

Table 12

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	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
TOTAL POPULATION (MILLIONS)	287.8^a	290.3^a	293.0^a	295.8^a	298.6^a	301.6^a	304.4^a	307.0^a	309.3^a	311.6^a	313.9^a
FOOD INSECURITY PREVALENCE (%)											
All U.S. households	11.1	11.2	11.9	11.0	10.9	11.1	14.6	14.7	14.5	14.9	14.5
with hunger ^b	3.5	3.5	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.1	5.7	5.7	5.4	5.7	5.7
Adults	10.5	10.8	11.3	10.4	10.4	10.6	14.4	14.5	14.2	14.5	14.1
with hunger ^b	3.0	3.1	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.7	5.4	5.4	4.9	5.2	5.3
Children	18.1	18.2	19.0	16.9	17.2	16.9	22.5	23.2	21.6	22.4	21.6
with hunger ^b	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.9	1.5	1.3	1.3	1.1	1.3
PERCENT OF FEDERAL BUDGET SPENT ON FOOD ASSISTANCE^c	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.2	2.7	2.9	3.0
TOTAL INFANT MORTALITY RATE (PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS)	7.0	6.8	6.8	6.9	6.7	6.8	6.6	6.4	6.2	..	..
White	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.5	5.3	5.2	..	..
White, non-Hispanic	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.8	5.6	5.6	5.5	..	..	..	..
Hispanic	5.6	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.4	5.5	5.6	5.3	..	..	..
African American	14.4	14.0	13.8	13.7	12.9	13.3	12.7	12.4	11.6	..	..
Asian/Pacific Islander	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.9	4.6	4.8	4.5	4.4	..	..	..
American Indian/Alaska Native	8.6	8.7	8.5	8.1	8.3	9.2	8.4	8.5	..	..	..
TOTAL POVERTY RATE (%)	12.1	12.5	12.7	12.6	12.3	12.5	13.2	14.3	15.1	15.0	15.0
Northeast	10.9	11.3	11.6	11.3	11.5	11.4	11.6	12.2	12.8	13.1	13.6
Midwest	10.3	10.7	11.6	11.4	11.2	11.1	12.4	13.3	13.9	14.0	13.3
South	13.8	14.1	14.1	14.0	13.8	14.2	14.3	15.7	16.9	16.0	16.5
West	12.4	12.6	12.6	12.6	11.6	12.0	13.5	14.8	15.3	15.8	15.1
White	10.2	10.6	10.8	10.6	10.3	10.5	11.2	12.3	13.0	12.8	12.7
White, non-Hispanic	8.0	8.2	8.6	8.3	8.2	8.2	8.6	9.4	9.9	9.8	9.7
Hispanic	21.8	22.5	21.9	21.8	20.6	21.5	23.2	25.3	26.6	25.3	25.6
African American	24.1	24.3	24.7	24.9	24.3	24.5	24.7	25.8	27.4	27.6	27.2
Asian ^d	10.2	11.8	9.8	11.1	10.1	10.2	11.6	12.5	12.1	12.3	11.7
American Indian/Alaska Native	..	20.0 ^f	..	..	..	..	24.2	..	..	23.9 ^f	..
Elderly (65 years and older)	10.4	10.2	9.8	10.1	9.4	9.7	9.7	8.9	9.0	8.7	9.1
Female-headed households	26.5	28.0	28.4	28.7	28.3	28.3	28.7	29.9	31.6	31.2	30.9
Children under age 6 in households	18.5	19.8	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.8	21.3	23.8	25.3	24.5	24.4
TOTAL CHILD POVERTY RATE (18 YEARS AND UNDER) (%)	16.7	17.6	17.8	17.6	17.4	18.0	19.0	20.7	22.0	21.9	21.8
White	13.6	14.3	14.8	14.4	14.1	14.9	15.8	17.7	18.5	18.6	18.5
White, non-Hispanic	9.4	9.8	10.5	10.0	10.0	10.1	10.6	11.9	12.3	12.5	12.3
Hispanic	28.6	29.7	28.9	28.3	26.9	28.6	30.6	33.1	34.9	34.1	33.8
African American	32.3	34.1	33.6	34.5	33.4	34.5	33.9	35.4	37.8	37.4	36.7
Asian ^d	11.7	12.5	10.0	11.1	11.4	11.9	13.3	13.3	13.6	13.3	13.3
TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	5.8	6.0	5.5	5.1	4.6	4.6	5.8	9.3	9.6	8.9	8.1
White	5.1	5.2	4.8	4.4	4.0	4.1	5.2	8.5	8.7	7.9	7.2
Hispanic	7.5	7.7	7.0	6.0	5.2	5.6	7.6	12.1	12.5	11.5	10.2
African American	10.2	10.8	10.4	10.0	8.9	8.3	10.1	14.8	16.0	15.8	14.0
Asian ^d	5.9	6.0	4.4	4.0	3.0	3.2	4.0	7.3	7.5	7.0	5.9

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	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
HOUSEHOLD INCOME DISTRIBUTION (%)											
Total population											
Lowest 20 percent	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.2
Second quintile	8.8	8.7	8.7	8.6	8.6	8.7	8.6	8.6	8.5	8.4	8.3
Third quintile	14.8	14.8	14.7	14.6	14.5	14.8	14.7	14.6	14.6	14.3	14.4
Fourth quintile	23.3	23.4	23.2	23.0	22.9	23.4	23.3	23.2	23.4	23.0	23.0
Highest 20 percent	49.7	49.8	50.1	50.4	50.5	49.7	50.0	50.3	50.2	51.1	51.0
Ratio of highest 20 percent to lowest 20 percent	14.2	14.6	14.7	14.8	14.8	14.6	14.7	14.8	15.2	16.0	15.8
White											
Lowest 20 percent	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.5
Second quintile	9.0	8.9	8.8	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.8	8.9	8.7	8.6	8.6
Third quintile	15.0	14.8	14.8	14.7	14.6	14.9	14.8	14.8	14.7	14.5	14.5
Fourth quintile	23.2	23.2	23.1	22.9	22.9	23.3	23.3	23.2	23.3	22.9	23.0
Highest 20 percent	49.2	49.4	49.6	49.9	49.9	49.2	49.4	49.5	49.7	50.5	50.5
Ratio of highest 20 percent to lowest 20 percent	13.2	21.4	13.8	13.9	13.4	13.3	13.7	13.4	14.2	14.3	14.4
Hispanic											
Lowest 20 percent	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.9	3.8	3.9	3.7	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.4
Second quintile	9.4	9.4	9.3	9.5	9.3	9.5	9.2	9.0	9.0	9.1	8.9
Third quintile	14.8	15.0	14.9	15.2	15.0	15.2	14.7	14.7	14.7	14.7	14.6
Fourth quintile	22.9	23.1	22.9	23.3	22.9	23.5	23.2	23.1	23.4	22.9	23.1
Highest 20 percent	49.0	48.6	49.1	48.1	48.9	47.9	49.2	49.5	49.4	49.7	50.0
Ratio of highest 20 percent to lowest 20 percent	12.6	12.5	12.9	12.3	12.8	12.3	13.3	13.4	14.1	14.2	14.7
African American											
Lowest 20 percent	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	3.0	2.9	2.6	2.6	2.8
Second quintile	8.2	8.2	8.3	8.0	8.1	8.1	8.4	8.2	7.8	7.5	7.8
Third quintile	14.5	14.7	14.6	14.5	14.3	14.5	14.6	14.3	14.2	13.7	14.1
Fourth quintile	23.3	24.0	23.8	23.7	23.2	23.7	23.5	23.5	23.6	23.3	23.5
Highest 20 percent	51.1	50.2	50.5	50.9	51.6	50.8	50.6	51.1	51.7	52.9	51.9
Ratio of highest 20 percent to lowest 20 percent	17.6	17.3	18.0	18.2	18.4	18.1	16.9	17.6	19.9	20.3	18.5
Asian^d											
Lowest 20 percent	3.3	2.7	3.2	2.9	3.2	3.1	2.9	2.7	3.0	3.0	3.0
Second quintile	9.1	9.1	9.2	9.2	8.8	9.2	8.6	8.2	8.9	8.7	8.9
Third quintile	15.2	15.9	15.1	15.3	14.7	15.6	15.1	14.4	15.3	15.1	14.9
Fourth quintile	23.8	24.6	23.3	23.7	23.0	24.0	24.1	23.0	24.5	23.5	23.6
Highest 20 percent	48.6	47.8	49.2	48.9	50.3	48.0	49.3	51.6	48.3	49.7	49.6
Ratio of highest 20 percent to lowest 20 percent	14.7	17.7	15.4	16.9	15.7	15.5	17.0	19.0	16.2	16.6	16.5
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a U.S. Census estimate.

b Data from 2005 onward is referred to by the USDA as "very low food security" instead of "food insecure with hunger."

c Data refer to fiscal year.

d Reclassified from "Asian and Pacific Islander" in 2002.

e 3-year average: 1998, 1999, and 2000.

f 3-year average: 2001-2003 for 2003, and 2007-2011 for 2011

Sources for tables on page 241.