

## Public Assistance, and Selected Family and Poverty Means 1990, 2000, by Region

		Total (N=82)^	Northeast (N=8)	Midwest (N=19)	South (N=32)	West (N=23)^
<b>Percent of Households on Public Assistance</b>						
Cities	1990	10.2	15.3	11.2	8.7	9.6
	2000	5.1	8.6	5.3	4.0	5.4
	<b>% change*</b>	-49.4	-43.5	-52.5	-53.6	-44.3
Suburbs**	1990	5.7	5.5	4.2	5.9	7.0
	2000	2.7	2.4	1.8	2.6	3.7
	<b>% change</b>	-53.4	-56.7	-57.8	-55.9	-47.0
<b>Percent of Families Headed by Single Mothers</b>						
Cities	1990	16.6	22.1	18.0	17.1	12.7
	2000	18.7	25.6	20.2	19.7	13.8
	<b>% change</b>	13.0	15.5	12.2	15.0	8.5
Suburbs	1990	8.5	7.7	7.1	9.3	8.9
	2000	10.0	9.4	8.3	11.0	10.1
	<b>% change</b>	16.9	23.3	16.8	18.5	12.6
<b>Percent of Families Headed by Single Mothers in Poverty</b>						
Cities	1990	7.8	11.5	9.2	8.2	5.0
	2000	7.3	11.4	7.8	8.0	4.7
	<b>% change</b>	-6.5	-0.7	-14.7	-3.1	-6.4
Suburbs	1990	3.0	2.6	2.1	3.6	3.1
	2000	2.8	2.6	1.8	3.5	2.9
	<b>% change</b>	-6.3	-1.7	-13.1	-3.7	-8.1
<b>Child Poverty Rate (%)</b>						
Cities	1990	26.3	33.2	27.0	28.3	20.6
	2000	24.2	32.0	23.3	25.6	20.2
	<b>% change</b>	-8.1	-3.5	-13.5	-9.5	-2.2
Suburbs	1990	13.2	10.6	8.1	16.1	14.1
	2000	12.0	10.4	7.0	14.0	13.8
	<b>% change</b>	-9.0	-2.4	-13.3	-12.9	-2.3

^ Total city means are for the 100 largest cities combined as 82 city units with unique metropolitan areas. N=81 for total suburbs and 22 for suburbs in the West because for Anchorage, AK, the city and MSA boundaries are the same.

\* Percent change tabulations are based on numbers with more decimal places than shown.

\*\* Suburbs refers to the MSA excluding the city(ies).

Source: Tabulations based on data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 1990, 2000.