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- 8.1:** Percent of Iowa children under the age of 19 who live at 200% or more below the poverty line and who are not covered by health insurance, with New Mexico having the highest US rate at 21.2 percent and Minnesota the lowest at 3.9 percent (US Census Bureau 2002)
- 14.6** Percent of Americans without any health insurance coverage in 2001 (US Census Bureau 2002)
- 20:** Percent of persons convicted of a crime on the basis of false confessions but later exonerated on the basis of DNA evidence (*Newsweek*, 16 December 2002)
- 22.7 & 21.4:** Percent of African-Americans and Hispanics in the United States who lived at or below the poverty line in 2001 compared to the national average of 11.7 percent for all ethnicities during the same period (Institute for Research on Poverty 2003).
- 60:** Number of Mexican immigrants (including 12 children under 6 years of age) found by police in Queens, New York in 1997 to have been held in involuntary servitude (*New York Times*, 20 June 1997).
- 65:** Approximate percent of Native Americans unemployed in 2001 in contrast to the national unemployment average of approximately 4 percent the same year (*Business Week*, 26 November 2001).
- 176:** Number of death penalty convictions in the United States since 1976 for murders committed by blacks against whites compared to 12 death penalty convictions since 1976 for murders committed by whites against blacks (Death Penalty Information Center 2002).
- 400-500:** Number of men with whom women, trafficked into the US in 1996, were forced to have sex to pay off the \$40,000 debt owed to traffickers for their illegal passage to the US. (*Christian Science Monitor*, 23 October 1996).
- 1,299:** Number of hate crimes committed in the US during 2000, according to the FBI, because of the sexual orientation of the victim (Human Rights Campaign 2002).
- 300,000-800,000:** Estimated number of child farm workers in the US who, as of at least October 2000, labored in dangerous and grueling conditions, typically for 12 or more hours daily (sometimes beginning at 3 or 4 a.m.) and often for as little as \$2 an hour (Human Rights Watch 2002).

\*For source details and further information on human rights, please visit The University of Iowa Center for Human Rights (UICHR) web site: [www.uichr.org](http://www.uichr.org)