

**NATIONAL COMPARATIVE DATA  
PERCENTAGE OF PERSONS IN POVERTY  
TWO-YEAR AVERAGE RATE BY STATE**

State	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	Rank 2008
Alabama	14.7%	16.0%	16.8%	15.5%	14.4%	14.4%	13
Alaska	9.2	9.4	9.5	9.4	8.3	7.9	50
Arizona	13.5	13.9	14.8	14.8	14.4	16.2	7
Arkansas	18.8	16.4	14.5	15.8	15.7	14.5	12
California	13.1	13.2	13.2	12.7	12.5	13.6	16
Colorado	9.7	9.9	10.7	10.6	9.8	10.4	36
Connecticut	8.2	9.1	9.7	8.6	8.4	8.5	49
Delaware	8.2	8.2	9.1	9.3	9.3	9.4	43
District of Columbia	16.9	16.7	19.1	19.7	18.1	17.3	2
Florida	12.6	12.2	11.4	11.3	12.0	12.8	22
Georgia	11.5	12.5	13.7	13.5	13.1	14.6	11
Hawaii	10.3	8.9	8.6	8.9	8.3	8.7	47
Idaho	10.8	10.0	9.9	9.7	9.8	11.1	31
Illinois	12.7	12.4	11.9	11.0	10.3	11.1	29
Indiana	9.5	10.8	12.1	11.6	11.2	13.1	19
<b>IOWA</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>44</b>
Kansas	10.4	11.1	12.0	12.7	12.3	12.2	23
Kentucky	14.3	16.0	16.3	15.8	16.2	16.3	5
Louisiana	17.2	16.8	17.5	17.6	16.5	17.2	3
Maine	12.5	11.6	12.1	11.4	10.5	11.4	26
Maryland	8.0	9.2	9.8	9.0	8.6	8.8	46
Massachusetts	10.1	9.7	9.7	11.1	11.6	11.2	28
Michigan	11.5	12.3	12.6	12.6	12.1	11.9	24
Minnesota	6.9	7.2	7.5	8.1	8.7	9.6	40
Mississippi	17.2	17.3	19.4	20.4	21.6	20.4	1
Missouri	10.3	11.5	11.9	11.5	12.1	13.1	20
Montana	14.3	14.6	14.0	13.7	13.2	12.9	21
Nebraska	10.2	9.6	9.5	9.9	10.1	10.3	38
Nevada	9.9	10.9	10.8	10.1	9.7	10.3	39
New Hampshire	5.8	5.6	5.5	5.5	5.6	6.4	51
New Jersey	8.3	8.3	7.4	7.8	8.7	9.0	45
New Mexico	18.0	17.3	17.2	17.4	15.5	16.6	4
New York	14.2	14.6	14.8	14.3	14.3	14.3	14
North Carolina	15.0	15.1	13.8	13.5	14.7	14.7	9
North Dakota	10.6	9.7	10.4	11.3	10.4	10.5	33
Ohio	10.3	11.3	11.9	12.2	12.5	13.3	18
Oklahoma	13.5	11.8	13.2	15.4	14.3	13.5	17
Oregon	11.7	12.1	11.9	11.9	12.3	11.7	25
Pennsylvania	10.0	10.9	11.3	11.3	10.8	10.7	32
Rhode Island	11.3	11.5	11.8	11.3	9.9	11.1	30
South Carolina	13.5	13.8	15.0	13.1	12.7	14.0	15
South Dakota	12.1	13.0	12.7	11.2	10.0	11.3	27
Tennessee	14.4	15.0	15.4	14.9	14.8	14.9	8
Texas	16.3	16.7	16.3	16.3	16.5	16.2	6
Utah	9.5	9.5	9.6	9.2	9.4	8.6	48
Vermont	9.2	8.2	7.7	7.7	8.8	9.5	41
Virginia	10.0	9.7	9.3	8.9	8.6	9.5	42
Washington	11.8	12.0	10.8	9.1	9.1	10.3	37
West Virginia	17.1	15.8	14.8	15.4	15.0	14.7	10
Wisconsin	9.2	11.0	11.3	10.2	10.6	10.4	35
Wyoming	9.4	9.9	10.3	10.3	10.4	10.5	34
United States	12.3	12.6	12.7	12.5	12.4	12.9	

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