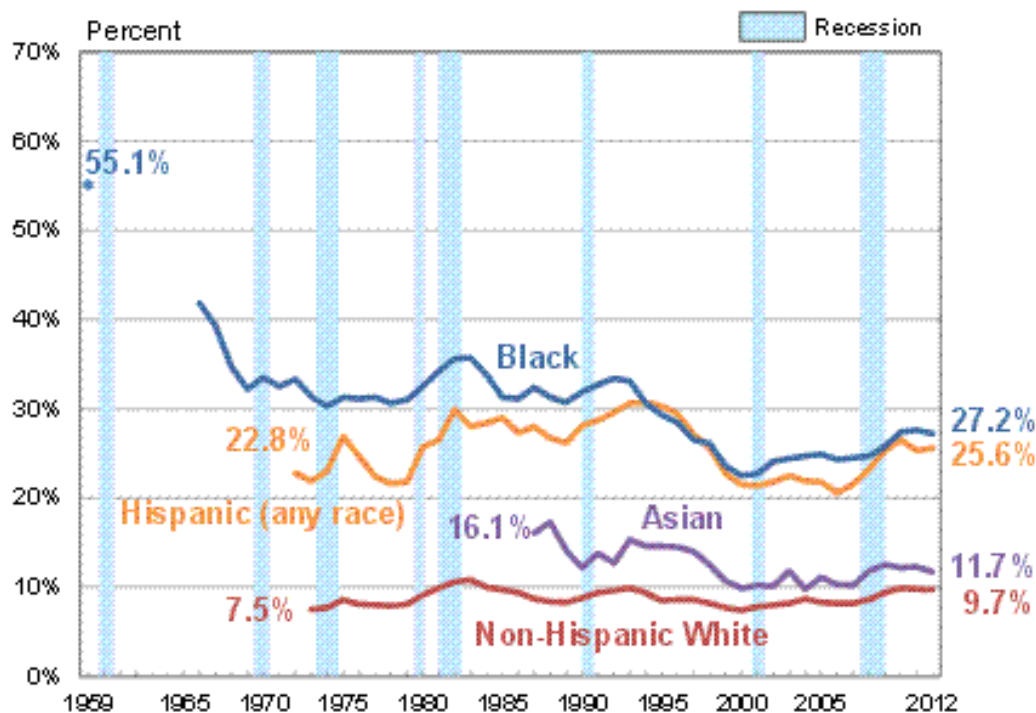


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## **Handout 2E: Racial Injustice and Poverty**

Directions: Review the following material. On a separate piece of butcher paper, use pictures, symbols, drawings and the information presented on this handout to describe how racial injustice is connected to poverty.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 1960-2013, Annual Social and Economic Supplements

The largest group of persons living in poverty today are non-Hispanic white persons – over 18.9 million Americans. These men, women and children make up 9.7% of the total white population.

By comparison, minority groups are three times as likely to live in poverty. For instance, the poverty rate among African Americans was 27.2% in 2012. That's more than one out of every four African Americans living in poverty. For Hispanics, the poverty rate was 25.6% in 2012. For Asian Americans, the poverty rate was 11.7%.

While poverty affects people across racial lines, a disproportionate percentage of those in poverty are people of color. Segregation, discrimination and other racial injustices that continue to exist may help to explain why this is true.