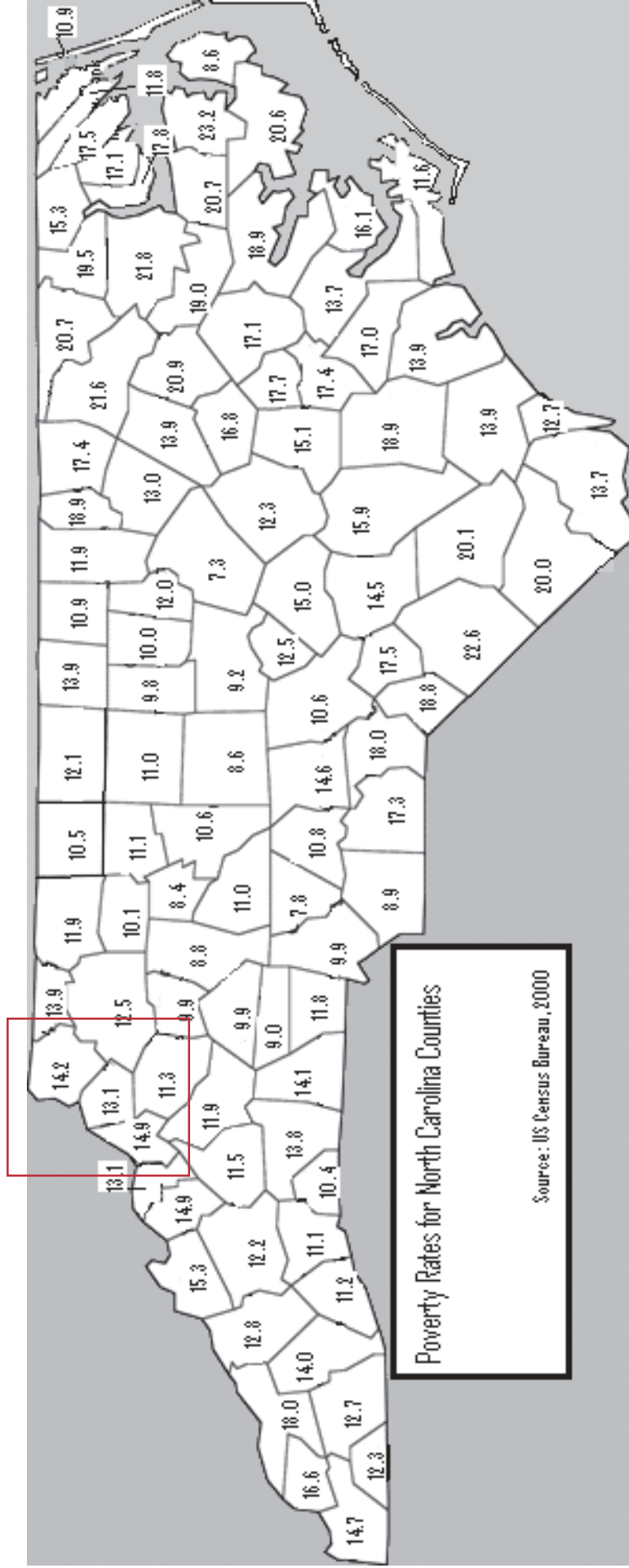


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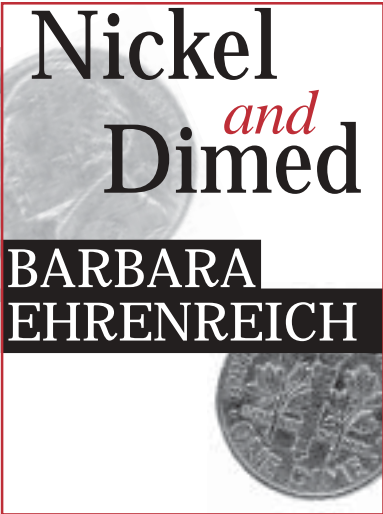
	number	percent
<b>NORTH CAROLINA (total)</b>	<b>1,010,500</b>	<b>12.5%</b>
Watauga County	4,291	13.1
Ashe County	3,510	14.2
Avery County	2,592	14.9
Forsyth	34,120	11.0
Guilford	45,090	10.6
Mecklenburg	65,909	9.2
Wake	51,140	7.8

## STATUS OF WOMEN

North Carolina	number	percent
Families with female householder with children under age 18	104,265	27.4%
with children under age 5	90,584	34.3
with children under age 5	42,981	45.9



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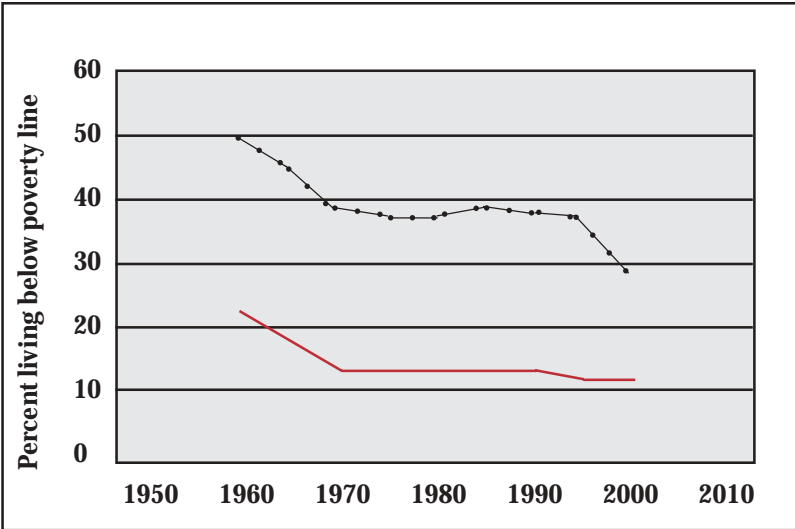
**POVERTY IN AMERICA**

	<b>number</b>	<b>percent</b>
<b>UNITED STATES (total)</b>	<b>32,907,000</b>	<b>11.7%</b>
<b>Men</b>	<b>14,327,000</b>	<b>10.4</b>
<b>Women</b>	<b>18,580,000</b>	<b>12.9</b>

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