

Basics of Poverty

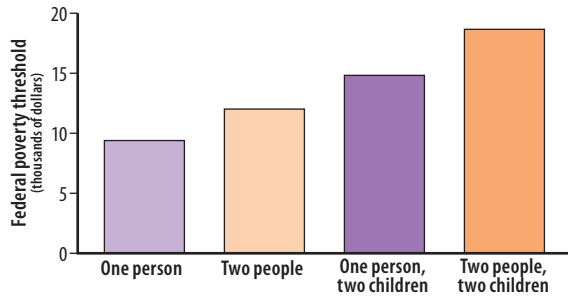


Figure 3. Poverty threshold by individual & family characteristics, 2003

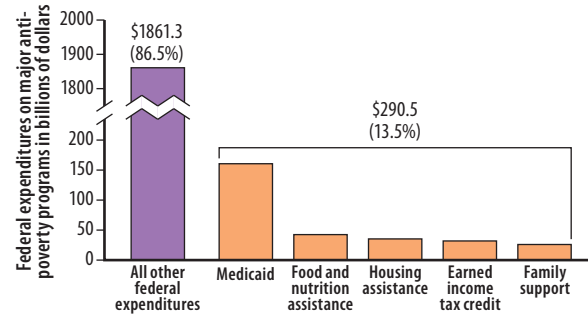


Figure 5. Social program expenditures vs. all expenditures, 2000

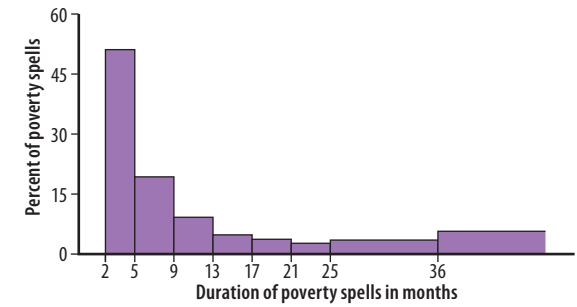


Figure 7. Most poverty spells last less than one year, 1996–1999

Race	Total	Number below poverty level	Percentage below poverty level
White	231,866	24,272	10.5%
Black	40,300	9,051	22.5
Hispanic	35,989	8,781	24.4
Asian and Pacific Islander	11,856	1,401	11.8

Numbers in thousands

Table 2. Race and ethnicity of people in poverty, 2003

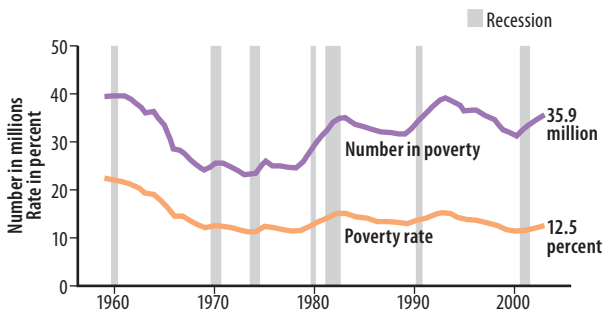


Figure 4. Number in poverty and percent in poverty, 1959–2003

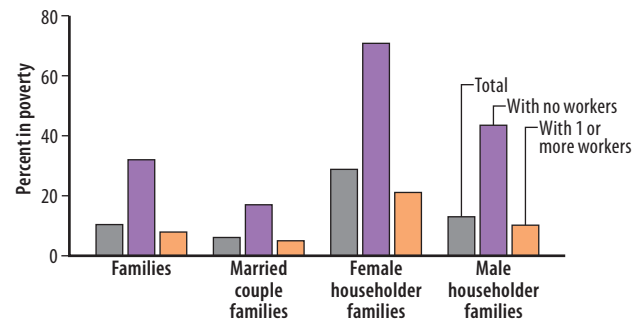


Figure 6. Families with no workers have a higher rate of poverty, 2002

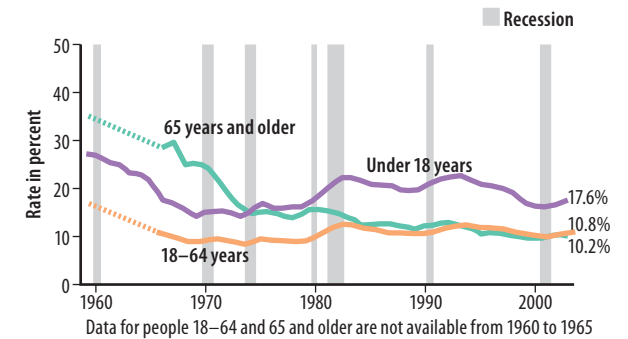


Figure 8. Poverty status of people by age, 1959–2003