

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

Characteristic	Average 1999-2000		Average 2007-2008		Difference in percentage points (2007-2008 average less 1999-2000 average)	
	Percentage	90-percent C.I. (+/-)	Percentage	90-percent C.I. (+/-)	Percentage	90-percent C.I. (+/-)
United States.....	11.6	0.2	12.9	0.2	1.3 *	0.3
Alabama.....	14.3	1.9	14.4	1.7	0.1	2.5
Alaska.....	7.6	1.4	7.9	1.4	0.3	2.0
Arizona.....	11.9	1.8	16.1	1.6	4.2 *	2.4
Arkansas.....	15.6	2.0	14.5	1.8	-1.0	2.7
California.....	13.4	0.8	13.6	0.6	0.3	1.1
Colorado.....	9.1	1.4	10.4	1.5	1.3	2.1
Connecticut.....	7.4	1.4	8.5	1.4	1.0	2.0
Delaware.....	9.4	1.7	9.4	1.5	-	2.3
District of Columbia.....	15.0	2.1	17.3	2.1	2.3	3.0
Florida.....	11.7	1.0	12.8	0.8	1.1	1.3
Georgia.....	12.5	1.7	14.6	1.2	2.1 *	2.1
Hawaii.....	9.9	1.7	8.7	1.4	-1.2	2.2
Idaho.....	13.3	1.9	11.1	1.6	-2.2	2.5
Illinois.....	10.3	1.0	11.1	1.0	0.9	1.4
Indiana.....	7.6	1.3	13.1	1.4	5.5 *	1.9
Iowa.....	7.8	1.4	9.2	1.5	1.4	2.1
Kansas.....	10.1	1.7	12.2	1.7	2.1	2.4
Kentucky.....	12.3	1.8	16.3	1.9	4.0 *	2.6
Louisiana.....	18.2	2.2	17.1	1.9	-1.0	2.9
Maine.....	10.3	1.7	11.4	1.8	1.1	2.4
Maryland.....	7.3	1.4	8.8	1.3	1.4	1.9
Massachusetts.....	10.8	1.4	11.2	1.3	0.4	1.9
Michigan.....	9.8	1.1	11.9	1.1	2.1 *	1.5
Minnesota.....	6.5	1.3	9.6	1.4	3.1 *	1.9
Mississippi.....	15.6	2.1	20.4	2.0	4.8 *	2.9
Missouri.....	10.4	1.7	13.1	1.5	2.6 *	2.2
Montana.....	15.0	2.1	12.9	1.7	-2.1	2.7
Nebraska.....	9.8	1.7	10.3	1.6	0.5	2.3
Nevada.....	10.0	1.6	10.3	1.6	0.2	2.2
New Hampshire.....	6.1	1.4	6.4	1.3	0.3	1.9
New Jersey.....	7.6	1.0	9.0	1.1	1.4	1.5
New Mexico.....	19.2	2.3	16.6	2.1	-2.6	3.1
New York.....	14.0	0.9	14.3	0.9	0.3	1.3
North Carolina.....	13.1	1.4	14.7	1.3	1.6	1.9
North Dakota.....	11.7	1.8	10.5	1.6	-1.2	2.4
Ohio.....	11.0	1.1	13.2	1.1	2.3 *	1.6
Oklahoma.....	13.9	1.9	13.5	1.8	-0.4	2.6
Oregon.....	11.7	1.8	11.7	1.7	-	2.4
Pennsylvania.....	9.0	1.0	10.7	0.9	1.7 *	1.3
Rhode Island.....	10.1	1.6	11.1	1.7	1.0	2.4
South Carolina.....	11.4	1.8	14.0	1.7	2.6 *	2.5
South Dakota.....	9.2	1.5	11.2	1.5	2.0	2.1
Tennessee.....	12.7	1.9	14.9	1.5	2.2	2.4
Texas.....	15.4	1.1	16.2	0.9	0.8	1.4
Utah.....	6.7	1.3	8.6	1.3	1.9 *	1.8
Vermont.....	9.8	1.7	9.4	1.6	-0.4	2.3
Virginia.....	8.1	1.4	9.5	1.1	1.4	1.8
Washington.....	10.2	1.6	10.3	1.3	0.1	2.1
West Virginia.....	15.2	1.9	14.6	1.7	-0.6	2.5
Wisconsin.....	8.9	1.4	10.4	1.4	1.5	2.0
Wyoming.....	11.2	1.8	10.5	1.7	-0.7	2.4

-Represents zero or rounds to zero.

*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>.

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