

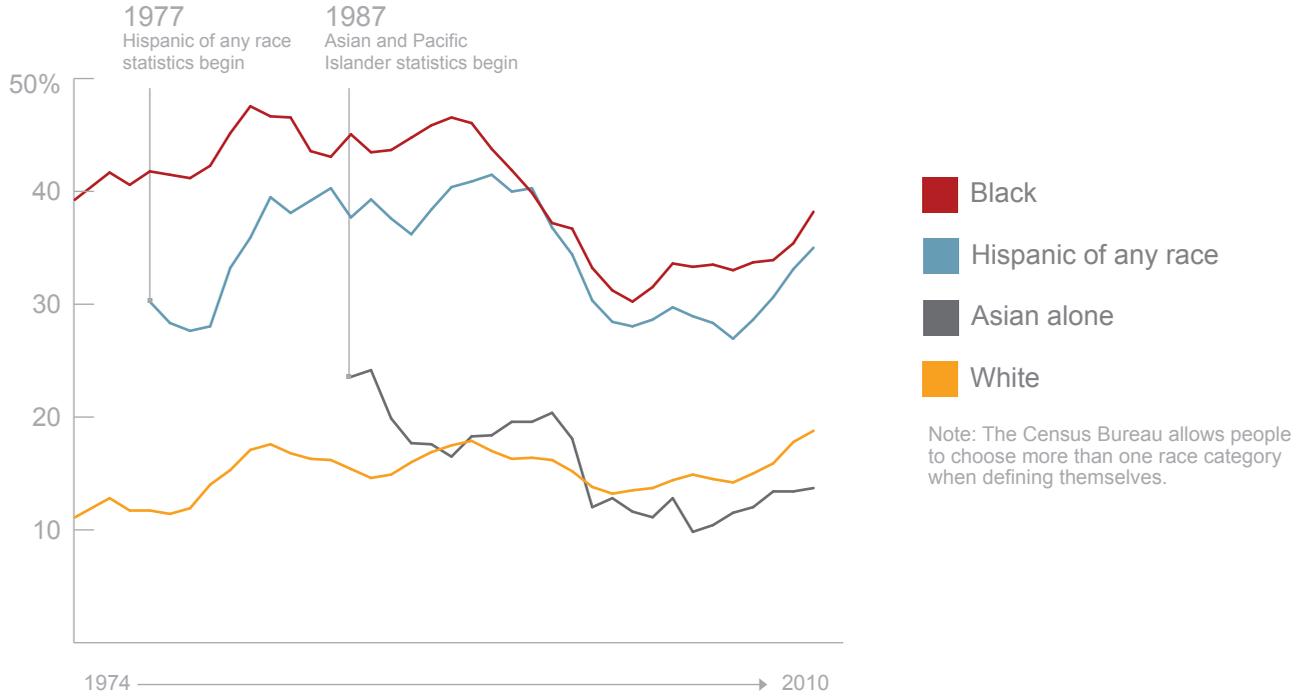


POVERTY

POVERTY BY RACE

Poverty rates higher for blacks

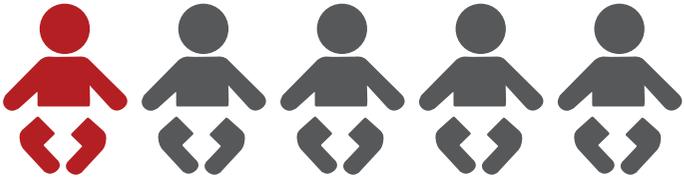
Blacks have been disproportionately represented among the nation's poor. Poverty rates among blacks have fluctuated between a high of 47 percent and a low of 30 percent, while the rates for whites have hovered in the teens.



CHILD POVERTY

One in five U.S. children lives in poverty

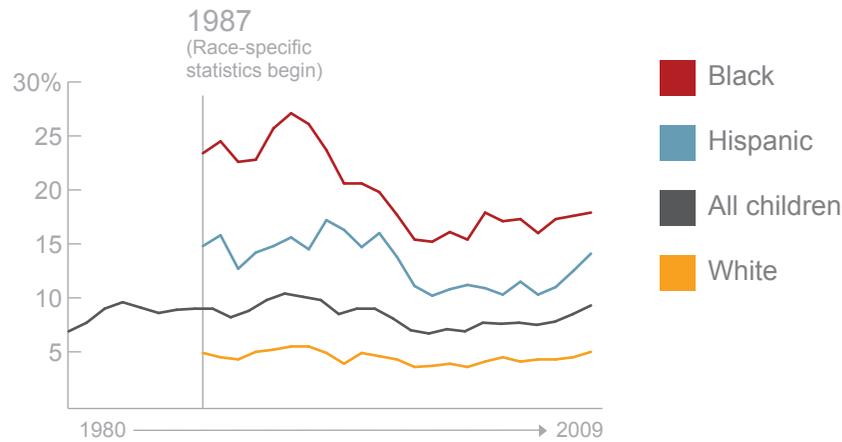
The poverty rate among children has not fallen below 16 percent since record-keeping began in 1980.



DEEP POVERTY

Deep poverty hits black children hard

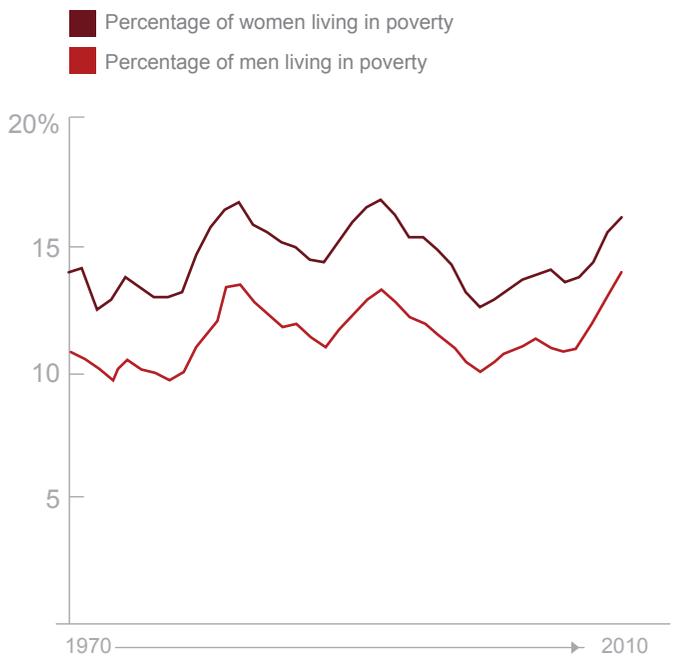
Households with incomes below 50 percent of the poverty line are living in what statisticians call deep poverty, including millions of households with children. African-American and Hispanic children were three times as likely to be living in deep poverty than their white counterparts in 2009. Since the Census Bureau began tracking deep poverty by race among children, children of color have always been far more likely than white children to fall so far below the poverty line.



POVERTY BY SEX

Women poorer than men

Since 1970, poverty rates among women have consistently been higher than those for men.



"Compared to other countries, first we have more unequal incomes to begin with, and second, we do less to try to have a strong safety net for families with children."

Julia Isaacs, Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin-Madison

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