

**Table 13.22-- POVERTY STATUS OF PERSONS: 1969, 1975, AND
1979 TO 2008**

[Based on Mainland poverty thresholds. Official Hawaii thresholds are approximately 15 percent higher than those in effect on the Mainland; these data accordingly understate the number and percent of persons below the poverty level in Hawaii. Data are based on censuses or surveys made in March or April of the following year, and exclude inmates of institutions, persons in military group quarters and in college dormitories, and unrelated individuals under 15 years (14 years before 1979)]

| Year | Number | Percent | Year | Number | Percent |
|---------|--------|---------|------|---------|---------|
| Census: | | | 1979 | 91,618 | 9.9 |
| 1969 | 68,543 | 9.3 | 1989 | 88,408 | 8.3 |
| 1975 | 67,000 | 7.9 | 1999 | 126,154 | 10.7 |

| Year | Total (1,000) | Number (1,000) | Standard error | Percent | Standard error |
|------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|---------|----------------|
| CPS: 1/ | | | | | |
| 1980 | 954 | 81 | 25 | 8.5 | 2.50 |
| 1981 | 953 | 108 | 29 | 11.3 | 2.90 |
| 1982 | 997 | 132 | 32 | 13.2 | 3.00 |
| 1983 | 998 | 129 | 19 | 12.9 | 1.79 |
| 1984 | 997 | 92 | 27 | 9.3 | 2.60 |
| 1985 | 1,018 | 109 | 18 | 10.7 | 1.70 |
| 1986 | 1,024 | 109 | 18 | 10.7 | 1.70 |
| 1987 | 1,086 | 95 | 16 | 8.8 | 1.50 |
| 1988 | 1,051 | 117 | 18 | 11.1 | 1.70 |
| 1989 | 1,086 | 122 | 19 | 11.3 | 1.80 |
| 1990 | 1,100 | 121 | 19 | 11.0 | 1.70 |
| 1991 | 1,164 | 90 | 17 | 7.7 | 1.40 |
| 1992 | 1,187 | 133 | 20 | 11.2 | 1.67 |
| 1993 | 1,135 | 91 | 17 | 8.0 | 1.47 |
| 1994 | 1,106 | 97 | 17 | 8.7 | 1.55 |
| 1995 | 1,187 | 122 | 20 | 10.3 | 1.68 |
| 1996 | 1,172 | 142 | 23 | 12.1 | 1.82 |
| 1997 | 1,182 | 164 | 24 | 13.9 | 1.92 |
| 1998 | 1,201 | 131 | 22 | 10.9 | 1.72 |
| 1999 | 1,225 | 133 | 22 | 10.8 | 1.69 |
| 2000 | 1,195 | 106 | 12 | 8.9 | 0.94 |
| 2001 | 1,205 | 138 | 13 | 11.4 | 1.05 |
| 2002 | 1,219 | 138 | 14 | 11.3 | 1.04 |
| 2003 | 1,250 | 117 | 12 | 9.3 | 0.95 |
| 2004 2/ 3/ | 1,244 | 106 | 12 | 8.6 | 0.98 |
| 2005 2/ | 1,274 | 110 | 12 | 8.6 | 0.97 |
| 2006 2/ | 1,254 | 116 | 13 | 9.2 | 1.01 |
| 2007 2/ | 1,264 | 94 | 12 | 7.5 | 0.91 |
| 2008 2/ | 1,255 | 125 | 13 | 9.9 | 1.05 |

1/ Current Population Survey. Based on small samples and subject to considerable sampling variation.

2/ For the United States, the poverty rate was 12.7 percent in 2004; 12.6 percent in 2005; 12.3 percent in 2006, 12.5 percent in 2007, and 13.2 percent in 2008.

3/ Source revised to reflect a correction to weights in the 2005 Annual Social and Economic (ASEC) Supplement.

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, *1970 Census of Population*, PC(1)-C13 (December 1971), table 58; *Current Population Reports, Consumer Income*, Series P-60, No. 113 (July 1978), p. 179; *1980 Census of Population*, PC80-1-C13 (June 1983), table 72; *1990 Census of Population*, 1990 CP-2-13 (September 1993), table 29; *2000 Census of Population, Poverty 1999: Census 2000 Brief C2KBR-19* (May 2003), table 3; Historical Poverty Tables - People, Table 19 and Table 21 <<http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/poverty/histpov/perindex.html>> accessed March 3, 2010.