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# Elementary/Secondary Education

## Racial/Ethnic Distribution of Public School Students

*Hispanic students are the fastest growing student group in the nation's elementary and secondary schools.*

Changes in the racial/ethnic composition of student enrollments can alter the language and culture in the nation's public schools. Although differences in student backgrounds can offer opportunities to enhance the learning environment, these differences can also raise challenges for schools. Knowledge of the shifting racial/ethnic distribution of public school students in grades K–12 can be helpful to schools in responding to these changing conditions.

In 2000, 39 percent of public school students were considered to be part of a minority group, an increase of 17 percentage points from 1972. This increase was largely due to the growth in the proportion of Hispanic students. In 2000, Hispanic students accounted for 17 percent of the public school enrollment, up by 11 percentage points from 1972. Blacks were 17 percent of the public school enrollment in 2000, up by 2 percentage points from 1972. The percentage of students from other racial/ethnic minority groups also increased, from 1 percent in 1972 to 5 percent in 2000 (see supplemental table 3-1).

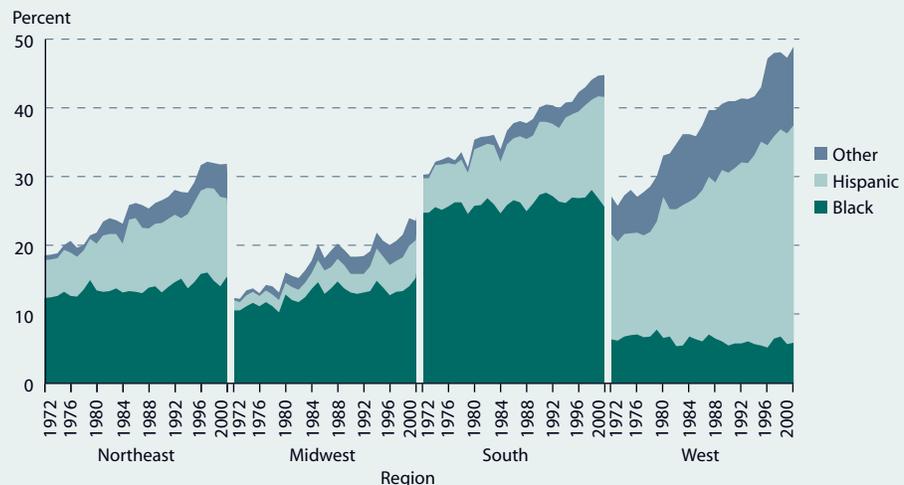
Although minority students comprised 39 percent of the total public school enrollment in 2000, their enrollment differed by region. In that year, there were large concentrations of minority students in the West and South, where 49 and 45 percent of students in public elementary and secondary schools were minority, respectively. The Midwest had the lowest proportion of minority students (24 percent) (see supplemental table 3-2).

Among all public school students in 2000, the South enrolled a higher proportion of Black students (26 percent) than other regions (6 to 16 percent). In the West, Hispanic students accounted for 32 percent of the student body (up from 15 percent in 1972). In contrast, in 2000, Hispanic students represented 6 percent of all students in public elementary and secondary schools in the Midwest (see supplemental table 3-2).

NOTE: See *Supplemental Note 1* for information on the racial/ethnic categories and a list of states that are included in each region.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. October Current Population Surveys, 1972–2000.

**ENROLLMENT: Percentage of public school students enrolled in grades K–12 who were minorities, by region: October 1972–2000**



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## Racial/Ethnic Distribution of Public School Students

**Table 3-1** Percentage distribution of public school students enrolled in grades K–12 who were minorities: October 1972–2000

October	White	Minority enrollment			
		Total	Black	Hispanic	Other
1972	77.8	22.2	14.8	6.0	1.4
1973	78.1	21.9	14.7	5.7	1.4
1974	76.8	23.2	15.4	6.3	1.5
1975	76.2	23.8	15.4	6.7	1.7
1976	76.2	23.8	15.5	6.5	1.7
1977	76.1	23.9	15.8	6.2	1.9
1978	75.5	24.5	16.0	6.5	2.1
1979	75.8	24.2	15.7	6.6	1.9
1980	72.8	27.2	16.2	8.6	2.4
1981	72.4	27.6	16.0	8.7	2.9
1982	71.9	28.1	16.0	8.9	3.2
1983	71.3	28.7	16.1	9.2	3.4
1984	71.7	28.3	16.1	8.5	3.6
1985	69.6	30.4	16.8	10.1	3.5
1986	69.1	30.9	16.6	10.8	3.6
1987	68.5	31.5	16.6	10.8	4.0
1988	68.3	31.7	16.5	11.0	4.2
1989	68.0	32.0	16.6	11.4	4.0
1990	67.6	32.4	16.5	11.7	4.2
1991	67.1	32.9	16.8	11.8	4.2
1992	66.8	33.3	16.9	12.1	4.3
1993	67.0	33.0	16.6	12.1	4.3
1994	65.8	34.2	16.7	13.7	3.8
1995	65.5	34.5	16.9	14.1	3.5
1996	63.7	36.3	16.6	14.5	5.3
1997	63.0	37.0	16.9	14.9	5.1
1998	62.4	37.6	17.2	15.4	5.1
1999	61.9	38.1	16.5	16.2	5.5
2000	61.3	38.7	16.6	16.6	5.4

NOTE: Percentages may not add to 100.0 due to rounding. See *Supplemental Note 1* for information on the racial/ethnic categories.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. October Current Population Surveys, 1972–2000.

## Racial/Ethnic Distribution of Public School Students

Table 3-2 Percentage distribution of public school students enrolled in grades K–12 who were minorities, by region: October 1972–2000

October	White	Minority enrollment				White	Total	Minority enrollment			
		Total	Black	Hispanic	Other			Total	Black	Hispanic	Other
		Northeast						Midwest			
1972	81.4	18.6	12.4	5.5	0.7	87.5	12.5	10.6	1.5	0.3	
1973	81.3	18.7	12.5	5.5	0.7	87.7	12.3	10.6	1.2	0.5	
1974	81.1	18.9	12.7	5.5	0.7	86.6	13.4	11.2	1.6	0.7	
1975	80.0	20.0	13.3	6.1	0.7	86.2	13.8	11.7	1.6	0.5	
1976	79.3	20.7	12.7	6.3	1.7	86.9	13.1	11.2	1.5	0.4	
1977	80.4	19.6	12.6	5.8	1.3	85.7	14.3	11.8	1.7	0.8	
1978	79.9	20.1	13.6	5.7	0.8	85.9	14.1	11.2	1.7	1.2	
1979	78.5	21.5	15.0	6.0	0.5	86.8	13.2	10.3	1.8	1.1	
1980	78.0	22.0	13.5	6.8	1.6	83.8	16.2	12.9	1.7	1.5	
1981	76.5	23.5	13.3	8.2	2.0	84.4	15.6	12.1	1.9	1.6	
1982	76.1	23.9	13.4	8.3	2.3	84.6	15.4	11.8	1.8	1.7	
1983	76.3	23.7	13.8	7.9	2.0	83.6	16.4	12.5	2.1	1.8	
1984	76.8	23.2	13.2	7.1	2.9	82.2	17.8	13.7	2.3	1.8	
1985	74.1	25.9	13.4	10.4	2.1	79.7	20.3	14.7	3.2	2.3	
1986	73.8	26.2	13.3	10.7	2.2	81.8	18.2	13.0	3.4	1.8	
1987	74.2	25.8	13.1	9.5	3.3	80.7	19.3	13.8	3.1	2.4	
1988	74.6	25.4	13.9	8.6	2.9	79.7	20.3	14.8	3.3	2.2	
1989	73.8	26.2	14.1	9.1	3.0	80.5	19.5	13.8	3.4	2.2	
1990	73.3	26.7	13.2	10.1	3.3	81.7	18.4	13.2	2.7	2.5	
1991	72.9	27.1	14.0	9.9	3.2	81.6	18.4	13.0	2.9	2.5	
1992	71.9	28.1	14.7	9.8	3.6	81.5	18.5	13.2	2.7	2.6	
1993	72.2	27.8	15.2	8.8	3.8	80.8	19.2	13.4	3.6	2.2	
1994	72.3	27.7	13.8	10.8	3.1	78.1	21.9	14.9	4.7	2.3	
1995	70.7	29.3	14.7	11.6	2.9	79.3	20.7	13.9	4.5	2.3	
1996	68.2	31.8	15.9	12.1	3.7	79.9	20.1	12.8	4.4	2.9	
1997	67.7	32.3	16.1	12.3	3.8	79.3	20.7	13.3	4.5	2.9	
1998	67.9	32.1	14.9	13.4	3.7	78.4	21.6	13.4	4.9	3.3	
1999	68.2	31.8	14.1	13.0	4.7	76.0	24.0	14.1	5.9	4.0	
2000	68.1	31.9	15.5	11.4	5.0	76.3	23.7	15.3	5.5	2.8	

See footnotes at end of table.

## Racial/Ethnic Distribution of Public School Students

Table 3-2 Percentage distribution of public school students enrolled in grades K–12 who were minorities, by region: October 1972–2000—Continued

October	White	Minority enrollment				White	Total	Minority enrollment			
		Total	Black	Hispanic	Other			Black	Hispanic	Other	
			South					West			
1972	69.7	30.3	24.8	5.0	0.5	72.8	27.2	6.4	15.3	5.5	
1973	69.6	30.4	24.8	5.0	0.6	74.1	25.9	6.2	14.4	5.2	
1974	67.8	32.2	25.6	6.1	0.5	72.7	27.3	6.8	14.9	5.6	
1975	67.4	32.6	25.2	6.6	0.7	72.0	28.0	7.0	14.8	6.3	
1976	67.1	32.9	25.7	6.3	0.9	72.9	27.1	7.1	14.8	5.2	
1977	67.5	32.5	26.3	5.5	0.6	72.2	27.8	6.7	14.8	6.3	
1978	66.4	33.6	26.3	6.2	1.1	71.4	28.6	6.8	15.2	6.6	
1979	68.6	31.4	24.6	6.0	0.8	70.0	30.0	7.8	15.7	6.6	
1980	64.6	35.4	25.8	8.2	1.4	66.9	33.1	6.6	20.5	6.0	
1981	64.1	35.9	25.9	8.5	1.4	66.5	33.5	6.8	18.5	8.1	
1982	64.1	35.9	26.9	7.9	1.1	65.2	34.8	5.4	19.9	9.5	
1983	63.9	36.1	26.0	8.6	1.5	63.9	36.1	5.5	20.4	10.3	
1984	66.0	34.0	24.7	7.5	1.8	63.8	36.2	6.8	19.6	9.8	
1985	63.4	36.6	25.9	8.8	2.0	64.1	35.9	6.4	20.6	8.9	
1986	62.2	37.8	26.6	9.0	2.2	62.5	37.5	6.1	22.0	9.4	
1987	61.9	38.1	26.3	9.6	2.2	60.3	39.7	7.1	22.9	9.7	
1988	62.2	37.8	25.0	10.5	2.3	60.3	39.7	6.5	22.7	10.5	
1989	61.7	38.3	26.1	9.9	2.4	59.4	40.6	6.1	24.9	9.6	
1990	59.9	40.1	27.4	10.6	2.1	59.0	41.0	5.5	25.1	10.4	
1991	59.5	40.5	27.7	10.3	2.5	59.0	41.0	5.8	25.5	9.7	
1992	59.5	40.5	27.2	10.5	2.7	58.5	41.5	5.8	26.3	9.3	
1993	60.1	39.9	26.4	10.7	2.8	58.7	41.3	6.1	25.9	9.3	
1994	59.2	40.8	26.2	12.4	2.2	58.4	41.6	5.7	27.5	8.5	
1995	59.0	41.0	27.0	12.1	1.8	57.0	43.0	5.5	29.6	7.9	
1996	57.7	42.3	26.9	12.6	2.8	52.8	47.2	5.2	29.4	12.6	
1997	57.0	43.0	27.0	13.4	2.6	52.1	47.9	6.5	29.4	12.1	
1998	56.0	44.0	28.1	13.1	2.9	51.9	48.1	6.8	30.1	11.2	
1999	55.3	44.7	26.9	14.8	3.0	52.7	47.3	5.7	30.6	11.0	
2000	55.1	44.9	25.6	16.0	3.2	51.1	48.9	5.9	31.6	11.4	

NOTE: Percentages may not add to 100.0 due to rounding. See *Supplemental Note 1* for information on the racial/ethnic categories and a list of states that are included in each region. For total enrollment and distribution of total enrollment by region, see table 2-2.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. October Current Population Surveys, 1972–2000.

## Racial/Ethnic Distribution of Public School Students

**Table S3** Standard errors for the percentage of public school students enrolled in grades K–12 who were minorities, by region: October 1972–2000

October	Minority enrollment			Minority enrollment		
	Black	Hispanic	Other	Black	Hispanic	Other
		Northeast			Midwest	
1972	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.1
1973	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.1
1974	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.1
1975	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.1
1976	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.1
1977	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.1
1978	0.6	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.2
1979	1.0	0.8	0.2	0.8	0.4	0.3
1980	0.7	0.6	0.3	0.7	0.3	0.3
1981	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.2
1982	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.2
1983	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.2
1984	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.2
1985	0.6	0.7	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.3
1986	0.6	0.8	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.2
1987	0.6	0.7	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.3
1988	0.7	0.8	0.3	0.7	0.5	0.3
1989	0.7	0.9	0.4	0.7	0.5	0.3
1990	0.7	0.8	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.3
1991	0.7	0.8	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.3
1992	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.3
1993	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.3
1994	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.2
1995	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.2
1996	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.3
1997	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.3
1998	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.3
1999	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.3
2000	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.3

See footnotes at end of table.

## Racial/Ethnic Distribution of Public School Students

Table S3 Standard errors for the percentage of public school students enrolled in grades K–12 who were minorities, by region: October 1972–2000  
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October	Minority enrollment			Minority enrollment		
	Black	Hispanic	Other	Black	Hispanic	Other
		South			West	
1972	0.6	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.8	0.4
1973	0.6	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.8	0.4
1974	0.6	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.8	0.4
1975	0.6	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.8	0.5
1976	0.6	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.8	0.4
1977	0.6	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.8	0.5
1978	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.9	0.5
1979	1.1	0.7	0.2	0.9	1.5	0.8
1980	0.8	0.6	0.2	0.6	1.2	0.6
1981	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.9	0.5
1982	0.7	0.5	0.2	0.5	1.0	0.6
1983	0.7	0.5	0.2	0.5	1.0	0.6
1984	0.7	0.5	0.2	0.5	1.0	0.6
1985	0.7	0.6	0.2	0.5	1.1	0.6
1986	0.7	0.6	0.2	0.5	1.1	0.6
1987	0.7	0.6	0.2	0.5	1.1	0.6
1988	0.7	0.7	0.2	0.5	1.3	0.7
1989	0.7	0.7	0.3	0.5	1.3	0.6
1990	0.7	0.6	0.2	0.5	1.1	0.6
1991	0.7	0.6	0.2	0.5	1.1	0.6
1992	0.7	0.6	0.3	0.5	1.1	0.6
1993	0.7	0.6	0.3	0.5	1.1	0.6
1994	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.8	0.5
1995	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.8	0.4
1996	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.8	0.5
1997	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.8	0.5
1998	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.8	0.5
1999	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.8	0.5
2000	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.8	0.5

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. October Current Population Surveys, 1972–2000.

## Racial/Ethnic Distribution of Public School Students

Table S3-1 Standard errors for the percentage distribution of public school students enrolled in grades K–12 who were minorities: October 1972–2000

October	White	Minority enrollment			
		Total	Black	Hispanic	Other
1972	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1
1973	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1
1974	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1
1975	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1
1976	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1
1977	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1
1978	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.1
1979	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.2
1980	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.2
1981	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.1
1982	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2
1983	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2
1984	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2
1985	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2
1986	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.2
1987	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.2
1988	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.2
1989	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.2
1990	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.2
1991	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.2
1992	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.2
1993	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.2
1994	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.1
1995	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.1
1996	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2
1997	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2
1998	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2
1999	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2
2000	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. October Current Population Surveys, 1972–2000.

## Racial/Ethnic Distribution of Public School Students

Table S3-2 Standard errors for the percentage distribution of public school students enrolled in grades K–12 who were minorities, by region: October 1972–2000

October	White	Minority enrollment				White	Minority enrollment			
		Total	Black	Hispanic	Other		Total	Black	Hispanic	Other
		Northeast					Midwest			
1972	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.1
1973	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.1
1974	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.1
1975	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.1
1976	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.1
1977	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.1
1978	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.2
1979	1.0	1.1	1.0	0.8	0.2	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.4	0.3
1980	0.7	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.3	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.3	0.3
1981	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.2
1982	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.2
1983	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.3	0.2
1984	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.3	0.2
1985	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.3	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.3
1986	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.8	0.3	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.2
1987	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.3	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.3
1988	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.3	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.3
1989	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.9	0.4	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.3
1990	0.7	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.3
1991	0.7	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.3	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.3
1992	0.7	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.3
1993	0.7	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.3
1994	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.2
1995	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.2
1996	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.3
1997	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.3
1998	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.3
1999	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.3
2000	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.3

See footnotes at end of table.

## Racial/Ethnic Distribution of Public School Students

Table S3-2 Standard errors for the percentage distribution of public school students enrolled in grades K–12 who were minorities, by region: October 1972–2000—Continued

October	White	Minority enrollment				White	Total	Minority enrollment			
		Total	Black	Hispanic	Other			Black	Hispanic	Other	
		South						West			
1972	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.1	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.8	0.4	
1973	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.1	0.8	0.8	0.5	0.8	0.4	
1974	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.1	0.9	0.8	0.5	0.8	0.4	
1975	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.1	0.9	0.8	0.5	0.8	0.5	
1976	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.1	0.9	0.9	0.5	0.8	0.4	
1977	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.1	0.9	0.9	0.5	0.8	0.5	
1978	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.9	0.9	0.5	0.9	0.5	
1979	1.0	1.2	1.1	0.7	0.2	1.6	1.6	0.9	1.5	0.8	
1980	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.2	1.2	1.2	0.6	1.2	0.6	
1981	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.2	1.0	0.9	0.5	0.9	0.5	
1982	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.2	1.0	1.0	0.5	1.0	0.6	
1983	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.2	1.1	1.0	0.5	1.0	0.6	
1984	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.2	1.1	1.0	0.5	1.0	0.6	
1985	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.2	1.1	1.0	0.5	1.1	0.6	
1986	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.2	1.0	1.0	0.5	1.1	0.6	
1987	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.2	1.1	1.0	0.5	1.1	0.6	
1988	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.2	1.1	1.0	0.5	1.3	0.7	
1989	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.3	1.2	1.0	0.5	1.3	0.6	
1990	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.2	1.1	1.0	0.5	1.1	0.6	
1991	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.2	1.1	1.0	0.5	1.1	0.6	
1992	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.3	1.1	1.0	0.5	1.1	0.6	
1993	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.3	1.1	1.0	0.5	1.1	0.6	
1994	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.2	1.0	0.8	0.4	0.8	0.5	
1995	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.2	1.0	0.8	0.4	0.8	0.4	
1996	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.2	1.1	0.8	0.4	0.8	0.5	
1997	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.2	1.0	0.8	0.4	0.8	0.5	
1998	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.2	1.1	0.8	0.4	0.8	0.5	
1999	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.2	1.0	0.8	0.4	0.8	0.5	
2000	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.2	1.0	0.8	0.4	0.8	0.5	

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. October Current Population Surveys, 1972–2000.