

**Number of People in Poverty by State: 1999/2000 and 2007/2008**

Numbers in thousands.

Characteristic	Average 1999-2000			Average 2007-2008			Difference in number (2007-2008 average less 1999-2000 average)	
	Total	Below poverty	90-percent C.I. (+/-)	Total	Below poverty	90-percent C.I. (+/-)	Number	90-percent C.I. (+/-)
<b>United States.....</b>	<b>277,576</b>	<b>32,186</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>299,870</b>	<b>38,552</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>6,366 *</b>	<b>856</b>
Alabama.....	4,382	626	90	4,641	669	79	43	119
Alaska.....	625	48	9	673	53	10	6	13
Arizona.....	5,119	612	96	6,447	1,042	105	431 *	143
Arkansas.....	2,633	410	58	2,812	409	50	-1	77
California.....	33,797	4,513	299	36,442	4,966	235	453 *	380
Colorado.....	4,326	395	64	4,890	509	75	114 *	99
Connecticut.....	3,391	252	51	3,452	293	49	40	71
Delaware.....	772	73	14	861	81	13	9	19
District of Columbia.....	549	82	13	585	101	12	19 *	18
Florida.....	15,778	1,846	165	18,033	2,310	153	464 *	225
Georgia.....	7,994	997	143	9,514	1,386	115	389 *	183
Hawaii.....	1,210	119	22	1,260	110	17	-10	28
Idaho.....	1,264	168	26	1,508	167	24	-1	35
Illinois.....	12,259	1,261	134	12,683	1,413	121	152	181
Indiana.....	5,961	455	81	6,273	821	89	366 *	120
Iowa.....	2,857	224	42	2,975	274	45	51	62
Kansas.....	2,627	267	46	2,718	332	47	66	66
Kentucky.....	3,927	485	75	4,224	689	79	204 *	109
Louisiana.....	4,322	786	103	4,256	731	81	-56	131
Maine.....	1,264	131	22	1,314	150	23	19	32
Maryland.....	5,145	377	75	5,544	486	72	109 *	104
Massachusetts.....	6,273	678	91	6,378	717	84	39	123
Michigan.....	9,933	972	114	9,862	1,174	108	202 *	157
Minnesota.....	4,879	315	65	5,154	494	70	179 *	96
Mississippi.....	2,774	432	63	2,898	590	59	158 *	86
Missouri.....	5,514	576	97	5,822	761	87	185 *	130
Montana.....	890	133	20	955	123	16	-10	26
Nebraska.....	1,681	165	30	1,763	181	28	16	41
Nevada.....	2,039	205	34	2,573	264	41	59 *	53
New Hampshire.....	1,243	76	18	1,306	84	17	8	25
New Jersey.....	8,308	629	87	8,531	764	90	136 *	125
New Mexico.....	1,810	348	47	1,959	326	40	-21	62
New York.....	18,803	2,640	186	19,165	2,746	169	106	251
North Carolina.....	7,875	1,034	120	9,202	1,354	115	320 *	166
North Dakota.....	622	73	12	619	65	10	-8	16
Ohio.....	11,192	1,230	135	11,333	1,502	121	271 *	181
Oklahoma.....	3,339	463	66	3,551	480	63	17	91
Oregon.....	3,418	401	65	3,783	442	64	41	91
Pennsylvania.....	11,996	1,075	121	12,237	1,304	115	229 *	167
Rhode Island.....	1,034	105	18	1,042	116	18	11	25
South Carolina.....	3,882	443	73	4,421	620	76	178 *	105
South Dakota.....	723	67	11	791	89	12	22 *	16
Tennessee.....	5,606	710	111	6,150	915	93	204 *	145
Texas.....	20,434	3,138	240	23,913	3,869	207	731 *	317
Utah.....	2,217	148	29	2,703	232	34	84 *	45
Vermont.....	599	59	11	611	58	10	-1	14
Virginia.....	6,904	557	101	7,706	731	86	175 *	133
Washington.....	5,780	589	99	6,514	670	85	81	130
West Virginia.....	1,753	266	36	1,794	263	30	-4	47
Wisconsin.....	5,368	479	81	5,503	573	76	93	111
Wyoming.....	485	54	9	524	55	9	1	13

\*Statistically significant at the 90-percent confidence level.

Note: A 90-percent confidence interval is a measure of an estimate's variability. The larger the confidence interval in relation to the size of the estimate, the less reliable the estimate. For more information see "Standard Errors and Their Use" at [www.census.gov/hhes/www/p60\\_236sa.pdf](http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/p60_236sa.pdf).

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2000, 2001, 2008, and 2009 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.