

2000-2008 State-by-State Family Poverty Rates, American Community Survey

Geography	2000		2001		2002		2003		2004		2005		2006		2007		2008 Family Poverty Rate								
	Family Poverty Rate		Family Poverty Rate		Family Poverty Rate		Family Poverty Rate		Family Poverty Rate		Family Poverty Rate		Family Poverty Rate		Family Poverty Rate		Total Families	M.E. (total)	S.E. (total)	Poor Families	M.E. (poor)	S.E. (poor)	Family Poverty Rate	S.E. (rate)	% point change in Poverty Rate since 2007
U.S	9.32%	*	9.2%	*	9.6%		9.8%		10.1%	*	10.2%	*	9.8%	*	9.5%	*	75,030,551	141,041	85,739	7,251,550	45,326	27,554	9.7%	0.0%	0.1%
Alabama	12.36%		13.0%	*	13.3%	*	13.7%	*	13.1%	*	13.7%	*	12.6%	*	13.1%	*	1,216,612	11,381	6,919	146,323	5,371	3,265	12.0%	0.3%	-1.1%
Alaska	6.78%		5.4%		6.1%		8.0%	*	5.5%		8.3%	*	8.2%	*	6.5%		157,273	3,920	2,383	8,981	1,336	812	5.7%	0.5%	-0.7%
Arizona	11.64%	*	10.7%	*	10.5%	*	11.9%	*	10.9%	*	10.9%	*	10.1%	*	10.2%	*	1,489,192	13,955	8,483	153,967	7,266	4,417	10.3%	0.3%	0.2%
Arkansas	12.97%	*	11.8%	*	11.5%	*	12.1%	*	14.1%	*	13.4%	*	13.1%	*	13.7%	*	751,956	8,609	5,233	97,661	5,087	3,092	13.0%	0.4%	-0.7%
California	10.73%	*	9.7%	*	10.0%	*	10.5%	*	10.5%	*	10.3%	*	9.7%	*	9.3%	*	8,265,877	24,391	14,827	824,961	17,051	10,365	10.0%	0.1%	0.7%
Colorado	5.73%	*	6.8%	*	6.7%	*	7.3%	*	8.6%	*	8.3%	*	8.4%	*	8.4%	*	1,208,994	12,292	7,472	94,833	5,799	3,525	7.8%	0.3%	-0.5%
Connecticut	5.83%	*	5.3%	*	5.5%	*	6.4%	*	6.2%	*	6.2%	*	5.9%	*	5.7%	*	888,825	8,063	4,902	59,375	4,122	2,506	6.7%	0.3%	1.0%
Delaware	6.68%	*	7.1%	*	5.8%	*	5.8%	*	7.6%	*	7.6%	*	7.6%	*	7.5%	*	222,044	4,500	2,736	15,264	2,028	1,233	6.9%	0.5%	-0.7%
District of Columbia	15.38%		16.2%	*	15.7%	*	18.5%	*	16.9%	*	16.7%	*	16.3%	*	13.0%	*	107,365	3,934	2,391	14,675	1,923	1,169	13.7%	1.0%	0.6%
Florida	9.34%		9.3%		9.6%		9.7%		9.1%		9.7%		9.0%	*	8.6%	*	4,577,227	27,336	16,618	433,289	12,273	7,461	9.5%	0.2%	0.9%
Georgia	9.98%	*	9.2%	*	10.5%	*	10.8%	*	12.0%	*	11.6%	*	11.1%	*	10.7%	*	2,364,041	20,337	12,363	262,999	7,965	4,842	11.1%	0.2%	0.4%
Hawaii	6.79%	*	7.9%	*	7.9%	*	7.4%	*	7.9%	*	7.7%	*	7.1%	*	5.4%	*	303,344	5,137	3,123	18,161	2,268	1,379	6.0%	0.5%	0.6%
Idaho	7.66%	*	9.4%	*	9.6%	*	9.8%	*	11.1%	*	10.3%	*	9.3%	*	8.9%	*	396,253	6,996	4,253	37,154	3,469	2,109	9.4%	0.5%	0.5%
Illinois	8.58%	*	8.0%	*	8.7%	*	8.5%	*	9.0%	*	9.2%	*	9.1%	*	8.8%	*	3,138,757	18,424	11,200	283,081	7,657	4,655	9.0%	0.1%	0.2%
Indiana	7.11%	*	7.3%	*	7.7%	*	7.5%	*	7.9%	*	9.0%	*	9.0%	*	8.7%	*	1,648,431	15,271	9,283	157,570	6,279	3,817	9.6%	0.2%	0.8%
Iowa	7.03%	*	7.0%	*	7.7%	*	6.9%	*	6.8%	*	7.5%	*	7.3%	*	7.4%	*	791,790	7,594	4,799	57,737	4,022	2,445	7.3%	0.3%	-0.1%
Kansas	6.22%	*	7.9%	*	8.3%	*	7.1%	*	6.8%	*	8.4%	*	8.6%	*	7.7%	*	736,264	8,496	5,165	56,736	3,445	2,094	7.7%	0.3%	0.0%
Kentucky	13.46%	*	12.3%	*	12.8%	*	14.2%	*	13.9%	*	13.4%	*	13.1%	*	13.2%	*	1,125,630	12,346	7,505	147,398	6,613	4,020	13.1%	0.3%	-0.1%
Louisiana	15.95%	*	15.2%	*	16.1%	*	16.1%	*	14.9%	*	16.1%	*	14.4%	*	14.6%	*	1,094,141	10,371	6,305	146,380	6,476	3,937	13.4%	0.4%	-1.2%
Maine	6.56%	*	7.9%	*	9.1%	*	7.6%	*	9.5%	*	9.0%	*	8.7%	*	7.9%	*	343,822	6,405	3,894	29,416	2,739	1,665	8.6%	0.5%	0.7%
Maryland	6.58%	*	6.0%	*	6.1%	*	6.1%	*	5.8%	*	6.0%	*	5.3%	*	5.4%	*	1,395,778	10,754	6,537	74,687	4,060	2,468	5.4%	0.2%	-0.1%
Massachusetts	7.14%	*	6.5%	*	6.6%	*	7.5%	*	7.1%	*	7.6%	*	7.0%	*	7.3%	*	1,568,641	11,431	6,949	111,502	6,166	3,748	7.1%	0.2%	-0.1%
Michigan	7.66%	*	7.9%	*	8.4%	*	8.4%	*	9.0%	*	9.9%	*	9.6%	*	10.1%	*	2,525,388	15,908	9,671	264,514	7,290	4,432	10.5%	0.2%	0.4%
Minnesota	5.07%	*	5.7%	*	5.5%	*	5.6%	*	5.3%	*	6.1%	*	6.5%	*	6.5%	*	1,342,724	10,410	6,328	82,834	3,898	2,370	6.2%	0.2%	-0.3%
Mississippi	14.22%	*	14.9%	*	16.1%	*	16.4%	*	17.6%	*	16.8%	*	16.8%	*	16.3%	*	755,248	9,226	5,609	128,296	7,118	4,327	17.0%	0.6%	0.7%
Missouri	7.74%	*	8.5%	*	8.8%	*	8.6%	*	8.7%	*	10.0%	*	10.0%	*	9.5%	*	1,529,540	12,558	7,634	148,339	5,579	3,391	9.7%	0.2%	0.2%
Montana	9.52%	*	11.6%	*	10.4%	*	9.9%	*	10.5%	*	10.5%	*	8.6%	*	9.7%	*	237,574	4,616	2,806	23,162	2,316	1,408	9.7%	0.6%	0.0%
Nebraska	6.52%	*	7.1%	*	7.9%	*	8.2%	*	7.7%	*	8.2%	*	7.8%	*	8.2%	*	457,459	6,358	3,865	30,955	2,464	1,498	6.8%	0.3%	-1.4%
Nevada	6.94%	*	7.2%	*	9.5%	*	8.7%	*	10.0%	*	8.9%	*	7.6%	*	7.5%	*	615,019	7,728	4,698	48,547	3,928	2,388	7.9%	0.4%	0.4%
New Hampshire	3.53%	*	4.1%	*	4.6%	*	5.1%	*	5.5%	*	5.3%	*	4.9%	*	4.6%	*	345,324	5,671	3,447	17,212	2,229	1,355	5.0%	0.4%	0.4%
New Jersey	5.99%	*	6.4%	*	5.8%	*	6.5%	*	6.5%	*	6.8%	*	6.4%	*	6.3%	*	2,168,377	15,461	9,399	135,251	5,517	3,354	6.2%	0.2%	-0.1%
New Mexico	14.23%	*	14.3%	*	15.6%	*	14.8%	*	15.9%	*	14.3%	*	13.8%	*	14.2%	*	482,159	7,286	4,429	60,528	4,187	2,545	12.6%	0.5%	-1.7%
New York	10.67%	*	10.5%	*	10.7%	*	11.1%	*	10.7%	*	11.1%	*	10.9%	*	10.9%	*	4,582,314	18,991	11,545	471,968	10,027	6,095	10.3%	0.1%	0.0%
North Carolina	9.59%	*	10.5%	*	11.0%	*	10.7%	*	12.1%	*	11.7%	*	10.7%	*	10.6%	*	2,397,731	16,444	9,996	260,167	10,140	6,164	10.9%	0.3%	0.2%
North Dakota	8.09%	*	8.1%	*	8.1%	*	8.4%	*	8.0%	*	7.5%	*	7.0%	*	7.5%	*	170,921	3,624	2,203	13,497	1,627	989	7.9%	0.6%	0.4%
Ohio	8.40%	*	8.5%	*	9.2%	*	9.4%	*	10.0%	*	9.9%	*	9.8%	*	9.7%	*	2,936,172	14,572	8,858	288,964	7,469	4,540	9.8%	0.2%	0.1%
Oklahoma	11.03%	*	12.2%	*	11.4%	*	12.4%	*	12.0%	*	13.1%	*	12.8%	*	11.9%	*	936,539	8,665	5,267	110,167	5,395	3,280	11.8%	0.3%	-1.0%
Oregon	9.49%	*	9.7%	*	9.9%	*	9.7%	*	10.4%	*	10.1%	*	9.2%	*	8.9%	*	939,487	9,653	5,868	90,253	4,869	2,960	9.6%	0.3%	0.7%
Pennsylvania	7.79%	*	8.0%	*	8.1%	*	8.2%	*	8.9%	*	8.6%	*	8.2%	*	8.1%	*	3,205,114	13,915	8,459	271,201	7,863	4,780	8.5%	0.1%	0.4%
Rhode Island	8.46%	*	9.0%	*	8.1%	*	8.2%	*	10.4%	*	9.5%	*	7.8%	*	8.3%	*	247,759	5,390	3,277	19,070	1,923	1,169	7.7%	0.5%	-0.6%
South Carolina	11.66%	*	9.9%	*	11.3%	*	11.3%	*	12.5%	*	11.9%	*	11.9%	*	11.2%	*	1,142,172	10,246	6,229	132,261	6,882	4,184	11.6%	0.4%	0.4%
South Dakota	8.45%	*	8.3%	*	8.7%	*	7.2%	*	8.4%	*	9.7%	*	8.4%	*	8.9%	*	206,239	4,077	2,478	16,929	1,870	1,137	8.2%	0.5%	-0.6%
Tennessee	10.45%	*	11.2%	*	11.6%	*	10.6%	*	11.6%	*	12.5%	*	12.4%	*	12.0%	*	1,623,272	13,245	8,052	187,492	7,909	4,808	11.6%	0.3%	-0.4%
Texas	12.29%	*	12.1%	*	12.8%	*	13.1%	*	13.5%	*	14.2%	*	13.3%	*	12.8%	*	5,868,201	25,101	15,259	725,968	12,785	7,772	12.4%	0.1%	-0.4%
Utah	7.22%	*	6.2%	*	7.9%	*	7.6%	*	8.2%	*	8.0%	*	7.8%	*	6.9%	*	632,317	7,233	4,397	41,653	2,628	1,598	6.6%	0.2%	-0.3%
Vermont	7.46%	*	7.5%	*	5.4%	*	6.4%	*	5.6%	*	7.7%	*	6.7%	*	6.4%	*	160,454	3,355	2,040	10,400	1,535	933	6.5%	0.6%	0.0%
Virginia	6.75%	*	7.2%	*	7.5%	*	6.6%	*	7.2%	*	7.4%	*	6.8%	*	7.1%	*	1,999,409	13,933	8,470	146,846	6,970	4,237	7.3%	0.2%	0.2%
Washington	8.55%	*	8.0%	*	8.4%	*	7.9%	*	9.4%	*	8.4%	*	8.0%	*	7.8%	*	1,636,755	14,806	9,001	126,158	6,015	3,657	7.7%	0.2%	-0.1%
West Virginia	14.74%	*	14.3%	*	13.2%	*	15.5%	*	14.1%	*	14.0%	*	12.7%	*	13.0%	*	491,152	6,977	4,241	60,760	3,894	2,367	12.4%	0.5%	-0.6%
Wisconsin	5.58%	*	6.8%	*	6.7%	*	7.2%	*	7.6%	*	7.0%	*	7.3%	*	7.1%	*	1,467,796	10,918	6,637	98,264	4,593	2,792	6.7%	0.2%	-0.5%
Wyoming	7.90%	*	8.3%	*	7.6%	*	7.3%	*	7.7%	*	7.7%	*	6.3%	*	5.2%	*	135,678	3,475	2,112	7,744	1,372	834	5.7%	0.6%	0.5%

* Poverty rate is statistically different than the 2008 rate.

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey. Calculations by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities and the Coalition on Human Needs