

Poverty by State, 1999-2000 to 2007-2008

	Percent In Poverty						Number in Poverty		
	2-year average of 1999 to 2000	90% confidence interval (±) for 1999 to 2000 average poverty rate	2-year average of 2007 to 2008	90% confidence interval (±) for 2007 to 2008	Eight-year change in percentage points (2007-2008 average less 1999-2000 average)	Is eight-year change statistically significant?	2007 (thousands)	2008 (thousands)	2-year average for 2007 to 2008
United States	11.6%	0.2%	12.90%	0.20%	1.3%	YES	37,276	39,829	38,553
Alabama	14.3%	1.9%	14.40%	1.70%	0.1%	no	662	675	669
Alaska	7.6%	1.4%	7.90%	1.40%	0.3%	no	51	55	53
Arizona	11.9%	1.8%	16.10%	1.60%	4.2%	YES	912	1,172	1,042
Arkansas	15.6%	2.0%	14.50%	1.80%	-1.1%	no	387	431	409
California	13.4%	0.8%	13.60%	0.80%	0.2%	no	4,589	5,344	4,967
Colorado	9.1%	1.4%	10.40%	1.50%	1.3%	no	478	541	510
Connecticut	7.4%	1.4%	8.50%	1.40%	1.1%	no	309	276	293
Delaware	9.4%	1.7%	9.40%	1.50%	0.0%	no	80	82	81
Distr of Col	15.0%	2.1%	17.30%	2.10%	2.3%	no	104	98	101
Florida	11.7%	1.0%	12.80%	0.80%	1.1%	no	2,250	2,370	2,310
Georgia	12.5%	1.7%	14.60%	1.20%	2.1%	YES	1,294	1,477	1,386
Hawaii	9.9%	1.7%	8.70%	1.40%	-1.2%	no	94	125	110
Idaho	13.3%	1.9%	11.10%	1.60%	-2.2%	no	149	185	167
Illinois	10.3%	1.0%	11.10%	1.00%	0.8%	no	1,262	1,564	1,413
Indiana	7.6%	1.3%	13.10%	1.40%	5.5%	YES	740	901	821
Iowa	7.8%	1.4%	9.20%	1.50%	1.4%	no	264	285	275
Kansas	10.1%	1.7%	12.20%	1.70%	2.1%	no	319	346	333
Kentucky	12.3%	1.8%	16.30%	1.90%	4.0%	YES	653	724	689
Louisiana	18.2%	2.2%	17.10%	1.90%	-1.1%	no	673	788	731
Maine	10.3%	1.7%	11.40%	1.80%	1.1%	no	142	158	150
Maryland	7.3%	1.4%	8.80%	1.30%	1.5%	no	491	481	486
Massachusetts	10.8%	1.4%	11.20%	1.30%	0.4%	no	707	727	717
Michigan	9.8%	1.1%	11.90%	1.10%	2.1%	YES	1,076	1,273	1,175
Minnesota	6.5%	1.3%	9.60%	1.40%	3.1%	YES	482	506	494
Mississippi	15.6%	2.1%	20.40%	2.00%	4.8%	YES	655	525	590
Missouri	10.4%	1.7%	13.10%	1.50%	2.7%	YES	742	780	761
Montana	15.0%	2.1%	12.90%	1.70%	-2.1%	no	122	125	124
Nebraska	9.8%	1.7%	10.30%	1.60%	0.5%	no	174	188	181
Nevada	10.0%	1.6%	10.30%	1.60%	0.3%	no	250	278	264
New Hampshire	6.1%	1.4%	6.40%	1.30%	0.3%	no	76	91	84
New Jersey	7.6%	1.0%	9.00%	1.10%	1.4%	no	742	787	765
New Mexico	19.2%	2.3%	16.60%	2.10%	-2.6%	no	271	381	326
New York	14.0%	0.9%	14.30%	0.90%	0.3%	no	2,757	2,734	2,746
North Carolina	13.1%	1.4%	14.70%	1.30%	1.6%	no	1,423	1,285	1,354
North Dakota	11.7%	1.8%	10.50%	1.60%	-1.2%	no	57	74	66
Ohio	11.0%	1.1%	13.20%	1.10%	2.2%	YES	1,446	1,557	1,502
Oklahoma	13.9%	1.9%	13.50%	1.80%	-0.4%	no	476	484	480
Oregon	11.7%	1.8%	11.70%	1.70%	0.0%	no	481	403	442
Pennsylvania	9.0%	1.0%	10.70%	0.90%	1.7%	YES	1,273	1,335	1,304
Rhode Island	10.1%	1.6%	11.10%	1.70%	1.0%	no	99	132	116
South Carolina	11.4%	1.8%	14.00%	1.70%	2.6%	YES	617	624	621
South Dakota	9.2%	1.5%	11.20%	1.50%	2.0%	no	74	104	89
Tennessee	12.7%	1.9%	14.90%	1.50%	2.2%	no	906	924	915
Texas	15.4%	1.1%	16.20%	0.90%	0.8%	no	3,903	3,834	3,869
Utah	6.7%	1.3%	8.60%	1.30%	1.9%	YES	255	209	232
Vermont	9.8%	1.7%	9.40%	1.60%	-0.4%	no	61	55	58
Virginia	8.1%	1.4%	9.50%	1.10%	1.4%	no	664	799	732
Washington	10.2%	1.6%	10.30%	1.30%	0.1%	no	661	680	671
West Virginia	15.2%	1.9%	14.60%	1.70%	-0.6%	no	265	260	263
Wisconsin	8.9%	1.4%	10.40%	1.40%	1.5%	no	601	544	573
Wyoming	11.2%	1.8%	10.50%	1.70%	-0.7%	no	56	54	55

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Current Population Survey. Calculations by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities and the Coalition on Human Needs