

Table 7. Percent Distribution of Persons Poor in 1984 or 1985, by Poverty Status in Other Year

Characteristic	Below the poverty level in 1984			Below the poverty level in 1985				
	Total	Below the poverty level in 1985	Near-poor in 1985	Nonpoor in 1985	Total	Below the poverty level in 1984	Near-poor in 1984	Nonpoor in 1984
BOTH SEXES								
All persons	100.0	75.5	10.8	13.8	100.0	79.0	8.6	12.3
Age								
Under 18 years	100.0	79.2	9.5	11.4	100.0	83.1	6.7	10.2
Under 6 years	100.0	79.5	8.4	12.1	100.0	81.1	7.6	11.2
18 to 24 years	100.0	64.2	12.5	23.3	100.0	70.6	10.1	19.3
25 to 44 years	100.0	71.7	10.8	17.5	100.0	74.7	9.5	15.8
45 to 64 years	100.0	73.9	13.7	12.4	100.0	77.5	9.8	12.8
65 years and over	100.0	84.1	10.4	5.5	100.0	83.3	11.4	5.3
75 years and over	100.0	82.7	11.6	5.7	100.0	86.0	11.8	2.2
Race and Hispanic Origin¹								
White	100.0	73.7	11.4	14.9	100.0	75.4	10.8	13.9
Black	100.0	79.8	8.8	11.4	100.0	85.8	4.7	9.5
Hispanic origin	100.0	79.2	12.8	8.1	100.0	86.0	7.8	6.2
Marital Status at Beginning and End of Period								
Persons 18 years and over	100.0	72.8	11.7	15.5	100.0	76.1	10.0	13.9
No change in marital status	100.0	74.1	11.3	14.6	100.0	77.8	9.7	12.4
Married, spouse present	100.0	66.5	14.4	19.1	100.0	71.5	13.9	14.6
Married, spouse absent	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Widowed	100.0	85.2	8.7	6.1	100.0	85.9	9.6	4.5
Divorced	100.0	79.5	10.9	9.6	100.0	78.6	6.3	15.2
Separated	100.0	86.0	6.9	7.1	100.0	83.6	7.9	8.5
Never-married	100.0	73.1	9.8	17.1	100.0	79.5	6.4	14.1
Change in marital status	100.0	58.5	15.8	25.7	100.0	58.0	13.0	28.9
Became:								
Married, spouse present	100.0	46.1	19.1	34.8	100.0	62.9	9.0	28.1
Married, spouse absent	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Widowed	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Divorced	100.0	71.2	10.2	18.6	100.0	48.6	14.5	36.9
Separated	100.0	76.7	13.8	9.5	100.0	65.2	15.4	19.4
Household Type at Beginning and End of Period								
No change in household type	100.0	77.3	10.2	12.4	100.0	81.4	8.5	10.1
In married-couple family	100.0	67.4	13.5	19.1	100.0	71.4	13.4	15.2
In other family type	100.0	85.3	7.9	6.8	100.0	90.5	4.2	5.4
Not in a family	100.0	82.8	7.7	9.5	100.0	84.5	6.8	8.6
Change in household type	100.0	61.1	14.8	24.0	100.0	61.4	9.3	29.6
From married-couple family to:								
Other family type	100.0	71.1	8.3	20.6	100.0	49.3	11.0	39.7
Not in a family	100.0	79.4	11.2	9.4	100.0	45.2	7.1	48.2
From other family type to:								
Married-couple family	100.0	48.3	25.5	26.3	100.0	85.0	9.2	5.7
Not in a family	100.0	68.5	16.6	14.9	100.0	48.4	9.3	42.3
From not in a family to:								
Married-couple family	100.0	43.6	15.7	40.7	100.0	79.9	3.7	16.4
Other family type	100.0	76.0	2.3	21.6	100.0	84.8	10.9	4.3
Educational Attainment²								
Not high school graduate	100.0	77.9	11.8	10.3	100.0	83.1	9.7	7.2
High school graduate, no college	100.0	67.3	11.9	20.8	100.0	68.3	11.2	20.6
One or more years of college	100.0	63.1	11.0	25.9	100.0	64.5	9.2	26.3

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Characteristic	Below the poverty level in 1984			Below the poverty level in 1985				
	Total	Below the poverty level in 1985	Near-poor in 1985	Nonpoor in 1985	Total	Below the poverty level in 1984	Near-poor in 1984	Nonpoor in 1984
Work Experience								
Worked year round, full time in 1984	100.0	63.2	12.6	24.1	100.0	54.6	15.1	30.3
Worked year round, full time in 1985	100.0	59.3	11.3	29.4	100.0	59.8	18.9	21.2
Worked, not year round, full time in 1985	100.0	73.7	16.3	10.0	100.0	45.9	8.7	45.3
Did not work in 1985	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Worked, not year round, full time in 1984	100.0	58.4	15.4	26.2	100.0	65.5	11.3	23.2
Worked year round, full time in 1985	100.0	27.8	15.8	56.4	100.0	71.2	7.7	21.1
Worked, not year round, full time in 1985	100.0	61.0	16.8	22.2	100.0	66.4	10.0	23.6
Did not work in 1985	100.0	75.9	8.7	15.4	100.0	60.8	16.4	22.8
Did not work in 1984	100.0	82.5	9.4	8.1	100.0	85.1	8.6	6.3
Worked year round, full time in 1985	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Worked, not year round, full time in 1985	100.0	62.5	18.6	18.8	100.0	77.9	10.1	12.0
Did not work in 1985	100.0	85.5	8.1	6.5	100.0	86.0	8.4	5.7
Participation in Major Assistance During 24-Month Period³								
No change in participation	100.0	79.6	9.0	11.4	100.0	81.5	7.9	10.6
Participated each month	100.0	90.4	7.1	2.6	100.0	94.2	3.2	2.6
Did not participate any month	100.0	60.8	12.4	26.8	100.0	60.5	15.5	23.9
Had a change in participation	100.0	65.4	15.0	19.6	100.0	72.4	10.7	16.9
One change	100.0	63.1	17.0	19.9	100.0	73.1	12.0	14.9
Participated in January 1984	100.0	50.3	22.3	27.4	100.0	83.0	12.1	5.0
Did not participate in January 1984	100.0	86.9	7.1	6.0	100.0	64.9	11.9	23.1
Two or more changes	100.0	67.1	13.6	19.3	100.0	71.9	9.7	18.4
Participated in January 1984	100.0	70.5	12.8	16.8	100.0	84.0	4.6	11.4
Did not participate in January 1984	100.0	61.5	15.0	23.6	100.0	56.6	16.2	27.1

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	Total	Below the poverty level in 1985	Near-poor in 1985	Nonpoor in 1985	Total	Below the poverty level in 1984	Near-poor in 1984	Nonpoor in 1984
MALE								
Age								
Total	100.0	73.3	12.1	14.6	100.0	78.0	8.9	13.0
Under 18 years	100.0	80.4	9.0	10.6	100.0	84.9	5.6	9.4
Under 6 years	100.0	78.3	9.0	12.6	100.0	81.9	7.4	10.7
18 to 24 years	100.0	55.2	18.4	26.4	100.0	64.5	11.9	23.6
25 to 44 years	100.0	64.9	14.8	20.3	100.0	66.9	13.0	20.1
45 to 64 years	100.0	70.7	14.8	14.5	100.0	77.3	11.9	10.9
65 years and over	100.0	78.9	12.6	8.5	100.0	79.7	13.7	6.6
75 years and over	100.0	69.9	15.7	14.5	100.0	77.7	22.3	(B)
Race and Hispanic Origin¹								
White	100.0	71.9	12.6	15.6	100.0	74.4	11.3	14.3
Black	100.0	76.6	10.6	12.8	100.0	84.2	4.4	11.4
Hispanic origin	100.0	78.1	14.5	7.5	100.0	88.7	7.1	4.2
Marital Status at Beginning and End of Period								
Persons 18 years and over	100.0	65.7	15.4	18.9	100.0	70.5	12.6	16.9
No change in marital status	100.0	67.3	14.4	18.3	100.0	71.7	12.6	15.8
Married, spouse present	100.0	67.1	14.7	18.2	100.0	71.8	13.6	14.5
Married, spouse absent	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Widowed	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Divorced	100.0	65.6	14.9	19.5	100.0	70.9	8.7	20.4
Separated	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Never-married	100.0	64.3	16.2	19.6	100.0	69.4	10.4	20.2
Change in marital status	100.0	43.7	28.9	27.4	100.0	52.6	12.6	34.7
Became:								
Married, spouse present	100.0	48.4	31.9	19.7	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Married, spouse absent	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Widowed	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Divorced	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Separated	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Household Type at Beginning and End of Period								
No change in household type	100.0	74.6	11.6	13.8	100.0	79.3	9.2	11.5
In married-couple family	100.0	68.5	13.5	18.1	100.0	72.0	13.0	15.1
In other family type	100.0	83.3	10.3	6.5	100.0	90.9	3.1	6.0
Not in a family	100.0	75.9	7.8	16.3	100.0	78.6	9.8	11.6
Change in household type	100.0	63.1	16.3	20.7	100.0	68.1	6.7	25.2
From married-couple family to:								
Other family type	100.0	75.5	5.2	19.4	100.0	62.4	7.7	29.9
Not in a family	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
From other family type to:								
Married-couple family	100.0	52.2	29.4	18.4	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Not in a family	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
From not in a family to:								
Married-couple family	100.0	51.6	21.1	27.4	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Other family type	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Educational Attainment²								
Not high school graduate	100.0	71.3	15.5	13.2	100.0	78.7	12.4	8.8
High school graduate, no college	100.0	58.6	16.9	24.5	100.0	62.1	14.0	23.9
One or more years of college	100.0	58.1	13.3	28.6	100.0	58.4	11.3	30.4

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Work Experience								
Worked year round, full time in 1984	100.0	63.8	12.7	23.5	100.0	57.4	16.0	26.6
Worked year round, full time in 1985	100.0	62.6	11.1	26.3	100.0	61.2	18.7	20.1
Worked, not year round, full time in 1985	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	100.0	49.3	9.7	41.0
Did not work in 1985	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Worked, not year round, full time in 1984	100.0	53.9	17.5	28.6	100.0	62.6	12.6	24.8
Worked year round, full time in 1985	100.0	22.0	16.9	61.1	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Worked not year round, full time in 1985	100.0	60.5	18.2	21.3	100.0	64.2	11.7	24.1
Did not work in 1985	100.0	78.7	14.2	7.1	100.0	53.2	18.0	28.8
Did not work in 1984	100.0	78.4	14.2	7.3	100.0	83.3	11.1	5.5
Worked year round, full time in 1985	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Worked, not year round, full time in 1985	100.0	50.4	28.1	21.5	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Did not work in 1985	100.0	82.5	12.2	5.3	100.0	84.1	11.4	4.6
Participation in Major Assistance During 24-Month Period³								
No change in participation	100.0	77.5	10.2	12.3	100.0	80.3	8.2	11.5
Participated each month	100.0	89.8	7.2	3.0	100.0	93.8	3.7	2.6
Did not participate any month	100.0	59.8	14.5	25.7	100.0	61.3	14.7	24.0
Had a change in participation	100.0	63.9	16.5	19.6	100.0	72.6	10.6	16.8
One change	100.0	57.6	19.9	22.5	100.0	71.2	9.7	19.0
Participated in January 1984	100.0	44.0	25.6	30.4	100.0	78.3	11.3	10.4
Did not participate in January 1984	100.0	86.0	8.0	6.0	100.0	65.0	8.2	26.8
Two or more changes	100.0	68.6	14.0	17.5	100.0	73.4	11.3	15.3
Participated in January 1984	100.0	72.9	12.9	14.2	100.0	86.6	5.7	7.8
Did not participate in January 1984	100.0	60.3	16.0	23.7	100.0	54.5	19.3	26.2

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FEMALE								
Age								
Total	100.0	77.0	9.8	13.2	100.0	79.7	8.4	11.9
Under 18 years	100.0	77.9	9.9	12.2	100.0	81.2	7.9	10.9
Under 6 years	100.0	80.8	7.8	11.5	100.0	80.3	7.9	11.8
18 to 24 years	100.0	70.4	8.5	21.1	100.0	74.3	9.1	16.6
25 to 44 years	100.0	75.3	8.7	16.0	100.0	78.9	7.6	13.6
45 to 64 years	100.0	75.9	12.9	11.2	100.0	77.6	8.6	13.9
65 years and over	100.0	85.8	9.7	4.6	100.0	84.5	10.7	4.9
75 years and over	100.0	86.1	10.4	3.5	100.0	87.9	9.4	2.7
Race and Hispanic Origin¹								
White	100.0	75.0	10.6	14.4	100.0	76.0	10.4	13.6
Black	100.0	81.9	7.6	10.4	100.0	86.8	4.9	8.3
Hispanic origin	100.0	80.1	11.3	8.6	100.0	83.7	8.4	7.8
Marital Status at Beginning and End of Period								
Persons 18 years and over	100.0	76.6	9.7	13.7	100.0	78.9	8.7	12.4
No change in marital status	100.0	77.9	9.6	12.5	100.0	81.2	8.2	10.6
Married, spouse present	100.0	65.9	14.0	20.1	100.0	71.2	14.1	14.7
Married, spouse absent	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Widowed	100.0	85.3	8.9	5.8	100.0	86.9	8.5	4.6
Divorced	100.0	82.9	9.9	7.2	100.0	80.2	5.8	14.0
Separated	100.0	85.2	8.4	6.4	100.0	83.3	6.3	10.4
Never-married	100.0	79.3	5.3	15.3	100.0	86.7	3.6	9.8
Change in marital status	100.0	64.0	10.9	25.1	100.0	59.5	13.1	27.3
Became:								
Married, spouse present	100.0	45.1	12.6	42.3	100.0	67.0	8.3	24.7
Married, spouse absent	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Widowed	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Divorced	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	100.0	51.5	15.8	32.7
Separated	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	100.0	64.2	14.6	21.2
Household Type at Beginning and End of Period								
No change in household type	100.0	79.3	9.3	11.4	100.0	82.9	8.0	9.0
In married-couple family	100.0	66.2	13.6	20.2	100.0	70.8	13.9	15.3
In other family type	100.0	86.4	6.6	7.0	100.0	90.2	4.7	5.0
Not in a family	100.0	86.0	7.7	6.3	100.0	87.2	5.5	7.3
Change in household type	100.0	59.8	13.9	26.3	100.0	57.4	10.9	31.7
From married-couple family to:								
Other family type	100.0	67.4	11.0	21.7	100.0	41.2	13.1	45.8
Not in a family	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	100.0	46.7	5.9	47.4
From other family type to:								
Married-couple family	100.0	46.2	23.4	30.5	100.0	86.6	6.7	6.7
Not in a family	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	100.0	41.2	14.6	44.2
From not in a family to:								
Married-couple family	100.0	35.7	10.3	54.0	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Other family type	100.0	76.6	3.6	19.8	100.0	84.3	13.1	2.6
Educational Attainment²								
Not high school graduate	100.0	81.4	9.9	8.7	100.0	85.3	8.4	6.4
High school graduate, no college	100.0	71.3	9.6	19.1	100.0	71.0	9.9	19.1
One or more years of college	100.0	66.7	9.3	23.9	100.0	69.2	7.6	23.3

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Work Experience								
Worked year round, full time in 1984..	100.0	61.7	12.8	25.5	100.0	48.8	13.2	38.0
Worked year round, full time in 1985	100.0	50.4	12.1	37.5	100.0	55.7	19.7	24.6
Worked, not year round, full time in 1985	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	100.0	41.8	7.5	50.7
Did not work in 1985	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Worked, not year round, full time in 1984	100.0	61.8	13.8	24.4	100.0	67.6	10.3	22.1
Worked year round, full time in 1985	100.0	37.6	14.0	48.4	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Worked, not year round, full time in 1985	100.0	61.4	15.8	22.8	100.0	68.2	8.6	23.2
Did not work in 1985	100.0	74.9	6.6	18.5	100.0	64.7	15.6	19.8
Did not work in 1984	100.0	83.9	7.8	8.3	100.0	85.7	7.7	6.6
Worked year round, full time in 1985	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Worked, not year round, full time in 1985	100.0	66.6	15.5	17.9	100.0	78.4	10.4	11.3
Did not work in 1985	100.0	86.5	6.7	6.9	100.0	86.6	7.4	6.0
Participation in Major Assistance During 24-Month Period³								
No change in participation	100.0	81.0	8.2	10.7	100.0	82.4	7.6	10.0
Participated each month	100.0	90.7	7.0	2.3	100.0	94.4	3.0	2.6
Did not participate any month	100.0	61.6	10.7	27.7	100.0	59.9	16.2	23.9
Had a change in participation	100.0	66.5	13.9	19.6	100.0	74.6	10.7	17.1
One change	100.0	67.4	14.7	17.9	100.0	74.4	13.5	12.1
Participated in January 1984	100.0	55.5	19.6	25.0	100.0	86.3	12.6	1.1
Did not participate in January 1984	100.0	87.2	6.6	6.2	100.0	64.9	14.3	20.9
Two or more changes	100.0	65.9	13.3	20.8	100.0	70.6	8.5	20.9
Participated in January 1984	100.0	68.3	12.7	19.0	100.0	81.6	3.6	14.8
Did not participate in January 1984	100.0	62.3	14.3	23.4	100.0	58.2	14.0	27.8

B Base less than 200,000.

¹Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race.²Restricted to 18 years old and over.³Major assistance programs include AFDC, general assistance, Supplemental Security Income, food stamps, Medicaid, public or subsidized housing.