

Poverty Rate in 2008

National Rate = 13.2% of Population in Poverty*

ALPHA ORDER

RANK	STATE	PERCENT
7	Alabama	16.4
44	Alaska	9.4
14	Arizona	14.4
4	Arkansas	17.5
22	California	12.9
30	Colorado	11.8
48	Connecticut	8.5
38	Delaware	10.5
24	Florida	12.6
12	Georgia	14.6
46	Hawaii	8.8
25	Idaho	12.4
27	Illinois	12.1
23	Indiana	12.7
34	Iowa	11.2
31	Kansas	11.6
5	Kentucky	17.2
2	Louisiana	18.3
26	Maine	12.4
49	Maryland	8.1
41	Massachusetts	9.9
16	Michigan	14.0
43	Minnesota	9.6
1	Mississippi	21.0
18	Missouri	13.3
15	Montana	14.2
34	Nebraska	11.2
36	Nevada	10.8
50	New Hampshire	7.6
47	New Jersey	8.7
3	New Mexico	17.9
17	New York	13.8
13	North Carolina	14.5
29	North Dakota	11.8
19	Ohio	13.3
9	Oklahoma	16.3
19	Oregon	13.3
28	Pennsylvania	11.9
32	Rhode Island	11.6
11	South Carolina	15.5
21	South Dakota	13.1
10	Tennessee	15.9
8	Texas	16.3
40	Utah	10.0
39	Vermont	10.3
42	Virginia	9.9
33	Washington	11.5
6	West Virginia	17.1
37	Wisconsin	10.7
45	Wyoming	9.2

RANK ORDER

RANK	STATE	PERCENT
1	Mississippi	21.0
2	Louisiana	18.3
3	New Mexico	17.9
4	Arkansas	17.5
5	Kentucky	17.2
6	West Virginia	17.1
7	Alabama	16.4
8	Texas	16.3
9	Oklahoma	16.3
10	Tennessee	15.9
11	South Carolina	15.5
12	Georgia	14.6
13	North Carolina	14.5
14	Arizona	14.4
15	Montana	14.2
16	Michigan	14.0
17	New York	13.8
18	Missouri	13.3
19	Ohio	13.3
19	Oregon	13.3
21	South Dakota	13.1
22	California	12.9
23	Indiana	12.7
24	Florida	12.6
25	Idaho	12.4
26	Maine	12.4
27	Illinois	12.1
28	Pennsylvania	11.9
29	North Dakota	11.8
30	Colorado	11.8
31	Kansas	11.6
32	Rhode Island	11.6
33	Washington	11.5
34	Iowa	11.2
34	Nebraska	11.2
36	Nevada	10.8
37	Wisconsin	10.7
38	Delaware	10.5
39	Vermont	10.3
40	Utah	10.0
41	Massachusetts	9.9
42	Virginia	9.9
43	Minnesota	9.6
44	Alaska	9.4
45	Wyoming	9.2
46	Hawaii	8.8
47	New Jersey	8.7
48	Connecticut	8.5
49	Maryland	8.1
50	New Hampshire	7.6

District of Columbia 17.7

Source: CQ Press using data from U.S. Bureau of the Census

"2008 American Community Survey" (<http://www.census.gov/acs/www/index.html>)

*Three-year average: 2006-2008. The poverty threshold for a family of four (two children) in 2008 was \$21,234.