

TABLE 4.—Number of poor persons and incidence of poverty, 1959 and 1965

Characteristics of head of household ¹	Persons in poor households ² (millions)		Incidence of poverty (percent) ³	
	1959	1965	1959	1965
Total.....	38.9	32.7	22.1	17.1
Aged (65 years and over) ⁴	5.3	5.0	42.9	32.9
White.....	4.8	4.4	41.1	31.0
Male.....	2.7	2.1	33.6	21.6
Female.....	2.1	2.3	57.8	50.8
Nonwhite.....	.5	.6	70.6	60.1
Male.....	.3	.3	65.2	50.9
Female.....	.2	.3	79.9	73.9
All other ⁵	33.7	27.8	20.6	15.7
Farm.....	6.4	3.0	43.1	27.0
White.....	4.3	1.8	34.3	19.3
Male.....	4.1	1.7	33.8	18.8
Female.....	.2	.1	49.2	31.5
Nonwhite.....	2.2	1.1	87.5	80.1
Male.....	2.0	1.0	88.4	81.1
Female.....	.2	.2	79.9	(⁶)
Nonfarm.....	27.3	24.8	18.3	15.0
White.....	19.2	16.4	14.5	11.3
Male.....	14.3	11.8	11.8	8.9
Female.....	5.0	4.6	40.9	34.2
Nonwhite.....	8.0	8.4	49.0	42.5
Male.....	5.2	5.1	41.9	34.5
Female.....	2.8	3.3	71.4	66.4

¹ Household defined here as either a family or an unrelated individual.² Persons in households with family income or income of unrelated individual in 1965 below the Social Security Administration poverty index, taking into account family size, composition, and farm-nonfarm residence.³ Poor persons as percent of all persons in the category.⁴ Includes only 1- and 2-person households with head aged 65 years and over.⁵ Includes all households headed by persons under age 65 and families of 3 or more headed by an aged person.⁶ Percent not shown because of small number of persons.

Source: Derived by SSA from special Census Bureau tabulations of March 1960 and March 1966 Current Population Surveys.