

**Table 4. Poverty**

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	Survey year	Population below the poverty line (%)			Survey year	Population below the poverty line (%)			Survey year	Population below \$1 a day	Poverty gap at \$1 a day	Population below \$2 a day	Poverty gap at \$2 a day	
		Rural	Urban	National		Rural	Urban	National		%	%			
Albania		..	..	..		..	..	..		..	..	..	..	
Algeria	1988	16.6	7.3	12.2	1995	30.3	14.7	22.6	1995	<2	<0.5	15.1	3.6	
Angola		..	..	..		..	..	..		..	..	..	..	
Argentina	1991	..	..	25.5	1993	..	..	17.6		..	..	..	..	
Armenia		..	..	..		..	..	..		..	..	..	..	
Australia		..	..	..		..	..	..		..	..	..	..	
Austria		..	..	..		..	..	..		..	..	..	..	
Azerbaijan	1995	..	..	68.1		..	..	..		..	..	..	..	
Bangladesh	1991-92	46.0	23.3	42.7	1995-96	39.8	14.3	35.6	1996	29.1	5.9	77.8	31.8	
Belarus	1995	..	..	22.5		..	..	..	1998	<2	<0.5	<2	0.1	
Belgium		..	..	..		..	..	..		..	..	..	..	
Benin	1995	..	..	33.0		..	..	..		..	..	..	..	
Bolivia	1993	..	29.3	..	1995	79.1	..	..	1990	11.3	2.2	38.6	13.5	
Botswana		..	..	..		..	..	..	1985-86	33.3	12.5	61.4	30.7	
Brazil	1990	32.6	13.1	17.4		..	..	..	1997	5.1	1.3	17.4	6.3	
Bulgaria		..	..	..		..	..	..	1995	<2	<0.5	7.8	1.6	
Burkina Faso		..	..	..		..	..	..	1994	61.2	25.5	85.8	50.9	
Burundi	1990	..	..	36.2		..	..	..		..	..	..	..	
Cambodia	1993-94	43.1	24.8	39.0	1997	40.1	21.1	36.1		..	..	..	..	
Cameroon	1994	32.4	44.4	40.0		..	..	..		..	..	..	..	
Canada		..	..	..		..	..	..	1993	66.6	38.1	84.0	58.4	
Central African Republic		..	..	..		..	..	..		..	..	..	..	
Chad	1995-96	67.0	63.0	64.0		..	..	..		..	..	..	..	
Chile	1992	..	..	21.6	1994	..	..	20.5	1994	4.2	0.7	20.3	5.9	
China	1996	7.9	<2	6.0	1998	4.6	<2	4.6	1998	18.5	4.2	53.7	21.0	
Hong Kong, China		..	..	..		..	..	..		..	..	..	..	
Colombia	1991	29.0	7.8	16.9	1992	31.2	8.0	17.7	1996	11.0	3.2	28.7	11.6	
Congo, Dem. Rep.		..	..	..		..	..	..		..	..	..	..	
Congo, Rep.		..	..	..		..	..	..	1996	9.6	3.2	26.3	10.1	
Costa Rica		..	..	..		..	..	..		..	..	..	..	
Côte d'Ivoire		..	..	..		..	..	..	1995	12.3	2.4	49.4	16.8	
Croatia		..	..	..		..	..	..		..	..	..	..	
Czech Republic		..	..	..		..	..	..	1993	<2	<0.5	<2	<0.5	
Denmark		..	..	..		..	..	..		..	..	..	..	
Dominican Republic	1989	27.4	23.3	24.5	1992	29.8	10.9	20.6	1996	3.2	0.7	16.0	5.0	
Ecuador	1994	47.0	25.0	35.0		..	..	..	1995	20.2	5.8	52.3	21.2	
Egypt, Arab Rep.	1995-96	23.3	22.5	22.9		..	..	..	1995	3.1	0.3	52.7	11.4	
El Salvador	1992	55.7	43.1	48.3		..	..	..	1996	25.3	10.4	51.9	24.7	
Eritrea		..	..	..		..	..	..		..	..	..	..	
Estonia	1995	14.7	6.8	8.9		..	..	..	1995	4.9	1.2	17.7	6.0	
Ethiopia		..	..	..		..	..	..	1995	31.3	8.0	76.4	32.9	
Finland		..	..	..		..	..	..		..	..	..	..	
France		..	..	..		..	..	..		..	..	..	..	
Georgia	1997	9.9	12.1	11.1		..	..	..		..	..	..	..	
Germany		..	..	..		..	..	..		..	..	..	..	
Ghana	1992	34.3	26.7	31.4		..	..	..		..	..	..	..	
Greece		..	..	..		..	..	..		..	..	..	..	
Guatemala	1989	71.9	33.7	57.9		..	..	..	1989	39.8	19.8	64.3	36.6	
Guinea	1994	..	..	40.0		..	..	..		..	..	..	..	
Haiti	1987	..	..	65.0	1995	66.0	..	..		..	..	..	..	
Honduras	1992	46.0	56.0	50.0	1993	51.0	57.0	53.0	1996	40.5	17.5	68.8	36.9	
Hungary	1989	..	..	1.6	1993	..	..	8.6	1993	<2	<0.5	4.0	0.9	
India	1992	43.5	33.7	40.9	1994	36.7	30.5	35.0	1997	44.2	12.0	86.2	41.4	
Indonesia	1996	12.3	9.7	11.3	1998	22.0	17.8	20.3	1999	15.2	2.5	66.1	22.6	
Iran, Islamic Rep.		..	..	..		..	..	..		..	..	..	..	
Ireland		..	..	..		..	..	..		..	..	..	..	
Israel		..	..	..		..	..	..		..	..	..	..	
Italy		..	..	..		..	..	..		..	..	..	..	
Jamaica	1992	..	..	34.2		..	..	..	1996	3.2	0.7	25.2	6.9	
Japan		..	..	..		..	..	..		..	..	..	..	
Jordan	1991	..	..	15.0	1997	..	..	11.7	1997	<2	<0.5	7.4	1.4	
Kazakhstan	1996	39.0	30.0	34.6		..	..	..	1996	1.5	0.3	15.3	3.9	
Kenya	1992	46.4	29.3	42.0		..	..	..	1994	26.5	9.0	62.3	27.5	
Korea, Rep.		..	..	..		..	..	..	1993	<2	<0.5	<2	<0.5	
Kuwait		..	..	..		..	..	..		..	..	..	..	
Kyrgyz Republic	1993	48.1	28.7	40.0	1997	64.5	28.5	51.0		..	..	..	..	
Lao PDR	1993	53.0	24.0	46.1		..	..	..	1998	<2	<0.5	8.3	2.0	
Latvia		..	..	..		..	..	..		..	..	..	..	
Lebanon		..	..	..		..	..	..		..	..	..	..	
Lesotho	1993	53.9	27.8	49.2		..	..	..	1993	43.1	20.3	65.7	38.1	
Lithuania		..	..	..		..	..	..	1996	<2	<0.5	7.8	2.0	
Macedonia, FYR		..	..	..		..	..	..		..	..	..	..	
Madagascar	1993-94	77.0	47.0	70.0		..	..	..	1993	60.2	24.5	88.8	51.3	
Malawi	1990-91	..	..	54.0		..	..	..		..	..	..	..	
Malaysia	1989	..	..	15.5		..	..	..		..	..	..	..	

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Mali	..	..	..	..	1994	72.8	37.4	90.6	60.5					
Mauritania	1989–90	..	..	57.0	1995	3.8	1.0	22.1	6.6					
Mexico	1988	..	..	10.1	1995	17.9	6.1	42.5	18.1					
Moldova	1997	26.7	23.3	..	1992	7.3	1.3	31.9	10.2					
Mongolia	1995	33.1	38.5	36.3	1995	13.9	3.1	50.0	17.5					
Morocco	1990–91	18.0	7.6	13.1	1998–99	27.2	12.0	19.0	1990–91	<2	<0.5	7.5	1.3	
Mozambique	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1996	37.9	12.0	78.4	36.8	
Myanmar	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Namibia	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1993	34.9	14.0	55.8	30.4	
Nepal	1995–96	44.0	23.0	42.0	..	..	..	..	1995	37.7	9.7	82.5	37.5	
Netherlands	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
New Zealand	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Nicaragua	1993	76.1	31.9	50.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Niger	1989–93	66.0	52.0	63.0	..	..	..	..	1995	61.4	33.9	85.3	54.8	
Nigeria	1985	49.5	31.7	43.0	1992–93	36.4	30.4	34.1	1997	70.2	34.9	90.8	59.0	
Norway	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Pakistan	1991	36.9	28.0	34.0	..	..	..	..	1996	31.0	6.2	84.7	35.0	
Panama	1997	64.9	15.3	37.3	..	..	..	..	1997	10.3	3.2	25.1	10.2	
Papua New Guinea	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Paraguay	1991	28.5	19.7	21.8	..	..	..	..	1995	19.4	8.3	38.5	18.8	
Peru	1994	67.0	46.1	53.5	1997	64.7	40.4	49.0	1996	15.5	5.4	41.4	17.1	
Philippines	1994	53.1	28.0	40.6	1997	51.2	22.5	40.6	..	..	..	..	..	
Poland	1993	..	..	23.8	..	..	..	..	1993	5.4	4.3	10.5	6.0	
Portugal	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1994	<2	<0.5	<2	<0.5	
Romania	1994	27.9	20.4	21.5	..	..	..	..	1994	2.8	0.8	27.5	6.9	
Russian Federation	1994	..	..	30.9	..	..	..	..	1998	7.1	1.4	25.1	8.7	
Rwanda	1993	..	..	51.2	..	..	..	..	1983–85	35.7	7.7	84.6	36.7	
Saudi Arabia	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Senegal	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1995	26.3	7.0	67.8	28.2	
Sierra Leone	1989	76.0	53.0	68.0	..	..	..	..	1989	57.0	39.5	74.5	51.8	
Singapore	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1992	<2	<0.5	<2	<0.5	
Slovak Republic	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1993	<2	<0.5	<2	<0.5	
Slovenia	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1993	..	..	..	..	
South Africa	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1993	11.5	1.8	35.8	13.4	
Spain	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Sri Lanka	1985–86	45.5	26.8	40.6	1990–91	38.1	28.4	35.3	1995	6.6	1.0	45.4	13.5	
Sweden	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Switzerland	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Syrian Arab Republic	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Tajikistan	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Tanzania	1991	..	..	51.1	..	..	..	..	1993	19.9	4.8	59.7	23.0	
Thailand	1990	..	..	18.0	1992	15.5	10.2	13.1	1998	<2	<0.5	28.2	7.1	
Togo	1987–89	..	..	32.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Tunisia	1985	29.2	12.0	19.9	1990	21.6	8.9	14.1	1990	<2	<0.5	11.6	2.9	
Turkey	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1994	2.4	0.5	18.0	5.0	
Turkmenistan	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1993	20.9	5.7	59.0	23.3	
Uganda	1993	..	..	55.0	..	..	..	..	1992	36.7	11.4	77.2	35.8	
Ukraine	1995	..	..	31.7	..	..	..	..	1996	<2	<0.5	23.7	4.4	
United Kingdom	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
United States	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Uruguay	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1989	<2	<0.5	6.6	1.9	
Uzbekistan	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1993	3.3	0.5	26.5	7.3	
Venezuela, RB	1989	..	..	31.3	..	..	..	..	1996	14.7	5.6	36.4	15.7	
Vietnam	1993	57.2	25.9	50.9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Yemen, Rep.	1992	19.2	18.6	19.1	..	..	..	..	1998	5.1	0.9	35.5	10.1	
Zambia	1991	88.0	46.0	68.0	1993	..	..	86.0	1996	72.6	37.7	91.7	61.2	
Zimbabwe	1990–91	31.0	10.0	25.5	..	..	..	..	1990–91	36.0	9.6	64.2	29.4	

Note: For data comparability and coverage, see the Technical Notes. Figures in italics are for years other than those specified.