

## 5. A Statistical Portrait of Black America, 1940–1990s

**Black Elected Officials, by Selected Office Categories, 1941 – 1997**

Year	U.S. Offices		State Offices			City Offices			Total <sup>1</sup>
	Senate	Representative	Administrator	Senate	Representative	Mayor	Council	School Board	
1941	0	1	0	3	23	0	4	2	33
1947	0	2	0	5	33	0	18	8	66
1951	0	2	0	1	39	0	25	15	82
1965	0	4	1	18	84	3	74	68	280
1970	1	9	1	31	137	48	552	362	1,469
1975	1	17	5	53	223	135	1,237	894	3,503
1980	0	17	6	70	247	182	1,809	1,149	4,890
1985	0	20	4	90	302	286	2,189	1,363	6,016
1997	1	39	6	154	425	387	3,375	1,889	8,656

<sup>1</sup> For 1965 – 1997 total includes all black elected officials, not just those in selected categories.

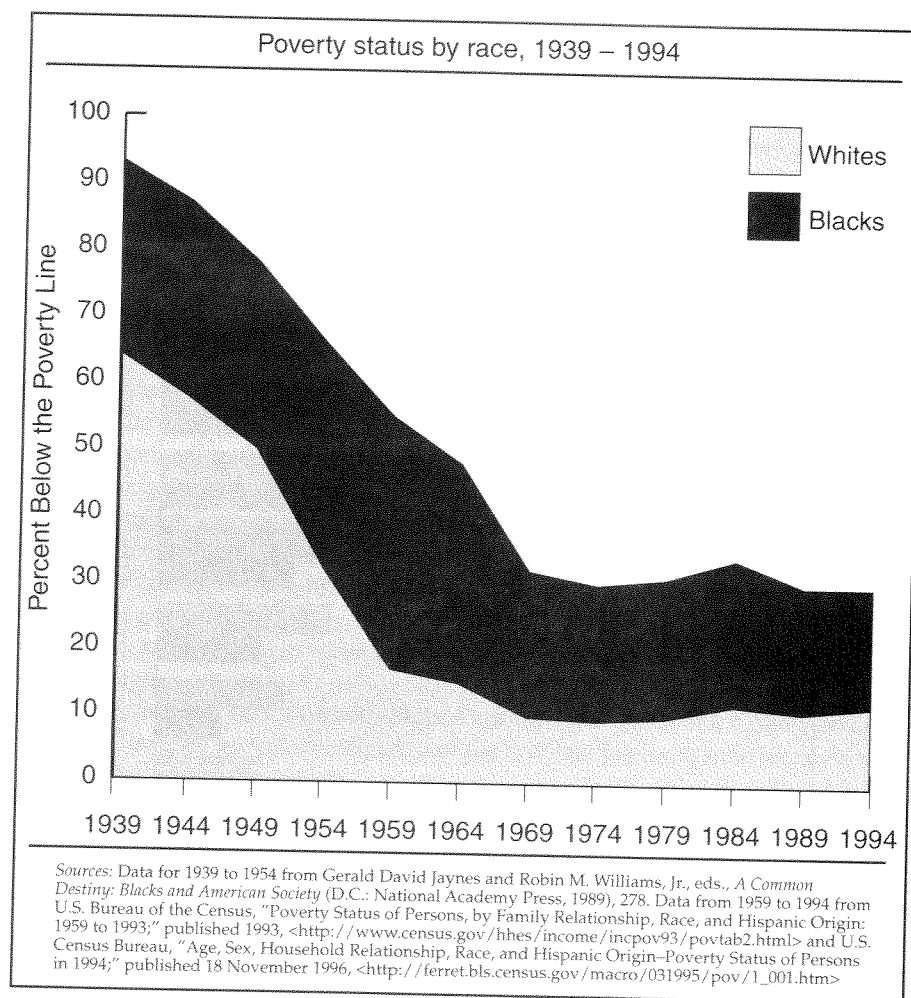
Sources: David Jaynes and Robin M. Williams, Jr., eds. *A Common Destiny: Blacks and American Society* (D.C.: National Academy Press, 1989), 240; David A. Bositis, *Black Elected Officials: A Statistical Summary, 1993 – 1997* (D.C.: Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, 1998), 9.

Levels of Schooling Completed for 25 to 29 Year Olds: 1940, 1965, 1975, 1985, 1995

Year	Percent Blacks Completing Four Years of High School or More	Percent Blacks Completing Four Years of College or More	Percent Whites Completing Four Years of High School or More	Percent Whites Completing Four Years of College or More
1940	12.3	1.6	41.2	6.4
1965	50.3	6.8	72.8	13.0
1975	71.0	10.7	84.4	22.8
1985	80.6	11.5	86.8	23.2
1995	86.5	15.3	87.4	26.0

Data for 1940, Black and other races. Data for 1995 are high school graduates or more; Bachelor's degree or more.

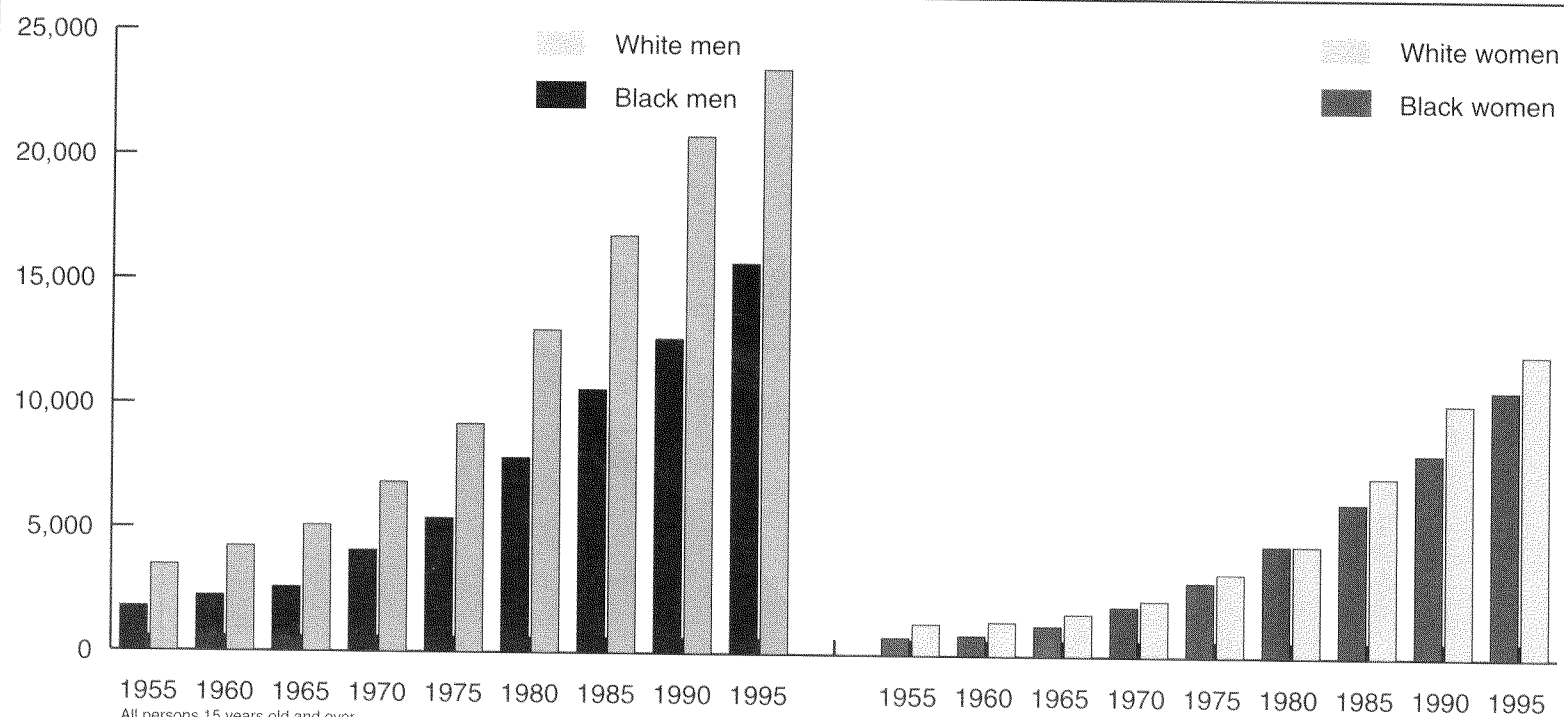
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, "Percent of People 25 Years Old and Over Who Have Completed High School or College, Selected Years 1940 to 1998," published 10 December 1998, <<http://www.census.gov/population/socdemo/education/tablea-02.txt>>



# Median Income by Race and Sex, 1955 – 1995

Men

Women



Based on data from U.S. Census Bureau, "Table P-5A. Regions-White People by Median Income and Sex: 1953 to 1998;" published 10 November 1999, <<http://www.census.gov/hhes/income/histinc/p05a.html>> and "Table P-5B. Regions-Black People by Median Income and Sex: 1953 to 1998;" published 10 November 1999, <<http://www.census.gov/hhes/income/histinc/p05b.html>>.

#### 4. The Relative Economic Condition of Black Youths, 1973 and 1993

