

## Characteristics, Conditions and Challenges of Low-income Working Families in the States (2006)\*

	Working Families that are Low-Income		Children in Low-Income Working Families		Income Inequality of Working Families: Top Quintile Income/Bottom Quintile Income		Minority Working Families that are Low-Income		Non-Minority Working Families that are Low-Income	
	%	Rank	%	Rank	Ratio	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank
Alabama	33	<b>38</b>	37	<b>37</b>	8.6	<b>32</b>	50	<b>38</b>	25	<b>35</b>
Alaska	21	<b>7</b>	26	<b>11</b>	7.0	<b>5</b>	31	<b>7</b>	15	<b>7</b>
Arizona	33	<b>38</b>	40	<b>43</b>	8.5	<b>30</b>	47	<b>28</b>	20	<b>18</b>
Arkansas	38	<b>48</b>	43	<b>47</b>	7.9	<b>18</b>	52	<b>47</b>	33	<b>49</b>
California	29	<b>26</b>	35	<b>32</b>	9.9	<b>47</b>	37	<b>12</b>	13	<b>5</b>
Colorado	26	<b>17</b>	30	<b>19</b>	8.7	<b>34</b>	44	<b>23</b>	16	<b>10</b>
Connecticut	16	<b>2</b>	19	<b>3</b>	10.2	<b>49</b>	32	<b>8</b>	10	<b>1</b>
Delaware	22	<b>8</b>	25	<b>8</b>	8.8	<b>37</b>	33	<b>10</b>	16	<b>10</b>
District of Columbia	28	—	38	—	15.3	—	35	—	4	—
Florida	31	<b>35</b>	35	<b>32</b>	8.9	<b>41</b>	41	<b>19</b>	21	<b>22</b>
Georgia	30	<b>32</b>	35	<b>32</b>	9.3	<b>44</b>	44	<b>23</b>	20	<b>18</b>
Hawaii	22	<b>8</b>	26	<b>11</b>	7.8	<b>17</b>	22	<b>2</b>	26	<b>37</b>
Idaho	35	<b>43</b>	39	<b>42</b>	7.2	<b>11</b>	55	<b>48</b>	31	<b>46</b>
Illinois	25	<b>16</b>	29	<b>15</b>	9.2	<b>43</b>	39	<b>16</b>	16	<b>10</b>
Indiana	28	<b>25</b>	32	<b>25</b>	7.3	<b>13</b>	44	<b>23</b>	24	<b>28</b>
Iowa	26	<b>17</b>	29	<b>15</b>	7.1	<b>7</b>	47	<b>28</b>	24	<b>28</b>
Kansas	29	<b>26</b>	32	<b>25</b>	8.0	<b>20</b>	45	<b>26</b>	25	<b>35</b>
Kentucky	30	<b>32</b>	34	<b>30</b>	7.9	<b>18</b>	47	<b>28</b>	28	<b>43</b>
Louisiana	35	<b>43</b>	40	<b>43</b>	9.5	<b>46</b>	55	<b>48</b>	24	<b>28</b>
Maine	27	<b>21</b>	30	<b>19</b>	7.0	<b>5</b>	51	<b>46</b>	26	<b>37</b>
Maryland	16	<b>2</b>	19	<b>3</b>	8.0	<b>20</b>	23	<b>3</b>	10	<b>1</b>
Massachusetts	17	<b>4</b>	18	<b>2</b>	8.8	<b>37</b>	33	<b>10</b>	11	<b>4</b>
Michigan	26	<b>17</b>	30	<b>19</b>	8.3	<b>28</b>	40	<b>17</b>	22	<b>23</b>
Minnesota	20	<b>6</b>	23	<b>6</b>	7.6	<b>16</b>	43	<b>22</b>	15	<b>7</b>
Mississippi	40	<b>49</b>	44	<b>49</b>	8.7	<b>34</b>	58	<b>50</b>	27	<b>41</b>
Missouri	31	<b>35</b>	35	<b>32</b>	8.2	<b>25</b>	47	<b>28</b>	27	<b>41</b>
Montana	34	<b>42</b>	38	<b>41</b>	7.2	<b>11</b>	48	<b>34</b>	32	<b>48</b>
Nebraska	29	<b>26</b>	32	<b>25</b>	7.3	<b>13</b>	50	<b>38</b>	24	<b>28</b>
Nevada	27	<b>21</b>	32	<b>25</b>	7.1	<b>7</b>	37	<b>12</b>	16	<b>10</b>
New Hampshire	15	<b>1</b>	17	<b>1</b>	6.6	<b>1</b>	17	<b>1</b>	15	<b>7</b>
New Jersey	18	<b>5</b>	21	<b>5</b>	9.4	<b>45</b>	28	<b>4</b>	10	<b>1</b>
New Mexico	41	<b>50</b>	46	<b>50</b>	8.8	<b>37</b>	48	<b>34</b>	26	<b>37</b>
New York	27	<b>21</b>	31	<b>23</b>	11.5	<b>50</b>	38	<b>14</b>	18	<b>15</b>
North Carolina	32	<b>37</b>	37	<b>37</b>	8.8	<b>37</b>	50	<b>38</b>	22	<b>23</b>
North Dakota	26	<b>17</b>	29	<b>15</b>	6.9	<b>3</b>	48	<b>34</b>	24	<b>28</b>
Ohio	27	<b>21</b>	31	<b>23</b>	8.2	<b>25</b>	42	<b>20</b>	23	<b>27</b>
Oklahoma	37	<b>46</b>	42	<b>46</b>	8.7	<b>34</b>	50	<b>38</b>	31	<b>46</b>
Oregon	30	<b>32</b>	34	<b>30</b>	8.3	<b>28</b>	49	<b>37</b>	24	<b>28</b>
Pennsylvania	24	<b>13</b>	28	<b>13</b>	8.1	<b>24</b>	40	<b>17</b>	20	<b>18</b>
Rhode Island	22	<b>8</b>	25	<b>8</b>	8.0	<b>20</b>	46	<b>27</b>	14	<b>6</b>
South Carolina	33	<b>38</b>	37	<b>37</b>	8.5	<b>30</b>	50	<b>38</b>	22	<b>23</b>
South Dakota	29	<b>26</b>	36	<b>36</b>	7.1	<b>7</b>	50	<b>38</b>	26	<b>37</b>
Tennessee	33	<b>38</b>	37	<b>37</b>	8.6	<b>32</b>	50	<b>38</b>	28	<b>43</b>
Texas	37	<b>46</b>	43	<b>47</b>	10.0	<b>48</b>	50	<b>38</b>	19	<b>16</b>
Utah	29	<b>26</b>	33	<b>29</b>	6.9	<b>3</b>	47	<b>28</b>	24	<b>28</b>
Vermont	23	<b>12</b>	24	<b>7</b>	6.6	<b>1</b>	29	<b>6</b>	22	<b>23</b>
Virginia	22	<b>8</b>	25	<b>8</b>	9.0	<b>42</b>	32	<b>8</b>	16	<b>10</b>
Washington	24	<b>13</b>	29	<b>15</b>	8.2	<b>25</b>	38	<b>14</b>	19	<b>16</b>
West Virginia	35	<b>43</b>	40	<b>43</b>	8.0	<b>20</b>	42	<b>20</b>	34	<b>50</b>
Wisconsin	24	<b>13</b>	28	<b>13</b>	7.4	<b>15</b>	47	<b>28</b>	20	<b>18</b>
Wyoming	29	<b>26</b>	30	<b>19</b>	7.1	<b>7</b>	28	<b>4</b>	29	<b>45</b>
U.S.	28		33		9.2		41		20	

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Low-Income Working Families with Parent No High School/GED		Low-Income Working Families with Parent No Postsecondary		Low-Income Working Families with Housing Cost Greater than 1/3 Income		Low-Income Working Families with Parent No Health Insurance (avg. 2005-07)		Percent of Jobs in Occupations Paying Below Poverty in 2006		
%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	
29	<b>34</b>	55	<b>23</b>	46	<b>9</b>	39	<b>32</b>	35.2	<b>45</b>	Alabama
18	<b>9</b>	48	<b>13</b>	54	<b>23</b>	32	<b>16</b>	7.6	<b>1</b>	Alaska
42	<b>48</b>	60	<b>45</b>	58	<b>29</b>	45	<b>44</b>	23.7	<b>26</b>	Arizona
27	<b>25</b>	55	<b>23</b>	44	<b>7</b>	38	<b>30</b>	36.1	<b>47</b>	Arkansas
52	<b>50</b>	66	<b>50</b>	72	<b>47</b>	43	<b>39</b>	17.5	<b>14</b>	California
35	<b>46</b>	55	<b>23</b>	69	<b>40</b>	49	<b>47</b>	13.8	<b>6</b>	Colorado
21	<b>11</b>	56	<b>34</b>	70	<b>44</b>	27	<b>9</b>	10.8	<b>3</b>	Connecticut
24	<b>19</b>	61	<b>47</b>	65	<b>38</b>	33	<b>19</b>	22.7	<b>25</b>	Delaware
29	—	62	—	55	—	19	—	7.3	—	District of Columbia
29	<b>34</b>	56	<b>34</b>	70	<b>44</b>	46	<b>46</b>	25.0	<b>30</b>	Florida
32	<b>42</b>	60	<b>45</b>	56	<b>25</b>	40	<b>36</b>	29.3	<b>39</b>	Georgia
17	<b>8</b>	49	<b>16</b>	64	<b>37</b>	14	<b>1</b>	20.6	<b>20</b>	Hawaii
27	<b>25</b>	41	<b>3</b>	51	<b>21</b>	38	<b>30</b>	27.3	<b>36</b>	Idaho
32	<b>42</b>	55	<b>23</b>	65	<b>38</b>	31	<b>13</b>	20.7	<b>21</b>	Illinois
26	<b>24</b>	56	<b>34</b>	51	<b>21</b>	34	<b>22</b>	24.6	<b>29</b>	Indiana
21	<b>11</b>	43	<b>7</b>	46	<b>9</b>	30	<b>12</b>	25.5	<b>33</b>	Iowa
27	<b>25</b>	49	<b>16</b>	46	<b>9</b>	33	<b>19</b>	25.3	<b>31</b>	Kansas
28	<b>31</b>	57	<b>38</b>	44	<b>7</b>	34	<b>22</b>	24.3	<b>27</b>	Kentucky
29	<b>34</b>	58	<b>39</b>	47	<b>12</b>	49	<b>47</b>	34.8	<b>44</b>	Louisiana
14	<b>5</b>	47	<b>12</b>	49	<b>16</b>	20	<b>5</b>	16.5	<b>12</b>	Maine
25	<b>20</b>	55	<b>23</b>	69	<b>40</b>	39	<b>32</b>	17.5	<b>13</b>	Maryland
27	<b>25</b>	55	<b>23</b>	73	<b>49</b>	19	<b>3</b>	8.5	<b>2</b>	Massachusetts
22	<b>15</b>	48	<b>13</b>	62	<b>34</b>	29	<b>11</b>	19.1	<b>17</b>	Michigan
21	<b>11</b>	46	<b>11</b>	58	<b>29</b>	26	<b>8</b>	15.4	<b>10</b>	Minnesota
28	<b>31</b>	55	<b>23</b>	48	<b>14</b>	39	<b>32</b>	36.9	<b>49</b>	Mississippi
25	<b>20</b>	51	<b>20</b>	50	<b>18</b>	36	<b>28</b>	28.6	<b>37</b>	Missouri
13	<b>2</b>	36	<b>2</b>	47	<b>12</b>	42	<b>37</b>	35.6	<b>46</b>	Montana
22	<b>15</b>	44	<b>9</b>	49	<b>16</b>	34	<b>22</b>	22.4	<b>24</b>	Nebraska
41	<b>47</b>	64	<b>48</b>	69	<b>40</b>	35	<b>27</b>	18.8	<b>16</b>	Nevada
15	<b>6</b>	44	<b>9</b>	71	<b>46</b>	34	<b>22</b>	14.0	<b>7</b>	New Hampshire
29	<b>34</b>	58	<b>39</b>	79	<b>50</b>	43	<b>39</b>	13.7	<b>5</b>	New Jersey
34	<b>44</b>	55	<b>23</b>	42	<b>4</b>	50	<b>49</b>	36.6	<b>48</b>	New Mexico
31	<b>41</b>	58	<b>39</b>	69	<b>40</b>	25	<b>7</b>	17.9	<b>15</b>	New York
30	<b>39</b>	54	<b>21</b>	50	<b>18</b>	43	<b>39</b>	24.4	<b>28</b>	North Carolina
12	<b>1</b>	30	<b>1</b>	36	<b>2</b>	32	<b>16</b>	28.7	<b>38</b>	North Dakota
22	<b>15</b>	55	<b>23</b>	57	<b>28</b>	27	<b>9</b>	21.4	<b>22</b>	Ohio
28	<b>31</b>	55	<b>23</b>	43	<b>5</b>	44	<b>43</b>	32.2	<b>40</b>	Oklahoma
30	<b>39</b>	48	<b>13</b>	60	<b>33</b>	45	<b>44</b>	14.8	<b>9</b>	Oregon
20	<b>10</b>	56	<b>34</b>	56	<b>25</b>	31	<b>13</b>	22.1	<b>23</b>	Pennsylvania
34	<b>44</b>	54	<b>21</b>	72	<b>47</b>	18	<b>2</b>	15.8	<b>11</b>	Rhode Island
25	<b>20</b>	58	<b>39</b>	48	<b>14</b>	36	<b>28</b>	32.3	<b>42</b>	South Carolina
13	<b>2</b>	42	<b>5</b>	32	<b>1</b>	31	<b>13</b>	34.3	<b>43</b>	South Dakota
27	<b>25</b>	58	<b>39</b>	50	<b>18</b>	32	<b>16</b>	26.7	<b>34</b>	Tennessee
46	<b>49</b>	64	<b>48</b>	56	<b>25</b>	57	<b>50</b>	32.2	<b>41</b>	Texas
25	<b>20</b>	41	<b>3</b>	59	<b>31</b>	33	<b>19</b>	25.5	<b>32</b>	Utah
13	<b>2</b>	43	<b>7</b>	62	<b>34</b>	21	<b>6</b>	14.5	<b>8</b>	Vermont
27	<b>25</b>	55	<b>23</b>	55	<b>24</b>	39	<b>32</b>	20.0	<b>18</b>	Virginia
29	<b>34</b>	50	<b>18</b>	62	<b>34</b>	34	<b>22</b>	11.8	<b>4</b>	Washington
23	<b>18</b>	58	<b>39</b>	40	<b>3</b>	43	<b>39</b>	38.5	<b>50</b>	West Virginia
21	<b>11</b>	50	<b>18</b>	59	<b>31</b>	19	<b>3</b>	20.1	<b>19</b>	Wisconsin
16	<b>7</b>	42	<b>5</b>	43	<b>5</b>	42	<b>37</b>	26.7	<b>35</b>	Wyoming
33		57		60		39		22.2		U.S.

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