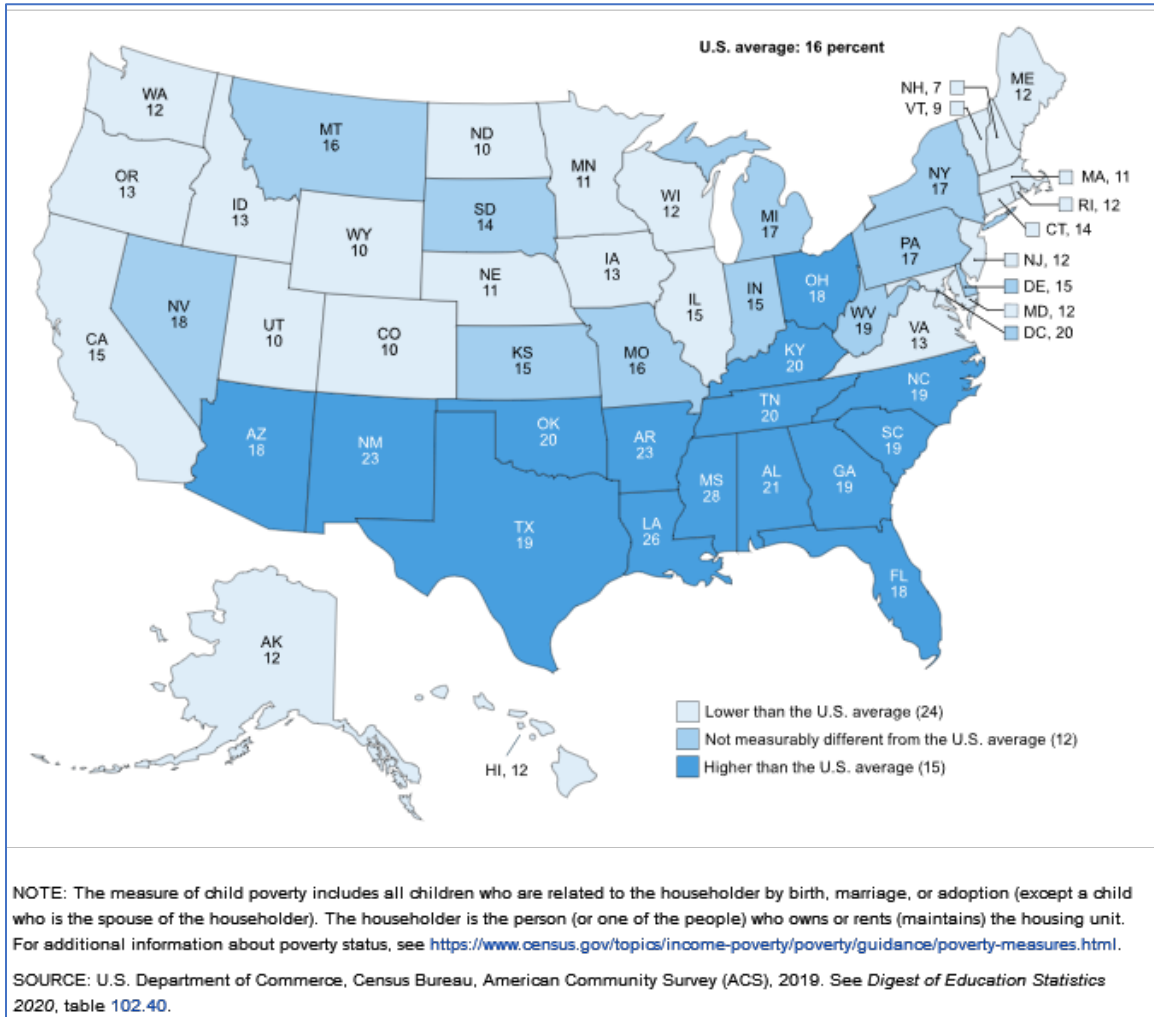


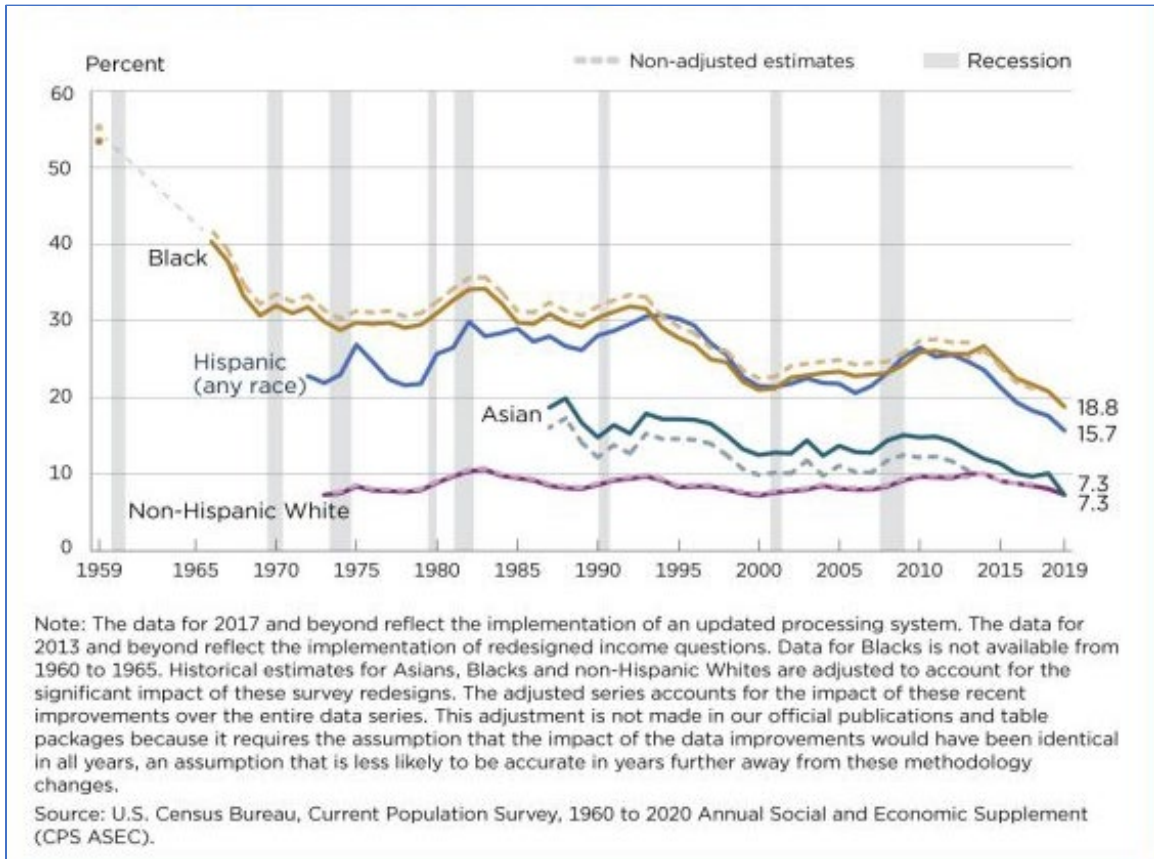
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Source: Institute of Education Sciences, US Department of Education. *The Condition of Education 2021*. Characteristics of Children’s Families <https://nces.ed.gov/programs/coe/indicator/cce>

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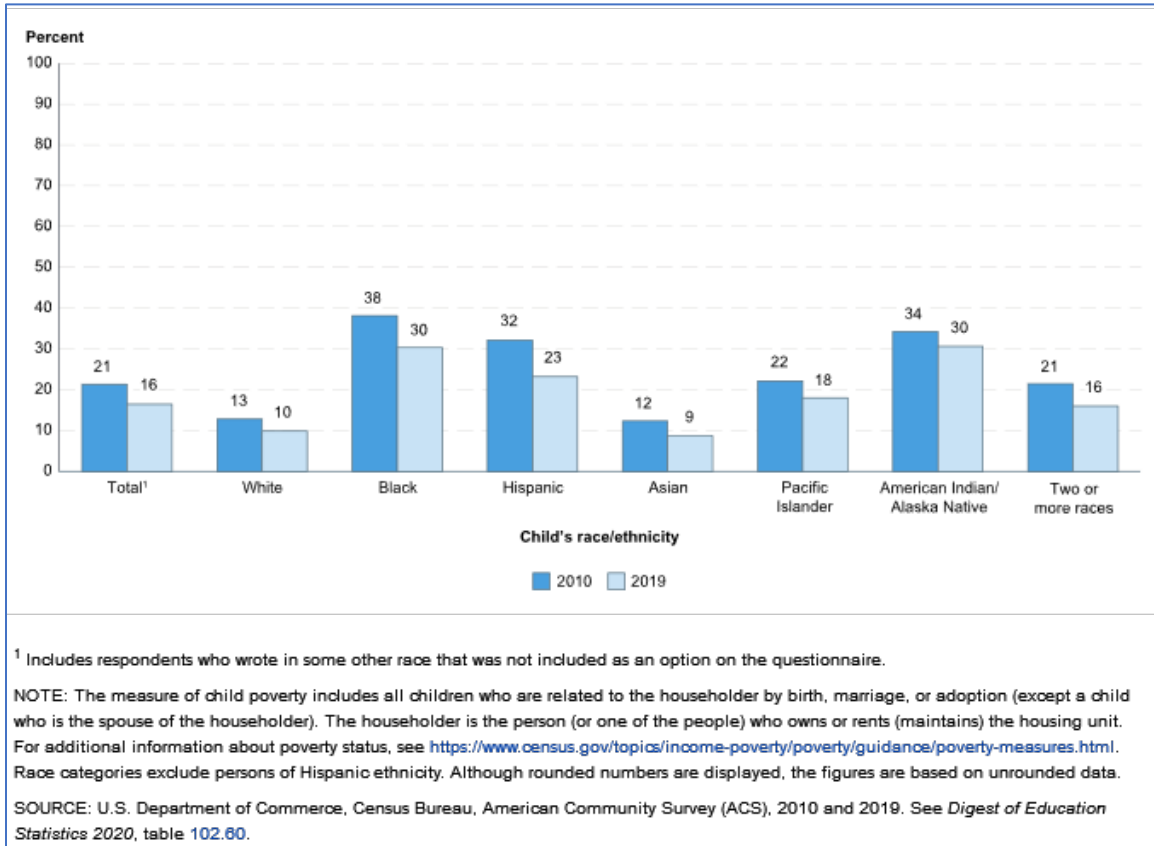
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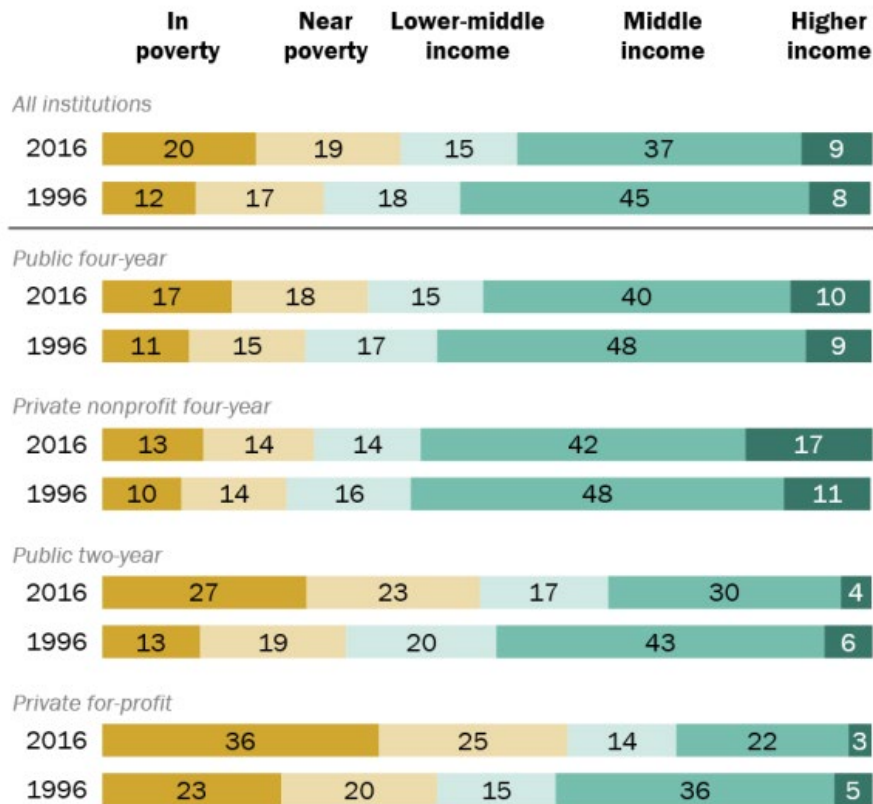
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**Figure 4: Income Distribution of Dependent Undergraduates, 1996 and 2016**



Note: Income categories are based on the dependent student's family income-to-poverty ratio. Federal poverty thresholds used vary by family size. See text for category definitions. Figures may not add to 100% due to rounding.  
 Source: Pew Research Center analysis of 1996 and 2016 National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS), National Center for Education Statistics.  
 "A Rising Share of Undergraduates Are From Poor Families, Especially at Less Selective Colleges"

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Report definitions

- In poverty: Less than the poverty guideline
- Near poverty: Income to poverty ratio 100-199
- Lower-middle income: Income to poverty ratio 200-299
- Middle income: Income to poverty ratio 300-749
- Higher income: Income to poverty ratio  $\geq 750$

Source: Pew Research Center. *A Rising Share of Undergraduates Are From Poor Families, Especially at Less Selective Colleges*. <https://www.pewresearch.org/social-trends/2019/05/22/a-rising-share-of-undergraduates-are-from-poor-families-especially-at-less-selective-colleges/>

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