

Table 708. Individuals and Families Below Poverty Level—Number and Rate by State: 2000 and 2008

[In thousands (33,311 represents 33,311,000), except as indicated. Represents number and percent below poverty in the past 12 months. Prior to 2006, the American Community Survey universe was limited to the household population and excluded 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 (1,000)				Percent below poverty			
	Individuals		Families		Individuals		Families	
	2000	2008	2000	2008	2000	2008	2000	2008
United States	33,311	39,108	6,615	7,252	12.2	13.2	9.3	9.7
Alabama	672	713	146	146	15.6	15.7	12.4	12.0
Alaska	55	56	11	9	9.1	8.4	6.8	5.7
Arizona	780	939	150	154	15.6	14.7	11.6	10.3
Arkansas	439	481	96	98	17.0	17.3	13.0	13.0
California	4,520	4,778	832	825	13.7	13.3	10.7	10.0
Colorado	363	553	64	95	8.7	11.4	5.7	7.8
Connecticut	254	315	51	59	7.7	9.3	5.8	6.7
Delaware	70	85	14	15	9.3	10.0	6.7	6.9
District of Columbia	94	97	17	15	17.5	17.2	15.4	13.7
Florida	1,987	2,371	387	433	12.8	13.2	9.3	9.5
Georgia	999	1,381	206	263	12.6	14.7	10.0	11.1
Hawaii	103	115	19	18	8.8	9.1	6.8	6.0
Idaho	144	188	26	37	11.4	12.6	7.7	9.4
Illinois	1,335	1,532	262	283	11.1	12.2	8.6	9.0
Indiana	592	808	113	158	10.1	13.1	7.1	9.6
Iowa	281	335	53	58	10.0	11.5	7.0	7.3
Kansas	247	307	43	57	9.5	11.3	6.2	7.7
Kentucky	640	721	148	147	16.4	17.3	13.5	13.1
Louisiana	862	744	182	146	20.0	17.3	16.0	13.4
Maine	124	158	22	29	10.1	12.3	6.6	8.6
Maryland	477	443	89	75	9.3	8.1	6.6	5.4
Massachusetts	586	627	110	112	9.6	10.0	7.1	7.1
Michigan	975	1,410	196	265	10.1	14.4	7.7	10.5
Minnesota	328	491	66	83	6.9	9.6	5.1	6.2
Mississippi	498	602	104	128	18.2	21.2	14.2	17.0
Missouri	606	768	118	148	11.2	13.4	7.7	9.7
Montana	117	140	23	23	13.4	14.8	9.5	9.7
Nebraska	158	187	28	31	9.6	10.8	6.5	6.8
Nevada	194	290	34	49	9.9	11.3	6.9	7.9
New Hampshire	63	97	11	17	5.3	7.6	3.5	5.0
New Jersey	651	741	126	135	7.9	8.7	6.0	6.2
New Mexico	320	333	64	61	18.0	17.1	14.2	12.6
New York	2,391	2,581	491	472	13.1	13.6	10.7	10.3
North Carolina	1,018	1,302	203	260	13.1	14.6	9.6	10.9
North Dakota	71	74	14	13	11.6	12.0	8.1	7.9
Ohio	1,216	1,492	246	289	11.1	13.4	8.4	9.8
Oklahoma	459	562	100	110	13.8	15.9	11.0	11.8
Oregon	439	506	84	90	13.2	13.6	9.5	9.6
Pennsylvania	1,240	1,458	247	271	10.5	12.1	7.8	8.5
Rhode Island	108	119	23	19	10.7	11.7	8.5	7.7
South Carolina	557	680	123	132	14.4	15.7	11.7	11.6
South Dakota	83	96	16	17	11.5	12.5	8.4	8.2
Tennessee	745	938	158	187	13.5	15.5	10.5	11.6
Texas	3,056	3,760	639	726	15.1	15.8	12.3	12.4
Utah	192	258	40	42	8.8	9.6	7.2	6.6
Vermont	63	63	12	10	10.7	10.6	7.5	6.5
Virginia	630	768	124	147	9.2	10.2	6.8	7.3
Washington	667	728	127	126	11.6	11.3	8.6	7.7
West Virginia	327	301	72	61	18.6	17.0	14.7	12.4
Wisconsin	461	569	75	98	8.9	10.4	5.6	6.7
Wyoming	55	49	10	8	11.4	9.4	7.9	5.7

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 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." <<http://factfinder.census.gov/>>, accessed February 2010.