# Poverty: 2000 to 2012

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## INTRODUCTION

The poverty rate is an economic indicator that measures the percentage of people with income below the poverty threshold. Federal and state governments use these estimates in funding formulas to allocate funds to local communities. Local communities often use these estimates to identify the number of individuals or families eligible for various programs.

This report uses data from the 2000 to 2012 American Community Surveys (ACS) to examine trends in poverty rates for the nation, states, and the District of Columbia.[1] The report also analyzes the distribution of people by income-to-poverty ratios for the nation, states, and the District of Columbia over this period. In addition, this report discusses the current poverty rates for metropolitan statistical areas with large populations.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- For the first time since 2007–2008, the ACS poverty rate for the nation did not change between 2011 and 2012.[2]
- The number and percentage of people in poverty did not change in 43 states and the District of Columbia between 2011 and 2012.
- Nationally, between 2000 and 2012, the percentage of people in poverty increased from 12.2 percent to 15.9 percent, while the number of people in poverty increased from 33.3 million to 48.8 million.
- Both the number and percentage of people in poverty increased in 44 states between 2000 and 2012.
- The percentage of people in the United States with income below 50 percent of the poverty thresholds grew from 5.0 percent in 2000 to 7.0 percent in 2012. Over this period, the percentage of people with income below 125 percent of the poverty thresholds grew from 16.5 percent to 20.8 percent.
- Among the largest 25 metropolitan areas, poverty rates in 2012 ranged from 8.4 percent to 19.0 percent.

The estimates contained in this report are based on the 2000 to 2012 ACS. Since 2005, the ACS has been conducted every month with income data collected for the 12 months preceding the interview. Since the survey is continuous, adjacent ACS years have some income reference months in common. Therefore, comparing the 2011 ACS with the 2012 ACS is not an exact comparison of the economic conditions in 2011 with those in 2012 and comparisons should be interpreted with care.[3] For more information on the ACS sample design and other topics, visit <www.census.gov/acs/www>.

[1] The data for 2000 were obtained from the Census 2000 Supplementary Survey (C2SS), which was the demonstration stage of the ACS. The C2SS was designed to provide accurate estimates for housing units and the population for the 50 states and the District of Columbia based on a sample of approximately 890,000 housing units. This sample did not include people in group quarters. In this report, the C2SS is referred as the 2000 ACS. For more information on the accuracy of the data see <www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/data_documentation/Accuracy/accuracy00_C2SS.pdf>.

[2] Following the standard specified by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in Statistical Policy Directive 14, data from the Current Population Survey Annual Social and Economic Supplement (CPS ASEC) are used to estimate the official national poverty rate. For more information, see notes at the end of this report.

[3] For a discussion of this and related issues, see Hogan, Howard, "Measuring Population Change Using the American Community Survey," *Applied Demography in the 21st Century*, eds. Steven H. Murdock and David A. Swanson, Springer Netherlands, 2008.

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## POVERTY 2011 TO 2012

Table 1 shows the number and percentage of people in poverty for the United States and Puerto Rico for 2011 and 2012. In 2012, about 48.8 million people or 15.9 percent of the U.S. population had income below their respective poverty level. After four consecutive years of increases, the number and the percentage of people with income below the poverty level did not change between 2011 and 2012.

During this period, poverty rates did not change for 45 states and the District of Columbia. In three states (California, Mississippi, and New Hampshire), both the number and the percentage of people in poverty increased. In New Jersey and Wyoming, the number of people in poverty increased. In Minnesota and Texas, the percentage of people in poverty declined.

Figure 1 displays the range of poverty rates across the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico using the 2012 ACS and the Puerto Rico Community Survey. The estimated 2012 poverty rates ranged from a low of 10.0 percent for New Hampshire to a high of 24.2 percent for Mississippi.[4] Among the states, poverty rates were the lowest in New Hampshire (10.0 percent), Alaska (10.1 percent), Maryland (10.3 percent), Connecticut (10.7 percent), and New Jersey (10.8 percent), while the rate for Mississippi (24.2 percent) was the highest, followed by the rate for New Mexico (20.8 percent).

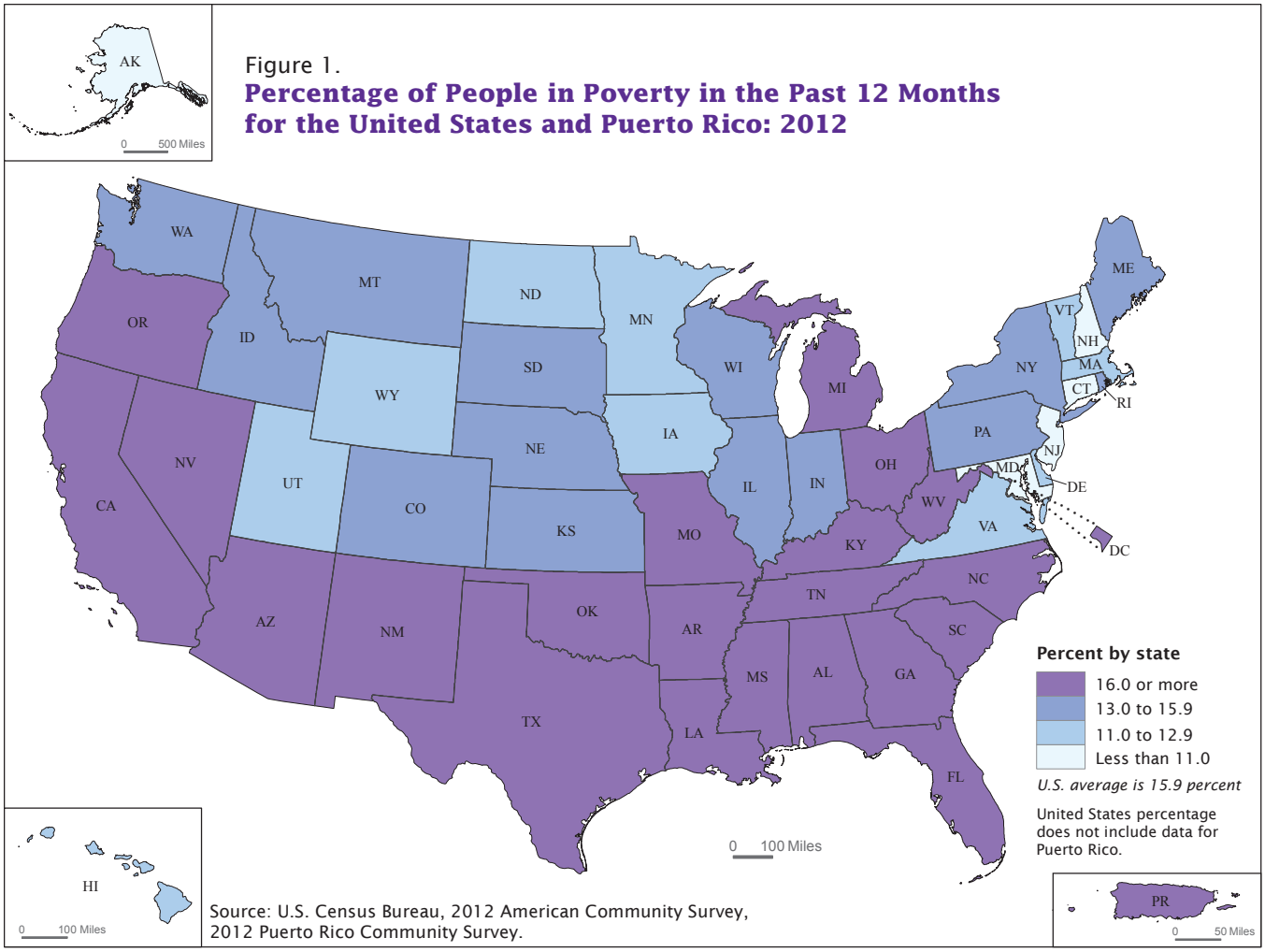
For Puerto Rico, the number of people with income below poverty level declined from 1.67 million in 2011 to 1.63 million in 2012. The change in the percentage of people in poverty was not statistically significant.

## POVERTY 2000 TO 2012

According to the 2000 ACS, about 33.3 million people or 12.2 percent of the U.S. population had income below their respective poverty level. In 2012, the number of people in poverty increased to about 48.8 million people or 15.9 percent

[4] The poverty rates for New Hampshire, Alaska, Maryland, and Connecticut were not statistically different from each other. The poverty rates for New Hampshire, Alaska, Connecticut, and New Jersey were not statistically different from each other.

Figure 1.
**Percentage of People in Poverty in the Past 12 Months for the United States and Puerto Rico: 2012**




Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2012 American Community Survey, 2012 Puerto Rico Community Survey.

Table 1.

## Number and Percentage of People in Poverty in the Past 12 Months by State and Puerto Rico: 2011 and 2012

(For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see *www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/ACS/accuracy2012.pdf*)

| Area | Below poverty in 2011 | | | | Below poverty in 2012 | | | | Change in poverty (2012 less 2011) | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number[1] | Margin of error[2] (±) | Percentage[1] | Margin of error[2] (±) | Number[1] | Margin of error[2] (±) | Percentage[1] | Margin of error[2] (±) | Number[1] | Margin of error[2] (±) | Percentage[1] | Margin of error[2] (±) |
| **United States** | **48,452,035** | **234,166** | **15.9** | **0.1** | **48,760,123** | **231,580** | **15.9** | **0.1** | **308,088** | **329,337** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| Alabama | 892,483 | 23,804 | 19.0 | 0.5 | 892,564 | 20,244 | 19.0 | 0.4 | 81 | 31,249 | –0.1 | 0.7 |
| Alaska | 73,905 | 5,839 | 10.5 | 0.8 | 72,400 | 5,190 | 10.1 | 0.7 | –1,505 | 7,812 | –0.3 | 1.1 |
| Arizona | 1,203,501 | 38,097 | 19.0 | 0.6 | 1,194,506 | 25,758 | 18.7 | 0.4 | –8,995 | 45,987 | –0.3 | 0.7 |
| Arkansas | 555,876 | 17,602 | 19.5 | 0.6 | 568,065 | 16,759 | 19.8 | 0.6 | 12,189 | 24,304 | 0.4 | 0.8 |
| California | 6,118,803 | 71,852 | 16.6 | 0.2 | 6,325,319 | 64,334 | 17.0 | 0.2 | *206,516 | 96,444 | *0.4 | 0.3 |
| Colorado | 674,195 | 21,621 | 13.5 | 0.4 | 694,842 | 20,406 | 13.7 | 0.4 | 20,647 | 29,729 | 0.2 | 0.6 |
| Connecticut | 377,856 | 17,034 | 10.9 | 0.5 | 372,390 | 14,270 | 10.7 | 0.4 | –5,466 | 22,222 | –0.2 | 0.6 |
| Delaware | 104,831 | 8,149 | 11.9 | 0.9 | 107,307 | 7,877 | 12.0 | 0.9 | 2,476 | 11,334 | 0.2 | 1.3 |
| District of Columbia | 109,363 | 8,006 | 18.7 | 1.4 | 108,732 | 7,746 | 18.2 | 1.3 | –631 | 11,140 | –0.5 | 1.9 |
| Florida | 3,173,456 | 53,070 | 17.0 | 0.3 | 3,238,581 | 49,032 | 17.1 | 0.3 | 65,125 | 72,253 | 0.1 | 0.4 |
| Georgia | 1,827,743 | 40,709 | 19.1 | 0.4 | 1,848,533 | 37,552 | 19.2 | 0.4 | 20,790 | 55,384 | 0.0 | 0.6 |
| Hawaii | 161,290 | 12,291 | 12.0 | 0.9 | 157,243 | 9,661 | 11.6 | 0.7 | –4,047 | 15,633 | –0.5 | 1.2 |
| Idaho | 255,027 | 13,229 | 16.5 | 0.9 | 248,494 | 13,813 | 15.9 | 0.9 | –6,533 | 19,127 | –0.6 | 1.2 |
| Illinois | 1,879,965 | 34,757 | 15.0 | 0.3 | 1,850,562 | 32,138 | 14.7 | 0.3 | –29,403 | 47,338 | –0.2 | 0.4 |
| Indiana | 1,011,017 | 27,152 | 16.0 | 0.4 | 990,325 | 21,187 | 15.6 | 0.3 | –20,692 | 34,440 | –0.4 | 0.5 |
| Iowa | 378,864 | 12,247 | 12.8 | 0.4 | 377,484 | 13,405 | 12.7 | 0.4 | –1,380 | 18,157 | –0.1 | 0.6 |
| Kansas | 383,467 | 13,367 | 13.8 | 0.5 | 391,734 | 12,565 | 14.0 | 0.4 | 8,267 | 18,345 | 0.2 | 0.7 |
| Kentucky | 811,277 | 24,336 | 19.1 | 0.6 | 823,197 | 22,937 | 19.4 | 0.5 | 11,920 | 33,442 | 0.2 | 0.8 |
| Louisiana | 908,375 | 21,304 | 20.4 | 0.5 | 891,981 | 23,215 | 19.9 | 0.5 | –16,394 | 31,509 | –0.5 | 0.7 |
| Maine | 182,448 | 8,462 | 14.1 | 0.7 | 189,786 | 9,666 | 14.7 | 0.7 | 7,338 | 12,846 | 0.5 | 1.0 |
| Maryland | 571,887 | 19,719 | 10.1 | 0.3 | 590,803 | 19,639 | 10.3 | 0.3 | 18,916 | 27,830 | 0.2 | 0.5 |
| Massachusetts | 738,514 | 23,459 | 11.6 | 0.4 | 762,645 | 18,273 | 11.9 | 0.3 | 24,131 | 29,736 | 0.3 | 0.5 |
| Michigan | 1,693,294 | 28,336 | 17.5 | 0.3 | 1,685,178 | 30,444 | 17.4 | 0.3 | –8,116 | 41,590 | –0.1 | 0.4 |
| Minnesota | 621,970 | 17,360 | 11.9 | 0.3 | 598,371 | 17,622 | 11.4 | 0.3 | –23,599 | 24,737 | *–0.5 | 0.5 |
| Mississippi | 650,524 | 20,706 | 22.6 | 0.7 | 698,252 | 22,688 | 24.2 | 0.8 | *47,728 | 30,716 | *1.6 | 1.1 |
| Missouri | 920,118 | 22,609 | 15.8 | 0.4 | 947,792 | 20,935 | 16.2 | 0.4 | 27,674 | 30,813 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Montana | 144,054 | 8,962 | 14.8 | 0.9 | 152,199 | 8,004 | 15.5 | 0.8 | 8,145 | 12,016 | 0.7 | 1.2 |
| Nebraska | 234,710 | 10,211 | 13.1 | 0.6 | 233,973 | 10,768 | 13.0 | 0.6 | –737 | 14,839 | –0.1 | 0.8 |
| Nevada | 426,741 | 20,552 | 15.9 | 0.8 | 446,840 | 19,216 | 16.4 | 0.7 | 20,099 | 28,136 | 0.5 | 1.0 |
| New Hampshire | 112,715 | 8,386 | 8.8 | 0.7 | 128,466 | 10,865 | 10.0 | 0.8 | *15,751 | 13,725 | *1.2 | 1.1 |
| New Jersey | 897,376 | 24,537 | 10.4 | 0.3 | 934,943 | 22,315 | 10.8 | 0.3 | *37,567 | 33,167 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| New Mexico | 439,914 | 17,336 | 21.5 | 0.8 | 426,245 | 13,843 | 20.8 | 0.7 | –13,669 | 22,185 | –0.7 | 1.1 |
| New York | 3,027,342 | 42,152 | 16.0 | 0.2 | 3,025,016 | 36,603 | 15.9 | 0.2 | –2,326 | 55,826 | –0.1 | 0.3 |
| North Carolina | 1,680,963 | 36,728 | 17.9 | 0.4 | 1,713,132 | 31,019 | 18.0 | 0.3 | 32,169 | 48,074 | 0.2 | 0.5 |
| North Dakota | 80,882 | 5,567 | 12.2 | 0.8 | 75,703 | 4,270 | 11.2 | 0.6 | –5,179 | 7,016 | –1.0 | 1.1 |
| Ohio | 1,845,800 | 35,067 | 16.4 | 0.3 | 1,824,628 | 28,992 | 16.3 | 0.3 | –21,172 | 45,500 | –0.2 | 0.4 |
| Oklahoma | 633,298 | 18,126 | 17.2 | 0.5 | 637,429 | 14,041 | 17.2 | 0.4 | 4,131 | 22,929 | 0.0 | 0.6 |
| Oregon | 662,283 | 20,527 | 17.5 | 0.5 | 658,359 | 22,218 | 17.2 | 0.6 | –3,924 | 30,249 | –0.2 | 0.8 |
| Pennsylvania | 1,695,996 | 36,138 | 13.8 | 0.3 | 1,693,285 | 30,788 | 13.7 | 0.2 | –2,711 | 47,475 | –0.1 | 0.4 |
| Rhode Island | 148,819 | 8,909 | 14.7 | 0.9 | 138,907 | 8,499 | 13.7 | 0.8 | –9,912 | 12,312 | –1.0 | 1.2 |
| South Carolina | 856,938 | 22,008 | 18.9 | 0.5 | 837,770 | 22,603 | 18.3 | 0.5 | –19,168 | 31,548 | –0.6 | 0.7 |
| South Dakota | 110,681 | 6,608 | 13.9 | 0.8 | 107,846 | 5,355 | 13.4 | 0.7 | –2,835 | 8,506 | –0.5 | 1.1 |
| Tennessee | 1,142,299 | 29,429 | 18.3 | 0.5 | 1,129,330 | 27,122 | 17.9 | 0.4 | –12,969 | 40,021 | –0.4 | 0.6 |
| Texas | 4,628,758 | 63,020 | 18.5 | 0.3 | 4,562,352 | 58,642 | 17.9 | 0.2 | –66,406 | 86,084 | *–0.5 | 0.3 |
| Utah | 374,859 | 19,403 | 13.5 | 0.7 | 360,017 | 18,926 | 12.8 | 0.7 | –14,842 | 27,104 | –0.7 | 1.0 |
| Vermont | 69,075 | 4,730 | 11.5 | 0.8 | 71,084 | 4,549 | 11.8 | 0.8 | 2,009 | 6,562 | 0.3 | 1.1 |
| Virginia | 905,914 | 25,152 | 11.5 | 0.3 | 931,805 | 22,863 | 11.7 | 0.3 | 25,891 | 33,991 | 0.2 | 0.4 |
| Washington | 929,258 | 23,388 | 13.9 | 0.4 | 915,278 | 30,419 | 13.5 | 0.4 | –13,980 | 38,370 | –0.4 | 0.6 |
| West Virginia | 334,885 | 13,958 | 18.6 | 0.8 | 320,055 | 13,000 | 17.8 | 0.7 | –14,830 | 19,074 | –0.8 | 1.1 |
| Wisconsin | 725,797 | 20,946 | 13.1 | 0.4 | 737,356 | 16,981 | 13.2 | 0.3 | 11,559 | 26,965 | 0.2 | 0.5 |
| Wyoming | 62,629 | 5,598 | 11.3 | 1.0 | 71,019 | 6,087 | 12.6 | 1.1 | *8,390 | 8,270 | 1.4 | 1.5 |
| Puerto Rico | 1,673,610 | 27,123 | 45.6 | 0.7 | 1,632,533 | 27,010 | 44.9 | 0.7 | *–41,077 | 38,277 | –0.7 | 1.1 |

* Statistically different from zero at the 90 percent confidence level.

[1] Poverty status is determined for individuals in housing units and noninstitutional group quarters. The poverty universe excludes children under age 15 who are not related to the householder, people living in institutional group quarters, and people living in college dormitories or military barracks.

[2] Data are based on a sample and are subject to sampling variability. A margin of error is a measure of an estimate's variability. The larger the margin of error in relation to the size of the estimate, the less reliable the estimate. This number when added to or subtracted from the estimate forms the 90 percent confidence interval.

Note: Details may not sum to totals because of rounding. Changes in poverty were calculated with unrounded estimates.

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, 2011 and 2012 American Community Surveys and 2011 and 2012 Puerto Rico Community Surveys.

### How Poverty Is Measured

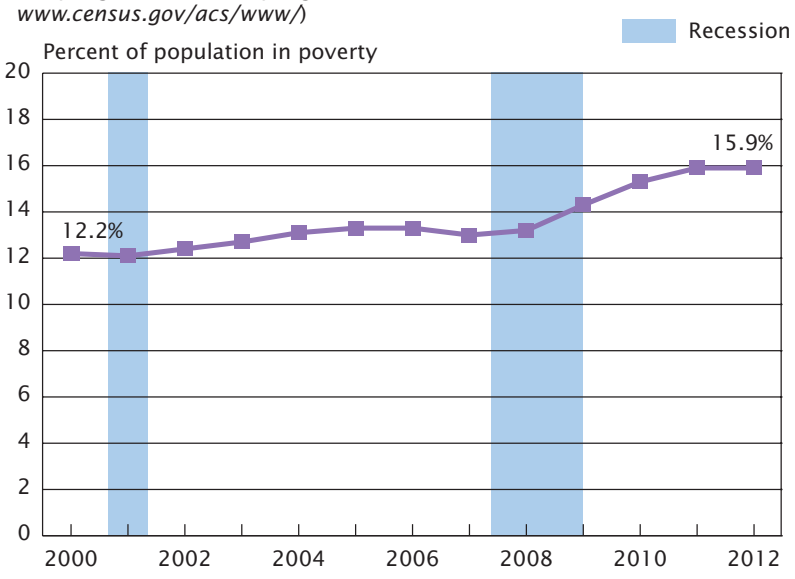
Poverty status is determined by comparing annual income to a set of dollar values called poverty thresholds that vary by family size, the number of related children, and the age of the householder. If a family's before-tax money income is less than the dollar value of the corresponding threshold, then that family and every individual in it are considered to be in poverty. For people not living in families, poverty status is determined by comparing the individual's income to a poverty threshold for one adult.

The poverty thresholds are updated annually to allow for changes in the cost of living using the Consumer Price Index (CPI-U). They do not vary geographically.

The ACS is a continuous survey, and people respond throughout the year. Since income is reported for the previous 12 months, the appropriate poverty threshold for each family is determined by multiplying the base-year poverty threshold (1982) by the average of monthly CPI values for the 12 months preceding the survey month.

For more information see "How Poverty is Calculated in the ACS" at <www.census.gov/hhes/www/poverty/methods/definitions.html>.

Figure 2.
**Percentage of People in Poverty: 2000 to 2012**
(Data based on sample. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see *www.census.gov/acs/www/*)




Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 to 2012 American Community Survey.

of the U.S. population. As Figure 2 shows, the percentage of people in poverty increased between 2002 and 2005 and again between 2008 and 2011.

Table 2 shows the estimated number and percentage of people in poverty in 2000 and 2012 and the change between the periods for the nation, states, and the District of Columbia. Between 2000 and 2012, 44 states experienced an increase in both the number and the percentage of people in poverty. In three states (Louisiana, North Dakota, and West Virginia), there was no change in either the number or the percentage people in poverty. In three states (Alaska, Vermont, and Wyoming) and the District of Columbia, the number of people in poverty increased but the change in the percentage of people in poverty was not statistically significant.

According to the 2000 ACS, poverty rates ranged from a low of 5.3 percent in New Hampshire to a high of 20.0 percent in Louisiana.[5] Among the 50 states and the District of Columbia, 17 states had poverty rates lower than 11 percent, while only 4 states and the District of Columbia had poverty rates of 16 percent or higher.

Figure 3 shows the percentage point changes in poverty rates between 2000 and 2012 for the 50 states and the District of Columbia.[6] In six states and the District of Columbia, the changes in the poverty rates were not statistically significant.[7] In eight states, the changes in the poverty

[5] In the 2000 ACS, the poverty rates for Louisiana and West Virginia were not statistically different from each other.

[6] The sample for the 2000 Supplementary Survey did not include households from Puerto Rico.

[7] The changes in percentages of people in poverty for Alaska, District of Columbia, Louisiana, North Dakota, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wyoming were not statistically significant.

Table 2.

## Number and Percentage of People in Poverty in the Past 12 Months by State: 2000 and 2012

(For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see *www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/ACS/accuracy2012.pdf*)

| Area | Below poverty in 2000 | | | | Below poverty in 2012 | | | | Change in poverty (2012 less 2000) | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number[1] | Margin of error[2] (±) | Percentage[1] | Margin of error[2] (±) | Number[1] | Margin of error[2] (±) | Percentage[1] | Margin of error[2] (±) | Number[1] | Margin of error[2] (±) | Percentage[1] | Margin of error[2] (±) |
| **United States** | **33,311,473** | **438,067** | **12.2** | **0.2** | **48,760,123** | **231,580** | **15.9** | **0.1** | ***15,448,650** | **495,512** | ***3.7** | **0.2** |
| Alabama | 672,034 | 40,950 | 15.6 | 0.9 | 892,564 | 20,244 | 19.0 | 0.4 | *220,530 | 45,681 | *3.4 | 1.0 |
| Alaska | 54,831 | 5,186 | 9.1 | 0.9 | 72,400 | 5,190 | 10.1 | 0.7 | *17,569 | 7,337 | 1.0 | 1.1 |
| Arizona | 779,680 | 47,814 | 15.6 | 1.0 | 1,194,506 | 25,758 | 18.7 | 0.4 | *414,826 | 54,311 | *3.0 | 1.0 |
| Arkansas | 439,300 | 27,989 | 17.0 | 1.1 | 568,065 | 16,759 | 19.8 | 0.6 | *128,765 | 32,623 | *2.9 | 1.2 |
| California | 4,519,876 | 164,649 | 13.7 | 0.5 | 6,325,319 | 64,334 | 17.0 | 0.2 | *1,805,443 | 176,771 | *3.2 | 0.5 |
| Colorado | 363,359 | 32,915 | 8.7 | 0.8 | 694,842 | 20,406 | 13.7 | 0.4 | *331,483 | 38,727 | *5.0 | 0.9 |
| Connecticut | 253,687 | 27,461 | 7.7 | 0.8 | 372,390 | 14,270 | 10.7 | 0.4 | *118,703 | 30,947 | *3.0 | 0.9 |
| Delaware | 70,136 | 7,660 | 9.3 | 1.0 | 107,307 | 7,877 | 12.0 | 0.9 | *37,171 | 10,987 | *2.8 | 1.4 |
| District of Columbia | 93,840 | 8,080 | 17.5 | 1.5 | 108,732 | 7,746 | 18.2 | 1.3 | *14,892 | 11,193 | 0.7 | 2.0 |
| Florida | 1,986,652 | 77,222 | 12.8 | 0.5 | 3,238,581 | 49,032 | 17.1 | 0.3 | *1,251,929 | 91,473 | *4.3 | 0.6 |
| Georgia | 999,020 | 65,665 | 12.6 | 0.8 | 1,848,533 | 37,552 | 19.2 | 0.4 | *849,513 | 75,644 | *6.5 | 0.9 |
| Hawaii | 103,395 | 10,215 | 8.8 | 0.9 | 157,243 | 9,661 | 11.6 | 0.7 | *53,848 | 14,060 | *2.8 | 1.1 |
| Idaho | 143,538 | 16,973 | 11.4 | 1.3 | 248,494 | 13,813 | 15.9 | 0.9 | *104,956 | 21,884 | *4.4 | 1.6 |
| Illinois | 1,334,589 | 75,329 | 11.1 | 0.6 | 1,850,562 | 32,138 | 14.7 | 0.3 | *515,973 | 81,898 | *3.6 | 0.7 |
| Indiana | 591,836 | 55,968 | 10.1 | 1.0 | 990,325 | 21,187 | 15.6 | 0.3 | *398,489 | 59,844 | *5.5 | 1.0 |
| Iowa | 281,208 | 20,187 | 10.0 | 0.7 | 377,484 | 13,405 | 12.7 | 0.4 | *96,276 | 24,232 | *2.7 | 0.8 |
| Kansas | 247,443 | 19,668 | 9.5 | 0.8 | 391,734 | 12,565 | 14.0 | 0.4 | *144,291 | 23,339 | *4.4 | 0.9 |
| Kentucky | 639,514 | 46,978 | 16.4 | 1.2 | 823,197 | 22,937 | 19.4 | 0.5 | *183,683 | 52,279 | *3.0 | 1.3 |
| Louisiana | 862,215 | 44,329 | 20.0 | 1.0 | 891,981 | 23,215 | 19.9 | 0.5 | 29,766 | 50,040 | –0.1 | 1.1 |
| Maine | 124,464 | 15,134 | 10.1 | 1.2 | 189,786 | 9,666 | 14.7 | 0.7 | *65,322 | 17,957 | *4.6 | 1.4 |
| Maryland | 476,890 | 39,115 | 9.3 | 0.8 | 590,803 | 19,639 | 10.3 | 0.3 | *113,913 | 43,769 | *1.0 | 0.8 |
| Massachusetts | 585,934 | 40,072 | 9.6 | 0.7 | 762,645 | 18,273 | 11.9 | 0.3 | *176,711 | 44,041 | *2.3 | 0.7 |
| Michigan | 975,044 | 52,233 | 10.1 | 0.5 | 1,685,178 | 30,444 | 17.4 | 0.3 | *710,134 | 60,458 | *7.3 | 0.6 |
| Minnesota | 328,096 | 28,679 | 6.9 | 0.6 | 598,371 | 17,622 | 11.4 | 0.3 | *270,275 | 33,660 | *4.5 | 0.7 |
| Mississippi | 498,395 | 27,007 | 18.2 | 1.0 | 698,252 | 22,688 | 24.2 | 0.8 | *199,857 | 35,272 | *5.9 | 1.3 |
| Missouri | 605,924 | 37,487 | 11.2 | 0.7 | 947,792 | 20,935 | 16.2 | 0.4 | *341,868 | 42,936 | *5.0 | 0.8 |
| Montana | 117,262 | 11,566 | 13.4 | 1.3 | 152,199 | 8,004 | 15.5 | 0.8 | *34,937 | 14,066 | *2.1 | 1.5 |
| Nebraska | 158,436 | 11,445 | 9.6 | 0.7 | 233,973 | 10,768 | 13.0 | 0.6 | *75,537 | 15,714 | *3.4 | 0.9 |
| Nevada | 193,685 | 23,757 | 9.9 | 1.2 | 446,840 | 19,216 | 16.4 | 0.7 | *253,155 | 30,556 | *6.5 | 1.4 |
| New Hampshire | 63,295 | 9,459 | 5.3 | 0.8 | 128,466 | 10,865 | 10.0 | 0.8 | *65,171 | 14,405 | *4.7 | 1.1 |
| New Jersey | 651,031 | 47,661 | 7.9 | 0.6 | 934,943 | 22,315 | 10.8 | 0.3 | *283,912 | 52,627 | *2.8 | 0.7 |
| New Mexico | 319,722 | 30,221 | 18.0 | 1.7 | 426,245 | 13,843 | 20.8 | 0.7 | *106,523 | 33,240 | *2.9 | 1.8 |
| New York | 2,391,054 | 86,816 | 13.1 | 0.5 | 3,025,016 | 36,603 | 15.9 | 0.2 | *633,962 | 94,217 | *2.8 | 0.5 |
| North Carolina | 1,017,654 | 48,953 | 13.1 | 0.6 | 1,713,132 | 31,019 | 18.0 | 0.3 | *695,478 | 57,954 | *4.9 | 0.7 |
| North Dakota | 71,465 | 10,747 | 11.6 | 1.7 | 75,703 | 4,270 | 11.2 | 0.6 | 4,238 | 11,564 | –0.4 | 1.8 |
| Ohio | 1,215,503 | 85,303 | 11.1 | 0.8 | 1,824,628 | 28,992 | 16.3 | 0.3 | *609,125 | 90,095 | *5.2 | 0.8 |
| Oklahoma | 458,560 | 28,748 | 13.8 | 0.9 | 637,429 | 14,041 | 17.2 | 0.4 | *178,869 | 31,993 | *3.4 | 0.9 |
| Oregon | 439,298 | 46,417 | 13.2 | 1.4 | 658,359 | 22,218 | 17.2 | 0.6 | *219,061 | 51,461 | *4.0 | 1.5 |
| Pennsylvania | 1,239,857 | 67,330 | 10.5 | 0.6 | 1,693,285 | 30,788 | 13.7 | 0.2 | *453,428 | 74,036 | *3.2 | 0.6 |
| Rhode Island | 107,692 | 11,131 | 10.7 | 1.1 | 138,907 | 8,499 | 13.7 | 0.8 | *31,215 | 14,005 | *3.1 | 1.4 |
| South Carolina | 557,271 | 31,052 | 14.4 | 0.8 | 837,770 | 22,603 | 18.3 | 0.5 | *280,499 | 38,408 | *3.9 | 0.9 |
| South Dakota | 82,961 | 5,933 | 11.5 | 0.8 | 107,846 | 5,355 | 13.4 | 0.7 | *24,885 | 7,993 | *2.0 | 1.1 |
| Tennessee | 745,449 | 50,045 | 13.5 | 0.9 | 1,129,330 | 27,122 | 17.9 | 0.4 | *383,881 | 56,922 | *4.4 | 1.0 |
| Texas | 3,056,244 | 112,386 | 15.1 | 0.6 | 4,562,352 | 58,642 | 17.9 | 0.2 | *1,506,108 | 126,766 | *2.8 | 0.6 |
| Utah | 192,100 | 25,975 | 8.8 | 1.2 | 360,017 | 18,926 | 12.8 | 0.7 | *167,917 | 32,139 | *4.1 | 1.4 |
| Vermont | 62,876 | 6,687 | 10.7 | 1.1 | 71,084 | 4,549 | 11.8 | 0.8 | *8,208 | 8,088 | 1.1 | 1.4 |
| Virginia | 629,513 | 49,983 | 9.2 | 0.7 | 931,805 | 22,863 | 11.7 | 0.3 | *302,292 | 54,964 | *2.5 | 0.8 |
| Washington | 666,848 | 63,792 | 11.6 | 1.1 | 915,278 | 30,419 | 13.5 | 0.4 | *248,430 | 70,673 | *1.9 | 1.2 |
| West Virginia | 326,822 | 22,518 | 18.6 | 1.3 | 320,055 | 13,000 | 17.8 | 0.7 | –6,767 | 26,002 | –0.8 | 1.5 |
| Wisconsin | 461,469 | 58,321 | 8.9 | 1.1 | 737,356 | 16,981 | 13.2 | 0.3 | *275,887 | 60,743 | *4.3 | 1.2 |
| Wyoming | 54,506 | 7,575 | 11.4 | 1.6 | 71,019 | 6,087 | 12.6 | 1.1 | *16,513 | 9,717 | 1.2 | 1.9 |

* Statistically different from zero at the 90 percent confidence level.

[1] Poverty status is determined for individuals in housing units and noninstitutional group quarters. The poverty universe excludes children under age 15 who are not related to the householder, people living in institutional group quarters, and people living in college dormitories or military barracks.

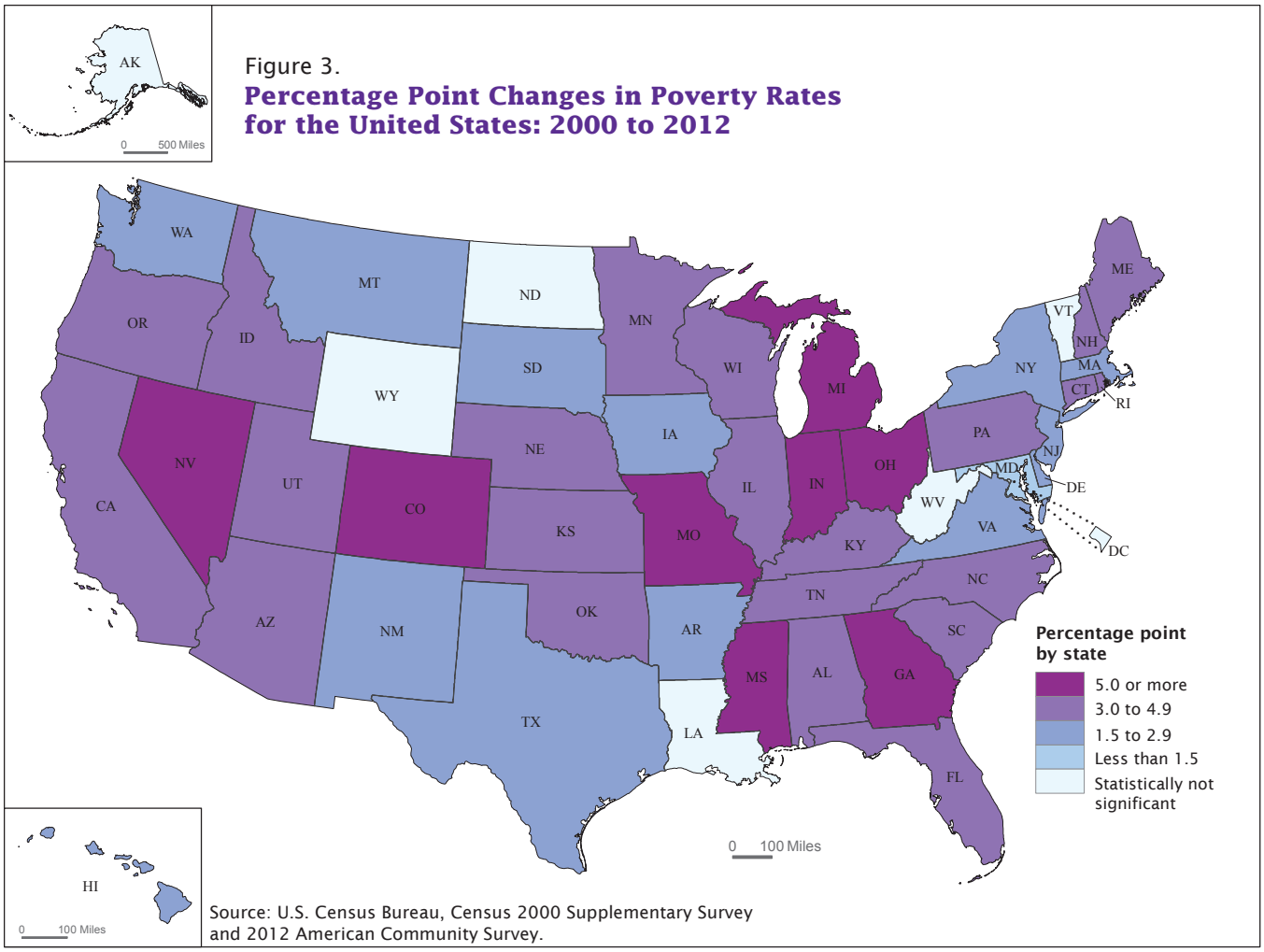
[2] Data are based on a sample and are subject to sampling variability. A margin of error is a measure of an estimate's variability. The larger the margin of error in relation to the size of the estimate, the less reliable the estimate. This number when added to or subtracted from the estimate forms the 90 percent confidence interval.

Note: Details may not sum to totals because of rounding. Changes in poverty were calculated with unrounded estimates.

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Supplementary Survey and 2012 American Community Survey.

Figure 3.

**Percentage Point Changes in Poverty Rates for the United States: 2000 to 2012**




Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Supplementary Survey and 2012 American Community Survey.

rates were 5 percentage points or greater.

## DEPTH OF POVERTY

The poverty rate is an estimate of the proportion of people with family or personal income below their poverty threshold. The income-to-poverty ratio gauges how close a family's income is to their poverty threshold, measuring the depth of poverty for those with income below their threshold and the proximity to poverty for those with income above their threshold.

In this report, the income-to-poverty ratio is reported as a percentage. For example, an income-to-poverty ratio of 125 percent indicates a family or individual with income equal to 1.25 times their poverty threshold, while an income-to-poverty ratio of 50 percent identifies a family or individual with income equal to one-half of their poverty threshold. Families and individuals who are identified as in poverty have an income-to-poverty ratio of less than 100 percent.

Table 3 shows the number and percent distribution of people with income-to-poverty ratio below 50 percent of the poverty threshold in 2000 and 2012 for the nation, states, and the District of Columbia. In 2000, about 13.7 million people or 5.0 percent of the U.S. population had income below 50 percent of the poverty threshold, while in 2012 the number and proportion of people grew to 21.5 million and 7.0 percent, respectively.

In 2000, among all the states and the District of Columbia, the proportion of people with income below half of the poverty thresholds varied from 2.2 percent in New Hampshire to 9.4 percent in the District of Columbia.[8] In 2012,

[8] In 2000, the proportion of people with an income-to-poverty ratio below 50 percent in New Hampshire (2.2 percent) was not statistically different from the proportion in Minnesota (2.5 percent). The proportion of people with an income-to-poverty ratio below 50 percent in the District of Columbia (9.4 percent) was not statistically different from the proportion in Louisiana (8.3 percent).

Table 3.

## Number and Percentage of People With Income-to-Poverty Ratio Below 50 Percent by State: 2000 and 2012

(For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see *www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/ACS/accuracy2012.pdf*)

| Area | 2000 | | | | 2012 | | | | Change (2012 less 2000) | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number[1] | Margin of error[2] (±) | Percentage[1] | Margin of error[2] (±) | Number[1] | Margin of error[2] (±) | Percentage[1] | Margin of error[2] (±) | Number[1] | Margin of error[2] (±) | Percentage[1] | Margin of error[2] (±) |
| **United States** | **13,730,120** | **276,540** | **5.0** | **0.1** | **21,535,923** | **146,133** | **7.0** | **0.0** | ***7,805,803** | **312,776** | ***2.0** | **0.1** |
| Alabama | 264,511 | 26,396 | 6.1 | 0.6 | 399,317 | 14,070 | 8.5 | 0.3 | *134,806 | 29,912 | *2.4 | 0.7 |
| Alaska | 21,671 | 5,624 | 3.6 | 0.9 | 31,811 | 3,074 | 4.4 | 0.4 | *10,140 | 6,409 | 0.9 | 1.0 |
| Arizona | 329,847 | 36,776 | 6.6 | 0.7 | 566,992 | 18,108 | 8.9 | 0.3 | *237,145 | 40,992 | *2.3 | 0.8 |
| Arkansas | 157,532 | 21,004 | 6.1 | 0.8 | 234,771 | 13,114 | 8.2 | 0.5 | *77,239 | 24,762 | *2.1 | 0.9 |
| California | 1,756,732 | 98,204 | 5.3 | 0.3 | 2,766,368 | 41,810 | 7.4 | 0.1 | *1,009,636 | 106,734 | *2.1 | 0.3 |
| Colorado | 159,273 | 19,767 | 3.8 | 0.5 | 309,929 | 14,474 | 6.1 | 0.3 | *150,656 | 24,499 | *2.3 | 0.6 |
| Connecticut | 118,220 | 19,547 | 3.6 | 0.6 | 172,223 | 10,672 | 4.9 | 0.3 | *54,003 | 22,271 | *1.3 | 0.7 |
| Delaware | 27,676 | 4,061 | 3.7 | 0.5 | 52,029 | 5,562 | 5.8 | 0.6 | *24,353 | 6,887 | *2.2 | 0.8 |
| District of Columbia | 50,475 | 7,523 | 9.4 | 1.4 | 62,040 | 6,255 | 10.4 | 1.0 | *11,565 | 9,783 | 0.9 | 1.7 |
| Florida | 859,888 | 47,901 | 5.5 | 0.3 | 1,418,025 | 38,968 | 7.5 | 0.2 | *558,137 | 61,749 | *2.0 | 0.4 |
| Georgia | 423,732 | 36,544 | 5.3 | 0.5 | 851,775 | 27,255 | 8.8 | 0.3 | *428,043 | 45,588 | *3.5 | 0.5 |
| Hawaii | 45,548 | 7,773 | 3.9 | 0.7 | 78,683 | 7,184 | 5.8 | 0.5 | *33,135 | 10,584 | *1.9 | 0.8 |
| Idaho | 47,889 | 6,752 | 3.8 | 0.5 | 96,009 | 8,867 | 6.1 | 0.6 | *48,120 | 11,145 | *2.3 | 0.8 |
| Illinois | 557,066 | 51,137 | 4.6 | 0.4 | 820,554 | 21,637 | 6.5 | 0.2 | *263,488 | 55,527 | *1.9 | 0.5 |
| Indiana | 247,515 | 40,125 | 4.2 | 0.7 | 453,792 | 16,596 | 7.2 | 0.3 | *206,277 | 43,421 | *2.9 | 0.7 |
| Iowa | 101,203 | 10,068 | 3.6 | 0.4 | 159,392 | 8,872 | 5.4 | 0.3 | *58,189 | 13,419 | *1.8 | 0.5 |
| Kansas | 88,904 | 11,074 | 3.4 | 0.4 | 157,783 | 8,710 | 5.6 | 0.3 | *68,879 | 14,089 | *2.2 | 0.5 |
| Kentucky | 229,365 | 30,714 | 5.9 | 0.8 | 342,541 | 15,008 | 8.1 | 0.4 | *113,176 | 34,184 | *2.2 | 0.9 |
| Louisiana | 356,499 | 30,409 | 8.3 | 0.7 | 384,979 | 16,034 | 8.6 | 0.4 | 28,480 | 34,378 | 0.3 | 0.8 |
| Maine | 42,243 | 10,053 | 3.4 | 0.8 | 69,220 | 4,995 | 5.4 | 0.4 | *26,977 | 11,226 | *1.9 | 0.9 |
| Maryland | 200,963 | 24,121 | 3.9 | 0.5 | 280,402 | 12,939 | 4.9 | 0.2 | *79,439 | 27,372 | *1.0 | 0.5 |
| Massachusetts | 244,998 | 24,544 | 4.0 | 0.4 | 348,581 | 13,402 | 5.4 | 0.2 | *103,583 | 27,965 | *1.4 | 0.5 |
| Michigan | 408,217 | 34,536 | 4.2 | 0.4 | 768,553 | 20,326 | 8.0 | 0.2 | *360,336 | 40,073 | *3.7 | 0.4 |
| Minnesota | 119,887 | 18,862 | 2.5 | 0.4 | 258,077 | 11,520 | 4.9 | 0.2 | *138,190 | 22,102 | *2.4 | 0.5 |
| Mississippi | 193,442 | 20,350 | 7.1 | 0.7 | 295,541 | 14,890 | 10.2 | 0.5 | *102,099 | 25,216 | *3.1 | 0.9 |
| Missouri | 241,838 | 27,091 | 4.5 | 0.5 | 417,151 | 14,634 | 7.1 | 0.3 | *175,313 | 30,791 | *2.7 | 0.6 |
| Montana | 41,638 | 6,227 | 4.8 | 0.7 | 60,922 | 5,379 | 6.2 | 0.5 | *19,284 | 8,228 | *1.5 | 0.9 |
| Nebraska | 65,909 | 7,366 | 4.0 | 0.4 | 95,133 | 6,065 | 5.3 | 0.3 | *29,224 | 9,542 | *1.3 | 0.6 |
| Nevada | 84,452 | 12,842 | 4.3 | 0.7 | 193,694 | 12,541 | 7.1 | 0.5 | *109,242 | 17,950 | *2.8 | 0.8 |
| New Hampshire | 26,277 | 7,390 | 2.2 | 0.6 | 53,140 | 6,385 | 4.2 | 0.5 | *26,863 | 9,766 | *2.0 | 0.8 |
| New Jersey | 321,324 | 31,080 | 3.9 | 0.4 | 438,665 | 15,897 | 5.0 | 0.2 | *117,341 | 34,910 | *1.1 | 0.4 |
| New Mexico | 127,908 | 16,346 | 7.2 | 0.9 | 187,947 | 9,961 | 9.2 | 0.5 | *60,039 | 19,142 | *2.0 | 1.0 |
| New York | 1,126,005 | 54,255 | 6.1 | 0.3 | 1,349,996 | 26,564 | 7.1 | 0.1 | *223,991 | 60,409 | *0.9 | 0.3 |
| North Carolina | 400,862 | 34,518 | 5.2 | 0.4 | 754,629 | 23,217 | 7.9 | 0.2 | *353,767 | 41,599 | *2.8 | 0.5 |
| North Dakota | 28,465 | 5,048 | 4.6 | 0.8 | 35,318 | 3,604 | 5.2 | 0.5 | *6,853 | 6,203 | 0.6 | 1.0 |
| Ohio | 505,400 | 38,759 | 4.6 | 0.4 | 855,552 | 21,795 | 7.6 | 0.2 | *350,152 | 44,467 | *3.0 | 0.4 |
| Oklahoma | 202,200 | 20,446 | 6.1 | 0.6 | 273,676 | 11,011 | 7.4 | 0.3 | *71,476 | 23,222 | *1.3 | 0.7 |
| Oregon | 179,966 | 19,618 | 5.4 | 0.6 | 301,235 | 15,409 | 7.9 | 0.4 | *121,269 | 24,946 | *2.5 | 0.7 |
| Pennsylvania | 482,978 | 38,450 | 4.1 | 0.3 | 745,353 | 24,337 | 6.0 | 0.2 | *262,375 | 45,505 | *1.9 | 0.4 |
| Rhode Island | 52,776 | 9,270 | 5.2 | 0.9 | 62,056 | 6,267 | 6.1 | 0.6 | 9,280 | 11,190 | 0.9 | 1.1 |
| South Carolina | 232,495 | 40,082 | 6.0 | 1.0 | 376,931 | 17,315 | 8.2 | 0.4 | *144,436 | 43,663 | *2.2 | 1.1 |
| South Dakota | 31,222 | 4,283 | 4.3 | 0.6 | 50,820 | 4,075 | 6.3 | 0.5 | *19,598 | 5,912 | *2.0 | 0.8 |
| Tennessee | 310,625 | 43,773 | 5.6 | 0.8 | 483,568 | 18,615 | 7.7 | 0.3 | *172,943 | 47,566 | *2.1 | 0.8 |
| Texas | 1,269,500 | 76,031 | 6.3 | 0.4 | 1,895,369 | 37,819 | 7.4 | 0.1 | *625,869 | 84,917 | *1.2 | 0.4 |
| Utah | 82,859 | 14,419 | 3.8 | 0.7 | 154,441 | 10,091 | 5.5 | 0.4 | *71,582 | 17,599 | *1.7 | 0.8 |
| Vermont | 24,747 | 4,799 | 4.2 | 0.8 | 32,128 | 3,461 | 5.3 | 0.6 | *7,381 | 5,917 | *1.1 | 1.0 |
| Virginia | 243,232 | 28,296 | 3.6 | 0.4 | 416,102 | 14,180 | 5.2 | 0.2 | *172,870 | 31,650 | *1.7 | 0.5 |
| Washington | 269,735 | 29,286 | 4.7 | 0.5 | 424,609 | 18,040 | 6.3 | 0.3 | *154,874 | 34,396 | *1.6 | 0.6 |
| West Virginia | 135,110 | 14,285 | 7.7 | 0.8 | 150,998 | 10,554 | 8.4 | 0.6 | 15,888 | 17,761 | 0.7 | 1.0 |
| Wisconsin | 169,848 | 27,543 | 3.3 | 0.5 | 317,756 | 12,142 | 5.7 | 0.2 | *147,908 | 30,101 | *2.4 | 0.6 |
| Wyoming | 19,453 | 3,404 | 4.1 | 0.7 | 29,347 | 4,056 | 5.2 | 0.7 | *9,894 | 5,295 | *1.2 | 1.0 |

* Statistically different from zero at the 90 percent confidence level.

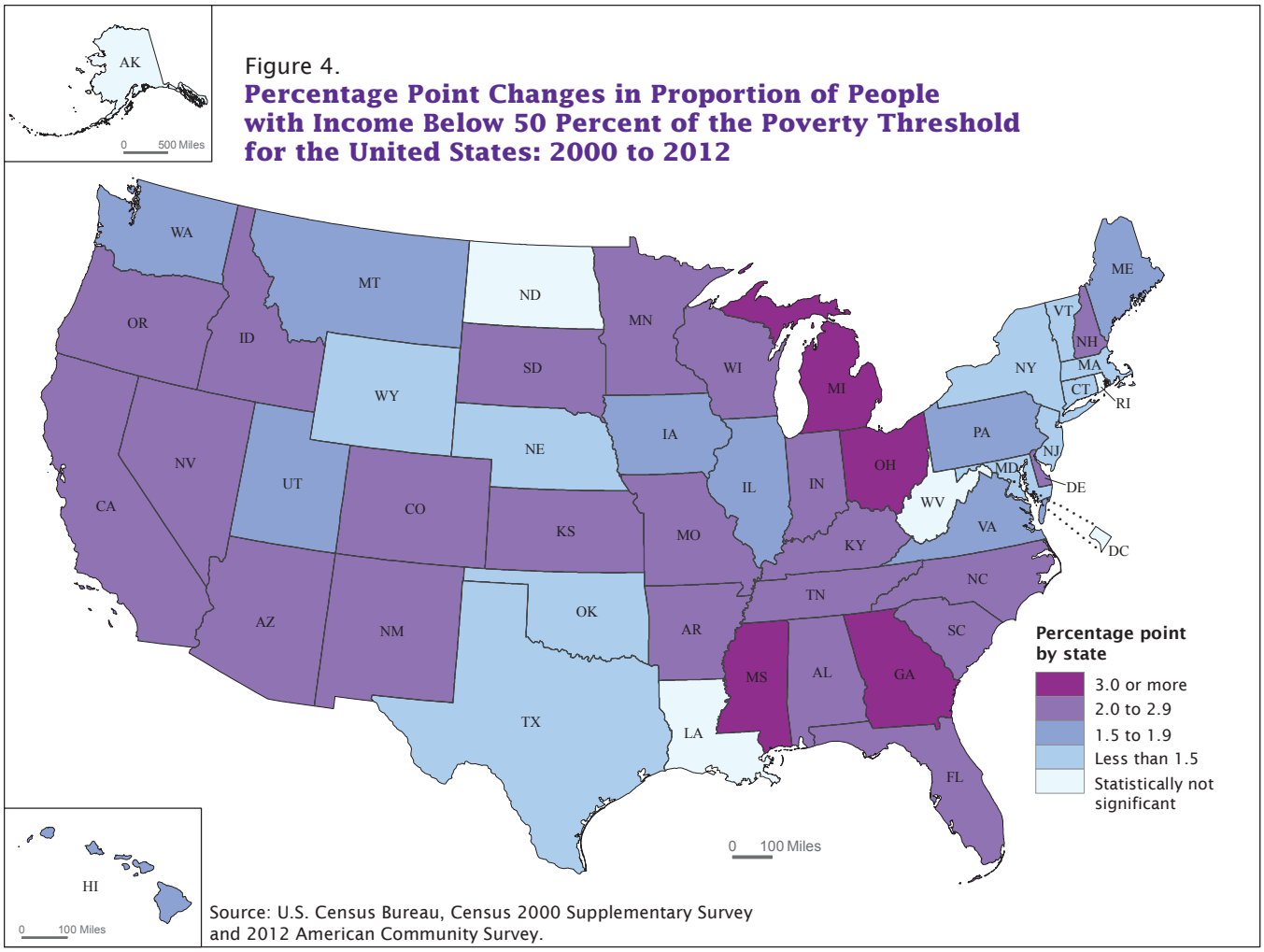
[1] Poverty status is determined for individuals in housing units and noninstitutional group quarters. The poverty universe excludes children under age 15 who are not related to the householder, people living in institutional group quarters, and people living in college dormitories or military barracks.

[2] Data are based on a sample and are subject to sampling variability. A margin of error is a measure of an estimate's variability. The larger the margin of error in relation to the size of the estimate, the less reliable the estimate. This number when added to or subtracted from the estimate forms the 90 percent confidence interval.

Note: Details may not sum to totals because of rounding. Changes in poverty were calculated with unrounded estimates.

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Supplementary Survey and 2012 American Community Survey.

Figure 4.
**Percentage Point Changes in Proportion of People with Income Below 50 Percent of the Poverty Threshold for the United States: 2000 to 2012**




Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Supplementary Survey and 2012 American Community Survey.

the proportion of people with this income level ranged from 4.2 percent in New Hampshire to 10.4 percent in the District of Columbia.[9]

Between 2000 and 2012, 45 states experienced an increase in both the number and the percent of people with income below 50 percent of their respective thresholds. In three states (Louisiana, Rhode Island, and West Virginia), there was no change in either estimate. In Alaska, North Dakota, and the District of Columbia, there was no change in the percent of people with an income-to-poverty ratio below 50 percent, but the number of people in this category increased.

Figure 4 shows the percentage point change in the proportion of people with an income-to-poverty ratio below 50 percent of their poverty threshold for the 50 states and the District of Columbia between 2000 and 2012. During this period, most states in the West, the Midwest, and the South experienced a change of between 2 and 3 percentage points. In 10 states, the change in proportion was less than 1.5 percentage points. In five states and the District of Columbia, the change was not statistically significant.

Table 4 displays the number and percentage of people with an income-to-poverty ratio below 125 percent of their poverty threshold in 2000 and 2012 for the nation, states, and the District of Columbia using 2000 and 2012 ACS data. This table shows both the number and the percentage of people with an income-to-poverty ratio below 125 percent of the poverty threshold increased from 45.1 million or 16.5 percent of the total U.S. population in 2000 to 63.6 million or 20.8 percent in 2012.

Among all states and the District of Columbia, in 2000, the proportion

[9] In 2012, the proportion of people with an income-to-poverty ratio below 50 percent in New Hampshire (4.2 percent) was not statistically different from the proportion in Alaska (4.4 percent). The proportion of people with an income-to-poverty ratio below 50 percent in the District of Columbia (10.4 percent) was not statistically different from the proportion in Mississippi (10.2 percent).

Table 4.

## Number and Percentage of People With Income-to-Poverty Ratio Below 125 Percent by State: 2000 and 2012

(For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see *www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/ACS/accuracy2012.pdf*)

| Area | 2000 | | | | 2012 | | | | Change (2012 less 2000) | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number[1] | Margin of error[2] (±) | Percentage[1] | Margin of error[2] (±) | Number[1] | Margin of error[2] (±) | Percentage[1] | Margin of error[2] (±) | Number[1] | Margin of error[2] (±) | Percentage[1] | Margin of error[2] (±) |
| **United States** | **45,071,197** | **527,828** | **16.5** | **0.2** | **63,569,291** | **264,855** | **20.8** | **0.1** | ***18,498,094** | **590,551** | ***4.2** | **0.2** |
| Alabama | 913,641 | 48,817 | 21.2 | 1.1 | 1,157,921 | 24,918 | 24.6 | 0.5 | *244,280 | 54,809 | *3.4 | 1.2 |
| Alaska | 73,034 | 6,147 | 12.1 | 1.0 | 105,456 | 7,322 | 14.7 | 1.0 | *32,422 | 9,560 | *2.6 | 1.5 |
| Arizona | 1,002,001 | 44,630 | 20.1 | 0.9 | 1,542,380 | 28,758 | 24.1 | 0.4 | *540,379 | 53,093 | *4.0 | 1.0 |
| Arkansas | 571,056 | 31,694 | 22.0 | 1.2 | 737,852 | 18,798 | 25.8 | 0.7 | *166,796 | 36,849 | *3.7 | 1.4 |
| California | 6,172,669 | 185,135 | 18.8 | 0.6 | 8,325,530 | 61,961 | 22.3 | 0.2 | *2,152,861 | 195,229 | *3.6 | 0.6 |
| Colorado | 519,278 | 42,290 | 12.4 | 1.0 | 900,677 | 21,725 | 17.8 | 0.4 | *381,399 | 47,544 | *5.4 | 1.1 |
| Connecticut | 345,311 | 27,967 | 10.5 | 0.8 | 483,849 | 16,625 | 13.9 | 0.5 | *138,538 | 32,535 | *3.4 | 1.0 |
| Delaware | 99,307 | 9,194 | 13.1 | 1.2 | 138,349 | 8,660 | 15.5 | 1.0 | *39,042 | 12,630 | *2.4 | 1.6 |
| District of Columbia | 114,772 | 8,457 | 21.4 | 1.6 | 133,652 | 7,480 | 22.3 | 1.2 | *18,880 | 11,290 | 0.9 | 2.0 |
| Florida | 2,695,428 | 86,806 | 17.4 | 0.6 | 4,288,362 | 53,357 | 22.7 | 0.3 | *1,592,934 | 101,893 | *5.3 | 0.6 |
| Georgia | 1,358,608 | 81,247 | 17.2 | 1.0 | 2,375,151 | 39,074 | 24.6 | 0.4 | *1,016,543 | 90,155 | *7.5 | 1.1 |
| Hawaii | 146,496 | 12,419 | 12.5 | 1.1 | 204,395 | 9,902 | 15.1 | 0.7 | *57,899 | 15,884 | *2.6 | 1.3 |
| Idaho | 210,296 | 18,597 | 16.8 | 1.5 | 334,266 | 14,969 | 21.4 | 1.0 | *123,970 | 23,873 | *4.6 | 1.8 |
| Illinois | 1,767,390 | 94,959 | 14.7 | 0.8 | 2,390,885 | 33,707 | 19.0 | 0.3 | *623,495 | 100,764 | *4.3 | 0.8 |
| Indiana | 816,970 | 77,397 | 13.9 | 1.3 | 1,289,225 | 24,603 | 20.3 | 0.4 | *472,255 | 81,214 | *6.4 | 1.4 |
| Iowa | 387,933 | 23,907 | 13.8 | 0.8 | 492,600 | 14,100 | 16.6 | 0.5 | *104,667 | 27,755 | *2.8 | 1.0 |
| Kansas | 368,811 | 24,644 | 14.2 | 0.9 | 520,640 | 15,323 | 18.6 | 0.5 | *151,829 | 29,019 | *4.4 | 1.1 |
| Kentucky | 865,095 | 51,646 | 22.2 | 1.3 | 1,052,226 | 24,744 | 24.8 | 0.6 | *187,131 | 57,268 | *2.6 | 1.5 |
| Louisiana | 1,074,726 | 45,732 | 24.9 | 1.1 | 1,143,699 | 24,444 | 25.6 | 0.5 | *68,973 | 51,855 | 0.7 | 1.2 |
| Maine | 184,469 | 17,350 | 14.9 | 1.4 | 253,595 | 10,751 | 19.6 | 0.8 | *69,126 | 20,411 | *4.7 | 1.6 |
| Maryland | 622,014 | 45,477 | 12.1 | 0.9 | 763,742 | 21,742 | 13.3 | 0.4 | *141,728 | 50,407 | *1.2 | 1.0 |
| Massachusetts | 783,265 | 43,454 | 12.8 | 0.7 | 974,277 | 20,088 | 15.2 | 0.3 | *191,012 | 47,873 | *2.4 | 0.8 |
| Michigan | 1,332,075 | 50,631 | 13.8 | 0.5 | 2,125,842 | 33,526 | 22.0 | 0.3 | *793,767 | 60,724 | *8.2 | 0.6 |
| Minnesota | 479,304 | 37,462 | 10.0 | 0.8 | 795,153 | 20,061 | 15.1 | 0.4 | *315,849 | 42,495 | *5.1 | 0.9 |
| Mississippi | 648,940 | 28,671 | 23.8 | 1.1 | 887,270 | 23,752 | 30.7 | 0.8 | *238,330 | 37,232 | *6.9 | 1.3 |
| Missouri | 853,086 | 42,817 | 15.8 | 0.8 | 1,230,334 | 22,163 | 21.1 | 0.4 | *377,248 | 48,213 | *5.3 | 0.9 |
| Montana | 171,960 | 12,194 | 19.7 | 1.4 | 204,658 | 8,924 | 20.9 | 0.9 | *32,698 | 15,111 | 1.2 | 1.7 |
| Nebraska | 239,733 | 16,264 | 14.5 | 1.0 | 319,068 | 12,125 | 17.7 | 0.7 | *79,335 | 20,286 | *3.2 | 1.2 |
| Nevada | 287,969 | 24,648 | 14.7 | 1.3 | 595,988 | 19,695 | 21.9 | 0.7 | *308,019 | 31,550 | *7.2 | 1.5 |
| New Hampshire | 93,353 | 11,424 | 7.8 | 1.0 | 166,736 | 12,569 | 13.0 | 1.0 | *73,383 | 16,985 | *5.2 | 1.4 |
| New Jersey | 873,871 | 54,092 | 10.7 | 0.7 | 1,223,671 | 24,805 | 14.1 | 0.3 | *349,800 | 59,508 | *3.4 | 0.7 |
| New Mexico | 439,321 | 29,878 | 24.7 | 1.7 | 546,292 | 14,040 | 26.7 | 0.7 | *106,971 | 33,012 | *2.0 | 1.8 |
| New York | 3,130,104 | 91,649 | 17.1 | 0.5 | 3,863,439 | 44,908 | 20.3 | 0.2 | *733,335 | 102,060 | *3.2 | 0.6 |
| North Carolina | 1,355,157 | 69,331 | 17.5 | 0.9 | 2,265,242 | 36,271 | 23.8 | 0.4 | *910,085 | 78,246 | *6.4 | 1.0 |
| North Dakota | 101,903 | 12,061 | 16.6 | 1.9 | 100,472 | 5,112 | 14.9 | 0.8 | –1,431 | 13,099 | –1.7 | 2.1 |
| Ohio | 1,614,899 | 100,658 | 14.7 | 0.9 | 2,352,041 | 33,267 | 20.9 | 0.3 | *737,142 | 106,013 | *6.3 | 1.0 |
| Oklahoma | 660,101 | 42,597 | 19.9 | 1.3 | 846,440 | 15,641 | 22.9 | 0.4 | *186,339 | 45,377 | *3.0 | 1.4 |
| Oregon | 585,097 | 39,594 | 17.6 | 1.2 | 849,973 | 23,512 | 22.2 | 0.6 | *264,876 | 46,049 | *4.6 | 1.3 |
| Pennsylvania | 1,701,448 | 71,264 | 14.4 | 0.6 | 2,211,259 | 32,475 | 17.9 | 0.3 | *509,811 | 78,315 | *3.5 | 0.7 |
| Rhode Island | 141,934 | 11,619 | 14.1 | 1.2 | 183,177 | 9,638 | 18.1 | 1.0 | *41,243 | 15,096 | *4.0 | 1.5 |
| South Carolina | 722,891 | 38,666 | 18.7 | 1.0 | 1,096,689 | 23,975 | 23.9 | 0.5 | *373,798 | 45,495 | *5.2 | 1.1 |
| South Dakota | 114,776 | 5,596 | 15.9 | 0.8 | 144,350 | 6,605 | 17.9 | 0.8 | *29,574 | 8,657 | *2.1 | 1.1 |
| Tennessee | 1,020,418 | 48,720 | 18.5 | 0.9 | 1,464,920 | 30,363 | 23.3 | 0.5 | *444,502 | 57,407 | *4.8 | 1.0 |
| Texas | 4,146,683 | 124,948 | 20.5 | 0.6 | 5,999,147 | 58,953 | 23.6 | 0.2 | *1,852,464 | 138,157 | *3.0 | 0.7 |
| Utah | 267,071 | 29,162 | 12.2 | 1.3 | 496,647 | 19,236 | 17.7 | 0.7 | *229,576 | 34,935 | *5.5 | 1.5 |
| Vermont | 85,328 | 6,976 | 14.6 | 1.2 | 94,485 | 4,976 | 15.7 | 0.8 | *9,157 | 8,569 | 1.1 | 1.5 |
| Virginia | 890,349 | 63,591 | 13.1 | 0.9 | 1,234,285 | 27,716 | 15.6 | 0.3 | *343,936 | 69,369 | *2.5 | 1.0 |
| Washington | 881,982 | 71,148 | 15.4 | 1.2 | 1,184,256 | 30,819 | 17.5 | 0.5 | *302,274 | 77,536 | *2.2 | 1.3 |
| West Virginia | 437,149 | 28,285 | 24.8 | 1.6 | 420,802 | 15,559 | 23.4 | 0.9 | –16,347 | 32,282 | –1.5 | 1.8 |
| Wisconsin | 620,131 | 70,920 | 12.0 | 1.4 | 968,174 | 18,169 | 17.4 | 0.3 | *348,043 | 73,211 | *5.4 | 1.4 |
| Wyoming | 81,594 | 7,804 | 17.1 | 1.6 | 89,752 | 6,138 | 16.0 | 1.1 | 8,158 | 9,929 | –1.1 | 2.0 |

* Statistically different from zero at the 90 percent confidence level.

[1] Poverty status is determined for individuals in housing units and noninstitutional group quarters. The poverty universe excludes children under age 15 who are not related to the householder, people living in institutional group quarters, and people living in college dormitories or military barracks.

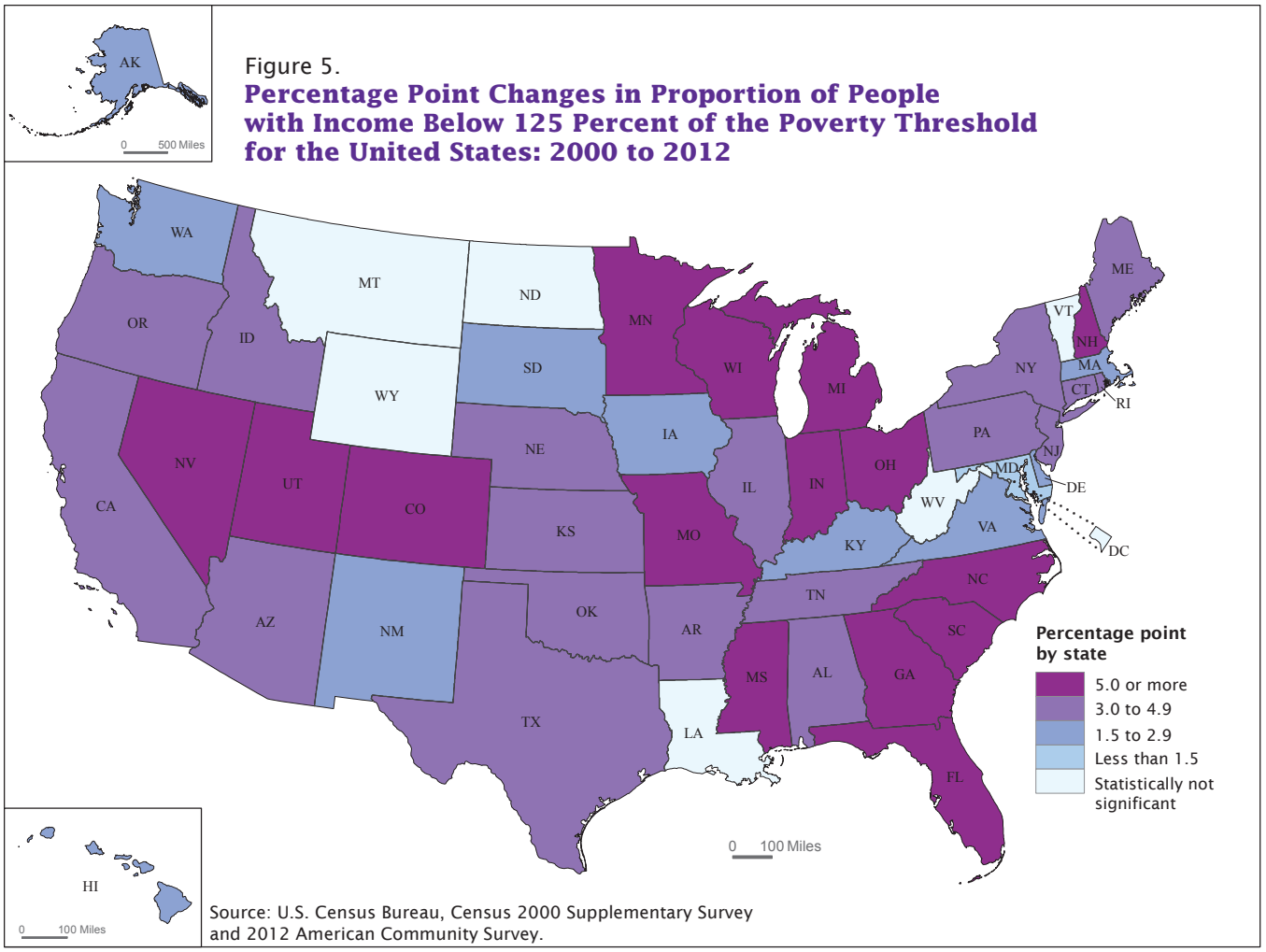
[2] Data are based on a sample and are subject to sampling variability. A margin of error is a measure of an estimate's variability. The larger the margin of error in relation to the size of the estimate, the less reliable the estimate. This number when added to or subtracted from the estimate forms the 90 percent confidence interval.

Note: Details may not sum to totals because of rounding. Changes in poverty were calculated with unrounded estimates.

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Supplementary Survey and 2012 American Community Survey.

Figure 5.

## Percentage Point Changes in Proportion of People with Income Below 125 Percent of the Poverty Threshold for the United States: 2000 to 2012




Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Supplementary Survey and 2012 American Community Survey.

of people with an income-to-poverty ratio below 125 percent of their poverty threshold ranged from 7.8 percent in New Hampshire to 24.9 percent in Louisiana.[10] In 2012, these proportions varied from 13.0 percent in New Hampshire to 30.7 percent in Mississippi.[11]

Among the states and the District of Columbia, in 44 states both the number and proportions of people with an income-to-poverty ratio below 125 percent of their poverty threshold increased, while it remained unchanged in three states (North Dakota, West Virginia, and Wyoming) between 2000 and 2012. In three states (Louisiana, Montana, and Vermont) and the District of Columbia, the number of people with an income-to-poverty ratio below 125 percent of their poverty threshold increased, while the proportion remained unchanged.

Figure 5 shows the percentage point change in the proportion of people with an income-to-poverty ratio below 125 percent of their poverty threshold for the 50 states and the District of Columbia between 2000 and 2012. The figure shows most states in the South Atlantic division, the East South Central division, and the East North

[10] In 2000, the proportion of people with an income-to-poverty ratio below 125 percent of their poverty threshold in Louisiana (24.9 percent) was not statistically different from the proportion in West Virginia (24.8 percent), New Mexico (24.7 percent), and Mississippi (23.8 percent).

[11] In 2012, the proportion of people with an income-to-poverty ratio below 125 percent of their poverty threshold in New Hampshire (13.0 percent) was not statistically different from the proportion in Maryland (13.3 percent) and Connecticut (13.9 percent).

Central division had an increase of three percentage points or more. In six states and the District of Columbia, the change in the proportion of people with an income-to-poverty ratio below 125 percent was not statistically significant.

## POVERTY IN METROPOLITAN AREAS

More than 80 percent of the U.S. population lives in the 366 metropolitan areas and about 40 percent of the total population reside in the largest 25 metropolitan areas. Using 2011 and 2012 ACS data, this report analyzes poverty rates for the largest 25 metropolitan areas.

Table 5 shows the number and percentage of people in poverty for the 25 largest metropolitan areas. In 2012, the poverty rate for these metropolitan areas varied widely, ranging from a low of 8.4 percent for Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV Metro Area to a high of 19.0 percent for Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA Metro Area. Among the largest metropolitan areas, Boston-Cambridge-Quincy, MA-NH Metro Area, Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI Metro Area, and Baltimore-Towson, MD Metro Area were metro areas with the lowest poverty rates.

Between 2011 and 2012, poverty rates for 19 of the 25 largest metropolitan areas did not exhibit statistically significant changes. In three metro areas, Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana, CA Metro Area, New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-PA Metro Area, and Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA Metro Area, both the number and percentage of people in poverty increased during the same period. In Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX Metro Area, Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown, TX Metro Area, and Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro, OR-WA Metro Area, the poverty rates declined but the change in the number of people in poverty was not statistically significant.

## SOURCE AND ACCURACY

The data presented in this report are based on the ACS sample interviewed from January 2012 through December 2012 (2012 ACS), the ACS sample interviewed from January 2011 through December 2011 (2011 ACS), and the sample interviewed in 2000 from the Census 2000 Supplementary Survey (C2SS). The estimates based on these samples describe the actual average values of person, household, and housing unit characteristics over this period of collection. Sampling error is the uncertainty between an estimate based on a sample and the corresponding value that would be obtained if the estimate were based on the entire population (as from a census). Measures of sampling error are provided in the form of margins of error for all estimates included in this report. All comparative statements in this report have undergone statistical testing, and comparisons are significant at the 90 percent level unless otherwise noted. In addition to sampling error, nonsampling error may be introduced during any of the operations used to collect and process survey data such as editing, reviewing, or keying data from questionnaires. For more information on sampling and estimation methods, confidentiality protection, and sampling and nonsampling errors, please see the 2012 ACS Accuracy of the Data document located at <www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/data_documentation/Accuracy/ACS_Accuracy_of_Data_2012.pdf> and the 2000 Accuracy of the Data document located at <www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/data documentation/Accuracy/accuracy 00 C2SS.pdf>.

### WHAT IS THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY?

The American Community Survey (ACS) is a nationwide survey designed to provide communities with reliable and timely demographic, social, economic, and housing data for the nation, states, congressional districts, counties, places, and other localities every year. It has an annual sample size of about 3.5 million addresses across the United States and Puerto Rico and includes both housing units and group quarters (e.g., nursing facilities and prisons). The ACS is conducted in every county throughout the nation, and every municipio in Puerto Rico, where it is called the Puerto Rico Community Survey. Beginning in 2006, ACS data for 2005 were released for geographic areas with populations of 65,000 and greater.

The demonstration stage of the ACS, initially called the Census 2000 Supplementary Survey (C2SS) was conducted in 2000 in 1,239 counties with sample size of 866,000 housing units. The C2SS was designed to provide accurate estimates for the housing units and population for the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

For information on the ACS sample design and other topics, visit <www.census.gov/acs/www>.

Table 5.

## Number and Percentage of People in Poverty in the Past 12 Months for Top 25 Metropolitan Statistical Area: 2011 and 2012

(For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see *www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/ACS/accuracy2012.pdf*)

| Metropolitan statisitical area | Below poverty in 2011 | | | | Below poverty in 2012 | | | | Change in poverty (2012 less 2011) | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number[1] | Margin of error[2] (±) | Percentage[1] | Margin of error[2] (±) | Number[1] | Margin of error[2] (±) | Percentage[1] | Margin of error[2] (±) | Number[1] | Margin of error[2] (±) | Percentage[1] | Margin of error[2] (±) |
| **United States** | **48,452,035** | **234,166** | **15.9** | **0.1** | **48,760,123** | **231,580** | **15.9** | **0.1** | **308,088** | **329,337** | **–0.0** | **0.1** |
| Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Marietta, GA Metro Area | 886,390 | 31,037 | 16.8 | 0.6 | 887,901 | 29,846 | 16.6 | 0.6 | 1,511 | 43,059 | –0.2 | 0.8 |
| Baltimore-Towson, MD Metro Area | 308,348 | 15,085 | 11.6 | 0.6 | 303,704 | 14,893 | 11.3 | 0.6 | –4,644 | 21,198 | –0.3 | 0.8 |
| Boston-Cambridge-Quincy, MA-NH Metro Area | 473,590 | 18,407 | 10.7 | 0.4 | 479,126 | 15,238 | 10.7 | 0.3 | 5,536 | 23,896 | 0.0 | 0.5 |
| Chicago-Joliet-Naperville, IL-IN-WI Metro Area | 1,374,328 | 36,521 | 14.7 | 0.4 | 1,362,635 | 30,184 | 14.5 | 0.3 | –11,693 | 47,380 | –0.2 | 0.5 |
| Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX Metro Area | 1,016,286 | 31,952 | 15.8 | 0.5 | 984,719 | 23,684 | 15.0 | 0.4 | –31,567 | 39,773 | *–0.8 | 0.6 |
| Denver-Aurora-Broomfield, CO Metro Area | 328,306 | 17,702 | 12.8 | 0.7 | 332,043 | 15,260 | 12.7 | 0.6 | 3,737 | 23,371 | –0.1 | 0.9 |
| Detroit-Warren-Livonia, MI Metro Area | 764,172 | 23,768 | 18.0 | 0.6 | 740,712 | 20,248 | 17.4 | 0.5 | –23,460 | 31,223 | –0.6 | 0.7 |
| Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown, TX Metro Area | 1,044,540 | 31,794 | 17.4 | 0.5 | 1,005,192 | 32,475 | 16.4 | 0.5 | –39,348 | 45,448 | *–1.0 | 0.8 |
| Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana, CA Metro Area | 2,173,341 | 35,851 | 17.0 | 0.3 | 2,266,193 | 42,491 | 17.6 | 0.3 | *92,852 | 55,595 | *0.6 | 0.4 |
| Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach, FL Metro Area | 996,510 | 31,279 | 17.8 | 0.6 | 993,904 | 25,832 | 17.5 | 0.5 | –2,606 | 40,567 | –0.3 | 0.7 |
| Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI Metro Area | 360,489 | 14,388 | 11.0 | 0.4 | 352,560 | 14,086 | 10.7 | 0.4 | –7,929 | 20,135 | –0.4 | 0.6 |
| New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-PA Metro Area | 2,686,469 | 39,047 | 14.4 | 0.2 | 2,785,196 | 40,070 | 14.8 | 0.2 | *98,727 | 55,949 | *0.4 | 0.3 |
| Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford, FL Metro Area | 340,506 | 20,485 | 16.0 | 1.0 | 369,925 | 18,528 | 16.9 | 0.8 | *29,419 | 27,620 | 1.0 | 1.3 |
| Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD Metro Area | 790,325 | 25,260 | 13.5 | 0.4 | 787,217 | 20,430 | 13.4 | 0.3 | –3,108 | 32,488 | –0.1 | 0.6 |
| Phoenix-Mesa-Glendale, AZ Metro Area | 726,424 | 27,645 | 17.4 | 0.7 | 741,322 | 19,794 | 17.4 | 0.5 | 14,898 | 34,001 | 0.1 | 0.8 |
| Pittsburgh, PA Metro Area | 291,237 | 13,771 | 12.6 | 0.6 | 279,386 | 12,179 | 12.1 | 0.5 | –11,851 | 18,384 | –0.5 | 0.8 |
| Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro, OR-WA Metro Area | 334,511 | 15,594 | 15.0 | 0.7 | 316,515 | 12,596 | 14.0 | 0.6 | –17,996 | 20,046 | *–1.0 | 0.9 |
| Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA Metro Area | 759,340 | 31,643 | 18.0 | 0.8 | 813,251 | 22,351 | 19.0 | 0.5 | *53,911 | 38,740 | *1.1 | 0.9 |
| San Antonio-New Braunfels, TX Metro Area | 356,470 | 20,420 | 16.6 | 1.0 | 378,226 | 16,970 | 17.3 | 0.8 | 21,756 | 26,551 | 0.7 | 1.2 |
| San Diego-Carlsbad-San Marcos, CA Metro Area | 462,269 | 20,240 | 15.1 | 0.7 | 465,295 | 20,161 | 15.0 | 0.7 | 3,026 | 28,568 | –0.1 | 0.9 |
| San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont, CA Metro Area | 513,843 | 22,168 | 11.9 | 0.5 | 522,229 | 18,993 | 11.9 | 0.4 | 8,386 | 29,192 | 0.0 | 0.7 |
| Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA Metro Area | 407,880 | 17,329 | 11.9 | 0.5 | 409,239 | 19,482 | 11.7 | 0.6 | 1,359 | 26,074 | –0.1 | 0.7 |
| St. Louis, MO-IL Metro Area | 377,744 | 16,327 | 13.7 | 0.6 | 394,288 | 15,820 | 14.3 | 0.6 | 16,544 | 22,734 | 0.6 | 0.8 |
| Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL Metro Area | 454,026 | 21,879 | 16.3 | 0.8 | 458,689 | 17,744 | 16.4 | 0.6 | 4,663 | 28,170 | 0.0 | 1.0 |
| Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV Metro Area | 462,358 | 21,374 | 8.3 | 0.4 | 477,661 | 17,577 | 8.4 | 0.3 | 15,303 | 27,673 | 0.1 | 0.5 |

* Statistically different from zero at the 90 percent confidence level.

[1] Poverty status is determined for individuals in housing units and noninstitutional group quarters. The poverty universe excludes children under age 15 who are not related to the householder, people living in institutional group quarters, and people living in college dormitories or military barracks.

[2] Data are based on a sample and are subject to sampling variability. A margin of error is a measure of an estimate's variability. The larger the margin of error in relation to the size of the estimate, the less reliable the estimate. This number when added to or subtracted from the estimate forms the 90 percent confidence interval.

Note: Details may not sum to totals because of rounding. Changes in poverty were calculated with unrounded estimates.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2011 to 2012 American Community Survey.

Accuracy of data documents for the years 2001 to 2011 are located at <www.census.gov/acs/www/data_documentation/documentation_main/>.

## NOTES

The Census Bureau also publishes poverty estimates based on the Current Population Survey's Annual Social and Economic Supplement (CPS ASEC). Following the standard specified by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in Statistical Policy Directive 14, data from the CPS ASEC are used to estimate the official national poverty rate, which can be found in the report *Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2012*, available at <www.census.gov/prod/2013pubs/p60-245.pdf>.

For information on poverty estimates from the ACS and how they differ from those based on the CPS ASEC, see "Differences Between the Income and Poverty Estimates From the American Community Survey and the Annual Social and Economic Supplement to the Current Population Survey" at <www.census.gov/hhes/www/poverty/about/datasources/index.html>.

Appendix Table 1.

## Percentage of People With Income Below Poverty Level in the Past 12 Months by State: 2000 to 2012

| Area | 2000 | | 2001 | | 2002 | | 2003 | | 2004 | | 2005 | | 2006 | | 2007 | | 2008 | | 2009 | | 2010 | | 2011 | | 2012 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Estimate | Margin of error (±) | Estimate | Margin of error (±) | Estimate | Margin of error (±) | Estimate | Margin of error (±) | Estimate | Margin of error (±) | Estimate | Margin of error (±) | Estimate | Margin of error (±) | Estimate | Margin of error (±) | Estimate | Margin of error (±) | Estimate | Margin of error (±) | Estimate | Margin of error (±) | Estimate | Margin of error (±) | Estimate | Margin of error (±) |
| **United States** | **12.2** | **0.2** | **12.1** | **0.2** | **12.4** | **0.2** | **12.7** | **0.1** | **13.1** | **0.2** | **13.3** | **0.1** | **13.3** | **0.1** | **13.0** | **0.1** | **13.2** | **0.1** | **14.3** | **0.1** | **15.3** | **0.1** | **15.9** | **0.1** | **15.9** | **0.1** |
| Alabama | 15.6 | 0.9 | 16.5 | 0.6 | 16.6 | 0.9 | 17.1 | 0.7 | 16.1 | 0.8 | 17.0 | 0.5 | 16.6 | 0.5 | 16.9 | 0.5 | 15.7 | 0.5 | 17.5 | 0.5 | 19.0 | 0.5 | 19.0 | 0.5 | 19.0 | 0.4 |
| Alaska | 9.1 | 0.9 | 7.2 | 0.7 | 7.7 | 0.9 | 9.7 | 1.0 | 8.2 | 0.8 | 11.2 | 1.0 | 10.9 | 1.1 | 8.9 | 0.8 | 8.4 | 0.8 | 9.0 | 0.8 | 9.9 | 0.9 | 10.5 | 0.8 | 10.1 | 0.7 |
| Arizona | 15.6 | 1.0 | 13.7 | 0.8 | 14.2 | 0.9 | 15.4 | 0.7 | 14.2 | 1.1 | 14.2 | 0.5 | 14.2 | 0.4 | 14.2 | 0.5 | 14.7 | 0.4 | 16.5 | 0.4 | 17.4 | 0.5 | 19.0 | 0.6 | 18.7 | 0.4 |
| Arkansas | 17.0 | 1.1 | 15.4 | 0.9 | 15.3 | 1.0 | 16.0 | 0.8 | 17.9 | 1.3 | 17.2 | 0.6 | 17.3 | 0.6 | 17.9 | 0.6 | 17.3 | 0.7 | 18.8 | 0.6 | 18.8 | 0.6 | 19.5 | 0.6 | 19.8 | 0.6 |
| California | 13.7 | 0.5 | 12.8 | 0.4 | 13.0 | 0.4 | 13.4 | 0.4 | 13.3 | 0.4 | 13.3 | 0.2 | 13.1 | 0.2 | 12.4 | 0.2 | 13.3 | 0.2 | 14.2 | 0.2 | 15.8 | 0.2 | 16.6 | 0.2 | 17.0 | 0.2 |
| Colorado | 8.7 | 0.8 | 9.6 | 0.9 | 9.7 | 0.7 | 9.8 | 1.1 | 11.1 | 1.3 | 11.1 | 0.4 | 12.0 | 0.4 | 12.0 | 0.4 | 11.4 | 0.5 | 12.9 | 0.4 | 13.4 | 0.5 | 13.5 | 0.4 | 13.7 | 0.4 |
| Connecticut | 7.7 | 0.8 | 7.3 | 0.7 | 7.5 | 0.9 | 8.1 | 0.9 | 7.6 | 0.7 | 8.3 | 0.5 | 8.3 | 0.4 | 7.9 | 0.4 | 9.3 | 0.4 | 9.4 | 0.5 | 10.1 | 0.5 | 10.9 | 0.5 | 10.7 | 0.4 |
| Delaware | 9.3 | 1.0 | 9.8 | 1.1 | 8.2 | 1.0 | 8.7 | 1.1 | 9.9 | 0.9 | 10.4 | 0.8 | 11.1 | 1.1 | 10.5 | 0.9 | 10.0 | 0.8 | 10.8 | 1.1 | 11.8 | 0.9 | 11.9 | 0.9 | 12.0 | 0.9 |
| District of Columbia | 17.5 | 1.5 | 18.1 | 1.6 | 17.5 | 1.6 | 19.9 | 1.6 | 18.9 | 1.7 | 19.0 | 1.5 | 19.6 | 1.4 | 16.4 | 1.4 | 17.2 | 1.3 | 18.4 | 1.6 | 19.2 | 1.3 | 18.7 | 1.4 | 18.2 | 1.3 |
| Florida | 12.8 | 0.5 | 12.5 | 0.5 | 12.8 | 0.5 | 13.1 | 0.5 | 12.2 | 0.5 | 12.8 | 0.3 | 12.6 | 0.2 | 12.1 | 0.2 | 13.2 | 0.2 | 14.9 | 0.2 | 16.5 | 0.2 | 17.0 | 0.3 | 17.1 | 0.3 |
| Georgia | 12.6 | 0.8 | 11.7 | 0.7 | 12.7 | 0.7 | 13.4 | 0.7 | 14.8 | 0.7 | 14.4 | 0.4 | 14.7 | 0.3 | 14.3 | 0.3 | 14.7 | 0.3 | 16.5 | 0.4 | 17.9 | 0.4 | 19.1 | 0.4 | 19.2 | 0.4 |
| Hawaii | 8.8 | 0.9 | 10.4 | 2.3 | 10.1 | 1.7 | 10.9 | 1.2 | 10.6 | 2.3 | 9.8 | 0.8 | 9.3 | 0.7 | 8.0 | 0.5 | 9.1 | 0.7 | 10.4 | 0.7 | 10.7 | 0.7 | 12.0 | 0.9 | 11.6 | 0.7 |
| Idaho | 11.4 | 1.3 | 12.0 | 0.9 | 13.8 | 1.3 | 13.8 | 1.4 | 14.5 | 1.3 | 13.9 | 0.7 | 12.6 | 0.6 | 12.1 | 0.6 | 12.6 | 0.9 | 14.3 | 0.8 | 15.7 | 0.7 | 16.5 | 0.9 | 15.9 | 0.9 |
| Illinois | 11.1 | 0.6 | 11.2 | 0.8 | 11.6 | 0.6 | 11.3 | 0.6 | 11.9 | 0.7 | 12.0 | 0.3 | 12.3 | 0.3 | 11.9 | 0.3 | 12.2 | 0.2 | 13.3 | 0.3 | 13.8 | 0.3 | 15.0 | 0.3 | 14.7 | 0.3 |
| Indiana | 10.1 | 1.0 | 9.8 | 0.5 | 10.9 | 0.7 | 10.6 | 0.8 | 10.8 | 1.1 | 12.2 | 0.4 | 12.7 | 0.4 | 12.3 | 0.3 | 13.1 | 0.4 | 14.4 | 0.4 | 15.3 | 0.4 | 16.0 | 0.4 | 15.6 | 0.3 |
| Iowa | 10.0 | 0.7 | 9.7 | 0.9 | 11.2 | 1.1 | 10.1 | 0.9 | 9.9 | 0.6 | 10.9 | 0.4 | 11.0 | 0.4 | 11.0 | 0.5 | 11.5 | 0.5 | 11.8 | 0.4 | 12.6 | 0.5 | 12.8 | 0.4 | 12.7 | 0.4 |
| Kansas | 9.5 | 0.8 | 11.3 | 1.1 | 12.1 | 1.1 | 10.8 | 1.1 | 10.5 | 0.6 | 11.7 | 0.5 | 12.4 | 0.5 | 11.2 | 0.5 | 11.3 | 0.5 | 13.4 | 0.6 | 13.6 | 0.6 | 13.8 | 0.5 | 14.0 | 0.4 |
| Kentucky | 16.4 | 1.2 | 15.4 | 1.2 | 15.6 | 1.2 | 17.4 | 1.5 | 17.4 | 1.3 | 16.8 | 0.5 | 17.0 | 0.5 | 17.3 | 0.5 | 17.3 | 0.5 | 18.6 | 0.5 | 19.0 | 0.5 | 19.1 | 0.6 | 19.4 | 0.5 |
| Louisiana | 20.0 | 1.0 | 19.1 | 1.1 | 18.8 | 1.2 | 20.3 | 1.0 | 19.4 | 1.0 | 19.8 | 0.6 | 19.0 | 0.6 | 18.6 | 0.5 | 17.3 | 0.6 | 17.3 | 0.5 | 18.7 | 0.5 | 20.4 | 0.5 | 19.9 | 0.5 |
| Maine | 10.1 | 1.2 | 10.6 | 1.0 | 11.1 | 1.0 | 10.5 | 0.9 | 12.3 | 1.1 | 12.6 | 0.7 | 12.9 | 0.7 | 12.0 | 0.6 | 12.3 | 0.6 | 12.3 | 0.7 | 12.9 | 0.6 | 14.1 | 0.7 | 14.7 | 0.7 |
| Maryland | 9.3 | 0.8 | 8.1 | 0.7 | 8.1 | 0.7 | 8.2 | 0.8 | 8.8 | 0.7 | 8.2 | 0.5 | 7.8 | 0.3 | 8.3 | 0.4 | 8.1 | 0.3 | 9.1 | 0.3 | 9.9 | 0.4 | 10.1 | 0.3 | 10.3 | 0.3 |
| Massachusetts | 9.6 | 0.7 | 8.7 | 0.6 | 8.9 | 0.6 | 9.4 | 0.6 | 9.2 | 0.5 | 10.3 | 0.3 | 9.9 | 0.3 | 9.9 | 0.3 | 10.0 | 0.3 | 10.3 | 0.3 | 11.4 | 0.3 | 11.6 | 0.4 | 11.9 | 0.3 |
| Michigan | 10.1 | 0.5 | 10.6 | 0.5 | 11.0 | 0.6 | 11.4 | 0.6 | 12.3 | 0.7 | 13.2 | 0.3 | 13.5 | 0.3 | 14.0 | 0.3 | 14.4 | 0.3 | 16.2 | 0.3 | 16.8 | 0.3 | 17.5 | 0.3 | 17.4 | 0.3 |
| Minnesota | 6.9 | 0.6 | 7.8 | 0.6 | 8.5 | 0.7 | 7.8 | 0.5 | 8.3 | 0.8 | 9.2 | 0.3 | 9.8 | 0.3 | 9.5 | 0.3 | 9.6 | 0.3 | 11.0 | 0.3 | 11.6 | 0.3 | 11.9 | 0.3 | 11.4 | 0.3 |
| Mississippi | 18.2 | 1.0 | 18.6 | 1.1 | 19.9 | 1.0 | 19.9 | 1.0 | 21.6 | 1.1 | 21.3 | 0.6 | 21.1 | 0.8 | 20.6 | 0.7 | 21.2 | 0.9 | 21.9 | 0.6 | 22.4 | 0.8 | 22.6 | 0.7 | 24.2 | 0.8 |
| Missouri | 11.2 | 0.7 | 11.7 | 0.8 | 11.9 | 0.8 | 11.7 | 0.6 | 11.8 | 1.2 | 13.3 | 0.4 | 13.6 | 0.4 | 13.0 | 0.4 | 13.4 | 0.3 | 14.6 | 0.4 | 15.3 | 0.4 | 15.8 | 0.4 | 16.2 | 0.4 |
| Montana | 13.4 | 1.3 | 14.6 | 1.1 | 14.6 | 1.6 | 14.2 | 1.2 | 14.2 | 0.9 | 14.4 | 1.0 | 13.6 | 0.8 | 14.1 | 0.8 | 14.8 | 0.9 | 15.1 | 1.0 | 14.6 | 1.0 | 14.8 | 0.9 | 15.5 | 0.8 |
| Nebraska | 9.6 | 0.7 | 10.3 | 0.9 | 11.0 | 0.9 | 10.8 | 0.9 | 11.0 | 0.7 | 10.9 | 0.5 | 11.5 | 0.6 | 11.2 | 0.5 | 10.8 | 0.5 | 12.3 | 0.6 | 12.9 | 0.7 | 13.1 | 0.6 | 13.0 | 0.6 |
| Nevada | 9.9 | 1.2 | 9.7 | 1.0 | 11.8 | 1.2 | 11.5 | 1.1 | 12.6 | 1.5 | 11.1 | 0.7 | 10.3 | 0.5 | 10.7 | 0.7 | 11.3 | 0.6 | 12.4 | 0.7 | 14.9 | 0.8 | 15.9 | 0.8 | 16.4 | 0.7 |
| New Hampshire | 5.3 | 0.8 | 6.0 | 0.7 | 6.4 | 0.7 | 7.7 | 0.9 | 7.6 | 0.8 | 7.5 | 0.6 | 8.0 | 0.6 | 7.1 | 0.6 | 7.6 | 0.6 | 8.5 | 0.6 | 8.3 | 0.6 | 8.8 | 0.7 | 10.0 | 0.8 |
| New Jersey | 7.9 | 0.6 | 7.9 | 0.6 | 7.5 | 0.5 | 8.4 | 0.6 | 8.5 | 0.6 | 8.7 | 0.3 | 8.7 | 0.3 | 8.6 | 0.3 | 8.7 | 0.3 | 9.4 | 0.3 | 10.3 | 0.3 | 10.4 | 0.3 | 10.8 | 0.3 |
| New Mexico | 18.0 | 1.7 | 17.7 | 1.7 | 18.9 | 1.3 | 18.6 | 1.5 | 19.3 | 1.6 | 18.5 | 0.8 | 18.5 | 0.7 | 18.1 | 0.8 | 17.1 | 0.7 | 18.0 | 1.0 | 20.4 | 1.0 | 21.5 | 0.8 | 20.8 | 0.7 |
| New York | 13.1 | 0.5 | 13.4 | 0.5 | 13.1 | 0.6 | 13.5 | 0.5 | 14.2 | 0.5 | 13.8 | 0.3 | 14.2 | 0.2 | 13.7 | 0.2 | 13.6 | 0.2 | 14.2 | 0.2 | 14.9 | 0.2 | 16.0 | 0.2 | 15.9 | 0.2 |
| North Carolina | 13.1 | 0.6 | 14.1 | 0.9 | 14.2 | 1.1 | 14.0 | 0.7 | 15.2 | 1.2 | 15.1 | 0.4 | 14.7 | 0.3 | 14.3 | 0.3 | 14.6 | 0.4 | 16.3 | 0.3 | 17.5 | 0.3 | 17.9 | 0.4 | 18.0 | 0.3 |
| North Dakota | 11.6 | 1.7 | 12.1 | 1.5 | 12.5 | 1.7 | 11.7 | 1.2 | 12.1 | 1.7 | 11.2 | 0.8 | 11.4 | 0.8 | 12.1 | 0.9 | 12.0 | 0.9 | 11.7 | 0.8 | 13.0 | 0.9 | 12.2 | 0.8 | 11.2 | 0.6 |
| Ohio | 11.1 | 0.8 | 11.0 | 0.7 | 11.9 | 0.8 | 12.1 | 0.5 | 12.5 | 0.8 | 13.0 | 0.3 | 13.3 | 0.3 | 13.1 | 0.3 | 13.4 | 0.3 | 15.2 | 0.3 | 15.8 | 0.3 | 16.4 | 0.3 | 16.3 | 0.3 |
| Oklahoma | 13.8 | 0.9 | 15.5 | 1.3 | 15.0 | 1.3 | 16.1 | 1.2 | 15.3 | 1.3 | 16.5 | 0.5 | 17.0 | 0.5 | 15.9 | 0.5 | 15.9 | 0.5 | 16.2 | 0.5 | 16.9 | 0.4 | 17.2 | 0.5 | 17.2 | 0.4 |
| Oregon | 13.2 | 1.4 | 13.4 | 1.6 | 13.2 | 0.8 | 13.9 | 0.8 | 14.1 | 1.0 | 14.1 | 0.5 | 13.3 | 0.5 | 12.9 | 0.5 | 13.6 | 0.5 | 14.3 | 0.5 | 15.8 | 0.5 | 17.5 | 0.5 | 17.2 | 0.6 |
| Pennsylvania | 10.5 | 0.6 | 10.7 | 0.5 | 10.5 | 0.6 | 10.9 | 0.5 | 11.7 | 0.5 | 11.9 | 0.2 | 12.1 | 0.2 | 11.6 | 0.3 | 12.1 | 0.2 | 12.5 | 0.2 | 13.4 | 0.2 | 13.8 | 0.3 | 13.7 | 0.2 |
| Rhode Island | 10.7 | 1.1 | 12.0 | 1.1 | 10.7 | 1.0 | 11.3 | 1.1 | 12.8 | 1.0 | 12.3 | 1.0 | 11.1 | 0.8 | 12.0 | 0.9 | 11.7 | 0.8 | 11.5 | 0.8 | 14.0 | 0.9 | 14.7 | 0.9 | 13.7 | 0.8 |
| South Carolina | 14.4 | 0.8 | 13.4 | 1.2 | 14.2 | 0.8 | 14.1 | 1.0 | 15.7 | 1.3 | 15.6 | 0.5 | 15.7 | 0.5 | 15.0 | 0.5 | 15.7 | 0.5 | 17.1 | 0.5 | 18.2 | 0.5 | 18.9 | 0.5 | 18.3 | 0.5 |
| South Dakota | 11.5 | 0.8 | 11.6 | 1.2 | 11.4 | 2.0 | 11.1 | 1.3 | 11.0 | 1.5 | 13.6 | 1.0 | 13.6 | 0.9 | 13.1 | 0.8 | 12.5 | 0.9 | 14.2 | 1.0 | 14.4 | 1.0 | 13.9 | 0.8 | 13.4 | 0.7 |
| Tennessee | 13.5 | 0.9 | 14.3 | 0.9 | 14.5 | 1.0 | 13.8 | 0.7 | 14.5 | 1.1 | 15.5 | 0.5 | 16.2 | 0.4 | 15.9 | 0.5 | 15.5 | 0.4 | 17.1 | 0.4 | 17.7 | 0.5 | 18.3 | 0.5 | 17.9 | 0.4 |
| Texas | 15.1 | 0.6 | 15.0 | 0.5 | 15.6 | 0.4 | 16.3 | 0.6 | 16.6 | 0.5 | 17.6 | 0.3 | 16.9 | 0.2 | 16.3 | 0.2 | 15.8 | 0.2 | 17.2 | 0.2 | 17.9 | 0.2 | 18.5 | 0.3 | 17.9 | 0.2 |
| Utah | 8.8 | 1.2 | 8.6 | 1.1 | 10.5 | 1.1 | 10.6 | 1.0 | 10.9 | 1.3 | 10.2 | 0.6 | 10.6 | 0.5 | 9.7 | 0.5 | 9.6 | 0.5 | 11.5 | 0.5 | 13.2 | 0.5 | 13.5 | 0.7 | 12.8 | 0.7 |
| Vermont | 10.7 | 1.1 | 10.4 | 1.1 | 8.5 | 1.1 | 9.7 | 1.0 | 9.0 | 0.9 | 11.5 | 1.0 | 10.3 | 0.7 | 10.1 | 0.9 | 10.6 | 0.9 | 11.4 | 0.9 | 12.7 | 0.9 | 11.5 | 0.8 | 11.8 | 0.8 |
| Virginia | 9.2 | 0.7 | 9.3 | 0.8 | 9.9 | 0.7 | 9.0 | 0.9 | 9.5 | 0.9 | 10.0 | 0.3 | 9.6 | 0.3 | 9.9 | 0.3 | 10.2 | 0.3 | 10.5 | 0.4 | 11.1 | 0.3 | 11.5 | 0.3 | 11.7 | 0.3 |
| Washington | 11.6 | 1.1 | 10.8 | 1.0 | 11.4 | 1.0 | 11.0 | 1.1 | 13.1 | 1.0 | 11.9 | 0.4 | 11.8 | 0.3 | 11.4 | 0.3 | 11.3 | 0.3 | 12.3 | 0.4 | 13.4 | 0.4 | 13.9 | 0.4 | 13.5 | 0.4 |
| West Virginia | 18.6 | 1.3 | 17.2 | 1.4 | 17.2 | 1.2 | 18.5 | 1.2 | 17.9 | 1.3 | 18.0 | 0.8 | 17.3 | 0.8 | 16.9 | 0.6 | 17.0 | 0.7 | 17.7 | 0.7 | 18.1 | 0.7 | 18.6 | 0.8 | 17.8 | 0.7 |
| Wisconsin | 8.9 | 1.1 | 9.8 | 0.8 | 9.7 | 0.9 | 10.5 | 1.2 | 10.7 | 0.9 | 10.2 | 0.3 | 11.0 | 0.3 | 10.8 | 0.3 | 10.4 | 0.3 | 12.4 | 0.4 | 13.2 | 0.3 | 13.1 | 0.4 | 13.2 | 0.3 |
| Wyoming | 11.4 | 1.6 | 11.4 | 0.8 | 11.0 | 1.0 | 9.7 | 1.0 | 10.3 | 0.7 | 9.5 | 0.9 | 9.4 | 1.0 | 8.7 | 1.2 | 9.4 | 0.9 | 9.8 | 1.0 | 11.2 | 1.2 | 11.3 | 1.0 | 12.6 | 1.1 |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 to 2012 American Community Surveys.

Appendix Table 2.

## Percentage of People With Income Below 50 Percent of the Poverty Threshold by State: 2000 to 2012

| Area | 2000 | | 2001 | | 2002 | | 2003 | | 2004 | | 2005 | | 2006 | | 2007 | | 2008 | | 2009 | | 2010 | | 2011 | | 2012 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Esti-mate | Margin of error (±) | Esti-mate | Margin of error (±) | Esti-mate | Margin of error (±) | Esti-mate | Margin of error (±) | Esti-mate | Margin of error (±) | Esti-mate | Margin of error (±) | Esti-mate | Margin of error (±) | Esti-mate | Margin of error (±) | Esti-mate | Margin of error (±) | Esti-mate | Margin of error (±) | Esti-mate | Margin of error (±) | Esti-mate | Margin of error (±) | Esti-mate | Margin of error (±) |
| **United States . .** | **5.0** | **0.1** | **5.0** | **0.1** | **5.3** | **0.1** | **5.5** | **0.1** | **5.7** | **0.1** | **5.7** | **0.1** | **5.7** | **0.0** | **5.6** | **0.0** | **5.7** | **0.0** | **6.3** | **0.1** | **6.8** | **0.1** | **7.1** | **0.1** | **7.0** | **0.0** |
| Alabama . . . . . | 6.1 | 0.6 | 7.1 | 0.6 | 7.4 | 0.6 | 7.5 | 0.5 | 6.7 | 0.6 | 7.3 | 0.5 | 7.3 | 0.3 | 6.9 | 0.3 | 6.3 | 0.3 | 7.5 | 0.3 | 8.1 | 0.3 | 7.8 | 0.3 | 8.5 | 0.3 |
| Alaska . . . . . | 3.6 | 0.9 | 2.8 | 0.5 | 3.0 | 0.7 | 3.1 | 0.5 | 4.1 | 0.9 | 5.0 | 0.6 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 3.7 | 0.5 | 3.6 | 0.4 | 4.0 | 0.6 | 4.1 | 0.6 | 4.7 | 0.6 | 4.4 | 0.4 |
| Arizona . . . . . | 6.6 | 0.7 | 6.4 | 0.5 | 6.0 | 0.6 | 7.4 | 0.6 | 6.3 | 0.6 | 6.3 | 0.4 | 6.4 | 0.3 | 6.6 | 0.3 | 6.7 | 0.3 | 7.6 | 0.4 | 8.3 | 0.4 | 8.7 | 0.4 | 8.9 | 0.3 |
| Arkansas . . . . . | 6.1 | 0.8 | 6.0 | 0.6 | 6.2 | 0.6 | 7.1 | 0.6 | 7.3 | 0.9 | 7.3 | 0.4 | 7.1 | 0.4 | 6.5 | 0.4 | 6.9 | 0.4 | 7.7 | 0.5 | 7.8 | 0.4 | 7.9 | 0.4 | 8.2 | 0.5 |
| California . . . . . | 5.3 | 0.3 | 5.4 | 0.2 | 5.5 | 0.2 | 5.4 | 0.2 | 5.7 | 0.2 | 5.4 | 0.1 | 5.4 | 0.1 | 5.1 | 0.1 | 5.4 | 0.1 | 6.0 | 0.1 | 6.8 | 0.1 | 7.2 | 0.1 | 7.4 | 0.1 |
| Colorado . . . . . | 3.8 | 0.5 | 4.2 | 0.5 | 4.2 | 0.4 | 4.2 | 0.4 | 5.5 | 0.9 | 4.9 | 0.3 | 5.5 | 0.3 | 5.5 | 0.3 | 4.8 | 0.3 | 5.9 | 0.3 | 6.0 | 0.3 | 6.1 | 0.3 | 6.1 | 0.3 |
| Connecticut . . . . . | 3.6 | 0.6 | 3.4 | 0.5 | 3.5 | 0.5 | 3.6 | 0.6 | 3.9 | 0.5 | 3.9 | 0.4 | 3.7 | 0.3 | 3.6 | 0.3 | 4.0 | 0.3 | 4.4 | 0.3 | 4.7 | 0.4 | 5.0 | 0.3 | 4.9 | 0.3 |
| Delaware . . . . . | 3.7 | 0.5 | 4.2 | 0.6 | 4.0 | 0.7 | 3.8 | 0.7 | 4.7 | 0.8 | 4.6 | 0.7 | 4.9 | 0.6 | 5.2 | 0.6 | 4.4 | 0.6 | 4.9 | 0.8 | 5.4 | 0.6 | 5.8 | 0.6 | 5.8 | 0.6 |
| District of Columbia . . | 9.4 | 1.4 | 9.4 | 1.3 | 9.4 | 1.4 | 11.6 | 1.3 | 10.1 | 1.6 | 10.8 | 1.3 | 10.5 | 1.2 | 8.5 | 1.1 | 9.6 | 1.1 | 10.7 | 1.3 | 10.7 | 1.1 | 10.3 | 1.1 | 10.4 | 1.0 |
| Florida . . . . . | 5.5 | 0.3 | 5.0 | 0.3 | 5.6 | 0.3 | 5.5 | 0.3 | 5.2 | 0.3 | 5.5 | 0.2 | 5.2 | 0.2 | 5.0 | 0.1 | 5.6 | 0.2 | 6.5 | 0.2 | 7.4 | 0.2 | 7.5 | 0.2 | 7.5 | 0.2 |
| Georgia . . . . . | 5.3 | 0.5 | 5.2 | 0.5 | 5.4 | 0.5 | 5.7 | 0.4 | 6.6 | 0.5 | 6.4 | 0.3 | 6.6 | 0.3 | 6.4 | 0.3 | 6.3 | 0.3 | 7.3 | 0.3 | 8.2 | 0.3 | 8.6 | 0.3 | 8.8 | 0.3 |
| Hawaii . . . . . | 3.9 | 0.7 | 4.1 | 1.1 | 4.3 | 1.2 | 4.7 | 0.7 | 4.7 | 1.5 | 4.1 | 0.5 | 4.4 | 0.5 | 3.8 | 0.4 | 4.7 | 0.5 | 4.4 | 0.5 | 5.6 | 0.6 | 6.1 | 0.7 | 5.8 | 0.5 |
| Idaho . . . . . | 3.8 | 0.5 | 4.4 | 0.6 | 5.8 | 1.0 | 5.0 | 0.8 | 5.1 | 0.7 | 5.4 | 0.6 | 4.6 | 0.4 | 4.7 | 0.5 | 5.0 | 0.5 | 6.0 | 0.6 | 6.3 | 0.6 | 7.1 | 0.6 | 6.1 | 0.6 |
| Illinois. . . . . | 4.6 | 0.4 | 4.9 | 0.3 | 5.6 | 0.4 | 5.2 | 0.3 | 5.8 | 0.5 | 5.5 | 0.2 | 5.5 | 0.2 | 5.3 | 0.2 | 5.4 | 0.2 | 6.0 | 0.2 | 6.1 | 0.2 | 6.9 | 0.2 | 6.5 | 0.2 |
| Indiana. . . . . | 4.2 | 0.7 | 4.4 | 0.5 | 4.8 | 0.5 | 4.8 | 0.8 | 4.5 | 0.5 | 5.6 | 0.3 | 5.8 | 0.3 | 5.8 | 0.3 | 5.7 | 0.3 | 6.4 | 0.3 | 7.0 | 0.3 | 7.9 | 0.3 | 7.2 | 0.3 |
| Iowa . . . . . | 3.6 | 0.4 | 3.5 | 0.6 | 4.2 | 0.5 | 4.2 | 0.5 | 4.0 | 0.5 | 4.8 | 0.3 | 4.8 | 0.3 | 4.7 | 0.3 | 4.8 | 0.3 | 4.9 | 0.3 | 5.3 | 0.3 | 5.9 | 0.4 | 5.4 | 0.3 |
| Kansas. . . . . | 3.4 | 0.4 | 4.3 | 0.6 | 5.0 | 0.6 | 5.1 | 0.9 | 4.1 | 0.5 | 4.8 | 0.3 | 5.0 | 0.3 | 4.8 | 0.3 | 4.5 | 0.3 | 5.6 | 0.4 | 5.9 | 0.4 | 5.7 | 0.3 | 5.6 | 0.3 |
| Kentucky . . . . . | 5.9 | 0.8 | 6.0 | 0.6 | 6.1 | 0.6 | 7.1 | 0.8 | 7.1 | 0.6 | 7.1 | 0.3 | 6.9 | 0.4 | 7.1 | 0.3 | 7.6 | 0.3 | 8.0 | 0.4 | 8.2 | 0.4 | 8.4 | 0.4 | 8.1 | 0.4 |
| Louisiana . . . . . | 8.3 | 0.7 | 8.8 | 0.8 | 7.4 | 0.9 | 9.3 | 0.8 | 8.9 | 0.7 | 8.3 | 0.5 | 8.3 | 0.4 | 7.8 | 0.4 | 7.4 | 0.4 | 7.2 | 0.4 | 8.1 | 0.3 | 9.4 | 0.4 | 8.6 | 0.4 |
| Maine. . . . . | 3.4 | 0.8 | 3.9 | 0.5 | 4.2 | 0.6 | 3.6 | 0.5 | 5.6 | 0.8 | 4.7 | 0.5 | 4.8 | 0.4 | 4.6 | 0.4 | 4.8 | 0.4 | 4.7 | 0.5 | 4.7 | 0.5 | 5.2 | 0.4 | 5.4 | 0.4 |
| Maryland . . . . . | 3.9 | 0.5 | 3.6 | 0.4 | 3.4 | 0.5 | 4.0 | 0.5 | 3.8 | 0.5 | 3.9 | 0.3 | 3.6 | 0.2 | 3.8 | 0.2 | 3.8 | 0.2 | 4.2 | 0.2 | 4.9 | 0.3 | 5.0 | 0.3 | 4.9 | 0.2 |
| Massachusetts. . . . . | 4.0 | 0.4 | 3.7 | 0.4 | 4.2 | 0.4 | 4.2 | 0.4 | 4.3 | 0.4 | 4.9 | 0.2 | 4.5 | 0.2 | 4.4 | 0.2 | 4.5 | 0.2 | 4.5 | 0.2 | 5.3 | 0.3 | 5.3 | 0.3 | 5.4 | 0.2 |
| Michigan . . . . . | 4.2 | 0.4 | 4.4 | 0.3 | 4.7 | 0.4 | 5.0 | 0.4 | 5.6 | 0.5 | 5.9 | 0.2 | 6.0 | 0.2 | 6.5 | 0.2 | 6.6 | 0.2 | 7.4 | 0.2 | 7.6 | 0.2 | 8.1 | 0.2 | 8.0 | 0.2 |
| Minnesota . . . . . | 2.5 | 0.4 | 2.9 | 0.4 | 3.7 | 0.7 | 3.5 | 0.4 | 3.3 | 0.3 | 3.9 | 0.2 | 4.3 | 0.2 | 3.9 | 0.2 | 4.2 | 0.2 | 4.9 | 0.2 | 5.0 | 0.3 | 5.2 | 0.2 | 4.9 | 0.2 |
| Mississippi. . . . . | 7.1 | 0.7 | 7.1 | 0.5 | 8.5 | 0.6 | 7.7 | 0.7 | 8.7 | 0.7 | 9.3 | 0.6 | 8.8 | 0.4 | 8.7 | 0.5 | 8.5 | 0.5 | 9.3 | 0.5 | 9.7 | 0.5 | 9.8 | 0.5 | 10.2 | 0.5 |
| Missouri. . . . . | 4.5 | 0.5 | 5.0 | 0.5 | 5.0 | 0.6 | 4.7 | 0.5 | 5.3 | 0.6 | 5.5 | 0.3 | 5.9 | 0.3 | 5.7 | 0.3 | 5.5 | 0.3 | 6.6 | 0.3 | 6.6 | 0.3 | 7.0 | 0.3 | 7.1 | 0.3 |
| Montana. . . . . | 4.8 | 0.7 | 5.6 | 0.8 | 5.4 | 0.8 | 5.6 | 0.6 | 5.6 | 0.7 | 5.3 | 0.5 | 5.8 | 0.5 | 5.8 | 0.6 | 6.1 | 0.6 | 6.9 | 0.7 | 6.3 | 0.7 | 5.8 | 0.5 | 6.2 | 0.5 |
| Nebraska . . . . . | 4.0 | 0.4 | 4.1 | 0.5 | 4.9 | 0.7 | 4.6 | 0.6 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 4.7 | 0.4 | 5.0 | 0.4 | 4.8 | 0.4 | 4.5 | 0.4 | 5.0 | 0.4 | 5.2 | 0.5 | 5.6 | 0.5 | 5.3 | 0.3 |
| Nevada . . . . . | 4.3 | 0.7 | 4.3 | 0.7 | 5.1 | 0.9 | 5.1 | 0.6 | 5.7 | 1.0 | 5.0 | 0.5 | 4.9 | 0.4 | 4.6 | 0.3 | 5.2 | 0.4 | 5.5 | 0.5 | 7.0 | 0.6 | 7.2 | 0.5 | 7.1 | 0.5 |
| New Hampshire. . . . . | 2.2 | 0.6 | 2.3 | 0.4 | 2.4 | 0.5 | 3.8 | 0.6 | 3.2 | 0.6 | 3.3 | 0.4 | 3.6 | 0.4 | 3.4 | 0.4 | 3.4 | 0.5 | 3.8 | 0.4 | 3.8 | 0.4 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 4.2 | 0.5 |
| New Jersey . . . . . | 3.9 | 0.4 | 3.3 | 0.3 | 3.0 | 0.3 | 3.8 | 0.5 | 3.7 | 0.4 | 4.0 | 0.2 | 3.9 | 0.2 | 3.9 | 0.2 | 3.9 | 0.2 | 4.1 | 0.2 | 4.6 | 0.2 | 4.8 | 0.2 | 5.0 | 0.2 |
| New Mexico . . . . . | 7.2 | 0.9 | 7.1 | 1.1 | 7.3 | 1.0 | 8.7 | 1.0 | 6.8 | 0.8 | 7.8 | 0.6 | 7.6 | 0.6 | 7.6 | 0.5 | 6.7 | 0.6 | 7.5 | 0.5 | 8.7 | 0.6 | 9.4 | 0.7 | 9.2 | 0.5 |
| New York . . . . . | 6.1 | 0.3 | 6.1 | 0.3 | 5.7 | 0.3 | 6.1 | 0.3 | 6.4 | 0.3 | 6.3 | 0.2 | 6.3 | 0.2 | 6.1 | 0.2 | 6.0 | 0.1 | 6.4 | 0.2 | 6.8 | 0.2 | 7.1 | 0.2 | 7.1 | 0.1 |
| North Carolina . . . . . | 5.2 | 0.4 | 5.6 | 0.4 | 6.4 | 0.5 | 6.5 | 0.5 | 6.1 | 0.6 | 6.2 | 0.2 | 6.3 | 0.2 | 6.0 | 0.2 | 6.0 | 0.2 | 7.1 | 0.2 | 7.8 | 0.3 | 7.8 | 0.3 | 7.9 | 0.2 |
| North Dakota . . . . . | 4.6 | 0.8 | 4.7 | 0.7 | 5.5 | 0.8 | 4.7 | 0.6 | 4.5 | 0.8 | 4.8 | 0.7 | 5.2 | 0.5 | 5.3 | 0.6 | 5.1 | 0.7 | 5.0 | 0.6 | 5.9 | 0.7 | 5.8 | 0.6 | 5.2 | 0.5 |
| Ohio . . . . . | 4.6 | 0.4 | 4.5 | 0.3 | 5.2 | 0.4 | 5.5 | 0.3 | 5.8 | 0.5 | 5.9 | 0.2 | 6.1 | 0.2 | 6.0 | 0.2 | 6.2 | 0.2 | 7.0 | 0.2 | 7.3 | 0.2 | 7.6 | 0.2 | 7.6 | 0.2 |
| Oklahoma . . . . . | 6.1 | 0.6 | 6.3 | 0.8 | 7.2 | 0.8 | 6.9 | 0.8 | 7.4 | 0.8 | 6.9 | 0.3 | 7.0 | 0.4 | 6.7 | 0.3 | 6.4 | 0.3 | 6.8 | 0.4 | 7.2 | 0.3 | 7.4 | 0.3 | 7.4 | 0.3 |
| Oregon. . . . . | 5.4 | 0.6 | 5.5 | 0.8 | 5.0 | 0.6 | 6.0 | 0.5 | 6.4 | 0.5 | 6.1 | 0.4 | 5.5 | 0.3 | 5.7 | 0.4 | 5.7 | 0.3 | 6.3 | 0.3 | 7.2 | 0.3 | 7.7 | 0.4 | 7.9 | 0.4 |
| Pennsylvania . . . . . | 4.1 | 0.3 | 4.4 | 0.3 | 4.3 | 0.4 | 4.9 | 0.4 | 5.3 | 0.4 | 5.2 | 0.2 | 5.2 | 0.2 | 5.1 | 0.2 | 5.3 | 0.2 | 5.5 | 0.2 | 5.9 | 0.2 | 6.2 | 0.2 | 6.0 | 0.2 |
| Rhode Island . . . . . | 5.2 | 0.9 | 5.6 | 0.8 | 5.0 | 0.9 | 4.8 | 0.7 | 6.0 | 0.8 | 5.6 | 0.6 | 4.6 | 0.6 | 5.2 | 0.7 | 5.3 | 0.6 | 4.9 | 0.6 | 6.0 | 0.6 | 6.8 | 0.7 | 6.1 | 0.6 |
| South Carolina. . . . . | 6.0 | 1.0 | 5.0 | 0.5 | 6.5 | 0.6 | 6.2 | 1.0 | 6.4 | 0.6 | 6.9 | 0.4 | 6.9 | 0.3 | 6.7 | 0.3 | 7.0 | 0.4 | 7.7 | 0.4 | 8.4 | 0.4 | 8.5 | 0.4 | 8.2 | 0.4 |
| South Dakota. . . . . | 4.3 | 0.6 | 4.4 | 0.6 | 5.3 | 2.3 | 4.8 | 1.2 | 4.8 | 0.8 | 5.6 | 0.6 | 5.9 | 0.6 | 5.6 | 0.6 | 5.6 | 0.7 | 6.1 | 0.7 | 6.3 | 0.7 | 5.9 | 0.6 | 6.3 | 0.5 |
| Tennessee. . . . . | 5.6 | 0.8 | 5.4 | 0.5 | 6.1 | 0.6 | 5.7 | 0.5 | 6.4 | 0.6 | 6.4 | 0.3 | 7.1 | 0.3 | 6.5 | 0.3 | 6.5 | 0.3 | 7.4 | 0.3 | 7.9 | 0.3 | 7.9 | 0.3 | 7.7 | 0.3 |
| Texas . . . . . | 6.3 | 0.4 | 6.0 | 0.3 | 6.4 | 0.4 | 6.7 | 0.4 | 7.2 | 0.4 | 7.3 | 0.2 | 7.1 | 0.2 | 6.8 | 0.2 | 6.4 | 0.2 | 7.2 | 0.2 | 7.4 | 0.2 | 7.6 | 0.2 | 7.4 | 0.1 |
| Utah . . . . . | 3.8 | 0.7 | 3.4 | 0.6 | 4.3 | 0.7 | 4.6 | 0.6 | 4.6 | 0.8 | 4.1 | 0.4 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 3.8 | 0.3 | 4.2 | 0.4 | 5.0 | 0.4 | 5.6 | 0.4 | 5.6 | 0.4 | 5.5 | 0.4 |
| Vermont . . . . . | 4.2 | 0.8 | 4.3 | 0.7 | 3.0 | 0.5 | 3.6 | 0.6 | 3.8 | 0.5 | 4.4 | 0.6 | 4.0 | 0.6 | 3.9 | 0.4 | 4.8 | 0.6 | 4.9 | 0.5 | 5.7 | 0.6 | 4.9 | 0.6 | 5.3 | 0.6 |
| Virginia. . . . . | 3.6 | 0.4 | 3.8 | 0.4 | 4.3 | 0.4 | 4.0 | 0.4 | 4.1 | 0.4 | 4.2 | 0.2 | 4.3 | 0.2 | 4.2 | 0.2 | 4.5 | 0.2 | 4.9 | 0.2 | 4.8 | 0.2 | 5.3 | 0.2 | 5.2 | 0.2 |
| Washington . . . . . | 4.7 | 0.5 | 4.5 | 0.5 | 4.9 | 0.8 | 4.5 | 0.4 | 5.7 | 0.6 | 5.1 | 0.2 | 5.0 | 0.3 | 5.1 | 0.3 | 4.9 | 0.2 | 5.6 | 0.2 | 6.1 | 0.3 | 6.2 | 0.3 | 6.3 | 0.3 |
| West Virginia . . . . . | 7.7 | 0.8 | 6.9 | 0.9 | 6.1 | 0.7 | 6.9 | 0.9 | 6.8 | 0.7 | 7.2 | 0.5 | 7.2 | 0.5 | 7.0 | 0.5 | 7.6 | 0.5 | 7.6 | 0.5 | 7.2 | 0.5 | 7.8 | 0.5 | 8.4 | 0.6 |
| Wisconsin . . . . . | 3.3 | 0.5 | 3.8 | 0.4 | 3.9 | 0.4 | 4.5 | 0.5 | 4.8 | 0.6 | 4.4 | 0.3 | 4.6 | 0.2 | 4.5 | 0.2 | 4.5 | 0.2 | 5.3 | 0.3 | 5.6 | 0.2 | 5.8 | 0.3 | 5.7 | 0.2 |
| Wyoming . . . . . | 4.1 | 0.7 | 4.7 | 0.7 | 5.1 | 0.8 | 4.0 | 0.5 | 5.0 | 0.6 | 4.1 | 0.6 | 3.7 | 0.6 | 3.6 | 0.8 | 4.4 | 0.6 | 3.3 | 0.5 | 4.7 | 0.6 | 4.7 | 0.7 | 5.2 | 0.7 |

Source: U. S. Census Bureau, 2000 to 2012 American Community Surveys.

Appendix Table 3.

## Percentage of People With Income Below 125 Percent of the Poverty Threshold by State: 2000 to 2012

| Area | 2000 | | 2001 | | 2002 | | 2003 | | 2004 | | 2005 | | 2006 | | 2007 | | 2008 | | 2009 | | 2010 | | 2011 | | 2012 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Estimate | Margin of error (±) | Estimate | Margin of error (±) | Estimate | Margin of error (±) | Estimate | Margin of error (±) | Estimate | Margin of error (±) | Estimate | Margin of error (±) | Estimate | Margin of error (±) | Estimate | Margin of error (±) | Estimate | Margin of error (±) | Estimate | Margin of error (±) | Estimate | Margin of error (±) | Estimate | Margin of error (±) | Estimate | Margin of error (±) |
| **United States . .** | **16.5** | **0.2** | **16.3** | **0.2** | **16.5** | **0.2** | **17.0** | **0.2** | **17.5** | **0.2** | **17.7** | **0.1** | **17.6** | **0.1** | **17.3** | **0.1** | **17.6** | **0.1** | **18.9** | **0.1** | **20.1** | **0.1** | **20.8** | **0.1** | **20.8** | **0.1** |
| Alabama . . . . . | 21.2 | 1.1 | 22.4 | 0.8 | 21.6 | 0.9 | 21.8 | 0.8 | 21.3 | 0.9 | 22.7 | 0.6 | 21.7 | 0.6 | 22.0 | 0.5 | 21.1 | 0.6 | 23.0 | 0.6 | 24.8 | 0.5 | 24.9 | 0.6 | 24.6 | 0.5 |
| Alaska . . . . . | 12.1 | 1.0 | 10.3 | 0.9 | 11.8 | 1.1 | 13.5 | 1.4 | 11.1 | 0.9 | 14.8 | 1.0 | 14.2 | 1.2 | 13.3 | 1.0 | 11.9 | 0.9 | 12.2 | 0.9 | 14.1 | 1.0 | 14.5 | 1.0 | 14.7 | 1.0 |
| Arizona . . . . . | 20.1 | 0.9 | 18.5 | 0.8 | 19.1 | 1.0 | 20.8 | 1.0 | 20.0 | 1.3 | 19.5 | 0.6 | 18.8 | 0.5 | 18.9 | 0.5 | 19.6 | 0.5 | 21.5 | 0.5 | 23.5 | 0.6 | 24.4 | 0.6 | 24.1 | 0.4 |
| Arkansas . . . . . | 22.0 | 1.2 | 20.7 | 1.5 | 20.9 | 1.0 | 20.7 | 0.9 | 23.5 | 1.6 | 23.4 | 0.8 | 23.2 | 0.7 | 23.5 | 0.7 | 23.4 | 0.8 | 24.8 | 0.6 | 24.9 | 0.6 | 25.4 | 0.6 | 25.8 | 0.7 |
| California . . . . . | 18.8 | 0.6 | 17.7 | 0.5 | 17.8 | 0.5 | 18.2 | 0.4 | 18.4 | 0.4 | 18.2 | 0.2 | 18.0 | 0.2 | 17.3 | 0.2 | 18.2 | 0.2 | 19.1 | 0.2 | 21.1 | 0.2 | 22.0 | 0.2 | 22.3 | 0.2 |
| Colorado . . . . . | 12.4 | 1.0 | 12.6 | 1.0 | 13.3 | 0.8 | 13.0 | 1.4 | 15.2 | 1.4 | 15.2 | 0.5 | 15.8 | 0.5 | 15.7 | 0.5 | 15.3 | 0.5 | 16.8 | 0.5 | 17.8 | 0.4 | 18.1 | 0.5 | 17.8 | 0.4 |
| Connecticut . . . . . | 10.5 | 0.8 | 9.7 | 0.9 | 9.9 | 1.0 | 10.4 | 0.9 | 10.6 | 0.8 | 10.9 | 0.5 | 10.9 | 0.4 | 10.7 | 0.4 | 11.9 | 0.5 | 11.9 | 0.5 | 13.1 | 0.5 | 14.1 | 0.5 | 13.9 | 0.5 |
| Delaware . . . . . | 13.1 | 1.2 | 12.9 | 1.2 | 11.7 | 1.1 | 11.5 | 1.2 | 13.6 | 1.0 | 13.6 | 1.0 | 13.8 | 1.2 | 14.3 | 1.0 | 13.6 | 0.9 | 14.6 | 1.4 | 14.6 | 1.0 | 16.0 | 1.1 | 15.5 | 1.0 |
| District of Columbia . . | 21.4 | 1.6 | 22.4 | 1.7 | 22.0 | 1.7 | 24.4 | 1.6 | 22.6 | 2.0 | 23.9 | 1.7 | 23.0 | 1.3 | 20.6 | 1.4 | 20.7 | 1.4 | 21.6 | 1.6 | 22.5 | 1.4 | 21.9 | 1.4 | 22.3 | 1.2 |
| Florida . . . . . | 17.4 | 0.6 | 17.5 | 0.6 | 17.3 | 0.6 | 17.7 | 0.5 | 17.0 | 0.6 | 17.7 | 0.3 | 17.1 | 0.3 | 16.7 | 0.3 | 17.9 | 0.3 | 20.0 | 0.3 | 21.9 | 0.3 | 22.6 | 0.3 | 22.7 | 0.3 |
| Georgia . . . . . | 17.2 | 1.0 | 15.9 | 1.0 | 17.0 | 0.6 | 18.1 | 0.5 | 19.7 | 0.8 | 18.9 | 0.4 | 19.3 | 0.3 | 18.8 | 0.4 | 19.5 | 0.4 | 21.6 | 0.4 | 23.3 | 0.5 | 24.5 | 0.5 | 24.6 | 0.4 |
| Hawaii . . . . . | 12.5 | 1.1 | 13.7 | 2.1 | 12.9 | 1.9 | 13.7 | 1.1 | 14.0 | 2.7 | 12.5 | 0.9 | 12.5 | 0.9 | 10.5 | 0.6 | 11.9 | 0.8 | 13.7 | 0.9 | 13.9 | 0.8 | 15.5 | 1.0 | 15.1 | 0.7 |
| Idaho . . . . . | 16.8 | 1.5 | 17.0 | 1.2 | 19.2 | 1.5 | 18.7 | 1.6 | 20.9 | 1.6 | 19.3 | 0.8 | 17.6 | 0.7 | 17.1 | 0.7 | 18.1 | 1.0 | 19.9 | 0.9 | 21.6 | 0.9 | 21.7 | 1.0 | 21.4 | 1.0 |
| Illinois. . . . . | 14.7 | 0.8 | 14.5 | 1.0 | 14.8 | 0.8 | 15.1 | 0.6 | 16.0 | 0.7 | 15.7 | 0.3 | 16.2 | 0.3 | 15.8 | 0.3 | 16.3 | 0.3 | 17.5 | 0.3 | 18.1 | 0.3 | 19.6 | 0.4 | 19.0 | 0.3 |
| Indiana. . . . . | 13.9 | 1.3 | 13.8 | 0.8 | 14.2 | 0.9 | 15.0 | 0.8 | 15.1 | 1.0 | 16.3 | 0.4 | 16.6 | 0.5 | 16.4 | 0.4 | 17.6 | 0.4 | 18.7 | 0.5 | 20.0 | 0.4 | 20.7 | 0.5 | 20.3 | 0.4 |
| Iowa . . . . . | 13.8 | 0.8 | 13.6 | 1.1 | 15.4 | 1.5 | 13.8 | 0.9 | 14.9 | 0.9 | 15.0 | 0.5 | 15.1 | 0.5 | 14.7 | 0.5 | 15.6 | 0.5 | 16.0 | 0.5 | 16.9 | 0.5 | 17.0 | 0.5 | 16.6 | 0.5 |
| Kansas. . . . . | 14.2 | 0.9 | 15.6 | 1.4 | 16.1 | 1.1 | 15.8 | 1.0 | 15.3 | 0.7 | 16.0 | 0.6 | 16.6 | 0.5 | 15.2 | 0.5 | 15.8 | 0.6 | 17.9 | 0.6 | 18.7 | 0.7 | 18.3 | 0.5 | 18.6 | 0.5 |
| Kentucky . . . . . | 22.2 | 1.3 | 20.9 | 1.3 | 20.9 | 1.6 | 22.8 | 1.8 | 22.6 | 1.4 | 22.1 | 0.5 | 22.0 | 0.5 | 22.0 | 0.5 | 22.4 | 0.6 | 23.6 | 0.6 | 24.6 | 0.6 | 24.6 | 0.6 | 24.8 | 0.6 |
| Louisiana . . . . . | 24.9 | 1.1 | 24.4 | 1.4 | 24.2 | 1.3 | 25.4 | 1.0 | 24.2 | 1.1 | 24.9 | 0.6 | 24.2 | 0.7 | 24.1 | 0.6 | 22.7 | 0.6 | 22.7 | 0.5 | 24.2 | 0.5 | 25.8 | 0.5 | 25.6 | 0.5 |
| Maine. . . . . | 14.9 | 1.4 | 15.4 | 1.1 | 15.5 | 1.2 | 14.8 | 1.1 | 16.6 | 1.3 | 16.9 | 0.7 | 16.8 | 0.8 | 16.4 | 0.7 | 16.7 | 0.7 | 17.0 | 0.8 | 17.9 | 0.8 | 19.3 | 0.7 | 19.6 | 0.8 |
| Maryland . . . . . | 12.1 | 0.9 | 10.7 | 0.8 | 11.0 | 0.9 | 11.2 | 0.9 | 11.3 | 0.8 | 11.0 | 0.5 | 10.5 | 0.3 | 11.0 | 0.4 | 10.7 | 0.4 | 12.0 | 0.4 | 12.8 | 0.4 | 13.0 | 0.4 | 13.3 | 0.4 |
| Massachusetts. . . . . | 12.8 | 0.7 | 11.9 | 0.7 | 11.7 | 0.7 | 12.2 | 0.7 | 12.2 | 0.6 | 13.2 | 0.4 | 13.1 | 0.3 | 12.7 | 0.3 | 13.0 | 0.3 | 13.4 | 0.4 | 15.0 | 0.4 | 15.2 | 0.4 | 15.2 | 0.3 |
| Michigan . . . . . | 13.8 | 0.5 | 14.1 | 0.7 | 14.6 | 0.7 | 15.1 | 0.7 | 16.4 | 0.8 | 17.0 | 0.3 | 17.4 | 0.3 | 18.2 | 0.3 | 18.5 | 0.3 | 20.7 | 0.3 | 21.5 | 0.3 | 22.3 | 0.3 | 22.0 | 0.3 |
| Minnesota . . . . . | 10.0 | 0.8 | 10.8 | 0.9 | 11.1 | 0.7 | 10.4 | 0.6 | 11.3 | 0.9 | 12.6 | 0.4 | 12.9 | 0.3 | 12.7 | 0.3 | 13.2 | 0.3 | 14.6 | 0.4 | 15.5 | 0.3 | 15.7 | 0.3 | 15.1 | 0.4 |
| Mississippi . . . . . | 23.8 | 1.1 | 24.3 | 1.1 | 25.4 | 1.1 | 26.0 | 1.3 | 28.3 | 1.0 | 27.6 | 0.7 | 27.9 | 0.7 | 27.1 | 0.8 | 27.6 | 0.9 | 28.2 | 0.7 | 28.9 | 0.8 | 29.1 | 0.7 | 30.7 | 0.8 |
| Missouri . . . . . | 15.8 | 0.8 | 16.0 | 0.9 | 15.4 | 0.8 | 16.3 | 1.0 | 16.6 | 1.1 | 17.9 | 0.5 | 18.3 | 0.5 | 17.6 | 0.4 | 18.0 | 0.4 | 19.2 | 0.5 | 20.0 | 0.4 | 20.8 | 0.4 | 21.1 | 0.4 |
| Montana. . . . . | 19.7 | 1.4 | 20.6 | 1.5 | 20.0 | 1.8 | 20.0 | 1.5 | 19.9 | 1.0 | 19.4 | 1.1 | 18.4 | 1.0 | 19.1 | 1.0 | 18.6 | 1.1 | 20.2 | 1.1 | 20.2 | 1.0 | 20.4 | 1.0 | 20.9 | 0.9 |
| Nebraska . . . . . | 14.5 | 1.0 | 14.3 | 1.0 | 15.0 | 1.1 | 14.5 | 1.0 | 15.4 | 0.8 | 15.4 | 0.7 | 15.8 | 0.6 | 15.7 | 0.6 | 14.5 | 0.6 | 17.2 | 0.7 | 17.4 | 0.7 | 17.8 | 0.6 | 17.7 | 0.7 |
| Nevada . . . . . | 14.7 | 1.3 | 14.2 | 1.1 | 16.1 | 1.4 | 15.5 | 1.3 | 17.0 | 1.8 | 15.3 | 0.7 | 14.2 | 0.7 | 14.1 | 0.8 | 15.3 | 0.7 | 17.0 | 0.7 | 19.4 | 0.9 | 20.9 | 0.9 | 21.9 | 0.7 |
| New Hampshire . . . . . | 7.8 | 1.0 | 8.3 | 0.9 | 8.9 | 0.8 | 10.6 | 1.0 | 10.5 | 1.0 | 10.0 | 0.7 | 10.5 | 0.6 | 9.8 | 0.7 | 10.2 | 0.7 | 10.9 | 0.7 | 11.2 | 0.7 | 12.0 | 0.7 | 13.0 | 1.0 |
| New Jersey . . . . . | 10.7 | 0.7 | 10.6 | 0.7 | 10.3 | 0.6 | 11.2 | 0.7 | 11.2 | 0.6 | 11.7 | 0.4 | 11.6 | 0.3 | 11.4 | 0.3 | 11.6 | 0.3 | 12.5 | 0.3 | 13.5 | 0.3 | 13.8 | 0.3 | 14.1 | 0.3 |
| New Mexico . . . . . | 24.7 | 1.7 | 23.5 | 2.0 | 24.3 | 1.9 | 25.3 | 1.9 | 25.2 | 1.8 | 24.9 | 0.9 | 24.3 | 0.8 | 23.5 | 0.9 | 23.2 | 0.9 | 23.5 | 0.9 | 26.4 | 0.9 | 27.6 | 0.9 | 26.7 | 0.7 |
| New York . . . . . | 17.1 | 0.5 | 17.2 | 0.5 | 17.0 | 0.7 | 17.7 | 0.5 | 18.3 | 0.6 | 17.8 | 0.3 | 18.1 | 0.2 | 17.7 | 0.2 | 17.9 | 0.2 | 18.2 | 0.3 | 19.2 | 0.3 | 20.5 | 0.2 | 20.3 | 0.2 |
| North Carolina . . . . . | 17.5 | 0.9 | 18.6 | 1.1 | 18.9 | 1.1 | 19.0 | 1.0 | 20.5 | 1.5 | 20.1 | 0.4 | 19.5 | 0.4 | 19.4 | 0.3 | 19.5 | 0.4 | 21.2 | 0.4 | 22.9 | 0.4 | 23.4 | 0.5 | 23.8 | 0.4 |
| North Dakota . . . . . | 16.6 | 1.9 | 16.5 | 1.9 | 17.1 | 2.1 | 15.8 | 1.3 | 16.7 | 1.9 | 15.5 | 0.9 | 15.7 | 0.9 | 15.7 | 0.9 | 16.9 | 1.1 | 15.2 | 0.9 | 17.4 | 1.0 | 15.8 | 0.8 | 14.9 | 0.8 |
| Ohio . . . . . | 14.7 | 0.9 | 14.6 | 0.8 | 15.5 | 1.1 | 15.9 | 0.5 | 16.3 | 0.9 | 17.0 | 0.3 | 17.2 | 0.3 | 17.3 | 0.3 | 17.4 | 0.3 | 19.6 | 0.3 | 20.4 | 0.4 | 21.0 | 0.3 | 20.9 | 0.3 |
| Oklahoma . . . . . | 19.9 | 1.3 | 21.6 | 1.3 | 20.5 | 1.2 | 21.5 | 1.2 | 21.3 | 1.5 | 22.1 | 0.6 | 22.6 | 0.5 | 21.4 | 0.6 | 20.8 | 0.6 | 21.7 | 0.5 | 22.5 | 0.5 | 22.8 | 0.5 | 22.9 | 0.4 |
| Oregon. . . . . | 17.6 | 1.2 | 17.8 | 1.7 | 17.8 | 1.2 | 18.9 | 0.9 | 18.9 | 1.0 | 19.0 | 0.6 | 17.7 | 0.6 | 17.6 | 0.6 | 17.7 | 0.5 | 19.0 | 0.6 | 21.0 | 0.5 | 22.4 | 0.6 | 22.2 | 0.6 |
| Pennsylvania . . . . . | 14.4 | 0.6 | 14.5 | 0.5 | 13.6 | 0.6 | 14.6 | 0.6 | 15.5 | 0.6 | 15.8 | 0.3 | 15.9 | 0.3 | 15.6 | 0.3 | 16.1 | 0.2 | 16.4 | 0.2 | 17.6 | 0.2 | 17.9 | 0.3 | 17.9 | 0.3 |
| Rhode Island . . . . . | 14.1 | 1.2 | 15.7 | 1.2 | 13.9 | 1.1 | 14.4 | 1.0 | 16.3 | 1.1 | 15.6 | 1.0 | 15.1 | 1.0 | 15.5 | 1.0 | 15.1 | 1.0 | 15.2 | 1.0 | 18.4 | 1.1 | 18.6 | 1.0 | 18.1 | 1.0 |
| South Carolina. . . . . | 18.7 | 1.0 | 18.0 | 1.5 | 18.9 | 1.1 | 20.0 | 1.2 | 20.4 | 1.4 | 20.9 | 0.5 | 20.8 | 0.5 | 20.2 | 0.5 | 20.8 | 0.6 | 22.4 | 0.5 | 23.5 | 0.5 | 24.7 | 0.5 | 23.9 | 0.5 |
| South Dakota. . . . . | 15.9 | 0.8 | 15.6 | 1.2 | 16.4 | 2.2 | 14.8 | 1.0 | 15.9 | 1.7 | 17.8 | 1.1 | 17.1 | 0.9 | 17.8 | 0.8 | 16.2 | 1.0 | 18.9 | 1.0 | 19.5 | 1.0 | 18.7 | 1.1 | 17.9 | 0.8 |
| Tennessee. . . . . | 18.5 | 0.9 | 19.3 | 1.0 | 19.1 | 0.9 | 18.7 | 0.8 | 19.5 | 1.1 | 20.8 | 0.6 | 21.2 | 0.5 | 20.7 | 0.5 | 20.8 | 0.5 | 22.3 | 0.4 | 23.2 | 0.5 | 23.8 | 0.5 | 23.3 | 0.5 |
| Texas . . . . . | 20.5 | 0.6 | 20.2 | 0.5 | 20.7 | 0.5 | 21.7 | 0.7 | 22.0 | 0.5 | 23.4 | 0.3 | 22.3 | 0.2 | 21.8 | 0.2 | 21.4 | 0.2 | 22.7 | 0.3 | 23.6 | 0.3 | 24.1 | 0.3 | 23.6 | 0.2 |
| Utah . . . . . | 12.2 | 1.3 | 12.6 | 1.3 | 13.9 | 1.2 | 13.7 | 1.1 | 15.0 | 1.3 | 14.4 | 0.8 | 14.7 | 0.6 | 13.7 | 0.6 | 13.7 | 0.6 | 15.8 | 0.6 | 17.2 | 0.6 | 17.7 | 0.7 | 17.7 | 0.7 |
| Vermont . . . . . | 14.6 | 1.2 | 14.2 | 1.1 | 12.6 | 1.2 | 14.2 | 1.2 | 12.9 | 0.9 | 14.6 | 1.1 | 13.9 | 0.8 | 14.2 | 0.9 | 14.2 | 1.1 | 15.0 | 0.9 | 16.7 | 1.0 | 16.0 | 1.0 | 15.7 | 0.8 |
| Virginia. . . . . | 13.1 | 0.9 | 12.4 | 0.9 | 13.0 | 0.9 | 12.4 | 0.9 | 13.0 | 1.0 | 12.9 | 0.4 | 12.9 | 0.3 | 13.1 | 0.3 | 13.6 | 0.4 | 14.0 | 0.4 | 14.7 | 0.3 | 15.5 | 0.4 | 15.6 | 0.3 |
| Washington . . . . . | 15.4 | 1.2 | 14.6 | 1.4 | 14.9 | 1.2 | 14.4 | 1.3 | 16.9 | 1.1 | 15.9 | 0.4 | 15.5 | 0.4 | 15.2 | 0.4 | 15.1 | 0.4 | 16.2 | 0.4 | 17.4 | 0.4 | 18.2 | 0.4 | 17.5 | 0.5 |
| West Virginia . . . . . | 24.8 | 1.6 | 23.0 | 1.9 | 22.7 | 1.3 | 24.2 | 1.4 | 23.4 | 1.5 | 23.7 | 0.9 | 23.4 | 0.8 | 22.6 | 0.7 | 21.9 | 0.8 | 23.3 | 0.7 | 23.7 | 0.8 | 24.2 | 0.9 | 23.4 | 0.9 |
| Wisconsin . . . . . | 12.0 | 1.4 | 13.0 | 1.0 | 13.0 | 1.1 | 14.1 | 1.3 | 14.3 | 1.3 | 14.1 | 0.4 | 14.6 | 0.4 | 14.6 | 0.4 | 13.9 | 0.3 | 16.4 | 0.4 | 17.2 | 0.4 | 17.6 | 0.4 | 17.4 | 0.3 |
| Wyoming . . . . . | 17.1 | 1.6 | 15.9 | 1.0 | 15.3 | 1.4 | 14.5 | 1.2 | 14.0 | 1.1 | 13.2 | 1.0 | 14.0 | 1.2 | 11.8 | 1.2 | 12.4 | 0.9 | 13.9 | 1.2 | 15.2 | 1.4 | 14.9 | 1.2 | 16.0 | 1.1 |

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