



## United States -- States; and Puerto Rico

GCT1701. Percent of People Below Poverty Level in the Past 12 Months (For Whom Poverty Status is Determined): 2007

Universe: Population 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](#).

Geographic area	Percent	Margin of Error
<b>United States</b>	13.0	+/-0.1
Alabama	16.9	+/-0.5
Alaska	8.9	+/-0.8
Arizona	14.2	+/-0.5
Arkansas	17.9	+/-0.6
California	12.4	+/-0.2
Colorado	12.0	+/-0.4
Connecticut	7.9	+/-0.4
Delaware	10.5	+/-0.9
District of Columbia	16.4	+/-1.4
Florida	12.1	+/-0.2
Georgia	14.3	+/-0.3
Hawaii	8.0	+/-0.5
Idaho	12.1	+/-0.6
Illinois	11.9	+/-0.3
Indiana	12.3	+/-0.3
Iowa	11.0	+/-0.5
Kansas	11.2	+/-0.5
Kentucky	17.3	+/-0.5
Louisiana	18.6	+/-0.5
Maine	12.0	+/-0.6
Maryland	8.3	+/-0.4
Massachusetts	9.9	+/-0.3
Michigan	14.0	+/-0.3
Minnesota	9.5	+/-0.3
Mississippi	20.6	+/-0.7
Missouri	13.0	+/-0.4
Montana	14.1	+/-0.8
Nebraska	11.2	+/-0.5
Nevada	10.7	+/-0.7
New Hampshire	7.1	+/-0.6
New Jersey	8.6	+/-0.3
New Mexico	18.1	+/-0.8
New York	13.7	+/-0.2
North Carolina	14.3	+/-0.3
North Dakota	12.1	+/-0.9
Ohio	13.1	+/-0.3
Oklahoma	15.9	+/-0.5
Oregon	12.9	+/-0.5
Pennsylvania	11.6	+/-0.3
Rhode Island	12.0	+/-0.9

Geographic area	Percent	Margin of Error
South Carolina	15.0	+/-0.5
South Dakota	13.1	+/-0.8
Tennessee	15.9	+/-0.5
Texas	16.3	+/-0.2
Utah	9.7	+/-0.5
Vermont	10.1	+/-0.9
Virginia	9.9	+/-0.3
Washington	11.4	+/-0.3
West Virginia	16.9	+/-0.6
Wisconsin	10.8	+/-0.3
Wyoming	8.7	+/-1.2
Puerto Rico	45.5	+/-0.7

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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