

TABLE B-31.—Median money income (in 1995 dollars) and poverty status of families and persons, by race, selected years, 1977–95

Year	Families <sup>1</sup>						Persons below poverty level		Median money income (in 1995 dollars) of persons 15 years old and over with income <sup>2,3</sup>			
	Number (millions)	Median money income (in 1995 dollars) <sup>2</sup>	Below poverty level				Number (millions)	Per cent	Males		Females	
			Total		Female householder				All persons	Year-round full-time workers	All persons	Year-round full-time workers
			Number (millions)	Per cent	Number (millions)	Per cent						
<b>ALL RACES</b>												
1977	57.2	\$38,604	5.3	9.3	2.6	31.7	24.7	11.6	\$24,411	\$36,340	\$9,503	\$21,254
1978	57.8	39,827	5.3	9.1	2.7	31.4	24.5	11.4	24,689	36,264	9,185	21,767
1979 <sup>4</sup>	59.6	40,339	5.5	9.2	2.6	30.4	26.1	11.7	24,258	35,997	8,963	21,688
1980	60.3	38,930	6.2	10.3	3.0	32.7	29.3	13.0	23,203	35,504	9,111	21,464
1981	61.0	37,868	6.9	11.2	3.3	34.6	31.8	14.0	22,789	35,000	9,232	21,070
1982	61.4	37,356	7.5	12.2	3.4	36.3	34.4	15.0	22,238	34,521	9,385	21,781
1983 <sup>5</sup>	62.0	37,754	7.6	12.3	3.6	36.0	35.3	15.2	22,433	34,402	9,800	22,135
1984	62.7	38,772	7.3	11.6	3.5	34.5	33.7	14.4	22,882	35,209	10,074	22,621
1985	63.6	39,283	7.2	11.4	3.5	34.0	33.1	14.0	23,102	35,408	10,222	23,019
1986	64.5	40,962	7.0	10.9	3.6	34.6	32.4	13.6	23,797	36,006	10,582	23,420
1987 <sup>6</sup>	65.2	41,548	7.0	10.7	3.7	34.2	32.2	13.4	23,861	35,794	11,128	23,563
1988	65.8	41,470	6.9	10.4	3.6	33.4	31.7	13.0	24,358	35,223	11,445	23,891
1989	66.1	42,049	6.8	10.3	3.5	32.2	31.5	12.8	24,449	34,928	11,828	24,136
1990	66.3	41,223	7.1	10.7	3.8	33.4	33.6	13.5	23,662	33,790	11,742	24,010
1991	67.2	40,214	7.1	11.5	4.2	35.6	35.7	14.2	22,904	33,939	11,722	23,772
1992 <sup>7</sup>	68.2	39,727	8.1	11.9	4.3	35.4	38.0	14.8	22,219	33,491	11,638	23,998
1993	68.5	38,980	8.4	12.3	4.4	35.6	39.3	15.1	22,256	32,776	11,650	23,697
1994	69.3	39,881	8.1	11.6	4.2	34.6	38.1	14.5	22,336	32,508	11,791	23,924
1995	69.6	40,611	7.5	10.8	4.1	32.4	36.4	13.8	22,562	32,199	12,130	23,777
<b>WHITE</b>												
1977	50.5	40,367	3.5	7.0	1.4	24.0	16.4	8.9	25,568	37,082	9,648	21,389
1978	50.9	41,471	3.5	6.9	1.4	23.5	16.3	8.7	25,858	36,937	9,295	21,973
1979 <sup>4</sup>	52.2	42,093	3.6	6.9	1.4	22.3	17.2	9.0	25,342	37,037	9,047	21,878
1980	52.7	40,561	4.2	8.0	1.6	25.7	19.7	10.2	24,680	36,517	9,161	21,671
1981	53.3	39,778	4.7	8.8	1.8	27.4	21.6	11.1	24,181	35,822	9,335	21,422
1982	53.4	39,221	5.1	9.6	1.8	27.9	23.5	12.0	23,510	35,441	9,512	22,074
1983 <sup>5</sup>	53.9	39,534	5.2	9.7	1.9	28.3	24.0	12.1	23,601	35,317	9,972	22,430
1984	54.4	40,610	4.9	9.1	1.9	27.1	23.0	11.5	24,154	36,415	10,193	22,845
1985	55.0	41,290	5.0	9.1	2.0	27.4	22.9	11.4	24,235	36,390	10,420	23,344
1986	55.7	42,840	4.8	8.6	2.0	28.2	22.2	11.0	25,113	37,011	10,790	23,779
1987 <sup>6</sup>	56.1	43,446	4.6	8.1	2.0	26.9	21.2	10.4	25,362	36,628	11,413	23,999
1988	56.5	43,691	4.5	7.9	1.9	26.5	20.7	10.1	25,712	36,409	11,727	24,249
1989	56.6	44,214	4.4	7.8	1.9	25.4	20.8	10.0	25,641	36,468	12,059	24,422
1990	56.8	43,044	4.6	8.1	2.0	26.8	22.3	10.7	24,685	35,075	12,030	24,299
1991	57.2	42,277	5.0	8.8	2.2	28.4	23.7	11.3	23,940	34,635	11,996	24,119
1992 <sup>7</sup>	57.7	42,005	5.3	9.1	2.2	28.5	25.3	11.9	23,252	34,287	11,908	24,276
1993	57.9	41,449	5.5	9.4	2.4	29.2	26.2	12.2	23,183	33,572	11,882	24,235
1994	58.4	42,043	5.3	9.1	2.3	29.0	25.4	11.7	23,311	33,359	11,960	24,571
1995	58.9	42,646	5.0	8.5	2.2	26.6	24.4	11.2	23,895	33,515	12,316	24,264
<b>BLACK</b>												
1977	5.8	23,060	1.6	28.2	1.2	51.0	7.7	31.3	15,172	25,566	8,331	19,990
1978	5.9	24,562	1.6	27.5	1.2	50.6	7.6	30.6	15,491	28,290	8,370	20,365
1979 <sup>4</sup>	6.2	23,836	1.7	27.8	1.2	49.4	8.1	31.0	15,687	26,693	8,234	20,047
1980	6.3	23,469	1.8	28.9	1.3	49.4	8.6	32.5	14,831	25,693	8,481	20,212
1981	6.4	22,439	2.0	30.8	1.4	52.9	9.2	34.2	14,379	25,345	8,293	19,347
1982	6.5	21,677	2.2	33.0	1.5	56.2	9.7	35.6	14,089	25,172	8,390	19,729
1983 <sup>5</sup>	6.7	22,280	2.2	32.3	1.5	53.7	9.9	35.7	13,802	25,196	8,521	19,910
1984	6.8	22,634	2.1	30.9	1.5	51.7	9.5	33.8	13,858	24,852	9,041	20,588
1985	6.9	23,775	2.0	28.7	1.5	50.5	8.9	31.3	15,251	25,453	8,890	20,665
1986	7.1	24,479	2.0	28.0	1.5	50.1	9.0	31.1	15,048	26,094	9,130	20,808
1987 <sup>6</sup>	7.2	24,693	2.1	29.4	1.6	51.1	9.5	32.4	15,045	26,190	9,322	21,435
1988	7.4	24,901	2.1	28.2	1.6	49.0	9.4	31.3	15,516	26,687	9,467	21,729
1989	7.5	24,838	2.1	27.8	1.5	46.5	9.3	30.7	15,497	25,446	9,679	21,964
1990	7.5	24,980	2.2	29.3	1.6	48.1	9.8	31.9	15,004	25,047	9,711	21,623
1991	7.7	24,111	2.3	30.4	1.8	51.2	10.2	32.7	14,504	25,319	9,865	21,410
1992 <sup>7</sup>	8.0	22,923	2.5	31.1	1.9	50.2	10.8	33.4	14,191	24,974	9,653	22,005
1993	8.0	22,720	2.5	31.3	1.9	49.9	10.9	33.1	15,403	24,854	10,028	21,426
1994	8.1	25,398	2.2	27.3	1.7	46.2	10.2	30.6	15,407	25,097	10,843	21,213
1995	8.1	25,970	2.1	26.4	1.7	45.1	9.9	29.3	16,006	24,798	10,961	21,079

<sup>1</sup>The term "family" refers to a group of two or more persons related by birth, marriage, or adoption and residing together. Every family must include a reference person. Beginning 1979, based on householder concept and restricted to primary families.

<sup>2</sup>Current dollar median money income deflated by CPI-U-X1.

<sup>3</sup>Prior to 1979, data are for persons 14 years and over.

<sup>4</sup>Based on 1980 census population controls; comparable with succeeding years.

<sup>5</sup>Reflects implementation of Hispanic population controls; comparable with succeeding years.

<sup>6</sup>Based on revised methodology; comparable with succeeding years.

<sup>7</sup>Based on 1990 census adjusted population controls; comparable with succeeding years.

Note.—Poverty rates (percent of persons below poverty level) for all races for years not shown above are: 1959, 22.4; 1960, 22.2; 1961, 21.9; 1962, 21.0; 1963, 19.5; 1964, 19.0; 1965, 17.3; 1966, 14.7; 1967, 14.2; 1968, 12.8; 1969, 12.1; 1970, 12.6; 1971, 12.5; 1972, 11.9; 1973, 11.1; 1974, 11.2; 1975, 12.3; and 1976, 11.8.

Poverty thresholds are updated each year to reflect changes in the consumer price index (CPI-U).

For details see "Current Population Reports," Series P-60.

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