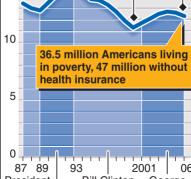
## **U.S.** poverty rates

Five years into a national economic recovery the share of Americans living in poverty has finally fallen. The nation's poverty rate was 12.3% in 2006, down from 12.6%

a year earlier, but still one point above the 2000 level

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President | Bill Clinton George
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