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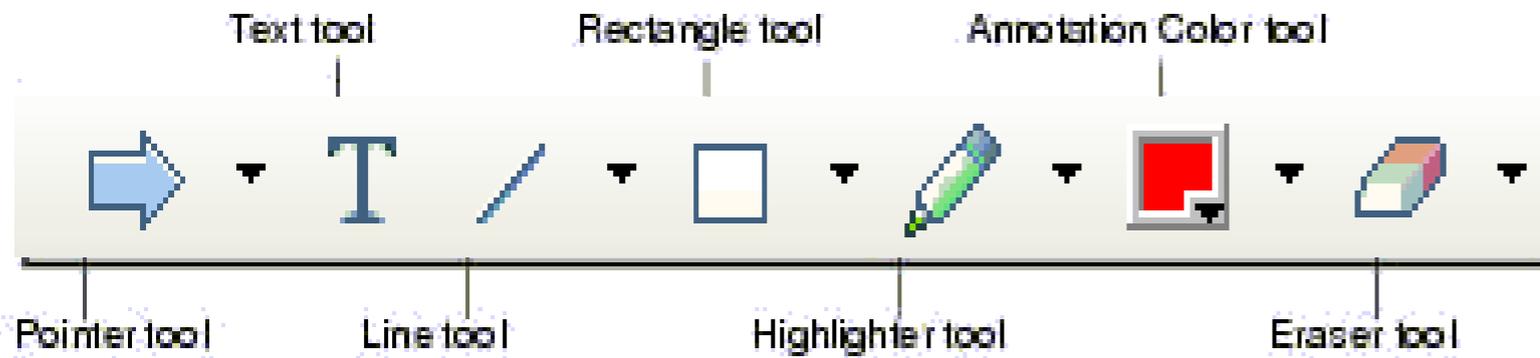
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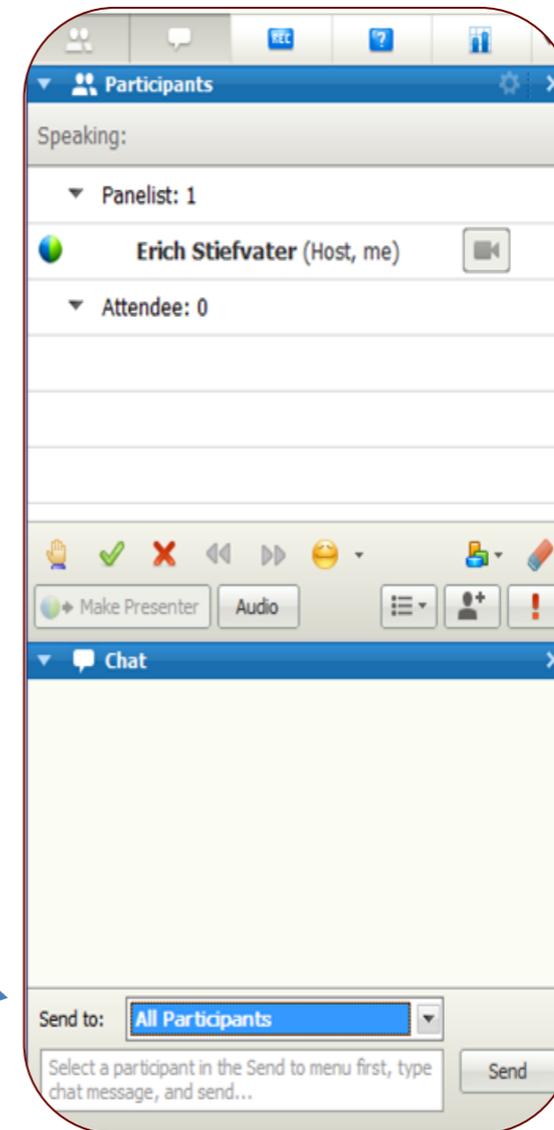
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A PEOPLE'S HISTORY
OF POVERTY IN AMERICA

STEPHEN PIMPARE

A NEW PRESS People's History

HOWARD ZINN, *Series Editor*

A Conversation
with Stephen
Pimpare

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Learning Objectives

- Identify the groups that are most likely to live in poverty in the U.S. today
- Describe how poverty rates have changed over time, and how they have varied from group-to-group (by age, race, geography, and more)
- Explain how poverty is calculated using the official standard and the new Supplemental Poverty Measure
- Identify ways in which poverty knowledge can help inform your VISTA service



Numbers to Know

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Relative Poverty Rates in Twenty Rich Nations

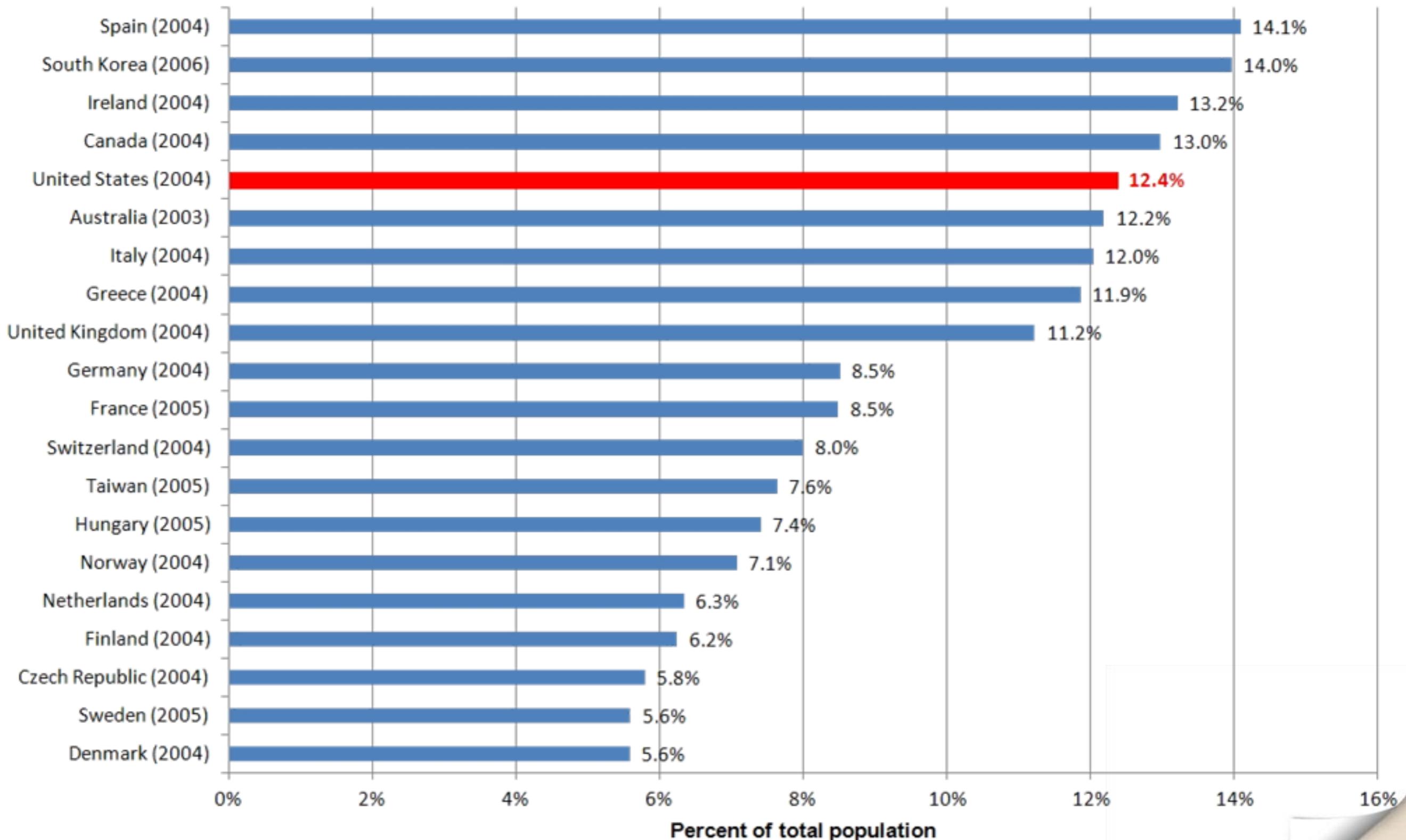


Figure 1: Luxembourg Income Study 2011



Poverty Rate and Number in Poverty: 1959 to 2010

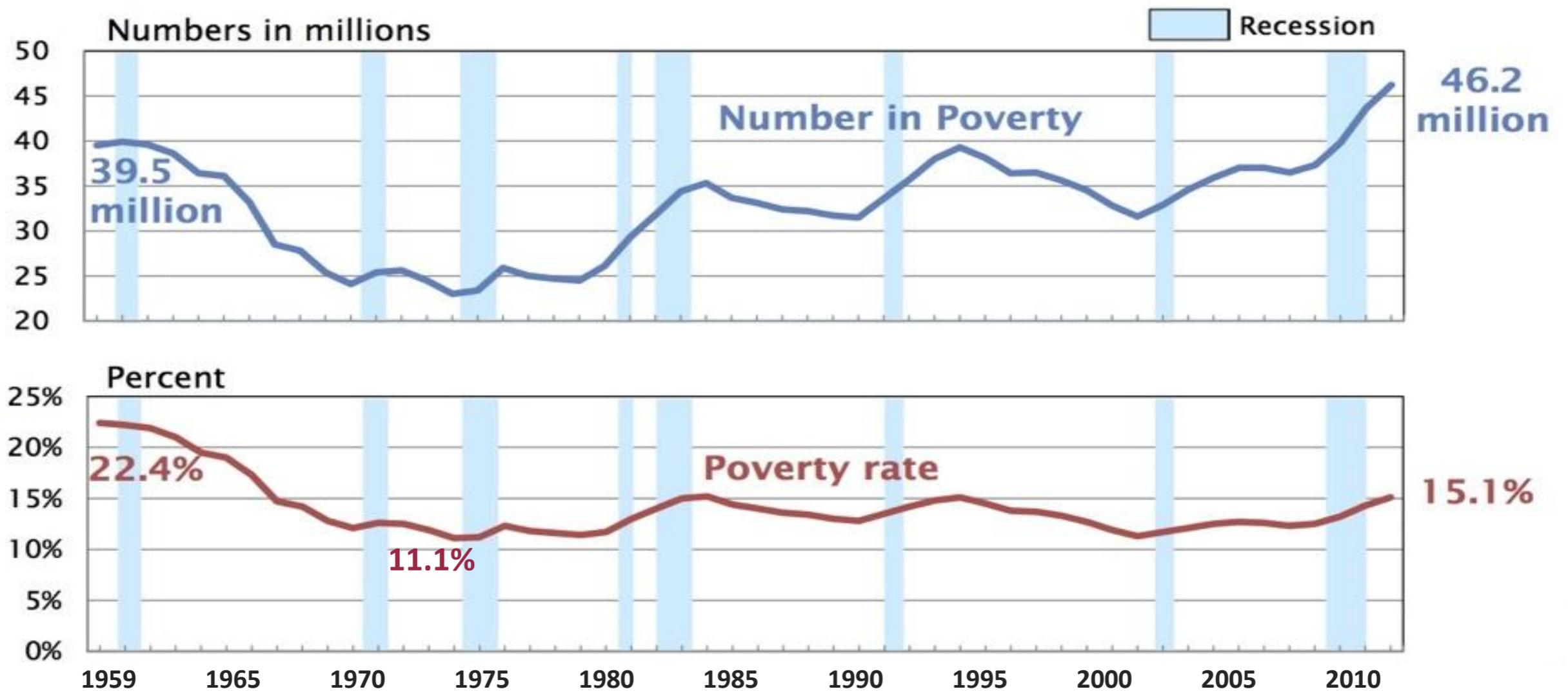


Figure 2: US Census Bureau 2011



Percentage of People in Poverty in the Past 12 Months by State and Puerto Rico: 2010

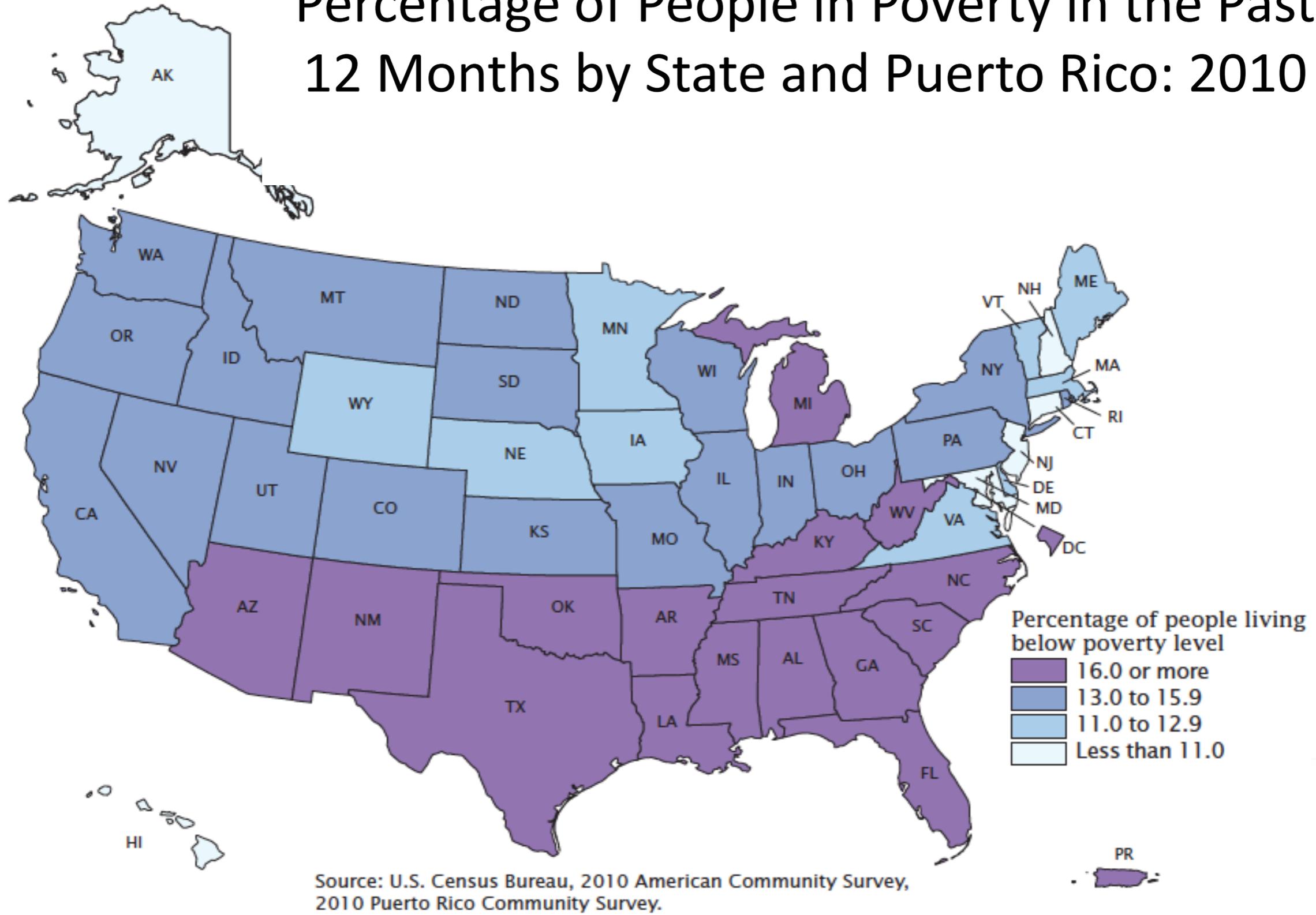


Figure 3: US Census Bureau 2011



Poverty Rates by Race and Hispanic Origin: 1959 to 2010

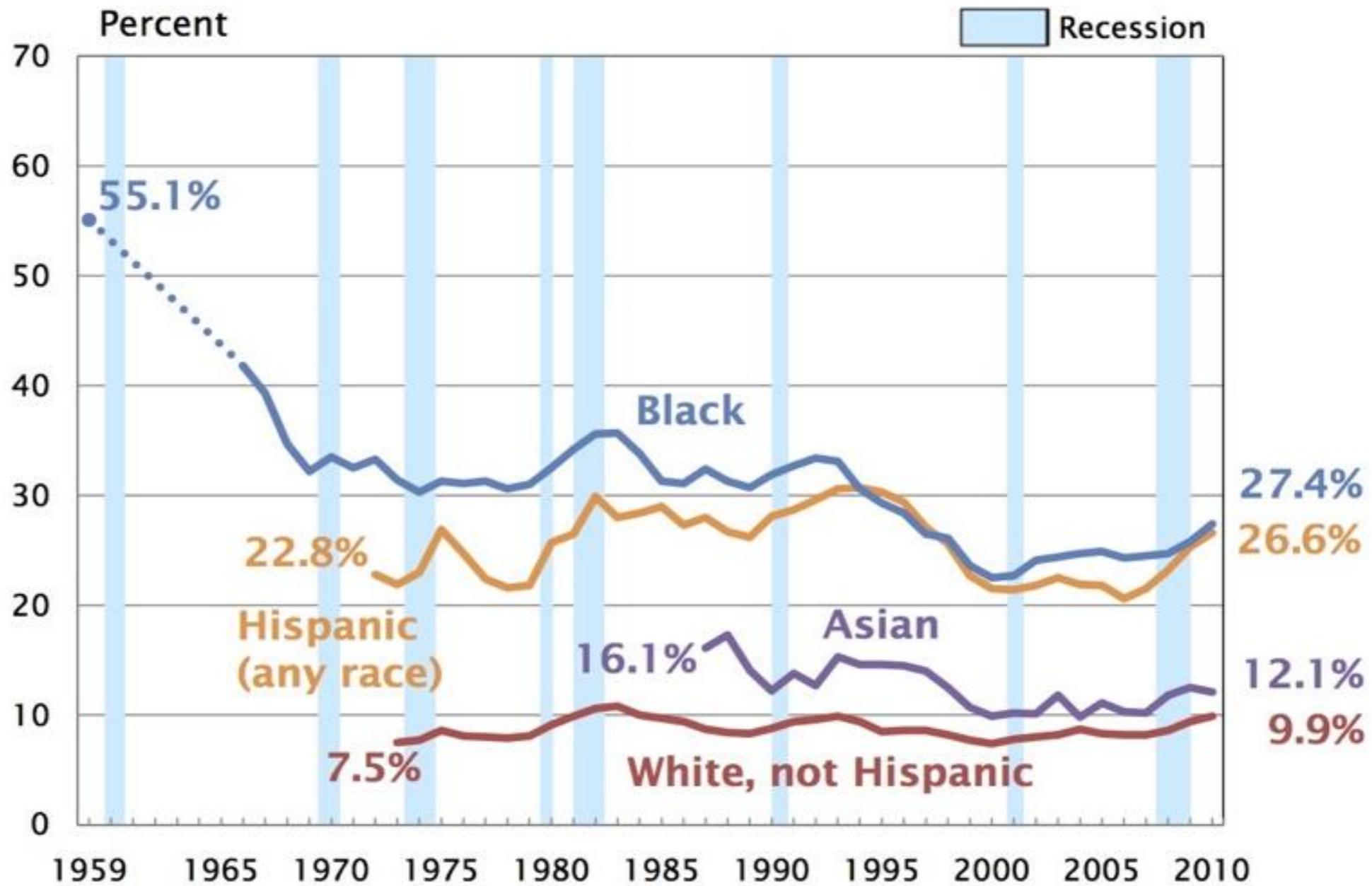


Figure 4: US Census Bureau 2011



Living in Poverty by Racial/Ethnic and Asian Ethnic Groups

Group	Living in Poverty
Whites	9.4 %
Blacks	24.9 %
Latinos/Hispanics	21.4 %
Native American Indians	25.1 %
Indians	8.2 %
Cambodian, Hmong or Laotian	22.5 %
Chinese	13.1 %
Filipinos	6.9 %
Japanese	8.6 %
Koreans	15.5 %
Pacific Islanders	16.7 %
Vietnamese	13.8 %

Figure 5: Le, C.N. 2011



Poll



Image 1: Cushman, Charles W. 1942

Poverty Rates by Age: 1959 to 2010

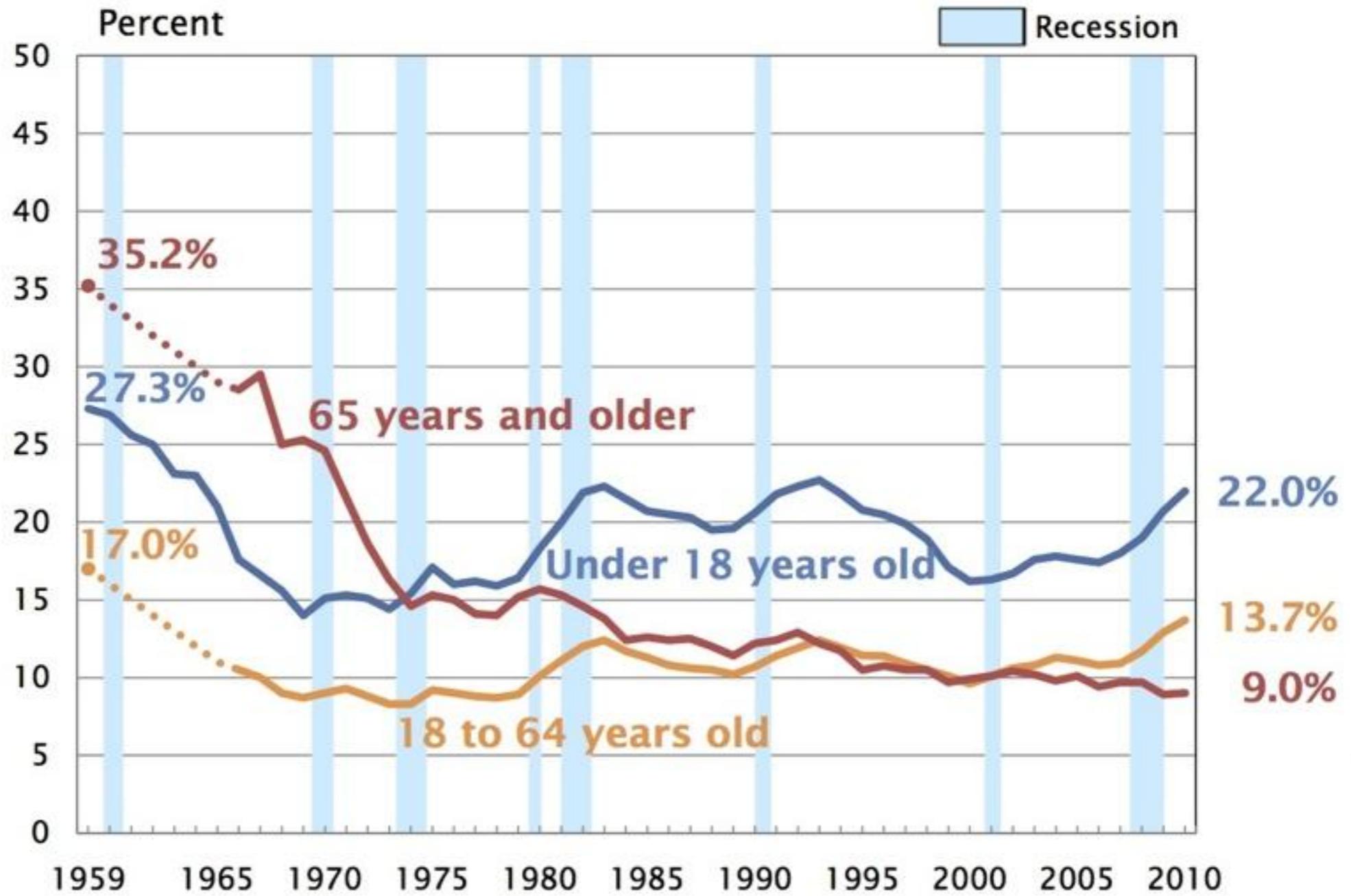


Figure 6: US Census 2011



Children Under 18 Years Living in Poverty, 1959-2010

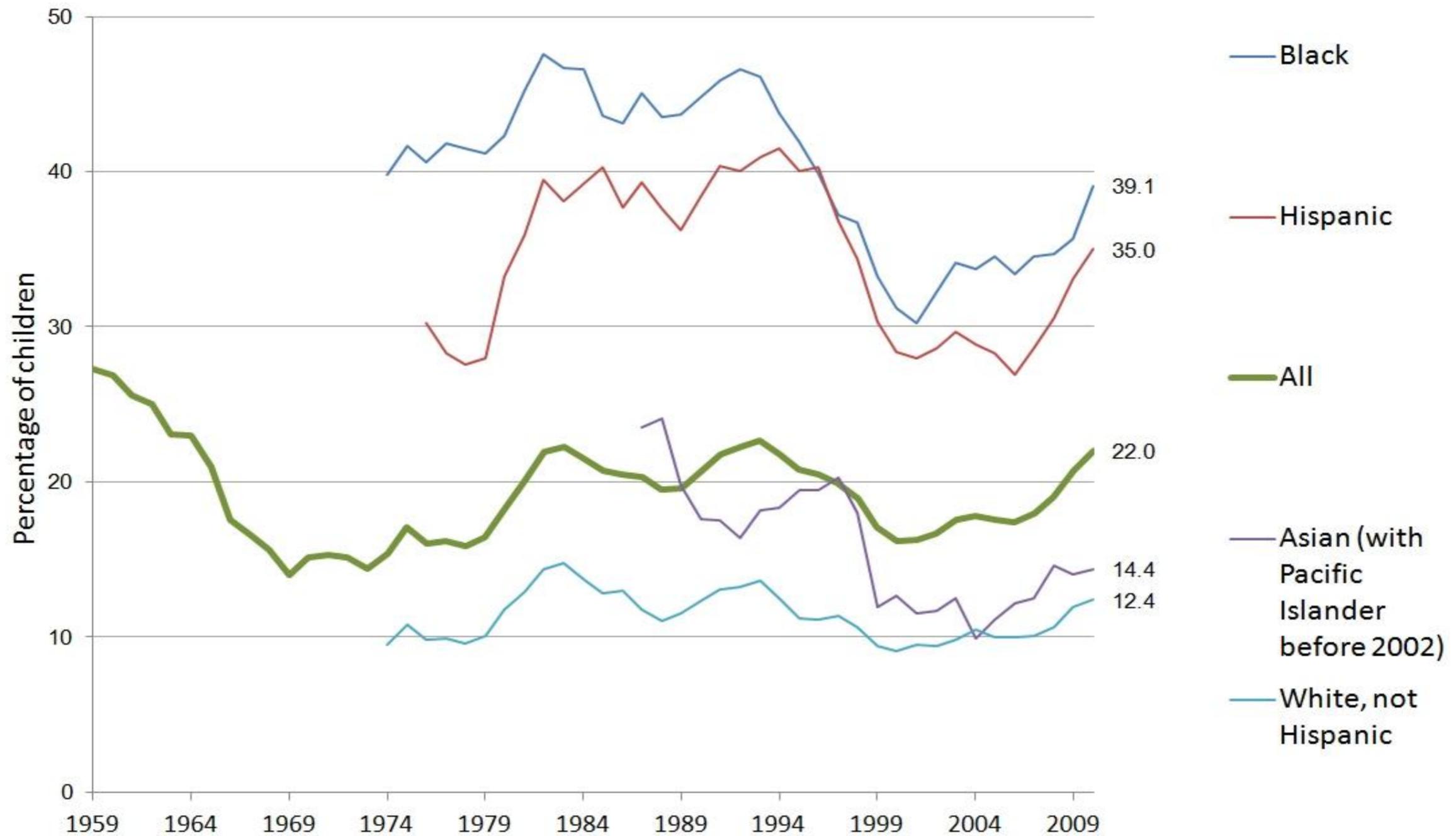


Figure 7: US Census 2011



Poverty Rates for Families with Related Children Under 18 by Family Type: 1959 to 2010

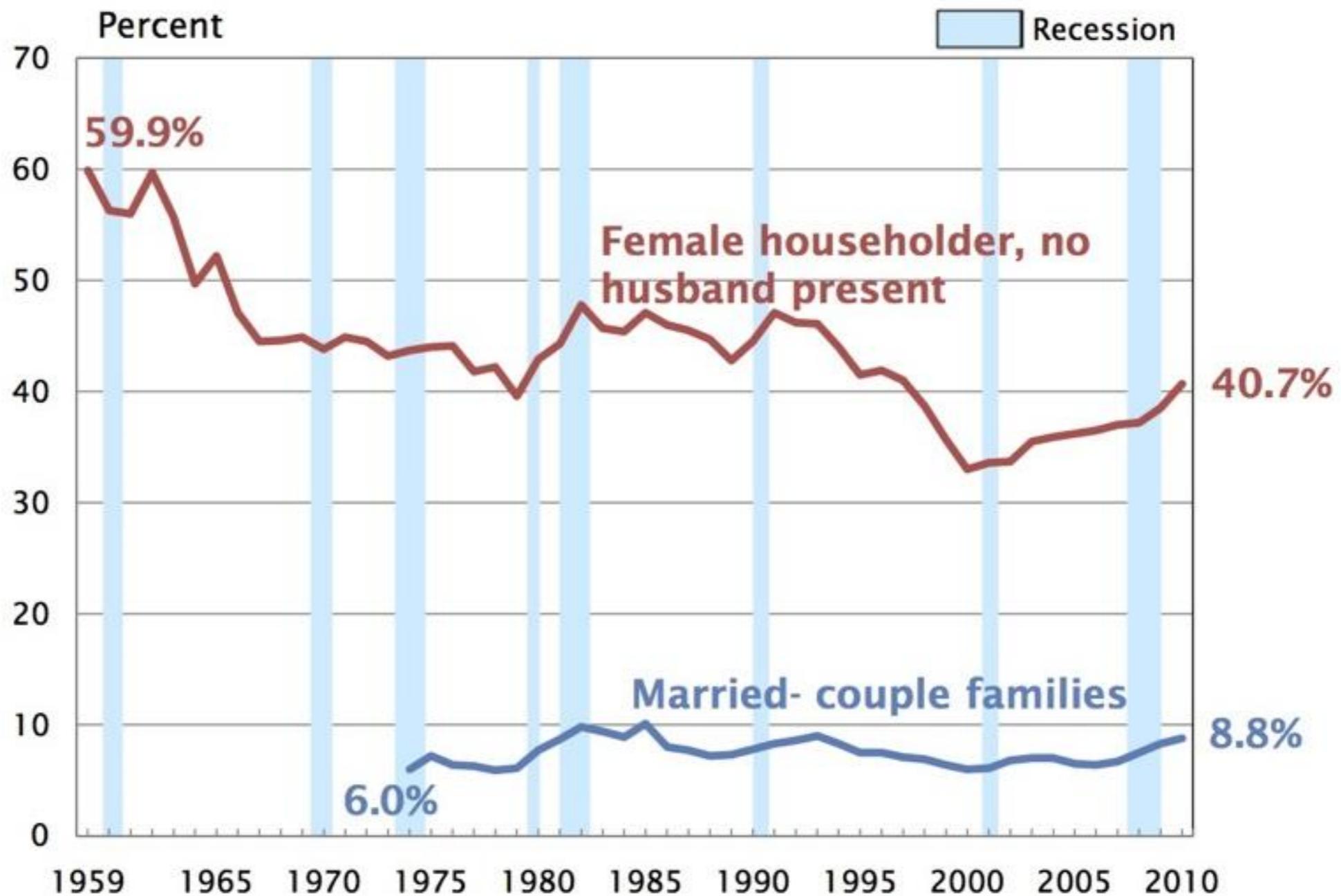


Figure 8: US Census 2011



Share of the Population Below Half of the Poverty Line, 1975-2010

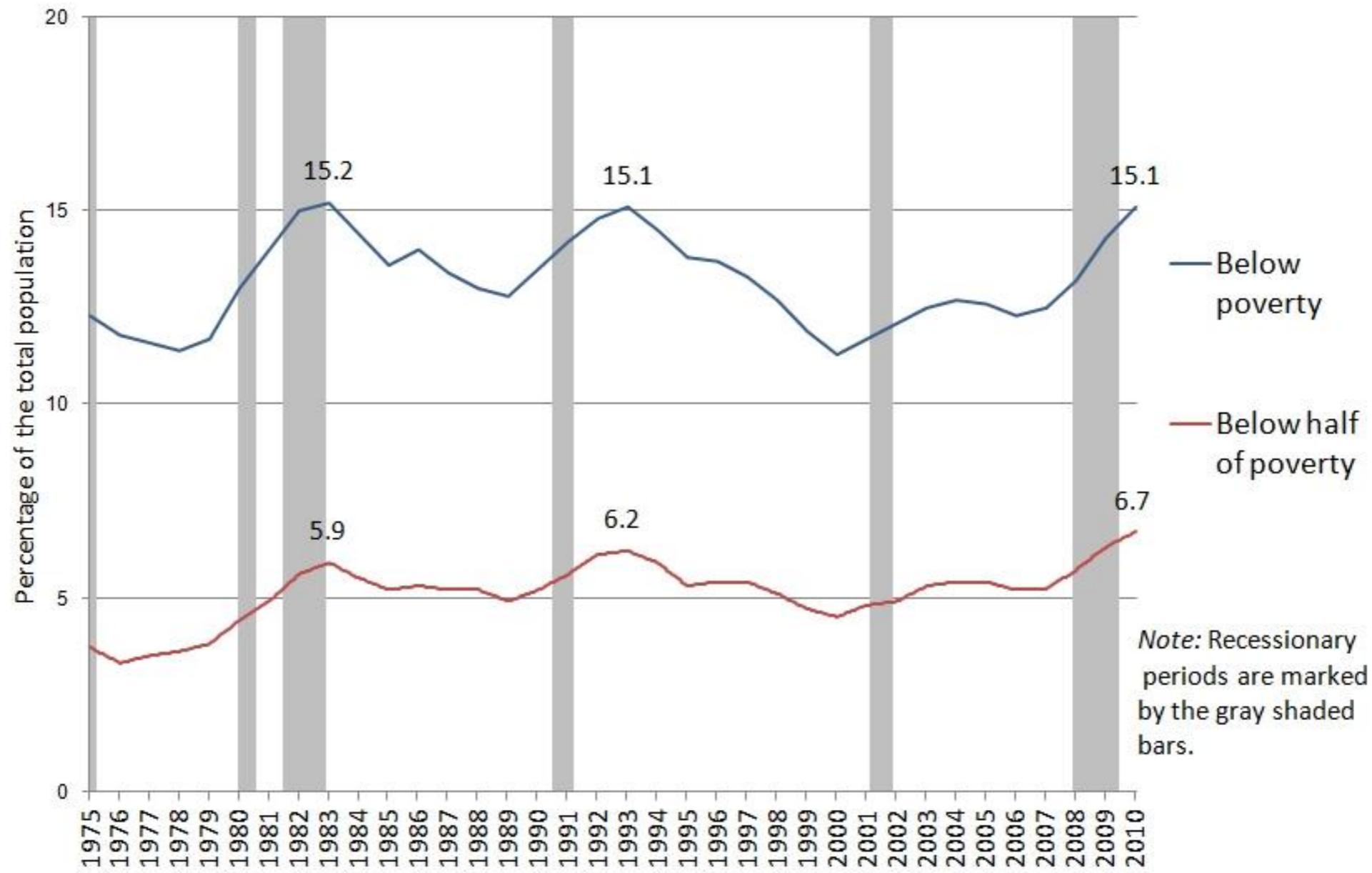


Figure 9: US Census 2011



Many Fall Below Poverty for Short Periods of Time

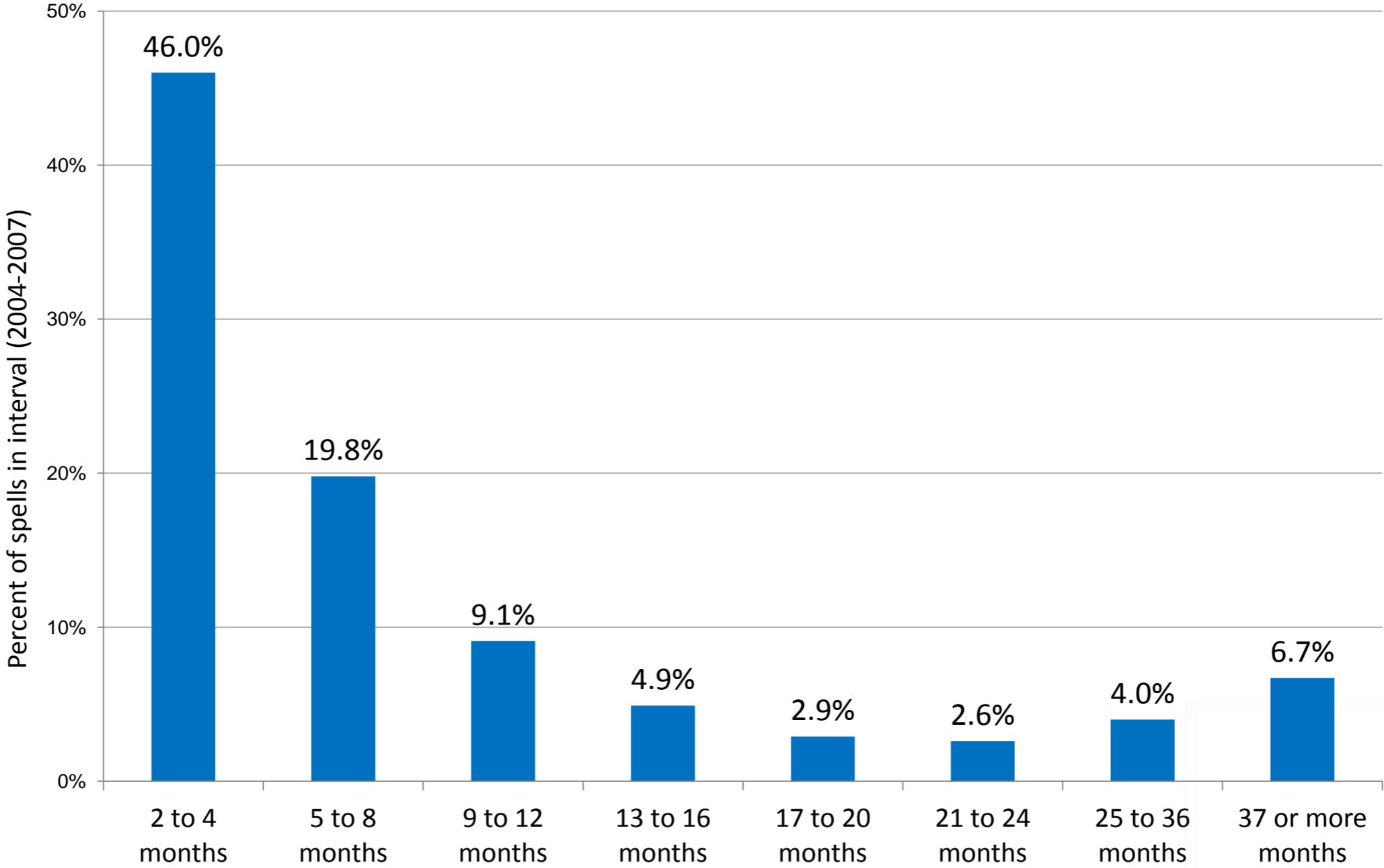


Figure 10: US Census 2011



**An estimated 59% of Americans will
experience a year or more of poverty
between the ages of 20 and 75**

(Rank, 2007)



Numbers to Know: How Did You Do?

09: The poverty rate for those over 65 years (9.0%)

15: Official US Poverty Rate, 2010 (15.1%)

22: The poverty rate for children (22.0%)

27: The poverty rate for African Americans (27.4%) and Hispanics (26.6%)

40: The poverty rate for female-headed families (40.7%)

59: The percent of Americans that will experience poverty in their lifetime (59%)

The Census Bureau's Poverty Thresholds for 2010

Size of Family Unit	Poverty Threshold
One person	\$11,139
Two people	14,218
Three people	17,374
Four people	22,314
Five people	26,439
Six people	29,897
Seven people	34,009
Eight people	37,934
Nine people or more	45,220

Figure 11: US Census 2011



How is Poverty Calculated?



Resource Estimates

SPM Resources = Money Income From All Sources

Plus	Minus
Supplemental Nutritional Assistance (SNAP)	Taxes (plus credits such as Earned Income Tax Credit [EITC])
National School Lunch Program	Expenses Related to Work
Supplementary Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	Child Care Expenses*
Housing Subsidies	Medical Out-of-Pocket Expenses (MOOP)*
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP)	Child Support Paid *

*Items for which data from new CPS ASEC questions are used in the SPM estimates

Poverty Rates Using Two Measures for Total Population and by Age Group: 2010

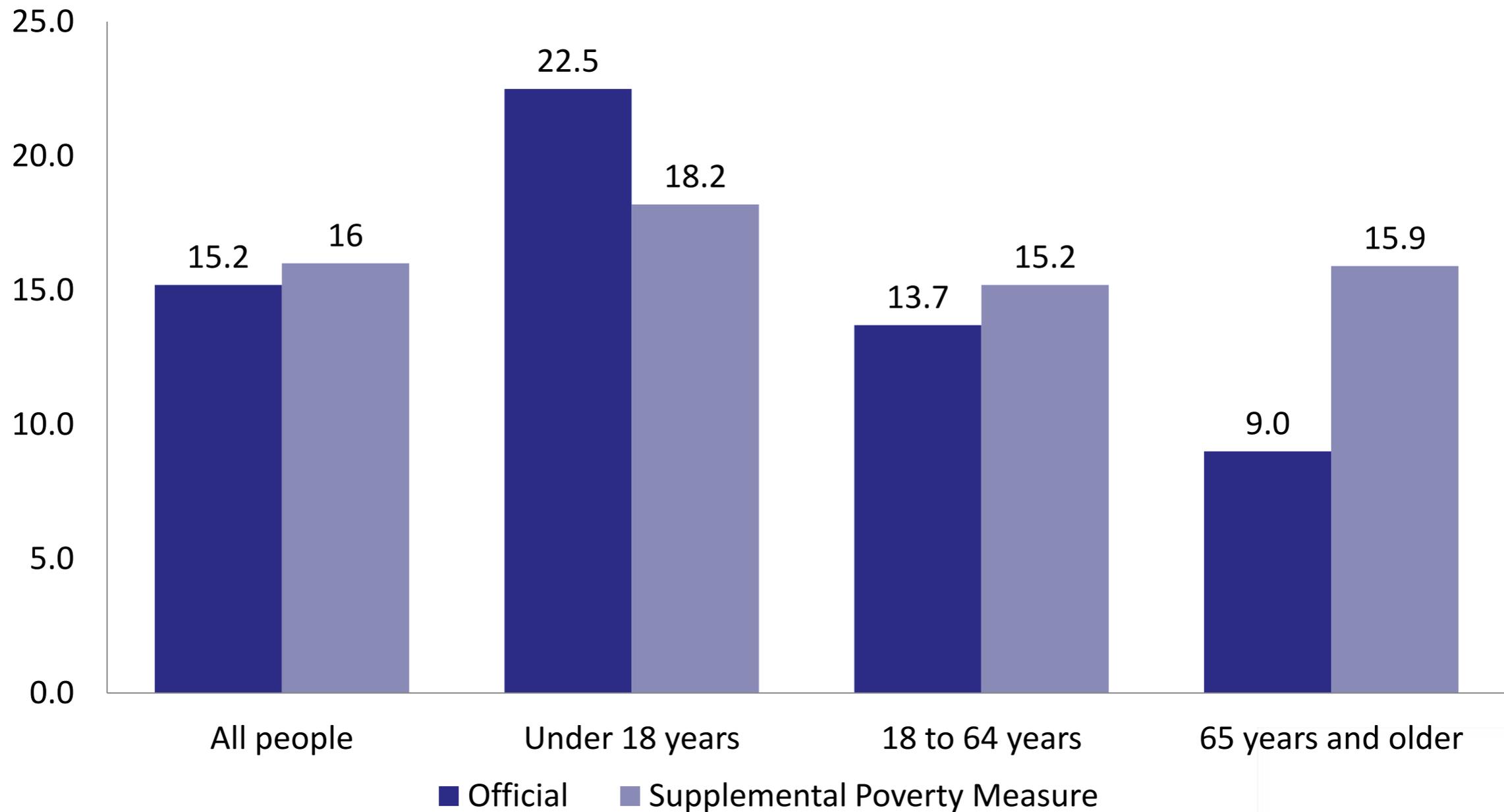


Figure 13: US Census 2011



Effects on the Poverty Rate: 2010

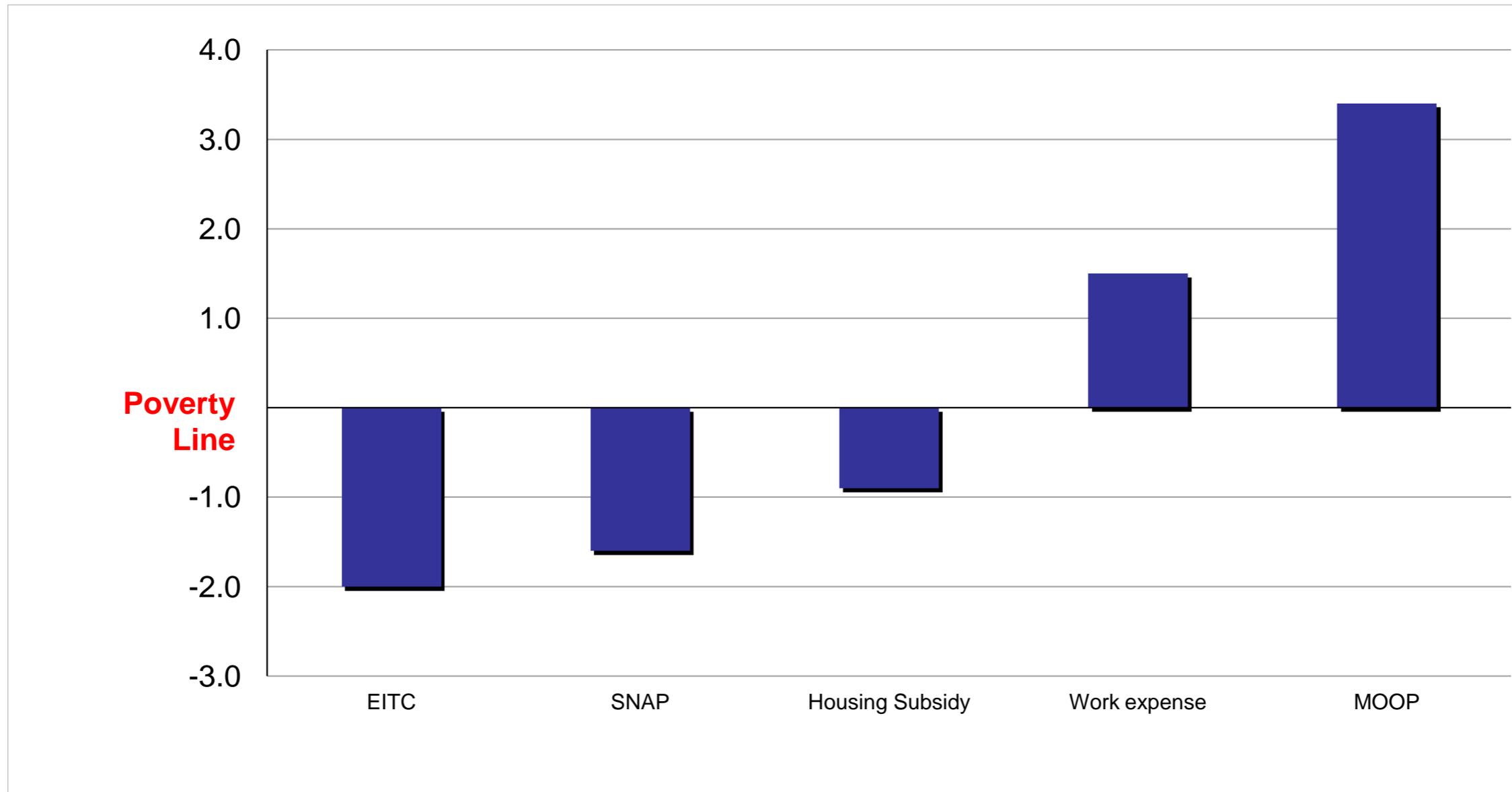


Figure 14: US Census 2011



Adam Smith



*An Inquiry into the Nature and Causes of the
Wealth of Nations*

“Every man is rich or poor according to the degree to which he can afford to enjoy the necessaries, conveniences, and amusements of human life. By necessaries I understand, not only the commodities which are indispensably necessary for the support of life, but whatever the custom of the country renders it indecent for creditable people, even of the lowest order to be without. A linen shirt is, strictly speaking, not a necessary of life. The Greeks and Romans lived, I suppose, very comfortably, though they had no linen. But in the present times, through the greater part of Europe, a creditable day-labourer would be ashamed to appear in public without a linen shirt, the want of which would be supposed to denote that disgraceful degree of poverty, which, it is presumed, no body can well fall into without extreme bad conduct.”

How Does This Matter to You?



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2011, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities
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University of Wisconsin-Madison
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National Poverty Center
University of Michigan
Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy
<http://www.npc.umich.edu/poverty/>

Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality
Stanford University
Institute for Research in the Social Sciences
<http://www.stanford.edu/group/scspi/>

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Changes in child poverty by state 2007-2010
Child Poverty Up in Most States, with Damaging Consequences, by Erica Williams
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Male and Female-Headed Households

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Poverty Maps, Local Poverty Data

Poverty by city, town, county or zip code:

American Fact Finder: Your source for population, housing, economic, and geographic information

U.S. Census Bureau

<http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml>

Poverty by County

2010 County-Level Poverty Rates

U.S. Department of Agriculture Economic Research Service

<http://www.ers.usda.gov/data/povertyrates/>

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Tracts with 20 Percent or More in Poverty

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Mapping America: Every City, Every Block, by Matthew Bloch, Shan Carter, and Alan McLean

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