

CPH-L-162. PERSONS BY POVERTY STATUS IN 1969, 1979, AND 1989, BY STATE

	1969		
	All income levels	Below poverty level	Percent below poverty
UNITED STATES, TOTAL	198,059,959	27,124,985	13.7
NORTHEAST	47,931,199	4,820,503	10.1
New England	11,488,630	1,033,081	9
Maine	962,333	131,271	13.6
New Hampshire	712,530	64,807	9.1
Vermont	426,226	51,621	12.1
Massachusetts	5,523,939	473,200	8.6
Rhode Island	905,130	99,997	11
Connecticut	2,958,472	212,185	7.2
Middle Atlantic	36,442,569	3,787,422	10.4
New York	17,854,680	1,985,954	11.1
New Jersey	7,043,512	573,674	8.1
Pennsylvania	11,544,377	1,227,794	10.6
MIDWEST	55,221,923	5,951,611	10.8
East North Central	39,372,144	3,886,891	9.9
Ohio	10,434,754	1,041,348	10
Indiana	5,071,114	493,379	9.7
Illinois	10,864,707	1,112,145	10.2
Michigan	8,697,689	819,438	9.4
Wisconsin	4,303,880	420,581	9.8
West North Central	15,849,779	2,064,720	13
Minnesota	3,711,468	397,662	10.7
Iowa	2,743,944	318,605	11.6
Missouri	4,556,830	672,092	14.7
North Dakota	592,871	93,086	15.7
South Dakota	640,631	119,543	18.7
Nebraska	1,436,577	188,235	13.1
Kansas	2,167,458	275,497	12.7
SOUTH	61,051,406	12,388,040	20.3
South Atlantic	29,744,685	5,242,305	17.6
Delaware	532,911	58,155	10.9
Maryland	3,825,999	386,579	10.1
District of Columbia	724,306	123,109	17
Virginia	4,458,506	690,615	15.5
West Virginia	1,708,917	380,113	22.2
North Carolina	4,905,849	996,309	20.3
South Carolina	2,489,935	594,938	23.9
Georgia	4,460,755	924,262	20.7
Florida	6,637,507	1,088,225	16.4
East South Central	12,494,486	3,178,571	25.4
Kentucky	3,130,413	718,313	22.9
Tennessee	3,831,231	836,405	21.8
Alabama	3,368,487	857,248	25.4
Mississippi	2,164,355	766,605	35.4
West South Central	18,812,235	3,967,164	21.1
Arkansas	1,880,560	522,969	27.8
Louisiana	3,551,429	932,671	26.3
Oklahoma	2,473,389	464,931	18.8

Texas	10,906,857	2,046,593	18.8
WEST	33,855,431	3,964,831	11.7
Mountain	8,071,947	1,137,716	14.1
Montana	676,437	91,669	13.6
Idaho	695,905	91,578	13.2
Wyoming	323,891	37,868	11.7
Colorado	2,133,176	263,224	12.3
New Mexico	994,258	227,120	22.8
Arizona	1,732,836	264,430	15.3
Utah	1,035,801	118,349	11.4
Nevada	479,643	43,478	9.1
Pacific	25,783,484	2,827,115	11
Washington	3,300,222	335,597	10.2
Oregon	2,043,048	234,848	11.5
California	19,425,370	2,152,716	11.1
Alaska	279,970	35,411	12.6
Hawaii	734,874	68,543	9.3

1979

	All income levels	Below poverty level	Percent below poverty
UNITED STATES, TOTAL	220,845,766	27,392,580	12.4
NORTHEAST	47,888,985	5,342,718	11.2
New England	11,956,090	1,144,486	9.6
Maine	1,087,369	140,996	13
New Hampshire	891,649	75,364	8.5
Vermont	489,939	59,059	12.1
Massachusetts	5,550,330	532,458	9.6
Rhode Island	914,026	93,959	10.3
Connecticut	3,022,777	242,650	8
Middle Atlantic	35,932,895	4,198,232	11.7
New York	17,129,692	2,298,922	13.4
New Jersey	7,231,599	689,491	9.5
Pennsylvania	11,571,604	1,209,819	10.5
MIDWEST	57,383,005	6,009,909	10.5
East North Central	40,714,778	4,179,421	10.3
Ohio	10,567,858	1,088,962	10.3
Indiana	5,341,438	516,190	9.7
Illinois	11,166,068	1,230,541	11
Michigan	9,057,409	945,915	10.4
Wisconsin	4,582,005	397,813	8.7
West North Central	16,668,227	1,830,488	11
Minnesota	3,960,608	374,956	9.5
Iowa	2,820,271	286,173	10.1
Missouri	4,787,950	582,252	12.2
North Dakota	627,325	79,324	12.6
South Dakota	665,829	112,739	16.9
Nebraska	1,522,776	163,326	10.7
Kansas	2,283,468	231,718	10.1
SOUTH	73,421,320	11,284,586	15.4
South Atlantic	35,960,456	4,996,381	13.9
Delaware	577,145	68,408	11.9

Maryland	4,118,381	404,560	9.8
District of Columbia	610,454	113,356	18.6
Virginia	5,164,784	611,310	11.8
West Virginia	1,914,081	286,995	15
North Carolina	5,682,948	839,950	14.8
South Carolina	3,013,707	500,363	16.6
Georgia	5,318,410	884,383	16.6
Florida	9,560,546	1,287,056	13.5
East South Central	14,303,583	2,670,066	18.7
Kentucky	3,559,034	626,240	17.6
Tennessee	4,476,470	736,471	16.5
Alabama	3,813,014	719,905	18.9
Mississippi	2,455,065	587,450	23.9
West South Central	23,157,281	3,618,139	15.6
Arkansas	2,234,514	423,552	19
Louisiana	4,104,836	764,848	18.6
Oklahoma	2,933,277	393,866	13.4
Texas	13,884,654	2,035,873	14.7
WEST	42,152,456	4,755,367	11.3
Mountain	11,138,004	1,325,794	11.9
Montana	767,251	94,280	12.3
Idaho	926,257	116,808	12.6
Wyoming	459,732	36,268	7.9
Colorado	2,813,861	284,898	10.1
New Mexico	1,280,599	225,513	17.6
Arizona	2,664,821	351,365	13.2
Utah	1,436,468	148,005	10.3
Nevada	789,015	68,657	8.7
Pacific	31,014,452	3,429,573	11.1
Washington	4,020,181	395,601	9.8
Oregon	2,573,423	274,159	10.7
California	23,106,594	2,626,580	11.4
Alaska	387,222	41,615	10.7
Hawaii	927,032	91,618	9.9

1989

	All income levels	Below poverty level	Percent below poverty
UNITED STATES, TOTAL	241,977,859	31,742,864	13.1
NORTHEAST	49,352,506	5,214,372	10.6
New England	12,771,525	1,080,295	8.5
Maine	1,189,534	128,466	10.8
New Hampshire	1,075,703	69,104	6.4
Vermont	541,372	53,369	9.9
Massachusetts	5,812,415	519,339	8.9
Rhode Island	964,376	92,670	9.6
Connecticut	3,188,125	217,347	6.8
Middle Atlantic	36,580,981	4,134,077	11.3
New York	17,481,762	2,277,296	13
New Jersey	7,563,170	573,152	7.6
Pennsylvania	11,536,049	1,283,629	11.1
MIDWEST	58,035,788	6,971,020	12
East North Central	40,921,678	4,925,374	12

Ohio	10,574,315	1,325,768	12.5
Indiana	5,372,388	573,632	10.7
Illinois	11,143,856	1,326,731	11.9
Michigan	9,077,016	1,190,698	13.1
Wisconsin	4,754,103	508,545	10.7
West North Central	17,114,110	2,045,646	12
Minnesota	4,259,456	435,331	10.2
Iowa	2,676,958	307,420	11.5
Missouri	4,970,573	663,075	13.3
North Dakota	613,969	88,276	14.4
South Dakota	670,383	106,305	15.9
Nebraska	1,530,947	170,616	11.1
Kansas	2,391,824	274,623	11.5
 SOUTH	 83,106,946	 13,065,294	 15.7
South Atlantic	42,307,193	5,369,423	12.7
Delaware	645,399	56,223	8.7
Maryland	4,660,591	385,296	8.3
District of Columbia	570,826	96,278	16.9
Virginia	5,968,596	611,611	10.2
West Virginia	1,755,331	345,093	19.7
North Carolina	6,397,185	829,858	13
South Carolina	3,368,125	517,793	15.4
Georgia	6,299,654	923,085	14.7
Florida	12,641,486	1,604,186	12.7
East South Central	14,774,844	2,781,411	18.8
Kentucky	3,582,459	681,827	19
Tennessee	4,743,685	744,941	15.7
Alabama	3,945,798	723,614	18.3
Mississippi	2,502,902	631,029	25.2
West South Central	26,024,909	4,914,460	18.9
Arkansas	2,292,037	437,089	19.1
Louisiana	4,101,071	967,002	23.6
Oklahoma	3,051,515	509,854	16.7
Texas	16,580,286	3,000,515	18.1
 WEST	 51,482,619	 6,492,178	 12.6
Mountain	13,358,664	1,865,479	14
Montana	776,793	124,853	16.1
Idaho	985,553	130,588	13.3
Wyoming	442,277	52,453	11.9
Colorado	3,212,550	375,214	11.7
New Mexico	1,484,339	305,934	20.6
Arizona	3,584,399	564,362	15.7
Utah	1,694,357	192,415	11.4
Nevada	1,178,396	119,660	10.2
Pacific	38,123,955	4,626,699	12.1
Washington	4,741,003	517,933	10.9
Oregon	2,775,907	344,867	12.4
California	29,003,219	3,627,585	12.5
 Alaska	 532,474	 47,906	 9
Hawaii	1,071,352	88,408	8.3

Sources:

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