

Total Poor in the States

State	2000		2002		2003		Change, 2000-2003	%Change, 2000-2003
	Percent Poor	Number Poor	Percent Poor	Number Poor	Percent Poor	Number Poor		
Alabama	15.6	672,034	16.6	722,213	17.1	747,852	75,818	11.3%
Alaska	9.1	54,831	7.7	47,553	9.7	60,622	5,791	10.6%
Arizona	15.6	779,680	14.2	752,382	15.4	839,106	59,426	7.6%
Arkansas	17.0	439,300	15.3	400,895	16.0	420,661	-18,639	-4.2%
California	13.7	4,519,876	13.0	4,451,602	13.4	4,610,036	90,160	2.0%
Colorado	8.7	363,359	9.7	425,283	9.8	433,124	69,765	19.2%
Connecticut	7.7	253,687	7.5	249,271	8.1	272,911	19,224	7.6%
Delaware	9.3	70,136	8.2	63,753	8.7	68,874	-1,262	-1.8%
District of Columbia	17.5	93,840	17.5	93,021	19.9	105,050	11,210	11.9%
Florida	12.8	1,986,652	12.8	2,082,829	13.1	2,174,487	187,835	9.5%
Georgia	12.6	999,020	12.7	1,053,357	13.4	1,125,160	126,140	12.6%
Hawaii	8.8	103,395	10.1	121,769	10.9	132,137	28,742	27.8%
Idaho	11.4	143,538	13.8	180,427	13.8	183,444	39,906	27.8%
Illinois	11.1	1,334,589	11.6	1,414,061	11.3	1,389,329	54,740	4.1%
Indiana	10.1	591,836	10.9	649,487	10.6	633,395	41,559	7.0%
Iowa	10.0	281,208	11.2	315,796	10.1	286,404	5,196	1.8%
Kansas	9.5	247,443	12.1	316,931	10.8	283,745	36,302	14.7%
Kentucky	16.4	639,514	15.6	619,234	17.4	696,241	56,727	8.9%
Louisiana	20.0	862,215	18.8	815,155	20.3	882,244	20,029	2.3%
Maine	10.1	124,464	11.1	139,325	10.5	132,581	8,117	6.5%
Maryland	9.3	476,890	8.1	428,000	8.2	438,868	-38,022	-8.0%
Massachusetts	9.6	585,934	8.9	553,680	9.4	582,070	-3,864	-0.7%
Michigan	10.1	975,044	11.0	1,078,173	11.4	1,118,345	143,301	14.7%
Minnesota	6.9	328,096	8.5	415,426	7.8	383,076	54,980	16.8%
Mississippi	18.2	498,395	19.9	549,321	19.9	553,476	55,081	11.1%
Missouri	11.2	605,924	11.9	653,907	11.7	646,418	40,494	6.7%
Montana	13.4	117,262	14.6	128,622	14.2	126,213	8,951	7.6%
Nebraska	9.6	158,436	11.0	183,006	10.8	181,824	23,388	14.8%
Nevada	9.9	193,685	11.8	250,879	11.5	252,479	58,794	30.4%
New Hampshire	5.3	63,295	6.4	79,228	7.7	95,997	32,702	51.7%
New Jersey	7.9	651,031	7.5	627,795	8.4	703,841	52,810	8.1%
New Mexico	18.0	319,722	18.9	342,471	18.6	340,196	20,474	6.4%
New York	13.1	2,391,054	13.1	2,417,756	13.5	2,500,660	109,606	4.6%
North Carolina	13.1	1,017,654	14.2	1,143,158	14.0	1,136,243	118,589	11.7%
North Dakota	11.6	71,465	12.5	76,170	11.7	71,058	-407	-0.6%
Ohio	11.1	1,215,503	11.9	1,314,299	12.1	1,342,982	127,479	10.5%
Oklahoma	13.8	458,560	15.0	504,105	16.1	545,828	87,268	19.0%
Oregon	13.2	439,298	13.2	453,660	13.9	480,972	41,674	9.5%
Pennsylvania	10.5	1,239,857	10.5	1,245,989	10.9	1,295,629	55,772	4.5%
Rhode Island	10.7	107,692	10.7	110,089	11.3	116,759	9,067	8.4%
South Carolina	14.4	557,271	14.2	563,226	14.1	563,034	5,763	1.0%
South Dakota	11.5	82,961	11.4	82,702	11.1	80,984	-1,977	-2.4%
Tennessee	13.5	745,449	14.5	816,776	13.8	779,589	34,140	4.6%
Texas	15.1	3,056,244	15.6	3,304,783	16.3	3,508,230	451,986	14.8%
Utah	8.8	192,100	10.5	238,103	10.6	243,654	51,554	26.8%
Vermont	10.7	62,876	8.5	50,566	9.7	57,444	-5,432	-8.6%
Virginia	9.2	629,513	9.9	699,390	9.0	642,250	12,737	2.0%
Washington	11.6	666,848	11.4	672,290	11.0	653,589	-13,259	-2.0%
West Virginia	18.6	326,822	17.2	301,567	18.5	326,320	-502	-0.2%
Wisconsin	8.9	461,469	9.7	510,675	10.5	553,787	92,318	20.0%
Wyoming	11.4	54,506	11.0	52,929	9.7	52,013	-2,493	-4.6%

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey. Calculations by the Coalition on Human Needs

Note: the 2003 percentages differ from the Census' Current Population Survey because they come from different samples that are collected over different time periods.
