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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The myth persists that people are poor because they are able but unwilling to work. Certainly there are those for whom working for wages is impossible due to physical disabilities, the need to care for small children or infirm parents, and because of natural disasters. But for the remainder, some observers argue, cutting off welfare and forcing "those people" to work would make their poverty disappear.

The facts on the subject are neither new nor hard to find, but advocates for the poor are constantly forced by the intransigence of the conventional wisdom to repeat them. First, almost 40 percent of nonelderly poor households receive no income transfers at all (Danziger, Haveman and Plotnick, 1986, p. 67). Thus, "kicking people off welfare" won't cause poverty to disappear. Moreover, in 1987 roughly 60 percent of poor family heads who were not ill, disabled, or retired worked for all or part of the year. And of the 40 percent who did not work, more than half either actively looked for work (unsuccessfully) or were single mothers caring for at least one child younger than six years of age (Shapiro and Greenstein, 1989, pp. 1-2).

Old myths die hard.

In this paper, we have assembled new estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau's March Current Population Survey (CPS) on one particular aspect of this paradoxical and frustrating problem of "working poverty". We ask the straightforward question: how many individuals

aged 16 and older earned at least some wages and salaries over the course of the year but had families (including single-person "families") which nevertheless had aggregate annual incomes which left them below the official Census poverty line for a family of their size and structure (i.e. number of adults present)?

For most groups in the population, we have data for the years 1969, 1973, and 1979 -- all years immediately preceding national economic recessions.¹ We also have information for 1987 -- the most recent year for which complete CPS microdata were available to us. We are able to investigate trends in this particular indicator of working poverty for all U.S. working-age persons, for men and women, for Whites, Blacks and Hispanics, for different age groups, and for people who have dropped out of high school, who have completed high school but gone no further in their education, for those with at least some college education, and for those who have completed at least four years of college.

In terms of geography -- measured here by residential location -- we are able to distinguish between those who live in urban areas and those who live in rural places. These are operationalized by the Census Bureau as "metropolitan" and "nonmetropolitan" areas. The trends are also broken out for each of the nine major Census regions of the country -- for example, the eight states that make up the

¹ These years were selected for study in order to minimize distortions in the trends caused by purely cyclical fluctuations.

region known as the "South Atlantic", ranging from Maryland and Delaware along the Mason-Dixon line to Florida on the Caribbean (see the Appendix Tables).

All of the tables that follow measure the number and proportion of individuals aged 16 and over with at least some wage and salary income who lived in families which were nevertheless officially poor by Census Bureau definitions, based on the number of members in the family (including people living alone, i.e. with a family size of "1") and on whether they live in rural or in urban areas.²

What did we find?

According to the conventional wisdom, families containing people who work should not be poor. And indeed our research shows that the vast majority of people with wages do not live in poor families. Moreover, as can be seen from Table A, between 1969 and 1979 the proportion of wage earners living in families that were nevertheless officially "poor" fell, in rural as well as in urban areas (indeed, the incidence of such working poverty fell two times faster in nonmetro than in metro areas).

But after 1979, the level of this indicator turned up again. And just as rural areas improved faster than urban areas during the

² Inflation-adjusted poverty "lines" for families of different sizes and locations were obtained from U.S. Congress (1988).

1970s, their condition by this measure worsened more sharply during the 1980s.

Table A

PCT. OF WAGE EARNERS IN FAMILIES WHICH ARE NEVERTHELESS POOR
1969 - 1987

	1969	1973	1979	1987
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All Earners	7.3%	6.4%	5.5%	6.6%
Urban	5.7%	5.4%	5.0%	5.9%
Rural	10.6%	8.7%	6.6%	9.4%

source: authors' estimates from March Current
Population Survey

The explanations for this "U-Turn" in the incidence of working poverty are many, and we continue to explore them.⁹ But one clue is provided by the 1979-87 trend in the proportion of those individuals who live in poor families and also work -- but receive "low" wages. As with the other papers in this Aspen-Ford series, we "annualize" everyone's hourly earnings. That is, we compute how much annual wage and salary income a person would receive if she or he worked year round, full time, and were paid at the actual hourly rate they earned

⁹ On the stagnation in living standards generally, see Harrison and Bluestone (1988), Burtless (1989), and Levy (1988).

when they in fact did work. In this way, we are able to include both part time and full time, part year and year round wage earners in the overall counts -- each case appropriately weighted by the work experience of that person over the year.

In order to evaluate the changing incidence of low wages, we need a normative bench-mark for what constitutes "low". In 1987 the individual equivalent of the poverty line for a family of four persons was \$11,800 (or about \$12,000). If anyone in our CPS sample had annualized earnings below that threshold (in inflation-adjusted 1987 dollars), we designated them as "low earners".

Table B shows that, in both urban and rural areas, the percent of wage-earners living in poor families who individually earned low wages rose dramatically during the 1980s (unfortunately, the CPS does not contain the disaggregated information necessary for tracing this indicator prior to 1976). The worsening was proportionately greater in urban than in rural areas, but in both, by the late 1980s well over four out of every five workers who lived in officially-defined "poor" families" were earning poverty-level wages themselves. By definition this growth in low wage working has to have contributed to the growth in the incidence of families which were poor in spite of having members in the active work force.

Table B

PCT. OF EARNERS IN POOR FAMILIES WITH ANNUALIZED INDIVIDUAL
WAGES AND SALARIES BELOW \$12,000 IN 1979 AND 1987

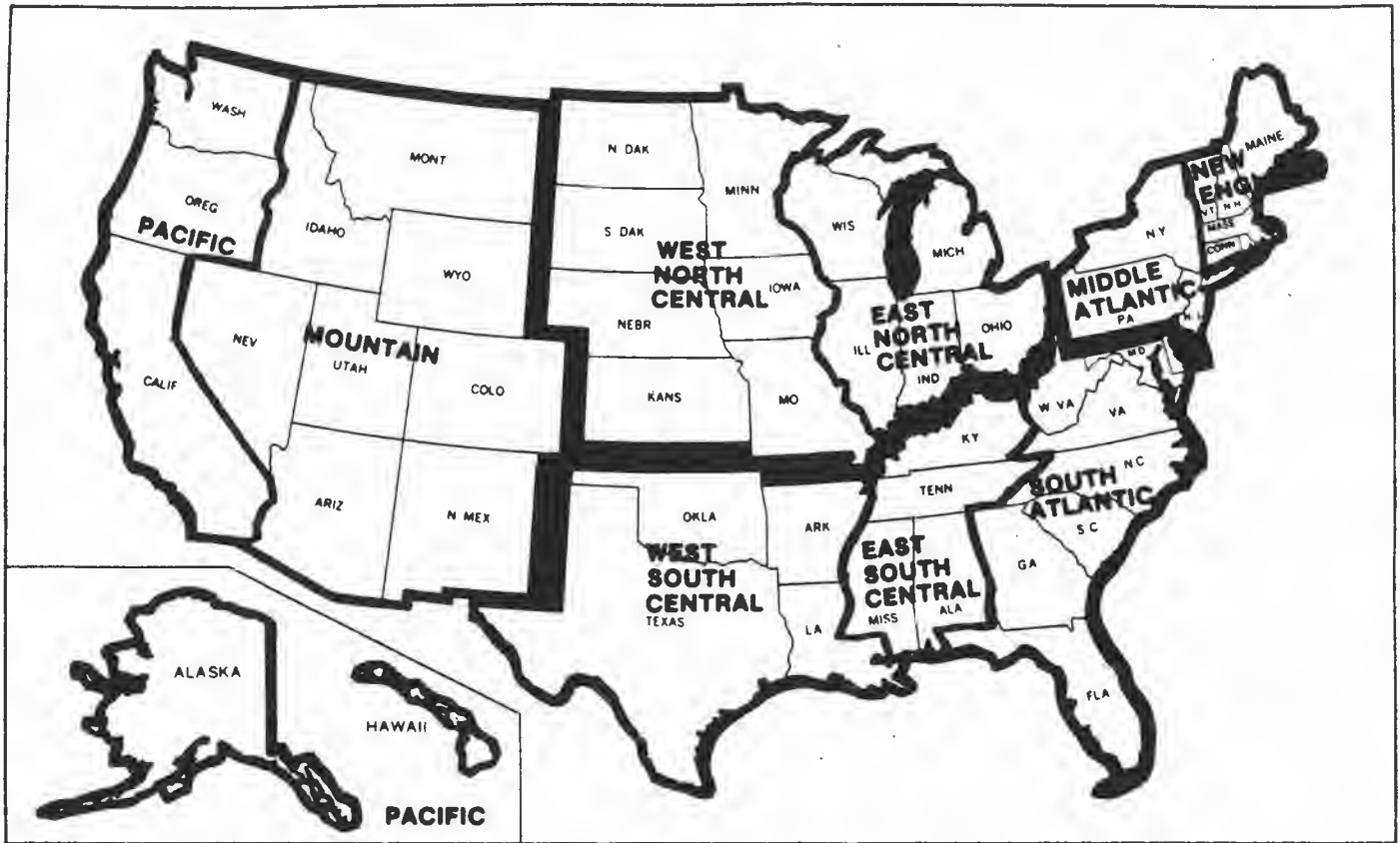
	1979	1987
All Earners	72.1%	83.8%
Urban	70.5%	83.0%
Rural	75.5%	86.0%

source: authors' estimates from March Current
Population Survey

In is conceivable that these "U-Turns" in the incidence of working poverty have been concentrated in particular regions of the country. Fig. A shows the nine major regions defined for statistical purposes by the U.S. Bureau of the Census. In Table C we display the distributions of earners in poor families over the nearly two decades of our study, and among the nine Census regions, distinguishing between metro and nonmetro places within each region.

Clearly, the growing incidence of working poverty after 1979 was not confined to particular parts of the country. To be sure, in a few places the long trend of improvement continued, e.g. the ur-

Figure A



Geographic Divisions of the United States. (U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census)

TABLE C

PCT. OF EARNERS IN FAMILIES WHICH ARE NEVERTHELESS POOR,
BY REGION: 1969 - 1987

		1969	1973	1979	1987
NEW ENGLAND:	URBAN	4.0%	4.5%	4.0%	2.9%
	RURAL	5.1%	5.7%	4.1%	5.4%
MID ATLANTIC:	URBAN	4.6%	4.3%	4.2%	4.0%
	RURAL	5.5%	3.8%	2.3%	6.8%
E. NO. CENTRAL:	URBAN	4.8%	3.8%	3.9%	5.8%
	RURAL	5.9%	6.4%	5.1%	7.0%
W. NO. CENTRAL:	URBAN	5.2%	4.7%	4.8%	6.0%
	RURAL	7.6%	6.2%	5.1%	8.2%
SOUTH ATLANTIC:	URBAN	7.9%	6.1%	6.4%	6.1%
	RURAL	15.0%	11.5%	7.6%	9.1%
E. SO. CENTRAL:	URBAN	9.2%	8.9%	5.8%	8.2%
	RURAL	18.3%	12.6%	8.7%	11.2%
W. SO. CENTRAL:	URBAN	8.3%	9.4%	7.3%	8.5%
	RURAL	16.2%	14.0%	9.3%	14.4%
MOUNTAIN:	URBAN	7.4%	6.0%	5.4%	7.1%
	RURAL	10.9%	7.9%	7.4%	11.7%
PACIFIC:	URBAN	4.9%	5.9%	5.4%	6.2%
	RURAL	7.4%	6.3%	6.2%	10.6%

source: authors' estimates from March Current
Population Survey

banized Northeast (New England and the Mid-Atlantic states) and the urbanized South Atlantic. But in the rural areas of these regions, and in both rural and urban areas everywhere else, the incidence of working poverty did a U-Turn after 1979 and began rising again.

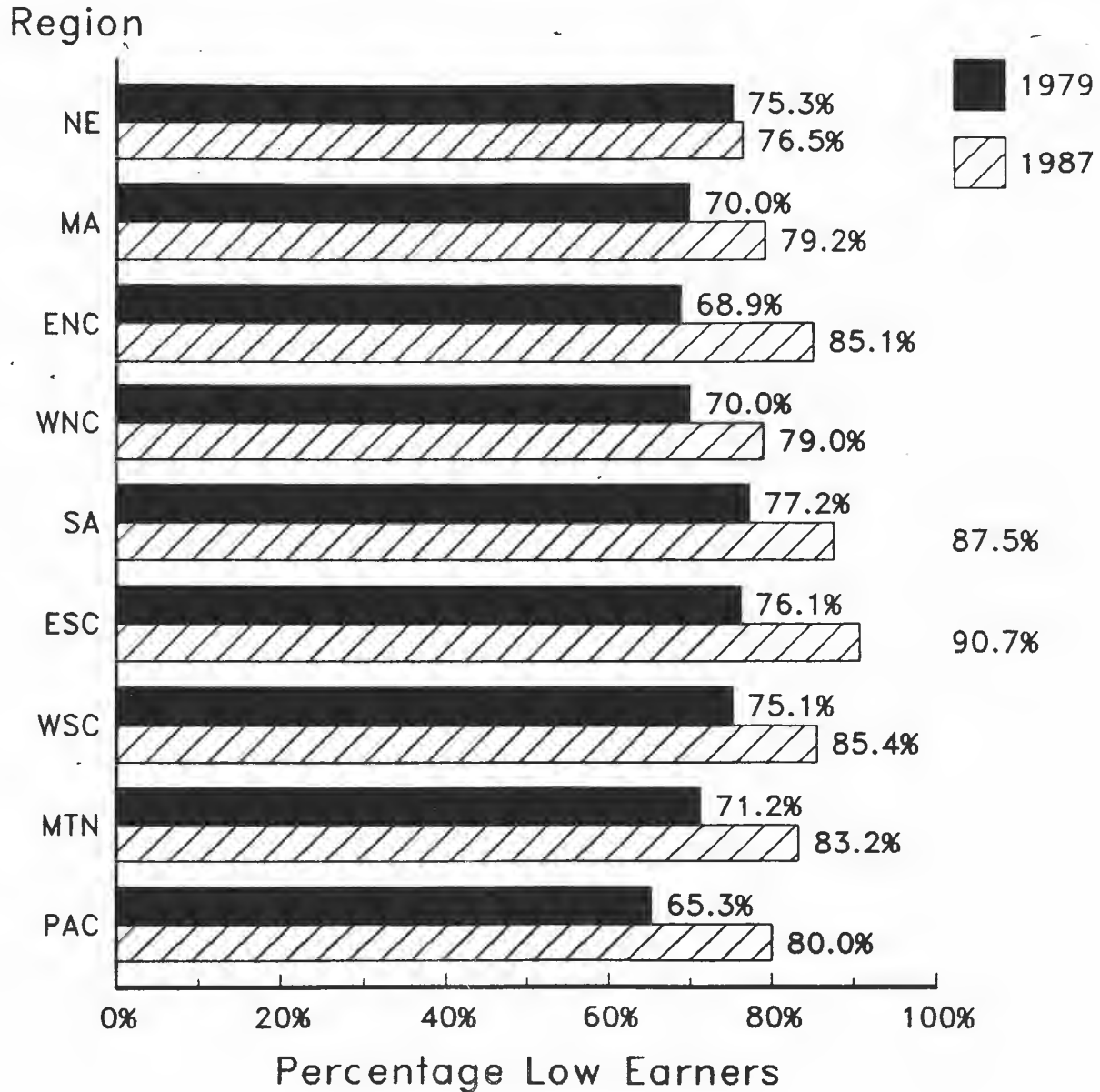
Once again we ask: might this regionally widely shared experience of rising working poverty after 1979 be at least partly attributable to the growth in low wage employment that we and others have written about so often in the last several years? Figure B confirms that, in every one of the nine Census regions, the percent of workers living in poor families who themselves individually received poverty-level annualized wages rose between 1979 and 1987.

In the more detailed tables that make up the main body of this paper, we show that these results hold for nearly all age groups, for men and women, for whites as well as for workers of color, and even for people with a college education. To be sure, there is variation along these dimensions -- how could there not be -- but what will strike the reader most, we think, is a sense of the ubiquity of the general phenomenon of at best, no further improvement, and more typically, rising working poverty in the 1980s. In sum:

The conclusion seems inescapable that the growth in low wage employment in the U.S. economy in the 1980s bears at least part of the responsibility for the increase during the same period in the proportion of American wage-earners whose families -- despite having these working members -- were nevertheless living under the poverty line. Those observers of the political-economic scene who imagined (or, as in the case of William Julius Wilson, have sometimes been misinterpreted as implying) that the link between poverty and low wages was being weakened in the 1980s were quite incorrect. The link is stronger now than it was in the decade of the 1970s.

FIGURE B

PERCENTAGE OF EARNERS IN POOR FAMILIES WITH ANNUALIZED INDIVIDUAL WAGES AND SALARIES BELOW \$12,000 IN 1979 AND 1987, BY REGION



Source: authors' estimates from the Current Population Survey

THE CHANGING INCIDENCE OF "WORKING POVERTY" IN
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Wage Earners in Poor Families, 1969-1987, U.S. As a Whole

In 1969, nearly 80 million Americans aged 16 and older worked for wages during at least part of the year. Over 6 million of them, or 7.3 percent, lived in families which were nevertheless officially poor, in spite of the wages of those families members. Over the subsequent decade, the number and proportion of working individuals in poor families fell. By 1979 the share of all wage earners living in poor families was down to 5.5 percent.

But then, during the 1980s, the number and proportion of such workers rose sharply again. By 1987, nearly 8 million persons had wages but lived in poor families -- 6.6 percent of all wage earners. If a benchmark for assessing this reversal is needed, note that the total wage earning workforce grew by 14 percent since 1979, while the number of persons working but living in poor families grew by 37 percent -- far more than twice as fast.

According to the conventional wisdom, families containing people who work should not be poor. And obviously the vast majority of people with wages do not live in poor families. Nevertheless, that this phenomenon has been on the rise again in the 1980s is disturbing. Table 1 shows

that this reversal occurred for most groups in the population. The only groups for which things (by this measure) did not get worse after 1979 were black men -- of whom nearly one out of eight who work still live in poor families, a level twice the national average -- nonwhite women, seniors (aged 55 and older), and the 32.7 million workers in 1987 who had completed four or more years of college. And even for these groups, "progress" meant things not getting any worse. It did not mean continued decline in the incidence of working poverty.

Why did it happen? One clue is provided by the 1979-87 trends reported in Figures 1 and 2. Here we display the proportion of those individuals who live in poor families and also work -- but receive "low" wages. As with the other papers in this Aspen-Ford series, we define low wages by dividing each person's actual annual wage and salary income by the number of weeks and hours that they worked in that year. The result is then multiplied by (40 hours/week times 52 weeks/year equals) 2,080 to produce an "annualized" or "full time equivalent" annual wage for each person. In this way, we are able to include both part time and full time, part year and year round wage earners in the overall counts, each case appropriately weighted by the work experience of that person over the year. In 1987 the individual equivalent of the poverty

TABLE 1 THE CHANGING PERCENTAGE OF WORKERS LIVING IN POOR FAMILIES, 1969 TO 1987*
THE NATION AS A WHOLE

All Workforce Numbers are in 1000'S

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
All Workers										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	6,254	7.3%	5,987	6.4%	5,700	5.5%	7,809	6.6%	2,109	37.0%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	79,628	92.7%	87,256	93.6%	98,536	94.5%	111,033	93.4%	12,497	12.7%

Total	85,882	100.0%	93,243	100.0%	104,236	100.0%	118,842	100.0%	14,606	

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Men										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	3,057	6.1%	2,848	5.3%	2,599	4.6%	3,486	5.5%	887	34.1%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	47,459	93.9%	51,374	94.7%	54,509	95.4%	59,483	94.5%	4,974	9.1%

Total	50,516	100.0%	54,222	100.0%	57,108	100.0%	62,969	100.0%	5,861	

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Women										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	3,197	9.0%	3,140	8.0%	3,101	6.6%	4,322	7.7%	1,221	39.4%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	32,169	91.0%	35,882	92.0%	44,027	93.4%	51,550	92.3%	7,523	17.1%

Total	35,366	100.0%	39,022	100.0%	47,128	100.0%	55,872	100.0%	8,744	

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
White										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	4,144	5.5%	4,071	4.9%	3,434	4.0%	4,410	4.7%	976	28.4%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	71,727	94.5%	78,262	95.1%	83,079	96.0%	89,828	95.3%	6,749	8.1%

Total	75,871	100.0%	82,333	100.0%	86,513	100.0%	94,238	100.0%	7,725	

* These tables measure the number and proportion of individuals with at least some wage and salary income in a year who lived in families which were nevertheless poor. Wages were deflated by the CPI-X1. The poverty index for families was given by the Census Bureau's poverty level for a family of the appropriate size (number of members) and structure (number of adults present).

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Nonwhite										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	2,110	21.1%	1,916	17.6%	1,684	13.7%	2,170	13.5%	486	28.9%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	7,901	78.9%	8,994	82.4%	10,643	86.3%	13,849	86.5%	3,206	30.1%

Total	10,011	100.0%	10,910	100.0%	12,327	100.0%	16,019	100.0%	3,692	
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	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Black						
FAMILY IN POVERTY	1,532	14.7%	1,921	15.4%	389	25.4%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	8,881	85.3%	10,588	84.6%	1,707	19.2%

Total	10,413	100.0%	12,509	100.0%	2,096	
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	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Hispanic						
FAMILY IN POVERTY	583	10.8%	1,228	14.3%	645	110.6%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	4,814	89.2%	7,356	85.7%	2,542	52.8%

Total	5,397	100.0%	8,584	100.0%	3,187	
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	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
White Men										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	2,097	4.6%	2,032	4.2%	1,591	3.3%	1,942	3.9%	351	22.1%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	43,024	95.4%	46,302	95.8%	46,037	96.7%	48,032	96.1%	1,995	4.3%

Total	45,121	100.0%	48,334	100.0%	47,628	100.0%	49,974	100.0%	2,346	
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	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Nonwhite Men										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	960	17.8%	816	13.9%	688	11.0%	850	10.7%	162	23.5%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	4,435	82.2%	5,072	86.1%	5,585	89.0%	7,131	89.3%	1,546	27.7%

Total	5,395	100.0%	5,888	100.0%	6,273	100.0%	7,981	100.0%	1,708	
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	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Black Men						
FAMILY IN POVERTY	619	11.8%	706	11.6%	87	14.1%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	4,643	88.2%	5,398	88.4%	755	16.3%

Total	5,262	100.0%	6,104	100.0%	842	

	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Hispanic Men						
FAMILY IN POVERTY	320	10.0%	695	13.9%	375	117.2%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	2,888	90.0%	4,320	86.1%	1,432	49.6%

Total	3,208	100.0%	5,015	100.0%	1,807	

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
White Women										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	2,048	6.7%	2,039	6.0%	1,843	4.7%	2,468	5.6%	625	33.9%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	28,702	93.3%	31,960	94.0%	37,042	95.3%	41,796	94.4%	4,754	12.8%

Total	30,750	100.0%	33,999	100.0%	38,885	100.0%	44,264	100.0%	5,379	

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Nonwhite Women										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	1,150	24.9%	1,101	21.9%	996	16.5%	1,321	16.4%	325	32.6%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	3,467	75.1%	3,922	78.1%	5,058	83.5%	6,718	83.6%	1,660	32.8%

Total	4,617	100.0%	5,023	100.0%	6,054	100.0%	8,039	100.0%	1,985	

	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Black Women						
FAMILY IN POVERTY	913	17.7%	1,215	19.0%	302	33.1%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	4,238	82.3%	5,190	81.0%	952	22.5%

Total	5,151	100.0%	6,405	100.0%	1,254	

Hispanic Women	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	262	12.0%	533	14.9%	271	103.4%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	1,927	88.0%	3,036	85.1%	1,109	57.6%

Total	2,189	100.0%	3,569	100.0%	1,380	
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Age 16-24	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	2,266	10.3%	2,522	10.0%	2,303	8.5%	2,870	11.6%	567	24.6%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	19,643	89.7%	22,616	90.0%	24,738	91.5%	21,850	88.4%	(2,888)	-11.7%

Total	21,909	100.0%	25,138	100.0%	27,041	100.0%	24,720	100.0%	(2,321)	
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Age 25-34	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	1,274	7.2%	1,282	5.9%	1,497	5.4%	2,427	7.0%	930	62.1%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	16,438	92.8%	20,387	94.1%	26,369	94.6%	32,006	93.0%	5,637	21.4%

Total	17,712	100.0%	21,669	100.0%	27,866	100.0%	34,433	100.0%	6,567	
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Age 35-54	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	1,723	5.4%	1,445	4.5%	1,368	3.9%	2,007	4.5%	639	46.7%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	30,374	94.6%	30,713	95.5%	33,327	96.1%	42,763	95.5%	9,436	28.3%

Total	32,097	100.0%	32,158	100.0%	34,695	100.0%	44,770	100.0%	10,075	
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Age 55 and Above	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	991	7.0%	738	5.2%	532	3.6%	504	3.4%	(28)	-5.3%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	13,172	93.0%	13,540	94.8%	14,102	96.4%	14,414	96.6%	312	2.2%

Total	14,163	100.0%	14,278	100.0%	14,634	100.0%	14,918	100.0%	284	
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	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
HS Dropout										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	3,759	11.8%	3,090	10.6%	2,704	10.6%	3,183	14.6%	479	17.7%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	27,998	88.2%	26,079	83.7%	22,792	89.4%	18,554	85.4%	(4,238)	-18.6%

Total	31,757	100.0%	29,169	94.3%	25,496	100.0%	21,737	100.0%	(3,759)	

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
HS Graduates										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	1,600	5.0%	1,819	5.0%	1,844	4.5%	3,051	6.5%	1,207	65.5%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	30,517	95.0%	34,379	95.0%	39,474	95.5%	43,990	93.5%	4,516	11.4%

Total	32,117	100.0%	36,198	100.0%	41,318	100.0%	47,041	100.0%	5,723	

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Some College										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	344	4.4%	453	4.6%	476	3.6%	650	3.7%	174	36.6%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	7,478	95.6%	9,310	95.4%	12,716	96.4%	16,721	96.3%	4,005	31.5%

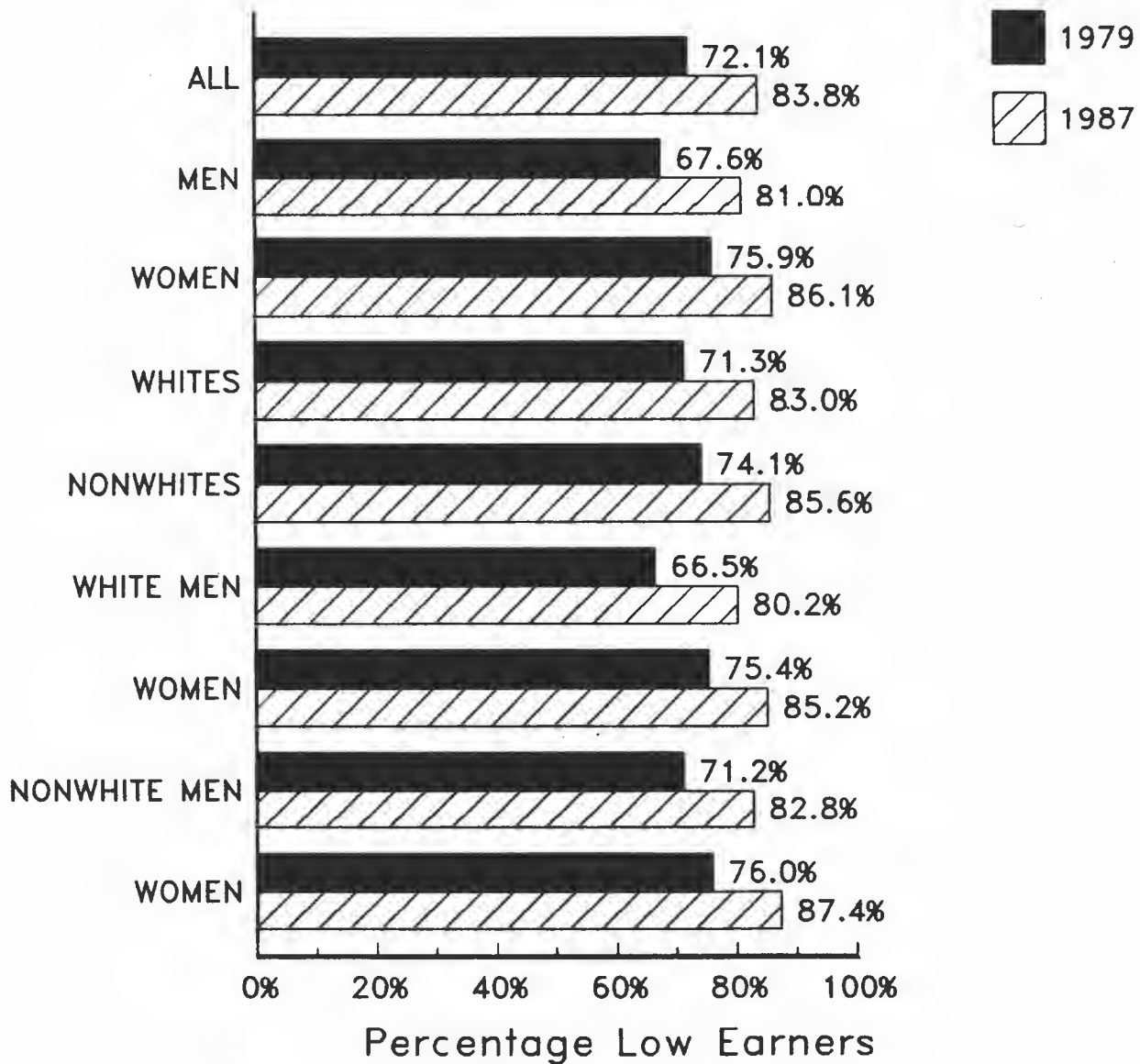
Total	7,822	100.0%	9,763	100.0%	13,192	100.0%	17,371	100.0%	4,179	

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
4 Yrs. Coll/+										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	551	3.9%	626	3.5%	676	2.8%	925	2.8%	249	36.8%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	13,636	96.1%	17,488	96.5%	23,553	97.2%	31,768	97.2%	8,215	34.9%

Total	14,187	100.0%	18,114	100.0%	24,229	100.0%	32,693	100.0%	8,464	

FIGURE 1

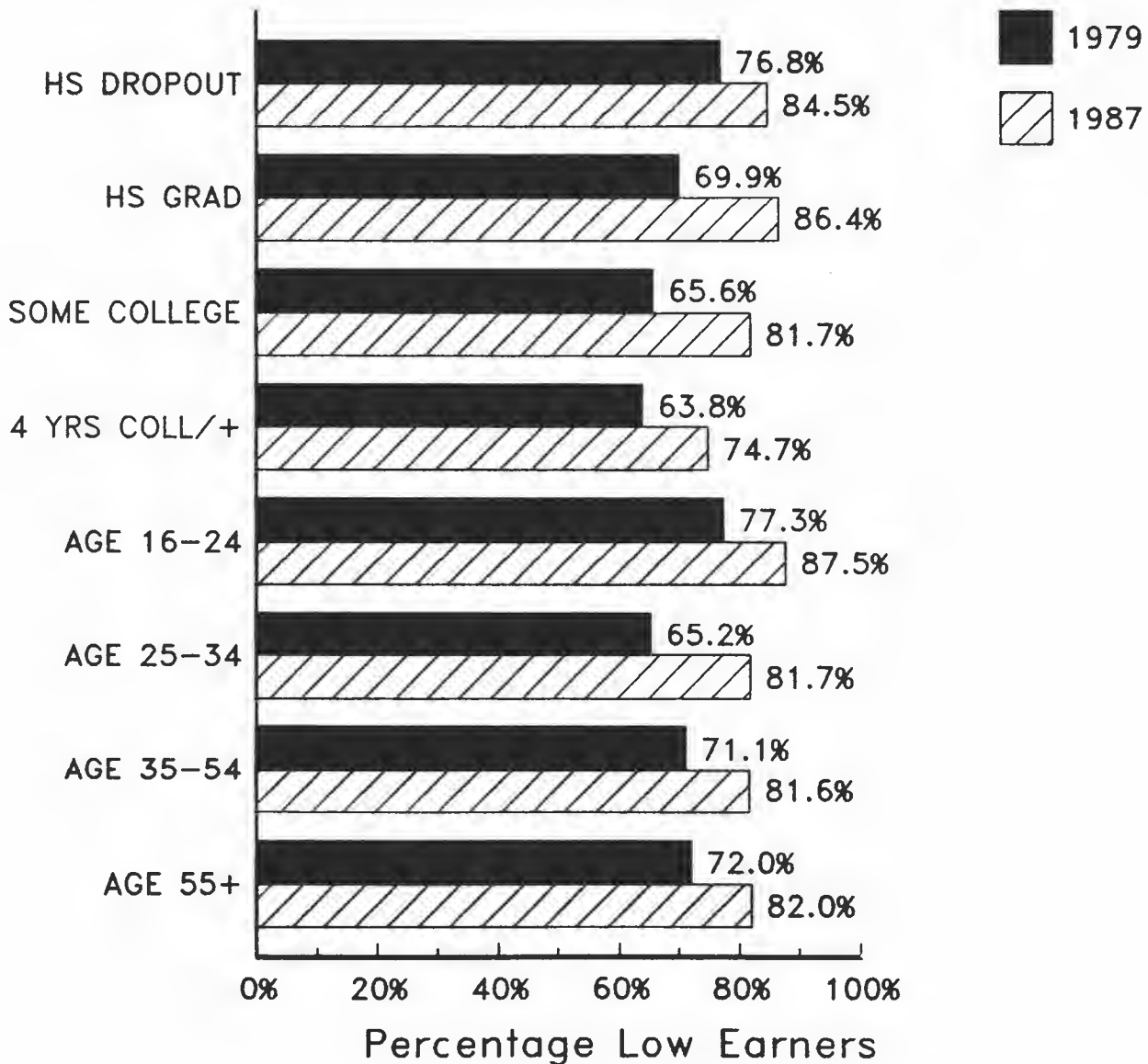
PERCENTAGE OF WORKERS LIVING IN POOR FAMILIES AND EARNING LOW HOURLY EARNINGS, 1979-87* BY GENDER AND RACE



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SOURCE: MARCH CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY.

FIGURE 2

PERCENTAGE OF WORKERS LIVING IN POOR FAMILIES AND EARNING LOW HOURLY EARNINGS, 1979-87* BY AGE AND EDUCATION



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line for a family of four persons was \$11,800. If anyone in our CPS sample had annualized earnings below that threshold (in inflation-adjusted 1987 dollars), we designated them as "low earners" (Gorham and Harrison, 1990; Harrison and Gorham, 1990).

Without exception, between 1979 and 1987 every group in the population shared the same experience. The proportion of the members of poor families who worked for full time, full year-equivalent wages which were themselves below the threshold of a bit less than \$12,000 in 1987 dollars rose between 1979 and 1987. For all workers and their families, the increase was from 72.1 percent to 83.8 percent. For nonwhite women in poor families (a disproportionate number of whom are known to be single parents), by 1987 fully 87.4 percent -- more than six out of every six -- were earning low wages when they worked. As Figure 2 shows, even college graduates suffered this worsening in the trend toward low wages in poor families.

Further research is necessary to separate out the relative importance of this "low wage effect" from that of other possible explanatory factors. Nevertheless, even at this point we may conclude unambiguously that even when the members of poor families do work for wages, the wage rates they earn deteriorated badly in the 1980s (that is, even after accounting for hours and weeks of work experi-

ence). By definition this must have increased the chances that their families would be poor. So much for the conventional wisdom.

Working Poverty in Urban Areas

In Table 2 we have recomputed each of the panels from Table 1. Only this time, we look only at people who reside in Census-defined standard metropolitan areas, which in this series of papers serves as a proxy for "urban".⁴

⁴ This is perhaps the place to remind the reader that the Census Bureau's definitions of metropolitan statistical area boundaries changed in 1983. As we have elaborated on in earlier papers (especially Gorham and Harrison, 1990), and as others have also noted, there is nothing for it but to exhort readers to "caution" in making comparisons between post-1983 years and the earlier period. According to the Census Bureau and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, there is no reason to expect systematic bias one way or the other; that is, some metro areas got "bigger" through redefinition, while others got smaller.

We had hoped to take a closer look at one unamiguously rural population: those households engaged in farming. One way of defining the farm population in the CPS is to consider families which identify themselves as living on land that is used principally for agriculture. But upon inspection we concluded that this subsample is too heterogeneous, incorporating people who do not earn a living from farming, at all, even though they may use a farm as their legal residence. Thus we were forced to abandon this part of the study.

TABLE 2 THE CHANGING PERCENTAGE OF WORKERS LIVING IN POOR FAMILIES, 1969 TO 1987*
THE METROPOLITAN U.S.

All Workforce Numbers are in 1000'S

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
All Workers										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	3,257	5.7%	3,549	5.4%	3,873	5.0%	5,609	5.9%	1,736	44.8%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	54,359	94.3%	61,635	94.6%	72,837	95.0%	89,735	94.1%	16,898	23.2%
Total	57,616	100.0%	65,184	100.0%	76,710	100.0%	95,344	100.0%	18,634	
Men										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	1,514	4.5%	1,620	4.3%	1,690	4.0%	2,518	5.0%	828	49.0%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	32,384	95.5%	36,210	95.7%	40,289	96.0%	48,015	95.0%	7,726	19.2%
Total	33,898	100.0%	37,830	100.0%	41,979	100.0%	50,533	100.0%	8,554	
Women										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	1,744	7.4%	1,930	7.1%	2,183	6.3%	3,091	6.9%	908	41.6%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	21,975	92.6%	25,426	92.9%	32,549	93.7%	41,721	93.1%	9,172	28.2%
Total	23,719	100.0%	27,356	100.0%	34,732	100.0%	44,812	100.0%	10,080	
White										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	2,223	4.4%	2,382	4.2%	2,200	3.5%	2,901	3.9%	701	31.9%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	48,045	95.6%	54,452	95.8%	59,902	96.5%	70,783	96.1%	10,881	18.2%
Total	50,268	100.0%	56,834	100.0%	62,102	100.0%	73,684	100.0%	11,582	

* These tables measure the number and proportion of individuals with at least some wage and salary income in a year who lived in families which were nevertheless poor. Wages were deflated by the CPI-X1. The poverty index for families was given by the Census Bureau's poverty level for a family of the appropriate size (number of members) and structure (number of adults present).

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Nonwhite										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	1,034	14.1%	1,167	14.0%	1,199	12.1%	1,624	11.9%	425	35.4%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	6,314	85.9%	7,183	86.0%	8,747	87.9%	12,036	88.1%	3,289	37.6%

Total	7,348	100.0%	8,350	100.0%	9,946	100.0%	13,660	100.0%	3,714	

	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Black						
FAMILY IN POVERTY	1,073	13.0%	1,439	13.7%	366	34.1%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	7,190	87.0%	9,087	86.3%	1,897	26.4%

Total	8,263	100.0%	10,526	100.0%	2,263	

	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Hispanic						
FAMILY IN POVERTY	474	10.2%	1,084	13.5%	610	128.7%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	4,188	89.8%	6,917	86.5%	2,729	65.2%

Total	4,662	100.0%	8,001	100.0%	3,339	

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
White Men										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	1,078	3.6%	1,165	3.5%	976	2.9%	1,272	3.3%	296	30.3%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	28,879	96.4%	32,181	96.5%	33,265	97.1%	37,802	96.7%	4,537	13.6%

Total	29,957	100.0%	33,346	100.0%	34,241	100.0%	39,074	100.0%	4,833	

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Nonwhite Men										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	436	11.1%	456	10.2%	454	9.1%	636	9.4%	182	40.1%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	3,505	88.9%	4,028	89.8%	4,520	90.9%	6,154	90.6%	1,634	36.2%

Total	3,941	100.0%	4,484	100.0%	4,974	100.0%	6,790	100.0%	1,816	

Black Men	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	398	9.7%	526	10.3%	128	32.2%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	3,700	90.3%	4,597	89.7%	897	24.2%
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Total	4,098	100.0%	5,123	100.0%	1,025	

Hispanic Men	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	259	9.4%	610	13.1%	351	135.5%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	2,504	90.6%	4,059	86.9%	1,555	62.1%
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Total	2,763	100.0%	4,669	100.0%	1,906	

White Women	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	1,146	5.6%	1,217	5.2%	1,224	4.4%	1,630	4.7%	406	33.2%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	19,166	94.4%	22,271	94.8%	26,638	95.6%	32,981	95.3%	6,343	23.8%
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Total	20,312	100.0%	23,488	100.0%	27,862	100.0%	34,611	100.0%	6,749	

Nonwhite Women	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	598	17.6%	712	18.4%	744	15.0%	988	14.4%	244	32.8%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	2,809	82.4%	3,155	81.6%	4,227	85.0%	5,882	85.6%	1,655	39.2%
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Total	3,407	100.0%	3,867	100.0%	4,971	100.0%	6,870	100.0%	1,899	

Black Women	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	675	16.2%	912	16.9%	237	35.1%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	3,491	83.8%	4,490	83.1%	999	28.6%
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Total	4,166	100.0%	5,402	100.0%	1,236	

	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Hispanic Women						
FAMILY IN POVERTY	215	11.3%	474	14.2%	259	120.5%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	1,685	88.7%	2,858	85.8%	1,173	69.6%

Total	1,900	100.0%	3,332	100.0%	1,432	
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	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Age 16-24										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	1,263	8.7%	1,560	9.0%	1,612	8.2%	2,170	10.9%	558	34.6%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	13,287	91.3%	15,816	91.0%	18,142	91.8%	17,724	89.1%	(418)	-2.3%

Total	14,550	100.0%	17,376	100.0%	19,754	100.0%	19,894	100.0%	140	
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	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Age 25-34										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	708	5.9%	828	5.3%	1,066	5.1%	1,740	6.2%	674	63.2%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	11,256	94.1%	14,659	94.7%	19,909	94.9%	26,340	93.8%	6,431	32.3%

Total	11,964	100.0%	15,487	100.0%	20,975	100.0%	28,080	100.0%	7,105	
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	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Age 35-54										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	848	3.9%	784	3.5%	879	3.5%	1,367	3.8%	488	55.5%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	21,009	96.1%	21,882	96.5%	24,467	96.5%	34,341	96.2%	9,874	40.4%

Total	21,857	100.0%	22,666	100.0%	25,346	100.0%	35,708	100.0%	10,362	
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	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Age 55 and Above										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	438	4.7%	377	3.9%	316	3.0%	332	2.8%	16	5.1%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	8,807	95.3%	9,278	96.1%	10,319	97.0%	11,330	97.2%	1,011	9.8%

Total	9,245	100.0%	9,655	100.0%	10,635	100.0%	11,662	100.0%	1,027	
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	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
HS Dropout										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	1,669	8.6%	1,573	8.5%	1,671	9.7%	2,270	14.0%	599	35.8%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	17,808	91.4%	16,914	82.7%	15,574	90.3%	13,902	86.0%	(1,672)	-10.7%

Total	19,477	100.0%	18,487	91.2%	17,245	100.0%	16,172	100.0%	(1,073)	

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
HS Graduates										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	972	4.5%	1,157	4.6%	1,295	4.3%	2,080	5.7%	785	60.6%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	20,870	95.5%	24,027	95.4%	28,554	95.7%	34,269	94.3%	5,715	20.0%

Total	21,842	100.0%	25,184	100.0%	29,849	100.0%	36,349	100.0%	6,500	

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Some College										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	224	3.9%	342	4.5%	373	3.6%	518	3.6%	145	38.9%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	5,573	96.1%	7,183	95.5%	9,979	96.4%	13,948	96.4%	3,969	39.8%

Total	5,797	100.0%	7,525	100.0%	10,352	100.0%	14,466	100.0%	4,114	

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
4 Yrs. Coll/+										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	392	3.7%	477	3.4%	534	2.8%	741	2.6%	207	38.8%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	10,108	96.3%	13,512	96.6%	18,730	97.2%	27,617	97.4%	8,887	47.4%

Total	10,500	100.0%	13,989	100.0%	19,264	100.0%	28,358	100.0%	9,094	

The U-Turn pattern shows up again. The proportion of workers with wages whose families were nevertheless poor fell between 1969 and 1979, then rose to 1987. In any particular year, the incidence of such working poverty is somewhat lower for most urban demographic groups than for the nation as a whole. On the other hand, the rate at which the situation reversed itself and worsened in the 1980s was considerably greater in the nation's urban areas.

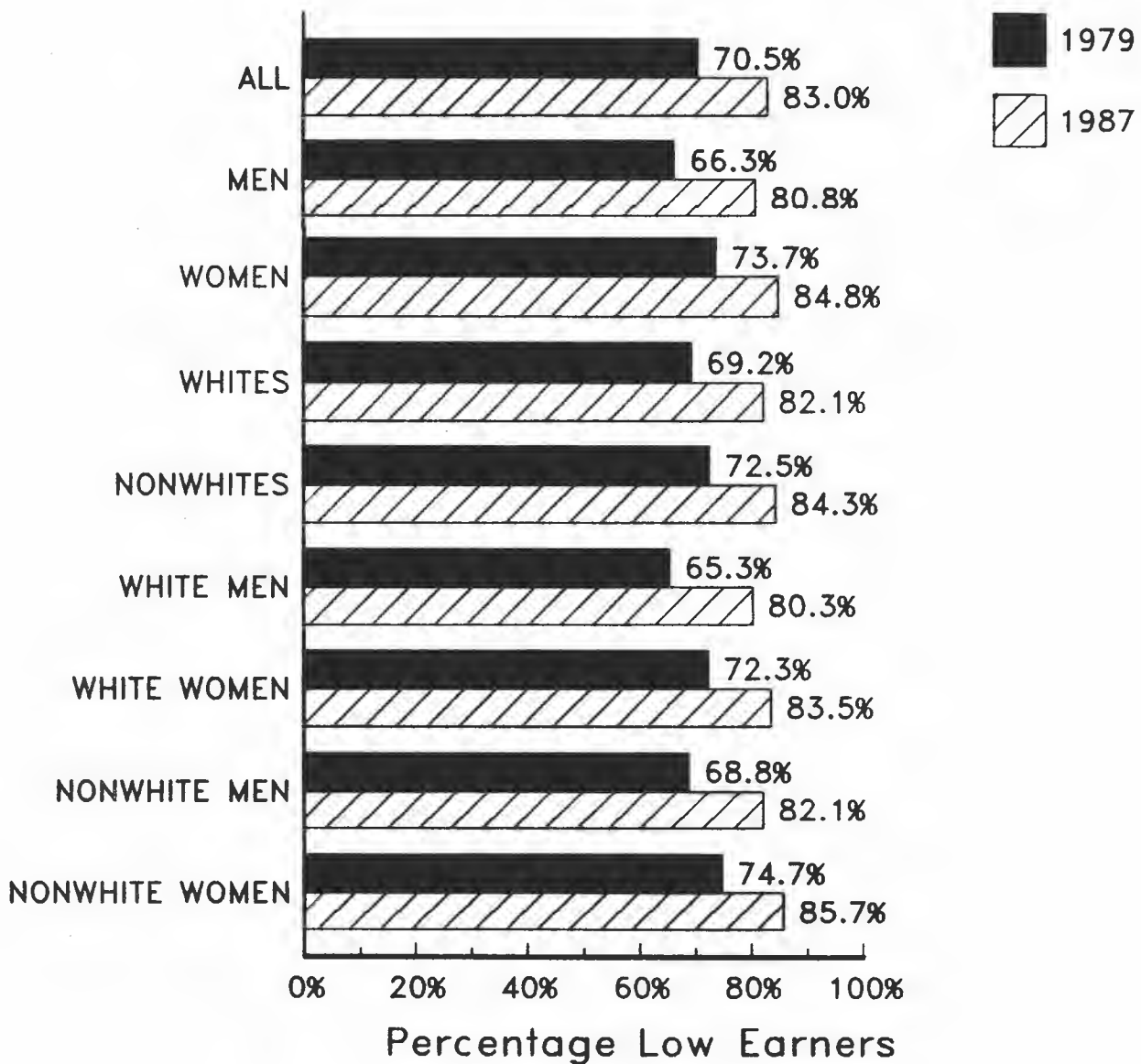
Figures 3 and 4 also repeat the earlier pattern. That is, at least one reason why having family members work does not keep the family out of poverty is that the proportion of earners with low wages living in poor families grew dramatically during the 1980s. Yet again, even college graduates living in poor urban families were more likely to have low wages (less than about \$12,000) in 1987 than in 1979.

Working Poverty in Rural Areas

This brings us to the main focus of the paper: what has been happening to working poverty in rural areas. As we and many other researchers have often remarked, being forced to resort to the Census Bureau's designation "non-

FIGURE 3

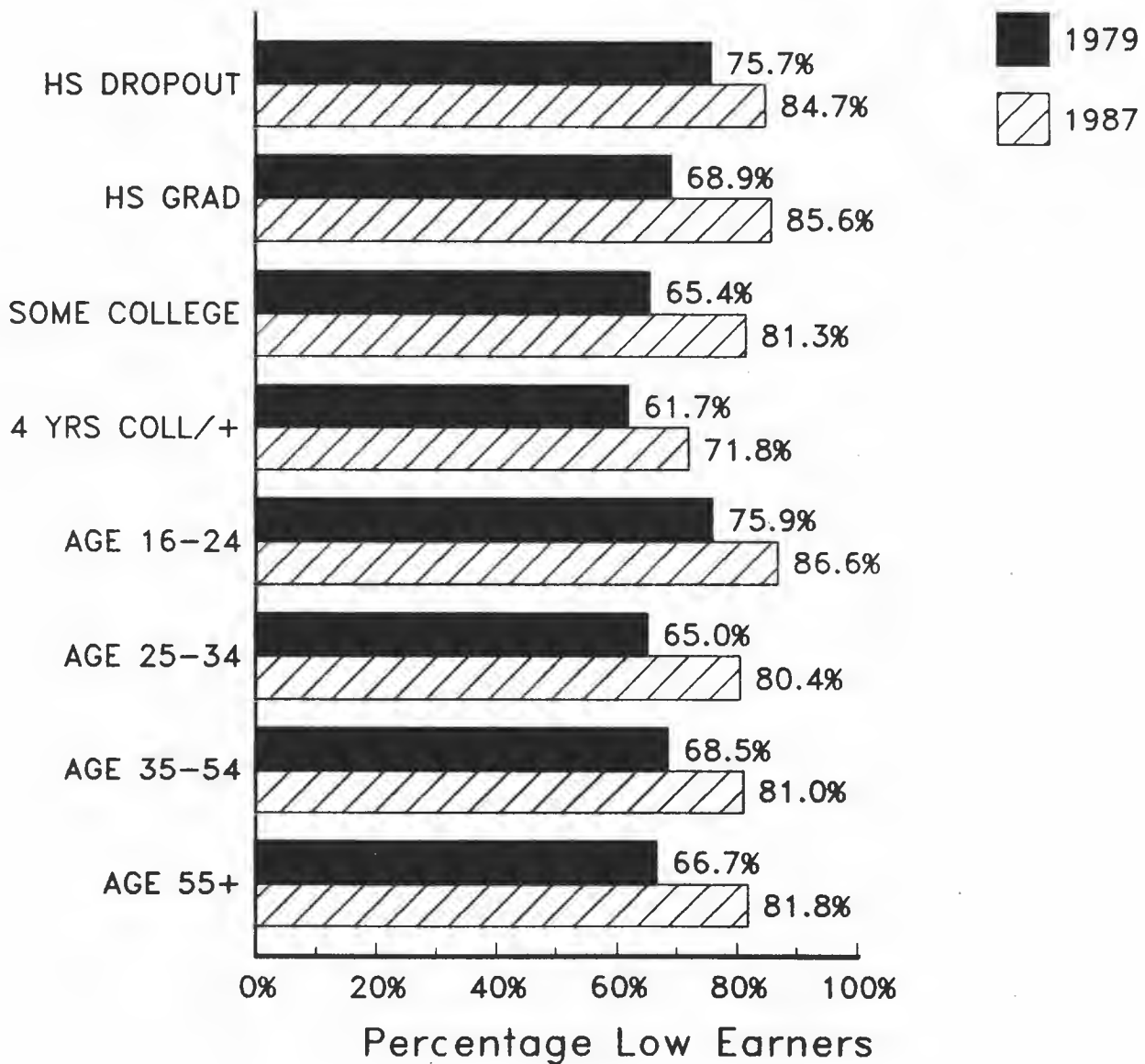
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FIGURE 4

PERCENTAGE OF URBAN WORKERS LIVING IN POOR FAMILIES AND EARNING LOW HOURLY EARNINGS, 1979-87* BY AGE AND EDUCATION



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metropolitan" as a proxy for "rural" is most unsatisfactory. Nonmetropolitan areas include small -- and in some states, even medium-sized -- cities and towns. But like other researchers, we have no choice, if we are to make use of the richness of the CPS data base.

Table 3 contains the by-now familiar twenty-three panels of information on trends in the incidence of working poverty since 1969 (or, for certain variables, since 1979), by race, gender, age, and schooling. For most groups, the proportion of workers with wages living in families that were nevertheless poor has consistently been well above the national (and therefore the urban) average. Again we see gradual improvement during the 1970s -- a smaller number and proportion of wage earners living in families which were nevertheless poor -- but this trend goes into reverse after 1979. The rate of worsening is not so strong as was the case for urban families, but again the levels have been consistently higher. Figures 5 and 6 confirm that, within poor families, those who do work for wages are earning less now than they did in the late 1970s.

TABLE 3 THE CHANGING PERCENTAGE OF WORKERS LIVING IN POOR FAMILIES, 1969 TO 1987*
THE NONMETROPOLITAN U.S.

All Workforce Numbers are in 1000'S

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
All Workers										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	2,997	10.6%	2,438	8.7%	1,828	6.6%	2,200	9.4%	372	20.4%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	25,269	89.4%	25,621	91.3%	25,699	93.4%	21,298	90.6%	(4,401)	-17.1%

Total	28,266	100.0%	28,059	100.0%	27,527	100.0%	23,498	100.0%	(4,029)	

Men										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	1,543	9.3%	1,228	7.5%	910	6.0%	968	7.8%	58	6.4%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	15,075	90.7%	15,164	92.5%	14,221	94.0%	11,468	92.2%	(2,753)	-19.4%

Total	16,618	100.0%	16,392	100.0%	15,131	100.0%	12,436	100.0%	(2,695)	

Women										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	1,453	12.5%	1,210	10.4%	918	7.4%	1,231	11.1%	313	34.1%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	10,194	87.5%	10,457	89.6%	11,478	92.6%	9,829	88.9%	(1,649)	-14.4%

Total	11,647	100.0%	11,667	100.0%	12,396	100.0%	11,060	100.0%	(1,336)	

White										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	1,921	7.5%	1,689	6.6%	1,234	5.1%	1,508	7.3%	274	22.2%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	23,682	92.5%	23,810	93.4%	23,176	94.9%	19,046	92.7%	(4,130)	-17.8%

Total	25,603	100.0%	25,499	100.0%	24,410	100.0%	20,554	100.0%	(3,856)	

* These tables measure the number and proportion of individuals with at least some wage and salary income in a year who lived in families which were nevertheless poor. Wages were deflated by the CPI-X1. The poverty index for families was given by the Census Bureau's poverty level for a family of the appropriate size (number of members) and structure (number of adults present).

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Nonwhite										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	1,076	40.4%	749	29.3%	485	20.4%	547	23.2%	62	12.8%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	1,587	59.6%	1,811	70.7%	1,896	79.6%	1,813	76.8%	(83)	-4.4%
Total	2,663	100.0%	2,560	100.0%	2,381	100.0%	2,360	100.0%	(21)	

	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Black						
FAMILY IN POVERTY	459	21.4%	482	24.3%	23	5.0%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	1,690	78.6%	1,501	75.7%	(189)	-11.2%
Total	2,149	100.0%	1,983	100.0%	(166)	

	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Hispanic						
FAMILY IN POVERTY	109	14.8%	145	24.8%	36	33.0%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	626	85.2%	439	75.2%	(187)	-29.9%
Total	735	100.0%	584	100.0%	(151)	

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
White Men										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	1,019	6.7%	868	5.8%	615	4.6%	670	6.1%	55	8.9%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	14,146	93.3%	14,121	94.2%	12,772	95.4%	10,231	93.9%	(2,541)	-19.9%
Total	15,165	100.0%	14,989	100.0%	13,387	100.0%	10,901	100.0%	(2,486)	

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Nonwhite Men										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	524	36.0%	360	25.7%	234	18.0%	214	18.0%	(20)	-8.5%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	930	64.0%	1,043	74.3%	1,065	82.0%	977	82.0%	(88)	-8.3%
Total	1,454	100.0%	1,403	100.0%	1,299	100.0%	1,191	100.0%	(108)	

	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Black Men						
FAMILY IN POVERTY	221	19.0%	179	18.3%	(42)	-19.0%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	943	81.0%	801	81.7%	(142)	-15.1%

Total	1,164	100.0%	980	100.0%	(184)	
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	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Hispanic Men						
FAMILY IN POVERTY	61	13.7%	85	24.6%	24	39.3%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	384	86.3%	261	75.4%	(123)	-32.0%

Total	445	100.0%	346	100.0%	(99)	
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	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
White Women										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	902	8.6%	822	7.8%	619	5.6%	839	8.7%	220	35.5%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	9,536	91.4%	9,689	92.2%	10,405	94.4%	8,815	91.3%	(1,590)	-15.3%

Total	10,438	100.0%	10,511	100.0%	11,024	100.0%	9,654	100.0%	(1,370)	
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	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Nonwhite Women										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	551	45.6%	388	33.6%	252	23.3%	333	28.5%	81	32.1%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	657	54.4%	767	66.4%	831	76.7%	836	71.5%	5	0.6%

Total	1,208	100.0%	1,155	100.0%	1,083	100.0%	1,169	100.0%	86	
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	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Black Women						
FAMILY IN POVERTY	237	24.1%	303	30.2%	66	27.8%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	747	75.9%	700	69.8%	(47)	-6.3%

Total	984	100.0%	1,003	100.0%	19	
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	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
Hispanic Women	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	47	16.3%	60	25.2%	13	27.7%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	242	83.7%	178	74.8%	(64)	-26.4%

Total	289	100.0%	238	100.0%	(51)	
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	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
Age 16-24	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	1,003	13.6%	963	12.4%	692	9.5%	700	14.5%	8	1.2%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	6,356	86.4%	6,800	87.6%	6,596	90.5%	4,126	85.5%	(2,470)	-37.4%

Total	7,359	100.0%	7,763	100.0%	7,288	100.0%	4,826	100.0%	(2,462)	
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	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
Age 25-34	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	566	9.8%	453	7.3%	431	6.3%	687	10.8%	256	59.4%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	5,182	90.2%	5,728	92.7%	6,460	93.7%	5,666	89.2%	(794)	-12.3%

Total	5,748	100.0%	6,181	100.0%	6,891	100.0%	6,353	100.0%	(538)	
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	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
Age 35-54	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	874	8.5%	661	7.0%	488	5.2%	640	7.1%	152	31.1%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	9,366	91.5%	8,831	93.0%	8,860	94.8%	8,422	92.9%	(438)	-4.9%

Total	10,240	100.0%	9,492	100.0%	9,348	100.0%	9,062	100.0%	(286)	
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	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
Age 55 and Above	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	553	11.2%	361	7.8%	217	5.4%	172	5.3%	(45)	-20.7%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	4,365	88.8%	4,262	92.2%	3,783	94.6%	3,084	94.7%	(699)	-18.5%

Total	4,918	100.0%	4,623	100.0%	4,000	100.0%	3,256	100.0%	(744)	
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	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
HS Dropout										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	2,090	17.0%	1,517	14.2%	1,033	12.5%	913	16.4%	(120)	-11.6%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	10,190	83.0%	9,166	72.4%	7,218	87.5%	4,653	83.6%	(2,565)	-35.5%

Total	12,280	100.0%	10,683	86.6%	8,251	100.0%	5,566	100.0%	(2,685)	

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
HS Graduates										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	628	6.1%	661	6.0%	550	4.8%	971	9.1%	421	76.5%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	9,647	93.9%	10,352	94.0%	10,920	95.2%	9,721	90.9%	(1,199)	-11.0%

Total	10,275	100.0%	11,013	100.0%	11,470	100.0%	10,692	100.0%	(778)	

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Some College										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	121	6.0%	111	5.0%	103	3.6%	132	4.5%	29	28.2%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	1,904	94.0%	2,127	95.0%	2,737	96.4%	2,773	95.5%	36	1.3%

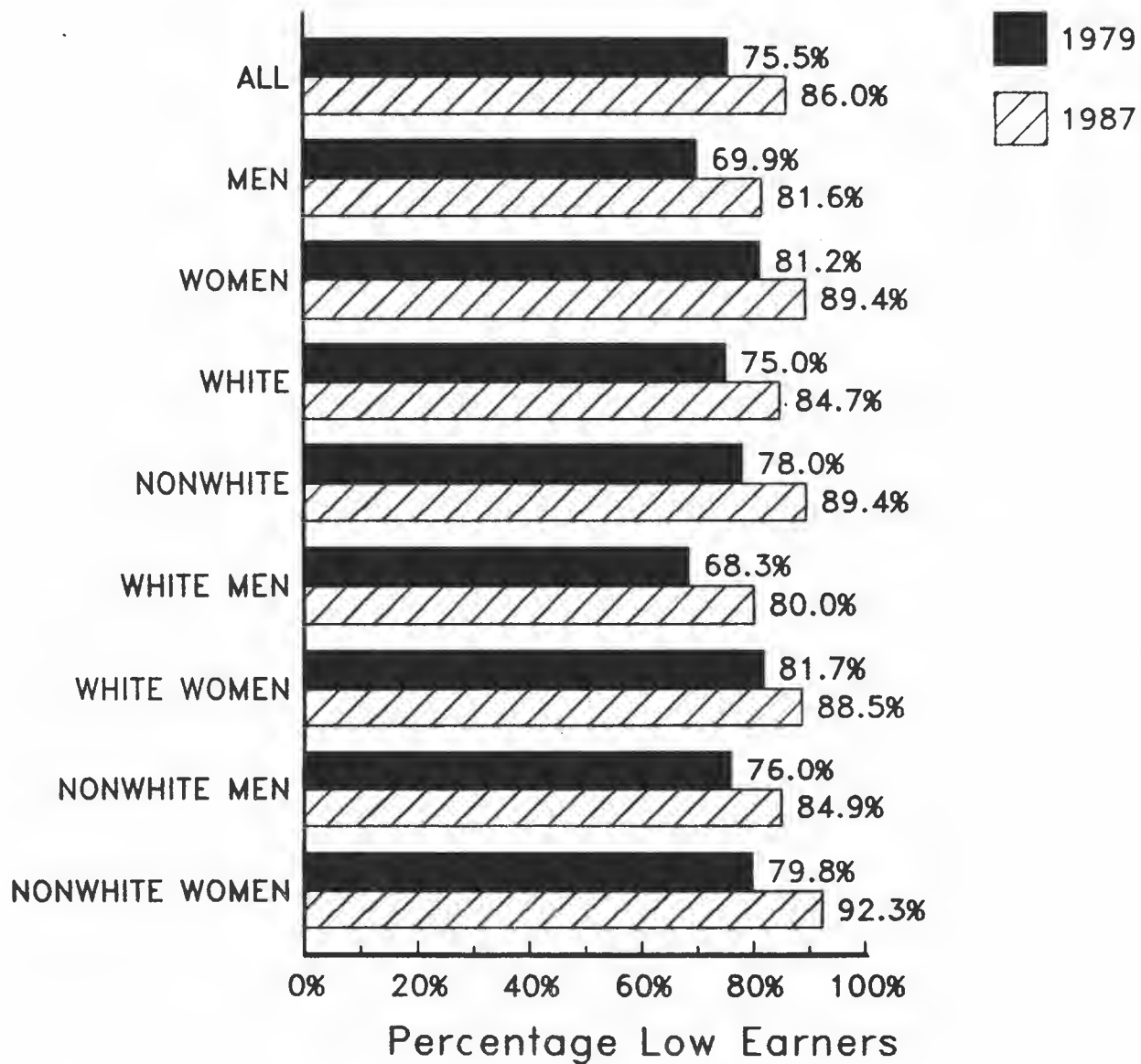
Total	2,025	100.0%	2,238	100.0%	2,840	100.0%	2,905	100.0%	65	

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
4 Yrs. Coll/+										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	158	4.3%	149	3.6%	142	2.9%	184	4.2%	42	29.6%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	3,528	95.7%	3,976	96.4%	4,824	97.1%	4,151	95.8%	(673)	-14.0%

Total	3,686	100.0%	4,125	100.0%	4,966	100.0%	4,335	100.0%	(631)	

FIGURE 5

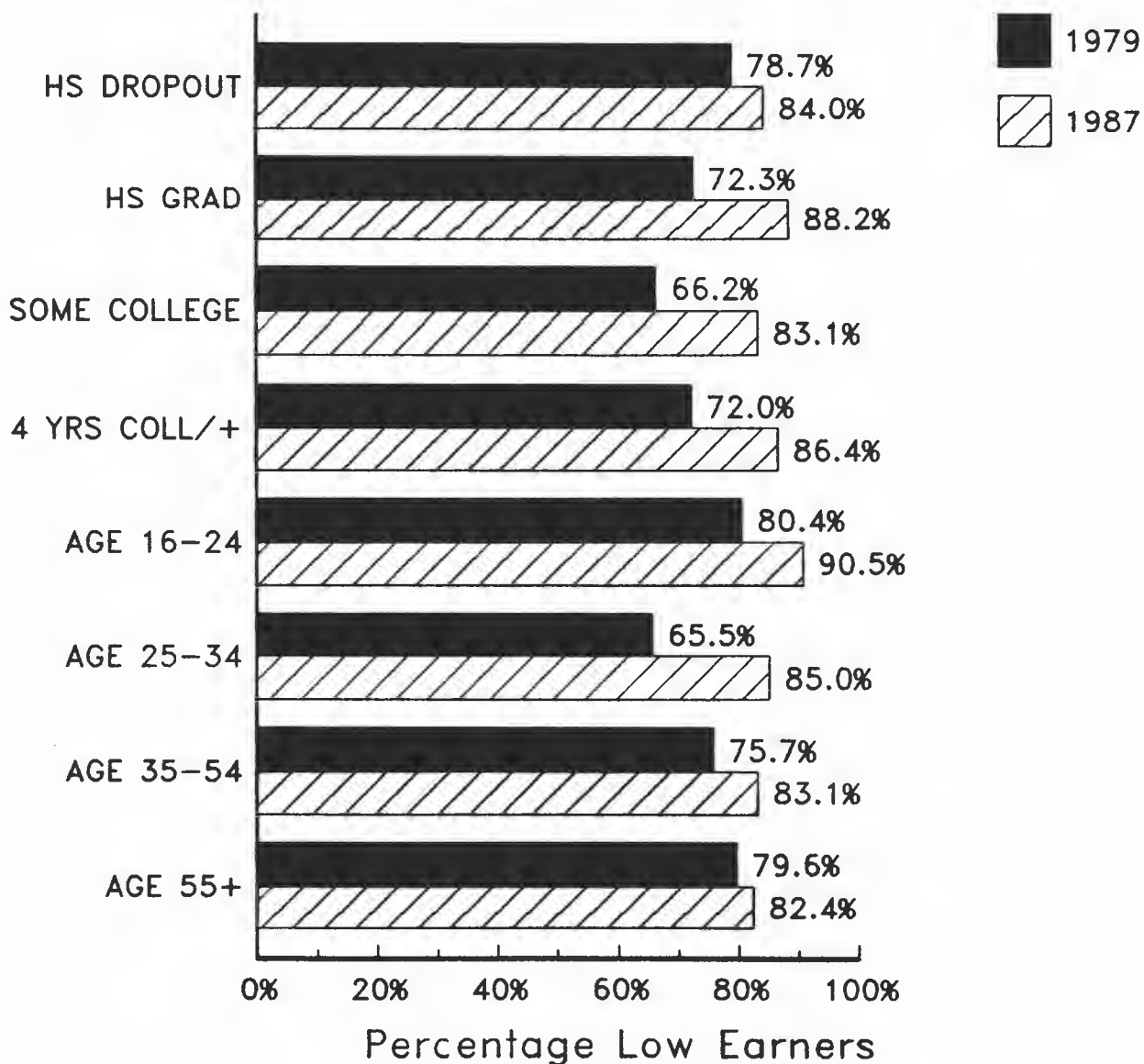
PERCENTAGE OF RURAL WORKERS LIVING IN POOR FAMILIES AND EARNING LOW HOURLY EARNINGS, 1979-87* BY GENDER AND RACE



* ANNUAL EARNINGS ADJUSTED FOR WEEKS AND HOURS OF WORK.
"LOW" ANNUAL EARNINGS ARE LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO APPROXIMATELY \$12,000 IN 1987 DOLLARS.
SOURCE: MARCH CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY.

FIGURE 6

PERCENTAGE OF RURAL WORKERS LIVING IN POOR FAMILIES AND EARNING LOW HOURLY EARNINGS, 1979-87* BY AGE AND EDUCATION



* ANNUAL EARNINGS ADJUSTED FOR WEEKS AND HOURS OF WORK.
 "LOW" ANNUAL EARNINGS ARE LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO APPROXIMATELY \$12,000 IN 1987 DOLLARS.
 SOURCE: MARCH CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY.

Working Poverty in the Nine Major Census Regions of the Country

The Census Bureau has divided the country into nine major regions (see Figure A in the Introduction to this paper), and the CPS may be disaggregated along these lines. Table 4 presents our findings on the distribution of working poverty among the nine Census regions (CPS data on individual states are generally considered by Census Bureau and Labor Department statisticians to be unreliable). Here we break with the pattern by which we presented the earlier material. Table 4 gives results for all workers and their families in each region, broken down only by urban and rural residential location. Restricting the information in the table in this way makes it more manageable. For details on the incidence of working poverty by age, race, gender, and schooling in each of the nine regions, the reader is referred to the Appendix.

At least through 1987, urban New England, the urbanized Mid-Atlantic states, and the urban areas within the South Atlantic region experienced continuous improvement in our indicator of working poverty. That is, a declining proportion of wage-earners lived in families whose aggregate incomes from all sources left them in poverty. But in these three regions, rural workers and their families experienced increasing working poverty after 1979. In the Mid-Atlantic states of New York, New

TABLE 4

THE CHANGING PERCENTAGE OF WORKERS
LIVING IN POOR FAMILIES, 1969 TO 1987
BY REGION AND URBAN/RURAL RESIDENCE

NEW ENGLAND	1969		1973		1979		1987		NET CHANGE	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%

Entire Region										
Fam in Pov	239	4.3	278	4.9	257	4.0	227	3.3	(30)	-11.7
Fam Not in Pov	5,308	95.7	5,439	95.1	6,173	96.0	6,636	96.7	463	7.5
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TOTAL	5,547	100.0	5,717	100.0	6,430	100.0	6,863	100.0	433	
Urban										
Fam in Pov	152	4.0	178	4.5	216	4.0	166	2.9	(50)	-23.1
Fam Not in Pov	3,687	96.0	3,792	95.5	5,229	96.0	5,554	97.1	325	6.2
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TOTAL	3,839	100.0	3,970	100.0	5,445	100.0	5,720	100.0	275	
Rural										
Fam in Pov	87	5.1	100	5.7	41	4.1	62	5.4	21	51.2
Fam Not in Pov	1,621	94.9	1,646	94.3	947	95.9	1,082	94.6	135	14.3
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TOTAL	1,708	100.0	1,746	100.0	988	100.0	1,144	100.0	156	

THOUSANDS OF WORKERS WITH WAGE AND SALARY INCOME

TABLE 4 (continued)

THE CHANGING PERCENTAGE OF WORKERS
LIVING IN POOR FAMILIES, 1969 TO 1987
BY REGION AND URBAN/RURAL RESIDENCE

MIDDLE ATLANTIC REGION	1969		1973		1979		1987		NET CHANGE	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Entire Region										
Fam in Pov	744	4.7	676	4.2	721	4.2	767	4.3	46	6.4
Fam Not in Pov	14,956	95.3	15,339	95.8	16,301	95.8	17,274	95.7	973	6.0
TOTAL	15,700	100.0	16,015	100.0	17,022	100.0	18,041	100.0	1,019	
Urban										
Fam in Pov	588	4.6	570	4.3	582	4.2	659	4.0	77	13.2
Fam Not in Pov	12,261	95.4	12,678	95.7	13,245	95.8	15,801	96.0	2,556	19.3
TOTAL	12,849	100.0	13,248	100.0	13,827	100.0	16,460	100.0	2,633	
Rural										
Fam in Pov	156	5.5	106	3.8	71	2.3	108	6.8	37	52.1
Fam Not in Pov	2,695	94.5	2,661	96.2	3,057	97.7	1,473	93.2	(1,584)	-51.8
TOTAL	2,851	100.0	2,767	100.0	3,128	100.0	1,581	100.0	(1,547)	

THOUSANDS OF WORKERS WITH WAGE AND SALARY INCOME

TABLE 4 (continued)

THE CHANGING PERCENTAGE OF WORKERS
LIVING IN POOR FAMILIES, 1969 TO 1987
BY REGION AND URBAN/RURAL RESIDENCE

EAST NORTH CENTRAL	1969		1973		1979		1987		NET CHANGE	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Entire Region										
Fam in Pov	916	5.2	835	4.5	834	4.2	1,246	6.1	412	49.4
Fam Not in Pov	16,853	94.8	17,820	95.5	19,119	95.8	19,339	93.9	220	1.2
TOTAL	17,769	100.0	18,655	100.0	19,953	100.0	20,585	100.0	632	
Urban										
Fam in Pov	608	4.8	532	3.8	584	3.9	936	5.8	352	60.3
Fam Not in Pov	11,946	95.2	13,356	96.2	14,499	96.1	15,226	94.2	727	5.0
TOTAL	12,554	100.0	13,888	100.0	15,083	100.0	16,162	100.0	1,079	
Rural										
Fam in Pov	307	5.9	303	6.4	250	5.1	311	7.0	61	24.4
Fam Not in Pov	4,906	94.1	4,464	93.6	4,620	94.9	4,113	93.0	(507)	-11.0
TOTAL	5,213	100.0	4,767	100.0	4,870	100.0	4,424	100.0	(446)	

THOUSANDS OF WORKERS WITH WAGE AND SALARY INCOME

TABLE 4 (continued)

THE CHANGING PERCENTAGE OF WORKERS
LIVING IN POOR FAMILIES, 1969 TO 1987
BY REGION AND URBAN/RURAL RESIDENCE

	1969		1973		1979		1987		NET CHANGE	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
WEST NORTH CENTRAL										
Entire Region										
Fam in Pov	402	6.4	380	5.4	403	4.9	599	6.8	196	48.6
Fam Not in Pov	5,906	93.6	6,672	94.6	7,806	95.1	8,170	93.2	364	4.7
TOTAL	6,308	100.0	7,052	100.0	8,209	100.0	8,769	100.0	560	
Urban										
Fam in Pov	168	5.2	167	4.7	234	4.8	328	6.0	94	40.2
Fam Not in Pov	3,070	94.8	3,424	95.3	4,650	95.2	5,136	94.0	486	10.5
TOTAL	3,238	100.0	3,591	100.0	4,884	100.0	5,464	100.0	580	
Rural										
Fam in Pov	234	7.6	213	6.2	169	5.1	271	8.2	102	60.4
Fam Not in Pov	2,836	92.4	3,248	93.8	3,156	94.9	3,034	91.8	(122)	-3.9
TOTAL	3,070	100.0	3,461	100.0	3,325	100.0	3,305	100.0	(20)	

THOUSANDS OF WORKERS WITH WAGE AND SALARY INCOME

TABLE 4 (continued)

THE CHANGING PERCENTAGE OF WORKERS
LIVING IN POOR FAMILIES, 1969 TO 1987
BY REGION AND URBAN/RURAL RESIDENCE

SOUTH ATLANTIC	1969		1973		1979		1987		NET CHANGE	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Entire Region										
Fam in Pov	1,509	11.2	1,210	8.3	1,122	6.8	1,421	6.8	299	26.6
Fam Not in Pov	11,997	88.8	13,438	91.7	15,274	93.2	19,597	93.2	4,323	28.3
TOTAL	13,506	100.0	14,648	100.0	16,396	100.0	21,018	100.0	4,522	
Urban										
Fam in Pov	574	7.9	541	6.1	631	6.4	1,008	6.1	377	59.7
Fam Not in Pov	6,709	92.1	8,286	93.9	9,279	93.6	15,463	93.9	6,184	66.6
TOTAL	7,283	100.0	8,827	100.0	9,910	100.0	16,471	100.0	6,561	
Rural										
Fam in Pov	934	15.0	670	11.5	491	7.6	413	9.1	(78)	-15.9
Fam Not in Pov	5,288	85.0	5,153	88.5	5,996	92.4	4,134	90.9	(1,862)	-31.1
TOTAL	6,222	100.0	5,823	100.0	6,487	100.0	4,547	100.0	(1,940)	

THOUSANDS OF WORKERS WITH WAGE AND SALARY INCOME

TABLE 4. (continued)

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BY REGION AND URBAN/RURAL RESIDENCE

	1969		1973		1979		1987		NET CHANGE	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL										
Entire Region										
Fam in Pov	716	14.5	622	10.8	454	7.4	651	9.5	197	43.4
Fam Not in Pov	4,210	85.5	5,124	89.2	5,555	92.6	6,192	90.5	537	9.5
TOTAL	4,926	100.0	5,746	100.0	6,109	100.0	6,843	100.0	734	
Urban										
Fam in Pov	187	9.2	246	8.9	155	5.8	318	8.2	163	105.2
Fam Not in Pov	1,854	90.8	2,508	91.1	2,531	94.2	3,560	91.8	1,029	40.7
TOTAL	2,041	100.0	2,754	100.0	2,686	100.0	3,878	100.0	1,192	
Rural										
Fam in Pov	529	18.3	376	12.6	299	8.7	333	11.2	34	11.4
Fam Not in Pov	2,356	81.7	2,616	87.4	3,124	91.3	2,632	88.8	(492)	-15.7
TOTAL	2,885	100.0	2,992	100.0	3,423	100.0	2,965	100.0	(458)	

THOUSANDS OF WORKERS WITH WAGE AND SALARY INCOME

TABLE 4 (continued)

THE CHANGING PERCENTAGE OF WORKERS
LIVING IN POOR FAMILIES, 1969 TO 1987
BY REGION AND URBAN/RURAL RESIDENCE

	1969		1973		1979		1987		NET CHANGE	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL										
Entire Region										
Fam in Pov	822	11.1	966	11.0	805	7.9	1,208	9.8	403	50.1
Fam Not in Pov	6,567	88.9	7,796	89.0	9,328	92.1	11,149	90.2	1,821	19.5
TOTAL	7,389	100.0	8,762	100.0	10,133	100.0	12,357	100.0	2,224	
Urban										
Fam in Pov	390	8.3	537	9.4	497	7.3	823	8.5	326	65.6
Fam Not in Pov	4,325	91.7	5,164	90.6	6,325	92.7	8,850	91.5	2,525	39.9
TOTAL	4,715	100.0	5,701	100.0	6,822	100.0	9,673	100.0	2,851	
Rural										
Fam in Pov	432	16.2	429	14.0	307	9.3	386	14.4	79	25.7
Fam Not in Pov	2,242	83.8	2,632	86.0	3,003	90.7	2,299	85.6	(704)	-23.4
TOTAL	2,674	100.0	3,061	100.0	3,310	100.0	2,685	100.0	(625)	

THOUSANDS OF WORKERS WITH WAGE AND SALARY INCOME

TABLE 4 (continued)

THE CHANGING PERCENTAGE OF WORKERS
LIVING IN POOR FAMILIES, 1969 TO 1987
BY REGION AND URBAN/RURAL RESIDENCE

MOUNTAIN REGION	1969		1973		1979		1987		NET CHANGE	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Entire Region										
Fam in Pov	286	8.9	274	6.7	299	5.8	514	8.1	215	71.9
Fam Not in Pov	2,943	91.1	3,786	93.3	4,872	94.2	5,805	91.9	933	19
TOTAL	3,229	100.0	4,060	100.0	5,171	100.0	6,319	100.0	1,148	
Urban										
Fam in Pov	142	7.4	143	6.0	226	5.4	348	7.1	122	54
Fam Not in Pov	1,767	92.6	2,245	94.0	3,968	94.6	4,548	92.9	580	15
TOTAL	1,909	100.0	2,388	100.0	4,194	100.0	4,896	100.0	702	
Rural										
Fam in Pov	144	10.9	132	7.9	72	7.4	166	11.7	94	131
Fam Not in Pov	1,176	89.1	1,541	92.1	904	92.6	1,256	88.3	352	39
TOTAL	1,320	100.0	1,673	100.0	976	100.0	1,422	100.0	446	

THOUSANDS OF WORKERS WITH WAGE AND SALARY INCOME

TABLE 4 (continued)

THE CHANGING PERCENTAGE OF WORKERS
LIVING IN POOR FAMILIES, 1969 TO 1987
BY REGION AND URBAN/RURAL RESIDENCE

PACIFIC REGION	1969		1973		1979		1987		NET CHANGE	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Entire Region										
Fam in Pov	621	5.4	747	5.9	806	5.4	1,175	6.5	369	45.8
Fam Not in Pov	10,890	94.6	11,841	94.1	14,007	94.6	16,873	93.5	2,866	20.5
TOTAL	11,511	100.0	12,588	100.0	14,813	100.0	18,048	100.0	3,235	
Urban										
Fam in Pov	449	4.9	636	5.9	747	5.4	1,023	6.2	276	36.9
Fam Not in Pov	8,740	95.1	10,181	94.1	13,113	94.6	15,598	93.8	2,485	19.0
TOTAL	9,189	100.0	10,817	100.0	13,860	100.0	16,621	100.0	2,761	
Rural										
Fam in Pov	172	7.4	111	6.3	59	6.2	151	10.6	92	155.9
Fam Not in Pov	2,149	92.6	1,660	93.7	895	93.8	1,274	89.4	379	42.3
TOTAL	2,321	100.0	1,771	100.0	954	100.0	1,425	100.0	471	

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Jersey and Pennsylvania, the proportion of rural wage-earners living in poor families shot up by 300 percent during the 1980s! Given the current near-recessionary economic conditions throughout the Northeast, it is reasonable to suppose that even urban working poverty may now be on the rise again in this region of the country.

Everywhere else in the U.S., both urban and rural populations show the U-Turn pattern of generally declining working poverty from 1969 to 1979, and then increasing working poverty during the 1980s. The proportions of wage-earners living in families that were nevertheless officially poor in 1987 were consistently higher in rural areas. The actual rural fractions exceeded one in ten wage-earners in the East South Central region (11.2 percent), in the West South Central (14.4 percent), in the Mountain states (11.7 percent), and on the Pacific Coast (including Alaska and Hawaii) (10.6 percent).

In sum, we find that in six of the nine rural regions, the level of working poverty was higher in 1987 than it had been in 1969. This was also the case for four of the nine urban regions. The increase in working poverty is clearly not a marginal phenomenon, confined to a few "pockets of poverty" tucked away here and there in small corners of the country.

Conclusions

In this paper, we have been interested in American wage-earners whose families -- despite having these working members -- were nevertheless living under the poverty line. We have learned that, between 1969 and 1987, for rural areas in all regions of the country and for urban areas in six of the nine regions, the incidence of such working poverty fell until 1979 and then rose again during the 1980s.

Moreover, the growth in low wage employment in the U.S. economy in the 1980s bears at least part of the responsibility for the increase during the same period in working poverty, as we have operationalized it here. Indeed, those observers of the political-economic scene who imagined (or, as in the case of William Julius Wilson, have sometimes been misinterpreted as implying) that the link between poverty and low wages was being weakened in the 1980s turn out to have been quite incorrect. The link is stronger now than it was in the decade of the 1970s.

In the fifth and final paper in this Aspen-Ford series, we will employ multiple regression analysis to investigate the relative importance of different factors that may have contributed to the growth in working poverty after 1979. The usual suspects are deindustrialization, declining educational attainment for some groups, the col-

lapse (until the late 1980s) of the farm economy, and the growth in the number and proportion of families with only one adult wage-earner. The latter variable will receive special attention from us. As we have said on many occasions before, in an economy which is proliferating low-wage employment, the family with only one "bread-winner" has become increasingly likely to enter the ranks of the working poor -- whatever the color of the skin or the gender of that remaining worker.

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APPENDIX TABLES

TABLE A1 THE CHANGING PERCENTAGE OF WORKERS LIVING IN POOR FAMILIES, 1969 TO 1987*
NEW ENGLAND REGION

All Workforce Numbers are in 1000's

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
All Workers										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	239	4.3%	278	4.9%	257	4.0%	227	3.3%	(30)	-11.7%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	5,308	95.7%	5,439	95.1%	6,173	96.0%	6,636	96.7%	463	7.5%

Total	5,547	100.0%	5,717	100.0%	6,430	100.0%	6,863	100.0%	433	

Men										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	123	3.8%	135	4.2%	122	3.5%	79	2.2%	(43)	-35.2%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	3,077	96.2%	3,092	95.8%	3,358	96.5%	3,486	97.8%	128	3.8%

Total	3,200	100.0%	3,227	100.0%	3,480	100.0%	3,565	100.0%	85	

Women										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	116	4.9%	143	5.7%	135	4.6%	148	4.5%	13	9.6%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	2,231	95.1%	2,346	94.3%	2,815	95.4%	3,150	95.5%	335	11.9%

Total	2,347	100.0%	2,489	100.0%	2,950	100.0%	3,298	100.0%	348	

White										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	212	4.0%	267	4.8%	209	3.4%	186	2.9%	(23)	-11.0%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	5,107	96.0%	5,287	95.2%	5,854	96.6%	6,155	97.1%	301	5.1%

Total	5,319	100.0%	5,554	100.0%	6,063	100.0%	6,341	100.0%	278	

* These tables measure the number and proportion of individuals with at least some wage and salary income in a year who lived in families which were nevertheless poor. Wages were deflated by the CPI-X1. The poverty index for families was given by the Census Bureau's poverty level for a family of the appropriate size (number of members) and structure (number of adults present).

Nonwhite	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	27	11.8%	10	6.2%	31	11.8%	31	8.6%	0	0.0%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	201	88.2%	151	93.8%	231	88.2%	329	91.4%	98	42.4%
Total	228	100.0%	161	100.0%	262	100.0%	360	100.0%	98	

Black	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	31	14.6%	29	10.7%	(2)	-6.5%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	182	85.4%	243	89.3%	61	33.5%
Total	213	100.0%	272	100.0%	59	

Hispanic	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	17	16.2%	11	6.6%	(6)	-35.3%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	88	83.8%	155	93.4%	67	76.1%
Total	105	100.0%	166	100.0%	61	

White Men	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	113	3.7%	130	4.1%	98	3.0%	70	2.1%	(28)	-28.6%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	2,975	96.3%	3,021	95.9%	3,175	97.0%	3,228	97.9%	53	1.7%
Total	3,088	100.0%	3,151	100.0%	3,273	100.0%	3,298	100.0%	25	

Nonwhite Men	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	10	8.9%	5	6.5%	14	9.7%	6	3.3%	(8)	-57.1%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	102	91.1%	72	93.5%	130	90.3%	174	96.7%	44	33.8%
Total	112	100.0%	77	100.0%	144	100.0%	180	100.0%	36	

	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Black Men						
FAMILY IN POVERTY	14	11.9%	5	4.0%	(9)	-64.3%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	104	88.1%	120	96.0%	16	15.4%

Total	118	100.0%	125	100.0%	7	
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	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Hispanic Men						
FAMILY IN POVERTY	10	16.1%	4	4.5%	(6)	-60.0%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	52	83.9%	84	95.5%	32	61.5%

Total	62	100.0%	88	100.0%	26	
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	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
White Women										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	99	4.4%	137	5.7%	111	4.0%	116	3.8%	5	4.5%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	2,132	95.6%	2,267	94.3%	2,679	96.0%	2,928	96.2%	249	9.3%

Total	2,231	100.0%	2,404	100.0%	2,790	100.0%	3,044	100.0%	254	
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	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Nonwhite Women										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	18	15.4%	6	7.0%	17	14.5%	25	13.9%	8	47.1%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	99	84.6%	80	93.0%	100	85.5%	155	86.1%	55	55.0%

Total	117	100.0%	86	100.0%	117	100.0%	180	100.0%	63	
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	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Black Women						
FAMILY IN POVERTY	17	17.9%	24	16.3%	7	41.2%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	78	82.1%	123	83.7%	45	57.7%

Total	95	100.0%	147	100.0%	52	
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Hispanic Women	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	7	16.3%	6	8.2%	(1)	-14.3%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	36	83.7%	67	91.8%	31	86.1%

Total	43	100.0%	73	100.0%	30	
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Age 16-24	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	108	7.8%	131	8.8%	110	6.6%	90	6.2%	(20)	-18.2%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	1,276	92.2%	1,355	91.2%	1,559	93.4%	1,368	93.8%	(191)	-12.3%

Total	1,384	100.0%	1,486	100.0%	1,669	100.0%	1,458	100.0%	(211)	
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Age 25-34	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	51	4.9%	63	5.0%	68	4.2%	63	3.3%	(5)	-7.4%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	980	95.1%	1,187	95.0%	1,564	95.8%	1,874	96.7%	310	19.8%

Total	1,031	100.0%	1,250	100.0%	1,632	100.0%	1,937	100.0%	305	
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Age 35-54	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	62	2.9%	58	2.9%	59	2.8%	52	2.1%	(7)	-11.9%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	2,056	97.1%	1,965	97.1%	2,028	97.2%	2,421	97.9%	393	19.4%

Total	2,118	100.0%	2,023	100.0%	2,087	100.0%	2,473	100.0%	386	
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Age 55 and Above	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	19	1.9%	26	2.7%	20	1.9%	22	2.2%	2	10.0%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	996	98.1%	932	97.3%	1,022	98.1%	974	97.8%	(48)	-4.7%

Total	1,015	100.0%	958	100.0%	1,042	100.0%	996	100.0%	(46)	
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	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
HS Dropout										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	115	5.7%	102	5.8%	114	7.3%	78	6.8%	(36)	-31.6%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	1,886	94.3%	1,651	44.3%	1,451	92.7%	1,070	93.2%	(381)	-26.3%

Total	2,001	100.0%	1,753	50.1%	1,565	100.0%	1,148	100.0%	(417)	
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	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
HS Graduates										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	86	3.9%	113	4.8%	92	3.7%	98	3.7%	6	6.5%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	2,106	96.1%	2,234	95.2%	2,397	96.3%	2,525	96.3%	128	5.3%

Total	2,192	100.0%	2,347	100.0%	2,489	100.0%	2,623	100.0%	134	
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	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Some College										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	13	2.5%	19	3.7%	23	2.9%	22	2.2%	(1)	-4.3%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	505	97.5%	488	96.3%	769	97.1%	980	97.8%	211	27.4%

Total	518	100.0%	507	100.0%	792	100.0%	1,002	100.0%	210	
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	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
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FAMILY IN POVERTY	25	3.0%	44	4.0%	28	1.8%	29	1.4%	1	3.6%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	811	97.0%	1,066	96.0%	1,557	98.2%	2,060	98.6%	503	32.3%

Total	836	100.0%	1,110	100.0%	1,585	100.0%	2,089	100.0%	504	
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TABLE A2 THE CHANGING PERCENTAGE OF WORKERS LIVING IN POOR FAMILIES, 1969 TO 1987*
MIDDLE ATLANTIC REGION

All Workforce Numbers are in 1000'S

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
All Workers										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	744	4.7%	676	4.2%	721	4.2%	767	4.3%	46	6.4%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	14,956	95.3%	15,339	95.8%	16,301	95.8%	17,274	95.7%	973	6.0%

Total	15,700	100.0%	16,015	100.0%	17,022	100.0%	18,041	100.0%	1,019	

Men										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	361	3.9%	328	3.4%	308	3.3%	341	3.5%	33	10.7%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	8,973	96.1%	9,186	96.6%	9,088	96.7%	9,369	96.5%	281	3.1%

Total	9,334	100.0%	9,514	100.0%	9,396	100.0%	9,710	100.0%	314	

Women										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	383	6.0%	347	5.3%	413	5.4%	426	5.1%	13	3.1%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	5,982	94.0%	6,153	94.7%	7,213	94.6%	7,905	94.9%	692	9.6%

Total	6,365	100.0%	6,500	100.0%	7,626	100.0%	8,331	100.0%	705	

White										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	553	3.9%	491	3.4%	444	3.1%	429	2.9%	(15)	-3.4%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	13,504	96.1%	13,861	96.6%	13,932	96.9%	14,230	97.1%	298	2.1%

Total	14,057	100.0%	14,352	100.0%	14,376	100.0%	14,659	100.0%	283	

* These tables measure the number and proportion of individuals with at least some wage and salary income in a year who lived in families which were nevertheless poor. Wages were deflated by the CPI-X1. The poverty index for families was given by the Census Bureau's poverty level for a family of the appropriate size (number of members) and structure (number of adults present).

Nonwhite	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	192	11.7%	185	11.1%	211	11.1%	225	10.2%	14	6.6%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	1,452	88.3%	1,478	88.9%	1,691	88.9%	1,986	89.8%	295	17.4%
Total	1,644	100.0%	1,663	100.0%	1,902	100.0%	2,211	100.0%	309	

Black	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	191	11.3%	190	11.0%	(1)	-0.5%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	1,492	88.7%	1,543	89.0%	51	3.4%
Total	1,683	100.0%	1,733	100.0%	50	

Hispanic	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	66	8.9%	113	9.7%	47	71.2%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	678	91.1%	1,057	90.3%	379	55.9%
Total	744	100.0%	1,170	100.0%	426	

White Men	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	281	3.3%	250	2.9%	187	2.3%	197	2.5%	10	5.3%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	8,173	96.7%	8,357	97.1%	7,848	97.7%	7,775	97.5%	(73)	-0.9%
Total	8,454	100.0%	8,607	100.0%	8,035	100.0%	7,972	100.0%	(63)	

Nonwhite Men	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	80	9.1%	79	8.7%	86	9.0%	81	7.4%	(5)	-5.8%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	801	90.9%	829	91.3%	865	91.0%	1,009	92.6%	144	16.6%
Total	881	100.0%	908	100.0%	951	100.0%	1,090	100.0%	139	

	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Black Men						
FAMILY IN POVERTY	74	8.8%	57	7.1%	(17)	-23.0%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	764	91.2%	748	92.9%	(16)	-2.1%
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Total	838	100.0%	805	100.0%	(33)	

	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Hispanic Men						
FAMILY IN POVERTY	36	8.8%	63	9.7%	27	75.0%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	375	91.2%	585	90.3%	210	56.0%
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Total	411	100.0%	648	100.0%	237	

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
White Women										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	272	4.9%	241	4.2%	258	4.1%	232	3.5%	(26)	-10.1%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	5,331	95.1%	5,504	95.8%	6,084	95.9%	6,455	96.5%	371	6.1%
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Total	5,603	100.0%	5,745	100.0%	6,342	100.0%	6,687	100.0%	345	

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Nonwhite Women										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	111	14.6%	106	14.0%	125	13.1%	145	12.9%	20	16.0%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	651	85.4%	649	86.0%	826	86.9%	978	87.1%	152	18.4%
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Total	762	100.0%	755	100.0%	951	100.0%	1,123	100.0%	172	

	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Black Women						
FAMILY IN POVERTY	117	13.8%	133	14.3%	16	13.7%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	728	86.2%	795	85.7%	67	9.2%
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Total	845	100.0%	928	100.0%	83	

Hispanic Women	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	30	9.0%	49	9.4%	19	63.3%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	303	91.0%	472	90.6%	169	55.8%

Total	333	100.0%	521	100.0%	188	
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Age 16-24	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	235	6.6%	253	6.5%	279	6.8%	270	7.3%	(9)	-3.2%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	3,320	93.4%	3,632	93.5%	3,810	93.2%	3,416	92.7%	(394)	-10.3%

Total	3,555	100.0%	3,885	100.0%	4,089	100.0%	3,686	100.0%	(403)	
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Age 25-34	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	160	5.4%	176	5.1%	186	4.4%	226	4.6%	40	21.5%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	2,816	94.6%	3,283	94.9%	4,082	95.6%	4,659	95.4%	577	14.1%

Total	2,976	100.0%	3,459	100.0%	4,268	100.0%	4,885	100.0%	617	
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Age 35-54	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	226	3.7%	157	2.7%	195	3.3%	205	3.0%	10	5.1%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	5,874	96.3%	5,643	97.3%	5,763	96.7%	6,680	97.0%	917	15.9%

Total	6,100	100.0%	5,800	100.0%	5,958	100.0%	6,885	100.0%	927	
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Age 55 and Above	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	122	4.0%	90	3.1%	62	2.3%	66	2.6%	4	6.5%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	2,946	96.0%	2,781	96.9%	2,646	97.7%	2,519	97.4%	(127)	-4.8%

Total	3,068	100.0%	2,871	100.0%	2,708	100.0%	2,585	100.0%	(123)	
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	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
HS Dropout										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	354	6.4%	288	5.9%	315	8.2%	259	8.9%	(56)	-17.8%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	5,170	93.6%	4,565	66.9%	3,518	91.8%	2,664	91.1%	(854)	-24.3%

Total	5,524	100.0%	4,853	72.8%	3,833	100.0%	2,923	100.0%	(910)	

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
HS Graduates										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	260	4.1%	240	3.7%	272	3.7%	334	4.4%	62	22.8%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	6,017	95.9%	6,200	96.3%	7,022	96.3%	7,186	95.6%	164	2.3%

Total	6,277	100.0%	6,440	100.0%	7,294	100.0%	7,520	100.0%	226	

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Some College										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	56	4.4%	49	3.1%	55	2.8%	63	2.7%	8	14.5%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	1,209	95.6%	1,514	96.9%	1,883	97.2%	2,264	97.3%	381	20.2%

Total	1,265	100.0%	1,563	100.0%	1,938	100.0%	2,327	100.0%	389	

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
4 Yrs. Coll/+										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	75	2.8%	99	3.1%	80	2.0%	111	2.1%	31	38.8%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	2,560	97.2%	3,060	96.9%	3,879	98.0%	5,160	97.9%	1,281	33.0%

Total	2,635	100.0%	3,159	100.0%	3,959	100.0%	5,271	100.0%	1,312	

Nonwhite	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	183	11.7%	205	11.6%	211	10.7%	333	15.1%	122	57.8%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	1,383	88.3%	1,556	88.4%	1,753	89.3%	1,868	84.9%	115	6.6%
Total	1,566	100.0%	1,761	100.0%	1,964	100.0%	2,201	100.0%	237	

Black	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	198	11.0%	311	16.4%	113	57.1%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	1,605	89.0%	1,586	83.6%	(19)	-1.2%
Total	1,803	100.0%	1,897	100.0%	94	

Hispanic	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	28	8.0%	67	13.8%	39	139.3%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	320	92.0%	419	86.2%	99	30.9%
Total	348	100.0%	486	100.0%	138	

White Men	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	339	3.5%	305	3.0%	269	2.7%	349	3.6%	80	29.7%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	9,352	96.5%	9,750	97.0%	9,609	97.3%	9,301	96.4%	(308)	-3.2%
Total	9,691	100.0%	10,055	100.0%	9,878	100.0%	9,650	100.0%	(228)	

Nonwhite Men	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	69	7.8%	86	9.0%	85	8.3%	143	12.7%	58	68.2%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	820	92.2%	873	91.0%	933	91.7%	983	87.3%	50	5.4%
Total	889	100.0%	959	100.0%	1,018	100.0%	1,126	100.0%	108	

	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Black Men						
FAMILY IN POVERTY	81	8.7%	130	13.6%	49	60.5%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	848	91.3%	826	86.4%	(22)	-2.6%

Total	929	100.0%	956	100.0%	27	

	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Hispanic Men						
FAMILY IN POVERTY	13	5.7%	40	13.3%	27	207.7%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	215	94.3%	260	86.7%	45	20.9%

Total	228	100.0%	300	100.0%	72	

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
White Women										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	394	6.1%	325	4.8%	326	4.2%	498	6.0%	172	52.8%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	6,117	93.9%	6,514	95.2%	7,437	95.8%	7,752	94.0%	315	4.2%

Total	6,511	100.0%	6,839	100.0%	7,763	100.0%	8,250	100.0%	487	

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Nonwhite Women										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	114	16.8%	119	14.8%	126	13.3%	189	17.6%	63	50.0%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	563	83.2%	683	85.2%	820	86.7%	885	82.4%	65	7.9%

Total	677	100.0%	802	100.0%	946	100.0%	1,074	100.0%	128	

	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Black Women						
FAMILY IN POVERTY	117	13.4%	181	19.2%	64	54.7%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	757	86.6%	760	80.8%	3	0.4%

Total	874	100.0%	941	100.0%	67	

Hispanic Women	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	15	12.5%	27	14.5%	12	80.0%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	105	87.5%	159	85.5%	54	51.4%

Total	120	100.0%	186	100.0%	66	
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Age 16-24	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	350	7.5%	368	7.2%	352	6.7%	468	10.2%	116	33.0%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	4,337	92.5%	4,734	92.8%	4,925	93.3%	4,113	89.8%	(812)	-16.5%

Total	4,687	100.0%	5,102	100.0%	5,277	100.0%	4,581	100.0%	(696)	
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Age 25-34	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	171	4.6%	172	4.0%	220	4.2%	454	7.8%	234	106.4%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	3,526	95.4%	4,081	96.0%	5,028	95.8%	5,384	92.2%	356	7.1%

Total	3,697	100.0%	4,253	100.0%	5,248	100.0%	5,838	100.0%	590	
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Age 35-54	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	244	3.7%	187	2.9%	170	2.6%	268	3.5%	98	57.6%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	6,279	96.3%	6,310	97.1%	6,327	97.4%	7,391	96.5%	1,064	16.8%

Total	6,523	100.0%	6,497	100.0%	6,497	100.0%	7,659	100.0%	1,162	
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Age 55 and Above	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	150	5.2%	108	3.9%	92	3.1%	56	2.2%	(36)	-39.1%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	2,710	94.8%	2,695	96.1%	2,840	96.9%	2,452	97.8%	(388)	-13.7%

Total	2,860	100.0%	2,803	100.0%	2,932	100.0%	2,508	100.0%	(424)	
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HS Dropout	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	508	7.8%	393	6.9%	369	7.8%	453	13.0%	84	22.8%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	5,965	92.2%	5,312	69.2%	4,373	92.2%	3,029	87.0%	(1,344)	-30.7%

Total	6,473	100.0%	5,705	76.1%	4,742	100.0%	3,482	100.0%	(1,260)	
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HS Graduates	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	254	3.6%	270	3.5%	304	3.5%	555	6.1%	251	82.6%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	6,815	96.4%	7,537	96.5%	8,375	96.5%	8,492	93.9%	117	1.4%

Total	7,069	100.0%	7,807	100.0%	8,679	100.0%	9,047	100.0%	368	
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Some College	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	47	3.3%	67	3.8%	89	3.8%	112	3.9%	23	25.8%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	1,388	96.7%	1,711	96.2%	2,244	96.2%	2,737	96.1%	493	22.0%

Total	1,435	100.0%	1,778	100.0%	2,333	100.0%	2,849	100.0%	516	
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4 Yrs. Coll/+	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	107	3.8%	105	3.1%	73	1.7%	126	2.4%	53	72.6%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	2,685	96.2%	3,260	96.9%	4,128	98.3%	5,081	97.6%	953	23.1%

Total	2,792	100.0%	3,365	100.0%	4,201	100.0%	5,207	100.0%	1,006	
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TABLE A4 THE CHANGING PERCENTAGE OF WORKERS LIVING IN POOR FAMILIES, 1969 TO 1987*
WEST NORTH CENTRAL REGION

All Workforce Numbers are in 1000'S

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
All Workers										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	402	6.4%	380	5.4%	403	4.9%	599	6.8%	196	48.6%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	5,906	93.6%	6,672	94.6%	7,806	95.1%	8,170	93.2%	364	4.7%
Total	6,308	100.0%	7,052	100.0%	8,209	100.0%	8,769	100.0%	560	
Men										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	187	5.1%	169	4.2%	174	4.0%	281	6.2%	107	61.5%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	3,492	94.9%	3,884	95.8%	4,211	96.0%	4,281	93.8%	70	1.7%
Total	3,679	100.0%	4,053	100.0%	4,385	100.0%	4,562	100.0%	177	
Women										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	215	8.2%	211	7.0%	229	6.0%	318	7.6%	89	38.9%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	2,414	91.8%	2,789	93.0%	3,594	94.0%	3,889	92.4%	295	8.2%
Total	2,629	100.0%	3,000	100.0%	3,823	100.0%	4,207	100.0%	384	
White										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	355	5.9%	314	4.7%	337	4.4%	506	6.2%	169	50.1%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	5,676	94.1%	6,428	95.3%	7,370	95.6%	7,679	93.8%	309	4.2%
Total	6,031	100.0%	6,742	100.0%	7,707	100.0%	8,185	100.0%	478	

* These tables measure the number and proportion of individuals with at least some wage and salary income in a year who lived in families which were nevertheless poor. Wages were deflated by the CPI-X1. The poverty index for families was given by the Census Bureau's poverty level for a family of the appropriate size (number of members) and structure (number of adults present).

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Nonwhite										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	47	17.0%	66	21.3%	58	14.0%	78	15.4%	20	34.5%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	230	83.0%	244	78.7%	357	86.0%	430	84.6%	73	20.4%

Total	277	100.0%	310	100.0%	415	100.0%	508	100.0%	93	

	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Black						
FAMILY IN POVERTY	49	14.3%	56	14.9%	7	14.3%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	293	85.7%	320	85.1%	27	9.2%

Total	342	100.0%	376	100.0%	34	

	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Hispanic						
FAMILY IN POVERTY	8	9.4%	16	20.8%	8	100.0%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	77	90.6%	61	79.2%	(16)	-20.8%

Total	85	100.0%	77	100.0%	(8)	

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
White Men										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	167	4.7%	146	3.8%	156	3.8%	240	5.6%	84	53.8%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	3,365	95.3%	3,743	96.2%	3,974	96.2%	4,026	94.4%	52	1.3%

Total	3,532	100.0%	3,889	100.0%	4,130	100.0%	4,266	100.0%	136	

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Nonwhite Men										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	20	13.6%	22	13.6%	15	7.5%	30	11.7%	15	100.0%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	127	86.4%	140	86.4%	186	92.5%	226	88.3%	40	21.5%

Total	147	100.0%	162	100.0%	201	100.0%	256	100.0%	55	

	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Black Men	11	6.8%	18	9.5%	7	63.6%
	150	93.2%	172	90.5%	22	14.7%

Total	161	100.0%	190	100.0%	29	

	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Hispanic Men	3	5.6%	11	27.5%	8	266.7%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	51	94.4%	29	72.5%	(22)	-43.1%

Total	54	100.0%	40	100.0%	(14)	

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
White Women	188	7.5%	168	5.9%	181	5.1%	265	6.8%	84	46.4%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	2,311	92.5%	2,685	94.1%	3,396	94.9%	3,654	93.2%	258	7.6%

Total	2,499	100.0%	2,853	100.0%	3,577	100.0%	3,919	100.0%	342	

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Nonwhite Women	27	20.8%	44	29.9%	43	20.1%	48	19.0%	5	11.6%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	103	79.2%	103	70.1%	171	79.9%	204	81.0%	33	19.3%

Total	130	100.0%	147	100.0%	214	100.0%	252	100.0%	38	

	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Black Women	38	21.0%	38	20.4%	0	0.0%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	143	79.0%	148	79.6%	5	3.5%

Total	181	100.0%	186	100.0%	5	

	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
Hispanic Women	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	5	15.2%	5	13.5%	0	0.0%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	28	84.8%	32	86.5%	4	14.3%

Total	33	100.0%	37	100.0%	4	
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	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
Age 16-24	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	142	8.5%	194	9.5%	195	7.8%	248	13.2%	53	27.2%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	1,533	91.5%	1,844	90.5%	2,293	92.2%	1,630	86.8%	(663)	-28.9%

Total	1,675	100.0%	2,038	100.0%	2,488	100.0%	1,878	100.0%	(610)	
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	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
Age 25-34	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	72	5.9%	46	3.0%	82	3.9%	172	6.4%	90	109.8%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	1,143	94.1%	1,501	97.0%	2,007	96.1%	2,533	93.6%	526	26.2%

Total	1,215	100.0%	1,547	100.0%	2,089	100.0%	2,705	100.0%	616	
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	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
Age 35-54	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	100	4.4%	86	3.7%	82	3.3%	148	4.7%	66	80.5%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	2,152	95.6%	2,224	96.3%	2,392	96.7%	2,974	95.3%	582	24.3%

Total	2,252	100.0%	2,310	100.0%	2,474	100.0%	3,122	100.0%	648	
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	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
Age 55 and Above	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	87	7.5%	54	4.7%	44	3.8%	31	2.9%	(13)	-29.5%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	1,079	92.5%	1,104	95.3%	1,113	96.2%	1,032	97.1%	(81)	-7.3%

Total	1,166	100.0%	1,158	100.0%	1,157	100.0%	1,063	100.0%	(94)	
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	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
HS Dropout										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	195	8.8%	177	8.7%	150	8.2%	156	12.2%	6	4.0%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	2,015	91.2%	1,852	46.3%	1,687	91.8%	1,122	87.8%	(565)	-33.5%

Total	2,210	100.0%	2,029	55.0%	1,837	100.0%	1,278	100.0%	(559)	

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
HS Graduates										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	127	5.0%	121	4.3%	140	4.1%	264	6.9%	124	88.6%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	2,415	95.0%	2,700	95.7%	3,309	95.9%	3,580	93.1%	271	8.2%

Total	2,542	100.0%	2,821	100.0%	3,449	100.0%	3,844	100.0%	395	

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Some College										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	34	6.1%	29	4.1%	49	4.5%	80	6.2%	31	63.3%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	519	93.9%	686	95.9%	1,034	95.5%	1,204	93.8%	170	16.4%

Total	553	100.0%	715	100.0%	1,083	100.0%	1,284	100.0%	201	

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
4 Yrs. Coll/+										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	46	4.6%	53	3.6%	64	3.5%	100	4.2%	36	56.3%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	957	95.4%	1,434	96.4%	1,776	96.5%	2,265	95.8%	489	27.5%

Total	1,003	100.0%	1,487	100.0%	1,840	100.0%	2,365	100.0%	525	

TABLE A5 THE CHANGING PERCENTAGE OF WORKERS LIVING IN POOR FAMILIES, 1969 TO 1987*
THE SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION

All Workforce Numbers are in 1000'S

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
All Workers										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	1,509	11.2%	1,210	8.3%	1,122	6.8%	1,421	6.8%	299	26.6%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	11,997	88.8%	13,438	91.7%	15,274	93.2%	19,597	93.2%	4,323	28.3%
Total	13,506	100.0%	14,648	100.0%	16,396	100.0%	21,018	100.0%	4,622	
Men										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	735	9.5%	560	6.7%	516	5.8%	522	4.9%	6	1.2%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	6,987	90.5%	7,840	93.3%	8,328	94.2%	10,203	95.1%	1,875	22.5%
Total	7,722	100.0%	8,400	100.0%	8,844	100.0%	10,725	100.0%	1,881	
Women										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	774	13.4%	651	10.4%	607	8.0%	899	8.7%	292	48.1%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	5,010	86.6%	5,598	89.6%	6,946	92.0%	9,394	91.3%	2,448	35.2%
Total	5,784	100.0%	6,249	100.0%	7,553	100.0%	10,293	100.0%	2,740	
White										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	649	6.1%	559	4.9%	567	4.5%	650	4.2%	83	14.6%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	9,982	93.9%	10,943	95.1%	12,157	95.5%	14,836	95.8%	2,679	22.0%
Total	10,631	100.0%	11,502	100.0%	12,724	100.0%	15,486	100.0%	2,762	

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	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Nonwhite										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	860	29.9%	652	20.7%	523	16.4%	672	14.6%	149	28.5%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	2,015	70.1%	2,496	79.3%	2,674	83.6%	3,941	85.4%	1,267	47.4%
Total	2,875	100.0%	3,148	100.0%	3,197	100.0%	4,613	100.0%	1,416	

	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Black						
FAMILY IN POVERTY	506	16.6%	650	15.1%	144	28.5%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	2,539	83.4%	3,661	84.9%	1,122	44.2%
Total	3,045	100.0%	4,311	100.0%	1,266	

	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Hispanic						
FAMILY IN POVERTY	32	6.7%	99	10.8%	67	209.4%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	443	93.3%	819	89.2%	376	84.9%
Total	475	100.0%	918	100.0%	443	

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
White Men										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	329	5.3%	284	4.2%	292	4.2%	271	3.4%	(21)	-7.2%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	5,862	94.7%	6,422	95.8%	6,673	95.8%	7,763	96.6%	1,090	16.3%
Total	6,191	100.0%	6,706	100.0%	6,965	100.0%	8,034	100.0%	1,069	

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Nonwhite Men										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	407	26.6%	276	16.3%	205	12.8%	199	9.1%	(6)	-2.9%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	1,125	73.4%	1,418	83.7%	1,399	87.2%	1,995	90.9%	596	42.6%
Total	1,532	100.0%	1,694	100.0%	1,604	100.0%	2,194	100.0%	590	

	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
Black Men	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	197	12.9%	192	9.4%	(5)	-2.5%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	1,328	87.1%	1,847	90.6%	519	39.1%

Total	1,525	100.0%	2,039	100.0%	514	

	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
Hispanic Men	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	18	6.6%	52	10.5%	34	186.9%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	256	93.4%	445	89.5%	189	73.8%

Total	274	100.0%	497	100.0%	223	

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
White Women	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	321	7.2%	275	5.7%	274	4.8%	379	5.1%	105	38.3%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	4,120	92.8%	4,520	94.3%	5,483	95.2%	7,073	94.9%	1,590	29.0%

Total	4,441	100.0%	4,795	100.0%	5,757	100.0%	7,452	100.0%	1,695	

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
Nonwhite Women	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	453	33.7%	376	25.9%	318	19.9%	473	19.5%	155	48.7%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	890	66.3%	1,078	74.1%	1,276	80.1%	1,947	80.5%	671	52.6%

Total	1,343	100.0%	1,454	100.0%	1,594	100.0%	2,420	100.0%	826	

	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
Black Women	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	309	20.3%	458	20.2%	149	48.2%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	1,211	79.7%	1,814	79.8%	603	49.8%

Total	1,520	100.0%	2,272	100.0%	752	

Hispanic Women	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	14	7.0%	47	11.2%	33	235.7%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	187	93.0%	374	88.8%	187	100.0%

Total	201	100.0%	421	100.0%	220	
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Age 16-24	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	506	14.3%	466	11.7%	396	9.8%	497	12.0%	101	25.5%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	3,026	85.7%	3,526	88.3%	3,632	90.2%	3,640	88.0%	8	0.2%

Total	3,532	100.0%	3,992	100.0%	4,028	100.0%	4,137	100.0%	109	
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Age 25-34	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	321	11.1%	275	7.4%	289	6.6%	412	6.7%	123	42.6%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	2,571	88.9%	3,431	92.6%	4,074	93.4%	5,707	93.3%	1,633	40.1%

Total	2,892	100.0%	3,706	100.0%	4,363	100.0%	6,119	100.0%	1,756	
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Age 35-54	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	442	8.7%	324	6.6%	322	5.6%	386	4.9%	64	19.9%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	4,618	91.3%	4,580	93.4%	5,464	94.4%	7,557	95.1%	2,093	38.3%

Total	5,060	100.0%	4,904	100.0%	5,786	100.0%	7,943	100.0%	2,157	
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Age 55 and Above	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	240	11.9%	146	7.1%	115	5.2%	126	4.5%	11	9.6%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	1,782	88.1%	1,902	92.9%	2,104	94.8%	2,692	95.5%	588	27.9%

Total	2,022	100.0%	2,048	100.0%	2,219	100.0%	2,818	100.0%	599	
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HS Dropout	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	1,053	18.3%	713	13.4%	599	13.3%	615	14.1%	16	2.7%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	4,712	81.7%	4,591	63.1%	3,904	86.7%	3,751	85.9%	(153)	-3.9%

Total	5,765	100.0%	5,304	76.5%	4,503	100.0%	4,366	100.0%	(137)	

HS Graduates	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	305	6.7%	340	6.4%	348	5.6%	535	6.6%	187	53.7%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	4,258	93.3%	4,955	93.6%	5,901	94.4%	7,587	93.4%	1,686	28.6%

Total	4,563	100.0%	5,295	100.0%	6,249	100.0%	8,122	100.0%	1,873	

Some College	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	69	6.1%	67	4.6%	69	3.5%	1,056	3.6%	987	1430.4%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	1,061	93.9%	1,382	95.4%	1,877	96.5%	28,232	96.4%	26,355	1404.1%

Total	1,130	100.0%	1,449	100.0%	1,946	100.0%	29,288	100.0%	27,342	

4 Yrs. Coll/+	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	83	4.0%	91	3.5%	106	2.9%	165	2.9%	59	55.7%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	1,967	96.0%	2,511	96.5%	3,593	97.1%	5,435	97.1%	1,842	51.3%

Total	2,050	100.0%	2,602	100.0%	3,699	100.0%	5,600	100.0%	1,901	

TABLE A6 THE CHANGING PERCENTAGE OF WORKERS LIVING IN POOR FAMILIES, 1969 TO 1987*
THE EAST SOUTH CENTRAL REGION

All Workforce Numbers are in 1000'S

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
All Workers										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	716	14.5%	622	10.8%	454	7.4%	651	9.5%	197	43.4%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	4,210	85.5%	5,124	89.2%	5,655	92.6%	6,192	90.5%	537	9.5%
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Total	4,926	100.0%	5,746	100.0%	6,109	100.0%	6,843	100.0%	734	
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Men										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	391	13.4%	308	9.3%	233	6.8%	287	7.8%	54	23.2%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	2,525	86.6%	2,989	90.7%	3,195	93.2%	3,387	92.2%	192	6.0%
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Total	2,916	100.0%	3,297	100.0%	3,428	100.0%	3,674	100.0%	246	
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Women										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	325	16.2%	314	12.8%	222	8.3%	364	11.5%	142	64.0%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	1,685	83.8%	2,135	87.2%	2,461	91.7%	2,805	88.5%	344	14.0%
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Total	2,010	100.0%	2,449	100.0%	2,683	100.0%	3,169	100.0%	486	
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White										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	380	9.6%	287	6.0%	241	4.8%	375	6.8%	134	55.6%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	3,581	90.4%	4,468	94.0%	4,764	95.2%	5,151	93.2%	387	8.1%
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Total	3,961	100.0%	4,755	100.0%	5,005	100.0%	5,526	100.0%	521	

* These tables measure the number and proportion of individuals with at least some wage and salary income in a year who lived in families which were nevertheless poor. Wages were deflated by the CPI-X1. The poverty index for families was given by the Census Bureau's poverty level for a family of the appropriate size (number of members) and structure (number of adults present).

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Nonwhite										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	336	34.8%	336	33.9%	212	19.6%	275	21.3%	63	29.7%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	629	65.2%	656	66.1%	872	80.4%	1,016	78.7%	144	16.5%
Total	965	100.0%	992	100.0%	1,084	100.0%	1,291	100.0%	207	

	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Black						
FAMILY IN POVERTY	212	19.8%	270	21.2%	58	27.4%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	858	80.2%	1,002	78.8%	144	16.8%
Total	1,070	100.0%	1,272	100.0%	202	

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
White Men										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	230	9.6%	156	5.6%	133	4.7%	187	6.2%	54	40.6%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	2,162	90.4%	2,622	94.4%	2,684	95.3%	2,827	93.8%	143	5.3%
Total	2,392	100.0%	2,778	100.0%	2,817	100.0%	3,014	100.0%	197	

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Nonwhite Men										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	160	30.6%	151	29.2%	100	16.7%	99	15.3%	(1)	-1.0%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	363	69.4%	367	70.8%	498	83.3%	550	84.7%	52	10.4%
Total	523	100.0%	518	100.0%	598	100.0%	649	100.0%	51	

	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Black Men						
FAMILY IN POVERTY	100	16.9%	97	15.3%	(3)	-3.0%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	490	83.1%	539	84.7%	49	10.0%
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Total	590	100.0%	636	100.0%	46	

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
White Women										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	150	9.6%	130	6.6%	108	4.9%	189	7.5%	81	75.0%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	1,418	90.4%	1,847	93.4%	2,079	95.1%	2,324	92.5%	245	11.8%
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Total	1,568	100.0%	1,977	100.0%	2,187	100.0%	2,513	100.0%	326	

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Nonwhite Women										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	175	39.7%	185	39.0%	113	23.2%	175	27.3%	62	54.9%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	266	60.3%	289	61.0%	375	76.8%	466	72.7%	91	24.3%
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Total	441	100.0%	474	100.0%	488	100.0%	641	100.0%	153	

	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Black Women						
FAMILY IN POVERTY	112	23.4%	172	27.1%	60	53.6%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	367	76.6%	463	72.9%	96	26.2%
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Total	479	100.0%	635	100.0%	156	

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Age 16-24										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	204	17.3%	233	14.4%	164	11.4%	232	18.1%	68	41.5%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	977	82.7%	1,385	85.6%	1,277	88.6%	1,050	81.9%	(227)	-17.8%
Total	1,181	100.0%	1,618	100.0%	1,441	100.0%	1,282	100.0%	(159)	
Age 25-34										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	143	13.5%	110	8.5%	127	7.5%	192	9.4%	65	51.2%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	916	86.5%	1,178	91.5%	1,574	92.5%	1,844	90.6%	270	17.2%
Total	1,059	100.0%	1,288	100.0%	1,701	100.0%	2,036	100.0%	335	
Age 35-54										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	226	12.1%	172	9.0%	124	5.8%	177	6.9%	53	42.7%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	1,644	87.9%	1,744	91.0%	2,010	94.2%	2,403	93.1%	393	19.6%
Total	1,870	100.0%	1,916	100.0%	2,134	100.0%	2,580	100.0%	446	
Age 55 and Above										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	143	17.5%	108	11.7%	38	4.6%	50	5.3%	12	31.6%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	673	82.5%	818	88.3%	795	95.4%	894	94.7%	99	12.5%
Total	816	100.0%	926	100.0%	833	100.0%	944	100.0%	111	

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
HS Dropout										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	535	22.9%	430	18.2%	281	13.9%	302	17.6%	21	7.5%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	1,805	77.1%	1,939	44.7%	1,734	86.1%	1,411	82.4%	(323)	-18.6%

Total	2,340	100.0%	2,369	62.8%	2,015	100.0%	1,713	100.0%	(302)	

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
HS Graduates										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	133	8.8%	140	6.6%	112	4.8%	253	9.1%	141	125.9%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	1,380	91.2%	1,994	93.4%	2,217	95.2%	2,529	90.9%	312	14.1%

Total	1,513	100.0%	2,134	100.0%	2,329	100.0%	2,782	100.0%	453	

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Some College										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	18	4.8%	20	4.2%	16	2.4%	40	4.5%	24	150.0%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	360	95.2%	460	95.8%	642	97.6%	849	95.5%	207	32.2%

Total	378	100.0%	480	100.0%	658	100.0%	889	100.0%	231	

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
4 Yrs. Coll/+										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	29	4.2%	32	4.2%	47	4.2%	57	3.9%	10	21.3%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	665	95.8%	732	95.8%	1,064	95.8%	1,404	96.1%	340	32.0%

Total	694	100.0%	764	100.0%	1,111	100.0%	1,461	100.0%	350	

TABLE A7 THE CHANGING PERCENTAGE OF WORKERS LIVING IN POOR FAMILIES, 1969 TO 1987*
THE WEST SOUTH CENTRAL REGION

All Workforce Numbers are in 1000's

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
All Workers										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	822	11.1%	966	11.0%	805	7.9%	1,208	9.8%	403	50.1%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	6,567	88.9%	7,796	89.0%	9,328	92.1%	11,149	90.2%	1,821	19.5%
Total	7,389	100.0%	8,762	100.0%	10,133	100.0%	12,357	100.0%	2,224	
Men										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	394	9.1%	481	9.4%	377	6.7%	578	8.8%	201	53.3%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	3,942	90.9%	4,638	90.6%	5,245	93.3%	6,019	91.2%	774	14.8%
Total	4,336	100.0%	5,119	100.0%	5,622	100.0%	6,597	100.0%	975	
Women										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	428	14.0%	485	13.3%	428	9.5%	630	10.9%	202	47.2%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	2,625	86.0%	3,159	86.7%	4,083	90.5%	5,129	89.1%	1,046	25.6%
Total	3,053	100.0%	3,644	100.0%	4,511	100.0%	5,759	100.0%	1,248	
White										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	490	7.8%	644	8.6%	364	4.8%	485	5.5%	121	33.2%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	5,754	92.2%	6,853	91.4%	7,221	95.2%	8,283	94.5%	1,062	14.7%
Total	6,244	100.0%	7,497	100.0%	7,585	100.0%	8,768	100.0%	1,183	

* These tables measure the number and proportion of individuals with at least some wage and salary income in a year who lived in families which were nevertheless poor. Wages were deflated by the CPI-X1. The poverty index for families was given by the Census Bureau's poverty level for a family of the appropriate size (number of members) and structure (number of adults present).

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Nonwhite										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	332	29.0%	321	25.4%	244	17.5%	338	18.9%	94	38.5%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	814	71.0%	944	74.6%	1,147	82.5%	1,451	81.1%	304	26.5%
Total	1,146	100.0%	1,265	100.0%	1,391	100.0%	1,789	100.0%	398	

	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Black						
FAMILY IN POVERTY	230	17.8%	305	19.7%	75	32.6%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	1,060	82.2%	1,244	80.3%	184	17.4%
Total	1,290	100.0%	1,549	100.0%	259	

	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Hispanic						
FAMILY IN POVERTY	196	16.9%	386	21.4%	190	96.9%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	961	83.1%	1,415	78.6%	454	47.2%
Total	1,157	100.0%	1,801	100.0%	644	

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
White Men										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	245	6.6%	352	7.9%	160	3.8%	208	4.5%	48	30.0%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	3,492	93.4%	4,097	92.1%	4,046	96.2%	4,445	95.5%	399	9.9%
Total	3,737	100.0%	4,449	100.0%	4,206	100.0%	4,653	100.0%	447	

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Nonwhite Men										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	149	24.9%	129	19.3%	100	14.2%	160	18.1%	60	60.0%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	450	75.1%	540	80.7%	606	85.8%	725	81.9%	119	19.6%
Total	599	100.0%	669	100.0%	706	100.0%	885	100.0%	179	

	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Black Men						
FAMILY IN POVERTY	92	14.2%	139	18.0%	47	51.1%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	557	85.8%	635	82.0%	78	14.0%

Total	649	100.0%	774	100.0%	125	

	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Hispanic Men						
FAMILY IN POVERTY	117	16.5%	208	19.7%	91	77.8%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	594	83.5%	850	80.3%	256	43.1%

Total	711	100.0%	1,058	100.0%	347	

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
White Women										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	245	9.8%	293	9.6%	205	6.1%	277	6.7%	72	35.1%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	2,262	90.2%	2,756	90.4%	3,175	93.9%	3,838	93.3%	663	20.9%

Total	2,507	100.0%	3,049	100.0%	3,380	100.0%	4,115	100.0%	735	

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Nonwhite Women										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	183	33.5%	192	32.3%	144	21.1%	177	19.6%	33	22.9%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	363	66.5%	403	67.7%	540	78.9%	726	80.4%	186	34.4%

Total	546	100.0%	595	100.0%	684	100.0%	903	100.0%	219	

	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Black Women						
FAMILY IN POVERTY	138	21.5%	165	21.3%	27	19.6%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	504	78.5%	611	78.7%	107	21.2%

Total	642	100.0%	776	100.0%	134	

Hispanic Women	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	79	17.6%	177	23.9%	98	124.1%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	369	82.4%	565	76.1%	196	53.1%

Total	448	100.0%	742	100.0%	294	
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Age 16-24	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	295	15.2%	407	16.2%	344	12.4%	437	16.0%	93	27.0%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	1,644	84.8%	2,108	83.8%	2,428	87.6%	2,288	84.0%	(140)	-5.8%

Total	1,939	100.0%	2,515	100.0%	2,772	100.0%	2,725	100.0%	(47)	
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Age 25-34	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	152	9.8%	194	9.5%	190	6.9%	369	10.6%	179	94.2%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	1,404	90.2%	1,841	90.5%	2,566	93.1%	3,122	89.4%	556	21.7%

Total	1,556	100.0%	2,035	100.0%	2,756	100.0%	3,491	100.0%	735	
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Age 35-54	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	251	9.3%	235	7.9%	176	5.3%	313	6.5%	137	77.8%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	2,454	90.7%	2,733	92.1%	3,119	94.7%	4,481	93.5%	1,362	43.7%

Total	2,705	100.0%	2,968	100.0%	3,295	100.0%	4,794	100.0%	1,499	
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Age 55 and Above	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	125	10.5%	130	10.4%	94	7.2%	89	6.6%	(5)	-5.3%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	1,066	89.5%	1,115	89.6%	1,216	92.8%	1,258	93.4%	42	3.5%

Total	1,191	100.0%	1,245	100.0%	1,310	100.0%	1,347	100.0%	37	
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	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
HS Dropout										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	585	18.8%	603	19.7%	466	15.8%	600	23.1%	134	28.8%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	2,527	81.2%	2,458	48.8%	2,483	84.2%	1,994	76.9%	(489)	-19.7%

Total	3,112	100.0%	3,061	68.5%	2,949	100.0%	2,594	100.0%	(355)	

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
HS Graduates										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	161	6.5%	231	7.7%	209	5.5%	434	9.3%	225	107.7%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	2,307	93.5%	2,769	92.3%	3,586	94.5%	4,245	90.7%	659	18.4%

Total	2,468	100.0%	3,000	100.0%	3,795	100.0%	4,679	100.0%	884	

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Some College										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	21	3.2%	73	7.5%	45	4.0%	65	3.6%	20	44.4%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	628	96.8%	903	92.5%	1,067	96.0%	1,730	96.4%	663	62.1%

Total	649	100.0%	976	100.0%	1,112	100.0%	1,795	100.0%	683	

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
4 Yrs. Coll/+										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	55	4.7%	58	3.4%	84	3.7%	108	3.3%	24	28.6%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	1,104	95.3%	1,666	96.6%	2,192	96.3%	3,180	96.7%	988	45.1%

Total	1,159	100.0%	1,724	100.0%	2,276	100.0%	3,288	100.0%	1,012	

TABLE A8 THE CHANGING PERCENTAGE OF WORKERS LIVING IN POOR FAMILIES, 1969 TO 1987*
THE MOUNTAIN REGION

All Workforce Numbers are in 1000'S

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
All Workers										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	286	8.9%	274	6.7%	299	5.8%	514	8.1%	215	71.9%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	2,943	91.1%	3,786	93.3%	4,872	94.2%	5,805	91.9%	933	19.2%
Total	3,229	100.0%	4,060	100.0%	5,171	100.0%	6,319	100.0%	1,148	
Men										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	153	8.1%	128	5.4%	131	4.6%	256	7.5%	125	95.4%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	1,727	91.9%	2,236	94.6%	2,718	95.4%	3,139	92.5%	421	15.5%
Total	1,880	100.0%	2,364	100.0%	2,849	100.0%	3,395	100.0%	546	
Women										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	133	9.9%	147	8.7%	168	7.2%	258	8.8%	90	53.6%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	1,216	90.1%	1,550	91.3%	2,155	92.8%	2,666	91.2%	511	23.7%
Total	1,349	100.0%	1,697	100.0%	2,323	100.0%	2,924	100.0%	601	
White										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	258	8.5%	253	6.5%	207	4.8%	339	6.6%	132	63.8%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	2,794	91.5%	3,667	93.5%	4,126	95.2%	4,768	93.4%	642	15.6%
Total	3,052	100.0%	3,920	100.0%	4,333	100.0%	5,107	100.0%	774	

* These tables measure the number and proportion of individuals with at least some wage and salary income in a year who lived in families which were nevertheless poor. Wages were deflated by the CPI-X1. The poverty index for families was given by the Census Bureau's poverty level for a family of the appropriate size (number of members) and structure (number of adults present).

Nonwhite	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	28	16.1%	21	15.0%	28	13.0%	59	15.3%	31	110.7%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	146	83.9%	119	85.0%	187	87.0%	326	84.7%	139	74.3%
Total	174	100.0%	140	100.0%	215	100.0%	385	100.0%	170	

Black	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	10	11.2%	35	19.0%	25	250.0%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	79	88.8%	149	81.0%	70	88.6%
Total	89	100.0%	184	100.0%	95	

Hispanic	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	65	10.4%	117	14.1%	52	80.0%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	560	89.6%	710	85.9%	150	26.8%
Total	625	100.0%	827	100.0%	202	

White Men	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	139	7.8%	117	5.1%	81	3.4%	155	5.7%	74	91.4%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	1,653	92.2%	2,172	94.9%	2,284	96.6%	2,561	94.3%	277	12.1%
Total	1,792	100.0%	2,289	100.0%	2,365	100.0%	2,716	100.0%	351	

Nonwhite Men	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	14	15.9%	11	14.9%	11	9.8%	33	16.8%	22	200.0%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	74	84.1%	63	85.1%	101	90.2%	164	83.2%	63	62.4%
Total	88	100.0%	74	100.0%	112	100.0%	197	100.0%	85	

	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Black Men						
FAMILY IN POVERTY	3	6.7%	19	21.1%	16	533.3%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	42	93.3%	71	78.9%	29	69.0%

Total	45	100.0%	90	100.0%	45	

	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Hispanic Men						
FAMILY IN POVERTY	39	10.5%	69	14.2%	30	76.9%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	333	89.5%	416	85.8%	83	24.9%

Total	372	100.0%	485	100.0%	113	

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
White Women										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	118	9.4%	137	8.4%	126	6.4%	184	7.7%	58	46.0%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	1,141	90.6%	1,495	91.6%	1,843	93.6%	2,207	92.3%	364	19.8%

Total	1,259	100.0%	1,632	100.0%	1,969	100.0%	2,391	100.0%	422	

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Nonwhite Women										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	15	16.3%	10	14.9%	17	16.7%	26	14.0%	9	52.9%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	77	83.7%	57	85.1%	85	83.3%	160	86.0%	75	88.2%

Total	92	100.0%	67	100.0%	102	100.0%	186	100.0%	84	

	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Black Women						
FAMILY IN POVERTY	7	15.6%	16	17.0%	9	128.6%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	38	84.4%	78	83.0%	40	105.3%

Total	45	100.0%	94	100.0%	49	

Hispanic Women	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	26	10.3%	48	13.9%	22	84.6%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	227	89.7%	297	86.1%	70	30.8%

Total	253	100.0%	345	100.0%	92	
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Age 16-24	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	119	13.0%	119	10.6%	137	9.3%	185	14.2%	48	35.0%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	794	87.0%	1,007	89.4%	1,333	90.7%	1,122	85.8%	(211)	-15.8%

Total	913	100.0%	1,126	100.0%	1,470	100.0%	1,307	100.0%	(163)	
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Age 25-34	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	63	8.5%	59	5.9%	82	5.4%	172	9.0%	90	109.8%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	680	91.5%	933	94.1%	1,424	94.6%	1,744	91.0%	320	22.5%

Total	743	100.0%	992	100.0%	1,506	100.0%	1,916	100.0%	410	
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Age 35-54	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	67	5.7%	75	5.4%	66	4.2%	139	5.8%	73	110.6%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	1,114	94.3%	1,308	94.6%	1,509	95.8%	2,265	94.2%	756	50.1%

Total	1,181	100.0%	1,383	100.0%	1,575	100.0%	2,404	100.0%	829	
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Age 55 and Above	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY	37	9.4%	22	3.9%	13	2.1%	18	2.6%	5	38.5%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	356	90.6%	540	96.1%	606	97.9%	674	97.4%	68	11.2%

Total	393	100.0%	562	100.0%	619	100.0%	692	100.0%	73	
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	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
HS Dropout										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	138	13.8%	112	10.4%	109	10.3%	161	15.4%	52	47.7%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	865	86.2%	965	31.6%	947	89.7%	884	84.6%	(63)	-6.7%

Total	1,003	100.0%	1,077	42.0%	1,056	100.0%	1,045	100.0%	(11)	
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	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
HS Graduates										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	91	7.5%	108	6.9%	103	5.4%	213	8.9%	110	106.8%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	1,130	92.5%	1,454	93.1%	1,793	94.6%	2,183	91.1%	390	21.8%

Total	1,221	100.0%	1,562	100.0%	1,896	100.0%	2,396	100.0%	500	
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	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Some College										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	31	8.0%	32	5.7%	37	4.3%	62	5.4%	25	67.6%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	357	92.0%	531	94.3%	824	95.7%	1,085	94.6%	261	31.7%

Total	388	100.0%	563	100.0%	861	100.0%	1,147	100.0%	286	
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	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
4 Yrs. Coll/+										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	27	4.4%	22	2.6%	50	3.7%	78	4.5%	28	56.0%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	592	95.6%	835	97.4%	1,308	96.3%	1,652	95.5%	344	26.3%

Total	619	100.0%	857	100.0%	1,358	100.0%	1,730	100.0%	372	
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TABLE A9 THE CHANGING PERCENTAGE OF WORKERS LIVING IN POOR FAMILIES, 1969 TO 1987*
THE PACIFIC REGION

All Workforce Numbers are in 1000'S

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
All Workers										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	621	5.4%	747	5.9%	806	5.4%	1,175	6.5%	369	45.8%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	10,890	94.6%	11,841	94.1%	14,007	94.6%	16,873	93.5%	2,866	20.5%
Total	11,511	100.0%	12,588	100.0%	14,813	100.0%	18,048	100.0%	3,235	
Men										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	306	4.5%	349	4.8%	372	4.7%	610	6.3%	238	64.0%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	6,564	95.5%	6,886	95.2%	7,609	95.3%	9,055	93.7%	1,446	19.0%
Total	6,870	100.0%	7,235	100.0%	7,981	100.0%	9,665	100.0%	1,684	
Women										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	316	6.8%	398	7.4%	433	6.3%	565	6.7%	132	30.5%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	4,326	93.2%	4,955	92.6%	6,398	93.7%	7,817	93.3%	1,419	22.2%
Total	4,642	100.0%	5,353	100.0%	6,831	100.0%	8,382	100.0%	1,551	
White										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	516	5.0%	626	5.6%	469	4.2%	593	4.8%	124	26.4%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	9,860	95.0%	10,491	94.4%	10,610	95.8%	11,673	95.2%	1,063	10.0%
Total	10,376	100.0%	11,117	100.0%	11,079	100.0%	12,266	100.0%	1,187	

* These tables measure the number and proportion of individuals with at least some wage and salary income in a year who lived in families which were nevertheless poor. Wages were deflated by the CPI-X1. The poverty index for families was given by the Census Bureau's poverty level for a family of the appropriate size (number of members) and structure (number of adults present).

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Nonwhite										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	106	9.3%	121	8.2%	167	8.8%	162	6.1%	(5)	-3.0%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	1,029	90.7%	1,350	91.8%	1,731	91.2%	2,501	93.9%	770	44.5%
Total	1,135	100.0%	1,471	100.0%	1,898	100.0%	2,663	100.0%	765	

	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Black						
FAMILY IN POVERTY	105	12.0%	76	8.3%	(29)	-27.6%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	771	88.0%	840	91.7%	69	8.9%
Total	876	100.0%	916	100.0%	40	

	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Hispanic						
FAMILY IN POVERTY	169	9.2%	420	13.5%	251	148.5%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	1,666	90.8%	2,698	86.5%	1,032	61.9%
Total	1,835	100.0%	3,118	100.0%	1,283	

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
White Men										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	255	4.1%	293	4.6%	215	3.6%	265	4.2%	50	23.3%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	5,991	95.9%	6,119	95.4%	5,743	96.4%	6,106	95.8%	363	6.3%
Total	6,246	100.0%	6,412	100.0%	5,958	100.0%	6,371	100.0%	413	

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Nonwhite Men										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	51	8.2%	56	6.8%	73	7.8%	98	7.0%	25	34.2%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	572	91.8%	767	93.2%	866	92.2%	1,305	93.0%	439	50.7%
Total	623	100.0%	823	100.0%	939	100.0%	1,403	100.0%	464	

	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Black Men						
FAMILY IN POVERTY	49	11.9%	48	9.7%	(1)	-2.0%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	363	88.1%	446	90.3%	83	22.9%
Total	412	100.0%	494	100.0%	82	

	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Hispanic Men						
FAMILY IN POVERTY	83	7.7%	246	13.0%	163	196.4%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	999	92.3%	1,644	87.0%	645	64.6%
Total	1,082	100.0%	1,890	100.0%	808	

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
White Women										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	261	6.3%	334	7.1%	254	5.0%	328	5.6%	74	29.1%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	3,869	93.7%	4,372	92.9%	4,867	95.0%	5,566	94.4%	699	14.4%
Total	4,130	100.0%	4,706	100.0%	5,121	100.0%	5,894	100.0%	773	

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Nonwhite Women										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	55	10.7%	65	10.0%	94	9.8%	63	5.0%	(31)	-33.0%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	457	89.3%	583	90.0%	865	90.2%	1,196	95.0%	331	38.3%
Total	512	100.0%	648	100.0%	959	100.0%	1,259	100.0%	300	

	1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Black Women						
FAMILY IN POVERTY	57	12.2%	29	6.7%	(28)	-49.1%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	410	87.8%	401	93.3%	(9)	-2.2%
Total	467	100.0%	430	100.0%	(37)	

		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987					
Hispanic Women		Number	%	Number	%	Number	%				
FAMILY IN POVERTY		86	11.4%	174	14.2%	88	102.3%				
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY		667	88.6%	1,055	85.8%	388	58.2%				
Total		753	100.0%	1,229	100.0%	476					
		1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
Age 16-24		Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY		308	10.1%	353	10.4%	325	8.5%	441	12.0%	116	35.7%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY		2,737	89.9%	3,026	89.6%	3,481	91.5%	3,224	88.0%	(257)	-7.4%
Total		3,045	100.0%	3,379	100.0%	3,806	100.0%	3,665	100.0%	(141)	
		1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
Age 25-34		Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY		141	5.5%	188	6.0%	253	5.9%	369	6.7%	116	45.8%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY		2,403	94.5%	2,956	94.0%	4,051	94.1%	5,139	93.3%	1,088	26.9%
Total		2,544	100.0%	3,144	100.0%	4,304	100.0%	5,508	100.0%	1,204	
		1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
Age 35-54		Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY		104	2.4%	151	3.5%	172	3.5%	319	4.6%	147	85.5%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY		4,184	97.6%	4,207	96.5%	4,715	96.5%	6,591	95.4%	1,876	39.8%
Total		4,288	100.0%	4,358	100.0%	4,887	100.0%	6,910	100.0%	2,023	
		1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
Age 55 and Above		Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
FAMILY IN POVERTY		68	4.2%	56	3.3%	55	3.0%	47	2.4%	(8)	-14.5%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY		1,565	95.8%	1,653	96.7%	1,761	97.0%	1,919	97.6%	158	9.0%
Total		1,633	100.0%	1,709	100.0%	1,816	100.0%	1,966	100.0%	150	

	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
HS Dropout										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	277	8.3%	273	9.0%	302	10.1%	557	17.5%	255	84.4%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	3,054	91.7%	2,746	55.0%	2,696	89.9%	2,630	82.5%	(66)	-2.4%

Total	3,331	100.0%	3,019	64.1%	2,998	100.0%	3,187	100.0%	189	
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	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
HS Graduates										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	184	4.3%	256	5.3%	264	5.1%	366	6.1%	102	38.6%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	4,090	95.7%	4,536	94.7%	4,875	94.9%	5,663	93.9%	788	16.2%

Total	4,274	100.0%	4,792	100.0%	5,139	100.0%	6,029	100.0%	890	
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	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Some College										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	57	3.8%	97	5.6%	94	3.8%	100	3.2%	6	6.4%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	1,450	96.2%	1,634	94.4%	2,378	96.2%	3,048	96.8%	670	28.2%

Total	1,507	100.0%	1,731	100.0%	2,472	100.0%	3,148	100.0%	676	
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	1969		1973		1979		1987		Net Change 1979 to 1987	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
4 Yrs. Coll/+										
FAMILY IN POVERTY	105	4.4%	122	4.0%	144	3.4%	152	2.7%	8	5.6%
FAMILY NOT IN POVERTY	2,295	95.6%	2,924	96.0%	4,057	96.6%	5,532	97.3%	1,475	36.4%

Total	2,400	100.0%	3,046	100.0%	4,201	100.0%	5,684	100.0%	1,483	
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