

Table 3.

People in Poverty by Selected Characteristics: 2014 and 2015

(Numbers in thousands, margin of error in thousands or percentage points as appropriate. People as of March of the following year. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/cps/techdocs/cpsmar16.pdf)

Characteristic	2014					2015					Change in poverty (2015 less 2014) ^{2,*}	
	Total	Below poverty				Total	Below poverty				Number	Percent
		Number	Margin of error ¹ (+/-)	Percent	Margin of error ¹ (+/-)		Number	Margin of error ¹ (+/-)	Percent	Margin of error ¹ (+/-)		
PEOPLE												
Total	315,804	46,657	857	14.8	0.3	318,454	43,123	926	13.5	0.3	*-3,534	*-1.2
Family Status												
In families.....	256,308	32,615	741	12.7	0.3	258,121	29,893	844	11.6	0.3	*-2,722	*-1.1
Householder.....	81,730	9,467	228	11.6	0.3	82,199	8,589	243	10.4	0.3	*-879	*-1.1
Related children under age 18.....	72,383	14,987	403	20.7	0.6	72,558	13,962	441	19.2	0.6	*-1,025	*-1.5
Related children under age 6.....	23,470	5,504	197	23.5	0.8	23,459	4,923	201	21.0	0.8	*-582	*-2.5
In unrelated subfamilies.....	1,558	668	104	42.9	5.0	1,344	559	81	41.6	4.9	-109	-1.3
Reference person.....	652	266	40	40.8	4.8	563	231	34	41.0	4.9	-35	0.1
Children under 18.....	832	388	63	46.6	5.6	701	321	49	45.9	5.5	-67	-0.8
Unrelated individuals.....	57,937	13,374	372	23.1	0.6	58,988	12,671	417	21.5	0.6	*-702	*-1.6
Race³ and Hispanic Origin												
White.....	244,253	31,089	640	12.7	0.3	245,536	28,566	705	11.6	0.3	*-2,523	*-1.1
White, not Hispanic.....	195,208	19,652	524	10.1	0.3	195,450	17,786	548	9.1	0.3	*-1,867	*-1.0
Black.....	41,112	10,755	363	26.2	0.9	41,625	10,020	416	24.1	1.0	*-735	*-2.1
Asian.....	17,790	2,137	208	12.0	1.2	18,241	2,078	189	11.4	1.0	-59	-0.6
Hispanic (any race).....	55,504	13,104	427	23.6	0.8	56,780	12,133	444	21.4	0.8	*-971	*-2.2
Sex												
Male.....	154,639	20,708	443	13.4	0.3	156,009	19,037	470	12.2	0.3	*-1,671	*-1.2
Female.....	161,164	25,949	524	16.1	0.3	162,445	24,086	548	14.8	0.3	*-1,863	*-1.3
Age												
Under age 18.....	73,556	15,540	406	21.1	0.5	73,647	14,509	449	19.7	0.6	*-1,031	*-1.4
Aged 18 to 64.....	196,254	26,527	533	13.5	0.3	197,260	24,414	566	12.4	0.3	*-2,114	*-1.1
Aged 65 and older.....	45,994	4,590	176	10.0	0.4	47,547	4,201	203	8.8	0.4	*-389	*-1.1
Nativity												
Native born.....	273,628	38,871	774	14.2	0.3	275,398	35,973	811	13.1	0.3	*-2,898	*-1.1
Foreign born.....	42,175	7,786	285	18.5	0.6	43,056	7,150	329	16.6	0.7	*-636	*-1.9
Naturalized citizen.....	19,731	2,347	146	11.9	0.7	20,084	2,255	151	11.2	0.7	-92	-0.7
Not a citizen.....	22,444	5,439	241	24.2	0.9	22,973	4,895	284	21.3	1.0	*-544	*-2.9
Region												
Northeast.....	55,725	7,020	341	12.6	0.6	55,779	6,891	387	12.4	0.7	-129	-0.2
Midwest.....	67,130	8,714	358	13.0	0.5	67,030	7,849	377	11.7	0.6	*-865	*-1.3

South.....	118,193	19,531	466	16.5	0.4	119,955	18,305	604	15.3	0.5	*-1,227	*-1.3
West.....	74,756	11,391	454	15.2	0.6	75,690	10,079	421	13.3	0.6	*-1,312	*-1.9
Residence⁴												
Inside metropolitan statistical areas.....	265,788	38,416	895	14.5	0.3	274,046	35,718	932	13.0	0.3	N	N
Inside principal cities.....	99,182	18,708	664	18.9	0.6	103,617	17,368	649	16.8	0.6	N	N
Outside principal cities.....	166,606	19,708	659	11.8	0.3	170,429	18,350	695	10.8	0.4	N	N
Outside metropolitan statistical areas ⁵	50,016	8,241	526	16.5	0.7	44,408	7,405	638	16.7	0.8	N	N
Work Experience												
Total, aged 18 to 64.....	196,254	26,527	533	13.5	0.3	197,260	24,414	566	12.4	0.3	*-2,114	*-1.1
All workers.....	147,712	10,155	270	6.9	0.2	150,229	9,457	297	6.3	0.2	*-698	*-0.6
Worked full-time, year-round.....	103,379	3,091	148	3.0	0.1	105,695	2,537	136	2.4	0.1	*-554	*-0.6
Less than full-time, year-round.....	44,332	7,064	231	15.9	0.5	44,534	6,920	263	15.5	0.6	-144	-0.4
Did not work at least 1 week.....	48,542	16,372	424	33.7	0.7	47,031	14,957	399	31.8	0.7	*-1,415	*-1.9
Disability Status⁶												
Total, aged 18 to 64.....	196,254	26,527	533	13.5	0.3	197,260	24,414	566	12.4	0.3	*-2,114	*-1.1
With a disability.....	15,429	4,403	195	28.5	1.1	15,276	4,358	191	28.5	1.1	-45	Z
With no disability.....	179,905	22,055	471	12.3	0.3	181,069	20,000	526	11.0	0.3	*-2,056	*-1.2
Education Attainment												
Total, aged 25 and older.....	212,132	25,163	485	11.9	0.2	215,015	22,957	526	10.7	0.2	*-2,207	*-1.2
No high school diploma.....	24,582	7,098	218	28.9	0.8	23,453	6,171	240	26.3	0.8	*-928	*-2.6
High school, no college.....	62,575	8,898	279	14.2	0.4	62,002	8,016	277	12.9	0.4	*-882	*-1.3
Some college, no degree.....	56,031	5,719	207	10.2	0.4	57,660	5,550	200	9.6	0.3	-169	*-0.6
Bachelor's degree or higher.....	68,945	3,449	168	5.0	0.2	71,900	3,221	176	4.5	0.2	*-228	*-0.5
*An asterisk preceding an estimate indicates change is statistically different from zero at the 90 percent confidence level.												
N Not comparable.												
Z Represents or rounds to zero.												
¹ A margin of error is a measure of an estimate's variability. The larger the margin of error 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. Margin of errors shown in this table are based on standard errors calculated using replicate weights. For more information, see "Standard Errors and Their Use" at <www2.census.gov/library/publications/2016/demo/p60-256sa.pdf>.												
² Details may not sum to totals because of rounding.												
³ 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. Information on people who reported more than one race, such as White <i>and</i> American Indian and Alaska Native or Asian <i>and</i> Black or African American, is available from Census 2010 through American FactFinder. About 2.9 percent of people reported more than one race in Census 2010. Data for American Indians and Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders, and those reporting two or more races are not shown separately.												
⁴ Once a decade, the CPS ASEC transitions to a new sample design and updates all metropolitan statistical area delineations. As a result, the metropolitan/nonmetropolitan estimates for 2014 and 2015 are not comparable. Users may want to use the American Community Survey estimates for metropolitan/nonmetropolitan comparisons.												
⁵ The "Outside metropolitan statistical areas" category includes both micropolitan statistical areas and territory outside of metropolitan and micropolitan statistical areas. For more information, see "About Metropolitan and Micropolitan Statistical Areas" at <www.census.gov/population/metro>.												
⁶ The sum of those with and without a disability does not equal the total because disability status is not defined for individuals in the Armed Forces.												
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2015 and 2016 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.												