# Changes in Areas With Concentrated Poverty: 2000 to $2010^{1}$ 

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## INTRODUCTION

This report largely compares Census 2000 poverty estimates with those based on the 2008-2012 5-year American Community Survey (ACS). As 2010 represents the midpoint of this period, for convenience the remainder of this report refers to these 2008-2012 ACS poverty statistics as 2010 estimates.

In 2010, approximately 14.9 percent of the total U.S. population lived in poverty. However, poverty is not distributed evenly across neighborhoods. There are neighborhoods in every state that have higher than average poverty rates. The U.S. Census Bureau designates any census tract with a poverty rate of 20.0 percent or more as a "poverty area." In 2010, more than 77 million people lived in poverty areas.

Between 1990 and 2000, the percentage of people living in poverty areas fell from 20.0 percent to 18.1 percent. This trend was reversed in the past decade. Between 2000 and 2010, the percentage of people living in poverty areas grew from 18.1 percent to 25.7 percent. While the overall population grew by 10 percent over the decade, the number of people living in poverty areas grew by about 56 percent.

A recent report from The Century Foundation and the Rutgers Center for Urban Research and Education found that after substantial declines in the concentration of

[^0]poverty in the 1990s, the concentration of poverty has surged once again since 2000. This report found that while concentrated poverty has returned to-and in some ways exceeded-the previous peak level of 1990, there are substantial differences in how concentrated poverty is manifested. In particular, the authors found that the residents of high poverty neighborhoods are more demographically diverse than in the past. ${ }^{2}$

Various researchers have found that living in communities with a large concentration of people in poverty adds burdens to low-income families. Problems associated with living in poverty areas, such as, higher crime rates, poor housing conditions, and fewer job opportunities are exacerbated when poor families live clustered in high-poverty neighborhoods. ${ }^{3}$ In recognition of these burdens, some government programs target resources to these high-poverty neighborhoods. Many of these programs use the Census Bureau's definition of "poverty areas" (census tracts with poverty rates of 20 percent or more) to identify such areas. ${ }^{4}$

[^1]Census tracts are the basic geographic unit used to analyze the characteristics of the population and neighborhoods. Three previous Census Bureau reports have described the characteristics of people living in census tracts with different levels of poverty. Reports published in 1995 and 2005 analyzed data from 1990 and 2000 decennial censuses. A report published in 2011 used the 2006-2010 5 -year ACS data. ${ }^{5}$ See text box for a description of census tracts.

This report uses data from Census 2000 and the 2008-2012 5-year ACS to analyze the changes in the spatial distribution and socioeconomic characteristics of the people living in poverty areas. ${ }^{6}$ The report uses two sets of distributions (of people, families, and households) to examine the changes between these years. The first set shows the distribution of everyone living in poverty areas, while the second set shows those in poverty living in poverty areas. ${ }^{7}$

[^2]Census Tracts are small, relatively permanent statistical subdivisions of a county or equivalent entity that are updated by local participants prior to each decennial census as part of the Census Bureau's Participant Statistical Areas Program. The Census Bureau delineates census tracts in situations where no local participant existed or where state, local, or tribal governments declined to participate. The primary purpose of census tracts is to provide a stable set of geographic units for the presentation of statistical data.

Census tracts generally have a population size between 1,200 and 8,000 people, with an optimum size of 4,000 people. A census tract usually covers a contiguous area; however, the spatial size of census tracts varies widely depending on the density of settlement. Census tract boundaries are delineated with the intention of being maintained over a long time so that statistical comparisons can be made from census to census. Census tracts occasionally are split due to population growth or merged as a result of substantial population decline.

Census tract boundaries generally follow visible and identifiable features. They may follow nonvisible legal boundaries, such as minor civil division or incorporated place boundaries in some states and situations, to allow for census-tract-to-governmental-unit relationships where the governmental boundaries tend to remain unchanged between censuses. State and county boundaries always are census tract boundaries in the standard census geographic hierarchy. Tribal census tracts are a unique geographic entity defined within federally recognized American Indian reservations and off-reservation trust lands and can cross state and county boundaries. Tribal census tracts may be completely different from the census tracts and block groups defined by state and county.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Nationally, about 77 million people or 25.7 percent of the U.S. population lived in poverty areas in 2010.
- Both the number and proportion of people living in poverty areas increased between 2000 and 2010.
- Of the 45 million people in poverty, more than half lived in poverty areas in 2010.
- In Louisiana, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia, both the number and proportion of people living in poverty areas declined between 2000 and 2010.
- Of the people living in poverty areas in 2010, 51.1 percent lived
in central cities of metropolitan areas, 28.6 percent in suburban areas, and 20.4 percent lived outside of metropolitan areas.
- Of all female householders, no husband present, family households, 38.4 percent lived in poverty areas in 2010, the largest proportion among all types of family households.


## GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

Table la shows the numbers and proportions of all people living in census tracts with poverty rates of 20 percent or greater, for the nation, regions, states, and the District of Columbia, in 2000 and 2010. Table 1b shows the number and proportions of people in

Table la.

## Number and Percentage of People Living in Poverty Areas by Region and by State: <br> 2000 and $2010^{1}$-Con.

| Geography | 2010 |  |  |  | 2000 |  |  |  | Difference (2010-2000) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number ${ }^{2}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{3}$ ( $\pm$ | Percent ${ }^{2}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{3}$ ( $\pm$ ) | Number ${ }^{2}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{3}$ ( $\pm$ ) | Per- cent $^{2}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{3}$ ( $\pm$ | Number ${ }^{2}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{3}$ $( \pm)$ | Percent ${ }^{2}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{3}$ ( $\pm$ ) |
| United States | 77,415,102 | 68,299 | 25.7 | 0.1 | 49,488,516 | 30,291 | 18.1 | 0.1 | *27,926,586 | 74,714 | *7.6 | 0.1 |
| Regions |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Northeast. | 10,684,069 | 14,525 | 19.9 | 0.1 | 8,611,401 | 12,819 | 16.5 | 0.1 | *2,072,668 | 19,373 | *3.3 | 0.1 |
| Midwest | 14,031,682 | 19,647 | 21.5 | 0.1 | 7,340,797 | 12,173 | 11.7 | 0.1 | *6,690,885 | 23,112 | *9.8 | 0.1 |
| South | 34,433,428 | 40,317 | 30.8 | 0.1 | 21,198,933 | 19,475 | 21.8 | 0.1 | *13,234,495 | 44,774 | *9.0 | 0.1 |
| West | 18,265,923 | 26,674 | 25.9 | 0.1 | 12,337,385 | 15,026 | 20.0 | 0.1 | *5,928,538 | 30,615 | *5.9 | 0.1 |
| States |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Alabama | 1,678,249 | 7,157 | 36.0 | 0.1 | 1,110,356 | 4,346 | 25.6 | 0.1 | *567,893 | 6,315 | *10.4 | 0.1 |
| Alaska | 54,468 | 993 | 7.8 | 0.1 | 50,534 | 950 | 8.2 | 0.2 | *3,934 | 1,126 | *-0.4 | 0.2 |
| Arizona | 2,091,968 | 9,313 | 33.4 | 0.1 | 1,203,894 | 5,630 | 24.0 | 0.1 | *888,074 | 8,865 | *9.4 | 0.2 |
| Arkansas | 1,097,807 | 4,609 | 38.8 | 0.1 | 599,602 | 3,248 | 23.1 | 0.1 | *498,205 | 4,282 | *15.7 | 0.2 |
| California | 10,153,710 | 19,699 | 27.8 | 0.1 | 8,183,939 | 14,608 | 24.7 | 0.1 | *1,969,771 | 19,620 | *3.0 | 0.1 |
| Colorado | 1,050,584 | 5,239 | 21.3 | 0.1 | 398,957 | 2,873 | 9.5 | 0.1 | *651,627 | 4,450 | *11.8 | 0.1 |
| Connecticut | 487,048 | 3,746 | 14.1 | 0.1 | 326,484 | 2,993 | 9.9 | 0.1 | *160,564 | 3,986 | *4.2 | 0.1 |
| Delaware | 109,473 | 2,108 | 12.5 | 0.2 | 44,778 | 1,133 | 5.9 | 0.2 | *64,695 | 1,734 | *6.6 | 0.2 |
| District of Columbia | 197,441 | 2,275 | 34.5 | 0.3 | 223,387 | 1,999 | 41.2 | 0.4 | *-25,946 | 2,674 | *-6.7 | 0.5 |
| Florida | 4,922,423 | 16,701 | 26.6 | 0.1 | 2,555,651 | 8,604 | 16.4 | 0.1 | *2,366,772 | 13,670 | *10.3 | 0.1 |
| Georgia | 3,256,489 | 9,438 | 34.5 | 0.1 | 1,578,833 | 6,621 | 19.8 | 0.1 | *1,677,656 | 9,751 | *14.6 | 0.1 |
| Hawaii | 157,958 | 2,752 | 11.9 | 0.1 | 152,314 | 1,741 | 12.9 | 0.1 | *5,644 | 2,416 | *-1.0 | 0.2 |
| Idaho | 285,808 | 2,776 | 18.6 | 0.1 | 78,103 | 1,294 | 6.2 | 0.1 | *207,705 | 2,228 | *12.4 | 0.2 |
| Illinois. | 2,723,643 | 8,002 | 21.7 | 0.1 | 1,758,882 | 5,863 | 14.5 | 0.1 | *964,761 | 8,635 | *7.2 | 0.1 |
| Indiana. | 1,450,017 | 5,445 | 23.1 | 0.1 | 549,510 | 3,895 | 9.3 | 0.1 | *900,507 | 5,769 | *13.7 | 0.1 |
| Iowa | 409,690 | 3,518 | 13.9 | 0.1 | 131,433 | 1,563 | 4.7 | 0.1 | *278,257 | 2,736 | *9.2 | 0.1 |
| Kansas. | 546,758 | 3,475 | 19.8 | 0.1 | 238,669 | 2,055 | 9.2 | 0.1 | *308,089 | 3,346 | *10.6 | 0.1 |
| Kentucky | 1,654,829 | 5,392 | 39.3 | 0.1 | 1,173,053 | 4,337 | 29.9 | 0.1 | *481,776 | 5,732 | *9.4 | 0.1 |
| Louisiana | 1,649,147 | 7,005 | 37.5 | 0.1 | 1,780,593 | 4,898 | 41.1 | 0.1 | *-131,446 | 6,745 | *-3.6 | 0.2 |
| Maine. | 226,101 | 1,710 | 17.5 | 0.1 | 88,027 | 1,262 | 7.1 | 0.1 | *138,074 | 1,723 | *10.4 | 0.1 |
| Maryland | 613,974 | 4,811 | 10.9 | 0.1 | 427,204 | 3,454 | 8.3 | 0.1 | *186,770 | 4,695 | *2.6 | 0.1 |
| Massachusetts. | 1,019,696 | 4,689 | 16.1 | 0.1 | 755,720 | 4,492 | 12.3 | 0.1 | *263,976 | 5,602 | *3.8 | 0.1 |
| Michigan | 2,639,122 | 5,631 | 27.3 | 0.1 | 1,347,673 | 4,755 | 13.9 | 0.1 | *1,291,449 | 6,639 | *13.4 | 0.1 |
| Minnesota | 683,074 | 3,378 | 13.2 | 0.1 | 302,632 | 2,350 | 6.3 | 0.1 | *380,442 | 3,434 | *6.8 | 0.1 |
| Mississippi | 1,393,238 | 4,824 | 48.5 | 0.1 | 1,130,227 | 3,902 | 41.1 | 0.2 | *263,011 | 5,213 | *7.4 | 0.2 |
| Missouri | 1,442,324 | 5,854 | 24.9 | 0.1 | 811,695 | 3,668 | 14.9 | 0.1 | *630,629 | 5,251 | *9.9 | 0.1 |
| Montana. | 232,047 | 1,881 | 24.0 | 0.1 | 180,230 | 1,671 | 20.5 | 0.2 | *51,817 | 2,068 | *3.5 | 0.2 |
| Nebraska | 299,390 | 2,569 | 16.9 | 0.1 | 125,794 | 1,505 | 7.6 | 0.1 | *173,596 | 2,264 | *9.3 | 0.1 |
| Nevada | 635,378 | 5,171 | 23.8 | 0.1 | 213,886 | 2,569 | 10.9 | 0.1 | *421,492 | 4,291 | *12.9 | 0.2 |
| New Hampshire. | 86,341 | 1,862 | 6.8 | 0.1 | 19,135 | 606 | 1.6 | 0.1 | *67,206 | 1,274 | *5.2 | 0.1 |
| New Jersey | 1,212,293 | 5,299 | 14.1 | 0.1 | 846,031 | 4,807 | 10.3 | 0.1 | *366,262 | 6,182 | *3.8 | 0.1 |
| New Mexico | 865,750 | 4,525 | 43.0 | 0.2 | 658,125 | 3,082 | 36.9 | 0.2 | *207,625 | 4,444 | *6.1 | 0.2 |
| New York | 5,025,049 | 10,634 | 26.6 | 0.1 | 4,730,322 | 11,038 | 25.6 | 0.1 | *294,727 | 13,676 | *1.0 | 0.1 |
| North Carolina | 2,957,058 | 10,770 | 31.8 | 0.1 | 1,089,038 | 4,629 | 14.0 | 0.1 | *1,868,020 | 8,204 | *17.9 | 0.1 |
| North Dakota | 74,882 | 1,117 | 11.5 | 0.1 | 62,414 | 784 | 10.1 | 0.1 | *12,468 | 1,058 | *1.4 | 0.2 |
| Ohio. | 2,767,943 | 7,376 | 24.7 | 0.1 | 1,486,769 | 5,007 | 13.5 | 0.1 | *1,281,174 | 7,694 | *11.2 | 0.1 |
| Oklahoma | 1,140,311 | 5,407 | 31.4 | 0.1 | 808,783 | 3,743 | 24.2 | 0.1 | *331,528 | 5,096 | *7.1 | 0.1 |
| Oregon. | 984,484 | 5,675 | 26.2 | 0.1 | 341,706 | 2,649 | 10.2 | 0.1 | *642,778 | 4,516 | *16.0 | 0.1 |
| Pennsylvania | 2,353,571 | 6,062 | 19.2 | 0.1 | 1,614,620 | 5,214 | 13.6 | 0.1 | *738,951 | 7,309 | *5.6 | 0.1 |
| Rhode Island | 214,242 | 2,860 | 21.2 | 0.2 | 207,391 | 2,240 | 20.5 | 0.2 | *6,851 | 2,892 | *0.7 | 0.3 |

[^3]Table la.

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| States-Con. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| South Carolina. | 1,579,936 | 7,136 | 35.2 | 0.1 | 806,795 | 4,411 | 20.8 | 0.1 | *773,141 | 6,603 | *14.4 | 0.2 |
| South Dakota. | 132,754 | 1,460 | 16.9 | 0.2 | 99,455 | 1,293 | 13.7 | 0.2 | *33,299 | 1,761 | *3.2 | 0.2 |
| Tennessee | 2,064,568 | 7,656 | 33.3 | 0.1 | 958,174 | 4,912 | 17.3 | 0.1 | *1,106,394 | 7,233 | *16.0 | 0.1 |
| Texas | 8,413,919 | 16,572 | 34.2 | 0.1 | 5,676,966 | 9,669 | 28.0 | 0.1 | *2,736,953 | 14,722 | *6.2 | 0.1 |
| Utah. | 449,428 | 3,623 | 16.5 | 0.1 | 231,480 | 2,176 | 10.5 | 0.1 | *217,948 | 3,175 | *6.0 | 0.1 |
| Vermont | 59,728 | 847 | 9.9 | 0.1 | 23,671 | 554 | 4.0 | 0.1 | *36,057 | 813 | *5.9 | 0.1 |
| Virginia. | 1,141,612 | 5,548 | 14.7 | 0.1 | 642,093 | 4,209 | 9.4 | 0.1 | *499,519 | 5,784 | *5.3 | 0.1 |
| Washington | 1,254,743 | 6,894 | 19.0 | 0.1 | 608,152 | 4,070 | 10.5 | 0.1 | *646,591 | 5,909 | *8.4 | 0.1 |
| West Virginia | 562,954 | 3,943 | 31.3 | 0.1 | 593,400 | 3,001 | 33.6 | 0.2 | *-30,446 | 3,964 | *-2.3 | 0.2 |
| Wisconsin | 862,085 | 3,754 | 15.6 | 0.1 | 425,871 | 2,760 | 8.2 | 0.1 | *436,214 | 3,923 | *7.4 | 0.1 |
| Wyoming | 49,597 | 1,124 | 9.0 | 0.1 | 36,065 | 806 | 7.5 | 0.2 | *13,532 | 1,082 | *1.5 | 0.2 |

[^4]poverty living in poverty areas.
Nationally, both the number and proportion of people living in poverty areas increased from 49.5 million ( 18.1 percent) in 2000 to 77.4 million (25.7 percent) in 2010. More than half of the people in poverty (53.5 percent) lived in poverty areas in 2010, an increase from 44.4 percent in 2000 (see Table 1b).

Both the number and proportion of people living in poverty areas increased in all four regions between 2000 and 2010 (see Table 1a). Among the four regions, the Northeast region had the smallest percentage point increase in the proportion of people living in poverty areas (3.3 percentage points) between 2000 and 2010. The Midwest region, which had the lowest percentage of people living in poverty areas in 2000, saw the largest percentage point increase ( 9.8 percentage points in

## HOW POVERTY IS MEASURED

Poverty status is determined by comparing annual income to a set of dollar values called poverty thresholds that vary by family size, the number of related children, and the age of the householder. If a family's before-tax money income is less than the dollar value of the corresponding threshold, then that family and every individual in it are considered to be in poverty. For people not living in families, poverty status is determined by comparing the individual's income to a poverty threshold for one adult.

The poverty thresholds are updated annually to reflect changes in the cost of living using the Consumer Price Index (CPI-U). They do not vary geographically.

The ACS is a continuous survey, and people respond throughout the year. Since income is reported for the previous 12 months, the appropriate poverty threshold for each family is determined by multiplying the base-year poverty threshold (1982) by the average of monthly CPI values for the 12 months preceding the survey month.

For more information, see "How Poverty Is Calculated in the ACS" at <www.census.gov/hhes/www/poverty /poverty-cal-in-acs.pdf>.

Table 1 b .
Number and Percentage of People in Poverty Living in Poverty Areas by Region and by State: 2000 and 2010 ${ }^{1}$-Con.

| Geography | 2010 |  |  |  | 2000 |  |  |  | Difference (2010-2000) |  |  |  |
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|  | Number ${ }^{2}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{3}$ ( $\pm$ ) | Percent ${ }^{2}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{3}$ ( $\pm$ | Number ${ }^{2}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{3}$ ( $\pm$ | Percent $^{2}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{3}$ ( $\pm$ ) | Number ${ }^{2}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{3}$ ( $\pm$ | Percent ${ }^{2}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{3}$ $( \pm)$ |
| United States | 23,982,748 | 55,769 | 53.5 | 0.4 | 15,046,608 | 13,786 | 44.4 | 0.2 | *8,936,140 | 57,447 | *9.1 | 0.4 |
| Regions |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Northeast. | 3,415,297 | 24,509 | 50.3 | 0.2 | 2,750,065 | 5,802 | 46.5 | 0.1 | *665,232 | 25,186 | *3.8 | 0.2 |
| Midwest | 4,527,352 | 31,361 | 49.1 | 0.2 | 2,285,167 | 5,786 | 35.9 | 0.1 | *2,242,185 | 31,890 | *13.2 | 0.2 |
| South. | 10,511,068 | 73,768 | 57.3 | 0.2 | 6,334,848 | 8,788 | 46.7 | 0.1 | *4,176,220 | 74,289 | *10.6 | 0.2 |
| West | 5,529,031 | 37,286 | 52.7 | 0.2 | 3,676,528 | 6,759 | 45.7 | 0.1 | *1,852,503 | 37,894 | *7.1 | 0.2 |
| States |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Alabama | 507,274 | 8,416 | 60.2 | 0.7 | 346,159 | 1,998 | 49.6 | 0.3 | *161,115 | 8,650 | *10.6 | 0.7 |
| Alaska | 14,345 | 959 | 21.5 | 1.4 | 12,455 | 436 | 21.6 | 0.8 | *1,890 | 1,053 | -0.1 | 1.6 |
| Arizona | 689,042 | 10,720 | 64.1 | 0.7 | 375,586 | 2,453 | 53.8 | 0.4 | *313,456 | 10,997 | *10.3 | 0.8 |
| Arkansas | 319,487 | 6,116 | 60.2 | 0.7 | 169,801 | 1,510 | 41.2 | 0.4 | *149,686 | 6,299 | *19.0 | 0.8 |
| California | 3,088,052 | 24,224 | 55.2 | 0.2 | 2,463,245 | 6,377 | 52.3 | 0.1 | *624,807 | 25,049 | *2.9 | 0.3 |
| Colorado | 305,633 | 6,111 | 48.2 | 0.7 | 110,068 | 1,343 | 28.3 | 0.3 | *195,565 | 6,257 | *19.9 | 0.8 |
| Connecticut | 156,613 | 4,448 | 45.4 | 1.0 | 100,154 | 1,368 | 38.6 | 0.5 | *56,459 | 4,654 | *6.9 | 1.1 |
| Delaware | 32,967 | 1,894 | 32.8 | 1.6 | 14,822 | 596 | 21.2 | 0.9 | *18,145 | 1,986 | *11.5 | 1.8 |
| District of Columbia | 66,001 | 2,764 | 62.5 | 1.6 | 73,685 | 857 | 67.3 | 0.8 | *-7,684 | 2,894 | *-4.8 | 1.8 |
| Florida | 1,472,389 | 18,177 | 51.0 | 0.4 | 758,283 | 4,008 | 38.8 | 0.2 | *714,106 | 18,613 | *12.2 | 0.5 |
| Georgia | 990,707 | 13,694 | 60.2 | 0.5 | 465,472 | 2,977 | 45.0 | 0.3 | *525,235 | 14,014 | *15.2 | 0.6 |
| Hawaii | 44,979 | 2,572 | 31.5 | 1.4 | 39,203 | 786 | 31.1 | 0.6 | *5,776 | 2,690 | 0.4 | 1.5 |
| Idaho | 84,326 | 3,145 | 36.4 | 1.1 | 23,271 | 670 | 15.6 | 0.5 | *61,055 | 3,216 | *20.8 | 1.2 |
| Illinois. | 864,964 | 11,379 | 50.6 | 0.5 | 563,886 | 2,696 | 43.6 | 0.2 | *301,078 | 11,694 | *6.9 | 0.5 |
| Indiana | 459,048 | 8,035 | 49.5 | 0.6 | 162,456 | 1,873 | 29.0 | 0.3 | *296,592 | 8,251 | *20.5 | 0.7 |
| lowa. | 121,802 | 3,713 | 33.8 | 0.8 | 41,549 | 824 | 16.1 | 0.3 | *80,253 | 3,803 | *17.7 | 0.8 |
| Kansas. | 165,564 | 4,390 | 45.3 | 0.9 | 66,767 | 982 | 25.9 | 0.4 | *98,797 | 4,499 | *19.4 | 1.0 |
| Kentucky | 495,336 | 7,326 | 63.4 | 0.5 | 340,467 | 1,876 | 54.8 | 0.3 | *154,869 | 7,562 | *8.6 | 0.6 |
| Louisiana | 510,394 | 7,577 | 62.2 | 0.6 | 564,407 | 2,085 | 66.3 | 0.2 | *-54,013 | 7,858 | *-4.2 | 0.6 |
| Maine. | 60,461 | 2,305 | 35.2 | 1.0 | 22,549 | 605 | 16.6 | 0.4 | *37,912 | 2,383 | *18.6 | 1.1 |
| Maryland | 182,100 | 5,114 | 34.2 | 0.7 | 133,912 | 1,683 | 30.5 | 0.4 | *48,188 | 5,384 | *3.7 | 0.8 |
| Massachusetts. | 314,820 | 6,386 | 45.1 | 0.7 | 221,872 | 2,035 | 38.7 | 0.4 | *92,948 | 6,702 | *6.4 | 0.8 |
| Michigan | 896,763 | 10,273 | 56.7 | 0.4 | 427,679 | 2,201 | 41.9 | 0.2 | *469,084 | 10,506 | *14.8 | 0.5 |
| Minnesota | 215,478 | 4,234 | 37.0 | 0.6 | 90,897 | 1,161 | 23.9 | 0.3 | *124,581 | 4,390 | *13.1 | 0.7 |
| Mississippi | 448,926 | 8,261 | 70.1 | 0.8 | 345,963 | 1,708 | 63.1 | 0.3 | *102,963 | 8,435 | *7.0 | 0.8 |
| Missouri. | 427,197 | 7,721 | 49.2 | 0.6 | 231,415 | 1,695 | 36.3 | 0.3 | *195,782 | 7,905 | *12.9 | 0.6 |
| Montana. | 63,246 | 2,472 | 44.2 | 1.2 | 50,441 | 772 | 39.3 | 0.6 | *12,805 | 2,589 | *4.9 | 1.4 |
| Nebraska | 88,981 | 3,311 | 40.4 | 1.2 | 35,540 | 735 | 22.0 | 0.5 | *53,441 | 3,391 | *18.4 | 1.3 |
| Nevada | 191,202 | 6,144 | 50.4 | 1.2 | 58,859 | 1,206 | 28.6 | 0.6 | *132,343 | 6,261 | *21.8 | 1.3 |
| New Hampshire | 23,228 | 2,010 | 21.5 | 1.7 | 6,100 | 331 | 7.8 | 0.4 | *17,128 | 2,037 | *13.8 | 1.7 |
| New Jersey | 366,567 | 7,005 | 43.1 | 0.7 | 252,202 | 2,216 | 36.0 | 0.3 | *114,365 | 7,347 | *7.1 | 0.7 |
| New Mexico | 263,404 | 6,777 | 67.0 | 0.9 | 199,456 | 1,340 | 60.6 | 0.4 | *63,948 | 6,908 | *6.4 | 1.0 |
| New York | 1,627,329 | 15,321 | 57.8 | 0.4 | 1,557,283 | 4,769 | 57.8 | 0.2 | *70,046 | 16,046 | 0.0 | 0.4 |
| North Carolina | 870,829 | 12,439 | 55.7 | 0.5 | 300,385 | 2,172 | 31.3 | 0.2 | *570,444 | 12,627 | *24.4 | 0.6 |
| North Dakota | 24,548 | 1,406 | 31.1 | 1.5 | 17,164 | 380 | 23.4 | 0.5 | *7,384 | 1,457 | *7.7 | 1.6 |
| Ohio. | 931,590 | 10,658 | 54.1 | 0.5 | 469,787 | 2,341 | 40.1 | 0.2 | *461,803 | 10,912 | *13.9 | 0.5 |
| Oklahoma | 329,796 | 5,460 | 54.7 | 0.7 | 217,584 | 1,665 | 44.3 | 0.3 | *112,212 | 5,708 | *10.4 | 0.7 |
| Oregon. | 272,530 | 5,952 | 46.7 | 0.6 | 90,757 | 1,261 | 23.3 | 0.3 | *181,773 | 6,084 | *23.3 | 0.7 |
| Pennsylvania | 780,831 | 9,828 | 48.7 | 0.4 | 519,804 | 2,468 | 39.9 | 0.2 | *261,027 | 10,133 | *8.8 | 0.5 |
| Rhode Island | 68,414 | 2,931 | 51.3 | 1.5 | 63,553 | 956 | 52.7 | 0.8 | *4,861 | 3,083 | -1.5 | 1.7 |

[^5]Table lb.
Number and Percentage of People in Poverty Living in Poverty Areas by Region and by State: 2000 and 2010 ${ }^{1}$-Con.

| Geography | 2010 |  |  |  | 2000 |  |  |  | Difference (2010-2000) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number ${ }^{2}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{3}$ ( $\pm$ | Percent ${ }^{2}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{3}$ $\pm$ ) | Number ${ }^{2}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{3}$ ( $\pm$ | Percent ${ }^{2}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{3}$ ( $\pm$ | Number ${ }^{2}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{3}$ ( $\pm$ | Percent ${ }^{2}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{3}$ ( $\pm$ |
| States-Con. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| South Carolina. | 466,916 | 8,321 | 59.3 | 0.7 | 222,368 | 2,005 | 40.6 | 0.4 | *244,548 | 8,559 | *18.7 | 0.8 |
| South Dakota. | 43,807 | 2,020 | 40.4 | 1.3 | 34,702 | 657 | 36.2 | 0.7 | *9,105 | 2,124 | *4.3 | 1.5 |
| Tennessee. | 625,180 | 9,519 | 58.5 | 0.6 | 282,873 | 2,313 | 37.9 | 0.3 | *342,307 | 9,796 | *20.6 | 0.6 |
| Texas | 2,695,760 | 21,546 | 63.1 | 0.3 | 1,743,286 | 4,192 | 55.9 | 0.1 | *952,474 | 21,950 | *7.2 | 0.3 |
| Utah. | 136,429 | 4,572 | 41.4 | 1.1 | 69,898 | 1,028 | 33.9 | 0.5 | *66,531 | 4,686 | *7.5 | 1.2 |
| Vermont. | 17,034 | 1,093 | 24.5 | 1.3 | 6,548 | 280 | 11.8 | 0.5 | *10,486 | 1,128 | *12.7 | 1.4 |
| Virginia. | 340,647 | 7,686 | 39.7 | 0.6 | 195,185 | 2,043 | 29.7 | 0.3 | *145,462 | 7,953 | *9.9 | 0.7 |
| Washington | 362,043 | 7,565 | 42.4 | 0.7 | 173,759 | 1,946 | 28.4 | 0.3 | *188,284 | 7,811 | *14.0 | 0.7 |
| West Virginia | 156,359 | 4,435 | 49.4 | 1.1 | 160,196 | 1,343 | 50.7 | 0.4 | -3,837 | 4,634 | *-1.3 | 1.2 |
| Wisconsin | 287,610 | 6,055 | 41.6 | 0.7 | 143,325 | 1,381 | 31.7 | 0.3 | *144,285 | 6,210 | *9.9 | 0.7 |
| Wyoming | 13,800 | 1,048 | 22.8 | 1.6 | 9,530 | 392 | 17.4 | 0.7 | *4,270 | 1,119 | *5.4 | 1.8 |

[^6]Figure 1.
People Living in Poverty Areas by Region: 2000 and 2010
(In percent. Data based on sample. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see www.census.gov/acs/www/)


[^7]Figure 2.
Percentage Point Change in Proportion of People Living in Poverty Areas by State: 2000 to 2010
(Data based on sample. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see www.census.gov/acs/www/)


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 sample survey and 2008-2012 5-year American Community Survey data.

the proportion of people living in poverty areas) (see Figure 1). ${ }^{8}$

In 2000, there was no region in which the majority of poor people lived in poverty areas (see Table 1b). In 2010, the majority of poor people lived in poverty areas in three of the four regions. In the

[^8]Midwest region, the percentage of poor people living in poverty areas grew from 35.9 percent in 2000 to 49.1 percent in 2010.

Table la shows the state-level variations in the proportions of people living in poverty areas in both 2000 and 2010. In 2000, the proportion of people living in poverty areas ranged from the low of 1.6 percent in New Hampshire to a high of 41.2 percent for the District of Columbia. ${ }^{9}$ In 2010 , these proportions ranged from a low of 6.8 percent in New Hampshire to 48.5 percent in Mississippi.
${ }^{9}$ The estimated percentages of people living in poverty areas in 2000 for the District of Columbia, Louisiana, and Mississippi were not statistically different from each other.

Between 2000 and 2010, in Louisiana, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia, both the number and percentage of people living in poverty areas declined. In Alaska and Hawaii, the proportion of people living in poverty areas declined, but the number of people living in poverty areas increased. New York, North Dakota, Rhode Island, and Wyoming were among the states that had smaller percentage point increases. On the other hand, in Arkansas, North Carolina, Oregon, and Tennessee, the percentage point increases in the proportion of people living in poverty areas were among the largest. Figure 2 shows a comparison of percentage point changes in proportion of people living in poverty areas for all states and the District of Columbia.


As Table 1b shows, the proportion of people in poverty who lived in poverty areas also varied considerably across the states. In 2000, the proportion of people in poverty who lived in poverty areas ranged from 7.8 percent in New Hampshire to 67.3 percent in the District of Columbia. In 2010, this proportion ranged from 21.5 percent in Alaska and New Hampshire to 70.1 percent in Mississippi. ${ }^{10}$ During this period, the number and percentage of people in poverty who lived in poverty areas declined in Louisiana and the District of Columbia. In West Virginia, the percentage of people in

[^9]poverty who lived in poverty areas declined, but the number did not change. The proportion of people in poverty living in poverty areas did not change in Alaska, Hawaii, New York, and Rhode Island.

Figure 3 and Figure 4 show variations in the percentages of people living in poverty areas by state and the District of Columbia for 2000 and 2010. While in 2000, there were only four states and the District of Columbia with 30 percent or more of people living in poverty areas, in 2010 there were 14 states and the District of Columbia with 30 percent
or more of their populations living in poverty areas. ${ }^{11}$

Figure 5 and Figure 6 show differences in the percentages of people living in poverty areas by county for 2000 and 2010, respectively. In 2000, many of the counties with high percentages of people living in poverty areas ( 80.0 to 100.0 percent) were clustered in and around American Indian reservations in Arizona, New Mexico, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Oklahoma. Other areas with high percentages of people living in poverty areas were the

[^10]


Figure 6.
People Living in Poverty Areas by County: 2010


Percent by county

|  | $80.0-100.0$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| $50.0-79.9$ |  |
| $25.0-49.9$ |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  | $0.0-24.9$ |
| $0.0-9.9$ |  |

U.S. percent is 25.7

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008-2012 5-year American Community Survey

Mississippi River delta, southwestern Texas, the West, and the Southeast. In 2010, more areas had counties with high percentages of their population in poverty areas. In addition to the areas shown in 2000, several counties in the South, the Northwest, and Michigan had a considerable proportion of their population in poverty areas. There were fewer counties with low percentages ( 0.0 to 9.9 percent) of their population living in poverty areas in 2010 than in 2000.

## SELECTED DEMOGRAPHIC AND SOCIOECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

Table 2a shows the number and percentage of all people living in poverty areas by various characteristics for 2000 and 2010. Table 2 b shows the number and percentage of people in poverty living in poverty areas for the same period. Figure 7 shows percentage point changes between 2000 and 2010 in proportion of people living in poverty areas for the selected characteristics.

## Age

The number and percentage of people living in poverty areas increased for all three major age groups between 2000 and 2010. In 2000, of the total 49.5 million people living in poverty areas, 14.4 million were children under 18 years of age, 29.9 million were people 18 to 64 years of age, and 5.1 million were people who were 65 years and older. In 2010, the corresponding numbers for all age groups increased to 20.3 million, 48.6 million, and 8.5 million, respectively.

Among all children in the United States, the proportion of those living in poverty areas was 27.9 percent in 2010 , up from 20.3 percent in 2000. Similarly, the proportions of adults 18 to 64 years of age and those who were 65 years and older increased from 17.7 percent and 15.4 percent, respectively, in 2000 to 25.7 percent and 21.6 percent, respectively, in 2010.

The number and percentage of people in poverty living in poverty areas also increased across all age groups between 2000 and 2010 (see Table 2b). In 2010, more than one-third ( 8.8 million) of the 24.0 million people in poverty living in poverty areas were children. During the same time, more than half of children ( 58.3 percent) and people 18 to 64 years of age ( 52.5 percent) who were in poverty lived in poverty areas, compared with 40.8 percent of poor people 65 years and older.

## Race and Hispanic Origin

Table 2a also shows the proportion of people in each race group and Hispanics living in poverty areas in 2000 and 2010. In 2000, about 46.3 percent of Blacks, 40.6 percent of American Indians and Alaska Natives, and 44.2 percent of those classified as Some Other Race lived in poverty areas, while 11.3 percent of Whites and 16.9 percent of Asians lived in such areas. In 2010, these proportions increased to 50.4 percent, 47.8 percent, and 48.3 percent for Blacks, American Indians and Alaska Natives, and those in "Some Other Race," respectively. For Whites and Asians, the proportion of people living in poverty areas increased to 20.3 percent and 18.7
percent, respectively. ${ }^{12}$ Between 2000 and 2010 , the percentage point increase in the proportion of people living in poverty areas was the largest for Whites and smallest for Asians.

Figure 8 shows the composition of the total U.S. population and the population living in poverty areas by selected race and Hispanic origin for 2010. This figure clearly indicates that Blacks had considerably larger shares of people living in poverty areas, compared with their share of the total population. Hispanics, who may be any race, made up about 16.4 percent of the total population in 2010, but accounted for 28.2 percent of those living in poverty areas.

In both 2000 and 2010, more than 50 percent of Blacks, American Indians and Alaska Natives, and people of Some Other Race who were in poverty lived in poverty areas (see Table 2b). For Hispanics, who can be any race, the percentage of those who were in poverty living in poverty areas increased from 60.3 percent in 2000 to 65.8 percent in 2010. Among all races, the proportion of Whites who were in poverty living in poverty areas experienced the largest percentage point increase (14.3 percentage points).

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## People in Poverty

According to the 2010 ACS, 44.9 million people, representing 14.9 percent of the population, had income below the poverty level, an increase from 33.9 million or 12.4 percent in $2000 .{ }^{13}$ Of the 49.5 million people living in poverty areas in 2000 , about 15.0 million were in poverty. In 2010, the total number of people living in poverty areas reached 77.4 million. Of these, 24.0 million had incomes below the poverty level.

## Educational Attainment

During the period between 2000 and 2010, the proportion of people living in poverty areas increased across all educational levels. In 2000, there were 28.7 million people who were 25 years or older living in poverty areas. Of these, about 18.8 million or 65.6 percent had less than a high school education or had a high school diploma, while 3.6 million had a bachelor's degree or higher. In 2010, the number of people with a high school diploma or less living in poverty areas increased to 27.0 million. The number of people who had an associate degree or higher living in poverty areas more than doubled over the decade.

The largest percentage point increases in the proportion of people living in poverty areas were seen among people with less than a high school education and those with a high school diploma.

Table 2b shows that, in 2010, more than half ( 59.6 percent) of people with less than a high school education who were in poverty lived in poverty areas.

[^12]
## Employment Status

The number and proportion of all civilian labor force participants who were 16 years and older and living in poverty areas increased from 20.8 million ( 15.3 percent) in 2000 to 36.5 million ( 23.5 percent) in 2010 (see Table 2a). Both employed and unemployed people experienced increases in the number and proportion of people living in poverty areas during this time. Among unemployed people, 34.5 percent lived in poverty areas in 2010, an increase from 31.2 percent in 2000. However, between 2000 and 2010, people who were employed saw the largest increase ( 8.0 percentage points) in the proportion of people living in poverty areas.

In 2010, 7.2 million civilian labor force participants in poverty lived in poverty areas (see Table 2b). Of these, 4.9 million were employed, while 2.3 million were unemployed. Between 2000 and 2010 , the proportion of poor employed people living in poverty areas increased by 12.0 percentage points.

## Marital Status

Of the total population 15 years or older, about 60.4 million or 25.0 percent lived in poverty areas in 2010, an increase from 37.3 million or 17.4 percent in 2000 (see Table 2a). The number and proportion of people living in poverty areas varied by marital status. In 2000, married people composed the largest group living in poverty areas with 15.4 million, while in 2010, people who were never married became the largest group to live in poverty areas (24.4 million).

The proportion of people living in poverty areas increased between 2000 and 2010 across all marital groups. During this time, the proportion of people who were divorced and living in poverty areas increased by 9.0 percentage
points, the largest percentage point increase among all marital groups.

In 2010, among people who were 15 years and over and who were in poverty, about 16.4 million lived in poverty areas (see Table 2b). Of these, more than half were people who were never married. Among the various marital groups who were in poverty, people who were separated and those who had never married had the largest proportions living in poverty areas.

## Place of Residence by Metropolitan Areas

Over the decade between 2000 and 2010, there was a shift in the place of residence of persons living in poverty areas from central cities to the suburbs. Of the nearly 50 million people living in poverty areas in 2000, more than half ( 29.0 million) resided in the central cities, while 9.9 million lived in the remainder of metropolitan areas (suburban areas) and 10.7 million lived outside of metropolitan areas, respectively (see Table 2a). ${ }^{14}$ In 2010, about 77.4 million people lived in poverty areas- 39.5 million or 51.1 percent in central cities, 22.1 million or 28.6 percent in suburban areas, and 15.8 million or 20.4 percent outside of metropolitan areas.

In 2010, the proportion of central city residents living in poverty areas was the largest (40.3 percent) compared with the proportion for people living in the suburbs (14.3 percent) and outside of metropolitan areas (32.5 percent). Between 2000 and 2010, people living in areas outside of metropolitan areas saw the largest percentage point increase in the proportion of people living in poverty areas.

More than half of those who were in poverty living in poverty areas

[^13]Table 2a.
Number and Percentage of People, Families, and Households Living in Poverty Areas by Selected Characteristics: 2000 and $2010^{1}$

| Characteristics | 2010 |  |  |  | 2000 |  |  |  | Difference (2010-2000) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number ${ }^{2}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{3}$ ( $\pm$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Per- } \\ & \text { cent }{ }^{2} \end{aligned}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{3}$ ( $\pm$ ) | Number ${ }^{2}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{3}$ $( \pm)$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Per- } \\ & \text { cent }{ }^{2} \end{aligned}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{3}$ ( $\pm$ | Number ${ }^{2}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{3}$ ( $\pm$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Per- } \\ & \text { cent }{ }^{2} \end{aligned}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{3}$ $\pm$ ) |
| PEOPLE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| United States | 77,415,102 | 68,299 | 25.7 | 0.1 | 49,488,516 | 30,291 | 18.1 | 0.1 | *27,926,586 | 74,714 | *7.6 | 0.1 |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 77,415,102 | 68,299 | 25.7 | 0.1 | 49,488,516 | 30,291 | 18.1 | 0.1 | *27,926,586 | 74,714 | *7.6 | 0.1 |
| Under 18 years | 20,347,295 | 26,633 | 27.9 | 0.1 | 14,418,378 | 13,714 | 20.3 | 0.1 | *5,928,917 | 29,956 | *7.6 | 0.1 |
| 18 to 64 years. | 48,571,697 | 49,756 | 25.7 | 0.1 | 29,949,157 | 20,093 | 17.7 | 0.1 | *18,622,540 | 53,660 | *8.0 | 0.1 |
| 65 years and over | 8,496,110 | 12,299 | 21.6 | 0.1 | 5,120,981 | 8,424 | 15.4 | 0.1 | *3,375,129 | 14,907 | *6.2 | 0.1 |
| Educational Attainment |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Population 25 years and over | 47,495,562 | 52,283 | 23.7 | 0.1 | 28,730,803 | 17,634 | 16.1 | 0.1 | *18,764,759 | 55,177 | *7.6 | 0.1 |
| Less than high school, no diploma | 12,088,854 | 39,937 | 43.2 | 0.1 | 10,709,893 | 9,975 | 31.3 | 0.1 | *1,378,961 | 41,163 | *11.9 | 0.1 |
| High school, diploma | 14,931,021 | 28,571 | 26.5 | 0.1 | 8,139,146 | 9,622 | 15.9 | 0.1 | *6,791,875 | 30,148 | *10.6 | 0.1 |
| Some college/no degree. | 9,724,830 | 29,038 | 22.7 | 0.1 | 4,972,579 | 7,644 | 13.1 | 0.1 | *4,752,251 | 30,027 | *9.5 | 0.1 |
| Associate degree . . . . . | 2,990,468 | 17,052 | 19.2 | 0.1 | 1,260,111 | 3,894 | 11.0 | 0.1 | *1,730,357 | 17,491 | *8.1 | 0.1 |
| Bachelor's degree or higher | 7,760,389 | 54,798 | 13.4 | 0.1 | 3,649,074 | 6,730 | 8.3 | 0.1 | *4,111,315 | 55,209 | *5.1 | 0.1 |
| Race |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total. | 77,415,102 | 68,299 | 25.7 | 0.1 | 49,488,516 | 30,291 | 18.1 | 0.1 | *27,926,586 | 74,714 | *7.6 | 0.1 |
| White alone. | 45,473,577 | 53,901 | 20.3 | 0.1 | 23,207,986 | 28,379 | 11.3 | 0.1 | *22,265,591 | 60,916 | *9.0 | 0.1 |
| White, not Hispanic | 31,961,033 | 35,365 | 16.6 | 0.1 | 17,109,277 | 24,672 | 9.0 | 0.1 | *14,851,756 | 43,121 | *7.6 | 0.1 |
| Black alone. . . . . . . | 18,700,825 | 35,107 | 50.4 | 0.1 | 15,142,803 | 17,834 | 46.3 | 0.1 | *3,558,022 | 39,377 | *4.1 | 0.1 |
| American Indian and Alaska Native alone | 1,168,420 | 9,699 | 47.8 | 0.3 | 960,354 | 4,724 | 40.6 | 0.2 | *208,066 | 10,789 | *7.3 | 0.4 |
| Asian alone. | 2,731,778 | 15,858 | 18.7 | 0.1 | 1,682,054 | 7,395 | 16.9 | 0.1 | *1,049,724 | 17,497 | *1.9 | 0.1 |
| Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander alone | 137,089 | 4,538 | 27.5 | 0.9 | 83,108 | 1,584 | 22.8 | 0.4 | *53,981 | 4,807 | *4.7 | 1.0 |
| Some Other Race alone. | 7,002,621 | 40,798 | 48.3 | 0.2 | 6,679,813 | 12,069 | 44.2 | 0.1 | *322,808 | 42,546 | *4.0 | 0.2 |
| Two or More Races. | 2,200,792 | 28,816 | 27.4 | 0.2 | 1,732,398 | 7,155 | 24.4 | 0.1 | *468,394 | 29,692 | *3.0 | 0.2 |
| Hispanic (any race). | 21,819,064 | 39,471 | 44.1 | 0.1 | 13,920,179 | 18,010 | 40.4 | 0.1 | *7,898,885 | 43,386 | *3.7 | 0.1 |
| Poverty |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total. | 77,415,102 | 68,299 | 25.7 | 0.1 | 49,488,516 | 30,291 | 18.1 | 0.1 | *27,926,586 | 74,714 | *7.6 | 0.1 |
| Not in poverty | 53,432,354 | 178,249 | 20.8 | 0.1 | 34,441,908 | 25,971 | 14.4 | 0.1 | *18,990,446 | 180,131 | *6.5 | 0.1 |
| In poverty . . | 23,982,748 | 137,146 | 53.5 | 0.1 | 15,046,608 | 13,833 | 44.4 | 0.1 | *8,936,140 | 137,842 | *9.1 | 0.1 |
| Employment Status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Civilian population in labor force 16 years and over | 36,511,982 | 77,994 | 23.5 | 0.1 | 20,803,768 | 15,357 | 15.3 | 0.1 | *15,708,214 | 79,492 | *8.2 | 0.1 |
| Employed | 31,545,563 | 71,841 | 22.3 | 0.1 | 18,465,213 | 14,630 | 14.3 | 0.1 | *13,080,350 | 73,316 | *8.0 | 0.1 |
| Unemployed . . . . . . . | 4,966,419 | 18,542 | 34.5 | 0.1 | 2,338,555 | 4,667 | 31.2 | 0.1 | *2,627,864 | 19,120 | *3.4 | 0.1 |

Table 2a.
Number and Percentage of People, Families, and Households Living in Poverty Areas by Selected Characteristics: 2000 and $2010^{1}$-Con.

| Characteristics | 2010 |  |  |  | 2000 |  |  |  | Difference (2010-2000) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number ${ }^{2}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{3}$ ( $\pm$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Per- } \\ & \text { cent }{ }^{2} \end{aligned}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{3}$ ( $\pm$ ) | Number ${ }^{2}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{3}$ ( $\pm$ ) | Percent ${ }^{2}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{3}$ ( $\pm$ | Number ${ }^{2}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{3}$ ( $\pm$ ) | Percent ${ }^{2}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{3}$ $\pm)$ |
| Marital Status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Population 15 years and over . | 60,409,791 | 59,794 | 25.0 | 0.2 | 37,314,720 | 18,203 | 17.4 | 0.1 | *23,095,071 | 62,503 | *7.7 | 0.3 |
| Married . | 23,073,011 | 113,221 | 19.0 | 0.1 | 15,378,691 | 12,105 | 13.1 | 0.1 | *7,694,320 | 113,866 | *5.9 | 0.1 |
| Widowed. | 3,721,248 | 14,175 | 26.3 | 0.1 | 2,714,628 | 4,894 | 19.5 | 0.1 | *1,006,620 | 14,996 | *6.8 | 0.1 |
| Divorced | 7,152,831 | 24,669 | 27.5 | 0.1 | 3,913,847 | 5,914 | 18.5 | 0.1 | *3,238,984 | 25,368 | *9.0 | 0.1 |
| Separated. | 2,093,315 | 14,607 | 39.9 | 0.2 | 1,509,616 | 3,335 | 32.8 | 0.1 | *583,699 | 14,983 | *7.1 | 0.2 |
| Never married. | 24,369,386 | 58,239 | 32.8 | 0.1 | 13,797,938 | 10,713 | 24.1 | 0.1 | *10,571,448 | 59,216 | *8.7 | 0.1 |
| Metro Status of Current Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total. | 77,415,102 | 68,299 | 25.7 | 0.1 | 49,488,516 | 30,291 | 18.1 | 0.1 | *27,926,586 | 74,714 | *7.6 | 0.1 |
| Central city of Metropolitan area. | 39,520,766 | 44,898 | 40.3 | 0.1 | 28,951,349 | 22,338 | 35.0 | 0.1 | *10,569,417 | 50,148 | *5.2 | 0.1 |
| Remainder of Metropolitan area. | 22,135,044 | 32,914 | 14.3 | 0.1 | 9,880,397 | 15,596 | 7.2 | 0.1 | *12,254,647 | 36,422 | *7.1 | 0.1 |
| Outside of Metropolitan area | 15,759,292 | 19,358 | 32.5 | 0.1 | 10,656,770 | 15,041 | 20.0 | 0.1 | *5,102,522 | 24,514 | *12.6 | 0.1 |
| FAMILIES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Family Type |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total. | 17,596,568 | 72,057 | 23.0 | 0.2 | 11,550,594 | 11,241 | 16.0 | 0.2 | *6,045,974 | 72,929 | *7.0 | 0.3 |
| Married-couple | 10,175,782 | 67,085 | 18.0 | 0.1 | 6,735,180 | 8,948 | 12.1 | 0.1 | *3,440,602 | 67,679 | *5.9 | 0.1 |
| Male householder, no wife present. | 1,735,994 | 10,354 | 32.5 | 0.2 | 1,029,358 | 3,255 | 23.9 | 0.1 | *706,636 | 10,854 | *8.5 | 0.2 |
| Female householder, no husband present | 5,684,792 | 17,937 | 38.4 | 0.2 | 3,786,056 | 5,976 | 30.3 | 0.1 | *1,898,736 | 18,907 | *8.1 | 0.2 |
| Presence of Related Children |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total. | 17,596,568 | 72,057 | 23.0 | 0.2 | 11,550,594 | 11,241 | 16.0 | 0.2 | *6,045,974 | 72,929 | *7.0 | 0.3 |
| With related children | 9,824,042 | 59,812 | 26.0 | 0.1 | 7,111,169 | 9,728 | 18.7 | 0.1 | *2,712,873 | 60,598 | *7.2 | 0.1 |
| No related children | 7,772,526 | 19,638 | 20.1 | 0.1 | 4,439,425 | 7,954 | 13.0 | 0.1 | *3,333,101 | 21,188 | *7.1 | 0.1 |
| Family Income |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total. | 17,596,568 | 72,057 | 23.0 | 0.2 | 11,550,594 | 11,241 | 16.0 | 0.2 | *6,045,974 | 72,929 | *7.0 | 0.3 |
| Under \$10,000 | 1,884,710 | 9,220 | 53.4 | 0.2 | 1,849,234 | 4,099 | 44.5 | 0.2 | *35,476 | 10,090 | *8.9 | 0.2 |
| \$10,000 to \$29,999. | 5,120,462 | 15,255 | 42.4 | 0.1 | 4,186,122 | 7,043 | 27.6 | 0.2 | *934,340 | 16,802 | *14.8 | 0.2 |
| \$30,000 to \$49,999. | 3,867,596 | 21,160 | 28.5 | 0.1 | 2,712,077 | 6,101 | 16.2 | 0.1 | *1,155,519 | 22,022 | *12.3 | 0.2 |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999. | 4,806,849 | 35,746 | 18.6 | 0.1 | 2,280,428 | 5,826 | 9.1 | 0.1 | *2,526,421 | 36,218 | *9.6 | 0.1 |
| \$100,000 or higher | 1,916,951 | 21,779 | 8.9 | 0.1 | 522,733 | 2,855 | 4.7 | 0.1 | *1,394,218 | 21,965 | *4.1 | 0.1 |
| HOUSEHOLDS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tenure |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total. | 28,795,693 | 88,675 | 25.0 | 0.1 | 18,045,664 | 13,901 | 17.1 | 0.1 | *10,750,029 | 89,758 | *7.9 | 0.1 |
| Owned | 13,558,255 | 95,968 | 18.0 | 0.1 | 7,946,587 | 9,761 | 11.4 | 0.1 | *5,611,668 | 96,463 | *6.6 | 0.1 |
| Rented . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 15,237,438 | 19,423 | 38.3 | 0.1 | 10,099,077 | 9,897 | 28.3 | 0.1 | *5,138,361 | 21,799 | *10.0 | 0.1 |

[^14]${ }^{1}$ Data from 2000 were obtained from Census 2000 sample survey, while the data for 2010 were obtained from 2008-2012 5-year American Community Survey.
${ }^{2}$ Poverty status is determined for individuals in housing units and noninstitutional group quarters. The poverty universe excludes children under age 15 who are not related to the householder, people living in institutional group quarters, and people living in college dormitories or military barracks.
${ }^{3}$ Data are based on a sample and are subject to sampling variability. 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 or subtracted from the estimate forms the 90 percent confidence interval.

Note: Details may not sum to totals due to rounding
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 sample survey and 2008-2012 5-year American Community Survey data

Table 2b.
Number and Percentage of People, Families, and Households in Poverty Living in Poverty Areas by Selected Characteristics: 2000 and $2010^{1} —$ Con.

| Characteristics | 2010 |  |  |  | 2000 |  |  |  | Difference (2010-2000) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number ${ }^{2}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{3}$ ( $\pm$ ) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Per- } \\ & \text { cent }^{2} \end{aligned}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{3}$ $( \pm)$ | Number ${ }^{2}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{3}$ ( $\pm$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Per- } \\ & \text { cent }^{2} \end{aligned}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{3}$ ( $\pm$ | Number ${ }^{2}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{3}$ ( $\pm$ | Percent ${ }^{2}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{3}$ $( \pm)$ |
| PEOPLE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| United States | 23,982,748 | 137,146 | 53.5 | 0.4 | 15,046,608 | 11,705 | 44.4 | 0.1 | *8,936,140 | 137,645 | *9.1 | 0.4 |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total. | 23,982,748 | 137,146 | 53.5 | 0.4 | 15,046,608 | 11,705 | 44.4 | 0.1 | *8,936,140 | 137,645 | *9.1 | 0.4 |
| Under 18 years | 8,848,377 | 76,020 | 58.3 | 0.2 | 5,746,884 | 6,932 | 48.9 | 0.1 | *3,101,493 | 76,335 | *9.3 | 0.2 |
| 18 to 64 years. | 13,624,605 | 64,210 | 52.5 | 0.1 | 8,221,251 | 8,714 | 43.6 | 0.0 | *5,403,354 | 64,799 | *8.9 | 0.1 |
| 65 years and over. | 1,509,766 | 7,987 | 40.8 | 0.1 | 1,078,473 | 3,444 | 32.8 | 0.1 | *431,293 | 8,698 | *8.0 | 0.2 |
| Educational Attainment |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Population 25 years and over | 11,094,708 | 51,314 | 48.7 | 0.5 | 6,801,430 | 7,438 | 39.9 | 0.1 | *4,293,278 | 51,851 | *8.8 | 0.5 |
| Less than high school, no diploma . | 4,417,201 | 29,417 | 59.6 | 0.2 | 3,657,761 | 5,030 | 48.9 | 0.1 | *759,440 | 29,844 | *10.7 | 0.2 |
| High school, diploma | 3,492,953 | 20,811 | 47.2 | 0.2 | 1,779,049 | 3,931 | 35.8 | 0.1 | *1,713,904 | 21,179 | *11.4 | 0.2 |
| Some college/no degree. | 1,969,244 | 11,379 | 44.3 | 0.2 | 830,825 | 2,750 | 32.7 | 0.1 | *1,138,419 | 11,707 | *11.6 | 0.2 |
| Associate's degree | 458,252 | 5,423 | 39.9 | 0.4 | 173,344 | 1,284 | 29.7 | 0.2 | *284,908 | 5,573 | *10.2 | 0.4 |
| Bachelor's degree or higher | 757,058 | 6,461 | 31.8 | 0.2 | 360,451 | 1,920 | 24.4 | 0.1 | *396,607 | 6,740 | *7.4 | 0.3 |
| Race |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total. | 23,982,748 | 137,146 | 53.5 | 0.4 | 15,046,608 | 11,705 | 44.4 | 0.1 | *8,936,140 | 137,146 | *9.1 | 0.4 |
| White alone. | 12,253,766 | 75,098 | 45.2 | 0.3 | 5,813,519 | 12,538 | 30.8 | 0.1 | *6,440,247 | 76,137 | *14.3 | 0.3 |
| White, not Hispanic. | 7,478,730 | 64,842 | 37.8 | 0.1 | 3,803,971 | 10,585 | 24.7 | 0.1 | *3,674,759 | 65,700 | *13.1 | 0.1 |
| Black alone. | 7,069,531 | 37,029 | 71.9 | 0.2 | 5,455,572 | 8,394 | 67.0 | 0.1 | *1,613,959 | 37,968 | *4.9 | 0.2 |
| American Indian and Alaska Native alone | 444,906 | 6,409 | 65.5 | 0.6 | 364,097 | 2,389 | 59.9 | 0.4 | *80,809 | 6,839 | *5.6 | 0.7 |
| Asian alone. | 800,885 | 10,466 | 45.4 | 0.5 | 527,042 | 3,460 | 41.9 | 0.3 | *273,843 | 11,023 | *3.5 | 0.5 |
| Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander alone | 47,959 | 2,995 | 51.5 | 2.6 | 26,846 | 783 | 41.6 | 1.2 | *21,113 | 3,095 | *9.9 | 2.9 |
| Some Other Race alone. | 2,569,061 | 28,775 | 67.9 | 0.4 | 2,283,812 | 5,831 | 61.9 | 0.2 | *285,249 | 29,359 | *5.9 | 0.4 |
| Two or More Races. | 796,640 | 10,723 | 51.0 | 0.4 | 575,720 | 3,529 | 44.7 | 0.3 | *220,920 | 11,289 | *6.4 | 0.5 |
| Hispanic (any race). | 7,840,531 | 52,633 | 65.8 | 0.2 | 4,699,186 | 8,545 | 60.3 | 0.1 | *3,141,345 | 53,322 | *5.5 | 0.2 |
| Employment Status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Civilian population in labor force 16 years and over. | 7,242,000 | 27,805 | 51.3 | 0.4 | 3,985,916 | 9,285 | 40.9 | 0.1 | *3,256,084 | 29,315 | *10.3 | 0.4 |
| Employed . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 4,940,981 | 22,125 | 50.5 | 0.2 | 2,964,561 | 8,167 | 38.5 | 0.1 | *1,976,420 | 23,585 | *12.0 | 0.4 0.2 |
| Unemployed . | 2,301,019 | 13,183 | 52.6 | 0.3 | 1,021,355 | 4,330 | 49.9 | 0.1 | *1,279,664 | 13,876 | *2.7 | 0.3 |
| Marital Status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Population 15 years and over. | 16,376,823 | 73,543 | 51.3 | 0.5 | 10,086,264 | 7,993 | 42.2 | 0.1 | *6,290,559 | 73,976 | *9.1 | 0.5 |
| Married . | 3,589,212 | 20,696 | 48.3 | 0.2 | 2,663,149 | 4,198 | 39.6 | 0.1 | *926,063 | 21,117 | *8.6 | 0.2 |
| Widowed. | 948,852 | 6,879 | 43.1 | 0.2 | 814,229 | 2,405 | 35.2 | 0.1 | *134,623 | 7,288 | *7.9 | 0.2 |
| Divorced | 2,050,592 | 12,807 | 42.9 | 0.2 | 1,125,752 | 2,867 | 33.4 | 0.1 | *924,840 | 13,124 | *9.5 | 0.2 |
| Separated. | 829,950 | 8,704 | 55.6 | 0.3 | 591,630 | 1,819 | 49.0 | 0.2 | *238,320 | 8,892 | *6.7 | 0.4 |
| Never married. | 8,958,217 | 48,835 | 55.9 | 0.1 | 4,891,504 | 5,301 | 47.6 | 0.1 | *4,066,713 | 49,122 | *8.3 | 0.1 |

Table 2b.
Number and Percentage of People, Families, and Households in Poverty Living in Poverty Areas by Selected Characteristics: 2000 and $2010^{1}-C o n$.

| Characteristics | 2010 |  |  |  | 2000 |  |  |  | Difference (2010-2000) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number ${ }^{2}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{3}$ ( $\pm$ ) | Percent ${ }^{2}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{3}$ ( $\pm$ ) | Number ${ }^{2}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{3}$ ( $\pm$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Per- } \\ & \text { cent }{ }^{2} \end{aligned}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{3}$ ( $\pm$ ) | Number ${ }^{2}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{3}$ ( $\pm$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Per- } \\ & \text { cent }^{2} \end{aligned}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{3}$ $( \pm)$ |
| Metro Status of Current Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total. | 23,982,748 | 137,146 | 53.5 | 0.4 | 15,046,608 | 11,705 | 44.4 | 0.1 | *8,936,140 | 137,146 | *9.1 | 0.4 |
| Central city of Metropolitan area. | 13,230,145 | 62,954 | 69.1 | 0.1 | 9,279,465 | 9,446 | 63.7 | 0.1 | *3,950,680 | 63,659 | *5.3 | 0.2 |
| Remainder of Metropolitan area. | 6,286,967 | 53,553 | 36.5 | 0.2 | 2,796,388 | 7,495 | 24.2 | 0.1 | *3,490,579 | 54,075 | *12.2 | 0.2 |
| Outside of Metropolitan area | 4,465,636 | 43,247 | 52.8 | 0.2 | 2,970,755 | 6,986 | 38.1 | 0.1 | *1,494,881 | 43,808 | *14.8 | 0.2 |
| FAMILIES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Family Type |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total. . | 4,476,335 | 15,959 | 53.5 | 0.6 | 2,944,715 | 8,466 | 44.5 | 0.1 | *1,531,620 | 18,066 | *9.0 | 0.6 |
| Married-couple | 1,443,738 | 8,263 | 47.6 | 0.2 | 1,039,622 | 5,306 | 38.2 | 0.1 | *404,116 | 9,819 | *9.4 | 0.2 |
| Male householder, no wife present. | 467,971 | 6,531 | 53.6 | 0.5 | 255,411 | 2,513 | 43.6 | 0.2 | *212,560 | 6,998 | *10.0 | 0.5 |
| Female householder, no husband present | 2,564,626 | 11,236 | 57.5 | 0.2 | 1,649,682 | 6,028 | 49.8 | 0.1 | *914,944 | 12,751 | *7.8 | 0.2 |
| Presence of Related Children |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total. | 4,476,335 | 15,959 | 53.5 | 0.6 | 2,944,715 | 5,174 | 44.5 | 0.1 | *1,531,620 | 16,777 | *9.0 | 0.6 |
| With related children. | 3,635,545 | 13,935 | 55.9 | 0.1 | 2,418,925 | 4,585 | 46.9 | 0.1 | *1,216,620 | 14,670 | *9.0 | 0.2 |
| No related children | 840,790 | 5,811 | 45.1 | 0.2 | 525,790 | 2,349 | 35.9 | 0.2 | *315,000 | 6,268 | *9.2 | 0.3 |
| Family Income |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total. | 4,476,335 | 15,959 | 53.5 | 0.6 | 2,944,715 | 5,174 | 44.5 | 0.1 | *1,531,620 | 16,777 | *9.0 | 0.6 |
| Under \$10,000 | 1,884,710 | 9,220 | 53.4 | 0.2 | 1,849,234 | 4,099 | 44.5 | 0.1 | *35,476 | 10,090 | *8.9 | 0.2 |
| \$10,000 to \$29,999. | 2,512,586 | 11,639 | 53.4 | 0.2 | 1,086,398 | 3,146 | 44.3 | 0.1 | *1,426,188 | 12,057 | *9.1 | 0.2 |
| \$30,000 to \$49,999. | 79,009 | 2,229 | 61.4 | 1.0 | 9,083 | 247 | 58.9 | 1.6 | *69,926 | 2,242 | *2.5 | 1.9 |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999. | 30 | 27 | 46.9 | 28.4 | Z | Z | Z | Z | *30 | 27.2 | *46.9 | 28.4 |
| \$100,000 or higher . | Z | Z | Z | Z | Z | Z | Z | Z | Z | Z | Z | Z |
| HOUSEHOLDS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tenure |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total. | 8,034,010 | 18,180 | 50.5 | 0.2 | 5,119,559 | 6,388 | 41.1 | 0.1 | *2,914,451 | 19,269 | *9.4 | 0.2 |
| Owned | 1,877,642 | 10,506 | 36.7 | 0.2 | 1,264,630 | 3,487 | 28.9 | 0.1 | *613,012 | 11,070 | *7.8 | 0.2 |
| Rented . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 6,156,368 | 18,382 | 57.0 | 0.1 | 3,854,929 | 5,224 | 47.7 | 0.1 | *2,301,439 | 19,110 | *9.3 | 0.1 |

* Change is statistically different from zero at the 90 percent confidence level.
${ }^{1}$ Data from 2000 were obtained from Census 2000 sample survey, while the data for 2010 were obtained from 2008-2012 5-year American Community Survey
${ }^{2}$ Poverty status is determined for individuals in housing units and noninstitutional group quarters. The poverty universe excludes children under age 15 who are not related to the householder, people living in stitutional group quarters, and people living in college dormitories or military barracks.
${ }^{3}$ Data are based on a sample and are subject to sampling variability. 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 or subtracted from the estimate forms the 90 percent confidence interval

Note: Details may not sum to totals due to rounding
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 sample survey and 2008-2012 5-year American Community Survey data.

Figure 7.
Percentage Point Change in Proportion of People Living in Poverty Areas by Selected Characteristics: 2000 to 2010
(Data based on sample. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see www.census.gov/acs/www/)


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 and 2008-2012 5-year American Community Survey data.
resided in central cities in 2010. However, between 2000 and 2010, the suburbs and areas outside of metropolitan areas saw larger increases in the proportion of poor people living in poverty areas (see Table 2b).

## Family Households

Of all family households in 2000, 11.6 million or 16.0 percent lived in poverty areas (see Table 2a). ${ }^{15}$ In 2010, this figure changed to 17.6 million or 23.0 percent of the total family households. In both 2000 and 2010, the number and percentage of people living in poverty areas varied by type of family. In 2000, more than half of the 11.6 million families living in poverty areas were married-couple families ( 6.7 million), while 1.0 million were male-householder, no wife present, family households, and 3.8 million were female-householder, no husband present, family households. In 2010, the number of families living in poverty areas increased for all types of families. Among all female householders, no husband present, family households, the proportion living in poverty areas grew from 30.3 percent in 2000 to 38.4 percent in 2010, the largest proportion among all types of family households.

In 2000, 2.9 million families with incomes below the poverty level lived in poverty areas, while in 2010 the number increased to 4.5 million (see Table 2b). Of these, more than
half were female-householder, no husband present, family households. However, between 2000 and 2010, male-householder, no wife present, family households saw the largest percentage point increase in the proportion of poor families living in poverty areas.

## Presence of Related Children

In both 2000 and 2010, a larger number of families with related children lived in poverty areas than families without related children (see Table 2a). There were about 7.1 million family households with related children and 4.4 million families without related children living in poverty areas in 2000. In 2010, these numbers increased to 9.8 million and 7.8 million, respectively.

In 2010, about one-quarter of all families with related children (26.0 percent) lived in poverty areas, while about 20.1 percent of the families without related children lived in such areas.

Table 2b shows that families with related children composed over 80 percent of the total poor families living in poverty areas, in both years. ${ }^{16}$ In 2010, more than half of poor families with related children lived in poverty areas.

## Family Income

The number of families who lived in poverty areas increased from 11.6 million in 2000 to 17.6
${ }^{16}$ In 2000, of the total 2.9 million families in poverty, 2.4 million were families with related children. In 2010, of the total 4.5 million families in poverty, families with related children comprised 3.6 million.
million in 2010 (see Table 2a). Of these, families with income below $\$ 30,000$ comprised 6.0 million or 52.3 percent in 2000 . In 2010, the number of families in this income group living in poverty areas increased to 7.0 million, while its share declined to 39.8 percent, as more families with higher incomes lived in poverty areas. ${ }^{17}$

Between 2000 and 2010, the proportion of family households living in poverty areas increased across all income groups. In 2010, more than half of families with a family income less than \$10,000 lived in poverty areas, an increase from 44.5 percent in 2000 . During this period, the percentage of families with incomes between $\$ 10,000$ and $\$ 30,000$ living in poverty areas increased by 14.8 percentage points. The proportion of families with incomes of $\$ 30,000$ to $\$ 50,000$ living in poverty areas increased by 12.3 percentage points during the same time.

More than half of families in poverty lived in poverty areas in 2010 (see Table 2b). In 2000, families with incomes between $\$ 10,000$ and $\$ 30,000$ comprised about 36.9 percent of all families in poverty living in poverty areas, while in 2010, this proportion increased to represent more than half ( 56.1 percent) of families in this income group.

## Tenure

The total number of occupied households living in poverty areas increased by over 10 millionfrom about 18.0 million in 2000

[^15]
## Figure 8.

## Composition of Total Population and People Living in Poverty Areas by Selected Race and Hispanic Origin: 2010

(In percent. Data based on sample. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see www.census.gov/acs/www/)


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008-2012 5-year American Community Survey data.
to 28.8 million in 2010 (see Table 2a). The number of households in poverty areas increased for both owned and rented households, but more renter households than owner-occupied households were found in poverty areas for both years. Between 2000 and 2010 , the proportion of renter households in poverty areas grew by 10.0 percentage points to 38.3 percent.

As Table 2 b shows, the number of poor households living in poverty areas increased from 5.1 million in 2000 to 8.0 million in 2010 . Of these, households that paid rent comprised about three-quarters of all poor households in poverty areas. ${ }^{18}$

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## WHAT IS THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY?

The American Community Survey (ACS) is a nationwide survey designed to provide communities with reliable and timely demographic, social, economic, and housing data for the nation, states, congressional districts, counties, places, and other localities every year. It has an annual sample size of about 3 million addresses across the United States and Puerto Rico and includes both housing units and group quarters (e.g., nursing facilities and prisons). The ACS is conducted in every county throughout the nation, and every municipio in Puerto Rico, where it is called the Puerto Rico Community Survey. Beginning in 2006, ACS data for 2005 were released for geographic areas with populations of 65,000 and greater.

For information on the ACS sample design and other topics, visit <www.census.gov/acs/www>.

## SOURCE AND ACCURACY

The data presented in this report are based on the ACS sample interviewed from January 1, 2008, through December 31, 2012, and the sample interviewed in 2000 from the Census 2000 sample. The estimates based on these samples describe the actual average values
of person, household, and housing unit characteristics over this period of collection. Sampling error is the uncertainty between an estimate based on a sample and the corresponding value that would be obtained if the estimate were based on the entire population (as from a census). Measures of sampling
error are provided in the form of margins of error for all estimates included in this report. All comparative statements in this report have undergone statistical testing, and comparisons are significant at the 90 percent level unless otherwise noted. In addition to sampling error, nonsampling error may be introduced during any of the operations used to collect and process survey data such as editing, reviewing, or keying data from questionnaires. For more information on sampling and estimation methods, confidentiality protection, and sampling and nonsampling error, please see the 2012 ACS Accuracy of the

Data document located at <www.census.gov/acs/www /Downloads/data_documentation /Accuracy/MultiyearACSAccuracy ofData2012.pdf>, and the Accuracy of the Data document for Census 2000 sample data located at <www.census.gov/prod /cen2000/doc/sf3.pdf>.

## NOTES:

The Census Bureau also publishes poverty estimates based on the Current Population Survey's Annual Social and Economic Supplement (CPS ASEC). Following the standard specified by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in

Statistical Policy Directive 14, data from the CPS ASEC are used to estimate the official national poverty rate, which can be found in the report Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2012, available at <www.census.gov/prod/2013pubs /p60-245.pdf>.

For information on poverty estimates from the ACS and how they differ from those based on the CPS ASEC, see "Fact Sheet-Differences Between CPS ASEC and ACS" at <www.census.gov/hhes/www /poverty/about/datasources /factsheet.html>.

Appendix Table 1.
Distribution of People in Census Tracts by Poverty Levels of Census Tracts by Region and by State: 2000 and $2010{ }^{1}$

| Geography | 2000 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2010 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total ${ }^{2}$ |  | Category I (less <br> than 14.9 percent) |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Category II } \\ \text { (14.9-19.9 } \\ \text { percent) } \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Category III } \\ \text { (20.0-39.9 } \\ \text { percent) } \end{gathered}$ |  | Category IV <br> (40.0 <br> percent <br> or more) |  | Total ${ }^{2}$ |  | Category I (less <br> than14.9 <br> percent) |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Category II } \\ \text { (14.9-19.9 } \\ \text { percent) } \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Category III } \\ \text { (20.0-39.9 } \\ \text { percent) } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Category IV } \\ \text { (40.0 } \\ \text { percent } \\ \text { or more) } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  |
|  | Number | Margin of error ${ }^{3}$ ( $\pm$ | Per- | Margin of error ${ }^{3}$ ( $\pm$ ) | $\begin{gathered} \text { Per- } \\ \text { cent }^{2} \end{gathered}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{3}$ ( $\pm$ | Percent ${ }^{2}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{3}$ <br> ( $\pm$ | Per- | Margin of error ${ }^{3}$ ( $\pm$ ) | Number | Margin of error ${ }^{3}$ $( \pm)$ | Percent ${ }^{2}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{3}$ ( $\pm$ | Percent ${ }^{2}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{3}$ ( $\pm$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Per- } \\ \text { cent } \end{gathered}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{3}$ <br> ( $\pm$ | Per- | Margin of error ${ }^{3}$ $\pm$ ) |
| $\qquad$ | 273,882,232 $33,899,812$ | 12,953 | 70.7 39.9 | 0.1 0.1 | 11.2 15.7 | 0.1 0.1 | 15.4 34.1 | 0.1 0.1 | 2.6 10.3 | 0.1 | $301,333,410$ $44,852,527$ | 13,789 269,119 | 60.9 30.9 | 0.1 0.1 | 13.5 15.6 | 0.1 0.1 | 21.6 39.9 | 0.1 0.1 | 4.1 13.6 | 0.1 0.1 |
| Regions |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Northeast. | 52,039,565 | 31,046 | 75.3 | 0.1 | 8.2 | 0.1 | 13.3 | 0.1 | 3.3 | 0.1 | 53,774,415 | 3,567 | 70.9 | 0.1 | 9.2 | 0.1 | 16.0 | 0.1 | 3.9 | 0.1 |
| Midwest | 62,613,918 | 33,233 | 80.6 | 0.1 | 7.7 | 0.1 | 9.9 | 0.1 | 1.8 | 0.1 | 65,167,080 | 5,103 | 65.4 | 0.1 | 13.0 | 0.1 | 17.1 | 0.1 | 4.4 | 0.1 |
| South. | 97,437,335 | 37,886 | 63.8 | 0.1 | 14.5 | 0.1 | 18.9 | 0.1 | 2.9 | 0.1 | 111,779,304 | 7,271 | 53.4 | 0.1 | 15.8 | 0.1 | 26.4 | 0.1 | 4.5 | 0.1 |
| West | 61,791,414 | 33,078 | 67.7 | 0.1 | 12.3 | 0.1 | 17.4 | 0.1 | 2.5 | 0.1 | 70,612,611 | 5,215 | 60.8 | 0.1 | 13.3 | 0.1 | 22.4 | 0.1 | 3.5 | 0.1 |
| States |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Alabama | 4,334,919 | 9,877 | 55.6 | 0.1 | 18.8 | 0.1 | 21.6 | 0.1 | 4.0 | 0.1 | 4,662,094 | 995 | 45.4 | 0.1 | 18.6 | 0.1 | 30.0 | 0.1 | 6.0 | 0.1 |
| Alaska | 612,961 | 3,452 | 85.3 | 0.2 | 6.5 | 0.1 | 8.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 694,795 | 433 | 84.3 | 0.3 | 7.9 | 0.2 | 7.8 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Arizona | 5,021,238 | 13,066 | 65.3 | 0.1 | 10.7 | 0.1 | 20.2 | 0.1 | 3.8 | 0.1 | 6,267,024 | 1,693 | 54.5 | 0.1 | 12.2 | 0.1 | 26.3 | 0.2 | 7.1 | 0.1 |
| Arkansas | 2,600,117 | 7,674 | 53.0 | 0.1 | 24.0 | 0.1 | 21.1 | 0.1 | 1.9 | 0.1 | 2,833,046 | 923 | 42.4 | 0.2 | 18.9 | 0.2 | 35.4 | 0.2 | 3.3 | 0.1 |
| California | 33,100,044 | 31,748 | 62.5 | 0.1 | 12.8 | 0.1 | 21.4 | 0.1 | 3.4 | 0.1 | 36,575,460 | 3,416 | 59.1 | 0.1 | 13.2 | 0.1 | 24.0 | 0.1 | 3.8 | 0.1 |
| Colorado | 4,202,140 | 9,727 | 82.8 | 0.1 | 7.7 | 0.1 | 9.0 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 4,927,283 | 1,149 | 67.6 | 0.1 | 11.0 | 0.1 | 19.4 | 0.1 | 1.9 | 0.1 |
| Connecticut | 3,300,416 | 9,963 | 86.6 | 0.1 | 3.5 | 0.1 | 8.7 | 0.1 | 1.2 | 0.1 | 3,463,192 | 812 | 78.2 | 0.1 | 7.7 | 0.1 | 10.7 | 0.1 | 3.4 | 0.1 |
| Delaware | 759,117 | 4,801 | 83.2 | 0.2 | 10.9 | 0.2 | 4.2 | 0.1 | 1.7 | 0.1 | 874,954 | 550 | 74.4 | 0.3 | 13.1 | 0.2 | 10.7 | 0.2 | 1.8 | 0.1 |
| District of Columbia | 541,657 | 4,057 | 38.2 | 0.4 | 20.5 | 0.3 | 31.1 | 0.3 | 10.2 | 0.2 | 572,108 | 278 | 51.2 | 0.4 | 14.3 | 0.4 | 25.4 | 0.4 | 9.1 | 0.3 |
| Florida | 15,605,367 | 22,577 | 71.0 | 0.1 | 12.6 | 0.1 | 14.2 | 0.1 | 2.2 | 0.1 | 18,479,273 | 2,372 | 58.1 | 0.1 | 15.3 | 0.1 | 23.3 | 0.1 | 3.4 | 0.1 |
| Georgia | 7,959,649 | 16,361 | 68.3 | 0.1 | 11.9 | 0.1 | 16.9 | 0.1 | 2.9 | 0.1 | 9,448,393 | 1,950 | 49.5 | 0.1 | 16.1 | 0.1 | 30.1 | 0.1 | 4.4 | 0.1 |
| Hawaii | 1,178,795 | 5,181 | 75.8 | 0.2 | 11.2 | 0.1 | 12.3 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 1,326,949 | 660 | 74.5 | 0.3 | 13.6 | 0.2 | 11.3 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 0.1 |
| Idaho | 1,263,205 | 5,362 | 75.2 | 0.2 | 18.6 | 0.2 | 5.4 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 1,537,058 | 691 | 58.1 | 0.2 | 23.3 | 0.2 | 16.1 | 0.2 | 2.5 | 0.1 |
| Illinois. | 12,095,961 | 16,259 | 77.8 | 0.1 | 7.6 | 0.1 | 12.0 | 0.1 | 2.5 | 0.1 | 12,522,726 | 1,704 | 67.3 | 0.1 | 10.9 | 0.1 | 17.6 | 0.1 | 4.1 | 0.1 |
| Indiana. | 5,894,295 | 13,251 | 83.0 | 0.1 | 7.7 | 0.1 | 8.1 | 0.1 | 1.2 | 0.1 | 6,287,582 | 1,567 | 61.7 | 0.1 | 15.2 | 0.1 | 19.0 | 0.1 | 4.0 | 0.1 |
| Iowa. | 2,824,435 | 7,380 | 89.6 | 0.1 | 5.7 | 0.1 | 3.9 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 2,948,498 | 635 | 73.6 | 0.1 | 12.5 | 0.1 | 12.5 | 0.1 | 1.4 | 0.1 |
| Kansas. | 2,605,429 | 7,091 | 81.1 | 0.1 | 9.8 | 0.1 | 8.2 | 0.1 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 2,767,281 | 1,042 | 66.9 | 0.1 | 13.4 | 0.1 | 16.8 | 0.1 | 3.0 | 0.1 |
| Kentucky | 3,927,047 | 9,408 | 54.6 | 0.1 | 15.5 | 0.1 | 27.6 | 0.1 | 2.3 | 0.1 | 4,209,861 | 1,319 | 42.5 | 0.1 | 18.2 | 0.1 | 34.9 | 0.1 | 4.4 | 0.1 |
| Louisiana | 4,334,094 | 9,876 | 42.5 | 0.1 | 16.4 | 0.1 | 33.8 | 0.1 | 7.2 | 0.1 | 4,400,761 | 1,216 | 46.1 | 0.2 | 16.4 | 0.1 | 31.3 | 0.2 | 6.2 | 0.1 |
| Maine. | 1,240,893 | 4,906 | 78.0 | 0.2 | 15.0 | 0.1 | 6.9 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 1,293,465 | 533 | 66.1 | 0.2 | 16.4 | 0.1 | 15.9 | 0.1 | 1.6 | 0.1 |

See footnotes at end of table.

Appendix Table 1.
Distribution of People in Census Tracts by Poverty Levels of Census Tracts by Region and by State: 2000 and $2010{ }^{1}-$ Con.

| Geography | 2000 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2010 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total ${ }^{2}$ |  | Category I (less <br> than 14.9 percent) |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Category II } \\ \text { (14.9-19.9 } \\ \text { percent) } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Category III } \\ \text { (20.0-39.9 } \\ \text { percent) } \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{array}{\|c} \hline \text { Category IV } \\ \text { (40.0 } \\ \text { percent } \\ \text { or more) } \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  | Total ${ }^{2}$ |  | Category I (less <br> than14.9 <br> percent) |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Category II } \\ \text { (14.9-19.9 } \\ \text { percent) } \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Category III } \\ \text { (20.0-39.9 } \\ \text { percent) } \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Category IV } \\ \text { (40.0 } \\ \text { percent } \\ \text { or more) } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  |
|  | Number | Margin of error ${ }^{3}$ <br> ( $\pm$ | Percent ${ }^{2}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{3}$ ( $\pm$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Per- } \\ & \text { cent }^{2} \end{aligned}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{3}$ ( $\pm$ | Percent ${ }^{2}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{3}$ <br> ( $\pm$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Per- } \\ \text { cent } \end{gathered}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{3}$ <br> ( $\pm$ | Number | Margin of error ${ }^{3}$ <br> ( $\pm$ | Percent ${ }^{2}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{3}$ ( $\pm$ | Percent ${ }^{2}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{3}$ ( $\pm$ | Percent ${ }^{2}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{3}$ ( $\pm$ | Percent ${ }^{2}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{3}$ $\pm$ ) |
| States-Con. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Maryland | 5,164,376 | 12,420 | 85.9 | 0.1 | 5.8 | 0.1 | 6.9 | 0.1 | 1.4 | 0.1 | 5,645,390 | 1,207 | 81.0 | 0.1 | 8.2 | 0.1 | 9.6 | 0.1 | 1.2 | 0.1 |
| Massachusetts. | 6,138,444 | 13,516 | 81.5 | 0.1 | 6.2 | 0.1 | 11.0 | 0.1 | 1.3 | 0.1 | 6,333,378 | 987 | 76.7 | 0.1 | 7.2 | 0.1 | 13.6 | 0.1 | 2.5 | 0.1 |
| Michigan | 9,700,622 | 13,502 | 80.1 | 0.1 | 6.0 | 0.1 | 11.7 | 0.1 | 2.2 | 0.1 | 9,676,703 | 1,392 | 57.9 | 0.1 | 14.9 | 0.1 | 20.1 | 0.1 | 7.1 | 0.1 |
| Minnesota | 4,794,144 | 9,580 | 88.8 | 0.1 | 4.9 | 0.1 | 5.2 | 0.1 | 1.2 | 0.1 | 5,191,097 | 878 | 77.8 | 0.1 | 9.0 | 0.1 | 10.7 | 0.1 | 2.5 | 0.1 |
| Mississippi | 2,750,677 | 7,891 | 39.3 | 0.1 | 19.6 | 0.1 | 35.8 | 0.1 | 5.3 | 0.1 | 2,872,106 | 1,089 | 31.3 | 0.2 | 20.2 | 0.2 | 38.8 | 0.2 | 9.7 | 0.1 |
| Missouri . | 5,433,293 | 10,186 | 71.8 | 0.1 | 13.2 | 0.1 | 13.3 | 0.1 | 1.6 | 0.1 | 5,802,726 | 1,777 | 58.2 | 0.1 | 16.9 | 0.1 | 21.5 | 0.1 | 3.4 | 0.1 |
| Montana. | 878,789 | 4,131 | 65.0 | 0.2 | 14.5 | 0.2 | 18.5 | 0.2 | 2.1 | 0.1 | 966,486 | 528 | 60.5 | 0.2 | 15.5 | 0.2 | 22.5 | 0.2 | 1.5 | 0.1 |
| Nebraska | 1,660,527 | 5,671 | 84.9 | 0.1 | 7.5 | 0.1 | 7.2 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 1,772,893 | 799 | 71.4 | 0.1 | 11.7 | 0.1 | 14.8 | 0.1 | 2.1 | 0.1 |
| Nevada | 1,962,948 | 8,216 | 76.7 | 0.2 | 12.4 | 0.1 | 10.7 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 2,665,094 | 978 | 62.4 | 0.2 | 13.8 | 0.2 | 20.0 | 0.2 | 3.8 | 0.1 |
| New Hampshire. | 1,199,322 | 4,823 | 95.5 | 0.1 | 2.9 | 0.1 | 1.1 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 1,277,667 | 434 | 86.2 | 0.2 | 7.1 | 0.1 | 6.5 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| New Jersey . . . | 8,232,588 | 15,591 | 83.0 | 0.1 | 6.8 | 0.1 | 8.7 | 0.1 | 1.6 | 0.1 | 8,619,763 | 1,205 | 79.0 | 0.1 | 6.9 | 0.1 | 12.2 | 0.1 | 1.9 | 0.1 |
| New Mexico | 1,783,907 | 6,366 | 41.8 | 0.2 | 21.4 | 0.1 | 32.5 | 0.2 | 4.4 | 0.1 | 2,013,777 | 902 | 41.0 | 0.2 | 16.0 | 0.2 | 37.8 | 0.2 | 5.2 | 0.1 |
| New York | 18,449,899 | 24,413 | 63.7 | 0.1 | 10.6 | 0.1 | 19.7 | 0.1 | 5.9 | 0.1 | 18,885,925 | 2,163 | 62.5 | 0.1 | 10.9 | 0.1 | 21.3 | 0.1 | 5.3 | 0.1 |
| North Carolina | 7,805,328 | 13,168 | 70.8 | 0.1 | 15.3 | 0.1 | 12.9 | 0.1 | 1.1 | 0.1 | 9,289,467 | 1,603 | 49.3 | 0.1 | 18.8 | 0.1 | 28.1 | 0.1 | 3.7 | 0.1 |
| North Dakota | 619,197 | 2,602 | 76.4 | 0.2 | 13.6 | 0.1 | 9.6 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 652,525 | 354 | 78.2 | 0.2 | 10.3 | 0.2 | 8.6 | 0.2 | 2.9 | 0.1 |
| Ohio. | 11,046,987 | 14,372 | 78.2 | 0.1 | 8.3 | 0.1 | 11.4 | 0.1 | 2.1 | 0.1 | 11,222,568 | 1,979 | 61.1 | 0.1 | 14.2 | 0.1 | 18.8 | 0.1 | 5.9 | 0.1 |
| Oklahoma | 3,336,224 | 8,681 | 55.1 | 0.1 | 20.7 | 0.1 | 22.7 | 0.1 | 1.5 | 0.1 | 3,634,666 | 893 | 50.2 | 0.1 | 18.4 | 0.1 | 28.9 | 0.1 | 2.4 | 0.1 |
| Oregon. | 3,347,667 | 8,696 | 75.1 | 0.1 | 14.7 | 0.1 | 9.6 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 3,762,697 | 1,244 | 56.2 | 0.2 | 17.6 | 0.1 | 24.4 | 0.2 | 1.8 | 0.1 |
| Pennsylvania | 11,879,950 | 14,880 | 78.9 | 0.1 | 7.5 | 0.1 | 10.9 | 0.1 | 2.7 | 0.1 | 12,289,177 | 1,974 | 71.7 | 0.1 | 9.1 | 0.1 | 14.4 | 0.1 | 4.7 | 0.1 |
| Rhode Island | 1,010,000 | 5,535 | 72.1 | 0.2 | 7.4 | 0.1 | 17.6 | 0.2 | 3.0 | 0.1 | 1,011,137 | 430 | 70.0 | 0.2 | 8.8 | 0.2 | 17.6 | 0.3 | 3.5 | 0.1 |
| South Carolina. | 3,883,329 | 10,796 | 60.2 | 0.1 | 19.0 | 0.1 | 19.2 | 0.1 | 1.6 | 0.1 | 4,488,442 | 1,108 | 47.1 | 0.2 | 17.7 | 0.1 | 31.0 | 0.2 | 4.2 | 0.1 |
| South Dakota. | 727,425 | 3,760 | 73.5 | 0.2 | 12.8 | 0.2 | 9.6 | 0.2 | 4.1 | 0.1 | 786,956 | 578 | 66.4 | 0.2 | 16.7 | 0.2 | 13.5 | 0.2 | 3.4 | 0.1 |
| Tennessee | 5,539,896 | 12,855 | 65.8 | 0.1 | 16.9 | 0.1 | 15.1 | 0.1 | 2.2 | 0.1 | 6,194,236 | 1,625 | 48.5 | 0.1 | 18.2 | 0.1 | 28.7 | 0.1 | 4.7 | 0.1 |
| Texas | 20,287,300 | 20,725 | 58.5 | 0.1 | 13.5 | 0.1 | 23.7 | 0.1 | 4.3 | 0.1 | 24,607,114 | 3,267 | 51.4 | 0.1 | 14.4 | 0.1 | 27.8 | 0.1 | 6.4 | 0.1 |
| Utah. | 2,195,034 | 7,056 | 82.2 | 0.1 | 7.2 | 0.1 | 8.6 | 0.1 | 2.0 | 0.1 | 2,720,557 | 825 | 73.9 | 0.1 | 9.6 | 0.1 | 14.3 | 0.1 | 2.2 | 0.1 |
| Vermont | 588,053 | 2,818 | 86.6 | 0.2 | 9.3 | 0.1 | 3.4 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 600,711 | 362 | 76.4 | 0.2 | 13.6 | 0.2 | 9.3 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 0.1 |
| Virginia. | 6,844,372 | 14,253 | 81.4 | 0.1 | 9.2 | 0.1 | 8.0 | 0.1 | 1.3 | 0.1 | 7,769,128 | 1,507 | 74.3 | 0.1 | 11.0 | 0.1 | 12.8 | 0.1 | 1.9 | 0.1 |
| Washington | 5,765,201 | 13,108 | 77.9 | 0.1 | 11.5 | 0.1 | 9.7 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 6,606,382 | 1,592 | 68.5 | 0.1 | 12.5 | 0.1 | 16.6 | 0.1 | 2.3 | 0.1 |
| West Virginia | 1,763,866 | 6,330 | 40.7 | 0.2 | 25.7 | 0.2 | 32.3 | 0.2 | 1.4 | 0.1 | 1,798,265 | 793 | 42.4 | 0.2 | 26.2 | 0.2 | 28.7 | 0.2 | 2.6 | 0.1 |
| Wisconsin | 5,211,603 | 9,980 | 86.9 | 0.1 | 5.0 | 0.1 | 6.2 | 0.1 | 1.9 | 0.1 | 5,535,525 | 1,190 | 74.6 | 0.1 | 9.8 | 0.1 | 11.6 | 0.1 | 3.9 | 0.1 |
| Wyoming . | 479,485 | 3,054 | 81.7 | 0.2 | 10.8 | 0.2 | 7.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 549,049 | 441 | 74.0 | 0.3 | 17.0 | 0.3 | 8.2 | 0.2 | 0.8 | 0.1 |

[^17]Appendix Table 2.
Distribution of People, Families, and Households in Census Tracts by Poverty Level of Census Tracts and Selected Characteristics: 2000

| Characteristics | Category I (less than 14.9 percent) |  | Category II <br> (14.9-19.9 percent) |  | Category III (20.0-39.9 percent) |  | Category IV (40.0 percent or more) |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Estimate ${ }^{1}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{2}$ ( $\pm$ | Estimate ${ }^{1}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{2}$ $( \pm)$ | Estimate ${ }^{1}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{2}$ ( $\pm$ | Estimate ${ }^{1}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{2}$ $( \pm)$ | Estimate ${ }^{1}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{2}$ <br> $( \pm)$ |
| United States . . . . . . . . . . . | 70.7 | 0.1 | 11.2 | 0.1 | 15.4 | 0.1 | 2.6 | 0.1 | 273,882,232 | 12,953 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 193,602,489 | 36,022 | 30,791,227 | 24,998 | 42,289,624 | 28,595 | 7,198,892 | 12,660 | 273,882,232 | 12,953 |
| Northeast | 20.2 | 0.1 | 13.8 | 0.1 | 16.3 | 0.1 | 23.6 | 0.1 | 19.0 | 0.1 |
| Midwest | 26.1 | 0.1 | 15.6 | 0.1 | 14.6 | 0.1 | 16.0 | 0.1 | 22.9 | 0.1 |
| South | 32.1 | 0.1 | 45.8 | 0.1 | 43.5 | 0.1 | 38.8 | 0.1 | 35.6 | 0.1 |
| West | 21.6 | 0.1 | 24.8 | 0.1 | 25.5 | 0.1 | 21.6 | 0.1 | 22.6 | 0.1 |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total. | 193,602,489 | 36,022 | 30,791,227 | 24,998 | 42,289,624 | 28,595 | 7,198,892 | 12,660 | 273,882,232 | 12,953 |
| Under 18 years. | 25.1 | 0.1 | 25.9 | 0.1 | 28.7 | 0.1 | 31.7 | 0.1 | 25.9 | 0.1 |
| 18 to 64 years. | 62.3 | 0.1 | 61.8 | 0.1 | 60.6 | 0.1 | 59.9 | 0.1 | 61.9 | 0.1 |
| 65 years and over. | 12.6 | 0.1 | 12.3 | 0.1 | 10.7 | 0.1 | 8.4 | 0.1 | 12.2 | 0.1 |
| Educational Attainment |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Population 25 years and over. | 130,223,652 | 39,521 | 19,666,397 | 20,430 | 25,100,657 | 22,833 | 3,630,146 | 9,050 | 178,620,852 | 29,712 |
| Less than high school, no diploma. | 14.0 | 0.1 | 26.8 | 0.1 | 36.0 | 0.1 | 46.3 | 0.1 | 19.1 | 0.1 |
| High school, diploma | 28.2 | 0.1 | 31.5 | 0.1 | 28.8 | 0.1 | 25.2 | 0.1 | 28.6 | 0.1 |
| Some college/no degree. | 22.2 | 0.1 | 20.1 | 0.1 | 17.7 | 0.1 | 14.7 | 0.1 | 21.2 | 0.1 |
| Associate's degree . | 7.0 | 0.1 | 5.5 | 0.1 | 4.5 | 0.1 | 3.5 | 0.1 | 6.4 | 0.1 |
| Bachelor's degree or higher . | 28.7 | 0.1 | 16.1 | 0.1 | 13.1 | 0.1 | 10.3 | 0.1 | 24.7 | 0.1 |
| Race |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total. | 193,602,489 | 36,022 | 30,791,227 | 24,998 | 42,289,624 | 28,595 | 7,198,892 | 12,660 | 273,882,232 | 12,953 |
| White alone. | 83.7 | 0.1 | 68.2 | 0.1 | 49.1 | 0.1 | 33.8 | 0.1 | 75.3 | 0.1 |
| White, not Hispanic. | 79.6 | 0.1 | 60.2 | 0.1 | 37.1 | 0.1 | 20.0 | 0.1 | 69.3 | 0.1 |
| Black alone. | 6.6 | 0.1 | 15.7 | 0.1 | 28.7 | 0.1 | 41.8 | 0.1 | 11.9 | 0.1 |
| American Indian and Alaska Native alone (AIAN) | 0.5 | 0.1 | 1.2 | 0.1 | 1.7 | 0.1 | 3.2 | 0.1 | 0.9 | 0.1 |
| Asian alone. | 3.7 | 0.1 | 3.4 | 0.1 | 3.4 | 0.1 | 3.3 | 0.1 | 3.6 | 0.1 |
| Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander alone (NHPI) . | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Some Other Race alone. | 3.0 | 0.1 | 8.2 | 0.1 | 13.4 | 0.1 | 14.4 | 0.1 | 5.5 | 0.1 |
| Two or More Races. | 2.3 | 0.1 | 3.1 | 0.1 | 3.5 | 0.1 | 3.3 | 0.1 | 2.6 | 0.1 |
| Hispanic (any race). | 7.8 | 0.1 | 17.6 | 0.1 | 27.6 | 0.1 | 31.1 | 0.1 | 12.6 | 0.1 |
| Poverty |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total. | 193,602,489 | 36,022 | 30,791,227 | 24,998 | 42,289,624 | 28,595 | 7,198,892 | 12,660 | 273,882,232 | 12,953 |
| Not in poverty | 93.0 | 0.1 | 82.7 | 0.1 | 72.7 | 0.1 | 51.6 | 0.1 | 87.6 | 0.1 |
| In poverty | 7.0 | 0.1 | 17.3 | 0.1 | 27.3 | 0.1 | 48.4 | 0.1 | 12.4 | 0.1 |
| Employment Status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Civilian population in labor force 16 years and over. | 100,992,760 | 38,181 | 14,616,140 | 17,787 | 18,162,097 | 19,691 | 2,641,671 | 7,734 | 136,412,668 | 30,839 |
| Employed. | 95.9 | 0.1 | 93.0 | 0.1 | 89.6 | 0.1 | 83.0 | 0.1 | 94.5 | 0.1 |
| Unemployed. | 4.1 | 0.1 | 7.0 | 0.1 | 10.4 | 0.1 | 17.0 | 0.1 | 5.5 | 0.1 |
| See footnotes at end of table. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Appendix Table 2.
Distribution of People, Families, and Households in Census Tracts by Poverty Level of Census Tracts and Selected Characteristics: 2000-Con.

| Characteristics | Category I (less than 14.9 percent) |  | Category II <br> (14.9-19.9 percent) |  | Category III (20.0-39.9 percent) |  | Category IV (40.0 percent or more) |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Estimate ${ }^{1}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{2}$ ( $\pm$ | Estimate ${ }^{1}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{2}$ ( $\pm$ | Estimate ${ }^{1}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{2}$ ( $\pm$ | Estimate ${ }^{1}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{2}$ ( $\pm$ | Estimate ${ }^{1}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{2}$ $( \pm)$ |
| Marital Status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Population 15 years and over . | 153,269,531 | 39,286 | 24,124,372 | 22,428 | 32,059,261 | 25,441 | 5,255,459 | 10,857 | 214,708,623 | 23,618 |
| Married | 58.9 | 0.1 | 50.2 | 0.1 | 42.9 | 0.1 | 30.7 | 0.1 | 54.8 | 0.1 |
| Widowed. | 6.2 | 0.1 | 7.2 | 0.1 | 7.3 | 0.1 | 6.9 | 0.1 | 6.5 | 0.1 |
| Divorced | 9.5 | 0.1 | 11.2 | 0.1 | 10.7 | 0.1 | 9.0 | 0.1 | 9.9 | 0.1 |
| Separated. | 1.6 | 0.1 | 2.7 | 0.1 | 3.9 | 0.1 | 5.1 | 0.1 | 2.1 | 0.1 |
| Never married. | 23.8 | 0.1 | 28.6 | 0.1 | 35.1 | 0.1 | 48.2 | 0.1 | 26.7 | 0.1 |
| Metro Status of Current Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total. | 193,602,489 | 36,022 | 30,791,227 | 24,998 | 42,289,624 | 28,595 | 7,198,892 | 12,660 | 273,882,232 | 12,953 |
| Central city of metropolitan area. | 22.1 | 0.1 | 35.4 | 0.1 | 55.6 | 0.1 | 75.3 | 0.1 | 30.2 | 0.1 |
| Remainder of metropolitan area. | 61.0 | 0.1 | 31.5 | 0.1 | 21.1 | 0.1 | 13.2 | 0.1 | 50.3 | 0.1 |
| Outside of metropolitan area . . | 16.8 | 0.1 | 33.1 | 0.1 | 23.2 | 0.1 | 11.5 | 0.1 | 19.5 | 0.1 |
| FAMILIES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Family Type |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Married couple | 81.6 | 0.1 | 71.1 | 0.1 | 60.5 | 0.1 | 43.8 | 0.3 | 76.7 | 0.1 |
| Male householder, no wife present. | 5.1 | 0.1 | 7.5 | 0.1 | 8.9 | 0.1 | 9.2 | 0.2 | 6.0 | 0.1 |
| Female householder, no husband present. | 13.3 | 0.1 | 21.5 | 0.1 | 30.7 | 0.1 | 47.0 | 0.3 | 17.3 | 0.1 |
| Presence of Related Children |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total. | 52,848,699 | 13,860 | 7,862,487 | 9,737 | 10,049,268 | 10,819 | 1,501,326 | 4,460 | 72,261,780 | 20,588 |
| With related children. | 50.4 | 0.1 | 54.2 | 0.1 | 60.4 | 0.1 | 69.1 | 0.2 | 52.6 | 0.1 |
| No related children | 49.6 | 0.1 | 45.8 | 0.1 | 39.6 | 0.1 | 30.9 | 0.2 | 47.4 | 0.1 |
| Family Income |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total. | 52,848,699 | 13,860 | 7,862,487 | 9,737 | 10,049,268 | 10,819 | 1,501,326 | 4,460 | 72,261,780 | 20,588 |
| Under 10,000 | 3.1 | 0.1 | 8.3 | 0.1 | 14.1 | 0.1 | 28.4 | 0.2 | 5.7 | 0.1 |
| 10,000 to 29,999. | 16.3 | 0.1 | 29.7 | 0.1 | 35.7 | 0.1 | 39.9 | 0.2 | 21.0 | 0.1 |
| 30,000 to 49,999. | 22.6 | 0.1 | 27.2 | 0.1 | 24.4 | 0.1 | 17.3 | 0.1 | 23.2 | 0.1 |
| 50,000 to 99,999. | 39.1 | 0.1 | 28.0 | 0.1 | 21.0 | 0.1 | 11.6 | 0.1 | 34.8 | 0.1 |
| 100,000 or higher. | 18.9 | 0.1 | 6.8 | 0.1 | 4.8 | 0.1 | 2.8 | 0.1 | 15.3 | 0.1 |
| HOUSEHOLDS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tenure |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 75,476,486 | 17,043 | 11,957,951 | 11,977 | 15,520,169 | 13,383 | 2,525,495 | 5,775 | 105,480,101 | 25,424 |
| Owned | 72.7 | 0.1 | 58.8 | 0.1 | 46.8 | 0.1 | 27.2 | 0.1 | 66.2 | 0.1 |
| Rented . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 27.3 | 0.1 | 41.2 | 0.1 | 53.2 | 0.1 | 72.8 | 0.1 | 33.8 | 0.1 |

${ }^{1}$ Poverty status is determined for individuals in housing units and noninstitutional group quarters. The poverty universe excludes children under age 15 who are not related to the householder, people living in institutional group quarters, and people living in college dormitories or military barracks.
${ }^{2}$ Data are based on a sample and are subject to sampling variability. 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 reli-
able the estimate. This number when added to or subtracted from the estimate forms the 90 percent confidence interval.
Note. Details may not sum to totals due to rounding
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 sample survey

Appendix Table 3.
Distribution of People, Families, and Households in Census Tracts by Poverty Level of Census Tracts and Selected Characteristics: 2010

| Characteristics | Category I (less than 14.9 percent) |  | Category II <br> (14.9-19.9 percent) |  | Category III (20.0-39.9 percent) |  | Category IV (40.0 percent or more) |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Estimate ${ }^{1}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{2}$ ( $\pm$ | Estimate ${ }^{1}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{2}$ ( $\pm$ | Estimate ${ }^{1}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{2}$ ( $\pm$ | Estimate ${ }^{1}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{2}$ ( $\pm$ | Estimate ${ }^{1}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{2}$ $\pm)$ |
| PEOPLE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| United States | 60.9 | 0.1 | 13.5 | 0.1 | 21.6 | 0.1 | 4.1 | 0.1 | 301,333,410 | 13,789 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total. | 183,369,806 | 65,503 | 40,548,502 | 39,868 | 65,006,093 | 61,976 | 12,409,009 | 30,219 | 301,333,410 | 13,789 |
| Northeast | 20.8 | 0.1 | 12.3 | 0.1 | 13.2 | 0.1 | 16.8 | 0.1 | 17.8 | 0.1 |
| Midwest | 23.3 | 0.1 | 20.9 | 0.1 | 17.2 | 0.1 | 23.2 | 0.1 | 21.6 | 0.1 |
| South | 32.5 | 0.1 | 43.6 | 0.1 | 45.3 | 0.1 | 40.1 | 0.1 | 37.1 | 0.1 |
| West | 23.4 | 0.1 | 23.2 | 0.1 | 24.3 | 0.1 | 19.9 | 0.1 | 23.4 | 0.1 |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 183,369,806 | 65,503 | 40,548,502 | 39,868 | 65,006,093 | 61,976 | 12,409,009 | 30,219 | 301,333,410 | 13,789 |
| Under 18 years. | 23.4 | 0.1 | 23.6 | 0.1 | 25.8 | 0.1 | 28.7 | 0.1 | 24.2 | 0.1 |
| 18 to 64 years. | 62.7 | 0.1 | 63.0 | 0.1 | 62.7 | 0.1 | 62.7 | 0.1 | 62.8 | 0.1 |
| 65 years and over. | 13.9 | 0.1 | 13.3 | 0.1 | 11.4 | 0.1 | 8.6 | 0.1 | 13.1 | 0.1 |
| Educational Attainment |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Population 25 years and over. | 126,194,013 | 46,610 | 27,095,415 | 24,687 | 40,841,365 | 43,224 | 6,654,197 | 18,510 | 200,784,990 | 16,930 |
| Less than high school, no diploma. | 9.0 | 0.1 | 16.8 | 0.1 | 24.2 | 0.1 | 33.1 | 0.2 | 13.9 | 0.1 |
| High school, diploma | 26.0 | 0.1 | 31.9 | 0.1 | 31.6 | 0.1 | 30.3 | 0.1 | 28.1 | 0.1 |
| Some college/no degree. | 21.5 | 0.1 | 22.2 | 0.1 | 20.7 | 0.1 | 18.8 | 0.1 | 21.4 | 0.1 |
| Associate's degree | 8.3 | 0.1 | 7.7 | 0.1 | 6.5 | 0.1 | 5.0 | 0.1 | 7.8 | 0.1 |
| Bachelor's degree or higher . | 35.2 | 0.1 | 21.3 | 0.1 | 16.9 | 0.1 | 12.8 | 0.1 | 28.9 | 0.1 |
| Race |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 183,369,806 | 65,503 | 40,548,502 | 39,868 | 65,006,093 | 61,976 | 12,409,009 | 30,219 | 301,333,410 | 13,789 |
| White alone. | 81.1 | 0.1 | 73.8 | 0.1 | 61.4 | 0.1 | 44.7 | 0.2 | 74.4 | 0.1 |
| White, not Hispanic. | 73.7 | 0.1 | 62.1 | 0.1 | 44.3 | 0.1 | 25.7 | 0.1 | 63.8 | 0.1 |
| Black alone. | 7.2 | 0.1 | 13.1 | 0.1 | 21.8 | 0.1 | 36.6 | 0.1 | 12.3 | 0.1 |
| American Indian and Alaska Native alone (AIAN) | 0.5 | 0.1 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 1.4 | 0.1 | 2.1 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 0.1 |
| Asian alone. | 5.6 | 0.1 | 3.8 | 0.1 | 3.6 | 0.1 | 3.4 | 0.1 | 4.8 | 0.1 |
| Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander alone (NHPI) . | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Some Other Race alone. | 2.9 | 0.1 | 5.4 | 0.1 | 8.8 | 0.1 | 10.4 | 0.1 | 4.8 | 0.1 |
| Two or More Races. | 2.6 | 0.1 | 2.8 | 0.1 | 2.9 | 0.1 | 2.7 | 0.1 | 2.7 | 0.1 |
| Hispanic (any race). | 11.1 | 0.1 | 18.3 | 0.1 | 27.6 | 0.1 | 31.4 | 0.1 | 16.4 | 0.1 |
| Poverty |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total. | 183,369,806 | 65,503 | 40,548,502 | 39,868 | 65,006,093 | 61,976 | 12,409,009 | 30,219 | 301,333,410 | 13,789 |
| Not in poverty | 92.4 | 0.1 | 82.7 | 0.2 | 72.5 | 0.2 | 51.0 | 0.3 | 85.1 | 0.1 |
| In poverty | 7.6 | 0.1 | 17.3 | 0.2 | 27.5 | 0.2 | 49.0 | 0.3 | 14.9 | 0.1 |
| Employment Status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Civilian population in labor force 16 years and over. | 98,394,896 | 50,118 | 20,653,134 | 34,806 | 31,248,425 | 64,152 | 5,263,557 | 23,188 | 155,560,012 | 112,302 |
| Employed | 92.6 | 0.1 | 89.8 | 0.1 | 87.1 | 0.1 | 82.2 | 0.1 | 90.8 | 0.1 |
| Unemployed | 7.4 | 0.1 | 10.2 | 0.1 | 12.9 | 0.1 | 17.8 | 0.1 | 9.2 | 0.1 |

Appendix Table 3.
Distribution of People, Families, and Households in Census Tracts by Poverty Level of Census Tracts and Selected Characteristics: 2010-Con.

| Characteristics | Category I (less than 14.9 percent) |  | Category II <br> (14.9-19.9 percent) |  | Category III (20.0-39.9 percent) |  | Category IV (40.0 percent or more) |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Estimate ${ }^{1}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{2}$ $\pm$ ) | Estimate ${ }^{1}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{2}$ $( \pm)$ | Estimate ${ }^{1}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{2}$ ( $\pm$ | Estimate ${ }^{1}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{2}$ ( $\pm$ | Estimate ${ }^{1}$ | Margin of error ${ }^{2}$ $\pm$ ) |
| Marital Status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Population 15 years and over . | 148,178,638 | 59,486 | 32,621,326 | 29,844 | 51,003,384 | 50,191 | 9,406,407 | 23,998 | 241,209,755 | 7,673 |
| Married | 55.9 | 0.2 | 47.6 | 0.2 | 40.2 | 0.2 | 27.3 | 0.2 | 50.3 | 0.2 |
| Widowed | 5.6 | 0.1 | 6.3 | 0.1 | 6.2 | 0.1 | 5.7 | 0.1 | 5.9 | 0.1 |
| Divorced | 10.1 | 0.1 | 12.1 | 0.1 | 12.1 | 0.1 | 10.6 | 0.1 | 10.8 | 0.1 |
| Separated. | 1.6 | 0.1 | 2.5 | 0.1 | 3.4 | 0.1 | 4.1 | 0.1 | 2.2 | 0.1 |
| Never married. | 26.8 | 0.1 | 31.5 | 0.1 | 38.1 | 0.1 | 52.3 | 0.2 | 30.8 | 0.1 |
| Metro Status of Current Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total. | 183,369,806 | 65,503 | 40,548,502 | 39,868 | 65,006,093 | 61,976 | 12,409,009 | 30,219 | 301,333,410 | 13,789 |
| Central city of metropolitan area. | 24.9 | 0.1 | 31.9 | 0.1 | 46.8 | 0.1 | 73.3 | 0.1 | 32.6 | 0.1 |
| Remainder of metropolitan area. | 62.8 | 0.1 | 42.8 | 0.1 | 31.0 | 0.1 | 16.1 | 0.1 | 51.3 | 0.1 |
| Outside of metropolitan area | 12.2 | 0.1 | 25.3 | 0.1 | 22.2 | 0.1 | 10.6 | 0.1 | 16.1 | 0.1 |
| FAMILIES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Family Type |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total. | 48,838,722 | 117,662 | 10,160,258 | 36,277 | 15,107,217 | 61,304 | 2,489,351 | 13,531 | 76,595,548 | 218,967 |
| Married couple | 80.1 | 0.2 | 70.3 | 0.2 | 60.2 | 0.2 | 43.2 | 0.2 | 73.7 | 0.4 |
| Male householder, no wife present. | 5.7 | 0.1 | 8.0 | 0.1 | 9.7 | 0.1 | 10.9 | 0.1 | 7.0 | 0.1 |
| Female householder, no husband present. | 14.2 | 0.1 | 21.7 | 0.2 | 30.1 | 0.1 | 45.9 | 0.2 | 19.4 | 0.1 |
| Presence of Related Children |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total. | 48,838,722 | 117,662 | 10,160,258 | 36,277 | 15,107,217 | 61,304 | 2,489,351 | 13,531 | 76,595,548 | 218,967 |
| With related children. | 47.1 | 0.1 | 49.2 | 0.2 | 54.6 | 0.1 | 63.2 | 0.2 | 49.4 | 0.2 |
| No related children | 52.9 | 0.1 | 50.8 | 0.2 | 45.4 | 0.1 | 36.8 | 0.2 | 50.6 | 0.1 |
| Family Income |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 48,838,722 | 117,662 | 10,160,258 | 36,277 | 15,107,217 | 61,304 | 2,489,351 | 13,531 | 76,595,548 | 218,967 |
| Under 10,000 | 2.2 | 0.1 | 5.5 | 0.1 | 9.3 | 0.1 | 19.2 | 0.2 | 4.6 | 0.1 |
| 10,000 to 29,999. | 10.1 | 0.1 | 19.9 | 0.1 | 27.6 | 0.1 | 38.3 | 0.2 | 15.8 | 0.1 |
| 30,000 to 49,999. | 15.4 | 0.1 | 21.7 | 0.1 | 22.4 | 0.1 | 19.2 | 0.2 | 17.7 | 0.1 |
| 50,000 to 99,999. | 35.7 | 0.1 | 35.2 | 0.1 | 28.9 | 0.1 | 17.7 | 0.2 | 33.7 | 0.1 |
| 100,000 or higher . | 36.6 | 0.1 | 17.7 | 0.1 | 11.8 | 0.1 | 5.6 | 0.1 | 28.2 | 0.2 |
| HOUSEHOLDS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tenure |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 70,631,270 | 115,914 | 15,799,839 | 38,516 | 24,343,499 | 72,598 | 4,452,194 | 18,131 | 115,226,802 | 238,575 |
| Owned | 73.8 | 0.2 | 61.9 | 0.2 | 50.0 | 0.2 | 31.0 | 0.2 | 65.5 | 0.3 |
| Rented . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 26.2 | 0.2 | 38.1 | 0.2 | 50.0 | 0.2 | 69.0 | 0.2 | 34.5 | 0.1 |

[^18]
[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ The estimates for 2000 are from the Census 2000 sample survey collected from a sample of 19 million households using the long form. For more on Census 2000, see <www.census.gov/prod/2003pubs /prodpr03-1.pdf>. The estimates for 2010 are from 2008-2012 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year data. For more information on the ACS, see the text box "What Is the American Community Survey?" To avoid repetitive wording, the 2008-2012 ACS 5-year estimate is referred to as the 2010 estimate.

[^1]:    ${ }^{2}$ Paul A. Jargowsky, "Concentration of Poverty in the New Millennium." Changes in Prevalence, Composition, and Location of High Poverty Neighborhoods. A report by The Century Foundation and Rutgers Center for Urban Research and Education. Jargowsky focuses on census tracts with poverty rates above 40 percent while this report primarily examines tracts with rates above 20 percent.
    ${ }^{3}$ For example, see "The Enduring Challenge of Concentrated Poverty in America: Case Studies From Communities Across the U.S.A.," a joint project of the Community Affairs Offices of the Federal Reserve System and the Metropolitan Policy Program at the Brookings Institution. (Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, 2008).
    ${ }^{4}$ For example see, the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act in Section 103(a) Allows Basic State Grant projects whose activities or products target poverty areas to receive as much as 90 percent in federal support, and the New Market Tax Credit program, enacted in December 2000 as part of the Community Renewal Tax Relief Act, defines eligibility as projects in census tracts with a poverty rate of at least 20 percent.

[^2]:    ${ }^{5}$ The ACS collects and releases data by calendar year for geographic areas that meet specific population thresholds. 1-year estimates are published for areas with populations of 65,000 or more, 3-year estimates for populations of 20,000 or more, and 5-year estimates for populations of almost any size. ACS 1-, 3-, and 5-year estimates are period estimates, which means they represent the characteristics of the population and housing over a specific data collection period. Data are combined to produce 12 months, 36 months, or 60 months of data.
    ${ }^{6}$ This report examines the percentage and number of people living in census tracts with poverty rates of 20 percent or greater (poverty areas). A series of appendix tables provides estimates of the number and percentage of people living in census tracts with various levels of poverty: below the national average ( 14.9 percent), between 14.9 percent and 20 percent, between 20 percent and 40 percent; and greater than 40 percent.
    ${ }^{7}$ All population numbers in this report refers only those included in poverty universe. The poverty universe includes individuals in housing units and noninstitutional group quarters and excludes children under age 15 who are not related to the householder, people living in institutional group quarters, and people living in college dormitories or military barracks.

[^3]:    See footnotes at end of table.

[^4]:    * Change is statistically different from zero at the 90 percent confidence level.
    ${ }^{1}$ Data from 2000 were obtained from Census 2000 sample survey, while the data for 2010 were obtained from 2008-2012 5-year American Community Survey.
    ${ }^{2}$ Poverty status is determined for individuals in housing units and noninstitutional group quarters. The poverty universe excludes children under age 15 who are not related to the householder, people living in institutional group quarters, and people living in college dormitories or military barracks
    ${ }^{3}$ Data are based on a sample and are subject to sampling variability. 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 or subtracted from the estimate forms the 90 percent confidence interval. Note: Details may not sum to totals due to rounding.
    Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 sample survey and 2008-2012 5-year American Community Survey data.

[^5]:    See footnotes at end of table.

[^6]:    * Change is statistically different from zero at the 90 percent confidence level.
    ${ }^{1}$ Data from 2000 were obtained from Census 2000 sample survey, while the data for 2010 were obtained from 2008-2012 5-year American Community Survey
    ${ }^{2}$ Poverty status is determined for individuals in housing units and noninstitutional group quarters. The poverty universe excludes children under age 15 who are not related to the householder, people living in institutional group quarters, and people living in college dormitories or military barracks
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    Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 sample survey and 2008-2012 5-year American Community Survey data.

[^7]:    Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 and 2008-2012 5-year American Community Survey data.

[^8]:    ${ }^{8}$ The Northeast region includes the states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont. The Midwest region includes the states of Illinois, Indiana, lowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin. The South region includes the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia, a state equivalent. The West region includes the states of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

[^9]:    ${ }^{10}$ The estimated percentages of people in poverty living in poverty areas in 2010 for Alaska and New Hampshire were not statistically different from each other.

[^10]:    ${ }^{11}$ Arizona and New Mexico in the West region and Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia in the South region had 30 percent or more people living in poverty areas.

[^11]:    ${ }^{12}$ Federal surveys now 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 singlerace concept) or as those who reported Asian regardless of whether they also reported another race (the "race-alone-or-in-combination" concept). The body of this report (text, figures, and tables) shows data using the first approach (race alone). Use of the singlerace population does not imply that it is the preferred method of presenting or analyzing data. The Census Bureau uses a variety of approaches.

[^12]:    ${ }^{13}$ According to Census 2000 sample survey data of the total U.S. population, the percentage of people in poverty was 12.4 percent.

[^13]:    ${ }^{14}$ In this report, the term "suburban areas" refers to the areas in metropolitan areas that are outside central cities.

[^14]:    * Change is statistically different from zero at the 90 percent confidence level

[^15]:    ${ }^{17}$ The 2008-2012 family income was inflation-adjusted to 2012 dollars.

[^16]:    ${ }^{18}$ In 2000, of the total 5.1 million households in poverty living in poverty areas, 3.9 million were renters. In 2010, of the total 8.0 million households in poverty living in poverty areas, 6.2 million were renters.

[^17]:    ${ }^{1}$ Data from 2000 were obtained from Census 2000 sample survey, while the data for 2010 were obtained from 2008-2012 5-year American Community Survey.
    ${ }^{2}$ Poverty status is determined for individuals in housing units and noninstitutional group quarters. The poverty universe excludes children under age 15 who are not related to the householder, people living in institutional group quarters, and people living in college dormitories or military barracks.
    ${ }^{3}$ Data are based on a sample and are subject to sampling variability. 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 or subtracted from the estimate forms the 90 percent confidence interval.
    Note: Details may not sum to totals due to rounding
    Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 sample survey and 2008-2012 5-year American Community Survey data.

[^18]:    ${ }^{1}$ Poverty status is determined for individuals in housing units and noninstitutional group quarters. The poverty universe excludes children under age 15 who are not related to the householder, people living in institutional group quarters, and people living in college dormitories or military barracks.
    ${ }^{2}$ Data are based on a sample and are subject to sampling variability. 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 or subtracted from the estimate forms the 90 percent confidence interval.

    Note: Details may not sum to totals due to rounding.
    Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008-2012 5-year American Community Survey data.

