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Read the following tables and find the best alternative to answer each question.

Who are the Poor in the United States ?

GROUP	PROPORTION OF THE POOR, %
Under 16 years old	21
16 to 65 years old	65
Over 65 years old	12
1 to 2 member families	58
3 to 4 member families	31
Families with 5 or more members	11
Whites	69
Blacks	28
Hispanic	16
Families with male heads of household	48
Families with female heads of household	52

Note : Percentages in the racial and ethnic category exceed 100 percent, since Hispanic people can be of any race.

Source : Bureau of the Census, 1987 d : 433-436

- What does this table show ?
 - the poor groups in each society
 - the proportion of the poor in four categories
 - the proportion of the poor in each group
 - the poor groups in the United States
- Which age group has the largest number of poor people ?
 - 16 to 65 years old
 - under 16 years old
 - over 16 years old
 - over 65 years old
- What size of families has the largest proportion of poor people ?
 - 1 to 2 member families
 - 2 to 3 member families
 - 3 to 4 member families
 - families with 5 or more members
- Which racial group has the least number of poor people ?
 - Whites
 - Blacks
 - Hispanic
 - Blacks and Hispanic
- Who is the head of the household in most poor families ?
 - an old person
 - a male
 - a female
 - a child

