

Table 709. Individuals and Families Below Poverty Level—Number and Rate by State: 2000 and 2009

[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	2009	2000	2009	2000	2009	2000	2009
United States	33,311	42,868	6,615	7,956	12.2	14.3	9.3	10.5
Alabama	672	805	146	167	15.6	17.5	12.4	13.4
Alaska	55	62	11	10	9.1	9.0	6.8	6.2
Arizona	780	1,070	150	175	15.6	16.5	11.6	11.6
Arkansas	439	527	96	113	17.0	18.8	13.0	14.8
California	4,520	5,129	832	887	13.7	14.2	10.7	10.6
Colorado	363	634	64	110	8.7	12.9	5.7	8.9
Connecticut	254	321	51	59	7.7	9.4	5.8	6.7
Delaware	70	93	14	16	9.3	10.8	6.7	7.1
District of Columbia	94	105	17	16	17.5	18.4	15.4	14.6
Florida	1,987	2,708	387	488	12.8	14.9	9.3	10.7
Georgia	999	1,575	206	301	12.6	16.5	10.0	12.7
Hawaii	103	131	19	23	8.8	10.4	6.8	7.5
Idaho	144	216	26	39	11.4	14.3	7.7	9.9
Illinois	1,335	1,677	262	309	11.1	13.3	8.6	9.9
Indiana	592	897	113	178	10.1	14.4	7.1	10.7
Iowa	281	343	53	61	10.0	11.8	7.0	7.7
Kansas	247	365	43	65	9.5	13.4	6.2	9.0
Kentucky	640	777	148	165	16.4	18.6	13.5	14.4
Louisiana	862	755	182	150	20.0	17.3	16.0	13.3
Maine	124	158	22	29	10.1	12.3	6.6	8.3
Maryland	477	505	89	85	9.3	9.1	6.6	6.1
Massachusetts	586	655	110	109	9.6	10.3	7.1	7.0
Michigan	975	1,577	196	292	10.1	16.2	7.7	11.6
Minnesota	328	563	66	95	6.9	11.0	5.1	7.0
Mississippi	498	624	104	131	18.2	21.9	14.2	17.3
Missouri	606	849	118	168	11.2	14.6	7.7	10.9
Montana	117	143	23	23	13.4	15.1	9.5	9.9
Nebraska	158	215	28	39	9.6	12.3	6.5	8.4
Nevada	194	322	34	57	9.9	12.4	6.9	9.0
New Hampshire	63	109	11	19	5.3	8.5	3.5	5.5
New Jersey	651	799	126	151	7.9	9.4	6.0	7.0
New Mexico	320	354	64	66	18.0	18.0	14.2	13.6
New York	2,391	2,692	491	498	13.1	14.2	10.7	10.8
North Carolina	1,018	1,478	203	289	13.1	16.3	9.6	11.9
North Dakota	71	72	14	11	11.6	11.7	8.1	6.6
Ohio	1,216	1,710	246	328	11.1	15.2	8.4	11.1
Oklahoma	459	578	100	115	13.8	16.2	11.0	12.1
Oregon	439	535	84	94	13.2	14.3	9.5	9.8
Pennsylvania	1,240	1,517	247	275	10.5	12.5	7.8	8.6
Rhode Island	108	116	23	22	10.7	11.5	8.5	8.6
South Carolina	557	754	123	150	14.4	17.1	11.7	12.9
South Dakota	83	111	16	18	11.5	14.2	8.4	9.0
Tennessee	745	1,052	158	215	13.5	17.1	10.5	13.1
Texas	3,056	4,150	639	800	15.1	17.2	12.3	13.4
Utah	192	316	40	51	8.8	11.5	7.2	7.8
Vermont	63	68	12	12	10.7	11.4	7.5	7.3
Virginia	630	803	124	148	9.2	10.5	6.8	7.5
Washington	667	804	127	133	11.6	12.3	8.6	8.1
West Virginia	327	313	72	68	18.6	17.7	14.7	13.9
Wisconsin	461	683	75	121	8.9	12.4	5.6	8.2
Wyoming	55	52	10	9	11.4	9.8	7.9	6.3

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009 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 January 2011.