Poverty by Race and Marital Status

Poverty Rates (%) in Families by Race

- Blacks in families are 2.1 times as likely to be in poverty as whites in 2020
- Blacks in families (17.5% in 2020)
- Whites in families (8.2% in 2020)

https://www.census.gov/data/tables/time-series/demo/income-poverty/historical-poverty-people.html

Poverty Rate (%) among US Blacks in Families

- Blacks in single-parent female-headed families are 3.3 times as likely to be in poverty as blacks in married families in 2020
- Blacks in single-parent female-headed families (2020: 29.9%)
- Blacks in families (2020: 17.5%)
- Blacks living in married families (2020: 9.0%)

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Why is the poverty rate so much higher for blacks than for whites?  
Discrimination?  Certainly a possibility.  What else might explain this disparity?  Family structure.
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Poverty Rate (%) in Single-Parent Families

Blacks are 27% more likely to be in poverty than whites in 2020 for those living in single-parent female-headed families.

Blacks living in single-parent female-headed families (2020: 29.9%)

Whites living in single-parent female-headed families: (2020: 23.6%)

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Female Single-Parent Prevalence by Race

Among those in families, having a single-parent female head is 2.6 times as likely among blacks as among whites in 2020.

Among blacks in families, the percentage who are in families with a female single-parent (1966: 24.5%; 2020: 40.7%)

Among whites in families, the percentage who are in families with a female single-parent (1966 7.7%; 2020: 14.7%)

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