

Table 1: Incidence and Rate of Poverty in Queensland, 1981-82 to 1995-96 ('Before Housing' and 'After Housing') ⁽²⁾

Income Units	1981-82				1985-86				1989-90				1995-96			
	Before Housing		After Housing		Before Housing		After Housing		Before Housing		After Housing		Before Housing		After Housing	
	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%
Single people under 25	14.6	12.7	17.2	15.0	16.8	14.2	21.7	18.3	27.0	20.8	31.8	24.6	57.8	32.6	66.2	37.3
Single people, 25-44	6.1	7.9	6.2	8.0	7.4	7.1	10.1	9.7	15.4	12.3	20.4	16.3	36.1	16.7	44.9	20.8
Single people, 45-59/64	10.0	17.3	7.1	12.2	13.0	26.5	7.4	15.0	23.0	31.4	18.4	25.1	29.9	33.7	16.5	18.6
Aged single people	14.1	12.6	6.0	5.3	27.7	24.1	6.3	5.5	36.0	27.1	11.5	8.7	51.6	35.8	27.5	19.1
Aged couples	3.5	5.7	1.7	2.8	1.7	2.5	1.7	2.5	4.8	5.6	1.6	1.8	20.0	10.6	19.5	10.3
Non-aged childless couples	6.0	5.0	4.7	4.0	4.7	3.7	5.5	4.3	14.2	8.0	12.5	7.1	18.9	18.1	12.6	12.1
Couple, one child	4.1	6.5	3.5	5.6	1.9	2.8	4.7	6.7	9.9	12.6	8.7	11.1	7.0	11.9	8.9	15.2
Couple, 2 children	4.7	6.0	5.6	7.1	6.8	8.6	6.7	8.5	10.1	11.5	12.9	14.6	12.0	11.3	13.6	12.7
Couple, 3 or more children	10.0	19.2	9.9	19.1	15.3	27.2	14.6	26.0	10.6	20.8	12.8	25.1	6.0	8.4	6.3	8.9
Sole parent, one child	8.5	37.3	8.9	39.1	11.8	45.3	13.3	50.9	17.0	49.2	16.5	47.9	12.7	33.9	11.8	31.7
Sole parent, 2 or more children	12.2	60.9	10.2	51.0	11.2	56.8	10.5	53.5	17.7	64.7	16.5	60.5	22.0	59.0	20.7	55.4
Total	93.8	12.0	81.0	10.4	118.3	14.2	102.5	12.3	185.5	18.5	163.6	16.3	274.0	22.3	248.5	20.2

Sources: 1981-82 ABS Income and Housing Survey; 1986 ABS Income Distribution Survey; 1990 ABS Survey of Income and Housing Costs and Amenities unit record file; 1995-96 ABS Survey of Income and Housing Costs unit record files. Unpublished estimates by the SPRC, September 1998.