

[Journal Contents](#)

[SEARCH](#)

[Current Volume](#)

[Volumes](#)

[Articles](#)

[Special Collections](#)

[General Information](#)

[About the Journal](#)

[Information for Authors](#)

[Copyright Information](#)

[Register for e-mail alerts](#)

[Submit a Paper](#)

Poverty in the Texas borderland and lower Mississippi Delta: A comparative analysis of differences by family type

Tim Slack
Joachim Singelmann
Kayla Fontenot
Dudley L. Poston, Jr.
Rogelio Saenz
Carlos Siordia

VOLUME 20 - ARTICLE 15

PAGES 353 - 376

Date Received: 3 Jul 2008

Date Published: 8 Apr 2009

<http://www.demographic-research.org/volumes/vol20/15/>

doi: 10.4054/DemRes.2009.20.15



Click the icon to view and/or download the PDF file. Once you are in the PDF file, use your browser back button to return to this page.

Abstract

We provide a comparative analysis of county-level poverty in the two poorest regions of the United States - the Texas Borderland and the Lower Mississippi Delta - with a special focus on differences by family type. Our results reveal important regional variation in both the prevalence of poverty and the composition of the poor population across major family types. Using OLS regression models of family type-specific poverty we demonstrate three key findings: 1) There are no significant regional differences in poverty levels by family type between the Borderland and the Delta, net of important structural factors that characterize the regions; 2) with the exception of the employment rate, the structural factors associated with poverty among married couple and single female-headed families are quite different; and 3) paradoxically, areas in the Borderland with high in-migration are especially likely to suffer from high married-couple family poverty. Our results suggest the need for regionally targeted and demographically tailored anti-poverty policies.

Author's affiliation

[Tim Slack](#)
Louisiana State University, United States of America
[Joachim Singelmann](#)
Louisiana State University, United States of America
[Kayla Fontenot](#)
Louisiana State University, United States of America
[Dudley L. Poston, Jr.](#)
Texas A&M University, United States of America
[Rogelio Saenz](#)
Texas A&M University, United States of America
[Carlos Siordia](#)
Texas A&M University, United States of America

Services

- ▶ [Bookmark this page](#)
- ▶ [Send this article to a friend](#)

Download to Citation Manager

- [Refman format \(RIS\)](#)
- [ProCite format \(RIS\)](#)
- [EndNote format](#)
- [BibTeX format](#)

Citations and Similar Articles

PubMed

- ▶ [Articles by Tim Slack](#)
- ▶ [Articles by Joachim Singelmann](#)
- ▶ [Articles by Kayla Fontenot](#)
- ▶ [Articles by Dudley L. Poston, Jr.](#)
- ▶ [Articles by Rogelio Saenz](#)
- ▶ [Articles by Carlos Siordia](#)

Google Scholar

- ▶ [Articles by Tim Slack](#)
- ▶ [Articles by Joachim Singelmann](#)
- ▶ [Articles by Kayla Fontenot](#)
- ▶ [Articles by Dudley L. Poston, Jr.](#)
- ▶ [Articles by Rogelio Saenz](#)
- ▶ [Articles by Carlos Siordia](#)
- ▶ [Article and its Citations](#)






Keywords

family structure, Mississippi Delta, persistent poverty, poverty, regional poverty, Texas Borderland

Word count (Main text)

5499

Similar articles in *Demographic Research*

-  [19-47] Cohabitation and children's living arrangements: New estimates from the United States (family structure)
-  [16-7] Demographic transitions and children's resources: growth or divergence? (family structure)
-  [15-2] Youth poverty and transition to adulthood in Europe (poverty)
-  [14-8] Interconnections among changing family structure, childrearing and fertility behaviour among the Ogu, Southwestern Nigeria: A qualitative study (family structure)
-  [12-9] World Urbanization Prospects: an alternative to the UN model of projection compatible with the mobility transition theory (poverty)

[[Back to previous page](#)]