was not statistically different from Blacks. (See Figure 3.)

At 40.6 percent, children under 18 years had higher episodic poverty than people 18 to 64 years (30.3 percent) and people 65 years and over (23.6 percent.)

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<sup>2</sup> When the final panel weight is used, the population represented is the civilian noninstitutional population as of January 2001. For more information, see "SIPP 2001: Source and Accuracy Statement for the 9-Wave Longitudinal File (S&A-3)," available online at <[http://www.sipp.census.gov/sipp/sourceac/S&A01\\_20060323\\_Long\(S&A-3\).pdf](http://www.sipp.census.gov/sipp/sourceac/S&A01_20060323_Long(S&A-3).pdf)>.

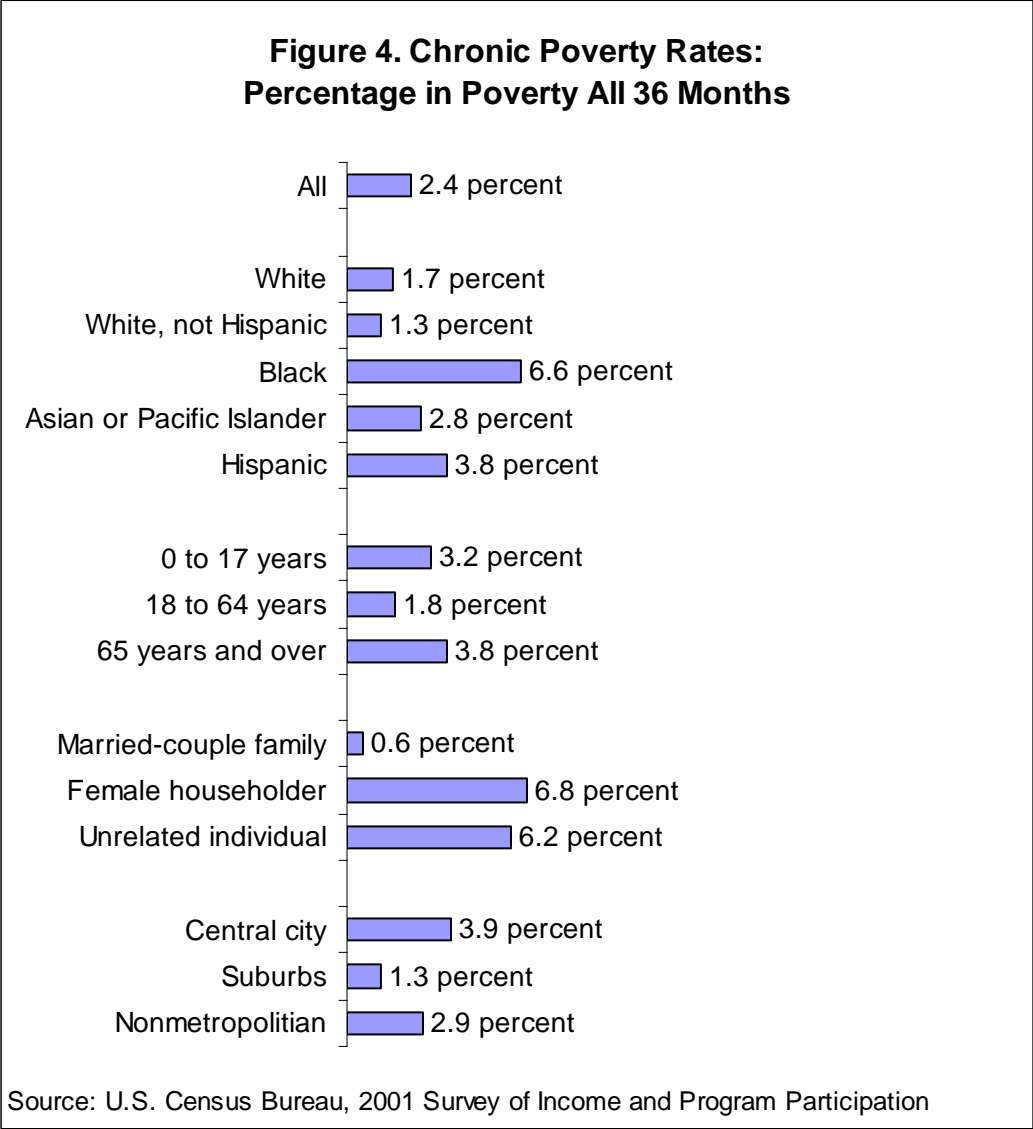
**Figure 3. Episodic Poverty Rates: 2001-2003**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2001 Survey of Income and Program Participation.

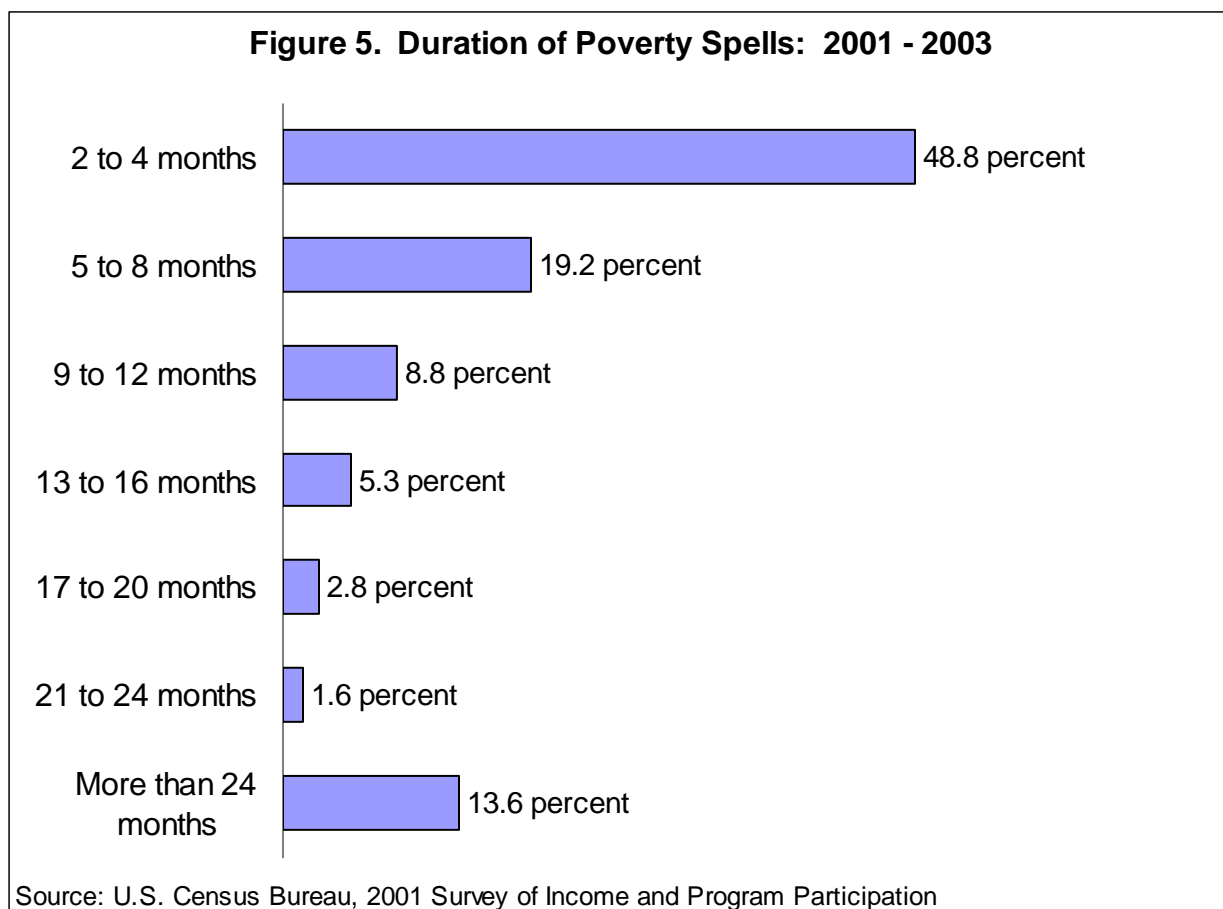
**Chronic Poverty**

Like other full-panel views of poverty, chronic poverty estimates only include people in the poverty universe for the full 36-month period. Similar to previous research, chronic poverty was relatively infrequent in the period from 2001 to 2003. About 2.4 percent of people were in poverty in all 36 months.

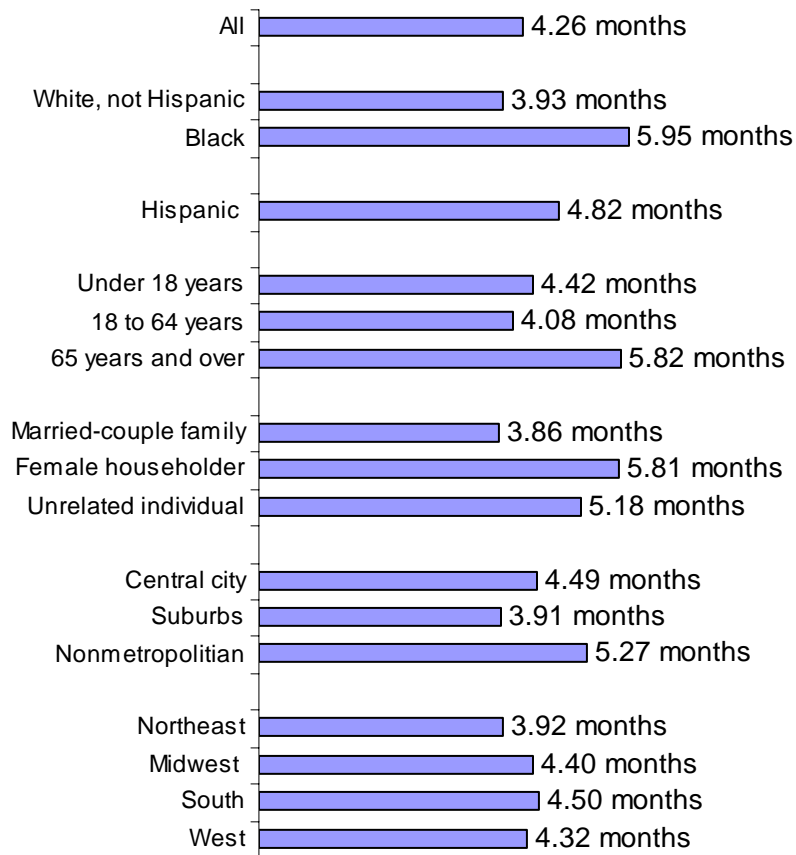


## Poverty Spells

Monthly data reveal more poverty transitions than an annual poverty approach can identify, possibly indicating short-term fluctuations in income. Based on a monthly poverty measure, almost 30 percent of people with a spell of poverty experienced two or more spells during the 36 month panel. About 48.8 percent of poverty spells lasted 2 to 4 months and 19.2 percent lasted 5 to 8 months. The pattern in Figure 5 is similar to that shown in *Dynamics of Economic Well Being: Poverty 1996 to 1999*. That report found that about 51 percent of people with at least one poverty spell had the spell last two to four months. The resulting median spell length for the 2001 to 2003 period was 4.3 months. Table 4 and Figure 6 show median spell length by selected characteristics.



**Figure 6. Median Poverty Spell Duration: 2001 - 2003**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2001 Survey of Income and Program Participation.

### ***Annual Poverty***

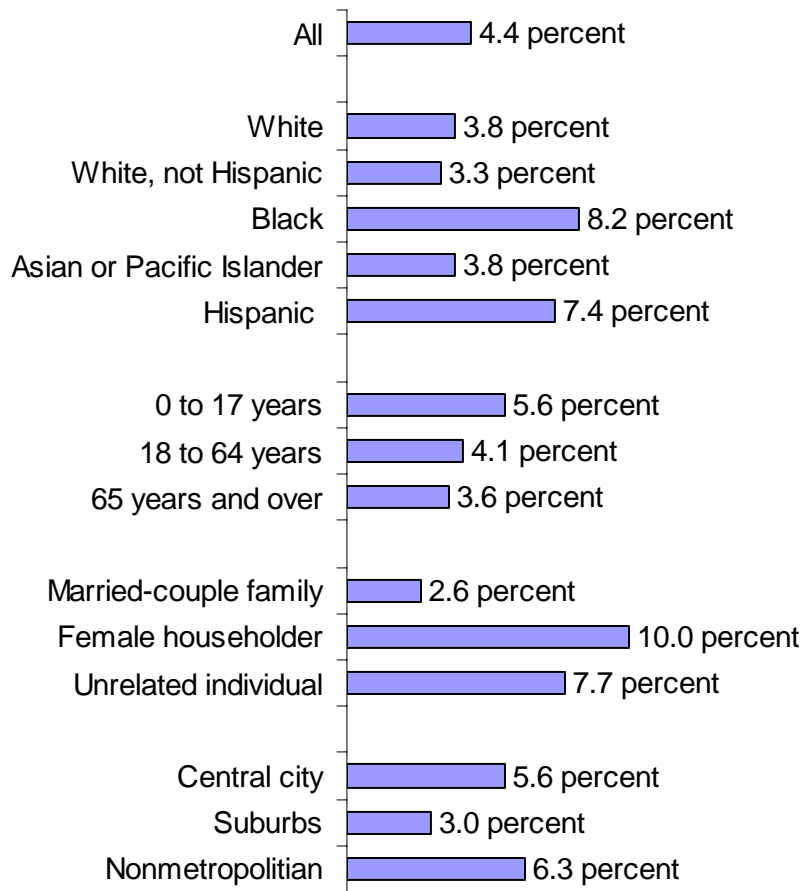
As was true in previous SIPP panels, using the monthly data to construct an annual poverty statistic results in lower poverty rates than the official source of poverty, the CPS ASEC. In general they follow the same pattern. While the apparent increase from 2001 to 2003 is not statistically different (10.7 percent to 11.0 percent, respectively), the direction of change is the same as reported from CPS ASEC, which showed annual increases from 2001 to 2004.

### ***Poverty Entries and Exit***

The constructed annual poverty statistics can also be used to examine the number, percentage, and characteristics of people entering or exiting poverty during the period. For example, the SIPP estimates that 236.6 million people were out of poverty in 2001. Of those, 3.1 percent were in poverty in 2002 and 4.4 percent were in poverty in 2003 (Table 7). Of the estimated 27.9 million people in poverty in 2001, 32.4 percent were out of poverty in 2002 and 40.5 percent were out of poverty in 2003 (Table 6).

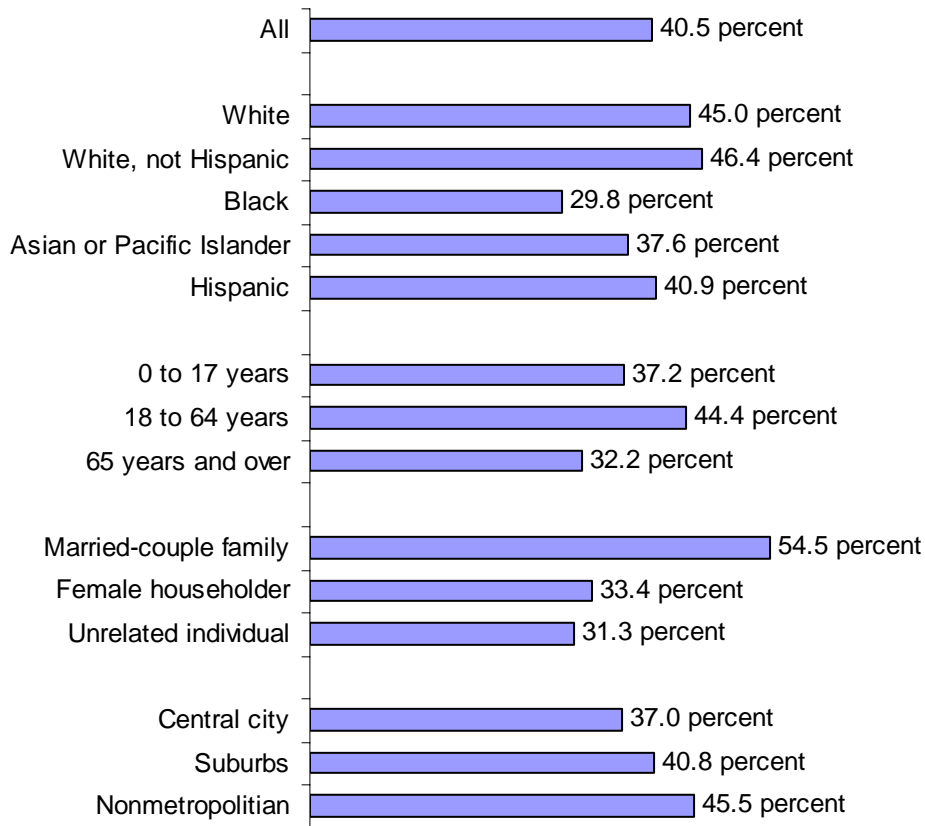
The percentage of people not in poverty in 2001 and in poverty in 2003 differs by characteristics, as shown in Figure 7. People in families with a female reference person with no spouse present had a 2003 poverty entry rate of 10 percent, higher than people in other types of families and unrelated individuals. Figure 8 shows that people in married-couple families had the highest poverty exit rate, 54.5 percent of those in poverty in 2001 were out of poverty in 2003.

**Figure 7. People Entering Poverty:**  
 Percent of the People Not in Poverty in 2001  
 Who Were in Poverty in 2003



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2001 Survey of Income and Program Participation

**Figure 8. People Exiting Poverty:**  
 Percent of the People in Poverty in 2001  
 Who Were Not in Poverty in 2003



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2001 Survey of Income and Program Participation



## Summary

Looking at the set of measures available from this longitudinal survey gives a more nuanced picture of poverty than annual statistics like those in official poverty calculated from the CPS ASEC. For people 65 and over, average monthly poverty rates and episodic poverty rates were lower than the younger age groups. During the same period from 2001 to 2003, for people 65 and over, chronic poverty was higher than people 18 to 64 and not statistically different from chronic poverty among children under 18 and the duration of poverty spells is longer than the younger age groups.

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**Table 1. Average Monthly Poverty, by Selected Characteristics: 2001 through 2003**

(SOURCE: Survey of Income and Program Participation. For information on sampling and nonsampling error see <<http://www.sipp.census.gov/sipp/source.html>>. Numbers in thousands)

	2001			2002			2003		
	Total	In Poverty		Total	In Poverty		Total	In Poverty	
		Number	Percent-age		Number	Percent-age		Number	Percent-age
All People	278,898	39,245	14.1	281,014	39,485	14.1	285,555	39,336	13.8
<b>Race and Hispanic Origin</b>									
White	228,664	27,422	12.0	230,207	27,417	11.9	233,759	27,357	11.7
White, Not Hispanic	195,851	19,939	10.2	196,300	19,628	10.0	197,827	19,640	9.9
Black	35,481	9,424	26.6	35,867	9,660	26.9	36,520	9,586	26.2
Asian or Pacific Islander	11,304	1,473	13.0	11,277	1,393	12.3	11,553	1,415	12.2
Hispanic	36,199	8,338	23.0	37,428	8,635	23.1	39,529	8,657	21.9
Not Hispanic	242,699	30,906	12.7	243,586	30,850	12.7	246,025	30,679	12.5
<b>Age</b>									
Under 18 Years	71,758	14,070	19.6	71,657	14,256	19.9	72,177	14,144	19.6
18 to 64 Years	173,516	21,495	12.4	175,620	21,748	12.4	179,171	21,640	12.1
65 Years and Over	33,623	3,679	10.9	33,737	3,481	10.3	34,207	3,553	10.4
<b>Sex</b>									
Male	136,206	17,131	12.6	137,286	17,314	12.6	139,620	17,274	12.4
Female	142,692	22,114	15.5	143,728	22,172	15.4	145,935	22,063	15.1
<b>Educational Attainment (People 18 and Over)</b>									
Less than 4 yrs of high school	35,188	8,544	24.3	35,491	8,388	23.6	37,219	8,338	22.4
High school graduate, no college	61,947	7,703	12.4	60,495	7,482	12.4	60,012	7,315	12.2
One or more years of college	106,996	8,439	7.9	105,046	7,911	7.5	105,041	7,630	7.3
<b>Metropolitan Area Status</b>									
Metropolitan Area	224,595	29,767	13.3	225,668	29,813	13.2	229,629	29,797	13.0
Central City	81,607	15,300	18.7	82,529	15,204	18.4	84,246	15,301	18.2
Not a Central City	142,989	14,468	10.1	143,138	14,609	10.2	145,383	14,495	10.0
Not a metropolitan area	54,303	9,477	17.5	55,346	9,673	17.5	55,926	9,540	17.1
<b>Region</b>									
Northeast	52,953	6,863	13.0	52,968	6,852	12.9	54,073	7,004	13.0
Midwest	63,500	7,512	11.8	63,649	7,494	11.8	63,592	7,397	11.6
South	99,113	16,122	16.3	99,977	16,066	16.1	101,811	16,215	15.9
West	63,332	8,747	13.8	64,420	9,074	14.1	66,079	8,720	13.2
<b>Family Status</b>									
In Families	233,309	28,641	12.3	235,468	29,164	12.4	239,825	29,145	12.2
- with related children under 18	150,130	24,224	16.1	151,643	24,885	16.4	153,920	24,757	16.1
Married-couple families	180,152	13,802	7.7	181,848	14,217	7.8	184,927	13,914	7.5
- with related children under 18	111,638	10,753	9.6	112,778	11,416	10.1	114,693	11,051	9.6
Female-headed-no-husband-present families	40,857	13,128	32.1	41,680	13,263	31.8	42,769	13,496	31.6
- with related children under 18	31,263	12,144	38.8	31,788	12,152	38.2	32,183	12,296	38.2
Male-headed-no-wife-present families	12,300	1,711	13.9	11,939	1,684	14.1	12,130	1,735	14.3
- with related children under 18	7,229	1,327	18.3	7,078	1,316	18.6	7,045	1,410	20.0
Unrelated individuals	45,589	10,604	23.3	45,546	10,321	22.7	45,730	10,191	22.3
- in non-family households	41,237	9,075	22.0	41,712	8,966	21.5	42,186	8,910	21.1
<b>Employment Status (People 18 years and over)</b>									
Employed full-time	107,831	4,408	4.1	106,492	4,180	3.9	108,556	4,136	3.8
Employed part-time	29,085	4,289	14.7	29,522	4,100	13.9	30,002	4,044	13.5
Unemployed	5,037	2,221	44.1	6,200	2,540	41.0	6,067	2,492	41.1
Not in the labor force	65,186	14,256	21.9	67,143	14,408	21.5	68,752	14,521	21.1
<b>Marital Status (People 18 years and over)</b>									
Married	117,921	8,177	6.9	118,950	8,342	7.0	120,830	8,229	6.8
Separated, divorced, widowed	40,723	8,105	19.9	40,949	8,039	19.6	41,662	8,132	19.5
Never married	48,495	8,892	18.3	49,458	8,848	17.9	50,885	8,832	17.4

For further information on the source of the data and accuracy of the estimates, including standard errors and confidence intervals, go to <[http://www.sipp.census.gov/sipp/sourceac/S&A01\\_20060323\\_Long\(S&A-3\).pdf](http://www.sipp.census.gov/sipp/sourceac/S&A01_20060323_Long(S&A-3).pdf)>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Survey of Income and Program Participation, 2001-2003

**Table 1-ci. Average Monthly Poverty, by Selected Characteristics: 2001 through 2003 with 90-Percent Confidence Intervals**

(SOURCE: Survey of Income and Program Participation. For information on sampling and nonsampling error see <http://www.sipp.census.gov/sipp/source.html>. Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	2001					2002					2003				
	Total	In poverty				Total	In poverty				Total	In poverty			
		Number		Percentage			Number		Percentage			Number		Percentage	
		Estimate	C.I. <sup>1</sup> (+/-)	Estimate	C.I. <sup>1</sup> (+/-)		Estimate	C.I. <sup>1</sup> (+/-)	Estimate	C.I. <sup>1</sup> (+/-)		Estimate	C.I. <sup>1</sup> (+/-)	Estimate	C.I. <sup>1</sup> (+/-)
<b>All People</b>	<b>278,898</b>	<b>39,245</b>	<b>793</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>281,014</b>	<b>39,485</b>	<b>905</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>285,555</b>	<b>39,336</b>	<b>873</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>0.3</b>
<b>Race and Hispanic Origin</b>															
White	228,664	27,422	685	12.0	0.3	230,207	27,417	779	11.9	0.3	233,759	27,357	751	11.7	0.3
White, not Hispanic	195,851	19,939	595	10.2	0.3	196,300	19,628	672	10.0	0.3	197,827	19,640	649	9.9	0.3
Black	35,481	9,424	420	26.6	1.0	35,867	9,660	483	26.9	1.2	36,520	9,586	464	26.2	1.1
Asian or Pacific Islander	11,304	1,473	169	13.0	1.4	11,277	1,393	187	12.3	1.6	11,553	1,415	182	12.2	1.5
Hispanic	36,199	8,338	396	23.0	1.0	37,428	8,635	458	23.1	1.1	39,529	8,657	442	21.9	1.0
Not Hispanic	242,699	30,906	720	12.7	0.3	243,586	30,850	819	12.7	0.3	246,025	30,679	789	12.5	0.3
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Under 18 Years	71,758	14,070	507	19.6	0.7	71,657	14,256	580	19.9	0.7	72,177	14,144	558	19.6	0.7
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65 Years and Over	33,623	3,679	266	10.9	0.8	33,737	3,481	294	10.3	0.8	34,207	3,553	287	10.4	0.8
<b>Sex</b>															
Male	136,206	17,131	529	12.6	0.4	137,286	17,314	605	12.6	0.5	139,620	17,274	584	12.4	0.4
Female	142,692	22,114	590	15.5	0.4	143,728	22,172	672	15.4	0.5	145,935	22,063	648	15.1	0.5
<b>Educational Attainment (People 18 and Over)</b>															
Less than 4 years of high school	35,188	8,544	401	24.3	1.0	35,491	8,388	451	23.6	1.1	37,219	8,338	434	22.4	1.0
High school graduate, no college	61,947	7,703	381	12.4	0.6	60,495	7,482	427	12.4	0.7	60,012	7,315	408	12.2	0.6
One or more years of college	106,996	8,439	398	7.9	0.4	105,046	7,911	439	7.5	0.4	105,041	7,630	416	7.3	0.4
<b>Work Disability Status (People 15 to 69 years)</b>															
With a work disability	21,763	5,603	327	25.7	1.3	20,335	5,015	352	24.7	1.5	19,321	4,748	330	24.6	1.5
No work disability	173,341	18,703	578	10.8	0.3	176,941	19,463	669	11.0	0.4	181,793	19,725	650	10.9	0.4
<b>Metropolitan Area Status</b>															
Metropolitan Area	224,595	29,767	709	13.3	0.3	225,668	29,813	807	13.2	0.4	229,629	29,797	779	13.0	0.3
Central City	81,607	15,300	527	18.7	0.6	82,529	15,204	598	18.4	0.7	84,246	15,301	579	18.2	0.6
Not a Central City	142,989	14,468	514	10.1	0.4	143,138	14,609	587	10.2	0.4	145,383	14,495	564	10.0	0.4
Not a metropolitan area	54,303	9,477	421	17.5	0.7	55,346	9,673	483	17.5	0.8	55,926	9,540	463	17.1	0.8
<b>Region</b>															
Northeast	52,953	6,863	360	13.0	0.6	52,968	6,852	409	12.9	0.7	54,073	7,004	399	13.0	0.7
Midwest	63,500	7,512	377	11.8	0.6	63,649	7,494	427	11.8	0.6	63,592	7,397	410	11.6	0.6
South	99,113	16,122	540	16.3	0.5	99,977	16,066	613	16.1	0.6	101,811	16,215	594	15.9	0.6
West	63,332	8,747	405	13.8	0.6	64,420	9,074	469	14.1	0.7	66,079	8,720	444	13.2	0.6

Characteristic	2001					2002					2003				
	Total	In poverty				Total	In poverty				Total	In poverty			
		Number		Percentage			Number		Percentage			Number		Percentage	
		Estimate	C.I. <sup>1</sup> (+/-)	Estimate	C.I. <sup>1</sup> (+/-)		Estimate	C.I. <sup>1</sup> (+/-)	Estimate	C.I. <sup>1</sup> (+/-)		Estimate	C.I. <sup>1</sup> (+/-)	Estimate	C.I. <sup>1</sup> (+/-)
<b>Family Status</b>															
In Families	233,309	28,641	697	12.3	0.3	235,468	29,164	799	12.4	0.3	239,825	29,145	772	12.2	0.3
- with related children under 18	150,130	24,224	649	16.1	0.4	151,643	24,885	747	16.4	0.5	153,920	24,757	719	16.1	0.5
Married-couple families	180,152	13,802	503	7.7	0.3	181,848	14,217	579	7.8	0.3	184,927	13,914	554	7.5	0.3
- with related children under 18	111,638	10,753	447	9.6	0.4	112,778	11,416	523	10.1	0.5	114,693	11,051	497	9.6	0.4
Female-headed-no-husband-present families	40,857	13,128	491	32.1	1.0	41,680	13,263	561	31.8	1.1	42,769	13,496	546	31.6	1.1
- with related children under 18	31,263	12,144	473	38.8	1.2	31,788	12,152	538	38.2	1.4	32,183	12,296	522	38.2	1.3
Male-headed-no-wife-present families	12,300	1,711	182	13.9	1.4	11,939	1,684	205	14.1	1.6	12,130	1,735	201	14.3	1.5
- with related children under 18	7,229	1,327	161	18.3	2.0	7,078	1,316	182	18.6	2.3	7,045	1,410	181	20.0	2.3
Unrelated individuals	45,589	10,604	444	23.3	0.9	45,546	10,321	498	22.7	1.0	45,730	10,191	478	22.3	0.9
- in non-family households	41,237	9,075	412	22.0	0.9	41,712	8,966	466	21.5	1.0	42,186	8,910	448	21.1	1.0
<b>Employment Status (People 18 years and over)</b>															
Employed full-time	107,831	4,408	291	4.1	0.3	106,492	4,180	322	3.9	0.3	108,556	4,136	309	3.8	0.3
Employed part-time	29,085	4,289	287	14.7	0.9	29,522	4,100	319	13.9	1.0	30,002	4,044	305	13.5	1.0
Unemployed	5,037	2,221	207	44.1	3.1	6,200	2,540	252	41.0	3.1	6,067	2,492	241	41.1	3.1
Not in the labor force	65,186	14,256	510	21.9	0.7	67,143	14,408	583	21.5	0.8	68,752	14,521	565	21.1	0.8
<b>Marital Status (People 18 years and over)</b>															
Married	117,921	8,177	392	6.9	0.3	118,950	8,342	450	7.0	0.4	120,830	8,229	431	6.8	0.4
Separated, divorced, widowed	40,723	8,105	391	19.9	0.9	40,949	8,039	442	19.6	1.0	41,662	8,132	429	19.5	0.9
Never married	48,495	8,892	408	18.3	0.8	49,458	8,848	463	17.9	0.9	50,885	8,832	446	17.4	0.8
<b>Number of People in the Family</b>															
1-person family	45,589	10,604	444	23.3	0.9	45,546	10,321	498	22.7	1.0	45,730	10,191	478	22.3	0.9
2-person family	67,196	6,179	343	9.2	0.5	66,394	5,951	382	9.0	0.6	66,552	5,947	369	8.9	0.5
3-person family	50,596	5,841	333	11.5	0.6	50,345	5,829	378	11.6	0.7	50,771	5,435	353	10.7	0.7
4-person family	58,723	6,483	351	11.0	0.6	59,619	6,451	398	10.8	0.6	61,368	6,725	391	11.0	0.6
5-person family	32,293	4,683	299	14.5	0.9	34,961	5,467	367	15.6	1.0	35,613	5,349	350	15.0	0.9
6 or more-person family	24,500	5,454	322	22.3	1.2	24,149	5,467	367	22.6	1.4	25,521	5,688	361	22.3	1.3

1. A 90-percent confidence interval is a measure of an estimate's variability. The larger the confidence interval in relation to the size of the estimate, the less reliable the estimate. For further information on the source of the data and accuracy of the estimates, including standard errors and confidence intervals, go to [http://www.sipp.census.gov/sipp/sourceac/S&A01\\_20060323\\_Long\(S&A-3\).pdf](http://www.sipp.census.gov/sipp/sourceac/S&A01_20060323_Long(S&A-3).pdf)  
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Survey of Income and Program Participation, 2001-2003.

**Table 2. People In Poverty Two or More Months, by Selected Characteristics: 2001 Panel, 2001 through 2003**

(SOURCE: Survey of Income and Program Participation. For information on sampling and nonsampling error see <<http://www.sipp.census.gov/sipp/source.html>>. Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	2001-2003			2001			2002			2003		
	Total	Persons ever in poverty during the panel		Total	Persons ever in poverty during the year		Total	Persons ever in poverty during the year		Total	Persons ever in poverty during the year	
		Number	Percentage		Number	Percentage		Number	Percentage		Number	Percentage
All People	264,555	85,497	32.3	273,967	61,971	22.6	275,789	60,285	21.9	280,421	57,476	20.5
<b>Race and Hispanic Origin</b>												
White	216,399	63,457	29.3	224,549	44,876	20.0	225,500	43,177	19.1	229,271	41,433	18.1
White, Not Hispanic	187,249	49,300	26.3	193,274	33,462	17.3	193,202	32,116	16.6	194,637	30,388	15.6
Black	33,661	16,978	50.4	34,754	13,504	38.9	35,232	13,292	37.7	35,931	12,521	34.8
Asian or Pacific Islander	11,016	3,238	29.4	11,066	2,207	19.9	11,253	2,184	19.4	11,642	2,153	18.5
Hispanic	31,934	15,608	48.9	34,338	12,539	36.5	35,641	12,391	34.8	37,963	12,350	32.5
Not Hispanic	232,621	69,889	30.0	239,629	49,432	20.6	240,148	47,895	19.9	242,457	45,126	18.6
<b>Age</b>												
Under 18 Years	69,971	28,428	40.6	71,434	21,459	30.0	71,394	20,921	29.3	71,477	20,297	28.4
18 to 64 Years	165,299	50,144	30.3	170,139	35,015	20.6	172,106	34,407	20.0	176,147	32,597	18.5
65 Years and Over	29,285	6,925	23.6	32,394	5,496	17.0	32,289	4,957	15.4	32,797	4,582	14.0
<b>Sex</b>												
Male	127,562	38,570	30.2	133,251	27,834	20.9	134,326	26,671	19.9	136,705	25,511	18.7
Female	136,992	46,927	34.3	140,716	34,137	24.3	141,464	33,614	23.8	143,716	31,965	22.2
<b>Educational Attainment (People 18 and Over)</b>												
Less than 4 yrs of high school	30,662	14,950	48.8	33,054	12,206	36.9	35,077	12,207	34.8	34,455	10,768	31.3
High school graduate, no college	58,808	18,691	31.8	61,586	13,122	21.3	59,899	12,143	20.3	58,361	10,645	18.2
One or more years of college	105,114	23,428	22.3	107,892	15,184	14.1	105,514	14,009	13.3	102,657	12,186	11.9
<b>Work Disability Status (People 15 to 69 years)</b>												
With a work disability	20,945	9,832	46.9	21,815	8,042	36.9	20,968	7,227	34.5	19,835	6,326	31.9
No work disability	164,545	46,098	28.0	169,691	31,264	18.4	172,647	31,437	18.2	177,798	30,250	17.0
<b>Metropolitan Area Status</b>												
Metropolitan Area	210,166	64,751	30.8	218,916	47,029	21.5	220,052	44,959	20.4	224,187	43,277	19.3
Central City	74,334	29,350	39.5	78,385	22,509	28.7	79,220	21,542	27.2	81,364	20,863	25.6
Not a Central City	135,832	35,401	26.1	140,531	24,520	17.4	140,832	23,417	16.6	142,823	22,414	15.7
Not a metropolitan area	54,389	20,746	38.1	55,051	14,942	27.1	55,737	15,326	27.5	56,234	14,199	25.2
<b>Region</b>												
Northeast	50,436	15,267	30.3	51,844	10,812	20.9	49,735	9,843	19.8	48,420	8,786	18.1
Midwest	60,698	16,240	26.8	62,796	11,766	18.7	59,809	10,462	17.5	57,775	9,478	16.4
South	93,845	34,180	36.4	97,626	25,474	26.1	93,789	22,804	24.3	92,005	20,394	22.2
West	59,575	19,810	33.3	61,701	13,918	22.6	59,178	13,036	22.0	58,204	11,368	19.5

Characteristic	2001-2003			2001			2002			2003		
	Total	Persons ever in poverty during the panel		Total	Persons ever in poverty during the year		Total	Persons ever in poverty during the year		Total	Persons ever in poverty during the year	
		Number	Percentage		Number	Percentage		Number	Percentage		Number	Percentage
<b>Family Status</b>												
In Families	224,323	67,935	30.3	230,795	47,415	20.5	232,311	46,433	20.0	237,413	45,087	19.0
- with related children under 18	146,648	53,338	36.4	149,610	38,768	25.9	151,053	38,164	25.3	152,831	37,221	24.4
Married-couple families	175,883	42,254	24.0	179,538	26,220	14.6	180,833	25,885	14.3	183,835	25,038	13.6
- with related children under 18	110,967	31,415	28.3	112,036	19,851	17.7	113,198	20,197	17.8	114,158	19,628	17.2
Female-headed-no-husband-present families	37,715	21,348	56.6	39,445	18,267	46.3	40,516	17,791	43.9	42,232	17,440	41.3
- with related children under 18	29,157	18,750	64.3	30,317	16,627	54.8	31,276	15,874	50.8	31,846	15,534	48.8
Male-headed-no-wife-present families	10,726	4,333	40.4	11,813	2,928	24.8	10,961	2,757	25.2	11,346	2,610	23.0
- with related children under 18	6,524	3,173	48.6	7,257	2,290	31.5	6,580	2,092	31.8	6,827	2,059	30.2
Unrelated individuals	40,231	17,562	43.7	43,171	14,556	33.7	43,479	13,852	31.9	43,008	12,388	28.8
- in non-family households	36,734	15,245	41.5	39,151	12,440	31.8	39,456	11,933	30.2	39,288	10,623	27.0
<b>Employment Status (People 18 years and over)</b>												
Employed full-time	103,936	22,280	21.4	106,012	12,440	11.7	104,591	11,385	10.9	105,971	10,124	9.6
Employed part-time	28,974	9,757	33.7	29,897	7,229	24.2	30,914	7,409	24.0	31,666	6,579	20.8
Unemployed	4,550	2,873	63.2	4,867	2,657	54.6	5,216	2,497	47.9	5,936	2,933	49.4
Not in the labor force	57,124	22,159	38.8	61,757	18,186	29.4	63,674	18,073	28.4	65,371	17,544	26.8
<b>Marital Status (People 18 years and over)</b>												
Married	114,760	24,927	21.7	118,308	15,703	13.3	118,126	15,009	12.7	120,441	14,492	12.0
Separated, divorced, widowed	36,434	14,655	40.2	38,781	11,508	29.7	39,320	11,437	29.1	39,890	10,419	26.1
Never married	43,390	17,486	40.3	45,444	13,301	29.3	46,949	12,919	27.5	48,614	12,268	25.2
<b>Number of People in the Family</b>												
1-person family	40,231	17,562	43.7	43,171	14,556	33.7	43,479	13,852	31.9	43,008	12,388	28.8
2-person family	63,234	15,348	24.3	66,525	10,721	16.1	64,939	9,614	14.8	66,829	9,458	14.2
3-person family	49,018	14,168	28.9	50,417	9,535	18.9	49,440	9,326	18.9	50,654	8,660	17.1
4-person family	57,922	17,134	29.6	58,287	11,151	19.1	60,327	10,944	18.1	60,752	10,707	17.6
5-person family	31,127	10,577	34.0	31,400	7,559	24.1	34,000	8,366	24.6	35,263	8,146	23.1
6 or more-person family	23,022	10,708	46.5	24,166	8,448	35.0	23,604	8,184	34.7	23,915	8,116	33.9

For further information on the source of the data and accuracy of the estimates, including standard errors and confidence intervals, go to [http://www.sipp.census.gov/sipp/sourceac/S&A01\\_20060323\\_Long\(S&A-3\).pdf](http://www.sipp.census.gov/sipp/sourceac/S&A01_20060323_Long(S&A-3).pdf)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Survey of Income and Program Participation, 2001-2003

**Table 2-ci. People In Poverty Two or More Months, by Selected Characteristics: 2001 Panel, 2001 through 2003 with 90-Percent Confidence Intervals**

(SOURCE: Survey of Income and Program Participation. For information on sampling and nonsampling error see <<http://www.sipp.census.gov/sipp/source.html>>. Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	2001-2003					2001				
	Total	Persons ever in poverty during the panel				Total	Persons ever in poverty during the year			
		Number	90-percent C.I. <sup>1</sup> (+/-)	Percentage	90-percent C.I. <sup>1</sup> (+/-)		Number	90-percent C.I. <sup>1</sup> (+/-)	Percentage	90-percent C.I. <sup>1</sup> (+/-)
All People	264,555	85,497	1,009	32.3	0.4	273,967	61,971	932	22.6	0.4
<b>Race and Hispanic Origin</b>										
White	216,399	63,457	938	29.3	0.4	224,549	44,876	835	20.0	0.4
White, not Hispanic	187,249	49,300	864	26.3	0.4	193,274	33,462	744	17.3	0.4
Black	33,661	16,978	553	50.4	1.2	34,754	13,504	498	38.9	1.2
Asian or Pacific Islander	11,016	3,238	250	29.4	1.9	11,066	2,207	207	19.9	1.7
Hispanic	31,934	15,608	532	48.9	1.2	34,338	12,539	481	36.5	1.1
Not Hispanic	232,621	69,889	964	30.0	0.4	239,629	49,432	865	20.6	0.4
<b>Age</b>										
Under 18 Years	69,971	28,428	695	40.6	0.8	71,434	21,459	615	30.0	0.8
18 to 64 Years	165,299	50,144	869	30.3	0.5	170,139	35,015	758	20.6	0.4
65 Years and Over	29,285	6,925	362	23.6	1.1	32,394	5,496	324	17.0	0.9
<b>Sex</b>										
Male	127,562	38,570	691	30.2	0.6	133,251	27,834	633	20.9	0.5
Female	136,992	46,927	733	34.3	0.6	140,716	34,137	683	24.3	0.5
<b>Educational Attainment (People 18 and Over)</b>										
Less than 4 years of high school	30,662	14,950	522	48.8	1.3	33,054	12,206	475	36.9	1.2
High school graduate, no college	58,808	18,691	578	31.8	0.8	61,586	13,122	491	21.3	0.7
One or more years of college	105,114	23,428	639	22.3	0.6	107,892	15,184	525	14.1	0.5
<b>Work Disability Status (People 15 to 69 years)</b>										
With a work disability	20,945	9,832	428	46.9	1.5	21,815	8,042	389	36.9	1.4
No work disability	164,545	46,098	843	28.0	0.5	169,691	31,264	724	18.4	0.4
<b>Metropolitan Area Status</b>										
Metropolitan Area	210,166	64,751	944	30.8	0.4	218,916	47,029	849	21.5	0.4
Central City	74,334	29,350	705	39.5	0.8	78,385	22,509	628	28.7	0.7
Not a Central City	135,832	35,401	761	26.1	0.5	140,531	24,520	652	17.4	0.4
Not a metropolitan area	54,389	20,746	606	38.1	0.9	55,051	14,942	522	27.1	0.8
<b>Region</b>										
Northeast	50,436	15,267	527	30.3	0.9	51,844	10,812	448	20.9	0.8
Midwest	60,698	16,240	542	26.8	0.8	62,796	11,766	466	18.7	0.7
South	93,845	34,180	751	36.4	0.7	97,626	25,474	663	26.1	0.6
West	59,575	19,810	593	33.3	0.9	61,701	13,918	505	22.6	0.7

Characteristic	2002					2003				
	Total	Persons ever in poverty during the year				Total	Persons ever in poverty during the year			
		Number	90-percent C.I. <sup>1</sup> (+/-)	Percentage	90-percent C.I. <sup>1</sup> (+/-)		Number	90-percent C.I. <sup>1</sup> (+/-)	Percentage	90-percent C.I. <sup>1</sup> (+/-)
All People	275,789	60,285	1,052	21.9	0.4	280,421	57,476	1,002	20.5	0.4
<b>Race and Hispanic Origin</b>										
White	225,500	43,177	937	19.1	0.4	229,271	41,433	891	18.1	0.4
White, not Hispanic	193,202	32,116	832	16.6	0.4	194,637	30,388	786	15.6	0.4
Black	35,232	13,292	562	37.7	1.3	35,931	12,521	527	34.8	1.2
Asian or Pacific Islander	11,253	2,184	234	19.4	1.9	11,642	2,153	224	18.5	1.7
Hispanic	35,641	12,391	543	34.8	1.3	37,963	12,350	523	32.5	1.2
Not Hispanic	240,148	47,895	973	19.9	0.4	242,457	45,126	920	18.6	0.4
<b>Age</b>										
Under 18 Years	71,394	20,921	691	29.3	0.9	71,477	20,297	658	28.4	0.8
18 to 64 Years	172,106	34,407	856	20.0	0.5	176,147	32,597	809	18.5	0.4
65 Years and Over	32,289	4,957	350	15.4	1.0	32,797	4,582	325	14.0	0.9
<b>Sex</b>										
Male	134,326	26,671	711	19.9	0.5	136,705	25,511	677	18.7	0.5
Female	141,464	33,614	774	23.8	0.6	143,716	31,965	738	22.2	0.5
<b>Educational Attainment (People 18 and Over)</b>										
Less than 4 years of high school	35,077	12,207	540	34.8	1.3	34,455	10,768	491	31.3	1.2
High school graduate, no college	59,899	12,143	538	20.3	0.8	58,361	10,645	488	18.2	0.8
One or more years of college	105,514	14,009	576	13.3	0.5	102,657	12,186	520	11.9	0.5
<b>Work Disability Status (People 15 to 69 years)</b>										
With a work disability	20,968	7,227	420	34.5	1.6	19,835	6,326	380	31.9	1.6
No work disability	172,647	31,437	825	18.2	0.5	177,798	30,250	784	17.0	0.4
<b>Metropolitan Area Status</b>										
Metropolitan Area	220,052	44,959	951	20.4	0.4	224,187	43,277	906	19.3	0.4
Central City	79,220	21,542	701	27.2	0.8	81,364	20,863	667	25.6	0.7
Not a Central City	140,832	23,417	727	16.6	0.5	142,823	22,414	688	15.7	0.5
Not a metropolitan area	55,737	15,326	600	27.5	1.0	56,234	14,199	559	25.2	0.9
<b>Region</b>										
Northeast	49,735	9,843	487	19.8	0.9	48,420	8,786	445	18.1	0.8
Midwest	59,809	10,462	502	17.5	0.8	57,775	9,478	462	16.4	0.7
South	93,789	22,804	719	24.3	0.7	92,005	20,394	660	22.2	0.7
West	59,178	13,036	556	22.0	0.9	58,204	11,368	503	19.5	0.8

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Characteristic	2001-2003					2001				
	Total	Persons ever in poverty during the panel				Total	Persons ever in poverty during the year			
		Number	90-percent C.I. <sup>1</sup> (+/-)	Percentage	90-percent C.I. <sup>1</sup> (+/-)		Number	90-percent C.I. <sup>1</sup> (+/-)	Percentage	90-percent C.I. <sup>1</sup> (+/-)
<b>Family Status</b>										
In Families	224,323	67,935	957	30.3	0.4	230,795	47,415	852	20.5	0.4
- with related children under 18	146,648	53,338	888	36.4	0.6	149,610	38,768	789	25.9	0.5
Married-couple families	175,883	42,254	816	24.0	0.5	179,538	26,220	672	14.6	0.4
- with related children under 18	110,967	31,415	725	28.3	0.6	112,036	19,851	594	17.7	0.5
Female-headed-no-husband-present families	37,715	21,348	614	56.6	1.1	39,445	18,267	572	46.3	1.1
- with related children under 18	29,157	18,750	579	64.3	1.2	30,317	16,627	548	54.8	1.3
Male-headed-no-wife-present families	10,726	4,333	288	40.4	2.1	11,813	2,928	238	24.8	1.8
- with related children under 18	6,524	3,173	247	48.6	2.7	7,257	2,290	210	31.5	2.4
Unrelated individuals	40,231	17,562	562	43.7	1.1	43,171	14,556	515	33.7	1.0
- in non-family households	36,734	15,245	526	41.5	1.1	39,151	12,440	479	31.8	1.0
<b>Employment Status (People 18 years and over)</b>										
Employed full-time	103,936	22,280	625	21.4	0.6	106,012	12,440	479	11.7	0.4
Employed part-time	28,974	9,757	427	33.7	1.2	29,897	7,229	370	24.2	1.1
Unemployed	4,550	2,873	235	63.2	3.2	4,867	2,657	226	54.6	3.2
Not in the labor force	57,124	22,159	624	38.8	0.9	61,757	18,186	571	29.4	0.8
<b>Marital Status (People 18 years and over)</b>										
Married	114,760	24,927	657	21.7	0.5	118,308	15,703	534	13.3	0.4
Separated, divorced, widowed	36,434	14,655	517	40.2	1.1	38,781	11,508	462	29.7	1.0
Never married	43,390	17,486	561	40.3	1.0	45,444	13,301	494	29.3	0.9
<b>Number of People in the Family</b>										
1-person family	40,231	17,562	562	43.7	1.1	43,171	14,556	515	33.7	1.0
2-person family	63,234	15,348	528	24.3	0.8	66,525	10,721	446	16.1	0.6
3-person family	49,018	14,168	509	28.9	0.9	50,417	9,535	422	18.9	0.8
4-person family	57,922	17,134	556	29.6	0.8	58,287	11,151	455	19.1	0.7
5-person family	31,127	10,577	444	34.0	1.2	31,400	7,559	378	24.1	1.1
6 or more-person family	23,022	10,708	446	46.5	1.5	24,166	8,448	398	35.0	1.4

Characteristic	2002					2003				
	Total	Persons ever in poverty during the year				Total	Persons ever in poverty during the year			
		Number	90-percent C.I. <sup>1</sup> (+/-)	Percentage	90-percent C.I. <sup>1</sup> (+/-)		Number	90-percent C.I. <sup>1</sup> (+/-)	Percentage	90-percent C.I. <sup>1</sup> (+/-)
<b>Family Status</b>										
In Families	232,311	46,433	962	20.0	0.4	237,413	45,087	920	19.0	0.4
- with related children under 18	151,053	38,164	893	25.3	0.6	152,831	37,221	854	24.4	0.5
Married-couple families	180,833	25,885	760	14.3	0.4	183,835	25,038	723	13.6	0.4
- with related children under 18	113,198	20,197	681	17.8	0.6	114,158	19,628	649	17.2	0.5
Female-headed-no-husband-present families	40,516	17,791	643	43.9	1.2	42,232	17,440	615	41.3	1.2
- with related children under 18	31,276	15,874	610	50.8	1.4	31,846	15,534	583	48.8	1.4
Male-headed-no-wife-present families	10,961	2,757	262	25.2	2.1	11,346	2,610	246	23.0	1.9
- with related children under 18	6,580	2,092	229	31.8	2.9	6,827	2,059	219	30.2	2.7
Unrelated individuals	43,479	13,852	572	31.9	1.1	43,008	12,388	524	28.8	1.1
- in non-family households	39,456	11,933	534	30.2	1.2	39,288	10,623	487	27.0	1.1
<b>Employment Status (People 18 years and over)</b>										
Employed full-time	104,591	11,385	522	10.9	0.5	105,971	10,124	476	9.6	0.4
Employed part-time	30,914	7,409	425	24.0	1.2	31,666	6,579	387	20.8	1.1
Unemployed	5,216	2,497	250	47.9	3.5	5,936	2,933	261	49.4	3.1
Not in the labor force	63,674	18,073	647	28.4	0.9	65,371	17,544	616	26.8	0.8
<b>Marital Status (People 18 years and over)</b>										
Married	118,126	15,009	594	12.7	0.5	120,441	14,492	564	12.0	0.5
Separated, divorced, widowed	39,320	11,437	523	29.1	1.2	39,890	10,419	483	26.1	1.1
Never married	46,949	12,919	554	27.5	1.0	48,614	12,268	522	25.2	1.0
<b>Number of People in the Family</b>										
1-person family	43,479	13,852	572	31.9	1.1	43,008	12,388	524	28.8	1.1
2-person family	64,939	9,614	482	14.8	0.7	66,829	9,458	461	14.2	0.7
3-person family	49,440	9,326	475	18.9	0.9	50,654	8,660	442	17.1	0.8
4-person family	60,327	10,944	512	18.1	0.8	60,752	10,707	489	17.6	0.7
5-person family	34,000	8,366	451	24.6	1.2	35,263	8,146	429	23.1	1.1
6 or more-person family	23,604	8,184	446	34.7	1.6	23,915	8,116	429	33.9	1.5

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Survey of Income and Program Participation, 2001-2003.

**Table 3. People In Poverty Each Month of 2001 through 2003, by Selected Characteristics**

(SOURCE: Survey of Income and Program Participation. For information on sampling and nonsampling error see <<http://www.sipp.census.gov/sipp/source.html>>. Numbers in thousands.)

Characteristic	Persons who were poor all 36 months				
	Total	Number		Percentage	
		Estimate	C.I. <sup>1</sup> (+/-)	Estimate	C.I. <sup>1</sup> (+/-)
<b>All People</b>	<b>264,555</b>	<b>6,250</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>0.1</b>
<b>Race and Hispanic Origin</b>					
White	216,399	3,576	296	1.7	0.1
White, not Hispanic	187,249	2,502	248	1.3	0.1
Black	33,661	2,226	234	6.6	0.7
Asian or Pacific Islander	11,016	304	87	2.8	0.8
Hispanic	31,934	1,210	173	3.8	0.5
Not Hispanic	232,621	5,040	350	2.2	0.2
<b>Age</b>					
Under 18 Years	69,971	2,227	234	3.2	0.3
18 to 64 Years	165,299	2,915	268	1.8	0.2
65 Years and Over	29,285	1,108	166	3.8	0.6
<b>Sex</b>					
Male	127,562	2,332	238	1.8	0.2
Female	136,992	3,917	307	2.9	0.2
<b>Educational Attainment (People 18 and Over)</b>					
Less than 4 years of high school	30,662	1,992	222	6.5	0.7
High school graduate, no college	58,808	1,247	176	2.1	0.3
One or more years of college	105,114	784	140	0.7	0.1
<b>Work Disability Status (People 15 to 69 years)</b>					
With a work disability	20,777	1,525	194	7.3	0.9
No work disability	160,818	1,757	208	1.1	0.1
<b>Metropolitan Area Status</b>					
Metropolitan Area	210,166	4,684	338	2.2	0.2
Central City	74,334	2,877	266	3.9	0.4
Not a Central City	135,832	1,806	211	1.3	0.2
Not a metropolitan area	54,389	1,566	197	2.9	0.4
<b>Region</b>					
Northeast	50,436	1,280	178	2.5	0.3
Midwest	60,698	1,189	172	2.0	0.3
South	93,845	2,801	263	3.0	0.3
West	59,575	979	156	1.6	0.3
<b>Family Status</b>					
In Families	224,323	3,773	304	1.7	0.1
- with related children under 18	146,648	3,362	287	2.3	0.2
Married-couple families	175,883	1,097	165	0.6	0.1
- with related children under 18	110,967	795	140	0.7	0.1
Female-headed-no-husband-present families	37,715	2,558	251	6.8	0.6
- with related children under 18	29,157	2,464	246	8.4	0.8
Male-headed-no-wife-present families	10,726	118	54	1.1	0.5
- with related children under 18	6,524	104	51	1.6	0.8
Unrelated individuals	40,231	2,477	247	6.2	0.6
- in non-family households	36,734	2,202	233	6.0	0.6

Characteristic	Persons who were poor all 36 months				
	Total	Number		Percentage	
		Estimate	C.I. <sup>1</sup> (+/-)	Estimate	C.I. <sup>1</sup> (+/-)
<b>Employment Status (People 18 years and over)</b>					
Employed full-time	103,936	256	80	0.2	0.1
Employed part-time	28,974	371	96	1.3	0.3
Unemployed	4,550	296	86	6.5	1.8
Not in the labor force	57,124	3,100	276	5.4	0.5
<b>Marital Status (People 18 years and over)</b>					
Married	114,760	683	130	0.6	0.1
Separated, divorced, widowed	36,434	1,923	218	5.3	0.6
Never married	43,390	1,417	187	3.3	0.4
<b>Number of People in the Family</b>					
1-person family	40,231	2,477	247	6.2	0.6
2-person family	63,234	759	137	1.2	0.2
3-person family	49,018	1,019	159	2.1	0.3
4-person family	57,922	656	128	1.1	0.2
5-person family	31,127	630	125	2.0	0.4
6 or more-person family	23,022	710	133	3.1	0.6

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Survey of Income and Program Participation, 2001-2003

**Table 4. Median Spell Length for Spells of Two or More Months in Poverty, by Selected Characteristics: 2001 through 2003**

(SOURCE: Survey of Income and Program Participation. For information on sampling and nonsampling error see <<http://www.sipp.census.gov/sipp/source.html>>)

Characteristics	Median Spell Length (Months)	90-Percent Confidence Interval
<b>All People</b>	<b>4.26</b>	<b>0.15</b>
<b>Race and Hispanic Origin</b>		
White	3.98	0.15
White alone, not Hispanic	3.93	0.16
Black	5.95	0.38
Hispanic	4.82	0.42
Not Hispanic	4.13	0.15
<b>Age</b>		
Under 18 Years	4.42	0.26
18 to 64 Years	4.08	0.17
65 Years and Over	5.82	0.51
<b>Sex</b>		
Male	4.00	0.20
Female	4.49	0.19
<b>Educational Attainment (People 18 and Over)</b>		
Less than 4 yrs of high school	6.01	0.36
High school graduate, no college	3.98	0.28
One or more years of college	3.87	0.22
<b>Metropolitan Area Status</b>		
Metropolitan Area	3.98	0.18
Central City	4.49	0.29
Not a Central City	3.91	0.22
Not a metropolitan area	5.27	0.31
<b>Region</b>		
Northeast	3.92	0.32
Midwest	4.40	0.32
South	4.50	0.22
West	4.32	0.28
<b>Family Status</b>		
In Families	4.09	0.15
- with related children under 18	4.27	0.17
Married-couple families	3.86	0.14
- with related children under 18	3.86	0.18
Female-headed-no-husband-present families	5.81	0.61
- with related children under 18	5.94	0.71
Unrelated individuals	5.18	0.31
<b>Employment Status (People 18 years and over)</b>		
Employed full-time	3.82	0.25
Employed part-time	4.56	0.29
Unemployed	4.30	0.46
Not in the labor force	4.86	0.25
<b>Marital Status (People 18 years and over)</b>		
Married	3.86	0.21
Separated, divorced, widowed	5.20	0.35
Never married	5.14	0.31
<b>Number of People in the Family</b>		
1-person family	5.18	0.31
2-person family	4.17	0.32
3-person family	4.24	0.33
4-person family	3.86	0.26
5-person family	4.25	0.35
6 or more-person family	4.81	0.41

For further information on the source of the data and accuracy of the estimates, including standard errors and confidence intervals, go to <[http://www.sipp.census.gov/sipp/sourceac/S&A01\\_20060323\\_Long\(S&A-3\).pdf](http://www.sipp.census.gov/sipp/sourceac/S&A01_20060323_Long(S&A-3).pdf)>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Survey of Income and Program Participation, 2001-2003

**Table 5. Annual Poverty, by Selected Characteristics: 2001 through 2003**

(SOURCE: Survey of Income and Program Participation. For information on sampling and nonsampling error see <<http://www.sipp.census.gov/sipp/source.html>>. Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	2001			2002			2003		
	Total	In Poverty		Total	In Poverty		Total	In Poverty	
		Number	Percent-age		Number	Percent-age		Number	Percent-age
All People	273,967	29,441	10.7	275,789	29,636	10.7	280,421	30,781	11.0
<b>Race and Hispanic Origin</b>									
White	224,549	19,456	8.7	225,500	19,323	8.6	229,271	20,426	8.9
White, Not Hispanic	193,274	13,784	7.1	193,202	13,283	6.9	194,637	14,123	7.3
Black	34,754	8,141	23.4	35,232	8,414	23.9	35,931	8,457	23.5
Asian or Pacific Islander	11,066	1,051	9.5	11,253	1,084	9.6	11,642	1,111	9.5
Hispanic	34,338	6,307	18.4	35,641	6,658	18.7	37,963	7,037	18.5
Not Hispanic	239,629	23,134	9.7	240,148	22,978	9.6	242,457	23,743	9.8
<b>Age</b>									
Under 18 Years	71,434	11,400	16.0	71,394	11,620	16.3	71,477	11,583	16.2
18 to 64 Years	170,139	15,107	8.9	172,106	15,261	8.9	176,147	16,138	9.2
65 Years and Over	32,394	2,934	9.1	32,289	2,755	8.5	32,797	3,059	9.3
<b>Sex</b>									
Male	133,251	12,217	9.2	134,326	12,476	9.3	136,705	12,864	9.4
Female	140,716	17,224	12.2	141,464	17,160	12.1	143,716	17,917	12.5
<b>Educational Attainment (People 18 and Over)</b>									
Less than 4 yrs of high school	33,054	7,111	21.5	35,077	7,013	20.0	35,433	7,150	20.2
High school graduate, no college	61,586	5,609	9.1	59,899	5,627	9.4	59,790	5,903	9.9
One or more years of college	107,892	5,321	4.9	105,514	4,876	4.6	104,648	4,981	4.8
<b>Work Disability Status (People 15 to 69 years)</b>									
With a work disability	21,815	4,789	22.0	20,968	4,363	20.8	19,835	4,440	22.4
No work disability	169,691	12,390	7.3	172,647	12,961	7.5	177,798	13,938	7.8
<b>Metropolitan Area Status</b>									
Metropolitan Area	218,916	21,617	9.9	220,052	21,755	9.9	224,187	23,027	10.3
Central City	78,385	12,004	15.3	79,220	11,604	14.6	81,364	12,422	15.3
Not a Central City	140,531	9,614	6.8	140,832	10,151	7.2	142,823	10,605	7.4
Not a metropolitan area	55,051	7,824	14.2	55,737	7,881	14.1	56,234	7,754	13.8
<b>Region</b>									
Northeast	51,844	5,044	9.7	52,117	4,949	9.5	52,896	5,415	10.2
Midwest	62,796	5,615	8.9	62,476	5,367	8.6	62,656	5,643	9.0
South	97,626	12,515	12.8	98,480	12,831	13.0	100,507	13,088	13.0
West	61,701	6,267	10.2	62,716	6,489	10.3	64,363	6,634	10.3

Characteristic	2001			2002			2003		
	Total	In Poverty		Total	In Poverty		Total	In Poverty	
		Number	Percent- age		Number	Percent- age		Number	Percent- age
<b>Family Status</b>									
In Families	230,795	21,747	9.4	232,311	21,962	9.5	237,413	22,932	9.7
- with related children under 18	149,610	19,000	12.7	151,053	19,450	12.9	152,831	19,658	12.9
Married-couple families	179,538	9,323	5.2	180,833	9,494	5.2	183,835	9,974	5.4
- with related children under 18	112,036	7,389	6.6	113,198	7,837	6.9	114,158	7,891	6.9
Female-headed-no-husband-present families	39,445	11,296	28.6	40,516	11,358	28.0	42,232	11,718	27.7
- with related children under 18	30,317	10,692	35.3	31,276	10,726	34.3	31,846	10,772	33.8
Male-headed-no-wife-present families	11,813	1,128	9.5	10,961	1,111	10.1	11,346	1,240	10.9
- with related children under 18	7,257	919	12.7	6,580	886	13.5	6,827	994	14.6
Unrelated individuals	43,171	7,694	17.8	43,479	7,674	17.6	43,008	7,848	18.2
- in non-family households	39,151	6,586	16.8	39,456	6,472	16.4	39,288	6,721	17.1
<b>Employment Status (People 18 years and over)</b>									
Employed full-time	106,012	3,307	3.1	104,591	2,975	2.8	105,971	3,000	2.8
Employed part-time	29,897	3,069	10.3	30,914	3,050	9.9	31,666	3,061	9.7
Unemployed	4,867	1,284	26.4	5,216	1,404	26.9	5,936	1,704	28.7
Not in the labor force	61,757	10,381	16.8	63,674	10,587	16.6	65,371	11,433	17.5
<b>Marital Status (People 18 years and over)</b>									
Married	118,308	5,359	4.5	118,126	5,424	4.6	120,441	5,864	4.9
Separated, divorced, widowed	38,781	6,178	15.9	39,320	6,284	16.0	39,890	6,702	16.8
Never married	45,444	6,503	14.3	46,949	6,309	13.4	48,614	6,631	13.6
<b>Number of People in the Family</b>									
1-person family	43,171	7,694	17.8	43,479	7,674	17.6	43,008	7,848	18.2
2-person family	66,525	4,439	6.7	64,939	4,396	6.8	66,829	4,659	7.0
3-person family	50,417	4,499	8.9	49,440	4,214	8.5	50,654	4,390	8.7
4-person family	58,287	4,878	8.4	60,327	4,554	7.5	60,752	5,208	8.6
5-person family	31,400	3,319	10.6	34,000	4,297	12.6	35,263	4,211	11.9
6 or more-person family	24,166	4,613	19.1	23,604	4,501	19.1	23,915	4,465	18.7

For further information on the source of the data and accuracy of the estimates, including standard errors and confidence intervals, go to <[http://www.sipp.census.gov/sipp/sourceac/S&A01\\_20060323\\_Long\(S&A-3\).pdf](http://www.sipp.census.gov/sipp/sourceac/S&A01_20060323_Long(S&A-3).pdf)>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Survey of Income and Program Participation, 2001-2003

**Table 5-ci. Annual Poverty, by Selected Characteristics: 2001 through 2003 with 90-Percent Confidence Intervals**

(SOURCE: Survey of Income and Program Participation. For information on sampling and nonsampling error see <<http://www.sipp.census.gov/sipp/source.html>>. Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	2001					2002					2003				
	Total	In poverty				Total	In poverty				Total	In poverty			
		Number		Percentage			Number		Percentage			Number		Percentage	
		Estimate	C.I. <sup>1</sup> (+/-)	Estimate	C.I. <sup>1</sup> (+/-)		Estimate	C.I. <sup>1</sup> (+/-)	Estimate	C.I. <sup>1</sup> (+/-)		Estimate	C.I. <sup>1</sup> (+/-)	Estimate	C.I. <sup>1</sup> (+/-)
<b>All People</b>	<b>273,967</b>	<b>29,441</b>	<b>706</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>275,789</b>	<b>29,636</b>	<b>805</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>280,421</b>	<b>30,781</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>0.3</b>
<b>Race and Hispanic Origin</b>															
White	224,549	19,456	589	8.7	0.3	225,500	19,323	667	8.6	0.3	229,271	20,426	660	8.9	0.3
White, not Hispanic	193,274	13,784	502	7.1	0.3	193,202	13,283	561	6.9	0.3	194,637	14,123	557	7.3	0.3
Black	34,754	8,141	391	23.4	1.0	35,232	8,414	452	23.9	1.1	35,931	8,457	437	23.5	1.1
Asian or Pacific Islander	11,066	1,051	143	9.5	1.2	11,253	1,084	165	9.6	1.4	11,642	1,111	161	9.5	1.3
Hispanic	34,338	6,307	346	18.4	0.9	35,641	6,658	404	18.7	1.0	37,963	7,037	400	18.5	1.0
Not Hispanic	239,629	23,134	636	9.7	0.3	240,148	22,978	721	9.6	0.3	242,457	23,743	706	9.8	0.3
<b>Age</b>															
Under 18 Years	71,434	11,400	460	16.0	0.6	71,394	11,620	527	16.3	0.7	71,477	11,583	508	16.2	0.7
18 to 64 Years	170,139	15,107	524	8.9	0.3	172,106	15,261	599	8.9	0.3	176,147	16,138	593	9.2	0.3
65 Years and Over	32,394	2,934	238	9.1	0.7	32,289	2,755	262	8.5	0.8	32,797	3,059	266	9.3	0.8
<b>Sex</b>															
Male	133,251	12,217	459	9.2	0.3	134,326	12,476	527	9.3	0.4	136,705	12,864	516	9.4	0.4
Female	140,716	17,224	534	12.2	0.4	141,464	17,160	607	12.1	0.4	143,716	17,917	597	12.5	0.4
<b>Educational Attainment (People 18 and Over)</b>															
Less than 4 years of high school	33,054	7,111	367	21.5	1.0	35,077	7,013	414	20.0	1.1	35,433	7,150	403	20.2	1.0
High school graduate, no college	61,586	5,609	327	9.1	0.5	59,899	5,627	372	9.4	0.6	59,790	5,903	367	9.9	0.6
One or more years of college	107,892	5,321	319	4.9	0.3	105,514	4,876	347	4.6	0.3	104,648	4,981	338	4.8	0.3
<b>Work Disability Status (People 15 to 69 years)</b>															
With a work disability	21,815	4,789	303	22.0	1.2	20,968	4,363	329	20.8	1.4	19,835	4,440	320	22.4	1.4
No work disability	169,691	12,390	478	7.3	0.3	172,647	12,961	555	7.5	0.3	177,798	13,938	554	7.8	0.3
<b>Metropolitan Area Status</b>															
Metropolitan Area	218,916	21,617	617	9.9	0.3	220,052	21,755	704	9.9	0.3	224,187	23,027	697	10.3	0.3
Central City	78,385	12,004	471	15.3	0.6	79,220	11,604	527	14.6	0.6	81,364	12,422	525	15.3	0.6
Not a Central City	140,531	9,614	424	6.8	0.3	140,832	10,151	494	7.2	0.3	142,823	10,605	487	7.4	0.3
Not a metropolitan area	55,051	7,824	384	14.2	0.7	55,737	7,881	438	14.1	0.7	56,234	7,754	419	13.8	0.7



Characteristic	2001					2002					2003				
	Total	In poverty				Total	In poverty				Total	In poverty			
		Number		Percentage			Number		Percentage			Number		Percentage	
		Estimate	C.I. <sup>1</sup> (+/-)	Estimate	C.I. <sup>1</sup> (+/-)		Estimate	C.I. <sup>1</sup> (+/-)	Estimate	C.I. <sup>1</sup> (+/-)		Estimate	C.I. <sup>1</sup> (+/-)	Estimate	C.I. <sup>1</sup> (+/-)
<b>Region</b>															
Northeast	51,844	5,044	310	9.7	0.6	52,117	4,949	349	9.5	0.6	52,896	5,415	352	10.2	0.6
Midwest	62,796	5,615	327	8.9	0.5	62,476	5,367	364	8.6	0.6	62,656	5,643	359	9.0	0.6
South	97,626	12,515	480	12.8	0.5	98,480	12,831	552	13.0	0.5	100,507	13,088	538	13.0	0.5
West	61,701	6,267	345	10.2	0.5	62,716	6,489	399	10.3	0.6	64,363	6,634	389	10.3	0.6
<b>Family Status</b>															
In Families	230,795	21,747	619	9.4	0.3	232,311	21,962	707	9.5	0.3	237,413	22,932	695	9.7	0.3
- with related children under 18	149,610	19,000	582	12.7	0.4	151,053	19,450	669	12.9	0.4	152,831	19,658	649	12.9	0.4
Married-couple families	179,538	9,323	418	5.2	0.2	180,833	9,494	479	5.2	0.3	183,835	9,974	473	5.4	0.3
- with related children under 18	112,036	7,389	374	6.6	0.3	113,198	7,837	437	6.9	0.4	114,158	7,891	423	6.9	0.4
Female-headed-no-husband-present families	39,445	11,296	458	28.6	1.0	40,516	11,358	522	28.0	1.1	42,232	11,718	511	27.7	1.1
- with related children under 18	30,317	10,692	446	35.3	1.2	31,276	10,726	508	34.3	1.3	31,846	10,772	491	33.8	1.3
Male-headed-no-wife-present families	11,813	1,128	148	9.5	1.2	10,961	1,111	167	10.1	1.4	11,346	1,240	170	10.9	1.4
- with related children under 18	7,257	919	134	12.7	1.7	6,580	886	149	13.5	2.1	6,827	994	152	14.6	2.1
Unrelated individuals	43,171	7,694	381	17.8	0.8	43,479	7,674	432	17.6	0.9	43,008	7,848	422	18.2	0.9
- in non-family households	39,151	6,586	353	16.8	0.8	39,456	6,472	398	16.4	0.9	39,288	6,721	391	17.1	0.9
<b>Employment Status (People 18 years and over)</b>															
Employed full-time	106,012	3,307	252	3.1	0.2	104,591	2,975	272	2.8	0.3	105,971	3,000	264	2.8	0.2
Employed part-time	29,897	3,069	243	10.3	0.8	30,914	3,050	276	9.9	0.9	31,666	3,061	266	9.7	0.8
Unemployed	4,867	1,284	158	26.4	2.8	5,216	1,404	188	26.9	3.1	5,936	1,704	199	28.7	2.8
Not in the labor force	61,757	10,381	440	16.8	0.7	63,674	10,587	504	16.6	0.7	65,371	11,433	505	17.5	0.7
<b>Marital Status (People 18 years and over)</b>															
Married	118,308	5,359	320	4.5	0.3	118,126	5,424	365	4.6	0.3	120,441	5,864	366	4.9	0.3
Separated, divorced, widowed	38,781	6,178	343	15.9	0.8	39,320	6,284	393	16.0	0.9	39,890	6,702	391	16.8	0.9
Never married	45,444	6,503	351	14.3	0.7	46,949	6,309	393	13.4	0.8	48,614	6,631	389	13.6	0.8
<b>Number of People in the Family</b>															
1-person family	43,171	7,694	381	17.8	0.8	43,479	7,674	432	17.6	0.9	43,008	7,848	422	18.2	0.9
2-person family	66,525	4,439	292	6.7	0.4	64,939	4,396	330	6.8	0.5	66,829	4,659	327	7.0	0.5
3-person family	50,417	4,499	293	8.9	0.6	49,440	4,214	323	8.5	0.6	50,654	4,390	318	8.7	0.6
4-person family	58,287	4,878	305	8.4	0.5	60,327	4,554	336	7.5	0.5	60,752	5,208	346	8.6	0.6
5-person family	31,400	3,319	253	10.6	0.8	34,000	4,297	326	12.6	0.9	35,263	4,211	311	11.9	0.8
6 or more-person family	24,166	4,613	297	19.1	1.1	23,604	4,501	334	19.1	1.3	23,915	4,465	321	18.7	1.2

1. A 90-percent confidence interval is a measure of an estimate's variability. The larger the confidence interval in relation to the size of the estimate, the less reliable the estimate. For further information on the source of the data and accuracy of the estimates, including standard errors and confidence intervals, go to [http://www.sipp.census.gov/sipp/sourceac/S&A01\\_20060323\\_Long\(S&A-3\).pdf](http://www.sipp.census.gov/sipp/sourceac/S&A01_20060323_Long(S&A-3).pdf)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Survey of Income and Program Participation, 2001-2003.

**Table 6. People In Poverty in 2001 by Poverty Status in 2002 or 2003**

(SOURCE: Survey of Income and Program Participation. For information on sampling and nonsampling error see <<http://www.sipp.census.gov/sipp/source.html>>. Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	2001 In Poverty	2002 Not In Poverty		2003 Not In Poverty	
		Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
<b>All People</b>	<b>27,930</b>	<b>9,054</b>	<b>32.4</b>	<b>11,325</b>	<b>40.5</b>
<b>Race and Hispanic Origin</b>					
White	18,356	6,636	36.1	8,268	45.0
White, Not Hispanic	12,945	4,938	38.1	6,000	46.4
Black	7,804	1,829	23.4	2,324	29.8
Asian or Pacific Islander	1,072	352	32.8	403	37.6
Hispanic	5,932	1,916	32.3	2,425	40.9
Not Hispanic	21,998	7,138	32.4	8,900	40.5
<b>Age</b>					
Under 18 Years	10,459	3,019	28.9	3,718	37.2
18 to 64 Years	14,696	5,208	35.4	6,663	44.4
65 Years and Over	2,775	827	29.8	944	32.2
<b>Sex</b>					
Male	11,474	3,937	34.3	4,844	42.2
Female	16,456	5,117	31.1	6,481	39.4
<b>Educational Attainment (People 18 and Over)</b>					
Less than 4 yrs of high school	7,110	2,129	29.9	2,627	35.3
High school graduate, no college	5,377	1,856	34.5	2,384	43.7
One or more years of college	4,985	2,050	41.1	2,596	51.6
<b>Work Disability Status (People 15 to 69 years)</b>					
With a work disability	4,580	1,207	26.4	1,396	30.8
No work disability	12,186	4,726	38.8	6,110	48.4
<b>Metropolitan Area Status</b>					
Metropolitan Area	20,335	6,250	30.7	7,871	38.7
Central City	11,279	3,286	29.1	4,175	37.0
Not a Central City	9,057	2,964	32.7	3,696	40.8
Not a metropolitan area	7,595	2,804	36.9	3,454	45.5
<b>Region</b>					
Northeast	5,076	1,567	30.9	1,864	36.7
Midwest	5,156	1,685	32.7	1,985	38.5
South	11,737	3,819	32.5	4,821	41.1
West	5,961	1,983	33.3	2,655	44.5
<b>Family Status</b>					
In Families	21,183	7,171	33.9	9,306	43.3
- with related children under 18	18,489	5,845	31.6	7,510	41.0
Married-couple families	9,251	3,974	43.0	5,310	54.5
- with related children under 18	7,427	3,052	41.1	4,136	53.3
Female-headed-no-husband-present families	10,999	2,821	25.6	3,640	33.4
- with related children under 18	10,268	2,475	24.1	3,117	31.4
Male-headed-no-wife-present families	933	376	40.3	356	43.5
- with related children under 18	795	318	40.0	257	39.1
Unrelated individuals	6,747	1,883	27.9	2,019	31.3
- in non-family households	5,857	1,621	27.7	1,612	29.1

Characteristic	2001 In Poverty	2002 Not In Poverty		2003 Not In Poverty	
		Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
<b>Employment Status (People 18 years and over)</b>					
Employed full-time	3,249	1,674	51.5	2,714	69.8
Employed part-time	2,927	1,223	41.8	1,333	46.8
Unemployed	1,037	256	24.7	239	25.7
Not in the labor force	10,258	2,881	28.1	3,321	32.4
<b>Marital Status (People 18 years and over)</b>					
Married	5,376	2,353	43.8	3,089	54.7
Separated, divorced, widowed	5,879	1,659	28.2	1,949	33.3
Never married	6,216	2,023	32.5	2,570	40.0
<b>Number of People in the Family</b>					
1-person family	6,747	1,883	27.9	2,019	31.3
2-person family	4,089	1,490	36.4	1,974	47.6
3-person family	4,289	1,259	29.4	1,720	40.5
4-person family	4,618	1,835	39.7	2,017	45.2
5-person family	3,534	1,036	29.3	1,506	41.3
6 or more-person family	4,654	1,551	33.3	2,089	42.1

For further information on the source of the data and accuracy of the estimates, including standard errors and confidence intervals, go to <[http://www.sipp.census.gov/sipp/sourceac/S&A01\\_20060323\\_Long\(S&A-3\).pdf](http://www.sipp.census.gov/sipp/sourceac/S&A01_20060323_Long(S&A-3).pdf)>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Survey of Income and Program Participation, 2001-2003

**Table 6-ci. People in Poverty in 2001 by Poverty Status in 2002 or 2003 with 90-Percent Confidence Intervals**

(SOURCE: Survey of Income and Program Participation. For information on sampling and nonsampling error see <<http://www.sipp.census.gov/sipp/source.html>>. Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	2001 In Poverty	2002 Not In Poverty				2003 Not In Poverty			
		Number		Percentage		Number		Percentage	
		Estimate	C.I. <sup>1</sup> (+/-)	Estimate	C.I. <sup>1</sup> (+/-)	Estimate	C.I. <sup>1</sup> (+/-)	Estimate	C.I. <sup>1</sup> (+/-)
<b>All People</b>	27,930	9,054	468	32.4	1.4	11,325	503	40.5	1.4
<b>Race and Hispanic Origin</b>									
White	18,356	6,636	403	36.1	1.8	8,268	432	45.0	1.8
White, not Hispanic	12,945	4,938	349	38.1	2.1	6,000	370	46.4	2.1
Black	7,804	1,829	214	23.4	2.4	2,324	232	29.8	2.5
Asian or Pacific Islander	1,072	352	94	32.8	7.2	403	97	37.6	7.2
Hispanic	5,932	1,916	219	32.3	3.1	2,425	237	40.9	3.1
Not Hispanic	21,998	7,138	418	32.4	1.6	8,900	448	40.5	1.6
<b>Age</b>									
Under 18 Years	10,459	3,019	274	28.9	2.2	3,718	293	37.2	2.3
18 to 64 Years	14,696	5,208	358	35.4	2.0	6,663	390	44.4	2.0
65 Years and Over	2,775	827	144	29.8	4.4	944	149	32.2	4.2
<b>Sex</b>									
Male	11,474	3,937	309	34.3	2.2	4,844	330	42.2	2.2
Female	16,456	5,117	351	31.1	1.8	6,481	379	39.4	1.8
<b>Educational Attainment (People 18 and Over)</b>									
Less than 4 years of high school	7,110	2,129	231	29.9	2.7	2,627	247	35.3	2.7
High school graduate, no college	5,377	1,856	216	34.5	3.3	2,384	235	43.7	3.3
One or more years of college	4,985	2,050	226	41.1	3.5	2,596	245	51.6	3.4
<b>Work Disability Status (People 15 to 69 years)</b>									
With a work disability	4,580	1,207	174	26.4	3.3	1,396	180	30.8	3.3
No work disability	12,186	4,726	342	38.8	2.2	6,110	374	48.4	2.2
<b>Metropolitan Area Status</b>									
Metropolitan Area	20,335	6,250	392	30.7	1.6	7,871	422	38.7	1.7
Central City	11,279	3,286	286	29.1	2.1	4,175	310	37.0	2.2
Not a Central City	9,057	2,964	272	32.7	2.5	3,696	292	40.8	2.5
Not a metropolitan area	7,595	2,804	264	36.9	2.8	3,454	283	45.5	2.8
<b>Region</b>									
Northeast	5,076	1,567	198	30.9	3.3	1,864	208	36.7	3.3
Midwest	5,156	1,685	205	32.7	3.3	1,985	215	38.5	3.3
South	11,737	3,819	308	32.5	2.2	4,821	333	41.1	2.2
West	5,961	1,983	223	33.3	3.1	2,655	248	44.5	3.1
<b>Family Status</b>									
In Families	21,183	7,171	419	33.9	1.6	9,306	458	43.3	1.6
- with related children under 18	18,489	5,845	379	31.6	1.7	7,510	413	41.0	1.8
Married-couple families	9,251	3,974	314	43.0	2.6	5,310	349	54.5	2.4
- with related children under 18	7,427	3,052	276	41.1	2.9	4,136	309	53.3	2.7
Female-headed-no-husband-present families	10,999	2,821	265	25.6	2.1	3,640	290	33.4	2.2
- with related children under 18	10,268	2,475	249	24.1	2.1	3,117	269	31.4	2.3
Male-headed-no-wife-present families	933	376	97	40.3	8.1	356	91	43.5	8.4
- with related children under 18	795	318	89	40.0	8.7	257	78	39.1	9.2
Unrelated individuals	6,747	1,883	217	27.9	2.7	2,019	217	31.3	2.8
- in non-family households	5,857	1,621	202	27.7	2.9	1,612	194	29.1	3.0

Characteristic	2001 In Poverty	2002 Not In Poverty				2003 Not In Poverty			
		Number		Percentage		Number		Percentage	
		Estimate	C.I. <sup>1</sup> (+/-)	Estimate	C.I. <sup>1</sup> (+/-)	Estimate	C.I. <sup>1</sup> (+/-)	Estimate	C.I. <sup>1</sup> (+/-)
<b>Employment Status (People 18 years and over)</b>									
Employed full-time	3,249	1,674	205	51.5	4.4	2,714	251	69.8	3.6
Employed part-time	2,927	1,223	175	41.8	4.6	1,333	176	46.8	4.5
Unemployed	1,037	256	80	24.7	6.7	239	75	25.7	7.0
Not in the labor force	10,258	2,881	268	28.1	2.2	3,321	277	32.4	2.2
<b>Marital Status (People 18 years and over)</b>									
Married	5,376	2,353	242	43.8	3.4	3,089	267	54.7	3.2
Separated, divorced, widowed	5,879	1,659	204	28.2	2.9	1,949	213	33.3	3.0
Never married	6,216	2,023	225	32.5	3.0	2,570	244	40.0	3.0
<b>Number of People in the Family</b>									
1-person family	6,747	1,883	217	27.9	2.7	2,019	217	31.3	2.8
2-person family	4,089	1,490	193	36.4	3.8	1,974	214	47.6	3.8
3-person family	4,289	1,259	178	29.4	3.5	1,720	200	40.5	3.7
4-person family	4,618	1,835	214	39.7	3.6	2,017	217	45.2	3.6
5-person family	3,534	1,036	161	29.3	3.8	1,506	187	41.3	4.0
6 or more-person family	4,654	1,551	197	33.3	3.5	2,089	220	42.1	3.4

1. A 90-percent confidence interval is a measure of an estimate's variability. The larger the confidence interval in relation to the size of the estimate, the less reliable the estimate. For further information on the source of the data and accuracy of the estimates, including standard errors and confidence intervals, go to <[http://www.sipp.census.gov/sipp/sourceac/S&A01\\_20060323\\_Long\(S&A-3\).pdf](http://www.sipp.census.gov/sipp/sourceac/S&A01_20060323_Long(S&A-3).pdf)>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Survey of Income and Program Participation, 2001-2003.

**Table 7. People Who Were Not in Poverty in 2001 by Poverty Status in 2002 or 2003**

(SOURCE: Survey of Income and Program Participation. For information on sampling and nonsampling error see <<http://www.sipp.census.gov/sipp/source.html>>. Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	2001 Not In Poverty	2002 In Poverty		2003 In Poverty	
		Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
<b>All People</b>	<b>236,624</b>	<b>7,451</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>10,354</b>	<b>4.4</b>
<b>Race and Hispanic Origin</b>					
White	198,043	5,520	2.8	7,577	3.8
White, Not Hispanic	174,304	3,955	2.3	5,815	3.3
Black	25,858	1,512	5.8	2,125	8.2
Asian or Pacific Islander	9,944	278	2.8	373	3.8
Hispanic	26,001	1,681	6.5	1,935	7.4
Not Hispanic	210,623	5,770	2.7	8,418	4.0
<b>Age</b>					
Under 18 Years	56,006	2,531	4.5	2,920	5.6
18 to 64 Years	152,120	4,268	2.8	6,332	4.1
65 Years and Over	28,499	652	2.3	1,102	3.6
<b>Sex</b>					
Male	116,088	3,223	2.8	4,567	3.9
Female	120,537	4,228	3.5	5,787	4.8
<b>Educational Attainment (People 18 and Over)</b>					
Less than 4 yrs of high school	26,865	1,572	5.9	2,388	8.5
High school graduate, no college	53,575	1,681	3.1	2,609	4.7
One or more years of college	100,178	1,667	1.7	2,437	2.4
<b>Work Disability Status (People 15 to 69 years)</b>					
With a work disability	16,029	808	5.0	1,337	8.5
No work disability	154,874	3,918	2.5	5,628	3.6
<b>Metropolitan Area Status</b>					
Metropolitan Area	189,830	5,357	2.8	7,401	3.9
Central City	63,055	2,318	3.7	3,557	5.6
Not a Central City	126,775	3,039	2.4	3,844	3.0
Not a metropolitan area	46,794	2,095	4.5	2,952	6.3
<b>Region</b>					
Northeast	45,360	1,091	2.4	1,616	3.6
Midwest	55,541	1,389	2.5	1,958	3.5
South	82,108	3,115	3.8	4,417	5.4
West	53,615	1,856	3.5	2,363	4.4
<b>Family Status</b>					
In Families	203,670	5,666	2.8	7,738	3.8
- with related children under 18	126,426	4,650	3.7	5,981	4.8
Married-couple families	166,704	3,248	1.9	4,333	2.6
- with related children under 18	101,998	2,573	2.5	3,167	3.2
Female-headed-no-husband-present families	27,624	2,103	7.6	2,818	10.0
- with related children under 18	19,126	1,871	9.8	2,403	12.7
Male-headed-no-wife-present families	9,341	316	3.4	587	6.4
- with related children under 18	5,303	206	3.9	411	7.8
Unrelated individuals	32,955	1,785	5.4	2,616	7.7
- in non-family households	30,781	1,590	5.2	2,337	7.4

Characteristic	2001 Not In Poverty	2002 In Poverty		2003 In Poverty	
		Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
<b>Employment Status (People 18 years and over)</b>					
Employed full-time	99,431	1,189	1.2	1,528	1.6
Employed part-time	27,258	1,062	3.9	1,404	5.0
Unemployed	3,642	408	11.2	674	16.6
Not in the labor force	50,287	2,260	4.5	3,828	7.2
<b>Marital Status (People 18 years and over)</b>					
Married	110,704	1,874	1.7	2,776	2.5
Separated, divorced, widowed	31,850	1,581	5.0	2,378	7.2
Never married	38,065	1,465	3.8	2,280	5.7
<b>Number of People in the Family</b>					
1-person family	32,955	1,785	5.4	2,616	7.7
2-person family	59,136	1,396	2.4	1,988	3.3
3-person family	43,134	850	2.0	1,293	3.0
4-person family	54,349	1,128	2.1	1,844	3.4
5-person family	29,064	1,272	4.4	1,518	5.2
6 or more-person family	17,986	1,019	5.7	1,094	6.3

For further information on the source of the data and accuracy of the estimates, including standard errors and confidence intervals, go to <[http://www.sipp.census.gov/sipp/sourceac/S&A01\\_20060323\\_Long\(S&A-3\).pdf](http://www.sipp.census.gov/sipp/sourceac/S&A01_20060323_Long(S&A-3).pdf)>  
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Survey of Income and Program Participation, 2001-2003

**Table 7-ci. People Who Were Not in Poverty in 2001 by Poverty Status in 2002 or 2003 with 90-Percent Confidence Intervals**

(SOURCE: Survey of Income and Program Participation. For information on sampling and nonsampling error see

Characteristic	2001 Not In Poverty	2002 In Poverty				2003 In Poverty			
		Number		Percentage		Number		Percentage	
		Estimate	C.I. <sup>1</sup> (+/-)	Estimate	C.I. <sup>1</sup> (+/-)	Estimate	C.I. <sup>1</sup> (+/-)	Estimate	C.I. <sup>1</sup> (+/-)
<b>All People</b>	236,624	7,451	426	3.1	0.2	10,354	482	4.4	0.2
<b>Race and Hispanic Origin</b>									
White	198,043	5,520	369	2.8	0.2	7,577	415	3.8	0.2
White, not Hispanic	174,304	3,955	313	2.3	0.2	5,815	365	3.3	0.2
Black	25,858	1,512	195	5.8	0.7	2,125	222	8.2	0.8
Asian or Pacific Islander	9,944	278	84	2.8	0.8	373	94	3.8	0.9
Hispanic	26,001	1,681	205	6.5	0.8	1,935	212	7.4	0.8
Not Hispanic	210,623	5,770	377	2.7	0.2	8,418	436	4.0	0.2
<b>Age</b>									
Under 18 Years	56,006	2,531	251	4.5	0.4	2,920	260	5.6	0.5
18 to 64 Years	152,120	4,268	325	2.8	0.2	6,332	380	4.1	0.2
65 Years and Over	28,499	652	128	2.3	0.4	1,102	160	3.6	0.5
<b>Sex</b>									
Male	116,088	3,223	281	2.8	0.2	4,567	320	3.9	0.3
Female	120,537	4,228	321	3.5	0.3	5,787	359	4.8	0.3
<b>Educational Attainment (People 18 and Over)</b>									
Less than 4 years of high school	26,865	1,572	198	5.9	0.7	2,388	236	8.5	0.8
High school graduate, no college	53,575	1,681	205	3.1	0.4	2,609	246	4.7	0.4
One or more years of college	100,178	1,667	204	1.7	0.2	2,437	238	2.4	0.2
<b>Work Disability Status (People 15 to 69 years)</b>									
With a work disability	16,029	808	143	5.0	0.9	1,337	177	8.5	1.1
No work disability	154,874	3,918	312	2.5	0.2	5,628	359	3.6	0.2
<b>Metropolitan Area Status</b>									
Metropolitan Area	189,830	5,357	363	2.8	0.2	7,401	410	3.9	0.2
Central City	63,055	2,318	241	3.7	0.4	3,557	287	5.6	0.4
Not a Central City	126,775	3,039	275	2.4	0.2	3,844	298	3.0	0.2
Not a metropolitan area	46,794	2,095	229	4.5	0.5	2,952	262	6.3	0.5



Characteristic	2001 Not In Poverty	2002 In Poverty				2003 In Poverty			
		Number		Percentage		Number		Percentage	
		Estimate	C.I. <sup>1</sup> (+/-)	Estimate	C.I. <sup>1</sup> (+/-)	Estimate	C.I. <sup>1</sup> (+/-)	Estimate	C.I. <sup>1</sup> (+/-)
<b>Region</b>									
Northeast	45,360	1,091	166	2.4	0.4	1,616	194	3.6	0.4
Midwest	55,541	1,389	187	2.5	0.3	1,958	213	3.5	0.4
South	82,108	3,115	278	3.8	0.3	4,417	319	5.4	0.4
West	53,615	1,856	216	3.5	0.4	2,363	234	4.4	0.4
<b>Family Status</b>									
In Families	203,670	5,666	373	2.8	0.2	7,738	419	3.8	0.2
- with related children under 18	126,426	4,650	339	3.7	0.3	5,981	370	4.8	0.3
Married-couple families	166,704	3,248	284	1.9	0.2	4,333	316	2.6	0.2
- with related children under 18	101,998	2,573	253	2.5	0.2	3,167	271	3.2	0.3
Female-headed-no-husband-present families	27,624	2,103	229	7.6	0.8	2,818	256	10.0	0.9
- with related children under 18	19,126	1,871	216	9.8	1.1	2,403	236	12.7	1.2
Male-headed-no-wife-present families	9,341	316	89	3.4	0.9	587	117	6.4	1.2
- with related children under 18	5,303	206	72	3.9	1.3	411	98	7.8	1.8
Unrelated individuals	32,955	1,785	211	5.4	0.6	2,616	246	7.7	0.7
- in non-family households	30,781	1,590	200	5.2	0.6	2,337	233	7.4	0.7
<b>Employment Status (People 18 years and over)</b>									
Employed full-time	99,431	1,189	173	1.2	0.2	1,528	189	1.6	0.2
Employed part-time	27,258	1,062	163	3.9	0.6	1,404	181	5.0	0.6
Unemployed	3,642	408	101	11.2	2.6	674	126	16.6	2.8
Not in the labor force	50,287	2,260	238	4.5	0.5	3,828	297	7.2	0.5
<b>Marital Status (People 18 years and over)</b>									
Married	110,704	1,874	217	1.7	0.2	2,776	254	2.5	0.2
Separated, divorced, widowed	31,850	1,581	199	5.0	0.6	2,378	235	7.2	0.7
Never married	38,065	1,465	192	3.8	0.5	2,280	230	5.7	0.6
<b>Number of People in the Family</b>									
1-person family	32,955	1,785	211	5.4	0.6	2,616	246	7.7	0.7
2-person family	59,136	1,396	187	2.4	0.3	1,988	215	3.3	0.4
3-person family	43,134	850	146	2.0	0.3	1,293	174	3.0	0.4
4-person family	54,349	1,128	168	2.1	0.3	1,844	207	3.4	0.4
5-person family	29,064	1,272	179	4.4	0.6	1,518	188	5.2	0.6
6 or more-person family	17,986	1,019	160	5.7	0.9	1,094	160	6.3	0.9

1. A 90-percent confidence interval is a measure of an estimate's variability. The larger the confidence interval, the greater the variability. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Survey of Income and Program Participation, 2001-2003.