

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		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	Ratio	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	
Alabama	33	38	37	37	8.6	32	50	38	25	35	29	34	55	23	46	9	39	32	35.2	45	Alabama
Alaska	21	7	26	11	7.0	5	31	7	15	7	18	9	48	13	54	23	32	16	7.6	1	Alaska
Arizona	33	38	40	43	8.5	30	47	28	20	18	42	48	60	45	58	29	45	44	23.7	26	Arizona
Arkansas	38	48	43	47	7.9	18	52	47	33	49	27	25	55	23	44	7	38	30	36.1	47	Arkansas
California	29	26	35	32	9.9	47	37	12	13	5	52	50	66	50	72	47	43	39	17.5	14	California
Colorado	26	17	30	19	8.7	34	44	23	16	10	35	46	55	23	69	40	49	47	13.8	6	Colorado
Connecticut	16	2	19	3	10.2	49	32	8	10	1	21	11	56	34	70	44	27	9	10.8	3	Connecticut
Delaware	22	8	25	8	8.8	37	33	10	16	10	24	19	61	47	65	38	33	19	22.7	25	Delaware
District of Columbia	28	—	38	—	15.3	—	35	—	4	—	29	—	62	—	55	—	19	—	7.3	—	District of Columbia
Florida	31	35	35	32	8.9	41	41	19	21	22	29	34	56	34	70	44	46	46	25.0	30	Florida
Georgia	30	32	35	32	9.3	44	44	23	20	18	32	42	60	45	56	25	40	36	29.3	39	Georgia
Hawaii	22	8	26	11	7.8	17	22	2	26	37	17	8	49	16	64	37	14	1	20.6	20	Hawaii
Idaho	35	43	39	42	7.2	11	55	48	31	46	27	25	41	3	51	21	38	30	27.3	36	Idaho
Illinois	25	16	29	15	9.2	43	39	16	16	10	32	42	55	23	65	38	31	13	20.7	21	Illinois
Indiana	28	25	32	25	7.3	13	44	23	24	28	26	24	56	34	51	21	34	22	24.6	29	Indiana
Iowa	26	17	29	15	7.1	7	47	28	24	28	21	11	43	7	46	9	30	12	25.5	33	Iowa
Kansas	29	26	32	25	8.0	20	45	26	25	35	27	25	49	16	46	9	33	19	25.3	31	Kansas
Kentucky	30	32	34	30	7.9	18	47	28	28	43	28	31	57	38	44	7	34	22	24.3	27	Kentucky
Louisiana	35	43	40	43	9.5	46	55	48	24	28	29	34	58	39	47	12	49	47	34.8	44	Louisiana
Maine	27	21	30	19	7.0	5	51	46	26	37	14	5	47	12	49	16	20	5	16.5	12	Maine
Maryland	16	2	19	3	8.0	20	23	3	10	1	25	20	55	23	69	40	39	32	17.5	13	Maryland
Massachusetts	17	4	18	2	8.8	37	33	10	11	4	27	25	55	23	73	49	19	3	8.5	2	Massachusetts
Michigan	26	17	30	19	8.3	28	40	17	22	23	22	15	48	13	62	34	29	11	19.1	17	Michigan
Minnesota	20	6	23	6	7.6	16	43	22	15	7	21	11	46	11	58	29	26	8	15.4	10	Minnesota
Mississippi	40	49	44	49	8.7	34	58	50	27	41	28	31	55	23	48	14	39	32	36.9	49	Mississippi
Missouri	31	35	35	32	8.2	25	47	28	27	41	25	20	51	20	50	18	36	28	28.6	37	Missouri
Montana	34	42	38	41	7.2	11	48	34	32	48	13	2	36	2	47	12	42	37	35.6	46	Montana
Nebraska	29	26	32	25	7.3	13	50	38	24	28	22	15	44	9	49	16	34	22	22.4	24	Nebraska
Nevada	27	21	32	25	7.1	7	37	12	16	10	41	47	64	48	69	40	35	27	18.8	16	Nevada
New Hampshire	15	1	17	1	6.6	1	17	1	15	7	15	6	44	9	71	46	34	22	14.0	7	New Hampshire
New Jersey	18	5	21	5	9.4	45	28	4	10	1	29	34	58	39	79	50	43	39	13.7	5	New Jersey
New Mexico	41	50	46	50	8.8	37	48	34	26	37	34	44	55	23	42	4	50	49	36.6	48	New Mexico
New York	27	21	31	23	11.5	50	38	14	18	15	31	41	58	39	69	40	25	7	17.9	15	New York
North Carolina	32	37	37	37	8.8	37	50	38	22	23	30	39	54	21	50	18	43	39	24.4	28	North Carolina
North Dakota	26	17	29	15	6.9	3	48	34	24	28	12	1	30	1	36	2	32	16	28.7	38	North Dakota
Ohio	27	21	31	23	8.2	25	42	20	23	27	22	15	55	23	57	28	27	9	21.4	22	Ohio
Oklahoma	37	46	42	46	8.7	34	50	38	31	46	28	31	55	23	43	5	44	43	32.2	40	Oklahoma
Oregon	30	32	34	30	8.3	28	49	37	24	28	30	39	48	13	60	33	45	44	14.8	9	Oregon
Pennsylvania	24	13	28	13	8.1	24	40	17	20	18	20	10	56	34	56	25	31	13	22.1	23	Pennsylvania
Rhode Island	22	8	25	8	8.0	20	46	27	14	6	34	44	54	21	72	47	18	2	15.8	11	Rhode Island
South Carolina	33	38	37	37	8.5	30	50	38	22	23	25	20	58	39	48	14	36	28	32.3	42	South Carolina
South Dakota	29	26	36	36	7.1	7	50	38	26	37	13	2	42	5	32	1	31	13	34.3	43	South Dakota
Tennessee	33	38	37	37	8.6	32	50	38	28	43	27	25	58	39	50	18	32	16	26.7	34	Tennessee
Texas	37	46	43	47	10.0	48	50	38	19	16	46	49	64	48	56	25	57	50	32.2	41	Texas
Utah	29	26	33	29	6.9	3	47	28	24	28	25	20	41	3	59	31	33	19	25.5	32	Utah
Vermont	23	12	24	7	6.6	1	29	6	22	23	13	2	43	7	62	34	21	6	14.5	8	Vermont
Virginia	22	8	25	8	9.0	42	32	8	16	10	27	25	55	23	55	24	39	32	20.0	18	Virginia
Washington	24	13	29	15	8.2	25	38	14	19	16	29	34	50	18	62	34	34	22	11.8	4	Washington
West Virginia	35	43	40	43	8.0	20	42	20	34	50	23	18	58	39	40	3	43	39	38.5	50	West Virginia
Wisconsin	24	13	28	13	7.4	15	47	28	20	18	21	11	50	18	59	31	19	3	20.1	19	Wisconsin
Wyoming	29	26	30	19	7.1	7	28	4	29	45	16	7	42	5	43	5	42	37	26.7	35	Wyoming
U.S.	28		33		9.2		41		20		33		57		60		39		22.2		U.S.

*The state with the best outcome or condition is ranked number one.