



Boston's Poverty Trends:

● **Increasing Rates**

- The total number of people living in poverty grew by 7,036 from 102,092 to 109,128 and the poverty rate rose from 18.7% to 19.5%.
- The number of elderly living in poverty grew by 1,046 from 9,386 to 10,432, raising their poverty rate from 15.3% to 18.2%.
- The increase in elderly living in poverty represented 14.9% of the total growth in persons living in poverty
- Most of the increase in poverty in the city came from individuals 18 to 64 years old, where the number living in poverty grew by 6,863 persons, but because of the simultaneous rise in total 18 to 64 age population, the corresponding poverty rate advanced only slightly from 15.6% to 16.8%.

● **Children under 18 living in poverty**

- Decreased slightly by 894 from 29,822 to 28,928, and for children under 18 the rate decreased from 28.0% to 25.6%.
- School age children aged 5 to 17 living in poverty increased slightly by 979 from 20,083 to 21,062, though their poverty rate dropped from 28.1% to 25.7%.

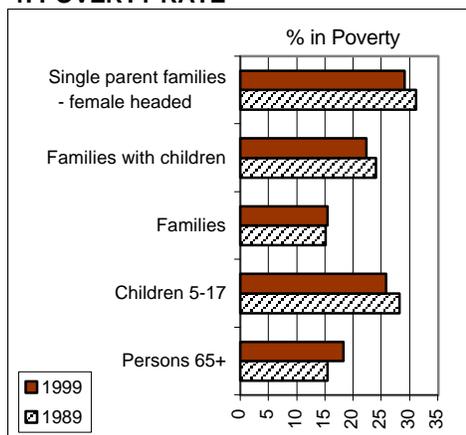
● **Families living in poverty**

- Relatively stable with a slight increase of 294, from 17,598 to 17,892 and a poverty rate from 15.0% to 15.3%.
- Families with children living in poverty also remained relatively stable with a small decline of 169 from 13,980 to 13,811 while the poverty rate declined from 23.9% to 22.2%.

● **Single parent families in poverty headed by females**

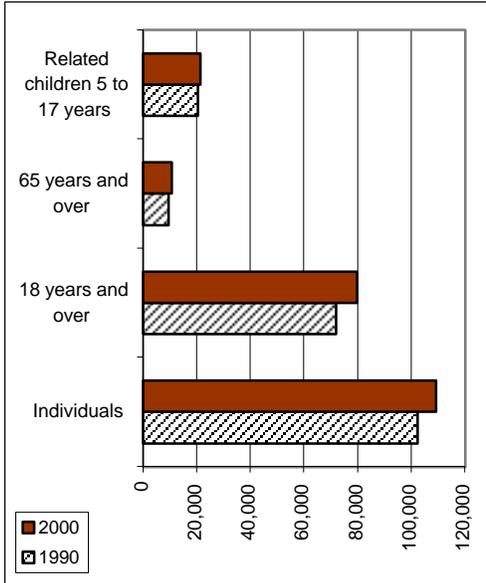
- Decreased by 490 from 11,765 to 11,275 and the poverty rate dropped from 31.1% to 29.0%.
- Those with children under 18 also dropped by 753 from 10,554 to 9,801 and the poverty rate slid from 44.4% to 37.4%.
- Those with children under 5 dropped by 1,139 from 5,688 to 4,549 and the poverty rate dropped sharply from 54.6% to 45.6%.

1. POVERTY RATE



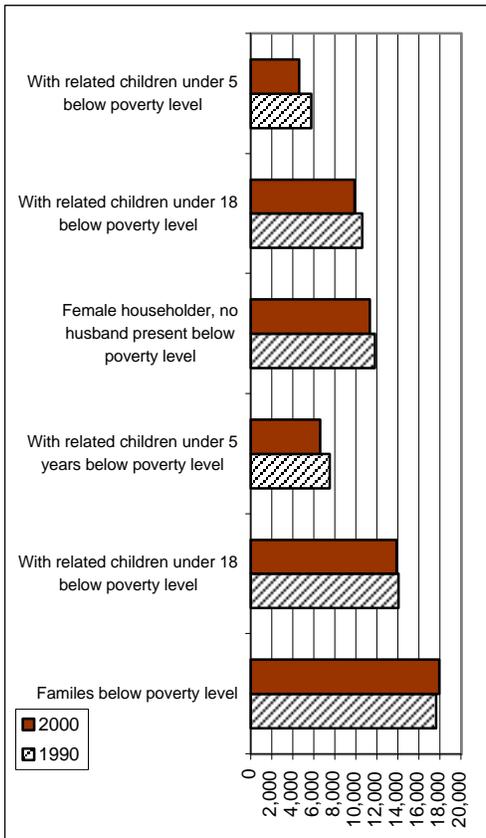
Subject	1990 Number	% Share	2000 Number	% Share
Poverty Rate				
Total individuals	102,092	18.7	109,128	19.5
Persons 65+	9,386	15.3	10,432	18.2
Persons 18-64	62,334	15.6	69,197	16.8
Children under 18	29,822	28.0	28,928	25.6
Children 5-17	20,083	28.1	21,062	25.7
Families	17,598	15.0	17,892	15.3
Families with children	13,980	23.9	13,811	22.2
Single parent families - female	11,765	31.1	11,275	29.0
with children under 18	10,554	44.4	9,801	37.4
with children under 5	5,688	54.6	4,549	45.6

2. PERSONS AND POVERTY STATUS IN 1989-1999



Subject	1989 Number	% Share	1999 Number	% Share
All Persons				
Persons for whom poverty status is determined	545,764	100	559,631	100
Persons 18 years and over	438,586	100	444,855	100
Persons 65 years and over	61,326	100	57,319	100
Related children under 18 years	106,502	100	113,000	100
Related children 5 to 17 years	71,540	100	81,953	100
Below Poverty Level				
Individuals	102,092	18.7	109,128	19.5
18 years and over	71,720	16.4	79,629	17.9
65 years and over	9,386	15.3	10,432	18.2
Related children under 18 years	29,822	28.0	28,928	25.6
Related children 5 to 17 years	20,083	28.1	21,062	25.7

6. FAMILY POVERTY



Subject	1990 Number	% Share	2000 Number	% Share
Families				
Families below poverty level	117,656	100	116,941	100
With related children under 18 years	58,419	100	62,212	100
With related children under 18 below poverty level	13,980	23.9	13,811	22.2
With related children under 5	28,268	100	26,669	100
With related children under 5 below poverty level	7,428	26.3	6,534	24.5
Female householder, no husband present	37,788	100	38,879	100
Female householder, no husband present below poverty level	11,765	31.1	11,275	29.0
With related children under 18	23,766	100	26,206	100
With related children under 18 below poverty level	10,554	44.4	9,801	37.4
With related children under 5	10,426	100	9,976	100
With related children under 5 below poverty level	5,688	54.6	4,549	45.6