

National Comparative Data — Percentage of Persons in Poverty Two-Year Average Rate by State

State	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020 Rank*
Alabama	18.5%	17.1%	15.6%	15.6%	14.4%	13.9%	44
Alaska	10.3	9.9	13.5	12.6	11.7	11.8	34
Arizona	17.4	16.4	14.7	13.2	11.4	10.4	28
Arkansas	19.1	17.2	15.4	15.4	15.0	14.1	46
California	15.3	14.3	13.2	12.0	11.0	10.6	29
Colorado	11.5	11.0	8.1	9.0	9.2	9.4	20
Connecticut	10.5	9.8	10.4	10.4	9.3	9.8	25
Delaware	12.4	11.7	10.4	8.1	6.9	8.5	11
District of Columbia	17.3	18.6	14.9	14.3	13.6	14.6	48
Florida	15.7	14.7	13.3	13.5	12.6	12.4	36
Georgia	17.0	16.0	14.3	14.0	13.5	12.7	39
Hawaii	10.6	9.3	9.8	9.9	8.8	9.7	23
Idaho	15.1	14.4	11.4	11.5	9.3	8.1	7
Illinois	13.6	13.0	11.5	10.9	9.8	8.6	13
Indiana	14.5	14.1	11.6	11.6	10.8	11.1	31
IOWA	12.2	11.8	9.4	8.2	9.2	9.3	18
Kansas	13.0	12.1	12.9	10.9	8.5	9.3	18
Kentucky	18.5	18.5	14.8	14.6	14.6	13.8	43
Louisiana	19.6	20.2	20.8	19.8	18.4	16.7	50
Maine	13.4	12.5	12.3	12.0	11.0	9.2	17
Maryland	9.7	9.7	7.5	7.8	7.5	8.1	7
Massachusetts	11.5	10.4	10.1	10.0	8.1	8.0	6
Michigan	15.8	15.0	11.9	11.0	10.3	10.6	29
Minnesota	10.2	9.9	9.0	8.2	6.8	7.0	2
Mississippi	22.0	20.8	19.7	19.0	19.4	18.4	51
Missouri	14.8	14.0	12.0	11.9	10.9	10.0	26
Montana	14.6	13.3	10.7	10.3	10.0	10.3	27
Nebraska	12.6	11.4	10.0	11.0	9.6	8.5	11
Nevada	14.7	13.8	11.9	13.1	11.7	11.7	33
New Hampshire	8.2	7.3	6.5	6.6	4.9	4.9	1
New Jersey	10.8	10.4	9.0	9.1	7.3	7.2	3
New Mexico	20.4	19.8	18.2	18.2	16.0	15.9	49
New York	15.4	14.7	12.6	11.9	11.8	12.1	35
North Carolina	16.4	15.4	14.0	14.1	12.9	13.2	41
North Dakota	11.0	10.7	11.2	11.1	8.9	9.4	20
Ohio	14.8	14.6	13.2	12.4	12.1	12.5	37
Oklahoma	16.1	16.3	13.6	13.1	12.1	13.2	41
Oregon	15.4	13.3	11.0	10.6	8.9	8.8	15
Pennsylvania	13.2	12.9	11.2	11.4	10.2	9.7	23
Rhode Island	13.9	12.8	11.8	10.1	9.0	8.8	15
South Carolina	16.6	15.3	14.8	14.0	13.9	14.2	47
South Dakota	13.7	13.3	12.4	10.7	10.6	11.1	31
Tennessee	16.7	15.8	13.2	11.7	12.5	13.1	40
Texas	15.9	15.6	13.6	13.4	12.4	12.5	37
Utah	11.3	10.2	8.6	7.8	7.1	7.4	4
Vermont	10.2	11.9	9.9	9.2	9.2	8.6	13
Virginia	11.2	11.0	10.8	10.1	9.3	8.3	10
Washington	12.2	11.3	10.4	9.7	7.8	7.6	5
West Virginia	17.9	17.9	17.7	16.5	14.9	14.0	45
Wisconsin	12.1	11.8	10.1	8.9	8.5	8.2	9
Wyoming	11.1	11.3	11.6	11.2	9.3	9.5	22
United States	14.7	14.0	12.5	12.0	11.1	11.0	

*A ranking of "1" indicates the state has the lowest percentage of persons in poverty.