

Poverty Levels in Fifty Large Cities and Metropolitan Areas

City/Metropolitan Area	% Below Poverty Level	% of Children Below Poverty Level
Albuquerque city, NM; Albuquerque, NM Metro Area	14.50%	20.20%
Atlanta city, GA; Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Marietta, GA Metro Area	11.70%	16.40%
Arlington, TX	12.70%	18.30%
Austin city, TX; Austin-Round Rock, TX Metro Area	12.80%	15.60%
Baltimore city, MD; Baltimore-Towson, MD Metro Area	9.20%	11.90%
Boston city, MA; Boston-Cambridge-Quincy, MA-NH Metro Area	9.20%	10.10%
Charlotte city, NC; Charlotte-Gastonia-Concord, NC-SC Metro Area	11.30%	15.30%
Chicago city, IL; Chicago-Naperville-Joliet, IL-IN-WI Metro Area	11.80%	16.80%
Cleveland city, OH; Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor, OH Metro Area	13.20%	19.00%
Colorado Springs city, CO; Colorado Springs, CO Metro Area	10.60%	15.60%
Columbus city, OH; Columbus, OH Metro Area	12.70%	16.40%
Dallas city, TX; Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX Metro Area	12.70%	18.30%
Denver city, CO; Denver-Aurora, CO Metro Area	11.30%	15.90%
Detroit city, MI; Detroit-Warren-Livonia, MI Metro Area	13.90%	19.70%
El Paso city, TX; El Paso, TX Metro Area	25.50%	35.90%
Fort Worth city, TX	12.70%	18.30%
Fresno city, CA; Fresno, CA Metro Area	22.30%	31.90%
Honolulu CDP, HI; Honolulu, HI Metro Area	8.50%	9.70%
Houston city, TX; Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown, TX Metro Area	13.60%	20.00%
Indianapolis city (balance), IN; Indianapolis-Carmel, IN Metro Area	11.50%	16.40%
Jacksonville city, FL; Jacksonville, FL Metro Area	10.60%	14.30%
Kansas City city, KS; Kansas City, MO-KS Metro Area	10.10%	13.60%
Las Vegas city, NV; Las Vegas-Paradise, NV Metro Area	10.80%	14.30%
Long Beach city, CA; Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana, CA Metro Area	14.00%	19.90%
Los Angeles city, CA; Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana, CA Metro Area	14.00%	19.90%
Louisville/Jefferson County metro government (balance), KY; Louisville-Jefferson County, KY-IN Metro Area	12.80%	19.30%
Memphis city, TN; Memphis, TN-MS-AR Metro Area	17.30%	27.10%
Miami city, FL; Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach, FL Metro Area	13.80%	18.00%
Milwaukee city, WI; Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis, WI Metro Area	11.80%	16.30%
Minneapolis city, MN; Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI Metro Area	8.30%	10.20%
Nashville-Davidson metropolitan government (balance), TN; Nashville-Davidson--Murfreesboro--Franklin, TN Metro Area	12.30%	17.60%
New Orleans city, LA; New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, LA Metro Area	14.40%	21.40%
New York city, NY; New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-PA Metro Area	12.30%	17.50%
Oklahoma City city, OK (part); Oklahoma City, OK Metro Area	14.40%	20.20%
Omaha city, NE; Omaha-Council Bluffs, NE-IA Metro Area	10.70%	13.80%
Philadelphia city, PA; Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD Metro Area	11.50%	15.10%
Mesa city, AZ; Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ Metro Area	13.50%	19.30%
Phoenix city, AZ; Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ Metro Area	13.50%	19.30%
Portland city, OR; Portland-Vancouver-Beaverton, OR-WA Metro Area	11.30%	15.00%
Sacramento city, CA; Sacramento--Arden-Arcade--Roseville, CA Metro Area	12.00%	15.90%
St. Louis city, MO; St. Louis, MO-IL Metro Area	11.30%	16.60%
San Antonio city, TX; San Antonio, TX Metro Area	16.00%	22.60%
San Diego city, CA; San Diego-Carlsbad-San Marcos, CA Metro Area	12.60%	16.80%
Oakland city, CA; San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont, CA Metro Area	9.40%	11.50%
San Francisco city, CA; San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont, CA Metro Area	9.40%	11.50%
San Jose city, CA; San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA Metro Area	7.40%	9.20%
Seattle city, WA; Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA Metro Area	9.30%	11.30%
Tucson city, AZ; Tucson, AZ Metro Area	15.60%	21.70%
Tulsa city, OK; Tulsa, OK Metro Area	13.20%	19.40%
Virginia Beach city, VA; Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News, VA-NC Metro Area	10.40%	16.20%
Washington city, DC; Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV Metro Area	7.10%	9.00%
Wichita city, KS; Wichita, KS Metro Area	12.00%	16.50%

Population includes civilian and uninstitutionalized individuals in cities within metropolitan areas. (Ft. Worth and Arlington, TX are labeled "places.")

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2008 data, released September 22, 2009; calculations by Coalition on Human Needs