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R1704. Percent of Children Under 18 Years Below Poverty Level in the Past 12 Months (For Whom Poverty Status is Determined): 2007



Universe: Children under 18 years for whom poverty status is determined

Data Set: 2007 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

Survey: American Community Survey, Puerto Rico Community Survey

NOTE. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see [Survey Methodology](#).

Rank	State	Percent	Margin of Error
1	Mississippi	29.3	+/-1.2
2	Louisiana	26.8	+/-1.0
3	Arkansas	25.8	+/-1.2
4	New Mexico	25.5	+/-1.6
5	Alabama	24.3	+/-1.0
6	Kentucky	23.9	+/-1.1
7	Texas	23.2	+/-0.4
8	Tennessee	23.0	+/-1.1
9	West Virginia	22.8	+/-1.4
10	District of Columbia	22.7	+/-3.6
11	Oklahoma	22.5	+/-1.0
12	South Carolina	20.9	+/-0.9
13	Arizona	20.2	+/-1.0
14	Georgia	19.7	+/-0.7
15	North Carolina	19.5	+/-0.7
16	Michigan	19.4	+/-0.6
16	New York	19.4	+/-0.5
18	Ohio	18.5	+/-0.6
19	Montana	18.3	+/-1.6
	United States	18.0	+/-0.2
20	Missouri	17.7	+/-0.8
21	Rhode Island	17.5	+/-2.1
22	California	17.3	+/-0.4
22	Indiana	17.3	+/-0.8
24	Florida	17.1	+/-0.5
25	Oregon	16.9	+/-1.0
26	South Dakota	16.8	+/-1.6
27	Illinois	16.6	+/-0.6
28	Colorado	16.3	+/-0.9
28	Pennsylvania	16.3	+/-0.6
30	Idaho	15.9	+/-1.5
31	Maine	15.4	+/-1.4
32	Nevada	15.3	+/-1.4
33	Washington	15.0	+/-0.7
34	Nebraska	14.9	+/-1.0
35	Delaware	14.7	+/-2.0
36	Kansas	14.6	+/-1.0
37	Wisconsin	14.4	+/-0.7
38	Iowa	13.6	+/-1.0
39	North Dakota	13.4	+/-1.7
40	Virginia	13.0	+/-0.7
41	Massachusetts	12.9	+/-0.7
42	Vermont	12.4	+/-1.8
43	Minnesota	12.0	+/-0.7
44	New Jersey	11.6	+/-0.6

Rank 	State 	Percent	Margin of Error
44	Wyoming	11.6	+/-2.8
46	Alaska	11.5	+/-1.7
47	Connecticut	11.1	+/-0.9
48	Utah	11.0	+/-0.9
49	Maryland	10.5	+/-0.8
50	Hawaii	9.8	+/-1.5
51	New Hampshire	8.8	+/-1.4
	Puerto Rico	55.3	+/-1.1

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007 American Community Survey


Data are based on a sample and are subject to sampling variability. The degree of uncertainty for an estimate arising from sampling variability is represented through the use of a margin of error. The value shown here is the 90 percent margin of error. The margin of error can be interpreted roughly as providing a 90 percent probability that the interval defined by the estimate minus the margin of error and the estimate plus the margin of error (the lower and upper confidence bounds) contains the true value. In addition to sampling variability, the ACS estimates are subject to nonsampling error (for a discussion of nonsampling variability, see [Accuracy of the Data](#)). The effect of nonsampling error is not represented in these tables.

• While the 2007 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the December 2006 Office of Management and Budget (OMB) definitions of metropolitan and micropolitan statistical areas; in certain instances the names, codes, and boundaries of the principal cities shown in ACS tables may differ from the OMB definitions due to differences in the effective dates of the geographic entities. The 2007 Puerto Rico Community Survey (PRCS) data generally reflect the December 2005 Office of Management and Budget (OMB) definitions of metropolitan and micropolitan statistical areas; in certain instances the names, codes, and boundaries of the principal cities shown in PRCS tables may differ from the OMB definitions due to differences in the effective dates of the geographic entities.

• Estimates of urban and rural population, housing units, and characteristics reflect boundaries of urban areas defined based on Census 2000 data. Boundaries for urban areas have not been updated since Census 2000. As a result, data for urban and rural areas from the ACS do not necessarily reflect the results of ongoing urbanization.

Explanation of Symbols:

1. An '***' entry in the margin of error column indicates that either no sample observations or too few sample observations were available to compute a standard error and thus the margin of error. A statistical test is not appropriate.
2. An '-' entry in the estimate column indicates that either no sample observations or too few sample observations were available to compute an estimate, or a ratio of medians cannot be calculated because one or both of the median estimates falls in the lowest interval or upper interval of an open-ended distribution.
3. An '-' following a median estimate means the median falls in the lowest interval of an open-ended distribution.
4. An '+' following a median estimate means the median falls in the upper interval of an open-ended distribution.
5. An '****' entry in the margin of error column indicates that the median falls in the lowest interval or upper interval of an open-ended distribution. A statistical test is not appropriate.
6. An '*****' entry in the margin of error column indicates that the estimate is controlled. A statistical test for sampling variability is not appropriate.
7. An 'N' entry in the estimate and margin of error columns indicates that data for this geographic area cannot be displayed because the number of sample cases is too small.
8. An '(X)' means that the estimate is not applicable or not available. Selected migration, earnings, and income data are not available for certain geographic areas due to problems with group quarters data collection and imputation. See [Errata Note #44](#) for details.

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