

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

State	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	Rank 2009
Alabama	16.0%	16.8%	15.5%	14.4%	14.4%	15.4	40
Alaska	9.4	9.5	9.4	8.3	7.9	9.9	8
Arizona	13.9	14.8	14.8	14.4	16.2	19.6	50
Arkansas	16.4	14.5	15.8	15.7	14.5	17.1	47
California	13.2	13.2	12.7	12.5	13.6	15.0	36
Colorado	9.9	10.7	10.6	9.8	10.4	11.7	20
Connecticut	9.1	9.7	8.6	8.4	8.5	8.2	2
Delaware	8.2	9.1	9.3	9.3	9.4	10.9	14
District of Columbia	16.7	19.1	19.7	18.1	17.3	17.2	48
Florida	12.2	11.4	11.3	12.0	12.8	13.9	33
Georgia	12.5	13.7	13.5	13.1	14.6	16.9	45
Hawaii	8.9	8.6	8.9	8.3	8.7	11.2	18
Idaho	10.0	9.9	9.7	9.8	11.1	13.0	26
Illinois	12.4	11.9	11.0	10.3	11.1	12.8	24
Indiana	10.8	12.1	11.6	11.2	13.1	15.2	38
IOWA	9.9	11.1	10.8	9.6	9.2	10.1	9
Kansas	11.1	12.0	12.7	12.3	12.2	13.2	27
Kentucky	16.0	16.3	15.8	16.2	16.3	17.0	46
Louisiana	16.8	17.5	17.6	16.5	17.2	16.2	43
Maine	11.6	12.1	11.4	10.5	11.4	11.7	21
Maryland	9.2	9.8	9.0	8.6	8.8	9.1	4
Massachusetts	9.7	9.7	11.1	11.6	11.2	11.1	17
Michigan	12.3	12.6	12.6	12.1	11.9	13.5	30
Minnesota	7.2	7.5	8.1	8.7	9.6	10.5	12
Mississippi	17.3	19.4	20.4	21.6	20.4	20.6	51
Missouri	11.5	11.9	11.5	12.1	13.1	14.4	35
Montana	14.6	14.0	13.7	13.2	12.9	13.2	28
Nebraska	9.6	9.5	9.9	10.1	10.3	10.2	10
Nevada	10.9	10.8	10.1	9.7	10.3	11.9	22
New Hampshire	5.6	5.5	5.5	5.6	6.4	7.4	1
New Jersey	8.3	7.4	7.8	8.7	9.0	9.3	6
New Mexico	17.3	17.2	17.4	15.5	16.6	19.3	49
New York	14.6	14.8	14.3	14.3	14.3	15.0	37
North Carolina	15.1	13.8	13.5	14.7	14.7	15.4	41
North Dakota	9.7	10.4	11.3	10.4	10.5	11.4	19
Ohio	11.3	11.9	12.2	12.5	13.3	13.5	31
Oklahoma	11.8	13.2	15.4	14.3	13.5	13.3	29
Oregon	12.1	11.9	11.9	12.3	11.7	12.0	23
Pennsylvania	10.9	11.3	11.3	10.8	10.7	11.0	15
Rhode Island	11.5	11.8	11.3	9.9	11.1	12.9	25
South Carolina	13.8	15.0	13.1	12.7	14.0	13.9	34
South Dakota	13.0	12.7	11.2	10.0	11.3	13.6	32
Tennessee	15.0	15.4	14.9	14.8	14.9	15.8	42
Texas	16.7	16.3	16.3	16.5	16.2	16.6	44
Utah	9.5	9.6	9.2	9.4	8.6	8.6	3
Vermont	8.2	7.7	7.7	8.8	9.5	9.2	5
Virginia	9.7	9.3	8.9	8.6	9.5	10.5	13
Washington	12.0	10.8	9.1	9.1	10.3	11.0	16
West Virginia	15.8	14.8	15.4	15.0	14.7	15.2	39
Wisconsin	11.0	11.3	10.2	10.6	10.4	10.3	11
Wyoming	9.9	10.3	10.3	10.4	10.5	9.7	7
United States	12.6	12.7	12.5	12.4	12.9	13.8	

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