

TABLE B-30.—Number and median income (in 1989 dollars) of families and persons, and poverty status, by race, 1970-89

Year	Families <sup>1</sup>						Persons below poverty level		Median income of persons 15 years old and over with income <sup>2</sup>			
	Number (millions)	Median income	Below poverty level				Number (millions)	Rate	Males		Females	
			Total		Female householder				All persons	Year-round full-time workers	All persons	Year-round full-time workers
			Number (millions)	Rate	Number (millions)	Rate						
<b>ALL RACES</b>												
1970	52.2	\$31,534	5.3	10.1	2.0	32.5	25.4	12.6	\$21,316	\$29,351	\$7,149	\$17,386
1971	53.3	31,490	5.3	10.0	2.1	33.9	25.6	12.5	21,135	29,488	7,373	17,455
1972	54.4	32,976	5.1	9.3	2.2	32.7	24.5	11.9	22,100	31,261	7,710	17,956
1973	55.1	33,656	4.8	8.8	2.2	32.2	23.0	11.1	22,499	32,028	7,890	18,120
1974 <sup>3</sup>	55.7	32,451	4.9	8.8	2.3	32.1	23.4	11.2	21,259	30,590	7,752	18,044
1975	56.2	31,620	5.5	9.7	2.4	32.5	25.9	12.3	20,405	29,811	7,802	17,791
1976	56.7	32,597	5.3	9.4	2.5	33.0	25.0	11.8	20,542	30,202	7,793	18,114
1977	57.2	32,758	5.3	9.3	2.6	31.7	24.7	11.6	20,714	30,836	8,064	18,035
1978	57.8	33,548	5.3	9.1	2.7	31.4	24.5	11.4	20,797	30,547	7,737	18,336
1979 <sup>4</sup>	59.6	33,454	5.5	9.2	2.6	30.4	26.1	11.7	20,118	29,854	7,433	17,987
1980	60.3	31,637	6.2	10.3	3.0	32.7	29.3	13.0	18,856	28,853	7,404	17,443
1981	61.0	30,540	6.9	11.2	3.3	34.6	31.8	14.0	18,379	28,227	7,445	16,993
1982	61.4	30,111	7.5	12.2	3.4	36.3	34.4	15.0	17,925	27,826	7,565	17,557
1983 <sup>5</sup>	62.0	30,719	7.6	12.3	3.6	36.0	35.3	15.2	18,253	28,020	7,974	18,037
1984	62.7	31,547	7.3	11.6	3.5	34.5	33.7	14.4	18,618	28,648	8,197	18,405
1985	63.6	31,962	7.2	11.4	3.5	34.0	33.1	14.0	18,797	28,809	8,317	18,729
1986	64.5	33,328	7.0	10.9	3.6	34.6	32.4	13.6	19,363	29,296	8,610	19,056
1987 <sup>5</sup>	65.2	33,805	7.0	10.7	3.7	34.2	32.2	13.4	19,414	29,124	9,054	19,172
1988	65.8	33,742	6.9	10.4	3.6	33.4	31.7	13.0	19,819	28,659	9,312	19,439
1989	66.1	34,213	6.8	10.3	3.5	32.2	31.5	12.8	19,893	28,605	9,624	19,643
<b>WHITE</b>												
1970	46.5	32,713	3.7	8.0	1.1	25.0	17.5	9.9	22,406	30,191	7,242	17,692
1971	47.6	32,675	3.8	7.9	1.2	26.5	17.8	9.9	22,158	30,317	7,495	17,657
1972	48.5	34,260	3.4	7.1	1.1	24.3	16.2	9.0	23,180	32,388	7,760	18,309
1973	48.9	35,175	3.2	6.6	1.2	24.5	15.1	8.4	23,607	32,955	7,884	18,427
1974 <sup>3</sup>	49.4	33,724	3.4	6.8	1.3	24.8	15.7	8.6	22,270	31,186	7,840	18,198
1975	49.9	32,885	3.8	7.7	1.4	25.9	17.8	9.7	21,435	30,500	7,883	17,832
1976	50.1	33,859	3.6	7.1	1.4	25.2	16.7	9.1	21,655	31,102	7,858	18,253
1977	50.5	34,253	3.5	7.0	1.4	24.0	16.4	8.9	21,696	31,467	8,187	18,150
1978	50.9	34,933	3.5	6.9	1.3	23.5	16.3	8.7	21,782	31,114	7,830	18,509
1979 <sup>4</sup>	52.2	34,910	3.6	6.9	1.4	22.3	17.2	9.0	21,017	30,716	7,503	18,144
1980	52.7	32,962	4.2	8.0	1.6	25.7	19.7	10.2	20,057	29,676	7,445	17,611
1981	53.3	32,080	4.7	8.8	1.8	27.4	21.6	11.1	19,502	28,890	7,529	17,277
1982	53.4	31,614	5.1	9.6	1.8	27.9	23.5	12.0	18,951	28,568	7,667	17,793
1983 <sup>5</sup>	53.9	32,167	5.2	9.7	1.9	28.3	24.0	12.1	19,203	28,768	8,114	18,279
1984	54.4	33,042	4.9	9.1	1.9	27.1	23.0	11.5	19,653	29,629	8,293	18,588
1985	55.0	33,595	5.0	9.1	2.0	27.4	22.9	11.4	19,179	29,609	8,478	18,994
1986	55.7	34,857	4.8	8.6	2.0	28.2	22.2	11.0	20,433	30,114	8,780	19,348
1987 <sup>5</sup>	56.1	35,350	4.6	8.1	2.0	26.9	21.2	10.4	20,636	29,803	9,286	19,527
1988	56.5	35,549	4.5	7.9	1.9	26.5	20.7	10.1	20,921	29,624	9,542	19,730
1989	56.5	35,975	4.4	7.8	1.9	25.4	20.8	10.0	20,863	29,846	9,812	19,873
<b>BLACK</b>												
1970	4.9	20,067	1.5	29.5	.8	54.3	7.5	33.5	13,285	20,565	6,593	14,496
1971	5.2	19,718	1.5	28.8	.9	53.5	7.4	32.5	13,214	20,731	6,567	15,590
1972	5.3	20,362	1.5	29.0	1.0	53.3	7.7	33.3	14,040	21,872	7,250	15,663
1973	5.4	20,301	1.5	28.1	1.0	52.7	7.4	31.4	14,280	22,211	7,116	15,626
1974 <sup>3</sup>	5.5	20,137	1.5	26.9	1.0	52.2	7.2	30.3	13,798	22,343	7,078	16,794
1975	5.6	20,234	1.5	27.1	1.0	50.1	7.5	31.3	12,815	22,698	7,161	17,037
1976	5.8	20,141	1.6	27.9	1.1	52.2	7.6	31.1	13,039	22,276	7,405	17,066
1977	5.8	19,568	1.6	28.2	1.2	51.0	7.7	31.3	12,875	21,694	7,070	16,963
1978	5.9	20,690	1.6	27.5	1.2	50.6	7.6	30.6	13,049	23,830	7,050	17,155
1979 <sup>4</sup>	6.2	19,768	1.7	27.8	1.2	49.4	8.1	31.0	13,010	22,137	6,829	16,626
1980	6.3	19,073	1.8	28.9	1.3	49.4	8.6	32.5	12,052	20,880	6,892	16,425
1981	6.4	18,097	2.0	30.8	1.4	52.9	9.2	34.2	11,597	20,440	6,688	15,803
1982	6.5	17,473	2.2	33.0	1.5	56.2	9.7	35.6	11,357	20,290	6,763	15,903
1983	6.7	18,128	2.2	32.3	1.5	53.7	9.9	35.7	11,230	20,430	6,933	16,185
1984	6.8	18,416	2.1	30.9	1.5	51.7	9.5	33.8	11,276	20,221	7,356	16,751
1985	6.9	19,344	2.0	28.7	1.5	50.5	8.9	31.3	12,409	20,710	7,234	16,814
1986	7.1	19,917	2.0	28.0	1.5	50.1	9.0	31.1	12,244	21,232	7,429	16,930
1987 <sup>5</sup>	7.2	20,091	2.1	29.4	1.6	51.1	9.5	32.4	12,242	21,309	7,585	17,441
1988	7.4	20,260	2.1	28.2	1.6	49.0	9.4	31.3	12,624	21,714	7,703	17,580
1989	7.5	20,209	2.1	27.8	1.5	46.5	9.3	30.7	12,609	20,706	7,875	17,908

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

<sup>2</sup> Prior to 1979, data are for persons 14 years and over.

<sup>3</sup> Based on revised methodology; comparable with succeeding years.

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

Note.—The poverty level is based on the poverty index adopted by a Federal interagency committee in 1969. That index reflected different consumption requirements for families based on size and composition, sex and age of family householder, and farm-nonfarm residence. Minor revisions implemented in 1981 eliminated variations in the poverty thresholds based on two of these variables, farm-nonfarm residence and sex of householder. The poverty thresholds are updated every year to reflect changes in the consumer price index. For further details, see "Current Population Reports," Series P-60, No. 168.

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