

**Table 3. People in Poverty by Selected Characteristics: 2010 and 2011**

(Numbers in thousands, confidence intervals [C.I.] in thousands or percentage points as appropriate. People as of March of the following year. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see [www.census.gov/apsd/techdoc/cps/cpsmar12.pdf](http://www.census.gov/apsd/techdoc/cps/cpsmar12.pdf))

| Characteristic  | 2010 <sup>1</sup> |               |                                  |             |                                  | 2011           |               |                                  |             |                                  | Change in poverty (2011 less 2010) <sup>3</sup> |             |  |
|---|-------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|---|-------------|--|
|   | Total             | Below poverty |                                  |             |                                  | Total          | Below poverty |                                  |             |                                  | Number  | Percent     |  |
|   |                   | Number        | 90 percent C.I. <sup>2</sup> (±) | Percent     | 90 percent C.I. <sup>2</sup> (±) |                | Number        | 90 percent C.I. <sup>2</sup> (±) | Percent     | 90 percent C.I. <sup>2</sup> (±) |   |             |  |
| <b>PEOPLE</b>   |                   |               |                                  |             |                                  |                |               |                                  |             |                                  |   |             |  |
| <b>Total</b> .....  | <b>306,130</b>    | <b>46,343</b> | <b>842</b>                       | <b>15.1</b> | <b>0.3</b>                       | <b>308,456</b> | <b>46,247</b> | <b>761</b>                       | <b>15.0</b> | <b>0.2</b>                       | <b>-96</b>                                      | <b>-0.1</b> |  |
| <b>Family Status</b>                                      |                   |               |                                  |             |                                  |                |               |                                  |             |                                  |   |             |  |
| In families .....   | 250,200           | 33,120        | 728                              | 13.2        | 0.3                              | 252,316        | 33,126        | 729                              | 13.1        | 0.3                              | 6   | -0.1        |  |
| Householder .....   | 79,559            | 9,400         | 218                              | 11.8        | 0.3                              | 80,529         | 9,497         | 218                              | 11.8        | 0.3                              | 96  | -           |  |
| Related children under 18 .....                           | 72,581            | 15,598        | 364                              | 21.5        | 0.5                              | 72,568         | 15,539        | 377                              | 21.4        | 0.5                              | -59   | -0.1        |  |
| Related children under 6 .....                            | 23,892            | 6,037         | 197                              | 25.3        | 0.8                              | 23,860         | 5,844         | 191                              | 24.5        | 0.8                              | -193  | -0.8        |  |
| In unrelated subfamilies .....                            | 1,680             | 774           | 115                              | 46.1        | 4.8                              | 1,623          | 705           | 109                              | 43.4        | 4.5                              | -69   | -2.6        |  |
| Reference person .....                                    | 654               | 283           | 42                               | 43.2        | 4.7                              | 671            | 272           | 41                               | 40.6        | 4.4                              | -10   | -2.6        |  |
| Children under 18 .....                                   | 933               | 469           | 73                               | 50.2        | 4.9                              | 846            | 409           | 70                               | 48.4        | 5.1                              | -60   | -1.9        |  |
| Unrelated individuals .....                               | 54,250            | 12,449        | 369                              | 22.9        | 0.6                              | 54,517         | 12,416        | 347                              | 22.8        | 0.5                              | -33   | -0.2        |  |
| <b>Race<sup>4</sup> and Hispanic Origin</b>               |                   |               |                                  |             |                                  |                |               |                                  |             |                                  |   |             |  |
| White .....   | 239,982           | 31,083        | 675                              | 13.0        | 0.3                              | 241,334        | 30,849        | 646                              | 12.8        | 0.3                              | -234  | -0.2        |  |
| White, not Hispanic .....                                 | 194,783           | 19,251        | 550                              | 9.9         | 0.3                              | 194,960        | 19,171        | 548                              | 9.8         | 0.3                              | -80   | -           |  |
| Black .....   | 39,283            | 10,746        | 410                              | 27.4        | 1.0                              | 39,609         | 10,929        | 404                              | 27.6        | 1.0                              | 183   | 0.2         |  |
| Asian .....   | 15,611            | 1,899         | 175                              | 12.2        | 1.1                              | 16,086         | 1,973         | 194                              | 12.3        | 1.2                              | 74  | 0.1         |  |
| Hispanic (any race) .....                                 | 50,971            | 13,522        | 427                              | 26.5        | 0.8                              | 52,279         | 13,244        | 433                              | 25.3        | 0.8                              | -278  | *-1.2       |  |
| <b>Sex</b>  |                   |               |                                  |             |                                  |                |               |                                  |             |                                  |   |             |  |
| Male .....  | 149,737           | 20,893        | 469                              | 14.0        | 0.3                              | 150,990        | 20,501        | 369                              | 13.6        | 0.2                              | -391  | *-0.4       |  |
| Female .....  | 156,394           | 25,451        | 473                              | 16.3        | 0.3                              | 157,466        | 25,746        | 492                              | 16.3        | 0.3                              | 295   | 0.1         |  |
| <b>Age</b>  |                   |               |                                  |             |                                  |                |               |                                  |             |                                  |   |             |  |
| Under 18 years .....                                      | 73,873            | 16,286        | 366                              | 22.0        | 0.5                              | 73,737         | 16,134        | 376                              | 21.9        | 0.5                              | -152  | -0.2        |  |
| 18 to 64 years .....                                      | 192,481           | 26,499        | 557                              | 13.8        | 0.3                              | 193,213        | 26,492        | 472                              | 13.7        | 0.2                              | -6  | -0.1        |  |
| 65 years and older .....                                  | 39,777            | 3,558         | 162                              | 8.9         | 0.4                              | 41,507         | 3,620         | 167                              | 8.7         | 0.4                              | 62  | -0.2        |  |
| <b>Nativity</b>   |                   |               |                                  |             |                                  |                |               |                                  |             |                                  |   |             |  |
| Native born .....   | 266,723           | 38,485        | 796                              | 14.4        | 0.3                              | 268,490        | 38,661        | 681                              | 14.4        | 0.3                              | 176   | -           |  |
| Foreign born .....  | 39,407            | 7,858         | 297                              | 19.9        | 0.7                              | 39,966         | 7,586         | 311                              | 19.0        | 0.7                              | -272  | *-1.0       |  |
| Naturalized citizen .....                                 | 17,344            | 1,954         | 120                              | 11.3        | 0.7                              | 17,934         | 2,233         | 152                              | 12.5        | 0.8                              | *279  | *1.2        |  |
| Not a citizen .....                                       | 22,063            | 5,904         | 271                              | 26.8        | 1.1                              | 22,032         | 5,353         | 274                              | 24.3        | 1.1                              | *-551   | *-2.5       |  |
| <b>Region</b>   |                   |               |                                  |             |                                  |                |               |                                  |             |                                  |   |             |  |
| Northeast .....   | 54,710            | 7,038         | 325                              | 12.9        | 0.6                              | 54,977         | 7,208         | 319                              | 13.1        | 0.6                              | 170   | 0.2         |  |
| Midwest .....   | 66,038            | 9,216         | 404                              | 14.0        | 0.6                              | 66,023         | 9,221         | 403                              | 14.0        | 0.6                              | 5   | -           |  |
| South .....   | 113,681           | 19,123        | 573                              | 16.8        | 0.5                              | 114,936        | 18,380        | 576                              | 16.0        | 0.5                              | *-743   | *-0.8       |  |
| West .....  | 71,701            | 10,966        | 451                              | 15.3        | 0.6                              | 72,520         | 11,437        | 425                              | 15.8        | 0.6                              | 471   | 0.5         |  |
| <b>Residence</b>  |                   |               |                                  |             |                                  |                |               |                                  |             |                                  |   |             |  |
| Inside metropolitan statistical areas .....               | 258,366           | 38,466        | 925                              | 14.9        | 0.3                              | 261,155        | 38,202        | 848                              | 14.6        | 0.3                              | -264  | -0.3        |  |
| Inside principal cities .....                             | 98,816            | 19,532        | 584                              | 19.8        | 0.5                              | 100,183        | 20,007        | 659                              | 20.0        | 0.6                              | 475   | 0.2         |  |
| Outside principal cities .....                            | 159,550           | 18,933        | 741                              | 11.9        | 0.4                              | 160,973        | 18,195        | 625                              | 11.3        | 0.3                              | *-739   | *-0.6       |  |
| Outside metropolitan statistical areas <sup>5</sup> ..... | 47,764            | 7,877         | 542                              | 16.5        | 0.7                              | 47,301         | 8,045         | 596                              | 17.0        | 0.8                              | 168   | 0.5         |  |
| <b>Work Experience</b>                                    |                   |               |                                  |             |                                  |                |               |                                  |             |                                  |   |             |  |
| Total, 18 to 64 years .....                               | 192,481           | 26,499        | 557                              | 13.8        | 0.3                              | 193,213        | 26,492        | 472                              | 13.7        | 0.2                              | -6  | -0.1        |  |
| All workers .....   | 143,687           | 10,462        | 280                              | 7.3         | 0.2                              | 144,163        | 10,345        | 257                              | 7.2         | 0.2                              | -117  | -0.1        |  |
| Worked full-time, year-round .....                        | 95,697            | 2,600         | 119                              | 2.7         | 0.1                              | 97,443         | 2,732         | 122                              | 2.8         | 0.1                              | 132   | 0.1         |  |
| Less than full-time, year-round .....                     | 47,991            | 7,862         | 245                              | 16.4        | 0.5                              | 46,720         | 7,614         | 230                              | 16.3        | 0.5                              | -248  | -0.1        |  |
| Did not work at least 1 week .....                        | 48,793            | 16,037        | 432                              | 32.9        | 0.7                              | 49,049         | 16,147        | 379                              | 32.9        | 0.7                              | 110   | 0.1         |  |
| <b>Disability Status<sup>6</sup></b>                      |                   |               |                                  |             |                                  |                |               |                                  |             |                                  |   |             |  |
| Total, 18 to 64 years .....                               | 192,481           | 26,499        | 557                              | 13.8        | 0.3                              | 193,213        | 26,492        | 472                              | 13.7        | 0.2                              | -6  | -0.1        |  |
| With a disability .....                                   | 14,974            | 4,196         | 194                              | 28.0        | 1.0                              | 14,968         | 4,313         | 175                              | 28.8        | 1.0                              | 117   | 0.8         |  |
| With no disability .....                                  | 176,592           | 22,227        | 494                              | 12.6        | 0.3                              | 177,309        | 22,105        | 459                              | 12.5        | 0.3                              | -122  | -0.1        |  |

- Represents or rounds to zero.

\* Statistically different from zero at the 90 percent confidence level.

<sup>1</sup> Consistent with 2011 data through implementation of Census 2010-based population controls.

<sup>2</sup> A 90 percent confidence interval is a measure of an estimate's variability. The larger the confidence interval in relation to the size of the estimate, the less reliable the estimate. Confidence intervals shown in this table are based on standard errors calculated using replicate weights instead of the generalized variance function used in the past. For more information see "Standard Errors and Their Use" at <[www.census.gov/hhes/www/p60\\_243sa.pdf](http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/p60_243sa.pdf)>.

<sup>3</sup> Details may not sum to totals because of rounding.

<sup>4</sup> Federal surveys now give respondents the option of reporting more than one race. Therefore, two basic ways of defining a race group are possible. A group such as Asian may be defined as those who reported Asian and no other race (the race-alone or single-race concept) or as those who reported Asian regardless of whether they also reported another race (the race-alone-or-in-combination concept). This table shows data using the first approach (race alone). The use of the single-race population does not imply that it is the preferred method of presenting or analyzing data. The Census Bureau uses a variety of approaches. Information on people who reported more than one race, such as White and American Indian and Alaska Native or Asian and Black or African American, is available from Census 2010 through American FactFinder. About 2.9 percent of people reported more than one race in Census 2010. Data for American Indians and Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders, and those reporting two or more races are not shown separately.

<sup>5</sup> The "Outside metropolitan statistical areas" category includes both micropolitan statistical areas and territory outside of metropolitan and micropolitan statistical areas. For more information, see "About Metropolitan and Micropolitan Statistical Areas" at <[www.census.gov/population/metro/](http://www.census.gov/population/metro/)>.

<sup>6</sup> The sum of those with and without a disability does not equal the total because disability status is not defined for individuals in the Armed Forces.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2011 and 2012 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.