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	Dissimilarity Index With Whites*	Population**	Percent of Total Population
White*	--	907,166	31.32%
Black*	87.3	1,053,739	36.39%
American Indian*	63.5	4,253	0.15%
Asian*	51.9	124,437	4.30%
Native Hawaiian*	81.8	972	0.03%
Other*	64.8	4,331	0.15%
Two or More Races*	44.6	47,474	1.64%
White/Black*	63.7	5,267	0.18%
White/American Indian*	58.8	2,377	0.08%
White/Asian*	47.2	6,751	0.23%
White/Other*	54.2	19,138	0.66%
Other Combinations*	--	13,941	0.48%
Hispanic	61.4	753,644	26.02%
Total	--	2,896,016	100.00%

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White*	--	58,201	90.59%
Black*	40.7	1,611	2.51%
American Indian*	35.0	283	0.44%
Asian*	36.5	1,967	3.06%
Native Hawaiian*	77.4	29	0.05%
Other*	56.7	96	0.15%
Two or More Races*	28.7	1,088	1.69%
White/Black*	36.3	211	0.33%
White/American Indian*	37.0	278	0.43%
White/Asian*	34.8	217	0.34%
White/Other*	48.7	123	0.19%
Other Combinations*	--	259	0.40%
Hispanic	35.3	974	1.52%
Total	--	64,249	100.00%

















## Understanding Poverty

- Poverty in the United States is **relative**, based on a percentage of the median income in a given location.
- Poverty is **officially measured** based on **absolute poverty**: the point at which a household's income falls below the necessary level to purchase food to physically sustain its members.
  - The official poverty line in the U.S. is calculated by a formula developed in the 1960s by Mollie Orshansky:
    - Estimates food costs for minimum food requirements to determine whether a family can "afford" to survive.

## Poverty Thresholds in the United States (The 48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia)

2017 POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA		
PERSONS IN FAMILY/HOUSEHOLD	POVERTY GUIDELINE 2017	POVERTY GUIDELINE 2016
1	\$12,060	\$11,880
2	\$16,240	\$16,020
3	\$20,420	\$20,160
4	\$24,600	\$24,300
5	\$28,780	\$28,440
6	\$32,960	\$32,580
7	\$37,140	\$36,730
8	\$41,320	\$40,890