

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

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