

TABLE 2.—Trends in poverty and low-income status, 1959-65: Number and percent of noninstitutional population who were poor or near poor

Type of unit and income level	The poverty and low-income roster						The incidence of poverty and low-income status							
	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965
	Persons poor or near poor ¹ (in millions)							Percent of persons poor or near poor ²						
Total with low income.....	54.7	54.8	52.9	52.8	51.0	49.8	47.5	31.0	30.5	29.3	28.6	27.3	26.3	24.8
Poor.....	38.9	40.1	38.1	37.0	35.3	34.1	32.7	22.1	22.3	21.1	20.1	18.9	18.0	17.1
Near poor.....	15.8	14.7	14.8	15.8	16.7	15.7	14.8	8.0	8.2	8.2	8.1	8.4	8.3	7.7
Unrelated individuals.....	5.6	5.5	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.8	5.6	52.5	50.5	49.7	50.3	49.8	47.8	46.5
Poor.....	5.1	5.1	5.0	4.9	4.9	5.1	4.8	47.4	46.5	44.7	44.2	43.9	42.0	39.8
Near poor.....	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	5.1	4.0	5.0	6.1	5.9	5.8	6.7
Under age 65.....	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.5	41.4	39.2	38.0	38.6	37.6	35.5	33.7
Poor.....	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.1	36.8	36.1	33.9	34.5	34.2	31.2	28.7
Near poor.....	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4	4.6	3.1	4.1	4.1	3.4	4.3	5.0
Aged 65 or over.....	2.7	2.6	2.8	2.9	2.9	3.2	3.1	74.2	73.0	71.0	69.4	69.6	67.4	66.9
Poor.....	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.8	2.7	68.1	67.1	64.4	64.4	60.0	59.3	57.5
Near poor.....	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	6.1	5.9	6.6	5.0	9.0	8.1	9.4
Persons in families.....	49.1	49.3	47.4	47.3	45.5	44.0	41.9	23.7	23.3	21.8	21.2	20.8	19.3	18.4
Poor.....	33.9	35.0	33.1	32.2	30.4	28.9	27.9	20.4	20.8	19.4	18.5	17.3	16.3	15.6
Near poor.....	15.2	14.3	14.3	15.1	15.1	15.1	14.0	3.2	3.5	3.4	3.7	3.5	3.0	2.8
With no children under age 18.....	9.3	9.3	8.8	8.4	8.6	8.0	8.0	22.3	21.9	20.4	19.5	19.6	17.9	17.3
Poor.....	6.5	6.5	6.0	5.4	5.5	4.9	4.8	15.5	15.3	13.8	12.6	12.5	11.1	10.4
Near poor.....	2.8	2.8	2.8	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.2	6.8	6.6	6.6	6.9	7.1	6.8	6.8
With children under age 18.....	39.8	40.1	38.7	38.8	36.8	36.2	33.9	32.1	31.7	30.3	29.5	27.9	27.3	25.3
Poor.....	27.4	28.6	27.2	26.7	24.9	24.0	23.1	22.1	22.6	21.3	20.8	18.9	18.1	17.3
Near poor.....	12.4	11.5	11.5	12.1	11.9	12.2	10.8	10.0	9.1	9.0	9.3	9.0	9.2	8.1
Adults.....	16.1	16.5	16.2	16.0	14.7	14.5	13.6	26.9	26.8	26.3	25.5	23.5	23.0	19.6
Poor.....	10.7	11.4	11.2	10.8	9.6	9.2	8.3	17.9	18.5	18.2	17.2	15.4	14.6	12.4
Near poor.....	5.4	5.1	5.0	5.2	5.1	5.3	5.3	9.0	8.3	8.1	8.3	8.1	8.4	7.2
Children under age 18.....	23.7	23.6	22.5	22.8	22.1	21.7	20.4	37.1	36.2	34.1	33.8	32.1	31.3	29.3
Poor.....	16.7	17.2	16.0	15.9	15.3	14.8	14.3	26.1	26.4	24.2	23.6	22.2	21.3	20.5
Near poor.....	7.0	6.4	6.5	6.9	6.8	6.9	6.1	11.0	9.8	9.8	10.2	9.9	9.9	8.8