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Table 6. Poverty (% of People below poverty level) Status by Race and Asian Ethnicity, 2000

	New York	New Jersey	Hawaii
Total Population	14.6%	8.5%	10.7%
White alone	9.8%	5.7%	9.5%
Black or African American	25.0%	18.6%	8.8%
American Indian and Alaskan Native alone	27.3%	17.0%	18.2%
Asian alone	17.4%	6.8%	7.1%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	25.9%	17.1%	21.4%
Some other race alone	30.7%	20.0%	14.5%
Two or more races	23.8%	14.8%	14.2%
Hispanic or Latino	28.0%	17.9%	17.5%
Non-Hispanic White	8.5%	4.7%	9.1%
Asian Indian alone	14.0%	6.1%	12.6%
Chinese alone	21.0%	6.2%	9.3%
Filipino alone	5.0%	3.3%	7.0%
Japanese alone	19.5%	7.8%	4.4%
Korean alone	15.8%	10.3%	16.6%
Vietnamese alone	23.3%	11.8%	27.4%
Korean combo	15.5%	10.1%	12.8%

Senior Poverty (% of People 65 Years and older living below poverty level) - People 65 years and older

	New York	New Jersey	Hawaii
Total Population	18.0%	12.7%	12.7%
White alone	14.2%	10.8%	12.3%
Black or African American	31.1%	25.2%	15.3%
American Indian and Alaskan Native alone	34.2%	29.6%	50.8%
Asian alone	33.3%	15.1%	11.7%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	32.6%	22.0%	18.6%
Some other race alone	43.0%	34.2%	27.6%
Two or more races	36.2%	26.8%	17.4%
Hispanic or Latino	38.7%	28.2%	27.3%
Non-Hispanic White	13.1%	10.1%	12.0%
Asian Indian alone	26.2%	11.0%	13.6%
Chinese alone	39.2%	21.9%	16.3%
Filipino alone	12.8%	8.6%	15.9%
Japanese alone	8.3%	11.9%	7.4%
Korean alone	35.7%	19.2%	30.5%
Vietnamese alone	28.9%	33.5%	46.4%
Korean combo	35.0%	18.8%	28.8%

- 1) There is great variations in poverty rate among states, racial groups, and within Asian groups.
- 2) Although the poverty rate for Koreans is lower than Blacks and Hispanics, they tend to be much higher than whites and other Asian groups for all three states.
- 3) Among seniors, the Korean poverty rate is one of the highest in New York and Hawaii. In these two states, more than 30% of Korean seniors are living below the poverty level. The Korean senior poverty rate in New Jersey is not quite as high as the others, but still significantly higher than the average.

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