

## Persons Below Half of Official Poverty Threshold, Selected Years

State	Number 2009	Percent 2009	Percent 2007	Percent 2000
<b>United States</b>	<b>18,776,800</b>	<b>6.3%</b>	<b>5.6%</b> +	<b>5.0%</b> +
Alabama	343,928	7.5%	6.9%	6.1%
Alaska	27,286	4.0%	3.7%	3.6%
Arizona	490,820	7.6%	6.6%	6.6%
Arkansas	215,636	7.7%	6.5%	6.1%
California	2,172,632	6.0%	5.1%	5.3%
Colorado	290,156	5.9%	5.5%	3.8%
Connecticut	149,816	4.4%	3.6%	3.6%
Delaware	42,162	4.9%	5.2%	3.7%
District of Columbia	61,128	10.7%	8.5%	9.4%
Florida	1,180,365	6.5%	5.0%	5.5%
Georgia	695,499	7.3%	6.4%	5.3%
Hawaii	56,010	4.4%	3.8%	3.9%
Idaho	90,550	6.0%	4.7%	3.8%
Illinois	759,761	6.0%	5.3%	4.6%
Indiana	401,301	6.4%	5.8%	4.2%
Iowa	143,724	4.9%	4.7%	3.6%
Kansas	153,756	5.6%	4.8%	3.4%
Kentucky	333,716	8.0%	7.1%	5.9%
Louisiana	315,241	7.2%	7.8%	8.3%
Maine	60,341	4.7%	4.6%	3.4%
Maryland	233,150	4.2%	3.8%	3.9%
Massachusetts	285,212	4.5%	4.4%	4.0%
Michigan	721,292	7.4%	6.5%	4.2%
Minnesota	249,054	4.9%	3.9%	2.5%
Mississippi	266,213	9.3%	8.7%	7.1%
Missouri	381,649	6.6%	5.7%	4.5%
Montana	65,476	6.9%	5.8%	4.8%
Nebraska	87,303	5.0%	4.8%	4.0%
Nevada	143,562	5.5%	4.6%	4.3%
New Hampshire	48,290	3.8%	3.4%	2.2%
New Jersey	350,083	4.1%	3.9%	3.9%
New Mexico	146,963	7.5%	7.6%	7.2%
New York	1,224,359	6.4%	6.1%	6.1%
North Carolina	643,429	7.1%	6.0%	5.2%
North Dakota	30,781	5.0%	5.3%	4.6%
Ohio	782,615	7.0%	6.0%	4.6%
Oklahoma	240,925	6.8%	6.7%	6.1%
Oregon	236,266	6.3%	5.7%	5.4%
Pennsylvania	666,338	5.5%	5.1%	4.1%
Rhode Island	49,948	4.9%	5.2%	5.2%
South Carolina	340,345	7.7%	6.7%	6.0%
South Dakota	47,528	6.1%	5.6%	4.3%
Tennessee	455,929	7.4%	6.5%	5.6%
Texas	1,752,422	7.2%	6.8%	6.3%
Utah	137,288	5.0%	3.8%	3.8%
Vermont	29,533	4.9%	3.9%	4.2%
Virginia	370,930	4.9%	4.2%	3.6%
Washington	363,011	5.6%	5.1%	4.7%
West Virginia	134,584	7.6%	7.0%	7.7%
Wisconsin	290,924	5.3%	4.5%	3.3%
Wyoming	17,570	3.3%	3.6%	4.1%

+ indicates significant increase from year to 2009.

- indicates significant decrease from year to 2009.