

Total Poverty Rates by State in 2007 and 2009, American Community Survey

Geography	2007		2009			
	Poverty Rate		Total	Total in Poverty	Poverty Rate	% point change in Poverty Rate since 2007
U.S	13.0%	*	299,026,555	42,868,163	14.3%	1.4%
Alabama	16.9%		4,588,899	804,683	17.5%	0.7%
Alaska	8.9%		682,412	61,653	9.0%	0.1%
Arizona	14.2%	*	6,475,485	1,069,897	16.5%	2.4%
Arkansas	17.9%	*	2,806,056	527,378	18.8%	0.9%
California	12.4%	*	36,202,780	5,128,708	14.2%	1.8%
Colorado	12.0%	*	4,917,061	634,387	12.9%	0.9%
Connecticut	7.9%	*	3,409,901	320,554	9.4%	1.5%
Delaware	10.5%		860,972	93,251	10.8%	0.3%
District of Columbia	16.4%		570,093	104,901	18.4%	2.0%
Florida	12.1%	*	18,124,789	2,707,925	14.9%	2.8%
Georgia	14.3%	*	9,535,714	1,574,649	16.5%	2.3%
Hawaii	8.0%	*	1,264,202	131,007	10.4%	2.4%
Idaho	12.1%	*	1,511,950	216,115	14.3%	2.2%
Illinois	11.9%	*	12,574,351	1,677,093	13.3%	1.4%
Indiana	12.3%	*	6,228,236	896,972	14.4%	2.1%
Iowa	11.0%	*	2,905,436	342,934	11.8%	0.8%
Kansas	11.2%	*	2,732,685	365,033	13.4%	2.2%
Kentucky	17.3%	*	4,187,582	777,295	18.6%	1.2%
Louisiana	18.6%	*	4,367,637	755,460	17.3%	-1.3%
Maine	12.0%		1,281,292	157,685	12.3%	0.3%
Maryland	8.3%	*	5,559,336	505,286	9.1%	0.8%
Massachusetts	9.9%		6,365,449	654,983	10.3%	0.3%
Michigan	14.0%	*	9,735,741	1,576,704	16.2%	2.2%
Minnesota	9.5%	*	5,133,038	563,006	11.0%	1.5%
Mississippi	20.6%	*	2,848,335	624,360	21.9%	1.3%
Missouri	13.0%	*	5,818,541	849,009	14.6%	1.6%
Montana	14.1%		946,333	143,028	15.1%	1.0%
Nebraska	11.2%	*	1,739,311	214,765	12.3%	1.1%
Nevada	10.7%	*	2,606,479	321,940	12.4%	1.7%
New Hampshire	7.1%	*	1,284,588	109,213	8.5%	1.4%
New Jersey	8.6%	*	8,531,160	799,099	9.4%	0.8%
New Mexico	18.1%		1,968,078	353,594	18.0%	-0.2%
New York	13.7%	*	19,014,215	2,691,757	14.2%	0.5%
North Carolina	14.3%	*	9,095,948	1,478,214	16.3%	1.9%
North Dakota	12.1%		620,821	72,342	11.7%	-0.4%
Ohio	13.1%	*	11,225,133	1,709,971	15.2%	2.1%
Oklahoma	15.9%		3,565,442	577,956	16.2%	0.3%
Oregon	12.9%	*	3,748,545	534,594	14.3%	1.3%
Pennsylvania	11.6%	*	12,165,877	1,516,705	12.5%	0.9%
Rhode Island	12.0%		1,015,667	116,378	11.5%	-0.5%
South Carolina	15.0%	*	4,416,859	753,739	17.1%	2.0%
South Dakota	13.1%		782,725	111,305	14.2%	1.1%
Tennessee	15.9%	*	6,141,391	1,052,144	17.1%	1.2%
Texas	16.3%	*	24,176,222	4,150,242	17.2%	0.9%
Utah	9.7%	*	2,741,756	316,217	11.5%	1.9%
Vermont	10.1%	*	600,244	68,246	11.4%	1.3%
Virginia	9.9%	*	7,623,736	802,578	10.5%	0.6%
Washington	11.4%	*	6,530,664	804,237	12.3%	0.9%
West Virginia	16.9%		1,771,561	313,419	17.7%	0.8%
Wisconsin	10.8%	*	5,495,845	683,408	12.4%	1.6%
Wyoming	8.7%		529,982	52,144	9.8%	1.2%

* Indicates poverty rate is statistically different than the 2009 rate.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey. Calculations by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.