

TABLE B-31.—Median money income (in 1993 dollars) and poverty status of families and persons, by race, selected years, 1973–93

Year	Families ¹						Persons below poverty level		Median money income (in 1993 dollars) of persons 15 years old and over with income ^{2,3}			
	Number (millions)	Median money income (in 1993 dollars) ²	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						
ALL RACES												
1973	55.1	\$36,893	4.8	8.8	2.2	32.2	23.0	11.1	\$24,663	\$35,109	\$8,560	\$19,863
1975 ⁴	56.2	35,274	5.5	9.7	2.4	32.5	25.9	12.3	22,763	33,256	8,703	19,847
1977	57.2	36,603	5.3	9.3	2.6	31.7	24.7	11.6	23,145	34,456	9,011	20,152
1978	57.8	37,763	5.3	9.1	2.7	31.4	24.5	11.4	23,409	34,385	8,709	20,639
1979 ⁵	59.6	38,248	5.5	9.2	2.6	30.4	26.1	11.7	23,001	34,131	8,498	20,564
1980	60.3	36,912	6.2	10.3	3.0	32.7	29.3	13.0	22,000	33,663	8,638	20,351
1981	61.0	35,905	6.9	11.2	3.3	34.6	31.8	14.0	21,608	33,185	8,753	19,978
1982	61.4	35,419	7.5	12.2	3.4	36.3	34.4	15.0	21,086	32,732	8,898	20,652
1983 ⁶	62.0	35,797	7.6	12.3	3.6	36.0	35.3	15.2	21,270	32,655	9,292	21,006
1984	62.7	36,762	7.3	11.6	3.5	34.5	33.7	14.4	21,696	33,384	9,552	21,448
1985	63.6	37,246	7.2	11.4	3.5	34.0	33.1	14.0	21,905	33,572	9,692	21,825
1986	64.5	38,838	7.0	10.9	3.6	34.6	32.4	13.6	22,564	34,139	10,033	22,206
1987 ⁴	65.2	39,394	7.0	10.7	3.7	34.2	32.2	13.4	22,624	33,938	10,551	22,342
1988	65.8	39,320	6.9	10.4	3.6	33.4	31.7	13.0	23,096	33,397	10,852	22,652
1989	66.1	39,869	6.8	10.3	3.5	32.2	31.5	12.8	23,182	33,117	11,215	22,885
1990	66.3	39,086	7.1	10.7	3.8	33.4	33.6	13.5	22,436	32,039	11,133	22,765
1991	67.2	38,129	7.7	11.5	4.2	35.6	35.7	14.2	21,716	32,179	11,114	22,540
1992 ⁷	68.2	37,668	8.1	11.9	4.3	35.4	38.0	14.8	21,067	31,755	11,035	22,754
1993	68.5	36,959	8.4	12.3	4.4	35.6	39.3	15.1	21,102	31,077	11,046	22,469
WHITE												
1973	48.9	38,559	3.2	6.6	1.2	24.5	15.1	8.4	25,878	36,125	8,642	20,199
1975 ⁴	49.9	36,686	3.8	7.7	1.4	25.9	17.8	9.7	23,912	34,024	8,793	19,893
1977	50.5	38,274	3.5	7.0	1.4	24.0	16.4	8.9	24,243	35,160	9,148	20,280
1978	50.9	39,321	3.5	6.9	1.4	23.5	16.3	8.7	24,518	35,023	8,813	20,834
1979 ⁵	52.2	39,911	3.6	6.9	1.4	22.3	17.2	9.0	24,028	35,117	8,578	20,744
1980	52.7	38,458	4.2	8.0	1.6	25.7	19.7	10.2	23,401	34,624	8,686	20,548
1981	53.3	37,716	4.7	8.8	1.8	27.4	21.6	11.1	22,928	33,965	8,851	20,312
1982	53.4	37,188	5.1	9.6	1.8	27.9	23.5	12.0	22,292	33,604	9,019	20,930
1983 ⁶	53.9	37,484	5.2	9.7	1.9	28.3	24.0	12.1	22,377	33,534	9,455	21,293
1984	54.4	38,505	4.9	9.1	1.9	27.1	23.0	11.5	22,902	34,527	9,664	21,661
1985	55.0	39,149	5.0	9.1	2.0	27.4	22.9	11.4	22,979	34,504	9,880	22,134
1986	55.7	40,620	4.8	8.6	2.0	28.2	22.2	11.0	23,811	35,093	10,231	22,546
1987 ⁴	56.1	41,194	4.6	8.1	2.0	26.9	21.2	10.4	24,047	34,730	10,821	22,755
1988	56.5	41,426	4.5	7.9	1.9	26.5	20.7	10.1	24,379	34,521	11,119	22,992
1989	56.6	41,922	4.4	7.8	1.9	25.4	20.8	10.0	24,312	34,577	11,434	23,156
1990	56.8	40,813	4.6	8.1	2.0	26.8	22.3	10.7	23,405	33,257	11,406	23,039
1991	57.2	40,085	5.0	8.8	2.2	28.4	23.7	11.3	22,699	32,839	11,374	22,869
1992 ⁷	57.7	39,828	5.3	9.1	2.2	28.5	25.3	11.9	22,047	32,510	11,291	23,018
1993	57.9	39,300	5.5	9.4	2.4	29.2	26.2	12.2	21,981	31,832	11,266	22,979
BLACK												
1973	5.4	22,254	1.5	28.1	1.0	52.7	7.4	31.4	15,653	24,348	7,801	17,129
1975 ⁴	5.6	22,572	1.5	27.1	1.0	50.1	7.5	31.3	14,296	25,321	7,989	19,006
1977	5.8	21,865	1.6	28.2	1.2	51.0	7.7	31.3	14,386	24,240	7,899	18,954
1978	5.9	23,289	1.6	27.5	1.2	50.6	7.6	30.6	14,688	26,823	7,936	19,309
1979 ⁵	6.2	22,601	1.7	27.8	1.2	49.4	8.1	31.0	14,874	25,309	7,807	19,008
1980	6.3	22,253	1.8	28.9	1.3	49.4	8.6	32.5	14,062	24,361	8,041	19,164
1981	6.4	21,276	2.0	30.8	1.4	52.9	9.2	34.2	13,634	24,031	7,863	18,344
1982	6.5	20,553	2.2	33.0	1.5	56.2	9.7	35.6	13,359	23,867	7,955	18,706
1983 ⁶	6.7	21,125	2.2	32.3	1.5	53.7	9.9	35.7	13,086	23,808	8,080	18,860
1984	6.8	21,461	2.1	30.9	1.5	51.7	9.5	33.8	13,140	23,564	8,573	19,521
1985	6.9	22,543	2.0	28.7	1.5	50.5	8.9	31.3	14,461	24,134	8,430	19,593
1986	7.1	23,210	2.0	28.0	1.5	50.1	9.0	31.1	14,268	24,742	8,657	19,729
1987 ⁴	7.2	23,413	2.1	29.4	1.6	51.1	9.5	32.4	14,266	24,832	8,839	20,324
1988	7.4	23,610	2.1	28.2	1.6	49.0	9.4	31.3	14,711	25,304	8,977	20,603
1989	7.5	23,550	2.1	27.8	1.5	46.5	9.3	30.7	14,694	24,127	9,177	20,825
1990	7.5	23,685	2.2	29.3	1.6	48.1	9.8	31.9	14,227	23,749	9,207	20,502
1991	7.7	22,861	2.3	30.4	1.8	51.2	10.2	32.7	13,752	24,007	9,353	20,300
1992 ⁷	8.0	21,735	2.5	31.1	1.9	50.2	10.8	33.4	13,455	23,679	9,153	20,864
1993	8.0	21,542	2.5	31.3	1.9	49.9	10.9	33.1	14,605	23,566	9,508	20,315

¹The term "family" refers to a group of two or more persons related by birth, marriage, or adoption and residing together; all such persons are considered members of the same family. Beginning 1979, based on householder concept and restricted to primary families.

²Current dollar median money income deflated by CPI-U-X1.

³Prior to 1979, data are for persons 14 years and over.

⁴Based on revised methodology; comparable with succeeding years.

⁵Based on 1980 census population controls; comparable with succeeding years.

⁶Reflects implementation of Hispanic population controls; comparable with succeeding years.

⁷Based on 1990 census 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; 1974, 11.2; 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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