

# Income and Poverty in the United States: 2020

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# Income and Poverty Estimates



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# What is Money Income?

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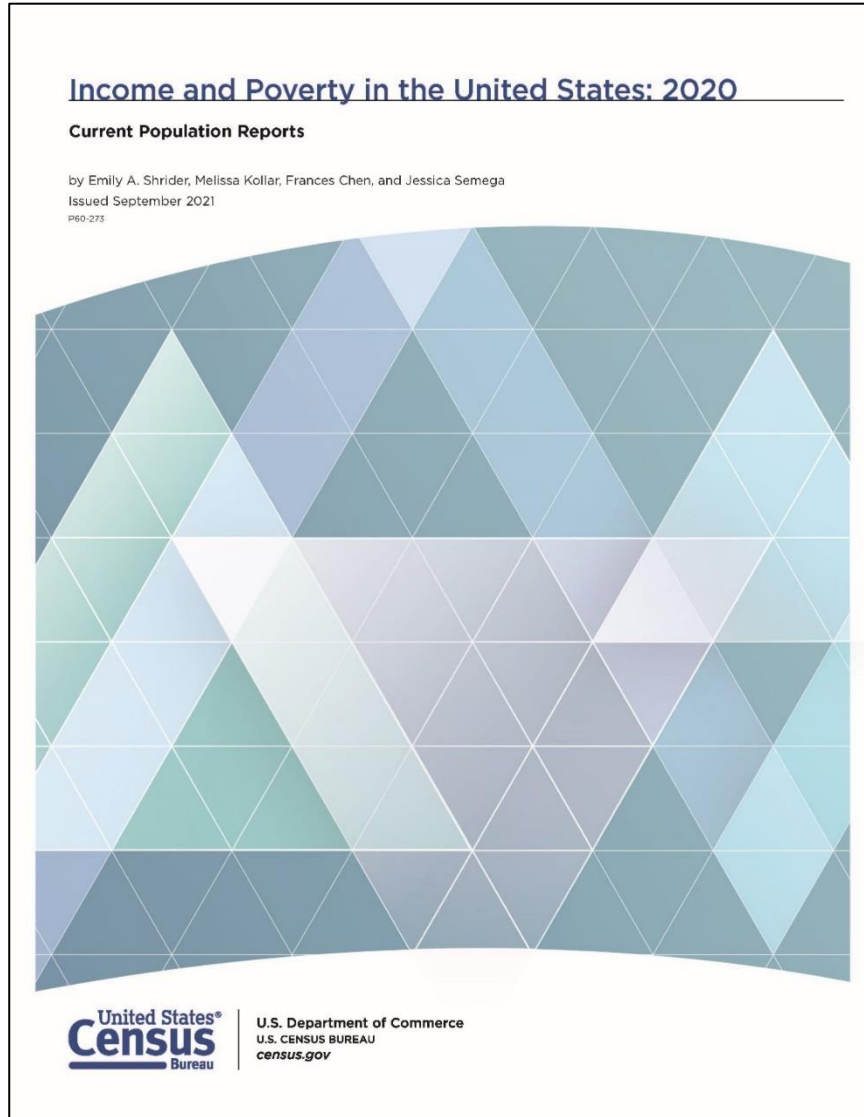
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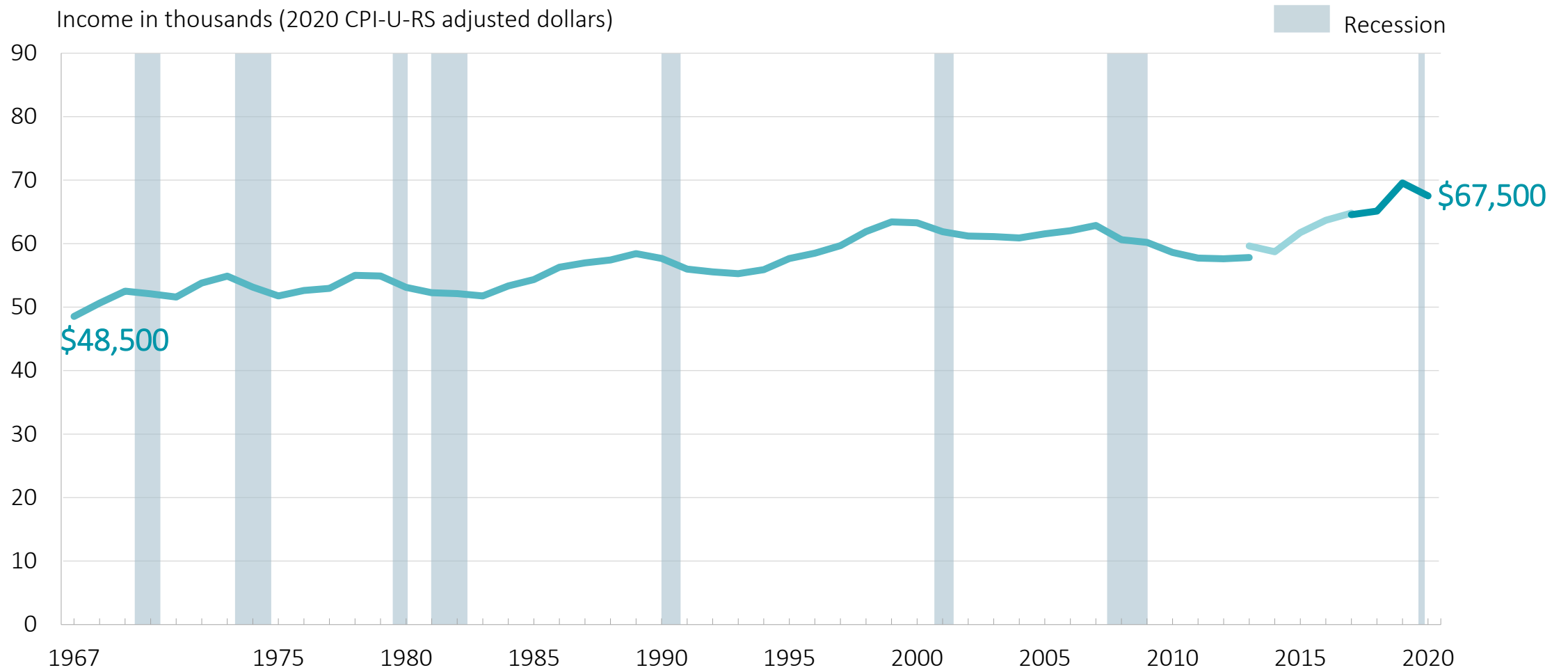
- Taxes Paid
- Tax Credits
- Stimulus payments
- Noncash assistance (SNAP, Medicaid, etc.)

# Highlights: Income, earnings and workers



- Real median household income decreased 2.9 percent to \$67,500 between 2019 and 2020.
- Between 2019 and 2020, the total number of workers with earnings decreased by about 3.0 million. The number of those who worked full-time, year-round decreased by approximately 13.7 million.
- The real median earnings of all workers decreased 1.2 percent, while the real median earnings of those who worked full-time, year-round increased 6.9 percent between 2019 and 2020.

# Real Median Household Income: 1967 to 2020



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(Income in 2020 CPI-U-RS adjusted dollars)

Year	Median Income
1967	48,537
1968	50,628
1969	52,510
1970	52,103
1971	51,596
1972	53,806
1973	54,893
1974	53,154
1975	51,762
1976	52,621
1977	52,954
1978	55,004
1979	54,899
1980	53,116
1981	52,272
1982	52,130
1983	51,764
1984	53,337
1985	54,334
1986	56,291
1987	56,964
1988	57,433
1989	58,425
1990	57,677
1991	55,992
1992	55,559
1993	55,263
1994	55,905
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1996	58,494
1997	59,697
1998	61,891
1999	63,423
2000	63,292
2001	61,889
2002	61,190
2003	61,113
2004 <sup>1</sup>	60,901
2005	61,553
2006	62,033
2007	62,865
2008	60,624
2009	60,200
2010	58,627
2011	57,732
2012	57,623
2013 <sup>2</sup>	57,808
2013 <sup>3</sup>	59,640
2014	58,725
2015	61,748
2016	63,683
2017	64,806
2017 <sup>4</sup>	64,557
2018	65,127
2019	69,560
2020	67,521

## Recessions

Peak month	Year	Trough month	Year
November	1948	October	1949
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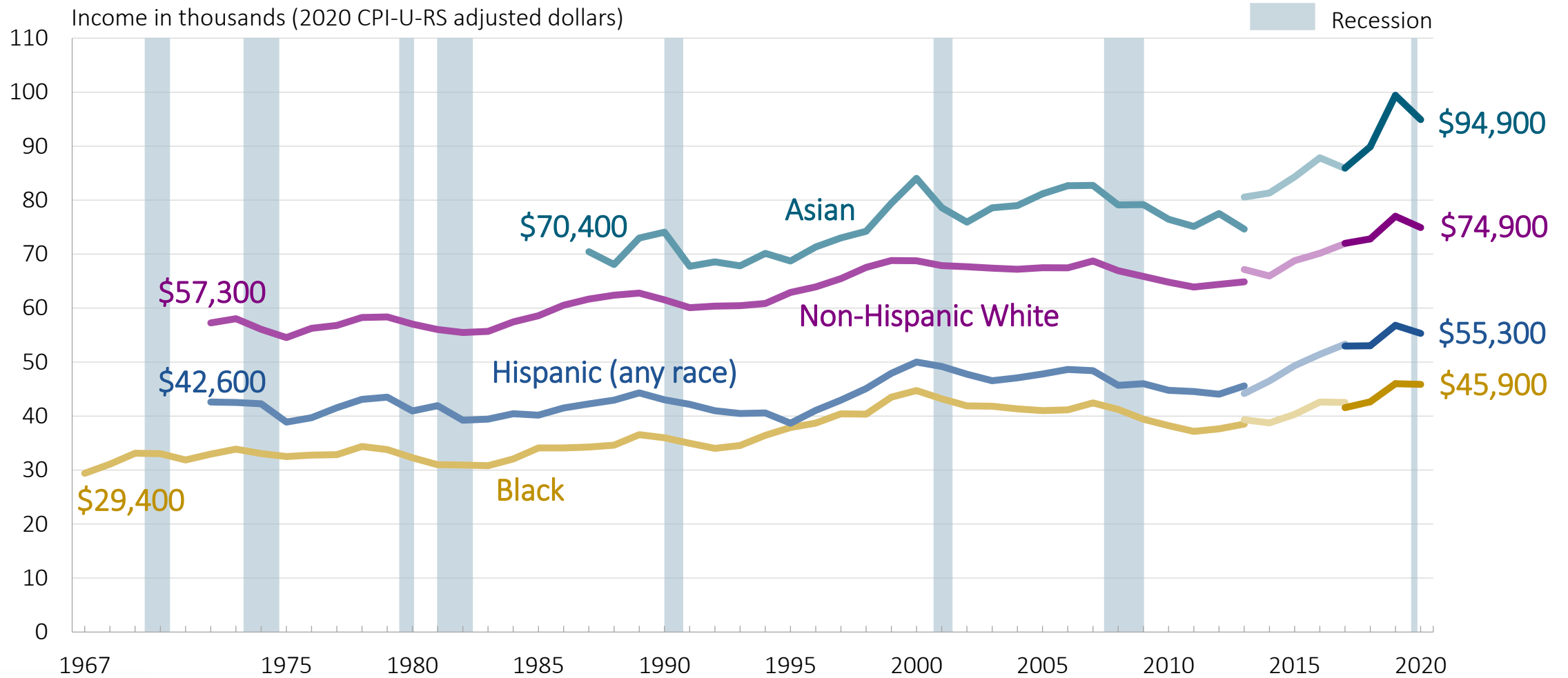
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 1968 to 2021 Annual Social and Economic Supplements (CPS ASEC).

# Real Median Household Income by Race and Hispanic Origin of Householder: 1967 to 2020



## Real Median Household Income by Race<sup>1</sup> and Hispanic Origin of Householder: 1967 to 2020

(Income in 2020 CPI-U-RS adjusted dollars)

Years	All races	White, not Hispanic	Black	Asian	Hispanic (any race)
1967	48,537	N	29,388	N	N
1968	50,628	N	31,084	N	N
1969	52,510	N	33,125	N	N
1970	52,103	N	33,031	N	N
1971	51,596	N	31,879	N	N
1972	53,806	57,252	32,949	N	42,598
1973	54,893	58,036	33,864	N	42,527
1974	53,154	56,064	33,059	N	42,279
1975	51,762	54,539	32,496	N	38,888
1976	52,621	56,247	32,777	N	39,692
1977	52,954	56,790	32,860	N	41,542
1978	55,004	58,257	34,363	N	43,097
1979	54,899	58,371	33,794	N	43,496
1980	53,116	57,030	32,284	N	40,942
1981	52,272	56,026	30,992	N	41,929
1982	52,130	55,490	30,930	N	39,226
1983	51,764	55,680	30,806	N	39,424
1984	53,337	57,437	32,055	N	40,433
1985	54,334	58,590	34,092	N	40,179
1986	56,291	60,526	34,095	N	41,493
1987	56,964	61,667	34,256	70,439	42,264
1988	57,433	62,389	34,612	68,070	42,949
1989	58,425	62,779	36,550	72,970	44,307
1990	57,677	61,533	35,974	74,063	43,013
1991	55,992	60,076	34,955	67,744	42,174
1992	55,559	60,372	34,012	68,553	40,980
1993	55,263	60,449	34,552	67,832	40,483
1994	55,905	60,864	36,434	70,144	40,582
1995	57,655	62,904	37,888	68,718	38,678
1996	58,494	63,924	38,700	71,322	41,047
1997	59,697	65,459	40,411	72,996	42,956
1998	61,891	67,548	40,350	74,230	45,091
1999	63,423	68,817	43,497	79,419	47,916
2000	63,292	68,768	44,718	84,043	49,995
2001	61,889	67,864	43,191	78,607	49,193
2002	61,190	67,669	41,880	75,931	47,763
2003	61,113	67,404	41,823	78,581	46,552
2004 <sup>2</sup>	60,901	67,187	41,341	78,993	47,078
2005	61,553	67,476	41,001	81,175	47,789
2006	62,033	67,467	41,143	82,672	48,623
2007	62,865	68,731	42,445	82,726	48,406
2008	60,624	66,924	41,239	79,105	45,692
2009	60,200	65,865	39,407	79,178	46,004
2010	58,627	64,794	38,220	76,453	44,772
2011	57,732	63,912	37,173	75,120	44,549
2012	57,623	64,391	37,635	77,523	44,055
2013 <sup>3</sup>	57,808	64,854	38,507	74,643	45,592
2013 <sup>4</sup>	59,640	67,146	39,315	80,562	44,171
2014	58,725	65,948	38,742	81,315	46,505
2015	61,748	68,778	40,314	84,310	49,328
2016	63,683	70,157	42,596	87,837	51,425
2017	64,806	71,958	42,511	85,882	53,311
2017 <sup>5</sup>	64,557	72,005	41,568	85,946	52,974
2018	65,127	72,820	42,636	89,882	53,036
2019	69,560	77,007	46,005	99,400	56,814
2020	67,521	74,912	45,870	94,903	55,321

N Not available.

<sup>1</sup> Starting with the 2003 CPS ASEC, respondents were allowed to choose more than one race. This table presents the single-race population for 2002 to present. For example White alone refers to people who reported White and did not report any other race category. For 2001 and earlier years, the CPS allowed respondents to report only one race group.

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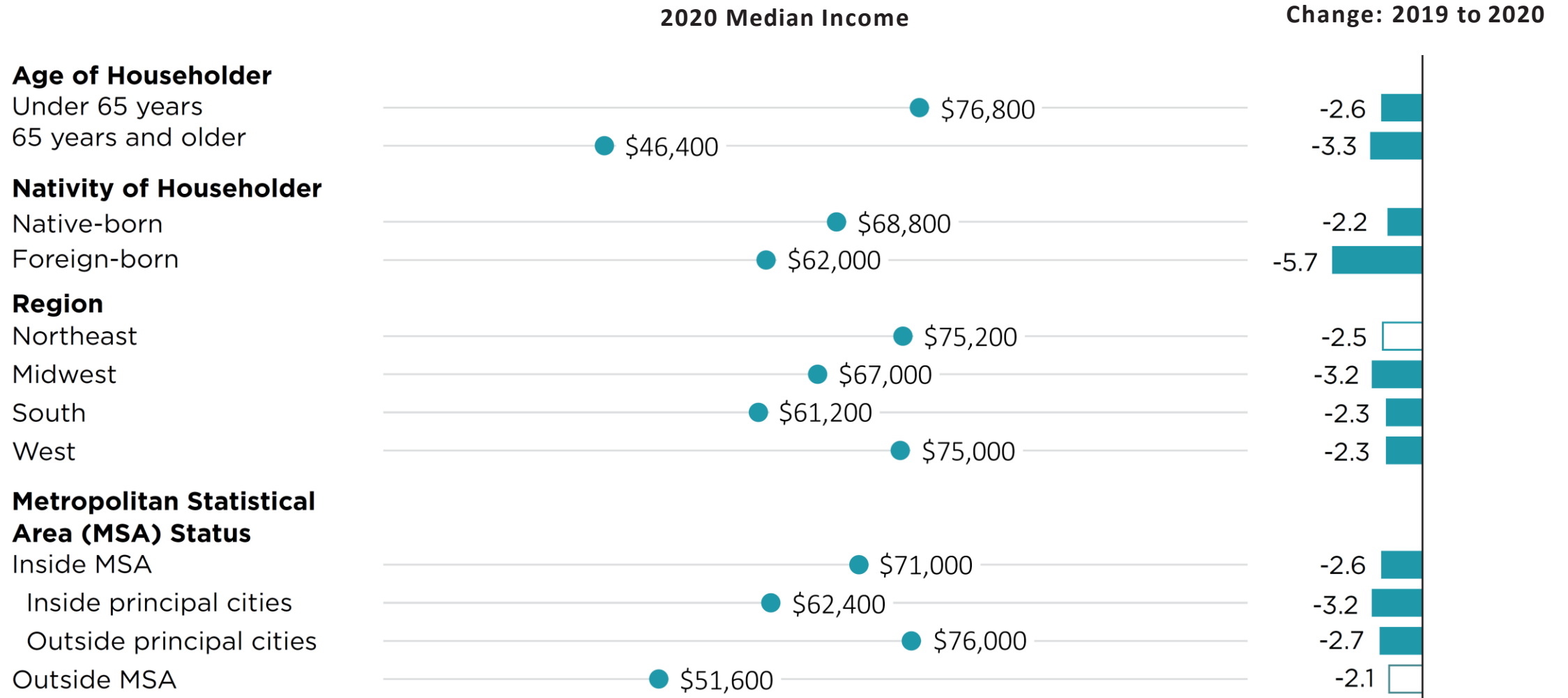
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# Median Household Income and Percent Change by Selected Characteristics: 2019 to 2020



## Income Summary Measures by Selected Characteristics: 2019 and 2020

(Income in 2020 dollars, adjusted using the CPI-U-RS. Households as of March of the following year. Information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions is available at <<https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/cps/techdocs/cpsmar21.pdf>>)

Characteristic	2019			2020			Percent change in real median income (2020 less 2019)*	
	Number (thousands)	Median income (dollars)		Number (thousands)	Median income (dollars)		Estimate	Margin of error <sup>1</sup> (±)
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<b>Age of Householder</b>								
Under 65 years	93,524	78,845	1,165	94,243	76,800	737	*-2.6	1.40
65 years and older	34,927	47,949	923	35,688	46,360	934	*-3.3	2.23
<b>Nativity of Householder</b>								
Native-born	108,851	70,342	971	110,348	68,795	977	*-2.2	1.58
Foreign-born	19,600	65,711	1,954	19,584	61,984	907	*-5.7	2.67
<b>Region</b>								
Northeast	22,031	77,172	1,976	22,082	75,211	1,640	-2.5	2.63
Midwest	27,757	69,208	1,846	27,865	66,968	1,734	*-3.2	3.08
South	49,486	62,657	775	50,385	61,243	821	*-2.3	1.40
West	29,177	76,714	1,260	29,600	74,951	1,275	*-2.3	1.91
<b>Residence<sup>2</sup></b>								
Inside metropolitan statistical areas	110,679	72,859	708	111,999	70,956	666	*-2.6	1.03
Inside principal cities	42,992	64,541	1,606	43,470	62,444	1,178	*-3.2	2.56
Outside principal cities	67,687	78,133	1,034	68,528	76,022	874	*-2.7	1.32
Outside metropolitan statistical areas	17,772	52,750	1,165	17,933	51,616	1,157	-2.1	2.50

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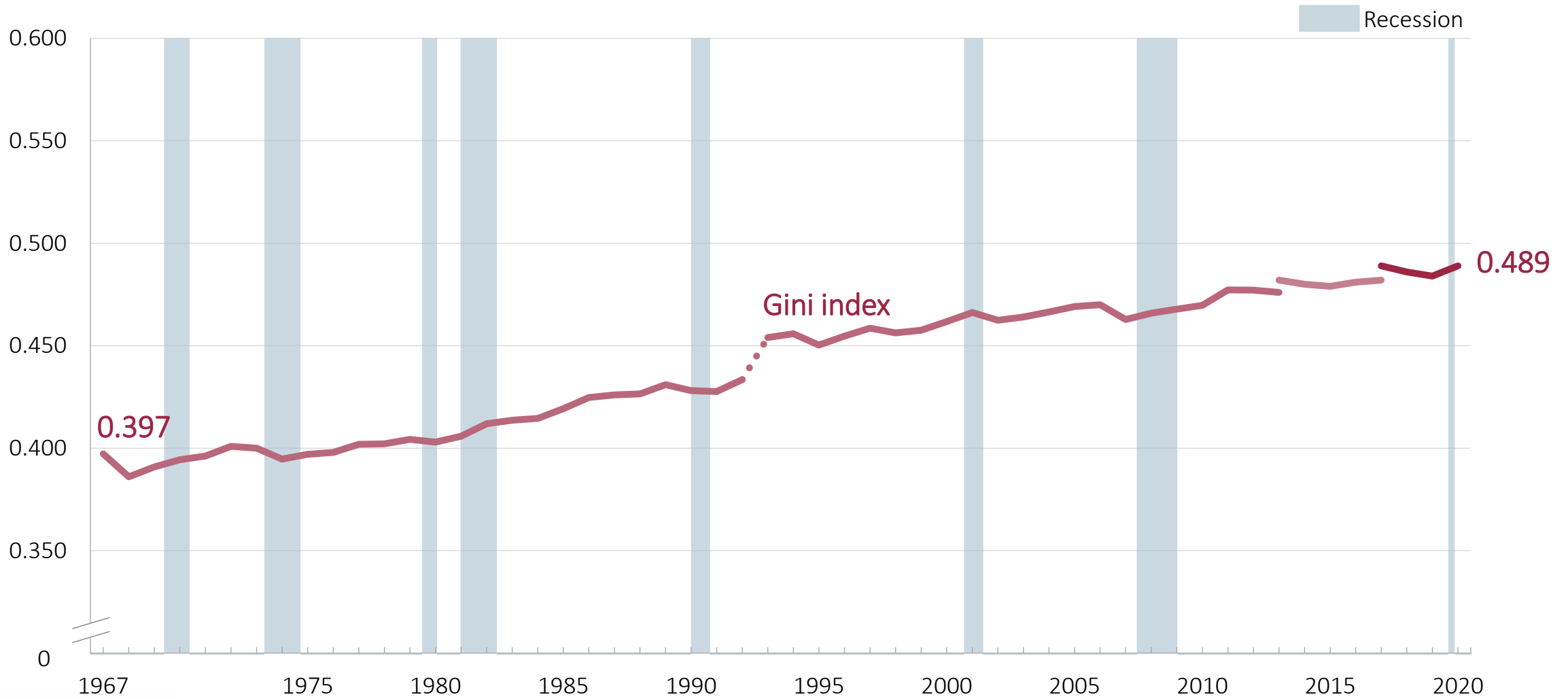
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<sup>2</sup> Information on metropolitan statistical areas and principal cities is available at <[www.census.gov/programs-surveys/metro-micro/about/glossary.html](http://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/metro-micro/about/glossary.html)>.

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2020 and 2021 Annual Social and Economic Supplements (CPS ASEC).

# Gini Index of Money Income: 1967 to 2020



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Year	Money Income Gini Index
1967	0.397
1968	0.386
1969	0.391
1970	0.394
1971	0.396
1972	0.401
1973	0.400
1974	0.395
1975	0.397
1976	0.398
1977	0.402
1978	0.402
1979	0.404
1980	0.403
1981	0.406
1982	0.412
1983	0.414
1984	0.415
1985	0.419
1986	0.425
1987	0.426
1988	0.426
1989	0.431
1990	0.428
1991	0.428
1992 <sup>1</sup>	0.433
1993	0.454
1994	0.456
1995	0.450
1996	0.455
1997	0.459
1998	0.456
1999	0.458
2000	0.462
2001	0.466
2002	0.462
2003	0.464
2004 <sup>2</sup>	0.466
2005	0.469
2006	0.470
2007	0.463
2008	0.466
2009	0.468
2010	0.470
2011	0.477
2012	0.477
2013 <sup>3</sup>	0.476
2013 <sup>4</sup>	0.482
2014	0.480
2015	0.479
2016	0.481
2017	0.482
2017 <sup>5</sup>	0.489
2018	0.486
2019	0.484
2020	0.489

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<sup>1</sup> Change in data collection methodology suggests pre-1993 and post-1992 estimates are not comparable. See Current Population Reports, "The Changing Shape of the Nation's Income Distribution: 1947-1998," P60-204, for more details.

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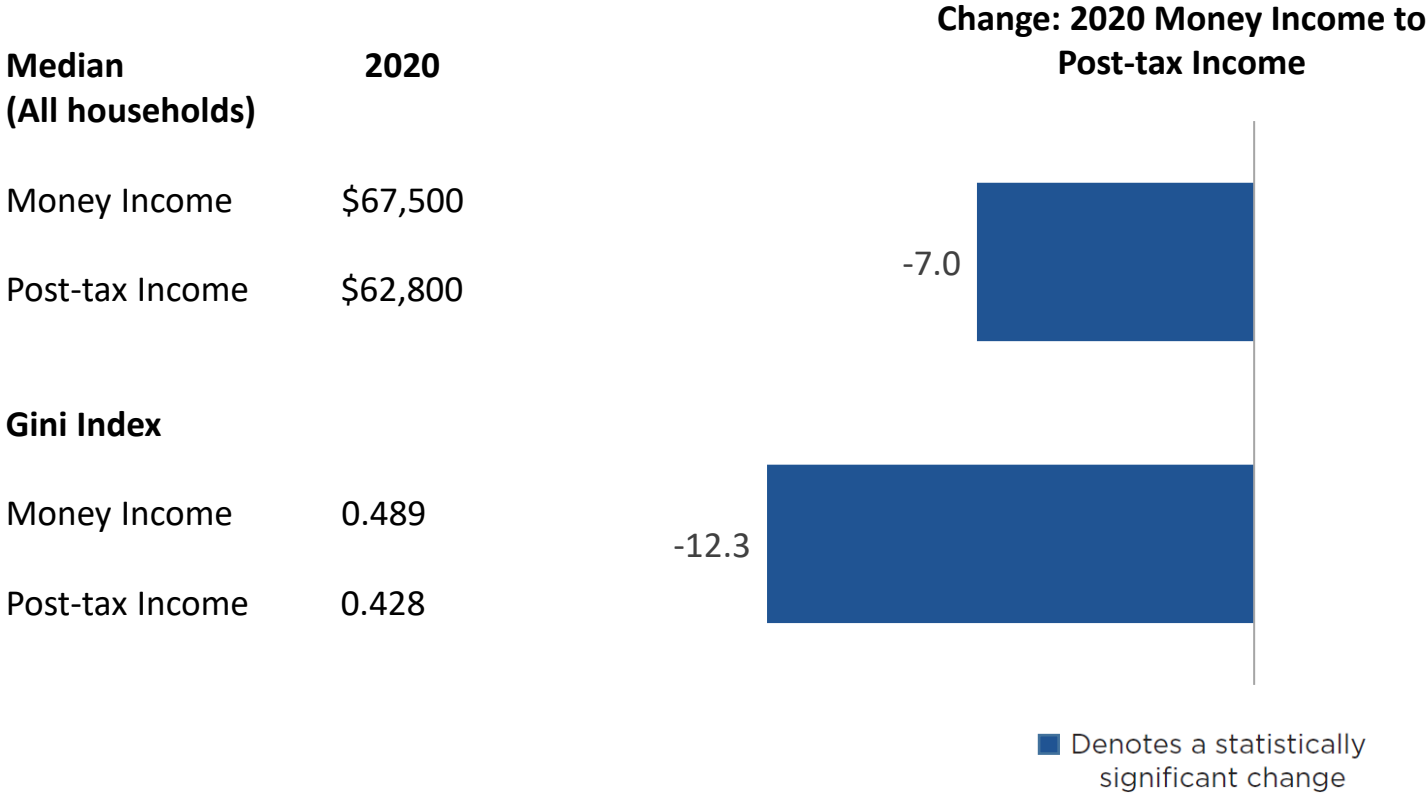
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# Money Income to Post-tax Income Percent Change



Notes: Medians rounded to nearest \$100. Percent changes calculated with unrounded estimates. Households as of March of the following year. Statistically significant indicates the change is statistically different from zero at the 90 percent confidence level. Post-tax income is defined as money income net of federal and state income taxes and credits, payroll taxes (FICA), and economic impact payments (EIP). Information on money income collected in the CPS ASEC is available in Appendix A "How Income Is Measured" in <[Income and Poverty in the United States: 2020](#)>.

## Money Income to Post-Tax Income Percent Change: 2020

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Characteristic	Money income <sup>1</sup>		Post-tax income <sup>3</sup>		Percent difference <sup>*,4</sup>	
	Estimate	Margin of error <sup>2</sup> (±)	Estimate	Margin of error <sup>2</sup> (±)	Estimate	Margin of error <sup>2</sup> (±)
Median income (all households)	67,521	782	62,773	575	*-7.0	0.40
Gini index of income inequality	0.489	0.0040	0.428	0.0034	*-12.3	0.11

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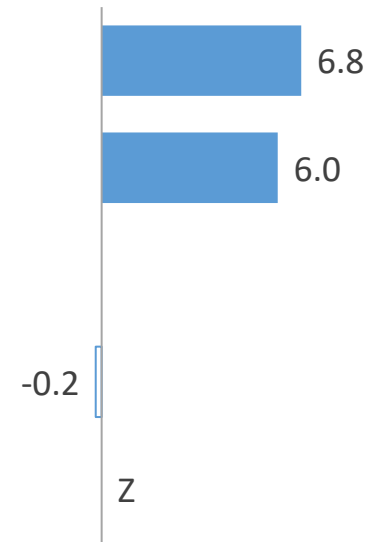
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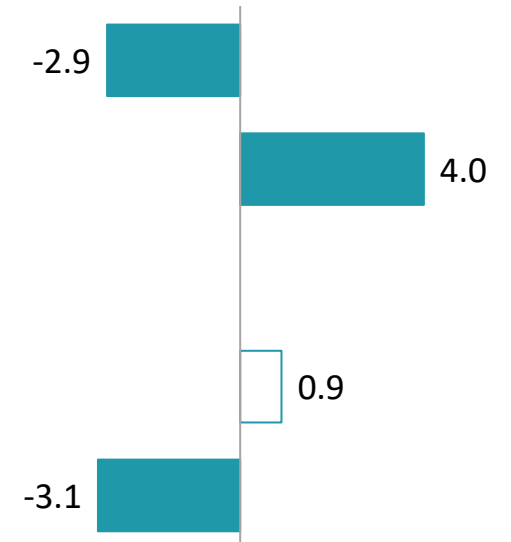
# Money Income and Post-tax Income Percent Change: 2018 to 2019 and 2019 to 2020

Median (All households)	2018	2019	2020
Money Income	\$65,100	\$69,600	\$67,500
Post-tax Income	\$56,900	\$60,300	\$62,800
<b>Gini Index</b>			
Money Income	0.486	0.484	0.489
Post-tax Income	0.442	0.442	0.428

Change: 2018 to 2019



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Characteristic	2018		2019		2020		Percent change (2019 less 2018)*		Percent change (2020 less 2019)*	
	Estimate	Margin of error <sup>1</sup> (±)	Estimate	Margin of error <sup>1</sup> (±)	Estimate	Margin of error <sup>1</sup> (±)	Estimate	Margin of error <sup>1</sup> (±)	Estimate	Margin of error <sup>1</sup> (±)
<b>Median (All households)</b>										
Money Income <sup>2</sup>	65,127	712	69,560	916	67,521	782	*6.8	1.55	*-2.9	1.34
Post-Tax Income <sup>3</sup>	56,925	473	60,330	600	62,773	575	*6.0	1.17	*4.0	1.07
<b>Gini index</b>										
Money Income <sup>2</sup>	0.486	0.0035	0.484	0.0036	0.489	0.0040	-0.2	0.99	0.9	1.0
Post-Tax Income <sup>3</sup>	0.442	0.0031	0.442	0.0032	0.428	0.0034	Z	0.95	*-3.1	0.97

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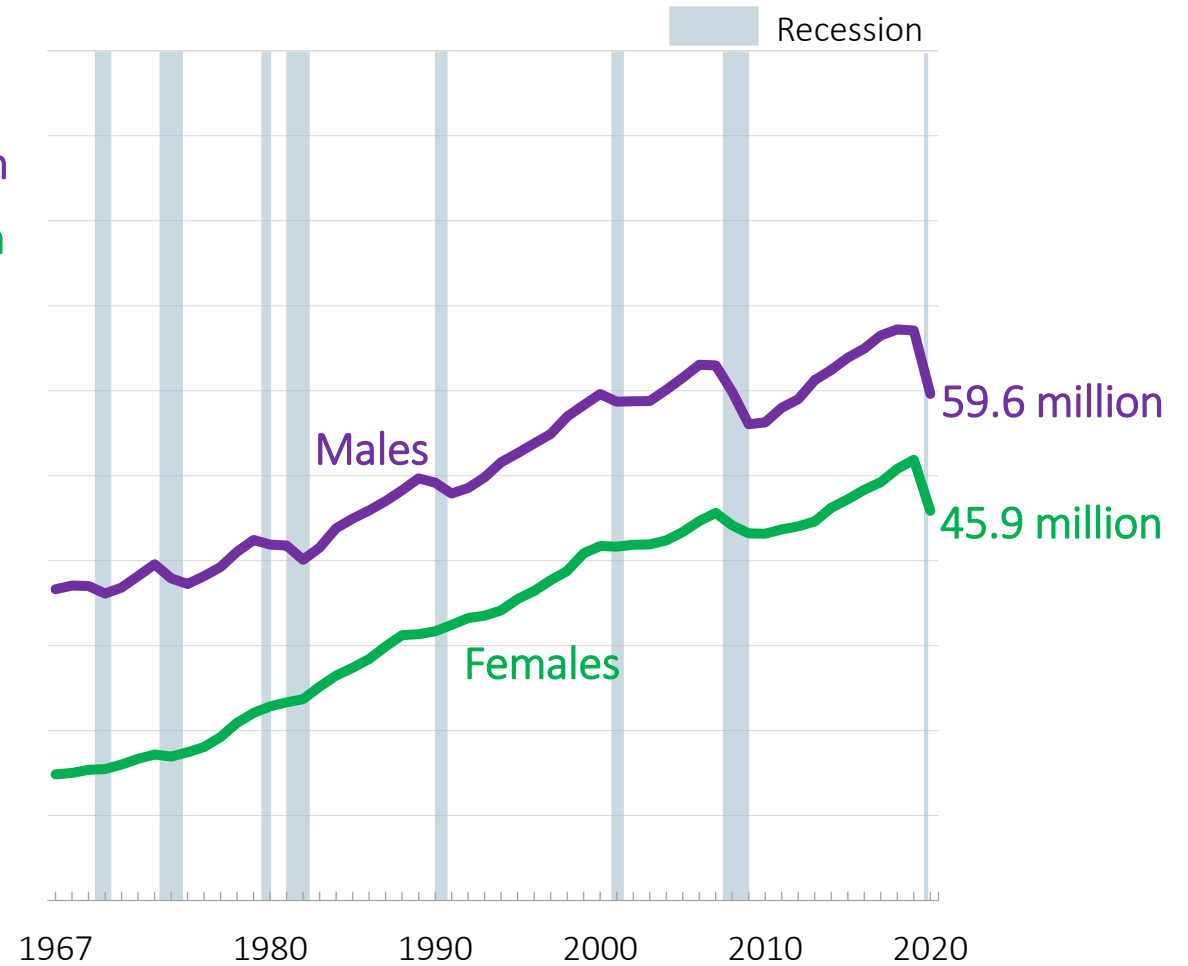
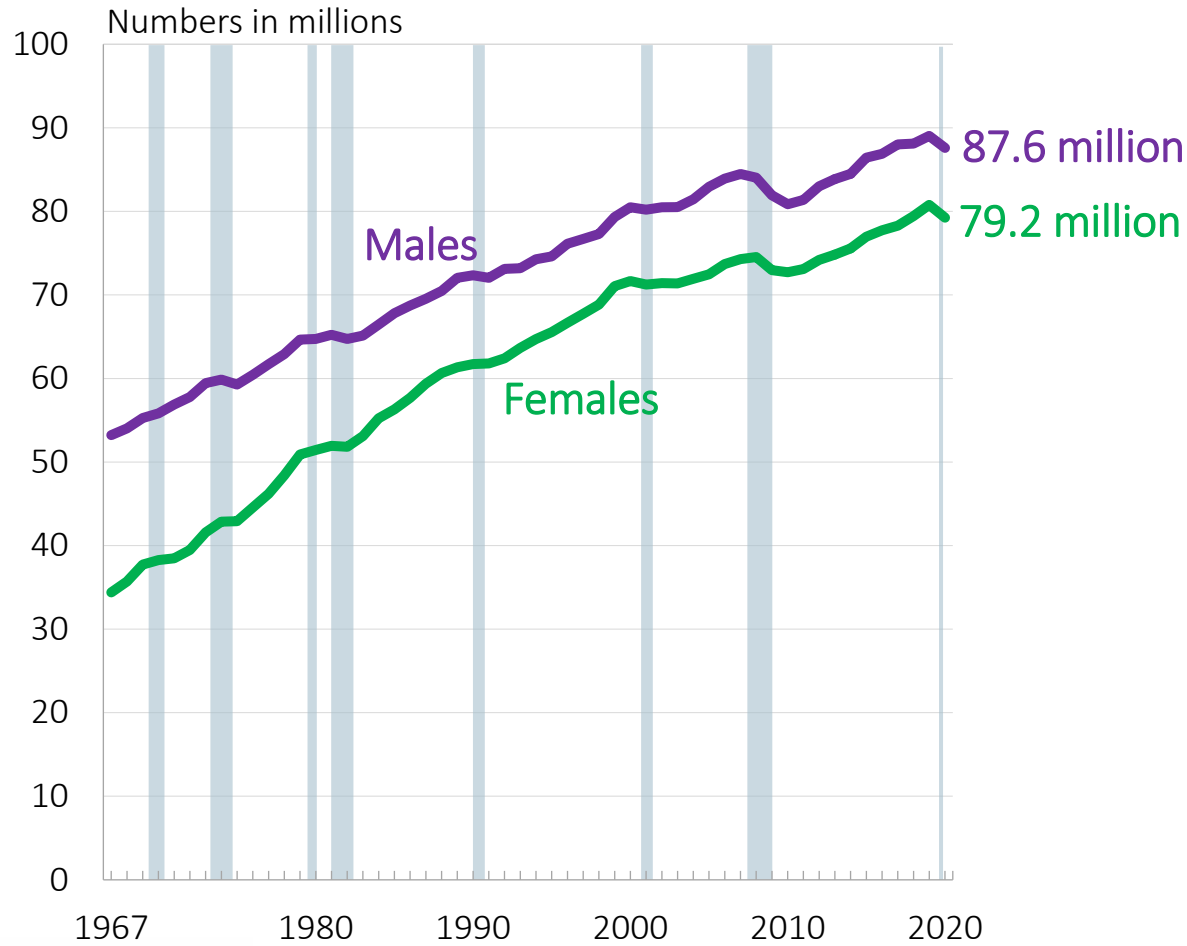
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# Workers with Earnings by Sex: 1967 to 2020

*Total workers*

*Full-time, year-round workers*



## Number of Total and Full-Time, Year-Round Workers With Earnings by Sex: 1967 to 2020

(Numbers in thousands. People 15 years and older beginning in 1980, and people 14 years and older as of the following year for previous years. Before 1989 civilian workers only.)

Years	Total Workers		Full-Time, Year-Round Workers		Peak month	Year	Trough month	Year
	Males	Females	Males	Females				
	1967	53,222	34,391	36,645				
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1969	55,273	37,737	37,008	15,374	August	1957	April	1958
1970	55,821	38,273	36,132	15,476	April	1960	February	1961
1971	56,886	38,485	36,819	16,002	December	1969	November	1970
1972	57,774	39,470	38,184	16,675	November	1973	March	1975
1973	59,438	41,583	39,581	17,195	January	1980	July	1980
1974	59,866	42,854	37,916	16,945	July	1981	November	1982
1975	59,268	42,926	37,267	17,452	July	1990	March	1991
1976	60,450	44,565	38,184	18,073	March	2001	November	2001
1977	61,704	46,194	39,263	19,238	December	2007	June	2009
1978	62,903	48,398	41,036	20,914	February	2020	April	2020
1979	64,648	50,897	42,437	22,082				
1980	64,730	51,448	41,881	22,859				
1981	65,233	51,940	41,773	23,329				
1982	64,730	51,820	40,105	23,702				
1983	65,138	53,108	41,528	25,166				
1984	66,454	55,226	43,808	26,466				
1985	67,809	56,296	44,943	27,383				
1986	68,728	57,686	45,912	28,420				
1987	69,545	59,359	47,013	29,912				
1988	70,467	60,658	48,285	31,237				
1989	72,045	61,338	49,678	31,340				
1990	72,348	61,732	49,171	31,682				
1991	72,040	61,796	47,888	32,436				
1992	73,120	62,408	48,551	33,241				
1993	73,198	63,660	49,818	33,524				
1994	74,264	64,706	51,580	34,155				
1995	74,619	65,557	52,667	35,482				
1996	76,121	66,661	53,787	36,430				
1997	76,694	67,736	54,909	37,683				
1998	77,295	68,846	56,951	38,785				
1999	79,322	71,053	58,299	40,871				
2000	80,494	71,657	59,602	41,719				
2001	80,209	71,232	58,712	41,639				
2002	80,500	71,411	58,761	41,876				
2003	80,508	71,372	58,772	41,908				
2004 <sup>1</sup>	81,448	71,930	60,088	42,380				
2005	82,934	72,476	61,500	43,351				
2006	83,928	73,683	63,055	44,663				
2007	84,482	74,295	62,984	45,613				
2008	84,039	74,538	59,861	44,156				
2009	81,934	72,972	56,053	43,217				
2010	80,856	72,716	56,283	43,179				
2011	81,366	73,094	57,993	43,683				
2012	83,003	74,188	59,009	44,042				
2013 <sup>2</sup>	83,855	74,821	61,240	44,629				
2014	84,494	75,572	62,455	46,226				
2015	86,435	76,974	63,887	47,211				
2016	86,886	77,742	64,953	48,328				
2017 <sup>3</sup>	88,020	78,291	66,500	49,227				
2018	88,115	79,440	67,205	50,795				
2019	89,023	80,779	67,123	52,035				
2020	87,599	79,248	59,634	45,859				

Source: National Bureau of Economic Research, <[www.nber.org/research/data/us-business-cycle-expansions-and-contractions](http://www.nber.org/research/data/us-business-cycle-expansions-and-contractions)>.

<sup>1</sup> The 2004 data have been revised to reflect a correction to the weights in the 2005 CPS ASEC.

<sup>2</sup> 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 which received the redesigned income questions consistent with the 2015 CPS ASEC, approximately 30,000 addresses.

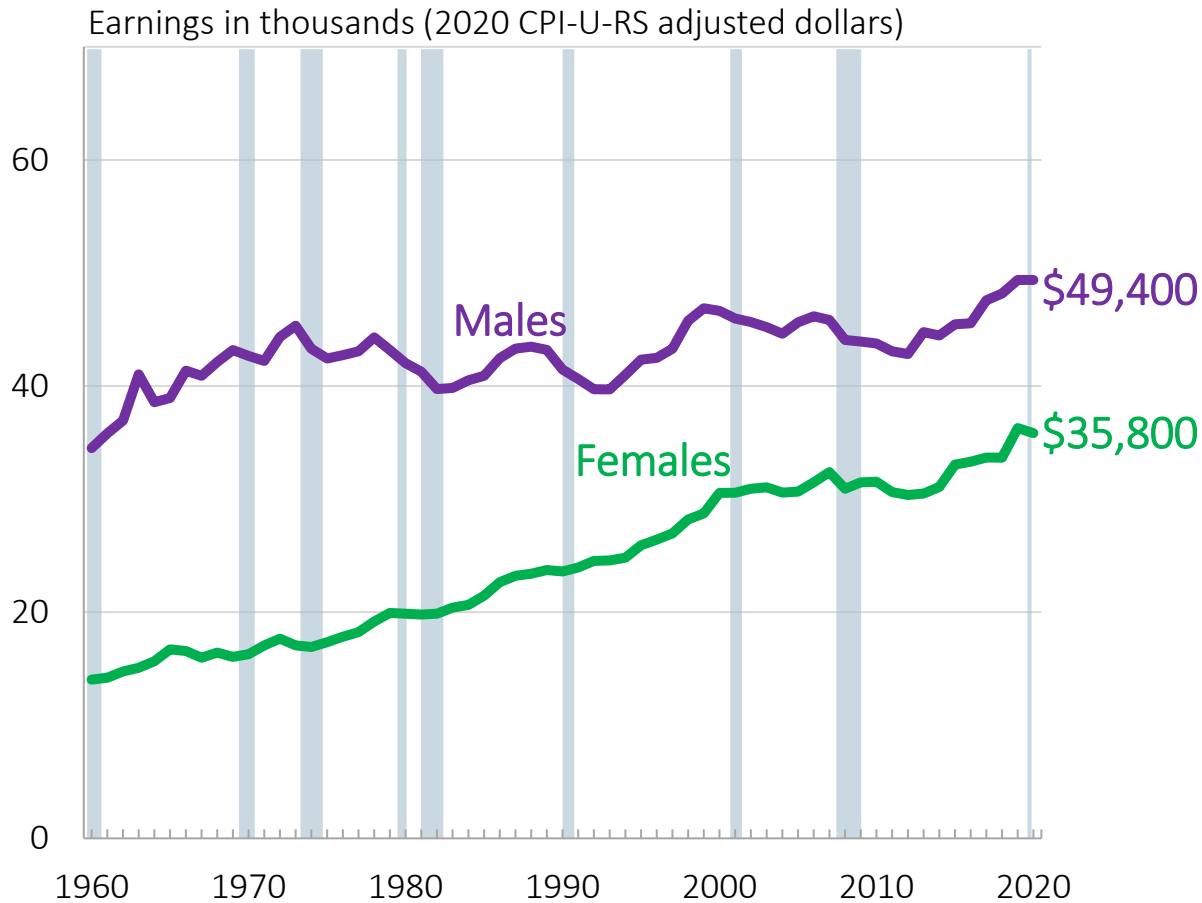
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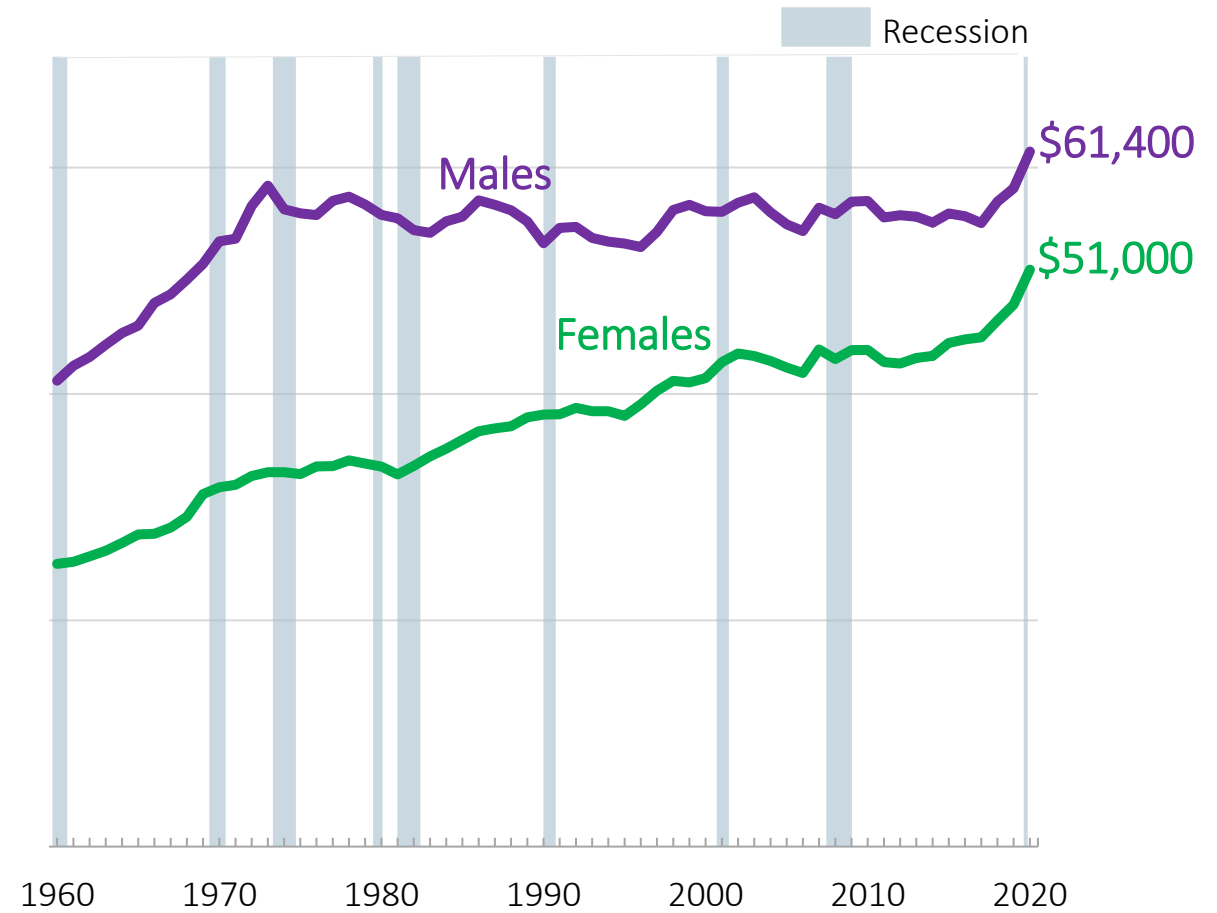
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# Real Median Earnings: 1960 to 2020

*Total workers*



*Full-time, year-round workers*





## Real Median Earnings of Total Workers and Full-Time, Year-Round Workers by Sex: 1960 to 2020

(Earnings in 2020 CPU-RS adjusted dollars)

Year	Total Workers						Full-time, year-round Workers						Women's-to-Men's earnings ratio
	Men			Women			Men			Women			
	Number with earnings (thousands)	Median earnings (dollars)	Number with earnings (thousands)	Median earnings (dollars)	Number with earnings (thousands)	Median earnings (dollars)	Number with earnings (thousands)	Median earnings (dollars)	Number with earnings (thousands)	Median earnings (dollars)	Number with earnings (thousands)	Median earnings (dollars)	
1960	N	34,515	N	14,028	N	41,173	N	24,981	N	41,173	N	24,981	0.607
1961	N	35,812	N	14,208	N	42,486	N	25,173	N	42,486	N	25,173	0.592
1962	N	36,947	N	14,752	N	43,263	N	25,654	N	43,263	N	25,654	0.593
1963	N	41,027	N	15,077	N	44,350	N	26,143	N	44,350	N	26,143	0.589
1964	N	38,566	N	15,658	N	45,385	N	26,845	N	45,385	N	26,845	0.591
1965	N	38,941	N	16,711	N	46,032	N	27,585	N	46,032	N	27,585	0.599
1966	N	41,364	N	16,565	N	48,042	N	27,651	N	48,042	N	27,651	0.576
1967	53,222	40,906	34,391	15,975	48,802	36,645	14,846	28,199	14,846	48,802	14,846	28,199	0.578
1968	54,026	42,122	35,695	16,425	37,068	50,112	15,013	29,143	15,013	50,112	29,143	37,068	0.582
1969	55,273	43,184	37,737	16,049	37,008	51,496	15,374	31,153	15,374	51,496	31,153	37,008	0.605
1970	55,821	42,666	38,273	16,286	36,132	53,487	15,476	31,755	15,476	53,487	31,755	36,132	0.594
1971	56,866	42,223	38,485	17,065	36,819	53,717	16,002	31,965	16,002	53,717	31,965	36,819	0.595
1972	57,774	44,340	39,470	17,656	38,184	56,608	16,675	32,754	16,675	56,608	32,754	38,184	0.579
1973	59,438	45,337	41,583	17,065	39,581	58,412	17,195	33,081	17,195	58,412	33,081	39,581	0.566
1974	59,866	43,299	42,854	16,914	37,916	56,316	16,945	33,088	16,945	56,316	33,088	37,916	0.588
1975	59,268	42,436	42,926	17,340	37,267	55,985	17,452	32,917	17,452	55,985	32,917	37,267	0.588
1976	60,450	42,728	44,565	17,820	38,184	55,811	18,073	33,595	18,073	55,811	33,595	38,184	0.602
1977	61,704	43,064	46,194	18,237	39,263	57,067	19,238	33,625	19,238	57,067	33,625	39,263	0.589
1978	62,903	44,302	48,398	19,166	41,036	57,436	20,914	34,140	20,914	57,436	34,140	41,036	0.594
1979	64,648	43,183	50,897	19,934	42,437	56,743	22,082	33,854	22,082	56,743	33,854	42,437	0.597
1980	64,730	42,022	51,448	19,867	41,881	55,821	22,859	33,562	22,859	55,821	33,562	41,881	0.602
1981	65,233	41,274	51,940	19,792	41,773	55,522	23,329	32,888	23,329	55,522	32,888	41,773	0.592
1982	64,730	39,730	51,820	19,864	40,105	54,472	23,702	33,633	23,702	54,472	33,633	40,105	0.617
1983	65,138	39,835	53,108	20,398	41,528	54,233	25,166	34,489	25,166	54,233	34,489	41,528	0.636
1984	66,454	40,514	55,226	20,642	42,466	55,248	26,466	35,169	26,466	55,248	35,169	42,466	0.637
1985	67,809	40,901	56,296	21,459	44,943	55,662	27,383	35,944	27,383	55,662	35,944	44,943	0.646
1986	68,728	42,466	57,686	22,646	45,912	57,103	28,420	36,700	28,420	57,103	36,700	45,912	0.643
1987	69,545	43,318	59,359	23,211	47,013	56,712	29,912	36,964	29,912	56,712	36,964	47,013	0.652
1988	70,467	43,483	60,658	23,408	48,285	56,233	31,340	37,936	31,340	56,233	37,936	48,285	0.660
1989	72,045	43,205	61,338	23,721	49,678	55,242	31,340	37,936	31,340	55,242	37,936	49,678	0.687
1990	72,348	41,456	61,732	23,596	49,171	53,314	31,682	38,182	31,682	53,314	38,182	49,171	0.716
1991	72,040	40,624	61,796	23,946	47,888	54,682	32,436	38,200	32,436	54,682	38,200	47,888	0.699
1992	73,120	39,721	62,408	24,531	48,551	54,763	33,241	38,764	33,241	54,763	38,764	48,551	0.708
1993	73,198	39,700	63,660	24,581	49,818	53,787	33,524	38,468	33,524	53,787	38,468	49,818	0.715
1994	74,264	40,989	64,706	24,818	51,580	53,462	34,155	38,475	34,155	53,462	38,475	51,580	0.720
1995	74,619	42,330	65,557	25,924	52,667	53,290	35,482	38,064	35,482	53,290	38,064	52,667	0.714
1996	76,121	42,496	66,661	26,415	53,787	52,976	36,430	39,076	36,430	53,787	39,076	53,787	0.738
1997	76,684	43,303	67,736	26,866	54,909	54,323	37,683	40,287	37,683	54,323	40,287	54,909	0.742
1998	77,295	45,768	68,846	28,198	56,951	56,257	38,785	41,163	38,785	56,257	41,163	56,951	0.732
1999	79,322	46,877	71,053	28,798	58,299	56,714	40,871	41,013	40,871	56,714	41,013	58,299	0.723
2000	80,484	46,653	71,657	30,549	59,602	56,151	41,719	41,394	41,719	59,602	41,394	59,602	0.737
2001	80,209	45,967	71,232	30,559	58,712	56,095	41,639	42,817	41,639	58,712	42,817	58,712	0.763
2002	80,500	45,662	71,411	30,919	58,761	56,890	41,876	43,578	41,876	58,761	43,578	58,761	0.766
2003	80,508	45,214	71,372	31,043	58,772	57,375	41,908	43,346	41,908	58,772	43,346	58,772	0.755
2004 <sup>1</sup>	81,448	44,622	71,930	30,573	60,088	56,041	42,380	42,914	42,380	60,088	42,914	60,088	0.766
2005	82,934	45,639	72,476	30,658	61,500	54,989	43,351	42,329	43,351	54,989	42,329	61,500	0.770
2006	83,928	46,175	73,683	31,487	63,055	54,389	44,663	41,846	44,663	63,055	41,846	63,055	0.769
2007	84,482	45,848	74,295	32,386	62,984	56,458	45,613	43,929	45,613	62,984	43,929	62,984	0.778
2008	84,039	44,071	74,538	30,913	59,861	55,881	44,156	43,079	44,156	59,861	43,079	59,861	0.771
2009	81,934	43,938	72,972	31,480	56,053	56,995	43,217	43,874	43,217	56,995	43,874	56,995	0.770
2010	80,856	43,764	72,716	31,532	56,283	57,050	43,179	43,888	43,179	57,050	43,888	57,050	0.769
2011	81,366	43,069	73,094	30,823	57,993	55,596	43,683	42,812	43,683	57,993	42,812	57,993	0.770
2012	83,003	42,825	74,188	30,363	59,009	55,794	44,042	42,684	44,042	59,009	42,684	59,009	0.765
2013 <sup>2</sup>	83,855	44,775	74,821	30,485	61,240	55,666	44,629	43,176	44,629	55,666	43,176	61,240	0.776
2014	84,484	44,477	75,572	31,076	62,455	55,142	46,226	43,364	46,226	62,455	43,364	62,455	0.786
2015	86,435	45,468	76,974	33,046	63,887	55,953	47,211	44,514	47,211	63,887	44,514	63,887	0.796
2016	86,886	45,541	77,742	33,311	64,953	55,702	48,328	44,823	48,328	64,953	44,823	64,953	0.805
2017 <sup>3</sup>	88,020	47,589	78,291	33,671	66,500	55,106	49,227	45,004	49,227	66,500	45,004	66,500	0.817
2018	88,115	48,182	79,440	33,661	67,205	56,995	50,795	46,488	50,795	67,205	46,488	67,205	0.816
2019	89,023	49,378	80,779	36,273	68,123	56,173	52,035	47,889	52,035	68,123	47,889	68,123	0.823
2020	87,599	49,389	79,248	35,838	61,417	50,982	45,859	48,830	45,859	61,417	48,830	61,417	0.830

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 1961 to 2021 Annual Social and Economic Supplements (CPS ASEC).

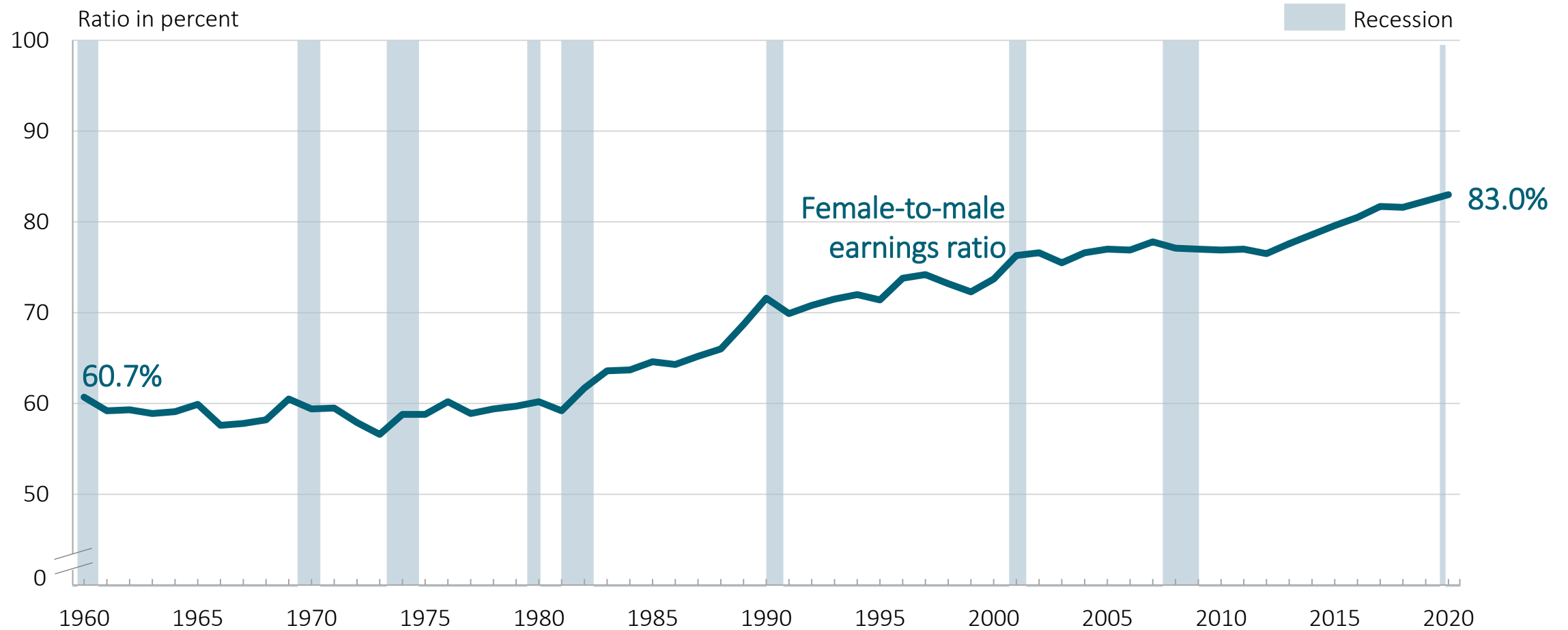
### Recessions

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
February	2020	April	2020

Source: National Bureau of Economic Research, [www.nber.org/research/data/us-business-cycle-expansions-and-contractions](http://www.nber.org/research/data/us-business-cycle-expansions-and-contractions).

# Female-to-Male Earnings Ratio: 1960 to 2020

*(Full-time, year-round workers, aged 15 and older)*





## Real Median Earnings of Total Workers and Full-Time, Year-Round Workers by Sex and Female-to-Male Earnings Ratio: 1960 to 2020

(Earnings in 2020 CPI-U-RS adjusted dollars)

Year	Total Workers						Full-time, year-round workers				Female-to-male earnings ratio
	Men			Women			Men		Women		
	Number with earnings (thousands)	Median earnings (dollars)	Number with earnings (thousands)	Median earnings (dollars)	Number with earnings (thousands)	Median earnings (dollars)	Number with earnings (thousands)	Median earnings (dollars)			
1960	N	34,515	N	14,028	N	41,173	N	24,981	N	0.607	
1961	N	35,812	N	14,208	N	42,486	N	25,173	N	0.592	
1962	N	36,947	N	14,752	N	43,263	N	25,654	N	0.593	
1963	N	41,027	N	15,077	N	44,350	N	26,143	N	0.589	
1964	N	38,566	N	15,658	N	45,385	N	26,845	N	0.591	
1965	N	38,941	N	16,711	N	46,032	N	27,585	N	0.599	
1966	N	41,364	N	16,565	N	48,042	N	27,651	N	0.576	
1967	53,222	40,906	34,391	15,975	36,645	48,802	14,846	28,199	0.578		
1968	54,026	42,122	35,695	16,425	37,068	50,112	15,013	29,143	0.582		
1969	55,273	43,184	37,737	16,049	37,008	51,496	15,374	31,153	0.605		
1970	55,821	42,666	38,273	16,286	36,132	53,487	15,476	31,755	0.594		
1971	56,886	42,223	38,485	17,065	36,819	53,717	16,002	31,985	0.595		
1972	57,774	44,340	39,470	17,656	38,184	56,608	16,675	32,754	0.579		
1973	59,438	45,337	41,583	17,065	39,581	58,412	17,195	33,081	0.566		
1974	59,866	43,299	42,854	16,914	37,916	56,316	16,945	33,088	0.588		
1975	59,268	42,436	42,926	17,340	37,267	55,965	17,452	32,917	0.588		
1976	60,450	42,728	44,565	17,820	38,184	55,811	18,073	33,595	0.602		
1977	61,704	43,064	46,194	18,237	39,263	57,067	19,238	33,625	0.589		
1978	62,903	44,302	48,398	19,166	41,036	57,436	19,914	34,140	0.597		
1979	64,648	43,183	50,897	19,934	42,437	56,743	22,082	33,854	0.594		
1980	64,730	42,022	51,448	19,867	41,881	55,921	22,859	33,582	0.602		
1981	65,233	41,274	51,940	19,792	41,773	55,522	23,329	32,888	0.592		
1982	64,730	39,730	51,820	19,864	40,105	54,472	23,702	33,633	0.617		
1983	65,138	39,835	53,108	20,388	41,528	54,233	25,166	34,489	0.636		
1984	66,454	40,514	55,226	20,642	43,808	55,248	26,466	35,169	0.637		
1985	67,809	40,901	56,296	21,459	44,943	55,662	27,383	35,944	0.646		
1986	68,728	42,466	57,686	22,646	46,912	57,103	28,420	36,764	0.643		
1987	69,545	43,318	59,359	23,211	47,013	56,712	29,912	36,964	0.652		
1988	70,467	43,483	60,658	23,408	48,285	56,233	31,237	37,141	0.660		
1989	72,045	43,205	61,338	23,721	49,678	55,242	31,340	37,936	0.687		
1990	72,348	41,456	61,732	23,596	48,171	53,314	31,682	38,182	0.716		
1991	73,120	40,624	61,796	23,946	47,888	54,682	32,436	38,200	0.699		
1992	73,198	39,700	63,660	24,581	48,818	53,787	33,524	38,468	0.708		
1993	74,264	40,989	64,706	24,818	48,551	54,763	33,241	38,764	0.708		
1994	74,619	42,330	65,557	25,924	49,580	53,462	34,155	38,475	0.720		
1995	76,121	42,496	66,661	26,415	53,787	53,290	35,482	38,064	0.714		
1996	76,694	43,303	67,736	26,966	54,909	52,976	36,430	39,076	0.738		
1997	77,295	45,768	68,846	28,198	56,951	56,257	37,683	40,287	0.742		
1998	79,322	46,877	71,053	28,738	58,299	56,714	38,785	41,163	0.732		
1999	80,494	46,653	71,657	30,549	59,602	56,151	40,871	41,013	0.723		
2000	80,209	45,967	71,232	30,559	58,712	56,095	41,639	41,394	0.737		
2001	80,500	45,662	71,411	30,919	58,761	56,990	41,876	43,578	0.766		
2002	80,508	45,214	71,372	31,043	58,772	57,375	41,908	43,346	0.755		
2003	81,448	46,222	71,930	30,573	60,088	56,041	42,380	42,914	0.766		
2004 <sup>1</sup>	82,934	45,639	72,476	30,658	61,500	54,989	43,351	42,329	0.770		
2005	84,482	46,175	73,683	31,487	63,065	54,389	44,663	41,846	0.769		
2006	84,934	45,948	74,295	32,386	62,984	56,458	45,613	43,929	0.778		
2007	84,039	44,071	74,538	30,913	59,861	55,881	44,156	43,079	0.771		
2008	81,934	43,938	72,972	31,480	56,283	56,995	43,217	43,874	0.770		
2009	80,856	43,764	72,716	31,532	56,283	57,050	43,179	43,888	0.769		
2010	81,366	43,069	73,094	30,623	57,993	55,596	43,683	42,812	0.770		
2011	83,003	42,825	74,188	30,363	59,009	55,794	44,042	42,684	0.765		
2012	83,855	44,775	74,821	30,485	61,240	55,666	44,629	43,176	0.776		
2013 <sup>2</sup>	84,494	44,477	75,572	31,076	62,465	55,142	46,226	43,364	0.786		
2014	86,435	45,468	76,974	33,046	63,887	55,953	47,211	44,514	0.796		
2015	86,886	45,541	77,742	33,311	64,963	55,702	48,328	44,823	0.805		
2016	88,020	47,569	78,291	33,671	66,500	55,106	49,227	45,004	0.817		
2017 <sup>3</sup>	88,115	48,182	79,440	33,661	67,205	56,995	50,795	46,488	0.816		
2018	89,023	49,378	80,779	36,273	67,123	58,173	52,035	47,889	0.823		
2019	87,599	49,389	79,248	35,838	61,417	59,634	45,859	50,982	0.830		
2020											

Source: National Bureau of Economic Research, <[www.nber.org/research/data/us-business-cycle-expansions-and-contractions](http://www.nber.org/research/data/us-business-cycle-expansions-and-contractions)>.

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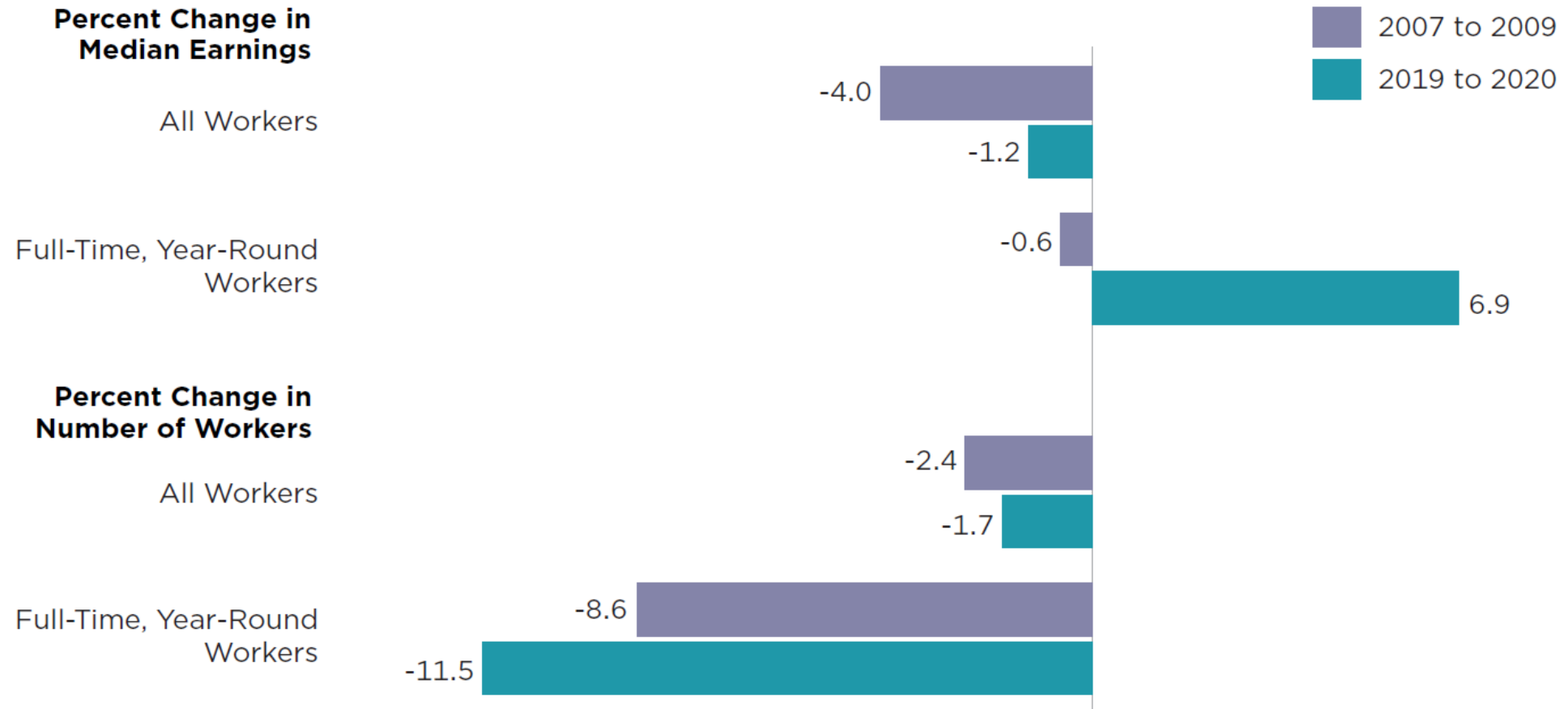
<sup>3</sup> The 2014 CPS ASEC included redesigned questions for income and health insurance coverage. All of the approximately 98,000 addresses were eligible to receive the redesigned set of health insurance coverage questions. The redesigned income questions were implemented to a subsample of these 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 which received the redesigned income questions consistent with the 2015 CPS ASEC, approximately 30,000 addresses.

<sup>4</sup> Estimates reflect the implementation of an updated data processing system, allowing users to evaluate the impact, and should be used to make comparisons to 2018 and subsequent years.

Note: For changes in survey and data processing methodology, refer to footnotes in Appendix Table A-7 of the report, *Income and Poverty in the United States: 2020*, U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Reports, P60-273. Information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions is available at <<https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/cps/techdocs/cpsmar21.pdf>>.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 1961 to 2021 Annual Social and Economic Supplements (CPS ASEC).

# Percent Change in Median Earnings and Number of Workers: 2007 to 2009 and 2019 to 2020



## Percent Change in Earnings and Number of Workers: 2007 to 2009 and 2019 to 2020

(People 15 years and older as of March of the following year with earnings. Information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions is available at <<https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/cps/techdocs/cpsmar21.pdf>>)

Characteristic	Percent change median earnings*				Percent change number of workers*			
	2007 to 2009		2019 to 2020		2007 to 2009		2019 to 2020	
	Estimate	Margin of error <sup>1</sup> (±)	Estimate	Margin of error <sup>1</sup> (±)	Estimate	Margin of error <sup>1</sup> (±)	Estimate	Margin of error <sup>1</sup> (±)
<b>PEOPLE WITH EARNINGS</b>								
<b>All Workers</b>	*-4.0	0.53	*-1.2	0.60	*-2.4	0.44	*-1.7	0.51
Men	*-4.2	0.91	Z	2.34	*-3.0	0.53	*-1.6	0.69
Women	*-2.8	0.88	*-1.2	1.04	*-1.8	0.64	*-1.9	0.72
<b>Full-Time, Year-Round Workers</b>	*-0.6	0.55	*6.9	0.76	*-8.6	0.64	*-11.5	0.72
Men	1.0	1.01	*5.6	1.62	*-11.0	0.82	*-11.2	0.93
Women	-0.1	0.86	*6.5	0.87	*-5.3	1.04	*-11.9	1.14

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

Z Rounds to zero.

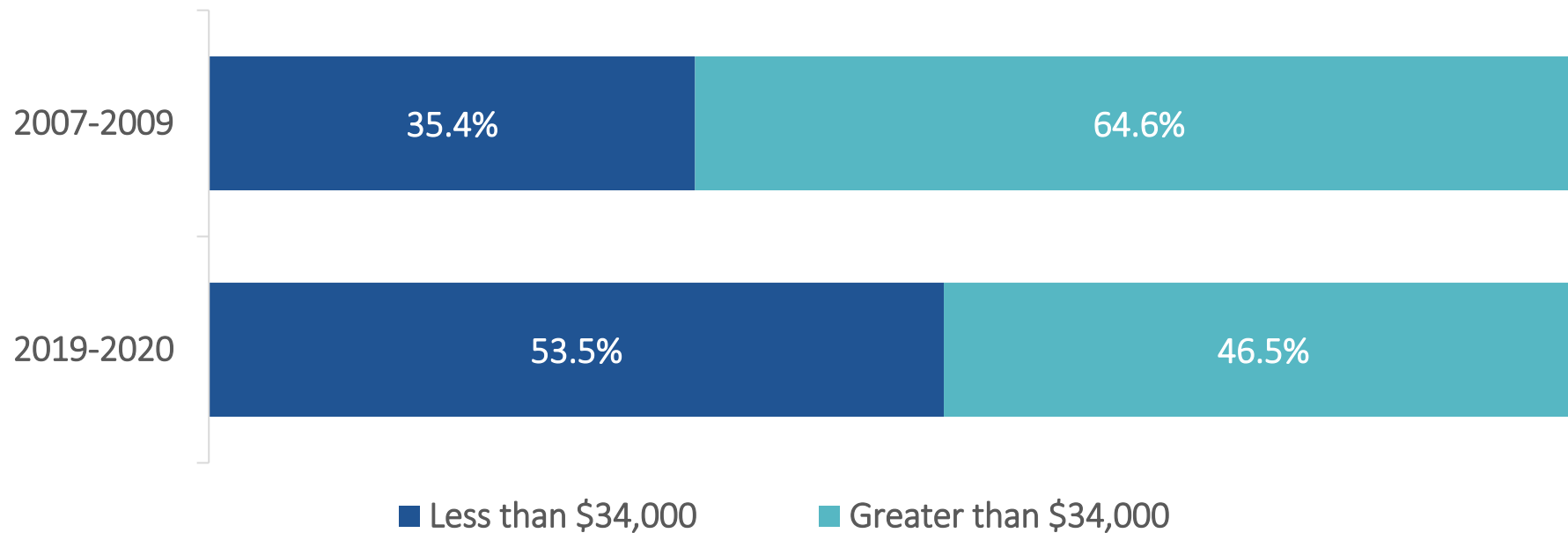
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2008, 2010, 2020, and 2021 Annual Social and Economic Supplements (CPS ASEC).



# Share of Full-time, Year-round Job Losses by Earnings: 2007 to 2009 and 2019 to 2020

(Share of job losses)



## Share of Full-time, Year-round Job Losses by Earnings: 2007 to 2009 and 2019 to 2020

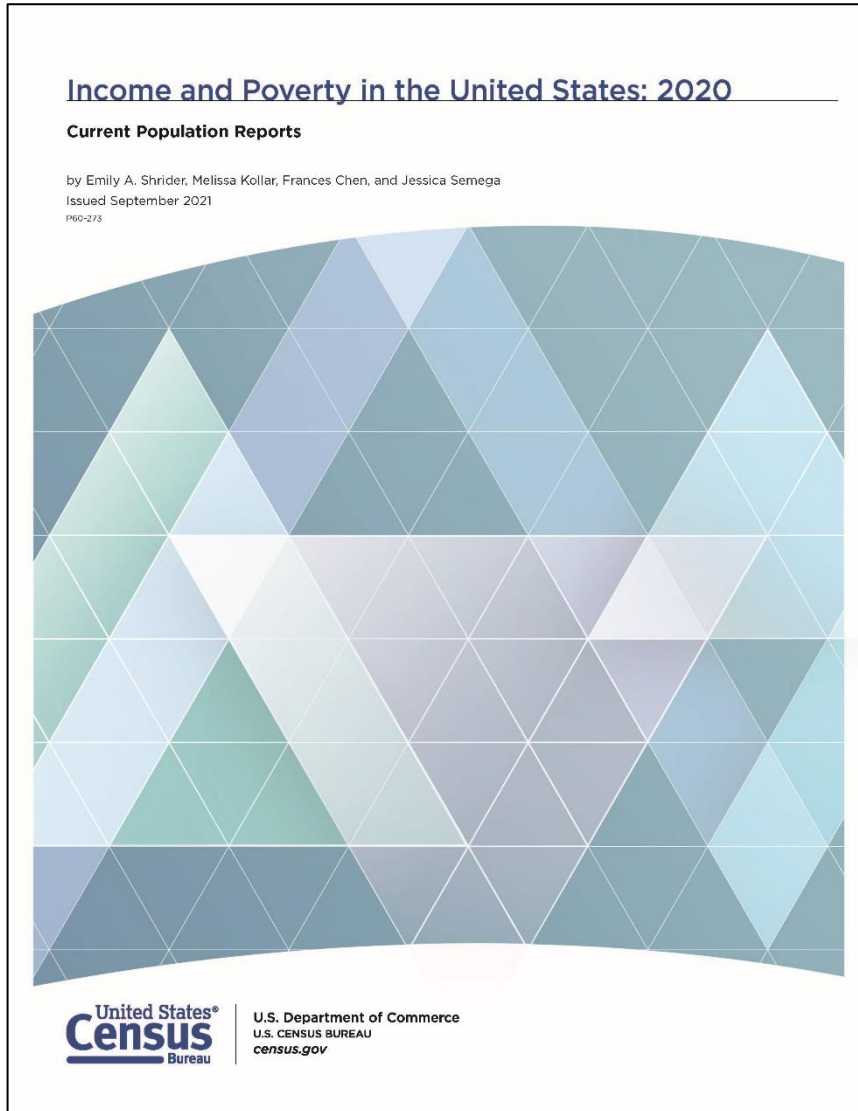
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Years	Earnings less than \$34,000		Earnings greater than \$34,000	
	Estimate	Margin of error <sup>1</sup> (±)	Estimate	Margin of error <sup>1</sup> (±)
2007-2009	0.354	0.0744	0.646	0.0977
2019-2020	0.535	0.0621	0.465	0.0745

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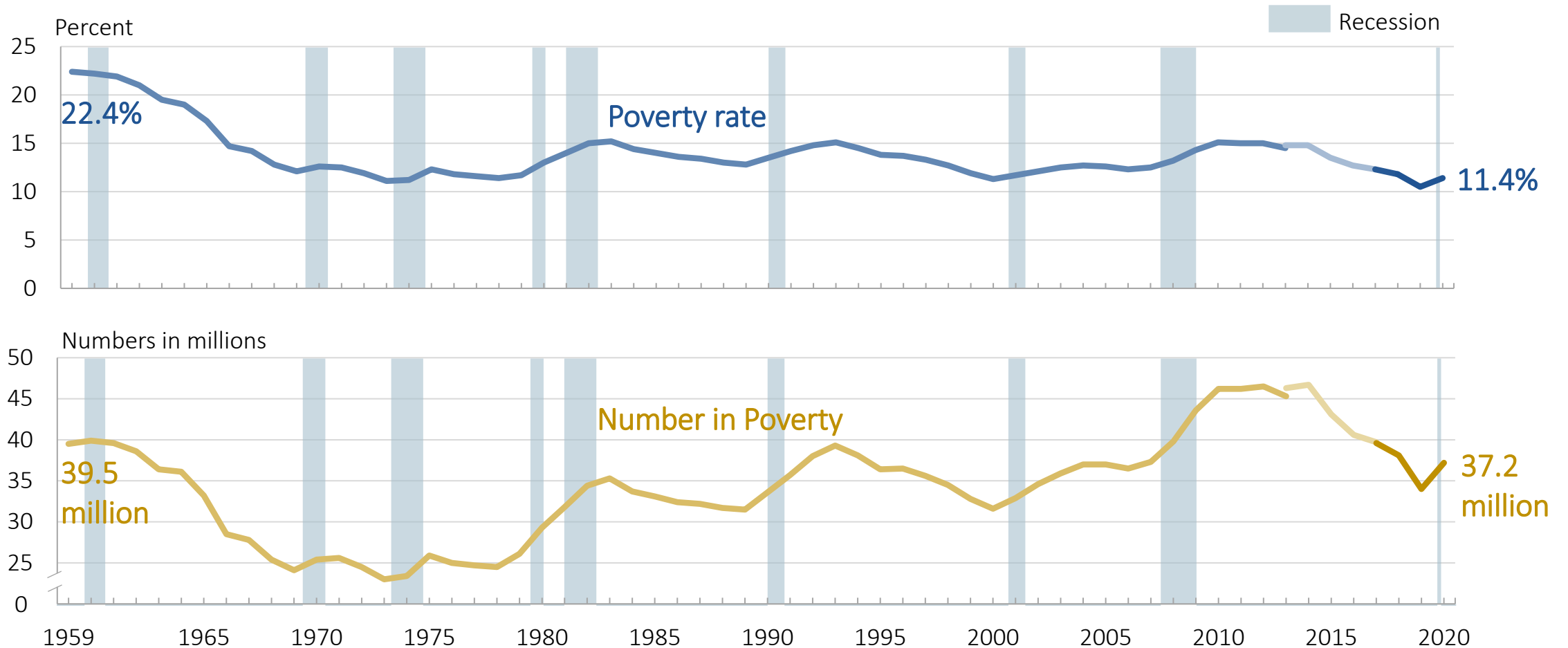
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# Highlights: Official Poverty



- The official poverty rate in 2020 was 11.4 percent, up 1.0 percentage point from 10.5 percent in 2019. This is the first increase in poverty after five consecutive annual declines.
- The number of people in poverty in 2020 was 37.2 million, approximately 3.3 million more than 2019.
- In 2020, a family with two adults and two children was categorized as “in poverty” if their income was less than \$26,246 dollars.

# Poverty Rate and Number in Poverty: 1959 to 2020



## Poverty Rate and Number in Poverty: 1959 to 2020

(Numbers in millions, Rates in percent)

Year	Number in Poverty	Poverty Rate	Year	Number in Poverty	Poverty Rate	Year	Number in Poverty	Poverty Rate
1959	39.5	22.4	1989	31.5	12.8	2017 <sup>1</sup>	39.6	12.3
1960	39.9	22.2	1990	33.6	13.5	2018	38.1	11.8
1961	39.6	21.9	1991 <sup>12</sup>	35.7	14.2	2019	34.0	10.5
1962	38.6	21.0	1992 <sup>11</sup>	38.0	14.8	2020	37.2	11.4
1963	36.4	19.5	1993 <sup>10</sup>	39.3	15.1		0.0	0.0
1964	36.1	19.0	1994 <sup>9</sup>	38.1	14.5		0.0	0.0
1965	33.2	17.3	1995 <sup>8</sup>	36.4	13.8		0.0	0.0
1966	28.5	14.7	1996	36.5	13.7		0.0	0.0
1967 #	27.8	14.2	1997	35.6	13.3		0.0	0.0
1968	25.4	12.8	1998	34.5	12.7		0.0	0.0
1969	24.1	12.1	1999 <sup>7</sup>	32.8	11.9		0.0	0.0
1970	25.4	12.6	2000 <sup>6</sup>	31.6	11.3		0.0	0.0
1971 #	25.6	12.5	2001	32.9	11.7		0.0	0.0
1972 #	24.5	11.9	2002	34.6	12.1		0.0	0.0
1973	23.0	11.1	2003	35.9	12.5		0.0	0.0
1974 #	23.4	11.2	2004 <sup>5</sup>	37.0	12.7		0.0	0.0
1975	25.9	12.3	2005	37.0	12.6		0.0	0.0
1976	25.0	11.8	2006	36.5	12.3		0.0	0.0
1977	24.7	11.6	2007	37.3	12.5		0.0	0.0
1978	24.5	11.4	2008	39.8	13.2		0.0	0.0
1979 #	26.1	11.7	2009	43.6	14.3		0.0	0.0
1980	29.3	13.0	2010 <sup>4</sup>	46.2	15.1		0.0	0.0
1981 #	31.8	14.0	2011	46.2	15.0		0.0	0.0
1982	34.4	15.0	2012	46.5	15.0		0.0	0.0
1983	35.3	15.2	2013 <sup>3</sup>	45.3	14.5		0.0	0.0
1984 #	33.7	14.4	2013 <sup>2</sup>	46.3	14.8		0.0	0.0
1985 #	33.1	14.0	2014	46.7	14.8		0.0	0.0
1986	32.4	13.6	2015	43.1	13.5		0.0	0.0
1987 #	32.2	13.4	2016	40.6	12.7		0.0	0.0
1988 #	31.7	13	2017	39.7	12.3		0.0	0.0

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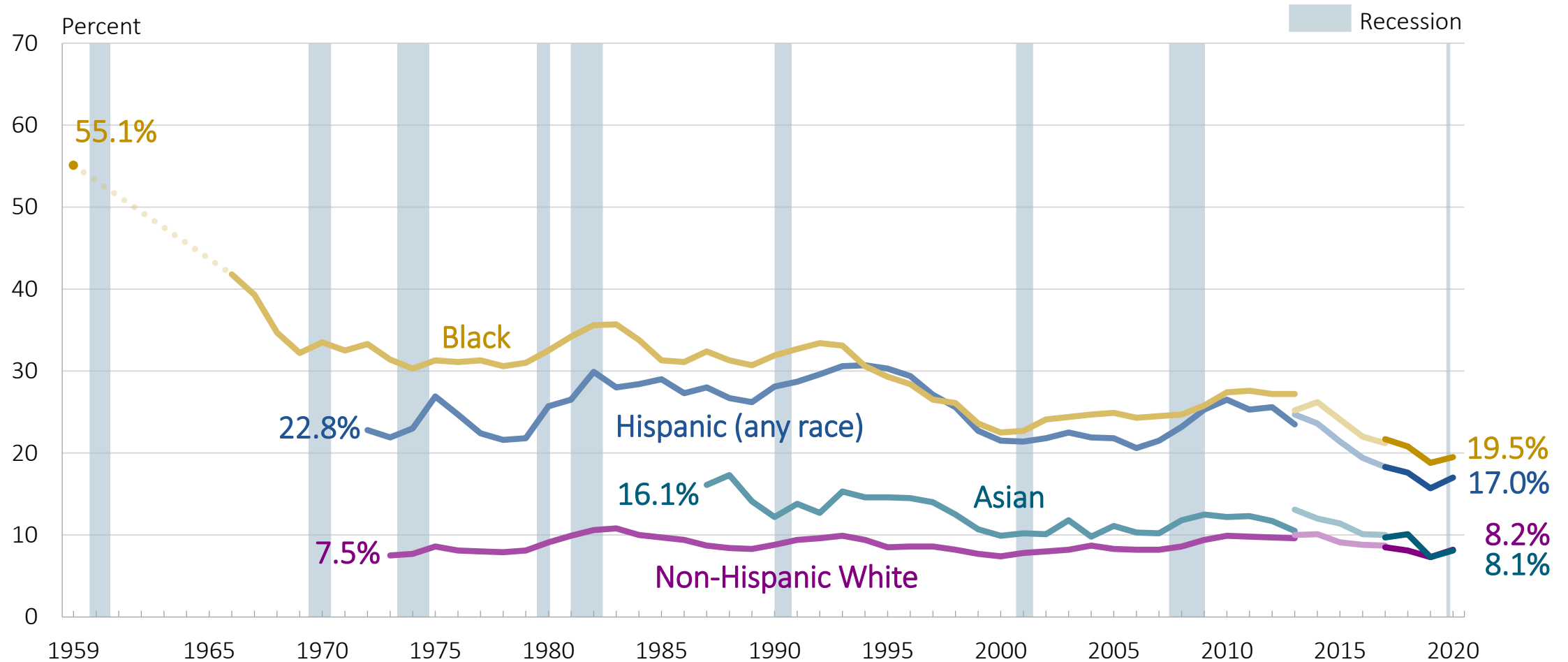
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## Weighted Average Poverty Thresholds in 2020

Size of family unit	Threshold
One person (unrelated individual)	13,171
Under 65 years	13,465
65 years and older	12,413
Two people	16,733
Householder under 65 years	17,331
Householder 65 years and older	15,644
Three people	20,591
Four people	26,496
Five people	31,417
Six people	35,499
Seven people	40,406
Eight people	44,755
Nine people or more	53,905

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2021 Annual Economic Supplement.

# Poverty Rates by Race and Hispanic Origin: 1959 to 2020





## Poverty Rates by Race<sup>1</sup> and Hispanic Origin: 1959 to 2020

(Percent)

Year	All races	White alone, not Hispanic	White, not Hispanic	Black alone	Black	Asian alone	Asian and Pacific Islander	Hispanic (any race)
1959	22.4	N	N	N	55.1	N	N	N
1960	22.2	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
1961	21.9	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
1962	21.0	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
1963	19.5	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
1964	19.0	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
1965 <sup>21</sup>	17.3	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
1966	14.7	N	N	N	41.8	N	N	N
1967	14.2	N	N	N	39.3	N	N	N
1968	12.8	N	N	N	34.7	N	N	N
1969	12.1	N	N	N	32.2	N	N	N
1970	12.6	N	N	N	33.5	N	N	N
1971 <sup>20</sup>	12.5	N	N	N	32.5	N	N	N
1972 <sup>19</sup>	11.9	N	N	N	33.3	N	N	22.8
1973	11.1	N	7.5	N	31.4	N	N	21.9
1974 <sup>18</sup>	11.2	N	7.7	N	30.3	N	N	23.0
1975	12.3	N	8.6	N	31.3	N	N	26.9
1976	11.8	N	8.1	N	31.1	N	N	24.7
1977	11.6	N	8.0	N	31.3	N	N	22.4
1978	11.4	N	7.9	N	30.6	N	N	21.6
1979 <sup>17</sup>	11.7	N	8.1	N	31.0	N	N	21.8
1980	13.0	N	9.1	N	32.5	N	N	25.7
1981 <sup>16</sup>	14.0	N	9.9	N	34.2	N	N	26.5
1982	15.0	N	10.6	N	35.6	N	N	29.9
1983	15.2	N	10.8	N	35.7	N	N	28.0
1984 <sup>15</sup>	14.4	N	10.0	N	33.8	N	N	28.4
1985 <sup>14</sup>	14.0	N	9.7	N	31.3	N	N	29.0
1986	13.6	N	9.4	N	31.1	N	N	27.3
1987 <sup>13</sup>	13.4	N	8.7	N	32.4	N	16.1	28.0
1988 <sup>13</sup>	13.0	N	8.4	N	31.3	N	17.3	26.7
1989	12.8	N	8.3	N	30.7	N	14.1	26.2
1990	13.5	N	8.8	N	31.9	N	12.2	28.1
1991 <sup>12</sup>	14.2	N	9.4	N	32.7	N	13.8	28.7
1992 <sup>11</sup>	14.8	N	9.6	N	33.4	N	12.7	29.6
1993 <sup>10</sup>	15.1	N	9.9	N	33.1	N	15.3	30.6
1994 <sup>9</sup>	14.5	N	9.4	N	30.6	N	14.6	30.7
1995 <sup>8</sup>	13.8	N	8.5	N	29.3	N	14.6	30.3
1996	13.7	N	8.6	N	28.4	N	14.5	29.4
1997	13.3	N	8.6	N	26.5	N	14.0	27.1
1998	12.7	N	8.2	N	26.1	N	12.5	25.6
1999 <sup>7</sup>	11.9	N	7.7	N	23.6	N	10.7	22.7
2000 <sup>6</sup>	11.3	N	7.4	N	22.5	N	9.9	21.5
2001	11.7	N	7.8	N	22.7	N	10.2	21.4
2002	12.1	8.0	N	24.1	N	10.1	N	21.8
2003	12.5	8.2	N	24.4	N	11.8	N	22.5
2004 <sup>5</sup>	12.7	8.7	N	24.7	N	9.8	N	21.9
2005	12.6	8.3	N	24.9	N	11.1	N	21.8
2006	12.3	8.2	N	24.3	N	10.3	N	20.6
2007	12.5	8.2	N	24.5	N	10.2	N	21.5
2008	13.2	8.6	N	24.7	N	11.8	N	23.2
2009	14.3	9.4	N	25.8	N	12.5	N	25.3
2010 <sup>4</sup>	15.1	9.9	N	27.4	N	12.2	N	26.5
2011	15.0	9.8	N	27.6	N	12.3	N	25.3
2012	15.0	9.7	N	27.2	N	11.7	N	25.6
2013 <sup>3</sup>	14.5	9.6	N	27.2	N	10.5	N	23.5
2013 <sup>2</sup>	14.8	10.0	N	25.2	N	13.1	N	24.7
2014	14.8	10.1	N	26.2	N	12.0	N	23.6
2015	13.5	9.1	N	24.1	N	11.4	N	21.4
2016	12.7	8.8	N	22.0	N	10.1	N	19.4
2017	12.3	8.7	N	21.2	N	10.0	N	18.3
2017 <sup>1</sup>	12.3	8.5	N	21.7	N	9.7	N	18.3
2018	11.8	8.1	N	20.8	N	10.1	N	17.6
2019	10.5	7.3	N	18.8	N	7.3	N	15.7
2020	11.4	8.2	N	19.5	N	8.1	N	17.0

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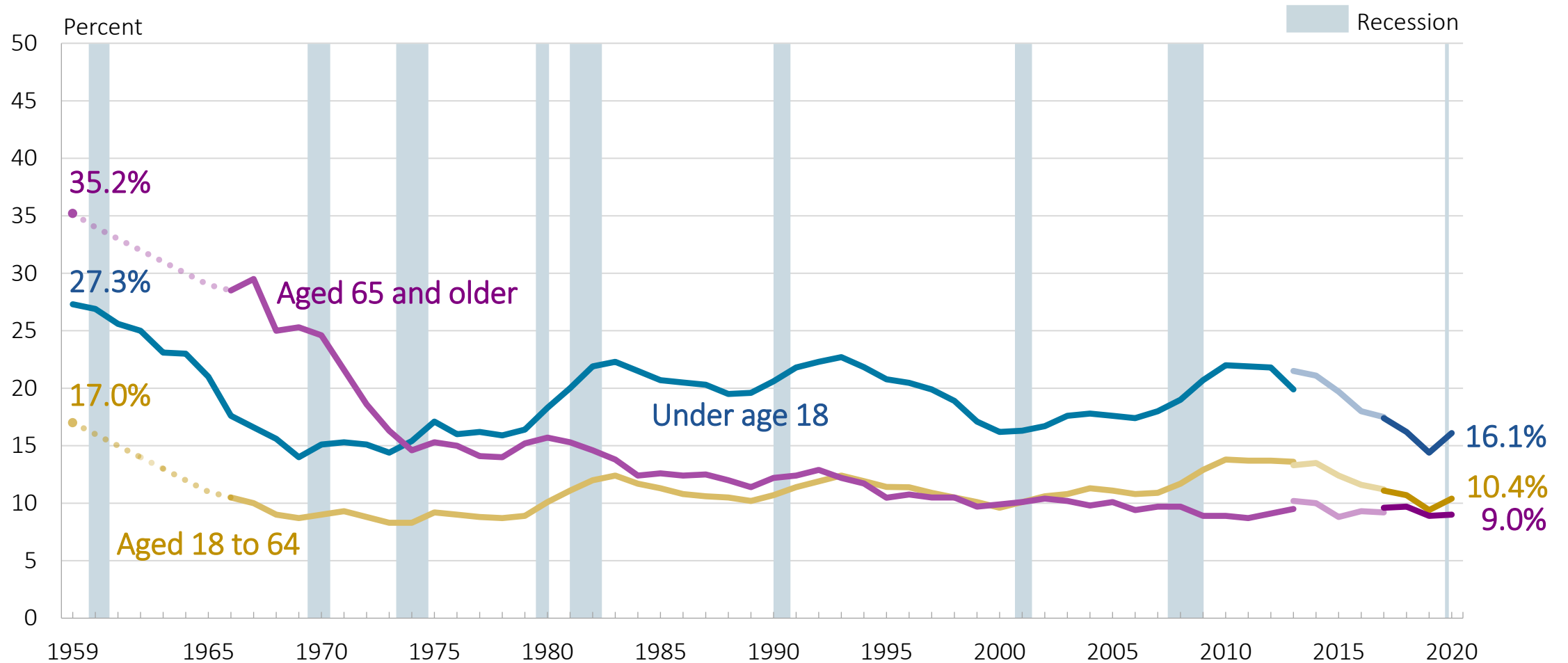
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# Poverty Rates by Age: 1959 to 2020





# Poverty Rates by Age: 1959 to 2019

(Percent)

Year	Under age18	Aged 18 to 64	Aged 65 and older	Year	Under age18	Aged 18 to 64	Aged 65 and older	Year	Under age18	Aged 18 to 64	Aged 65 and older
1959	27.3	17.0	35.2	1989	19.6	10.2	11.4	2017 <sup>1</sup>	17.4	11.1	9.6
1960	26.9	N	N	1990	20.6	10.7	12.2	2018	16.2	10.7	9.7
1961	25.6	N	N	1991 <sup>12</sup>	21.8	11.4	12.4	2019	14.4	9.4	8.9
1962	25.0	N	N	1992 <sup>11</sup>	22.3	11.9	12.9	2020	16.1	10.4	9
1963	23.1	N	N	1993 <sup>10</sup>	22.7	12.4	12.2				
1964	23.0	N	N	1994 <sup>9</sup>	21.8	11.9	11.7				
1965	21.0	N	N	1995 <sup>8</sup>	20.8	11.4	10.5				
1966	17.6	10.5	28.5	1996	20.5	11.4	10.8				
1967 <sup>21</sup>	16.6	10.0	29.5	1997	19.9	10.9	10.5				
1968	15.6	9.0	25.0	1998	18.9	10.5	10.5				
1969	14.0	8.7	25.3	1999 <sup>7</sup>	17.1	10.1	9.7				
1970	15.1	9.0	24.6	2000 <sup>6</sup>	16.2	9.6	9.9				
1971 <sup>20</sup>	15.3	9.3	21.6	2001	16.3	10.1	10.1				
1972 <sup>19</sup>	15.1	8.8	18.6	2002	16.7	10.6	10.4				
1973	14.4	8.3	16.3	2003	17.6	10.8	10.2				
1974 <sup>18</sup>	15.4	8.3	14.6	2004 <sup>5</sup>	17.8	11.3	9.8				
1975	17.1	9.2	15.3	2005	17.6	11.1	10.1				
1976	16.0	9.0	15.0	2006	17.4	10.8	9.4				
1977	16.2	8.8	14.1	2007	18.0	10.9	9.7				
1978	15.9	8.7	14.0	2008	19.0	11.7	9.7				
1979 <sup>17</sup>	16.4	8.9	15.2	2009	20.7	12.9	8.9				
1980	18.3	10.1	15.7	2010 <sup>4</sup>	22.0	13.8	8.9				
1981 <sup>16</sup>	20.0	11.1	15.3	2011	21.9	13.7	8.7				
1982	21.9	12.0	14.6	2012	21.8	13.7	9.1				
1983	22.3	12.4	13.8	2013 <sup>3</sup>	19.9	13.6	9.5				
1984 <sup>15</sup>	21.5	11.7	12.4	2013 <sup>2</sup>	21.5	13.3	10.2				
1985 <sup>14</sup>	20.7	11.3	12.6	2014	21.1	13.5	10.0				
1986	20.5	10.8	12.4	2015	19.7	12.4	8.8				
1987 <sup>13</sup>	20.3	10.6	12.5	2016	18.0	11.6	9.3				
1988 <sup>13</sup>	19.5	10.5	12.0	2017	17.5	11.2	9.2				

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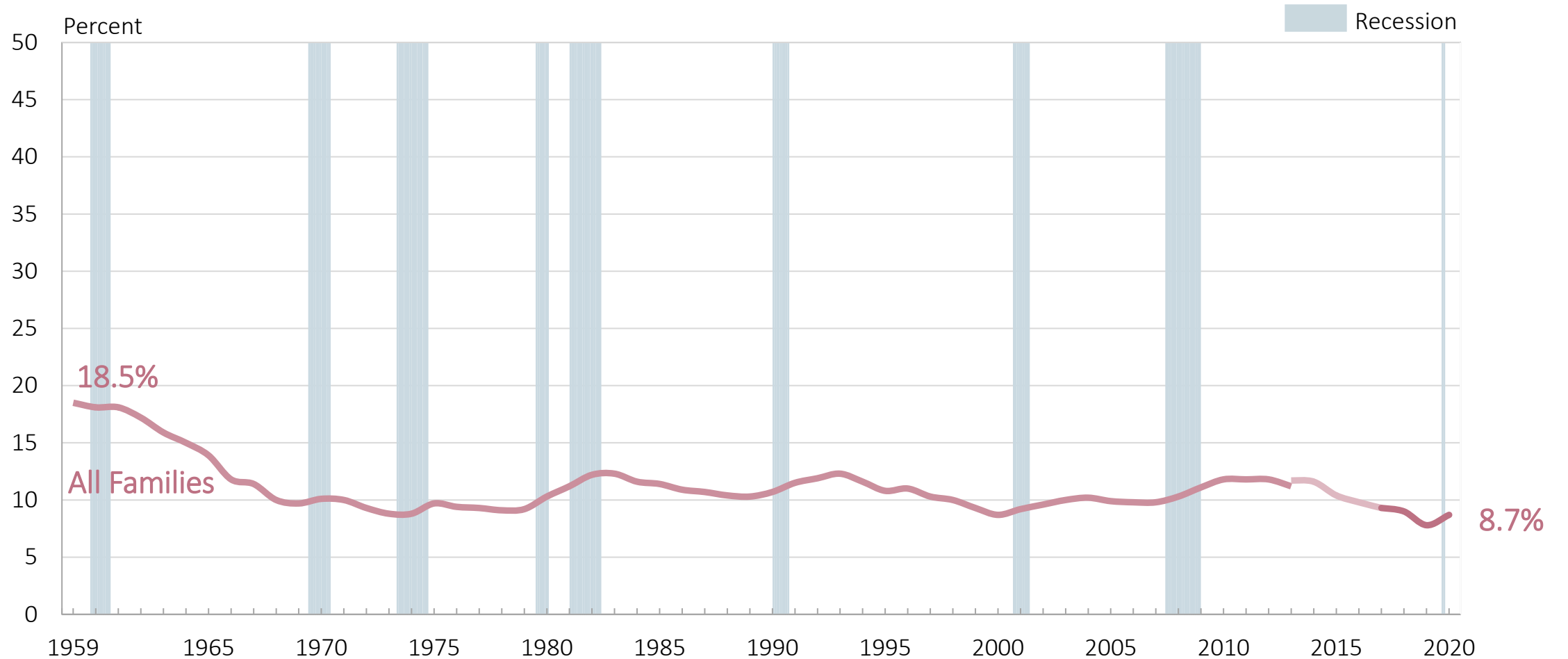
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# Family Poverty Rates by Type: 1959 to 2020



## Poverty Rates by Family Type: 1959 to 2020

(Percent)

Year	All Families	Married couple	Male householder, no spouse	Female householder, no spouse
1959	18.5	N	N	42.6
1960	18.1	N	N	42.4
1961	18.1	N	N	42.1
1962	17.2	N	N	42.9
1963	15.9	N	N	40.4
1964	15.0	N	N	36.4
1965	13.9	N	N	38.4
1966	11.8	N	N	33.1
1967 <sup>21</sup>	11.4	N	N	33.3
1968	10.0	N	N	32.3
1969	9.7	N	N	32.7
1970	10.1	N	N	32.5
1971 <sup>20</sup>	10.0	N	N	33.9
1972 <sup>19</sup>	9.3	N	N	32.7
1973	8.8	5.3	10.7	32.2
1974 <sup>18</sup>	8.8	5.3	8.9	32.1
1975	9.7	6.1	8.0	32.5
1976	9.4	5.5	10.8	33.0
1977	9.3	5.3	11.1	31.7
1978	9.1	5.2	9.2	31.4
1979 <sup>17</sup>	9.2	5.4	10.2	30.4
1980	10.3	6.2	11.0	32.7
1981 <sup>16</sup>	11.2	6.8	10.3	34.6
1982	12.2	7.6	14.4	36.3
1983	12.3	7.6	13.2	36.0
1984 <sup>15</sup>	11.6	6.9	13.1	34.5
1985 <sup>14</sup>	11.4	6.7	12.9	34.0
1986	10.9	6.1	11.4	34.6
1987 <sup>13</sup>	10.7	5.8	12.0	34.2
1988 <sup>13</sup>	10.4	5.6	11.8	33.4
1989	10.3	5.6	12.1	32.2
1990	10.7	5.7	12.0	33.4
1991 <sup>12</sup>	11.5	6.0	13.0	35.6
1992 <sup>11</sup>	11.9	6.4	15.8	35.4
1993 <sup>10</sup>	12.3	6.5	16.8	35.6
1994 <sup>3</sup>	11.6	6.1	17.0	34.6
1995 <sup>8</sup>	10.8	5.6	14.0	32.4
1996	11.0	5.6	13.8	32.6
1997	10.3	5.2	13.0	31.6
1998	10.0	5.3	12.0	29.9
1999 <sup>7</sup>	9.3	4.9	11.8	27.8
2000 <sup>6</sup>	8.7	4.7	11.3	25.4
2001	9.2	4.9	13.1	26.4
2002	9.6	5.3	12.1	26.5
2003	10.0	5.4	13.5	28.0
2004 <sup>5</sup>	10.2	5.5	13.4	28.3
2005	9.9	5.1	13.0	28.7
2006	9.8	4.9	13.2	28.3
2007	9.8	4.9	13.6	28.3
2008	10.3	5.5	13.8	28.7
2009	11.1	5.8	16.9	29.9
2010 <sup>4</sup>	11.8	6.3	15.8	31.7
2011	11.8	6.2	16.1	31.2
2012	11.8	6.3	16.4	30.9
2013 <sup>3</sup>	11.2	5.8	15.9	30.6
2013 <sup>2</sup>	11.7	5.7	16.1	32.2
2014	11.6	6.2	15.7	30.6
2015	10.4	5.4	14.9	28.2
2016	9.8	5.1	13.1	26.6
2017	9.3	4.9	12.4	25.7
2017 <sup>1</sup>	9.3	4.7	13.4	26.2
2018	9.0	4.7	12.7	24.9
2019	7.8	4	11.5	22.2
2020	8.7	4.7	11.4	23.4

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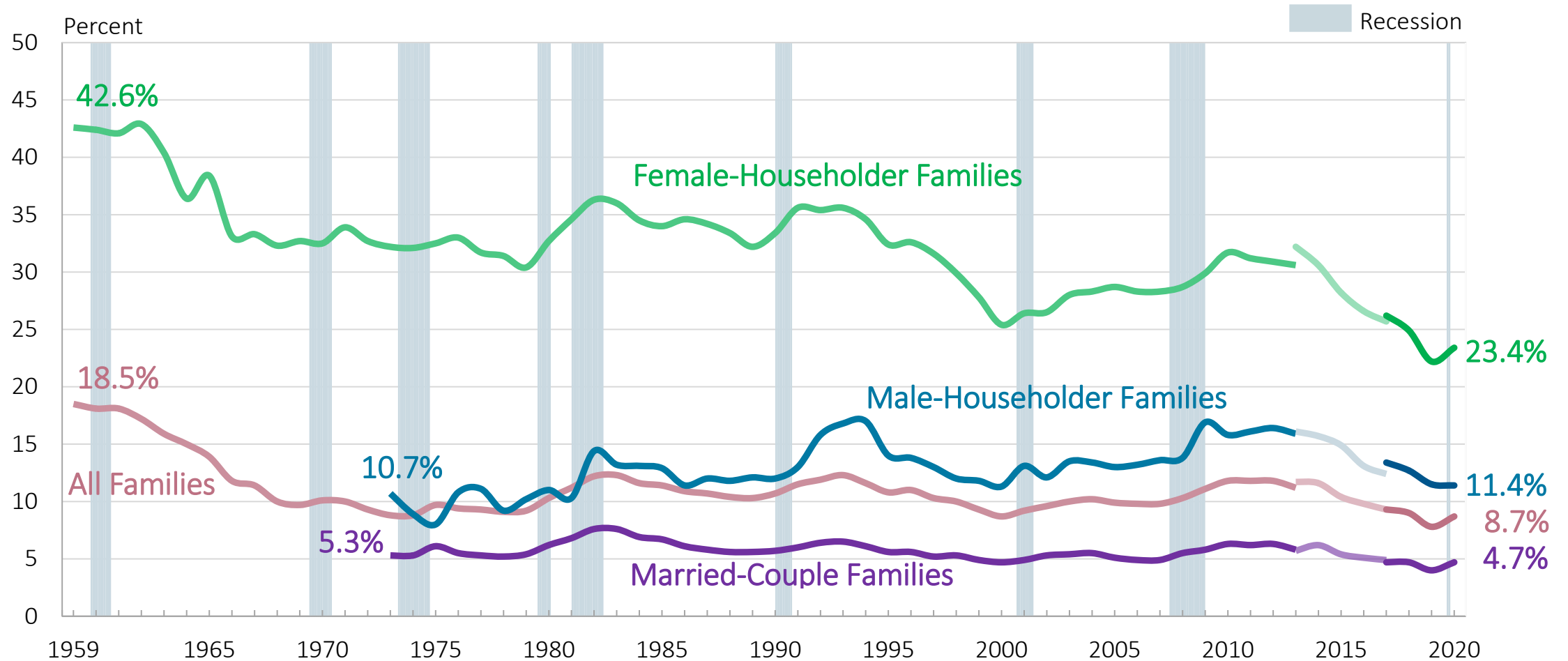
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## Recessions

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July	1981	November	1982
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# Family Poverty Rates by Type: 1959 to 2020



## Poverty Rates by Family Type: 1959 to 2020

(Percent)

Year	All Families	Married couple	Male householder, no spouse	Female householder, no spouse
1959	18.5	N	N	42.6
1960	18.1	N	N	42.4
1961	18.1	N	N	42.1
1962	17.2	N	N	42.9
1963	15.9	N	N	40.4
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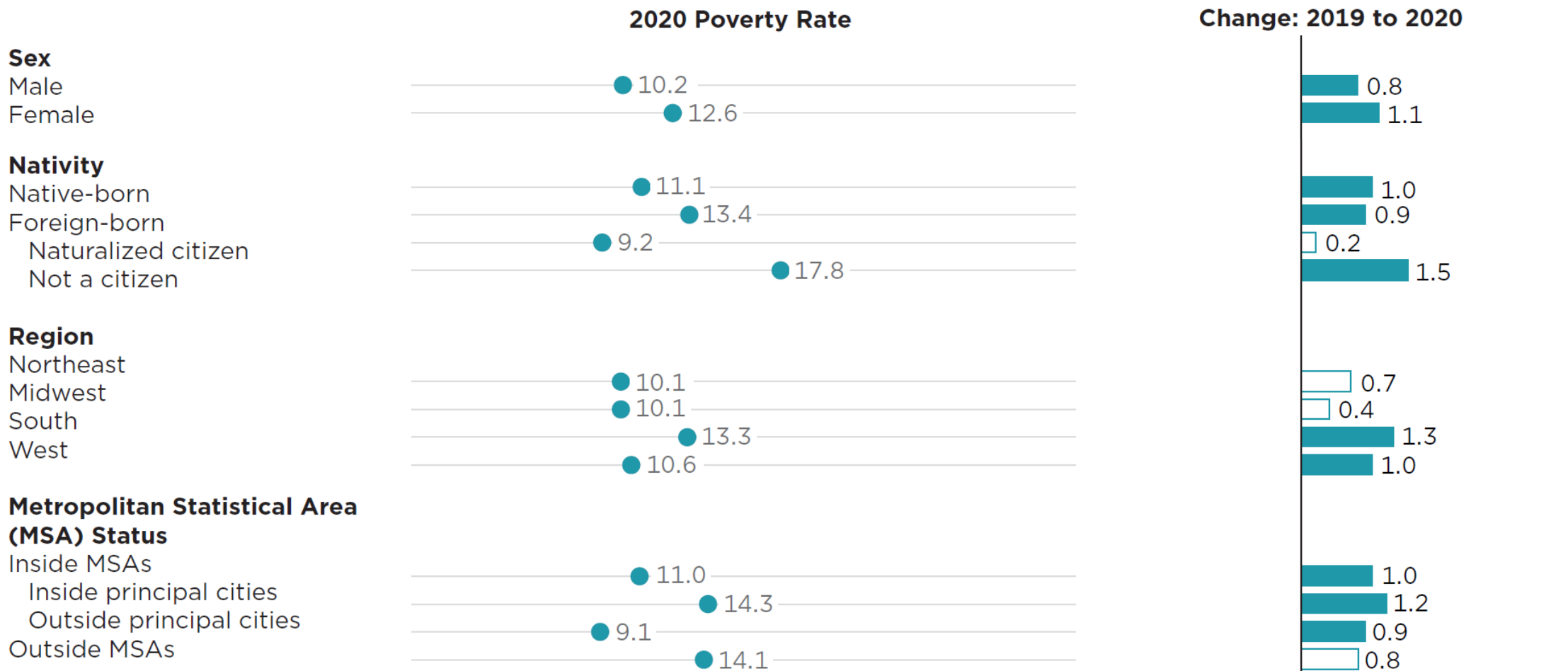
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# Poverty Rates and Percentage Point Change by Selected Characteristics: 2019 to 2020



■ Denotes a statistically significant change

Table B-1.

**People in Poverty by Selected Characteristics: 2019 and 2020**

(Populations in thousands. Margins of error in thousands or percentage points as appropriate. Population as of March of the following year. Information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions is available at <https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/cps/techdocs/cpsmar21.pdf>.)

Characteristic	2019				2020				Change in poverty (2020 less 2019) <sup>1</sup>	
	Below poverty		Below poverty		Below poverty		Below poverty		Number	Percent
	Number	Margin of error (±)	Percent	Margin of error (±)	Number	Margin of error (±)	Percent	Margin of error (±)		
<b>PEOPLE</b>										
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>324,754</b>	<b>33,984</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>325,713</b>	<b>37,247</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>3,262</b>	<b>1.0</b>
<b>Race<sup>2</sup> and Hispanic Origin</b>										
White .....	248,086	22,512	9.1	0.2	247,865	25,007	10.1	0.3	2,495	1.0
White, not Hispanic .....	194,643	14,152	7.3	0.2	194,319	15,942	8.2	0.3	1,790	0.9
Black .....	42,965	8,073	39.9	18.8	43,355	8,472	19.5	1.0	399	0.8
Asian .....	19,926	1,464	7.3	0.8	20,155	1,629	8.1	0.8	165	0.7
Hispanic (any race) .....	60,602	9,545	43.7	15.7	61,196	10,409	47.4	17.0	864	1.3
<b>Sex</b>										
Male .....	159,170	14,976	43.3	9.4	159,699	16,334	46.0	10.2	1,358	0.8
Female .....	165,584	19,008	47.4	11.5	166,014	20,912	53.7	12.6	1,904	1.1
<b>Age</b>										
Under age 18 .....	72,637	10,466	36.6	14.4	72,295	11,607	41.1	16.1	1,141	1.6
Aged 18 to 64 .....	197,475	18,660	51.4	9.4	197,582	20,640	52.4	10.4	1,979	1.0
Aged 65 and older .....	54,642	4,858	20.0	8.9	55,836	5,000	24.3	9.0	142	0.1
<b>Nativity</b>										
Native-born .....	279,867	28,342	68.6	10.1	280,926	31,230	78.1	11.1	2,889	1.0
Foreign-born .....	44,886	5,643	29.4	12.6	44,787	6,016	31.4	13.4	374	0.9
Naturalized citizen .....	22,746	2,038	15.2	9.0	22,664	2,078	15.3	9.2	40	0.2
Not a citizen .....	22,140	3,605	22.4	1.0	22,123	3,939	26.0	17.8	334	1.5
<b>Region</b>										
Northeast .....	55,096	5,177	32.7	9.4	54,786	5,555	34.0	10.1	377	0.7
Midwest .....	67,528	6,518	39.4	9.7	67,461	6,812	37.1	10.1	294	0.4
South .....	124,145	14,845	58.4	12.0	125,384	16,619	62.0	13.3	1,774	1.3
West .....	77,985	7,443	38.2	9.5	78,081	8,261	40.9	10.6	818	1.0
<b>Residence<sup>3</sup></b>										
Inside metropolitan statistical areas .....	282,407	28,350	81.6	10.0	283,456	31,297	85.2	11.0	2,947	1.0
Inside principal cities .....	104,724	13,702	59.9	13.1	105,849	15,115	63.1	14.3	1,412	1.2
Outside principal cities .....	177,683	14,647	61.4	8.2	177,606	16,182	61.4	9.1	1,535	0.9
Outside metropolitan statistical areas .....	42,346	5,635	51.4	13.3	42,257	5,950	57.5	14.1	315	0.8
<b>Work Experience</b>										
Total, aged 18 to 64 .....	197,475	18,660	51.4	9.4	197,582	20,640	52.4	10.4	1,979	1.0
All workers .....	154,593	7,324	25.6	4.7	152,246	7,593	26.6	5.0	269	0.2
Worked full-time, year-round .....	112,600	2,291	14.6	2.0	112,600	2,291	14.6	2.0	0	0.0
Less than full-time, year-round .....	41,993	5,033	20.8	12.0	40,645	5,302	20.8	11.3	951	0.7
Did not work at least 1 week .....	42,882	11,337	37.4	26.4	44,336	13,047	39.2	28.8	1,710	2.3
<b>Disability status<sup>4</sup></b>										
Total, aged 18 to 64 .....	197,475	18,660	51.4	9.4	197,582	20,640	52.4	10.4	1,979	1.0
With a disability .....	14,439	3,252	16.6	22.5	14,559	3,643	18.3	25.0	1,391	2.5
With no disability .....	182,062	15,347	46.5	8.4	181,934	16,966	46.5	9.3	1,620	0.9
<b>Educational Attainment</b>										
Total, aged 25 and older .....	223,058	19,662	48.7	8.8	224,580	21,443	54.0	9.5	1,781	0.7
No high school diploma .....	20,208	4,796	22.7	23.7	20,054	4,953	21.9	24.7	157	1.0
High school, no college .....	61,597	7,076	26.3	11.5	62,547	8,273	29.0	13.2	1,196	1.7
Some college .....	57,552	4,490	20.3	7.8	56,942	4,781	21.0	8.4	292	0.6
Bachelor's degree or higher .....	83,701	3,300	19.1	3.9	85,037	3,436	21.4	4.0	136	0.1

<sup>1</sup> An asterisk preceding an estimate indicates change is statistically different from zero at the 90 percent confidence level.

<sup>2</sup> A margin of error (MOE) is a measure of an estimate's variability. The larger the MOE 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. MOEs shown in this table are based on standard errors calculated using replicate weights.

<sup>3</sup> 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. Data for American Indians and Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders, and those reporting two or more races are not shown separately.

<sup>4</sup> Information on metropolitan statistical areas and principal cities is available at [www.census.gov/programs-surveys/metro-micro/about/glossary.html](https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/metro-micro/about/glossary.html).

<sup>5</sup> 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. Note: Details may not sum to totals because of rounding.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2020 and 2021 Annual Social and Economic Supplements (CPS ASEC).

# Historical Poverty Footnotes

N Not available.

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

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> Implementation of 2010 Census-based population controls.

<sup>5</sup> Data have been revised to reflect a correction to the weights in the 2005 CPS ASEC.

<sup>6</sup> Implementation of a 28,000 household expansion.

<sup>7</sup> Implementation of 2000 Census-based population controls.

<sup>8</sup> Full implementation of 1990 Census-based sample design and metropolitan definitions, 7,000 household sample reduction, and revised editing of responses on race.

<sup>9</sup> Introduction of 1990 Census sample design.

<sup>10</sup> 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.

<sup>11</sup> Implementation of 1990 Census population controls.

<sup>12</sup> Estimates are revised to correct for nine omitted weights from the original 1992 CPS ASEC. More information is available in "Money Income of Households, Families, and Persons in the United States: 1992," P60-184.

<sup>13</sup> Estimates reflect the implementation of a new CPS ASEC processing system and are also revised to reflect corrections to the files after publication of the 1988 advance report "Money Income and Poverty Status in the United States: 1988," P60-166.

<sup>14</sup> Full implementation of 1980 Census-based sample design.

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

<sup>16</sup> Implemented three technical changes to the poverty definition. More information is available in "Characteristics of the Population Below the Poverty Level: 1980," P60-133.

<sup>17</sup> Implementation of 1980 Census population controls. Questionnaire expanded to show 27 possible values from 51 possible sources of income.

<sup>18</sup> Implementation of a new CPS ASEC processing system. Questionnaire expanded to ask 11 income questions.

<sup>19</sup> Full implementation of 1970 Census-based sample design.

<sup>20</sup> Introduction of 1970 Census sample design and population controls.

<sup>21</sup> Implementation of a new CPS ASEC processing system.

<sup>22</sup> 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.

<sup>23</sup> For the year 2001 and earlier, the CPS ASEC allowed respondents to report only one race group.

<sup>24</sup> Black alone refers to people who reported Black and did not report any other race category.

<sup>25</sup> Asian alone refers to people who reported Asian and did not report any other race category.

<sup>26</sup> Because Hispanics may be any race, data in this report for Hispanics overlap with data for racial groups. Being Hispanic was reported by 16.0 percent of White householders who reported only one race, 5.3 percent of Black householders who reported only one race, and 2.7 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: Before 1979, unrelated subfamilies were included in all families. Beginning in 1979, unrelated subfamilies are excluded from all families. An unrelated subfamily is defined as a married couple family 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, 1960 to 2021 Annual Social and Economic Supplements (CPS ASEC).



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