

**TABLE I**  
**POVERTY RATES AND HEADCOUNTS FOR VARIOUS POVERTY LINES**

Poverty line	Definition	Poverty rates							Change 1970–2000
		1970	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	
\$495	WB Poverty Line (\$1/Day)	15.4%	14.0%	11.9%	8.8%	7.3%	6.2%	5.7%	−0.097
\$570	\$1.5/Day	20.2%	18.5%	15.9%	12.1%	10.0%	8.0%	7.0%	−0.131
\$730	\$2/Day	29.6%	27.5%	24.2%	19.3%	16.2%	12.6%	10.6%	−0.190
\$1,140	\$3/Day	46.6%	44.2%	40.3%	34.7%	30.7%	25.0%	21.1%	−0.254
		Poverty head counts (thousands)							Change 1970–2000
		1970	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	
Population		3,472,485	3,830,514	4,175,420	4,539,477	4,938,177	5,305,563	5,660,342	2,187,858
Poverty line	Definition								
	WB Poverty Line (\$1/Day)								
\$495	(\$1/Day)	533,861	536,379	498,032	399,527	362,902	327,943	321,518	−212,343
\$570	\$1.5/Day	699,896	708,825	665,781	548,533	495,221	424,626	398,403	−301,493
\$730	\$2/Day	1,028,532	1,052,761	1,008,789	874,115	798,945	671,069	600,275	−428,257
\$1,140	\$3/Day	1,616,772	1,691,184	1,681,712	1,575,415	1,517,778	1,327,635	1,197,080	−419,691

Poverty Rates are the percentages of citizens with incomes below the corresponding poverty line. Poverty head counts are constructed as the total number of people with incomes lower than the corresponding poverty line. The first poverty line (called WB poverty or 1\$/Day) line is the poverty line originally used by the World Bank and corresponds to \$1.05/Day in 1985 prices. This corresponds to \$495 per year in 1996 prices. The second poverty line is the one used by Bhalla [2002], which increases the WB by 15 percent to adjust for underreporting at the top of the distribution. This corresponds to \$570 per year or, roughly, \$1.5/Day. The third and fourth lines correspond to \$2/Day and \$3/Day in 1996 prices (\$730 and \$1140 per year, respectively).