

Table 2. Poverty and income distribution

Economy	National poverty lines				International poverty line				Survey year	Gini index	Percentage share of income or consumption		
	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 %			Lowest 20%	Highest 20%	
	Rural	Urban	National										
Albania	2002	29.6	..	25.4	2002 <sup>a</sup>	<2.0	<0.5	11.8	2.0	2002 <sup>c,d</sup>	28.2	9.1	37.4
Algeria	1998	16.6	7.3	12.2	1995 <sup>a</sup>	<2.0	<0.5	15.1	3.8	1995 <sup>c,d</sup>	35.3	7.0	42.6
Angola	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Argentina	1998	..	29.9	..	2001 <sup>b</sup>	3.3	0.5	14.3	4.7	2001 <sup>e,f</sup>	52.2	3.1	56.4
Armenia	1998-99	44.8	60.4	53.7	1998 <sup>a</sup>	12.8	3.3	49.0	17.3	1998 <sup>c,d</sup>	37.9	6.7	45.1
Australia	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1994 <sup>e,f</sup>	35.2	5.9	41.3
Austria	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1997 <sup>e,f</sup>	30.0	8.1	38.5
Azerbaijan	2001	..	..	49.6	2001 <sup>a</sup>	3.7	<1.0	9.1	3.5	2001 <sup>c,d</sup>	36.5	7.4	44.5
Bangladesh	2000	53.0	36.6	49.8	2000 <sup>a</sup>	36.0	8.1	82.8	36.3	2000 <sup>c,d</sup>	31.8	9.0	41.3
Belarus	2000	..	..	41.9	2000 <sup>a</sup>	<2.0	<0.5	<2.0	0.1	2000 <sup>c,d</sup>	30.4	8.4	39.1
Belgium	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1996 <sup>e,f</sup>	25.0	8.3	37.3
Benin	1995	..	..	33.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bolivia	1999	81.7	..	62.7	1999 <sup>a</sup>	14.4	5.4	34.3	14.9	1999 <sup>c,d</sup>	44.7	4.0	49.1
Bosnia & Herzegovina	2001-02	19.9	13.8	19.5	..	..	..	..	..	2001 <sup>c,d</sup>	26.2	9.5	35.8
Botswana	..	..	..	..	1993 <sup>a</sup>	23.5	7.7	50.1	22.8	1993 <sup>c,d</sup>	63.0	2.2	70.3
Brazil	1990	32.6	13.1	17.4	2001 <sup>b</sup>	8.2	2.1	22.4	8.8	1998 <sup>e,f</sup>	59.1	2.0	64.4
Bulgaria	2001	..	..	12.8	2001 <sup>a</sup>	4.7	1.4	16.2	5.7	2001 <sup>e,f</sup>	31.9	6.7	38.9
Burkina Faso	1998	51.0	16.5	45.3	1998 <sup>a</sup>	44.9	14.4	81.0	40.6	1998 <sup>c,d</sup>	48.2	4.5	60.7
Burundi	1990	36.0	43.0	..	1998 <sup>a</sup>	58.4	24.9	89.2	51.3	1998 <sup>c,d</sup>	33.3	5.1	48.0
Cambodia	1997	40.1	21.1	36.1	1997 <sup>a</sup>	34.1	9.7	77.7	34.5	1997 <sup>c,d</sup>	40.4	6.9	47.6
Cameroon	2001	49.9	22.1	40.2	2001 <sup>a</sup>	17.1	4.1	50.6	19.3	2001 <sup>c,d</sup>	44.6	5.6	50.9
Canada	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1998 <sup>e,f</sup>	33.1	7.0	40.4
Central African Rep.	..	..	..	..	1993 <sup>a</sup>	66.6	38.1	84.0	58.4	1993 <sup>c,d</sup>	61.3	2.0	65.0
Chad	1995-96	67.0	63.0	64.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Chile	1998	..	..	17.0	2000 <sup>b</sup>	<2.0	<0.5	9.6	2.5	2000 <sup>e,f</sup>	57.1	3.3	62.2
China	1998	4.6	<2.0	4.6	2001 <sup>a</sup>	16.6	3.9	46.7	18.4	2001 <sup>c,d</sup>	44.7	4.7	50.0
Hong Kong, China	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1996 <sup>e,f</sup>	43.4	5.3	50.7
Colombia	1999	79.0	55.0	64.0	1999 <sup>b</sup>	8.2	2.2	22.6	8.8	1999 <sup>e,f</sup>	57.6	2.7	61.8
Congo, Dem. Rep.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Congo, Rep.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Costa Rica	1992	25.5	19.2	22.0	2000 <sup>b</sup>	2.0	0.7	9.5	3.0	2000 <sup>e,f</sup>	46.5	4.2	51.5
Côte d'Ivoire	..	..	..	..	1998 <sup>a</sup>	15.5	3.8	50.4	18.9	1998 <sup>c,d</sup>	45.2	5.5	51.1
Croatia	..	..	..	..	2000 <sup>a</sup>	<2.0	<0.5	<2.0	<0.5	2001 <sup>c,d</sup>	29.0	8.3	39.6
Czech Rep.	..	..	..	..	1996 <sup>b</sup>	<2.0	<0.5	<2.0	<0.5	1996 <sup>e,f</sup>	25.4	10.3	35.9
Denmark	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1997 <sup>e,f</sup>	24.7	8.3	35.8
Dominican Rep.	1998	42.1	20.5	28.6	1998 <sup>b</sup>	<2.0	<0.5	<2.0	<0.5	1998 <sup>c,d</sup>	47.4	5.1	53.3
Ecuador	1994	47.0	25.0	35.0	1998 <sup>b</sup>	17.7	7.1	40.8	17.7	1998 <sup>c,d</sup>	43.7	3.3	58.0
Egypt, Arab Rep.	1999-00	23.3	22.5	16.7	2000 <sup>a</sup>	3.1	<0.5	43.9	11.3	1999 <sup>c,d</sup>	34.4	8.6	43.6
El Salvador	1992	55.7	43.1	48.3	2000 <sup>b</sup>	31.1	14.1	58.0	29.7	2000 <sup>e,f</sup>	53.2	2.9	57.1
Eritrea	1993-94	..	..	53.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Estonia	1995	14.7	6.8	8.9	1998 <sup>a</sup>	<2.0	<0.5	5.2	0.8	2000 <sup>e,f</sup>	37.2	6.1	44.0
Ethiopia	1999-00	45.0	37.0	44.2	1999-00 <sup>a</sup>	26.3	5.7	80.7	31.8	2000 <sup>c,d</sup>	30.0	9.1	39.4
Finland	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2000 <sup>e,f</sup>	26.9	9.6	36.7
France	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1995 <sup>e,f</sup>	32.7	7.2	40.2
Georgia	1997	9.9	12.1	11.1	2001 <sup>a</sup>	2.7	0.9	15.7	4.6	2001 <sup>c,d</sup>	36.9	6.4	43.6
Germany	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2000 <sup>e,f</sup>	28.3	8.5	36.9
Ghana	1998	49.9	18.6	39.5	1999 <sup>a</sup>	44.8	17.3	78.5	40.8	1999 <sup>c,d</sup>	30.0	5.6	46.6
Greece	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1998 <sup>e,f</sup>	35.4	7.1	43.6
Guatemala	2000	74.5	27.1	56.2	2000 <sup>b</sup>	16.0	4.6	37.4	16.0	2000 <sup>e,f</sup>	48.3	2.6	64.1
Guinea	1994	..	..	40.0	..	..	..	..	..	1994 <sup>c,d</sup>	40.3	6.4	47.2
Haiti	1995	66.0	..	65.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Honduras	1993	51.0	57.0	53.0	1998 <sup>b</sup>	23.8	11.6	44.4	23.1	1999 <sup>e,f</sup>	55.0	2.7	58.9
Hungary	1997	..	..	17.3	1998 <sup>b</sup>	<2.0	<0.5	7.3	1.7	1999 <sup>c,d</sup>	24.4	7.7	37.5
India	1999-00	30.2	24.7	28.6	1999-00 <sup>a</sup>	34.7	8.2	79.9	35.3	1999-00 <sup>c,d</sup>	32.5	8.9	41.6
Indonesia	1999	..	..	27.1	2002 <sup>a</sup>	7.5	0.9	52.4	15.7	2002 <sup>c,d</sup>	34.3	8.4	43.3
Iran, Islamic Rep.	..	..	..	..	1998 <sup>a</sup>	<2.0	<0.5	7.3	1.5	1998 <sup>c,d</sup>	43.0	5.1	49.9
Ireland	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1996 <sup>e,f</sup>	35.9	7.1	43.3
Israel	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1997 <sup>e,f</sup>	35.5	6.9	44.3
Italy	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2000 <sup>e,f</sup>	36.0	6.5	42.0
Jamaica	2000	25.1	..	18.7	2000 <sup>a</sup>	<2.0	<0.5	13.3	2.7	2000 <sup>c,d</sup>	37.9	6.7	46.0
Japan	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1993 <sup>e,f</sup>	24.9	10.6	35.7
Jordan	1997	..	..	11.7	1997 <sup>a</sup>	<2.0	<0.5	7.4	1.4	1997 <sup>c,d</sup>	36.4	7.6	44.4
Kazakhstan	1996	39.0	30.0	34.6	2001 <sup>a</sup>	<2.0	<0.5	8.5	1.4	2001 <sup>c,d</sup>	31.3	8.2	39.6
Kenya	1997	53.0	49.0	52.0	1997 <sup>a</sup>	23.0	6.0	58.6	24.1	1997 <sup>c,d</sup>	44.5	5.6	51.2
Korea, Rep.	..	..	..	..	1998 <sup>b</sup>	<2.0	<0.5	<2.0	<0.5	1998 <sup>e,f</sup>	31.6	7.9	37.5
Kuwait	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kyrgyz Rep.	1999	69.7	49.0	64.1	2001 <sup>a</sup>	<2.0	<0.5	27.2	5.9	2001 <sup>c,d</sup>	29.0	9.1	38.3
Lao PDR	1997-98	41.0	26.9	38.6	1997-98 <sup>a</sup>	26.3	6.3	73.2	29.6	1997 <sup>c,d</sup>	37.0	7.6	45.0
Latvia	..	..	..	..	1998 <sup>a</sup>	<2.0	<0.5	8.3	2.0	1998 <sup>e,f</sup>	32.4	7.6	40.3
Lebanon	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lesotho	..	..	..	..	1995 <sup>a</sup>	36.4	19.0	56.1	33.1	1995 <sup>c,d</sup>	63.2	1.5	66.5
Lithuania	..	..	..	..	2000 <sup>a</sup>	<2.0	<0.5	13.7	4.2	2000 <sup>c,d</sup>	31.9	7.9	40.0
Macedonia, FYR	..	..	..	..	1998 <sup>a</sup>	<2.0	<0.5	4.0	0.6	1998 <sup>c,d</sup>	28.2	8.4	36.7
Madagascar	1999	76.7	52.1	71.3	1999 <sup>a</sup>	49.1	18.3	83.3	44.0	2001 <sup>c,d</sup>	47.5	4.9	53.5
Malawi	1997-98	66.5	54.9	65.3	1997-98 <sup>a</sup>	41.7	14.8	76.1	38.3	1997 <sup>c,d</sup>	50.3	4.9	56.1

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

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Economy	National poverty lines				International 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 %	Survey year	Gini index	Percentage share of income or consumption	
		Rural	Urban	National								Lowest 20%	Highest 20%
Malaysia	1989	..	..	15.5	1997 <sup>b</sup>	<2.0	<0.5	9.3	2.0	1997 <sup>e,f</sup>	49.2	4.4	54.3
Mali	1998	75.9	30.1	63.8	1994 <sup>a</sup>	72.8	37.4	90.6	60.5	1994 <sup>c,d</sup>	50.5	4.6	56.2
Mauritania	2000	61.2	25.4	46.3	2000 <sup>a</sup>	25.9	7.6	63.1	26.8	2000 <sup>c,d</sup>	39.0	6.2	45.7
Mexico	1988	..	..	10.1	2000 <sup>b</sup>	9.9	3.7	26.3	10.9	2000 <sup>e,f</sup>	54.6	3.1	59.1
Moldova	1997	26.7	..	23.3	2001 <sup>a</sup>	22.0	5.8	63.7	25.1	2001 <sup>c,d</sup>	36.2	7.1	43.7
Mongolia	1995	33.1	38.5	36.3	1995 <sup>a</sup>	13.9	3.1	50.0	17.5	1998 <sup>e,d</sup>	44.0	5.6	51.2
Morocco	1998–99	27.2	12.0	19.0	1999 <sup>a</sup>	<2.0	<0.5	14.3	3.1	1998–99 <sup>c,d</sup>	39.5	6.5	46.6
Mozambique	1996–97	71.3	62.0	69.4	1996 <sup>a</sup>	37.9	12.0	78.4	36.8	1996–97 <sup>c,d</sup>	39.6	6.5	46.5
Myanmar	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Namibia	..	..	..	..	1993 <sup>b</sup>	34.9	14.0	55.8	30.4	1993 <sup>e,f</sup>	70.7	1.4	78.7
Nepal	1995–96	44.0	23.0	42.0	1995 <sup>a</sup>	37.7	9.7	82.5	37.5	1995–96 <sup>c,d</sup>	36.7	7.6	44.8
Netherlands	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1994 <sup>e,f</sup>	32.6	7.3	40.1
New Zealand	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1997 <sup>e,f</sup>	36.2	6.4	43.8
Nicaragua	1998	68.5	30.5	47.9	2001 <sup>a</sup>	45.1	16.7	79.9	41.2	2001 <sup>e,f</sup>	55.1	3.6	59.7
Niger	1989–93	66.0	52.0	63.0	1995 <sup>a</sup>	61.4	33.9	85.3	54.8	1995 <sup>c,d</sup>	50.5	2.6	53.3
Nigeria	1992–93	36.4	30.4	34.1	1997 <sup>a</sup>	70.2	34.9	90.8	59.0	1996–97 <sup>c,d</sup>	50.6	4.4	55.7
Norway	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2000 <sup>e,f</sup>	25.8	9.6	37.2
Pakistan	1998–99	35.9	24.2	32.6	1998 <sup>a</sup>	13.4	2.4	65.6	22.0	1998–99 <sup>c,d</sup>	33.0	8.8	42.3
Panama	1997	64.9	15.3	37.3	2000 <sup>b</sup>	7.2	2.3	17.6	7.4	2000 <sup>e,f</sup>	56.4	2.4	60.3
Papua New Guinea	1996	41.3	16.1	37.5	..	..	..	..	..	1996 <sup>c,d</sup>	50.9	4.5	56.5
Paraguay	1991	28.5	19.7	21.8	1999 <sup>b</sup>	14.9	6.8	30.3	14.7	1999 <sup>e,f</sup>	56.8	2.2	60.2
Peru	1997	64.7	40.4	49.0	2000 <sup>b</sup>	18.1	9.1	37.7	18.5	2000 <sup>e,f</sup>	49.8	2.9	53.2
Philippines	1997	50.7	21.5	36.8	2000 <sup>a</sup>	14.6	2.7	46.4	17.2	2000 <sup>c,d</sup>	46.1	5.4	52.3
Poland	1993	..	..	23.8	1999 <sup>b</sup>	<2.0	<0.5	<2.0	<0.5	1999 <sup>c,d</sup>	31.6	7.3	42.5
Portugal	..	..	..	..	1994 <sup>b</sup>	<2.0	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	1999 <sup>e,f</sup>	38.5	5.8	45.9
Romania	1994	27.9	20.4	21.5	2000 <sup>a</sup>	2.1	0.6	20.5	5.2	2000 <sup>c,d</sup>	30.3	8.2	38.4
Russian Federation	1994	..	..	30.9	2000 <sup>a</sup>	6.1	1.2	23.8	8.0	2000 <sup>c,d</sup>	45.6	4.9	51.3
Rwanda	1993	..	..	51.2	1983–85 <sup>a</sup>	35.7	7.7	84.6	36.7	1983–85 <sup>c,d</sup>	28.9	9.7	39.1
Saudi Arabia	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Senegal	1992	40.4	..	33.4	1995 <sup>a</sup>	26.3	7.0	67.8	28.2	1995 <sup>c,d</sup>	41.3	6.4	48.2
Serbia & Montenegro	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sierra Leone	1989	76.0	53.0	68.0	1989 <sup>a</sup>	57.0	39.5	74.5	51.8	1989 <sup>c,d</sup>	62.9	1.1	63.4
Singapore	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1998 <sup>e,f</sup>	42.5	5.0	49.0
Slovak Republic	..	..	..	..	1996 <sup>b</sup>	<2.0	<0.5	2.4	0.7	1996 <sup>e,f</sup>	25.8	8.8	34.8
Slovenia	..	..	..	..	1998 <sup>a</sup>	<2.0	<0.5	<2.0	<0.5	1998–99 <sup>e,f</sup>	28.4	9.1	35.7
South Africa	..	..	..	..	1995 <sup>a</sup>	7.1	1.1	23.8	8.6	1995 <sup>c,d</sup>	59.3	2.0	66.5
Spain	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1990 <sup>e,f</sup>	32.5	7.5	40.3
Sri Lanka	1995–96	27.0	15.0	25.0	1995–96 <sup>a</sup>	6.6	1.0	45.4	13.5	1995 <sup>c,d</sup>	34.4	8.0	42.8
Sweden	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2000 <sup>e,f</sup>	25.0	9.1	36.6
Switzerland	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1992 <sup>e,f</sup>	33.1	6.9	40.3
Syrian Arab Rep.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tajikistan	..	..	..	..	1998 <sup>a</sup>	10.3	2.6	50.8	16.3	1998 <sup>c,d</sup>	34.7	8.0	40.0
Tanzania	2000–01	38.7	..	35.7	1993 <sup>a</sup>	19.9	4.8	59.7	23.0	1993 <sup>c,d</sup>	38.2	6.8	45.5
Thailand	1992	15.5	10.2	13.1	2000 <sup>a</sup>	<2.0	<0.5	32.5	9.0	2000 <sup>c,d</sup>	43.2	6.1	50.0
Togo	1987–89	..	..	32.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tunisia	1995	13.9	3.6	7.6	2000 <sup>a</sup>	<2.0	<0.5	6.6	1.3	2000 <sup>c,d</sup>	39.8	6.0	47.3
Turkey	..	..	..	..	2000 <sup>a</sup>	<2.0	<0.5	10.3	2.5	2000 <sup>c,d</sup>	40.0	6.1	46.7
Turkmenistan	..	..	..	..	1998 <sup>a</sup>	12.1	2.6	44.0	15.4	1998 <sup>c,d</sup>	40.8	6.1	47.5
Uganda	1997	..	..	44.0	..	..	..	..	..	1999 <sup>c,d</sup>	43.0	5.9	49.7
Ukraine	1995	..	..	31.7	1999 <sup>b</sup>	2.9	0.6	45.7	16.3	1999 <sup>c,d</sup>	29.0	8.8	37.8
United Kingdom	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1999 <sup>e,f</sup>	36.0	6.1	44.0
United States	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2000 <sup>e,f</sup>	40.8	5.4	45.8
Uruguay	..	..	..	..	2000 <sup>b</sup>	<2.0	<0.5	3.9	0.8	2000 <sup>e,f</sup>	44.6	4.8	50.1
Uzbekistan	2000	30.5	22.5	27.5	2000 <sup>a</sup>	21.8	5.4	77.5	28.9	2000 <sup>c,d</sup>	26.8	9.2	36.3
Venezuela, RB	1989	..	..	31.3	1998 <sup>b</sup>	15.0	6.9	32.0	15.2	1998 <sup>e,f</sup>	49.1	3.0	53.4
Vietnam	1993	57.2	25.9	50.9	1998 <sup>a</sup>	17.7	3.3	63.7	22.9	1998 <sup>c,d</sup>	36.1	8.0	44.5
Yemen, Rep.	1998	45.0	30.8	41.8	1998 <sup>a</sup>	15.7	4.5	45.2	15.0	1998 <sup>c,d</sup>	33.4	7.4	41.2
Zambia	1998	83.1	56.0	72.9	1998 <sup>a</sup>	63.7	32.7	87.4	55.4	1998 <sup>c,d</sup>	52.6	3.3	56.6
Zimbabwe	1995–96	48.0	7.9	34.9	1990–91 <sup>a</sup>	36.0	9.6	64.2	29.4	1995 <sup>c,d</sup>	56.8	4.6	55.7

a. Based on expenditure. b. Based on income. c. Refers to expenditure shares by percentiles of population. d. Ranked by per capita expenditure. e. Refers to income shares by percentiles of population. f. Ranked by per capita income.