

**Table 687. Individuals and Families Below Poverty Level—Number and Rate by State: 2000 and 2006**

[In thousands (33,311 represents 33,311,000), except as indicated. Represents number and percent below poverty in the past 12 months. The American Community Survey universe includes the household population and the population living in institutions, college dormitories, and other group quarters. Poverty status was determined for all people except institutionalized people, people in military group quarters, people in college dormitories, and unrelated individuals under 15 years old. These groups were excluded from the numerator and denominator when calculating poverty rates. Based on a sample and subject to sampling variability; see Appendix III]

State	Number below poverty level (1,000)				Percent below poverty level			
	Individuals		Families		Individuals		Families	
	2000	2006	2000	2006	2000	2006	2000	2006
<b>United States . . . . .</b>	<b>33,311</b>	<b>38,757</b>	<b>6,615</b>	<b>7,283</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>9.8</b>
Alabama . . . . .	672	742	146	154	15.6	16.6	12.4	12.6
Alaska . . . . .	55	71	11	13	9.1	10.9	6.8	8.2
Arizona . . . . .	780	857	150	148	15.6	14.2	11.6	10.1
Arkansas . . . . .	439	471	96	99	17.0	17.3	13.0	13.1
California . . . . .	4,520	4,690	832	809	13.7	13.1	10.7	9.7
Colorado . . . . .	363	556	64	101	8.7	12.0	5.7	8.4
Connecticut . . . . .	254	280	51	52	7.7	8.3	5.8	5.9
Delaware . . . . .	70	92	14	16	9.3	11.1	6.7	7.6
District of Columbia . . . . .	94	108	17	18	17.5	19.6	15.4	16.3
Florida . . . . .	1,987	2,227	387	417	12.8	12.6	9.3	9.0
Georgia . . . . .	999	1,334	206	254	12.6	14.7	10.0	11.1
Hawaii . . . . .	103	116	19	21	8.8	9.3	6.8	7.1
Idaho . . . . .	144	180	26	36	11.4	12.6	7.7	9.3
Illinois . . . . .	1,335	1,539	262	286	11.1	12.3	8.6	9.1
Indiana . . . . .	592	778	113	149	10.1	12.7	7.1	9.0
Iowa . . . . .	281	316	53	58	10.0	11.0	7.0	7.3
Kansas . . . . .	247	331	43	62	9.5	12.4	6.2	8.6
Kentucky . . . . .	640	693	148	145	16.4	17.0	13.5	13.1
Louisiana . . . . .	862	793	182	155	20.0	19.0	16.0	14.4
Maine . . . . .	124	166	22	31	10.1	12.9	6.6	8.7
Maryland . . . . .	477	428	89	74	9.3	7.8	6.6	5.3
Massachusetts . . . . .	586	620	110	109	9.6	9.9	7.1	7.0
Michigan . . . . .	975	1,332	196	248	10.1	13.5	7.7	9.6
Minnesota . . . . .	328	492	66	86	6.9	9.8	5.1	6.5
Mississippi . . . . .	498	593	104	125	18.2	21.1	14.2	16.8
Missouri . . . . .	606	770	118	151	11.2	13.6	7.7	10.0
Montana . . . . .	117	126	23	21	13.4	13.6	9.5	8.6
Nebraska . . . . .	158	197	28	36	9.6	11.5	6.5	7.8
Nevada . . . . .	194	254	34	46	9.9	10.3	6.9	7.6
New Hampshire . . . . .	63	102	11	17	5.3	8.0	3.5	4.9
New Jersey . . . . .	651	742	126	141	7.9	8.7	6.0	6.4
New Mexico . . . . .	320	354	64	66	18.0	18.5	14.2	13.8
New York . . . . .	2,391	2,662	491	497	13.1	14.2	10.7	10.9
North Carolina . . . . .	1,018	1,261	203	248	13.1	14.7	9.6	10.7
North Dakota . . . . .	71	69	14	12	11.6	11.4	8.1	7.0
Ohio . . . . .	1,216	1,486	246	290	11.1	13.3	8.4	9.8
Oklahoma . . . . .	459	588	100	118	13.8	17.0	11.0	12.8
Oregon . . . . .	439	481	84	86	13.2	13.3	9.5	9.2
Pennsylvania . . . . .	1,240	1,448	247	262	10.5	12.1	7.8	8.2
Rhode Island . . . . .	108	114	23	20	10.7	11.1	8.5	7.8
South Carolina . . . . .	557	656	123	134	14.4	15.7	11.7	11.9
South Dakota . . . . .	83	102	16	17	11.5	13.6	8.4	8.4
Tennessee . . . . .	745	952	158	198	13.5	16.2	10.5	12.4
Texas . . . . .	3,056	3,869	639	759	15.1	16.9	12.3	13.3
Utah . . . . .	192	265	40	48	8.8	10.6	7.2	7.8
Vermont . . . . .	63	62	12	11	10.7	10.3	7.5	6.7
Virginia . . . . .	630	709	124	132	9.2	9.6	6.8	6.8
Washington . . . . .	667	737	127	128	11.6	11.8	8.6	8.0
West Virginia . . . . .	327	307	72	64	18.6	17.3	14.7	12.7
Wisconsin . . . . .	461	592	75	107	8.9	11.0	5.6	7.3
Wyoming . . . . .	55	47	10	9	11.4	9.4	7.9	6.3

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006 American Community Survey; B17001. Poverty Status in the Past 12 Months by Sex and Age, and B17010. Poverty Status in the Past 12 Months of Families by Family Type by Presence of Related Children under 18 Years by Age of Related Children; using American FactFinder<sup>®</sup>; <<http://factfinder.census.gov/>>; (accessed 18 January 2008).