

# **The Effects of Government Taxes and Transfers on Income and Poverty: 2004**

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## **I. Introduction**

In August 2005, the Census Bureau released its annual report on income, poverty, and health insurance coverage in the United States. The income and poverty figures in that report were based on money income alone and did not include the effect of important public programs such as the Earned Income Tax Credit and noncash assistance such as food stamps and public or subsidized housing programs. As in previous years, the Census Bureau is now releasing a study that includes the effect of these and other government programs on economic summary measures, such as median household income, the Gini Index of income inequality, and the percentage of people below the poverty level. This release includes fewer alternative income definitions than previous reports to provide a more focused assessment of the effect of government programs (cash and noncash transfers and taxes, including the effect of the Earned Income Tax Credit) on income and poverty summary measures. Unlike previous reports, the poverty estimates shown here use a single set of thresholds that differ from the official poverty thresholds, see Section V for details. The resulting alternatives illustrate how poverty estimates are affected when various types of noncash benefits are treated as income and when taxes are taken into account, while holding constant the measure of need (the thresholds).

The rest of this release is divided into five sections. Section II describes the four income definitions used in the report. Section III reviews the impact of taxes and transfers on household income measures (median income and income inequality) using these four definitions of income. Section IV discusses the effect of government programs on the percentage of people below the poverty thresholds by using the alternative definitions of income. Section V provides additional details and background on the concepts used for this release. Finally, Section VI includes references for more technical details.

## **II. Income Definitions**

**Money Income:** This includes all money income received by individuals who are 15 years or older. It consists of income before deductions for taxes and other expenses and does not include lump-sum payments or capital gains. It also does not include the value of noncash benefits such as food stamps. This income concept is the basis for the official U.S. poverty measure.

**Market Income:** Includes money income except government cash transfers; includes imputed realized capital gains and losses; includes imputed rate of return on home equity; and subtracts



























Table 3.  
**People and Families With Alternative Definitions of Income Below the Three-Parameter Poverty Thresholds, by Selected Characteristics: 2003 and 2004**

(Counts of people in thousands--290.605 represents 290,605,000. Poverty rates in percentages. People as of March of the following year)

Characteristic	All income levels, 2003	All income levels, 2004	Money income /1			Market income /1		
			Percent below poverty, 2003	Percent below poverty, 2004	Change, /2 2004 less 2003	Percent below poverty, 2003	Percent below poverty, 2004	Change, /2 2004 less 2003
<b>PEOPLE</b>								
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>287,699</b>	<b>290,605</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>19.3</b>	<b>19.4</b>	<b>0.1</b>
<b>Family Status</b>								
In families.....	238,903	241,153	11.1	11.2	0.2	16.6	16.8	0.1
Householder.....	76,232	77,019	10.5	10.5	0.1	17.4	17.4	-
Related children under 18.....	71,907	72,164	16.9	16.8	-	19.8	19.7	-0.1
Related children under 6.....	23,455	23,750	19.6	19.5	-	22.2	22.1	-0.2
In unrelated subfamilies.....	1,202	1,255	40.4	46.0	5.6	44.6	49.3	4.7
Reference person.....	509	518	39.2	46.2	7.0	43.3	49.8	6.5
Children under 18.....	652	675	43.3	46.8	3.5	47.6	50.1	2.5
Unrelated individual.....	47,594	48,198	18.9	18.8	-	31.8	31.8	-
Male.....	23,044	23,442	16.5	16.7	0.2	25.9	25.7	-0.2
Female.....	24,550	24,756	21.1	20.9	-0.2	37.4	37.7	0.3
<b>Race/3 and Hispanic Origin</b>								
White alone or in combination....	236,452	238,453	10.6	10.8	0.3	17.3	17.6	0.3
White alone/4.....	231,866	233,702	10.5	10.7	0.2	17.3	17.5	0.2
White alone, not Hispanic.....	194,595	195,054	8.2	8.6	*0.4	15.3	15.7	*0.4
Black alone or in combination....	37,503	38,016	24.4	24.6	0.2	32.0	32.1	0.1
Black alone/5.....	35,989	36,423	24.5	24.6	0.1	32.2	32.2	-
Asian alone or in combination.....	12,891	13,356	11.9	9.9	*-2.0	15.5	13.9	*-1.6
Asian alone/6.....	11,856	12,301	12.1	10.0	*-2.0	15.6	14.0	*-1.6
Hispanic (of any race).....	40,300	41,688	22.5	21.8	*-0.7	27.6	26.9	-0.6
<b>Related Children Under 18</b>								
White alone or in combination....	56,971	57,275	13.7	14.0	0.3	16.2	16.5	0.3
White alone/4.....	54,989	55,239	13.6	13.9	0.3	16.0	16.2	0.2
White alone, not Hispanic.....	42,547	42,382	9.2	9.7	0.5	11.3	11.8	0.5
Black alone or in combination....	11,989	12,006	32.8	32.1	-0.7	37.7	37.2	-0.5
Black alone/5.....	11,162	11,080	33.2	32.5	-0.7	38.2	37.5	-0.7
Asian alone or in combination.....	3,279	3,380	12.1	9.5	*-2.6	14.5	11.9	*-2.5
Asian alone/6.....	2,726	2,839	12.3	9.7	*-2.6	14.4	12.0	-2.5
Hispanic (of any race).....	13,519	13,936	28.5	27.5	-1.0	32.4	31.1	*-1.4
<b>Age</b>								
Under 18 years.....	72,999	73,271	17.3	17.4	-	20.3	20.2	-0.1
18 to 64 years.....	180,041	182,121	10.8	11.2	*0.3	14.5	14.9	0.3
18 to 24 years.....	27,824	27,972	16.5	18.2	*1.6	20.1	21.9	*1.8
25 to 34 years.....	39,201	39,307	12.8	12.4	-0.4	15.5	14.8	*-0.7
35 to 44 years.....	43,573	43,350	9.6	9.8	0.1	12.5	12.6	0.1
45 to 54 years.....	41,068	41,960	7.8	8.3	*0.5	11.1	11.7	*0.6
55 to 59 years.....	16,158	16,763	8.3	8.3	-	12.9	13.1	0.2
60 to 64 years.....	12,217	12,769	9.5	10.0	0.5	20.0	20.2	0.2
65 years and over.....	34,659	35,213	10.9	10.5	*-0.4	41.6	41.1	-0.4
<b>Nativity</b>								
Native.....	253,478	255,490	11.8	12.0	0.2	18.7	19.0	0.3
Foreign born.....	34,221	35,115	17.7	17.2	-0.5	23.2	22.5	-0.7
Naturalized citizen.....	13,128	13,495	10.4	10.2	-0.2	18.4	18.3	-0.1
Not a citizen.....	21,094	21,619	22.2	21.6	-0.6	26.2	25.2	-1.0
<b>Region</b>								
Northeast.....	53,608	53,910	11.4	11.6	0.2	18.2	18.1	-0.2
Midwest.....	64,655	64,743	10.7	11.5	*0.8	17.2	18.4	*1.1
South.....	103,347	104,878	14.2	14.1	-0.1	21.6	21.6	-
West.....	66,089	67,075	12.5	12.3	-0.2	18.5	18.1	-0.4

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Characteristic	Post-social insurance income /1			Disposable income /1		
	Percent below poverty, 2003	Percent below poverty, 2004	Change, /2 2004 less 2003	Percent below poverty, 2003	Percent below poverty, 2004	Change, /2 2004 less 2003
<b>PEOPLE</b>						
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>12.9</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>0.2</b>
<b>Family Status</b>						
In families.....	11.5	11.6	0.1	8.8	8.9	0.1
Householder.....	10.7	10.8	0.1	8.4	8.5	0.1
Related children under 18.....	17.8	17.6	-0.2	12.7	12.6	-0.1
Related children under 6.....	20.7	20.6	-0.1	15.7	15.5	-0.2
In unrelated subfamilies.....	41.8	47.9	6.1	35.7	41.9	6.2
Reference person.....	40.6	48.5	7.9	35.2	42.9	7.7
Children under 18.....	44.6	48.5	3.9	38.1	41.6	3.5
Unrelated individual.....	18.5	18.7	0.2	16.9	17.4	*0.5
Male.....	17.3	17.2	-	16.4	16.6	0.3
Female.....	19.7	20.0	0.4	17.3	18.1	*0.8
<b>Race/3 and Hispanic Origin</b>						
White alone or in combination....	10.7	11.0	*0.3	8.8	9.0	0.2
White alone/4.....	10.6	10.9	*0.3	8.7	8.9	0.2
White alone, not Hispanic.....	8.0	8.5	*0.5	6.8	7.2	*0.4
Black alone or in combination....	25.6	25.6	-0.1	19.2	19.6	0.4
Black alone/5.....	25.7	25.5	-0.2	19.4	19.7	0.3
Asian alone or in combination.....	12.6	10.8	*-1.8	9.6	9.1	-0.4
Asian alone/6.....	12.6	10.9	*-1.7	9.7	9.3	-0.4
Hispanic (of any race).....	24.0	23.0	*-1.0	18.6	17.9	*-0.6
<b>Related Children Under 18</b>						
White alone or in combination....	14.4	14.6	0.2	10.3	10.5	0.1
White alone/4.....	14.3	14.4	0.2	10.2	10.3	0.1
White alone, not Hispanic.....	9.5	10.0	0.5	7.0	7.2	0.3
Black alone or in combination....	34.8	33.7	-1.2	24.7	23.9	-0.8
Black alone/5.....	35.3	34.0	-1.3	25.0	24.3	-0.7
Asian alone or in combination.....	13.1	10.4	*-2.7	8.4	7.7	-0.8
Asian alone/6.....	13.1	10.7	*-2.4	8.8	8.0	-0.8
Hispanic (of any race).....	30.6	29.0	*-1.7	21.2	20.6	-0.6
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18 to 64 years.....	11.3	11.7	*0.4	9.7	10.1	*0.4
18 to 24 years.....	17.9	19.4	*1.5	17.3	18.6	*1.4
25 to 34 years.....	13.6	13.2	-0.4	11.3	10.7	*-0.6
35 to 44 years.....	10.2	10.4	0.2	8.1	8.5	*0.4
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60 to 64 years.....	8.6	9.4	*0.7	7.4	7.8	0.4
65 years and over.....	8.6	8.5	-0.1	6.8	6.8	0.1
<b>Nativity</b>						
Native.....	11.9	12.2	*0.3	9.5	9.8	*0.3
Foreign born.....	19.0	18.3	-0.7	15.6	15.2	-0.4
Naturalized citizen.....	10.9	10.7	-0.2	8.3	8.3	0.1
Not a citizen.....	24.0	23.1	-0.9	20.2	19.5	-0.7
<b>Region</b>						
Northeast.....	11.8	12.0	0.2	8.8	9.3	*0.6
Midwest.....	10.6	11.7	*1.1	8.7	9.3	*0.6
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<b>PEOPLE--Con.</b>								
<b>Work Experience</b>								
All workers (16 years and older).....	151,553	153,024	5.8	6.0	*0.3	8.0	8.0	-
Worked full-time year-round....	100,700	102,427	2.6	2.8	*0.2	3.4	3.5	0.2
Not full-time year-round.....	50,854	50,598	12.0	12.5	0.5	17.2	17.2	-0.1
Did not work at least one week...	71,868	73,081	22.0	22.0	-0.1	41.8	42.1	0.4
<b>FAMILIES</b>								
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>76,232</b>	<b>77,019</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>17.4</b>	<b>17.4</b>	<b>-</b>
White alone or in combination....	63,459	64,128	8.6	8.8	0.2	15.6	15.7	0.1
White alone/4.....	62,620	63,227	8.5	8.7	0.2	15.6	15.6	0.1
White alone, not Hispanic.....	54,032	54,388	6.5	6.7	*0.3	13.7	13.9	0.2
Black alone or in combination....	9,131	9,113	22.9	23.4	0.6	30.7	30.6	-0.1
Black alone/5.....	8,914	8,908	23.0	23.4	0.5	30.9	30.6	-0.3
Asian alone or in combination.....	3,194	3,295	10.8	7.8	*-3.0	14.1	12.1	*-2.1
Asian alone/6.....	3,064	3,155	11.0	7.8	*-3.1	14.2	12.0	*-2.2
Hispanic (of any race).....	9,274	9,537	21.5	21.1	-0.3	27.2	26.9	-0.3
Married-couple.....	57,725	58,118	5.7	5.8	0.1	12.5	12.5	-
White alone or in combination....	50,587	50,867	5.3	5.4	0.1	12.3	12.2	-0.1
White alone/4.....	50,025	50,265	5.3	5.4	0.1	12.3	12.2	-0.1
White alone, not Hispanic.....	44,200	44,300	3.8	4.1	*0.2	11.0	11.0	-
Black alone or in combination....	4,259	4,275	8.2	9.7	*1.5	15.1	16.7	*1.6
Black alone/5.....	4,146	4,183	8.1	9.7	*1.5	15.1	16.8	*1.7
Asian alone or in combination.....	2,576	2,649	8.5	6.0	*-2.5	11.7	10.0	*-1.8
Asian alone/6.....	2,497	2,560	8.7	6.1	*-2.6	11.9	10.1	*-1.8
Hispanic (of any race).....	6,228	6,367	16.2	15.3	-0.9	21.4	20.9	-0.6
Female householder, no husband present.....	13,791	14,009	28.9	29.0	-	36.7	36.8	0.1
White alone or in combination....	9,245	9,448	25.2	25.5	0.3	32.5	33.5	0.9
White alone/4.....	9,058	9,236	24.9	25.4	0.5	32.3	33.3	1.0
White alone, not Hispanic.....	7,121	7,200	21.2	21.5	0.3	28.8	29.8	1.0
Black alone or in combination....	4,068	4,084	37.7	38.1	0.4	46.4	45.5	-0.9
Black alone/5.....	3,986	3,991	37.8	38.2	0.3	46.6	45.5	-1.2
Asian alone or in combination.....	378	385	25.3	15.0	*-10.3	29.5	22.4	*-7.2
Asian alone/6.....	348	347	25.8	14.7	*-11.1	29.6	21.2	*-8.4
Hispanic (of any race).....	2,138	2,240	38.5	39.7	1.2	45.5	46.3	0.8
Male householder, no wife present..	4,717	4,893	14.6	14.0	-0.6	21.6	20.0	*-1.6
White alone or in combination....	3,627	3,813	12.0	12.2	0.2	19.0	18.3	-0.6
White alone/4.....	3,537	3,726	12.0	12.1	0.2	18.9	18.1	-0.8
White alone, not Hispanic.....	2,710	2,888	10.3	11.0	0.7	17.7	17.4	-0.4
Black alone or in combination....	804	754	25.5	21.7	-3.7	33.6	28.2	*-5.4
Black alone/5.....	782	734	25.9	21.8	*-4.1	34.3	28.2	*-6.1
Asian alone or in combination.....	241	261	12.5	15.5	3.0	15.6	18.2	2.6
Asian alone/6.....	219	248	13.3	15.9	2.6	16.0	18.6	2.6
Hispanic (of any race).....	908	930	17.6	16.2	-1.4	23.5	21.7	-1.8

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<b>PEOPLE--Con.</b>						
<b>Work Experience</b>						
All workers (16 years and older).....	6.2	6.4	0.2	5.5	5.7	*0.2
Worked full-time year-round....	2.9	3.1	0.2	2.5	2.6	0.1
Not full-time year-round.....	12.7	13.1	0.4	11.3	11.9	*0.7
Did not work at least one week...	21.3	21.7	0.3	17.4	17.7	0.3
<b>FAMILIES</b>						
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>0.1</b>
White alone or in combination....	8.6	8.9	0.3	7.0	7.1	0.1
White alone/4.....	8.5	8.8	0.3	6.9	7.0	0.1
White alone, not Hispanic.....	6.3	6.7	*0.4	5.2	5.4	0.2
Black alone or in combination....	24.3	24.1	-0.2	18.1	18.7	0.6
Black alone/5.....	24.4	24.1	-0.3	18.2	18.7	0.5
Asian alone or in combination.....	10.8	8.4	*-2.4	8.3	7.1	*-1.2
Asian alone/6.....	10.8	8.4	*-2.4	8.3	7.0	*-1.3
Hispanic (of any race).....	22.9	22.2	-0.7	17.4	17.1	-0.2
Married-couple.....	5.6	5.7	-	4.6	4.7	-
White alone or in combination....	5.2	5.3	-	4.3	4.3	-
White alone/4.....	5.2	5.2	-	4.3	4.3	-
White alone, not Hispanic.....	3.6	3.8	0.2	3.2	3.3	0.1
Black alone or in combination....	8.4	9.3	0.9	6.7	7.8	*1.1
Black alone/5.....	8.3	9.3	1.0	6.7	7.8	*1.1
Asian alone or in combination.....	8.6	6.5	*-2.1	6.5	5.6	-0.9
Asian alone/6.....	8.7	6.6	*-2.2	6.6	5.6	-1.0
Hispanic (of any race).....	17.1	16.0	*-1.1	12.8	12.1	-0.7
Female householder, no husband present.....	30.3	30.5	0.2	22.7	23.3	0.6
White alone or in combination....	25.9	26.9	1.0	20.0	20.8	0.7
White alone/4.....	25.6	26.8	1.1	19.8	20.6	0.8
White alone, not Hispanic.....	21.6	22.7	1.1	16.7	17.2	0.5
Black alone or in combination....	40.4	39.8	-0.6	29.1	30.1	1.0
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-Represents zero or round to zero.

\*Significantly different from zero at the 90-percent confidence level.

1/ Standard errors for these estimates may be found in table RD-REV POV02. The margin of error (90-percent confidence interval) may be computed by multiplying the standard error by 1.645.

2/Details may not sum to total because of rounding.

3/ Data for American Indians and Alaska Natives, and Asian, Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders are not shown separately.

4/The 2004 and 2005 CPS asked respondents 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 data. The Census Bureau uses a variety of approaches. Information on people who reported more than one race, such as "White and American Indian and Alaska Native" or "Asian and Black or African American," is available from Census 2000 through American FactFinder. About 2.6 percent of people reported more than one race in Census 2000.

5/Black alone refers to people who reported Black and did not report any other race category.

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<b>Family Status</b>								
In families.....	238,903	241,153	9.2	9.4	0.1	14.7	14.9	0.2
Householder.....	76,232	77,019	8.7	8.8	0.1	15.5	15.6	0.1
Related children under 18.....	71,907	72,164	14.4	14.2	-0.1	17.6	17.4	-0.2
Related children under 6.....	23,455	23,750	16.9	16.6	-0.3	19.8	19.3	-0.5
In unrelated subfamilies.....	1,202	1,255	35.0	41.5	6.4	39.4	46.6	7.1
Reference person.....	509	518	34.1	41.5	7.4	37.8	46.6	8.8
Children under 18.....	652	675	38.0	42.5	4.5	42.8	47.5	4.7
Unrelated individual.....	47,594	48,198	15.9	16.1	0.2	30.0	30.1	0.1
Male.....	23,044	23,442	14.3	14.5	0.1	24.5	24.5	-
Female.....	24,550	24,756	17.4	17.6	0.2	35.3	35.5	0.2
<b>Race/3 and Hispanic Origin</b>								
White alone or in combination....	236,452	238,453	8.7	9.0	*0.3	15.5	15.8	*0.3
White alone/4.....	231,866	233,702	8.6	8.9	*0.3	15.4	15.7	0.3
White alone, not Hispanic.....	194,595	195,054	6.7	7.1	*0.4	13.8	14.3	*0.4
Black alone or in combination....	37,503	38,016	21.3	21.3	-	29.6	29.7	0.2
Black alone/5.....	35,989	36,423	21.4	21.4	-	29.8	29.8	0.1
Asian alone or in combination.....	12,891	13,356	10.3	8.6	*-1.7	13.9	12.5	*-1.4
Asian alone/6.....	11,856	12,301	10.4	8.7	*-1.7	14.1	12.5	*-1.6
Hispanic (of any race).....	40,300	41,688	18.5	17.9	-0.6	23.8	23.4	-0.4
<b>Related Children Under 18</b>								
White alone or in combination....	56,971	57,275	11.4	11.7	0.3	14.1	14.2	0.2
White alone/4.....	54,989	55,239	11.3	11.6	0.3	13.9	14.0	0.1
White alone, not Hispanic.....	42,547	42,382	7.7	8.1	0.5	9.8	10.2	0.4
Black alone or in combination....	11,989	12,006	29.4	28.0	-1.4	35.0	34.3	-0.8
Black alone/5.....	11,162	11,080	29.7	28.4	-1.4	35.5	34.5	-0.9
Asian alone or in combination.....	3,279	3,380	10.2	7.7	*-2.5	12.5	10.2	*-2.3
Asian alone/6.....	2,726	2,839	10.4	7.8	*-2.5	12.9	10.1	*-2.8
Hispanic (of any race).....	13,519	13,936	23.7	22.8	-0.9	28.0	26.7	*-1.4
<b>Age</b>								
Under 18 years.....	72,999	73,271	14.8	14.7	-0.1	18.0	17.9	-0.2
18 to 64 years.....	180,041	182,121	9.2	9.5	*0.3	12.9	13.4	*0.5
18 to 24 years.....	27,824	27,972	14.5	15.6	*1.2	17.5	19.4	*1.9
25 to 34 years.....	39,201	39,307	11.0	10.5	*-0.4	13.6	13.2	-0.4
35 to 44 years.....	43,573	43,350	8.0	8.2	0.2	11.1	11.2	0.1
45 to 54 years.....	41,068	41,960	6.4	7.0	*0.6	10.0	10.7	*0.7
55 to 59 years.....	16,158	16,763	6.8	7.1	0.3	11.6	12.0	0.4
60 to 64 years.....	12,217	12,769	8.0	8.7	*0.7	18.3	18.7	0.3
65 years and over.....	34,659	35,213	7.7	7.7	-	38.7	38.4	-0.2
<b>Nativity</b>								
Native.....	253,478	255,490	9.9	10.1	0.2	17.0	17.2	0.3
Foreign born.....	34,221	35,115	14.5	14.4	-0.1	20.0	19.8	-0.2
Naturalized citizen.....	13,128	13,495	8.3	8.1	-0.2	16.7	16.4	-0.3
Not a citizen.....	21,094	21,619	18.4	18.4	-	22.1	22.0	-0.1
<b>Region</b>								
Northeast.....	53,608	53,910	9.3	9.8	0.4	16.6	16.6	-
Midwest.....	64,655	64,743	9.0	9.6	*0.6	15.4	16.4	*1.0
South.....	103,347	104,878	11.9	11.8	-	19.4	19.6	0.1
West.....	66,089	67,075	10.5	10.4	-0.1	16.5	16.3	-0.2

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Characteristic	Post-social insurance income /1			Disposable income /1		
	Percent below poverty, 2003	Percent below poverty, 2004	Change, /2 2004 less 2003	Percent below poverty, 2003	Percent below poverty, 2004	Change, /2 2004 less 2003
<b>PEOPLE</b>						
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>0.1</b>
<b>Family Status</b>						
In families.....	9.8	9.9	0.2	6.8	6.8	-
Householder.....	9.1	9.2	0.1	6.6	6.6	-
Related children under 18.....	15.5	15.3	-0.1	10.0	9.7	-0.4
Related children under 6.....	18.3	17.9	-0.4	12.8	12.4	-0.4
In unrelated subfamilies.....	37.7	45.1	7.4	32.2	39.1	6.9
Reference person.....	36.4	45.1	8.7	32.6	40.2	7.7
Children under 18.....	40.7	46.3	5.6	34.1	39.4	5.4
Unrelated individual.....	16.3	16.6	0.2	14.0	14.7	*0.7
Male.....	15.5	15.7	0.2	13.6	14.2	*0.6
Female.....	17.1	17.4	0.3	14.4	15.1	*0.8
<b>Race/3 and Hispanic Origin</b>						
White alone or in combination....	9.0	9.4	*0.4	6.9	7.1	0.2
White alone/4.....	8.9	9.2	*0.3	6.8	7.0	0.2
White alone, not Hispanic.....	6.8	7.3	*0.5	5.5	5.7	*0.2
Black alone or in combination....	23.0	22.9	-0.1	15.5	16.0	0.4
Black alone/5.....	23.0	22.8	-0.2	15.6	16.0	0.4
Asian alone or in combination.....	10.8	9.5	*-1.2	8.1	7.2	-0.8
Asian alone/6.....	10.9	9.6	*-1.3	8.2	7.4	-0.8
Hispanic (of any race).....	20.1	19.4	*-0.7	13.8	13.3	-0.4
<b>Related Children Under 18</b>						
White alone or in combination....	12.2	12.5	0.3	8.1	7.9	-0.2
White alone/4.....	12.0	12.3	0.3	8.0	7.8	-0.2
White alone, not Hispanic.....	8.1	8.6	0.5	5.7	5.6	-0.1
Black alone or in combination....	32.0	30.5	-1.5	20.0	19.3	-0.8
Black alone/5.....	32.4	30.8	-1.6	20.3	19.7	-0.7
Asian alone or in combination.....	10.7	8.9	-1.8	6.7	5.1	*-1.6
Asian alone/6.....	11.0	9.2	-1.9	7.0	5.2	*-1.7
Hispanic (of any race).....	25.8	24.6	*-1.2	15.7	14.9	-0.7
<b>Age</b>						
Under 18 years.....	15.9	15.9	-0.1	10.5	10.2	-0.3
18 to 64 years.....	9.7	10.2	*0.5	7.7	8.1	*0.4
18 to 24 years.....	15.5	17.0	*1.5	14.2	15.6	*1.3
25 to 34 years.....	11.8	11.5	-0.3	9.0	8.4	*-0.6
35 to 44 years.....	8.7	8.9	0.2	6.3	6.6	0.3
45 to 54 years.....	6.9	7.5	*0.7	5.2	5.8	*0.6
55 to 59 years.....	6.8	7.2	0.4	5.5	6.0	*0.5
60 to 64 years.....	7.2	8.2	*1.0	5.8	6.5	*0.6
65 years and over.....	6.8	6.5	-0.2	4.9	5.0	0.1
<b>Nativity</b>						
Native.....	10.3	10.6	*0.2	7.6	7.8	0.2
Foreign born.....	15.7	15.6	-	11.8	11.6	-0.2
Naturalized citizen.....	9.1	8.8	-0.3	6.3	6.3	-0.1
Not a citizen.....	19.8	19.9	0.1	15.2	14.9	-0.2
<b>Region</b>						
Northeast.....	10.1	10.6	0.5	7.0	7.7	*0.7
Midwest.....	9.2	9.9	*0.7	7.1	7.4	0.4
South.....	12.2	12.3	0.1	9.4	9.3	-0.2
West.....	11.5	11.2	-0.3	8.0	8.0	-

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Characteristic	All income levels, 2003	All income levels, 2004	Money income /1			Market income /1		
			Percent below poverty, 2003	Percent below poverty, 2004	Change, /2 2004 less 2003	Percent below poverty, 2003	Percent below poverty, 2004	Change, /2 2004 less 2003
<b>PEOPLE--Con.</b>								
<b>Work Experience</b>								
All workers (16 years and older).....	151,553	153,024	4.6	4.8	*0.2	6.6	6.8	0.2
Worked full-time year-round....	100,700	102,427	1.9	2.1	*0.2	2.5	2.7	*0.3
Not full-time year-round.....	50,854	50,598	10.0	10.4	0.4	14.7	14.9	0.2
Did not work at least one week...	71,868	73,081	18.5	18.7	0.2	39.1	39.5	0.5
<b>FAMILIES</b>								
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>76,232</b>	<b>77,019</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>15.6</b>	<b>0.1</b>
White alone or in combination....	63,459	64,128	7.0	7.2	0.2	13.8	14.0	0.2
White alone/4.....	62,620	63,227	6.9	7.2	0.2	13.7	13.9	0.2
White alone, not Hispanic.....	54,032	54,388	5.3	5.5	*0.3	12.2	12.4	0.3
Black alone or in combination....	9,131	9,113	20.0	20.4	0.4	28.0	28.3	0.4
Black alone/5.....	8,914	8,908	20.1	20.5	0.3	28.2	28.4	0.2
Asian alone or in combination.....	3,194	3,295	9.3	6.6	*-2.7	12.8	10.7	*-2.2
Asian alone/6.....	3,064	3,155	9.4	6.6	*-2.8	13.0	10.6	*-2.4
Hispanic (of any race).....	9,274	9,537	17.5	17.4	-0.1	23.4	23.4	-
Married-couple.....	57,725	58,118	4.5	4.6	-	10.9	11.0	0.1
White alone or in combination....	50,587	50,867	4.1	4.2	0.1	10.7	10.7	-
White alone/4.....	50,025	50,265	4.1	4.2	0.1	10.7	10.7	-
White alone, not Hispanic.....	44,200	44,300	3.0	3.2	*0.2	9.7	9.9	0.1
Black alone or in combination....	4,259	4,275	6.7	7.8	*1.0	13.2	14.9	*1.7
Black alone/5.....	4,146	4,183	6.7	7.8	*1.1	13.3	15.0	*1.7
Asian alone or in combination.....	2,576	2,649	7.2	4.9	*-2.3	10.8	9.1	*-1.7
Asian alone/6.....	2,497	2,560	7.4	5.0	*-2.4	11.0	9.3	*-1.7
Hispanic (of any race).....	6,228	6,367	12.5	11.7	-0.8	17.9	17.3	-0.6
Female householder, no husband present.....	13,791	14,009	25.4	25.5	0.1	33.6	33.8	0.2
White alone or in combination....	9,245	9,448	21.9	22.3	0.4	29.5	30.5	1.1
White alone/4.....	9,058	9,236	21.6	22.2	0.6	29.3	30.4	1.1
White alone, not Hispanic.....	7,121	7,200	18.5	18.7	0.1	26.0	27.0	1.0
Black alone or in combination....	4,068	4,084	33.6	33.9	0.2	43.1	42.6	-0.5
Black alone/5.....	3,986	3,991	33.7	34.0	0.3	43.3	42.6	-0.7
Asian alone or in combination.....	378	385	22.1	13.5	*-8.6	26.4	17.6	*-8.8
Asian alone/6.....	348	347	22.4	13.2	*-9.1	26.6	15.9	*-10.7
Hispanic (of any race).....	2,138	2,240	33.4	34.9	1.5	41.6	42.7	1.2
Male householder, no wife present..	4,717	4,893	11.8	11.6	-0.2	18.6	18.2	-0.4
White alone or in combination....	3,627	3,813	9.4	9.9	0.5	16.2	16.5	0.2
White alone/4.....	3,537	3,726	9.2	9.8	0.6	16.2	16.2	0.1
White alone, not Hispanic.....	2,710	2,888	7.6	8.7	1.0	15.6	15.8	0.2
Black alone or in combination....	804	754	21.5	19.0	-2.5	29.7	27.3	-2.5
Black alone/5.....	782	734	21.9	19.0	-2.9	30.3	27.2	-3.0
Asian alone or in combination.....	241	261	11.5	14.0	2.5	13.1	16.0	2.9
Asian alone/6.....	219	248	12.5	14.3	1.8	14.1	16.3	2.2
Hispanic (of any race).....	908	930	14.6	14.2	-0.4	18.5	19.1	0.6

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<b>PEOPLE--Con.</b>						
<b>Work Experience</b>						
All workers (16 years and older).....	5.0	5.3	*0.3	4.1	4.3	*0.2
Worked full-time year-round....	2.1	2.4	*0.3	1.7	1.8	0.1
Not full-time year-round.....	10.7	11.1	0.4	8.9	9.5	*0.6
Did not work at least one week...	18.8	19.1	0.3	14.3	14.6	0.3
<b>FAMILIES</b>						
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>-</b>
White alone or in combination....	7.2	7.5	*0.3	5.4	5.5	-
White alone/4.....	7.1	7.4	*0.3	5.4	5.4	-
White alone, not Hispanic.....	5.3	5.6	*0.4	4.2	4.3	0.1
Black alone or in combination....	21.6	21.6	-	14.4	15.1	0.8
Black alone/5.....	21.7	21.6	-0.1	14.5	15.1	0.6
Asian alone or in combination.....	9.3	7.3	*-2.0	7.1	5.4	*-1.7
Asian alone/6.....	9.3	7.2	*-2.1	7.2	5.4	*-1.8
Hispanic (of any race).....	19.0	18.6	-0.3	12.8	12.6	-0.2
Married-couple.....	4.5	4.6	0.1	3.5	3.4	-
White alone or in combination....	4.2	4.2	0.1	3.2	3.2	-
White alone/4.....	4.1	4.2	0.1	3.2	3.2	-
White alone, not Hispanic.....	2.9	3.1	*0.2	2.5	2.5	0.1
Black alone or in combination....	6.8	7.7	0.9	4.9	6.1	*1.2
Black alone/5.....	6.8	7.6	0.9	4.9	6.0	*1.1
Asian alone or in combination.....	7.4	5.7	*-1.8	5.4	4.1	*-1.3
Asian alone/6.....	7.5	5.7	*-1.8	5.5	4.2	*-1.3
Hispanic (of any race).....	13.4	12.4	*-1.0	8.7	7.8	*-0.8
Female householder, no husband present.....	27.1	27.3	0.2	18.5	18.8	0.3
White alone or in combination....	23.0	23.9	0.9	16.4	16.6	0.2
White alone/4.....	22.8	23.8	1.0	16.2	16.5	0.3
White alone, not Hispanic.....	19.1	19.9	0.8	13.9	13.7	-0.2
Black alone or in combination....	36.7	36.2	-0.5	23.4	24.7	1.3
Black alone/5.....	36.8	36.3	-0.5	23.5	24.7	1.2
Asian alone or in combination.....	21.2	13.7	*-7.5	17.2	9.9	*-7.3
Asian alone/6.....	21.3	13.3	*-8.0	17.4	9.4	*-8.1
Hispanic (of any race).....	36.7	37.9	1.2	24.8	26.5	1.6
Male householder, no wife present..	12.4	12.5	0.1	10.3	9.7	-0.6
White alone or in combination....	9.9	10.6	0.7	8.2	8.4	0.2
White alone/4.....	9.8	10.4	0.7	8.1	8.3	0.1
White alone, not Hispanic.....	8.1	9.3	1.2	6.9	7.4	0.5
Black alone or in combination....	23.3	21.1	-2.2	18.7	14.8	*-3.9
Black alone/5.....	23.7	21.2	-2.5	19.1	14.7	*-4.4
Asian alone or in combination.....	10.1	13.8	3.7	10.1	12.4	2.3
Asian alone/6.....	10.8	14.1	3.3	10.8	12.8	2.0
Hispanic (of any race).....	15.6	14.8	-0.8	12.4	11.3	-1.1

-Represents zero or round to zero.

\*Significantly different from zero at the 90-percent confidence level.

1/ Standard errors for these estimates may be found in table RD-REV POV02 RS. The margin of error (90-percent confidence interval) may be computed by multiplying the standard error by 1.645.

2/Details may not sum to total because of rounding.

3/ Data for American Indians and Alaska Natives, and Asian, Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders are not shown separately.

4/The 2004 and 2005 CPS asked respondents 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 data. The Census Bureau uses a variety of approaches. Information on people who reported more than one race, such as "White and American Indian and Alaska Native" or "Asian and Black or African American," is available from Census 2000 through American FactFinder. About 2.6 percent of people reported more than one race in Census 2000.

5/Black alone refers to people who reported Black and did not report any other race category.

6/Asian alone refers to people who reported Asian and did not report any other race category.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2004 and 2005 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.