

TABLE II  
POVERTY BY REGION (ORIGINAL WB POVERTY LINE, \$1.5/DAY OR \$570/YEAR)

Poverty Rates	2000 population	1970	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	Change 1970–2000	Change 1970s	Change 1980s	Change 1990s
World	5,660,040	0.202	0.185	0.159	0.121	0.100	0.080	0.070	–0.132	–0.043	–0.059	–0.030
East Asia	1,704,242	0.327	0.278	0.217	0.130	0.102	0.038	0.024	–0.303	–0.110	–0.115	–0.078
South Asia	1,327,455	0.303	0.297	0.267	0.178	0.103	0.057	0.025	–0.277	–0.036	–0.164	–0.078
Africa	608,221	0.351	0.360	0.372	0.426	0.437	0.505	0.488	0.137	0.020	0.065	0.051
Latin America	499,716	0.103	0.056	0.030	0.036	0.041	0.038	0.042	–0.061	–0.074	0.012	0.001
Eastern Europe	436,373	0.013	0.005	0.004	0.001	0.004	0.010	0.010	–0.003	–0.009	0.001	0.006
MENA	220,026	0.107	0.092	0.036	0.016	0.012	0.007	0.006	–0.102	–0.071	–0.025	–0.006

  

Poverty Headcounts	2000 population	1970	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	Change 1970–2000	Change 1970s	Change 1980s	Change 1990s
World	5,660,040	699,896	708,825	665,781	548,533	495,221	424,626	398,403	–301,493	–34,115	–170,560	–96,818
East Asia	1,704,242	350,263	334,266	281,914	182,205	154,973	61,625	41,071	–309,192	–68,349	–126,941	–113,902
South Asia	1,327,455	211,364	234,070	236,366	176,536	113,661	69,582	33,438	–177,926	25,002	–122,705	–80,223
Africa	608,221	93,528	109,491	129,890	172,175	204,364	269,733	296,733	203,205	36,361	74,474	92,369
Latin America	499,716	27,897	17,014	10,195	13,836	17,406	17,379	21,012	–6,885	–17,702	7,211	3,607
Eastern Europe	436,373	4,590	1,991	1,418	369	1,906	4,238	4,402	–188	–3,172	488	2,496
MENA	220,026	11,250	10,954	4,991	2,507	2,101	1,466	1,264	–9,986	–6,259	–2,890	–837