

Regional / National Comparisons

Overview

The mountain region has recovered well from the 2001 recession. In 2004, the region saw significant growth in employment and income. In the twelve month period between October 2004 and October 2005, the mountain region held six of the top ten states for employment growth. Utah had the third fastest growing job rolls in the nation during that period. However, the mountain region continues to be known for lower wages, with only Colorado above the national average. Utah continued to fall behind the national average in pay rates. Mountain states did well in terms of unemployment, staying below the national average in 2005. Poverty rates were generally good, except for New Mexico, Montana, and Arizona. Utah is now experiencing an employment surge rivaled only by other mountain states, and is also doing well in income growth.

Population Growth

From 2003 to 2004, population grew by 1.0% nationally, and by 2.1% in the mountain states. Much of that growth was in Nevada and Arizona, with growth rates of 4.1% and 3.0%, respectively. Utah's population grew by 1.6%, placing it among Idaho (1.9%), New Mexico (1.3%), and Colorado (1.2%) regionally. Wyoming and Montana had the slowest growth rates in the region, both at 0.9%. This annual growth in population ranked Arizona, Idaho and Utah in the top ten of all states, with Nevada leading the nation.

Personal Income Growth

Total personal income in the mountain region grew 5.8% per year during the 1999 to 2004 period, faster than the national average of 4.5%. Utah's growth over the five-year period was 5.5%, placing the state regionally with Colorado (5.2%), Idaho (5.2%), New Mexico (5.5%), Montana (5.8%) and Wyoming (5.8%). Nevada led the region and the nation with an average annual growth rate of 6.9%. Six states in the region, Arizona, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming ranked in the top ten nationally for this five-year period.

Despite the rapid growth during the 1999 to 2004 period, the total personal income of the states of the mountain region was still some of the smallest in the United States. As personal income is a measure of the size of the economic base, only Colorado and Arizona had economies larger than the median of the 50 states. Utah had the 35th largest economy, placing it between Mississippi and Nebraska in relative size. Wyoming had the smallest economy in the nation at 51st place, behind Washington, D.C.

The mountain region produced \$603.9 billion in personal income in 2004, or 6.2% of the nation's total of \$9.7 trillion, a slight increase from 2003 (6.1%). Utah accounted for 10.7% of the mountain region's income, slight up from 2002 (10.6%).

Utah's per capita personal income in 2004 was \$26,946, ranking it 46th in the nation (including Washington, D.C.). Utah's per capita income growth rate from 1999 to 2004 was 3.8%, the 25th highest in the nation, up from 37th from 1998 to 2003 period. Per capita personal income in the mountain states was \$30,500 in 2004, about 92.3% of the national average. Utah was well below the mountain states average, at 81.6% of the national average. This percentage has grown since 1999, when Utah's per capita personal income was 80.1% of the national average. Colorado's per capita income of \$36,109 was the highest among the mountain states, and with Nevada (\$33,783), and Wyoming (\$34,199), exceeded the national average.

Median Household Income

Utah is anomalous when comparing personal income and median household income. While Utah has a very low per capita personal income, the state's median household income is ranked 11th in nation. This is largely explained by Utah having the largest household size in the nation. The per capita figures are diluted by a larger number of children. Therefore, the median household figures provide a more accurate measure of family income. In 2004, Utah's \$50,614 median household income was 113.8% of the national average of \$44,473. Colorado was the only mountain state with a higher household income at \$51,022. Some of the lowest household incomes were found in the mountain states, with Montana (\$35,201) ranking 48th and New Mexico (\$37,587) ranking 45th. These figures are three-year averages from 2002-2004.

Average Annual Pay

Another measure of income is the average annual pay of workers covered by unemployment insurance. Among the mountain states, all but Colorado (\$40,276) were below the national average in 2004. Utah's average annual pay of \$32,171 per worker in 2004 was 81.7% of the national average; the mountain region as a whole averaged \$33,315, or 84.7% of the national average of \$39,354. Utah's average annual pay ranked 36th among the states. Regionally, Colorado (\$40,276), Nevada (\$37,106) and Arizona (\$36,646) all ranked higher than Utah, while New Mexico (\$31,411), Wyoming (31,210), Idaho (\$29,871), and Montana (\$27,830) ranked lower. Those four states had some of the lowest wage rates in the nation, with Montana ranking 51st.

Nonagricultural Payrolls

All mountain states showed positive employment growth in 2004, a trend among all states nationally. This positive trend contrasts with 2003 in which 31 states saw contractions in their nonagricultural payroll employment. Only three states, Illinois, Massachusetts, and Michigan, saw slight falls in employment in 2004. During the five-year period of 1999-2004, the national growth rate was 0.8%. Six of the mountain states ranked within the top ten fastest growing. Utah's five-year growth rate was 1.0%, ranking it 12th nationally and second-last in the region, ahead of Colorado.

The latest data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics for the period of October 2004 to October 2005 shows a gain of 3.6% in Utah's employment. Utah joined six other mountain states that were among the 10 fastest growing in the nation, the top states included: Nevada (6.0%), Arizona (4.2%), Utah (3.6%), Idaho (3.8%), Florida (3.4%), Oregon (3.0%), Wyoming (2.9%), Washington (2.9%), Hawaii (2.7%) and New Mexico (2.1%). Louisiana (-11.4%), Mississippi (-3.3%), and Michigan (-1.1%) were the states that experienced negative employment growth.

Unemployment rates were lower in 2004 than in 2003 for all the mountain states with the exception of Montana, which saw no change. Utah had an unemployment rate of 5.2% in 2004, the third highest in the region. New Mexico and Colorado were slightly higher, at 5.7% and 5.5%, respectively. Additionally, the rate of change for Utah from 1999 to 2004 was 1.6%, the second highest in the region and the 17th highest nationally. However, since 2003, it appears unemployment in Utah is declining. During October 2004, the state's unemployment rate was 4.9%. By October 2005, it had declined to 4.3%, lower than the national average of 4.6%. Within the mountain states region, Utah's rate was higher than four states: Idaho (3.0%), Montana (3.7%), Nevada (3.9%) and Wyoming (3.5%).

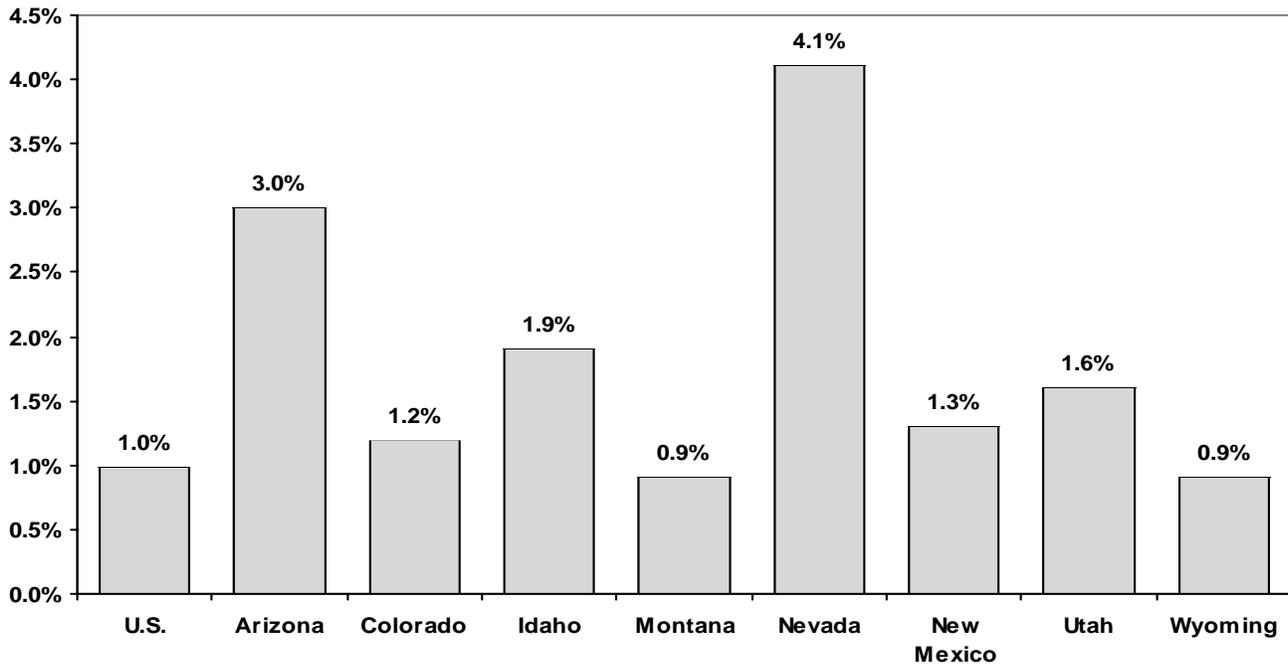
Poverty Rates

Similar to median household income, the Census Bureau's measure of poverty rates has considerable volatility, and the Bureau suggests using three-year averages for ranking purposes and two-year averages to evaluate movement over time. There is a wide disparity in poverty rates among the mountain states, with New Mexico the third highest in the nation, having 17.5% of its residents living below the poverty line. Utah's poverty rate remained at 9.5% for both the 2001-2002 and the 2002-2003 periods. From 2002-2004, Utah's three year average was 9.6, or the 42nd highest in the nation.

Conclusion

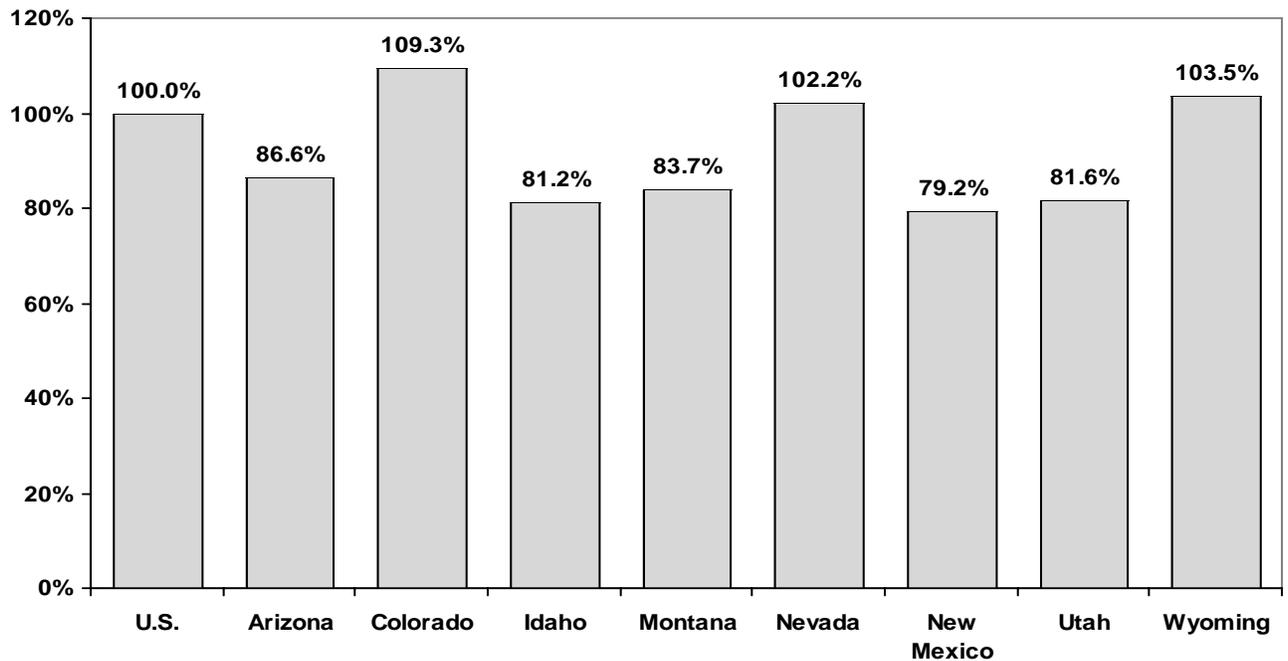
Although Utah still struggled to keep jobs in the state in 2003, 2004 saw significant improvements that have continued through 2005. From October 2004 to October 2005, Utah posted a promising gain of 43,000 jobs, which significantly bettered the gain of 34,000 jobs in the previous October-to-October period. In percentage terms, this impressive gain was third highest in the nation at 3.8%. Despite the impressive growth in jobs in 2004, poverty rates showed an increase in the annual rates and remained the same in the two-year moving averages. It is important to note that unemployment rates decreased, despite a growing labor force. Research has shown that the labor force previously was shrinking, but the improved employment situation has drawn more people into seeking jobs. With the continued increase of jobs in 2005, it is believed that 2006 will continue a positive trend in employment.

Figure 43
Population Growth Rate for U.S. and Mountain Division States: 2003-2004



Note: Numbers in this chart may differ from other tables due to different data sources.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau

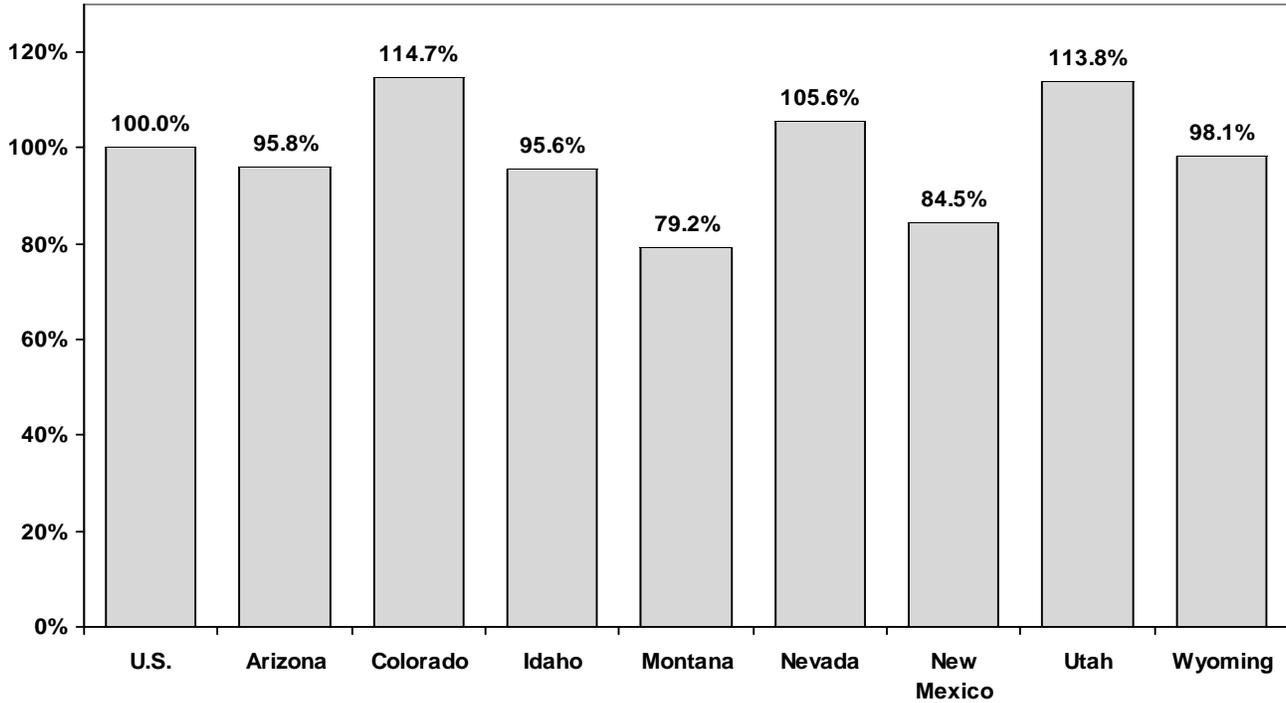
Figure 44
Per Capita Income as a Percent of U.S. for Mountain Division States: 2004



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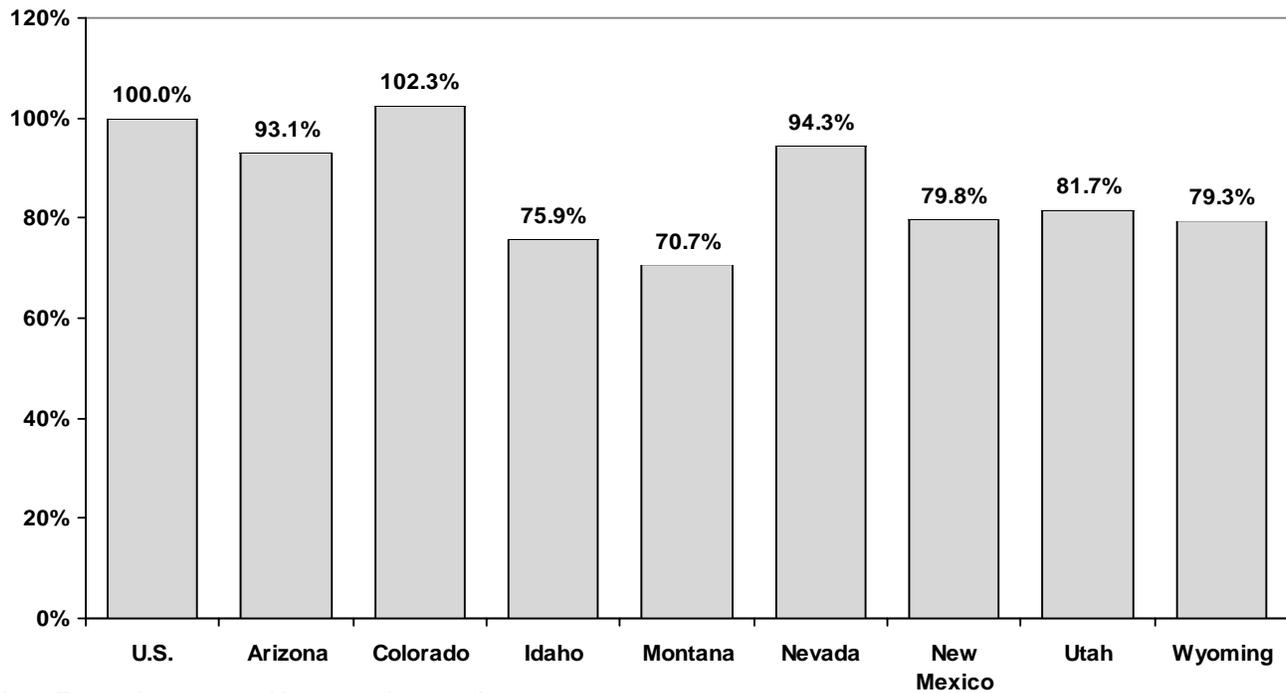
Median Household Income as Percent of U.S. and Mountain Division States: 2002-2004 Three-Year Average



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

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Average Annual Pay as a Percent of U.S. and Mountain Division States: 2004

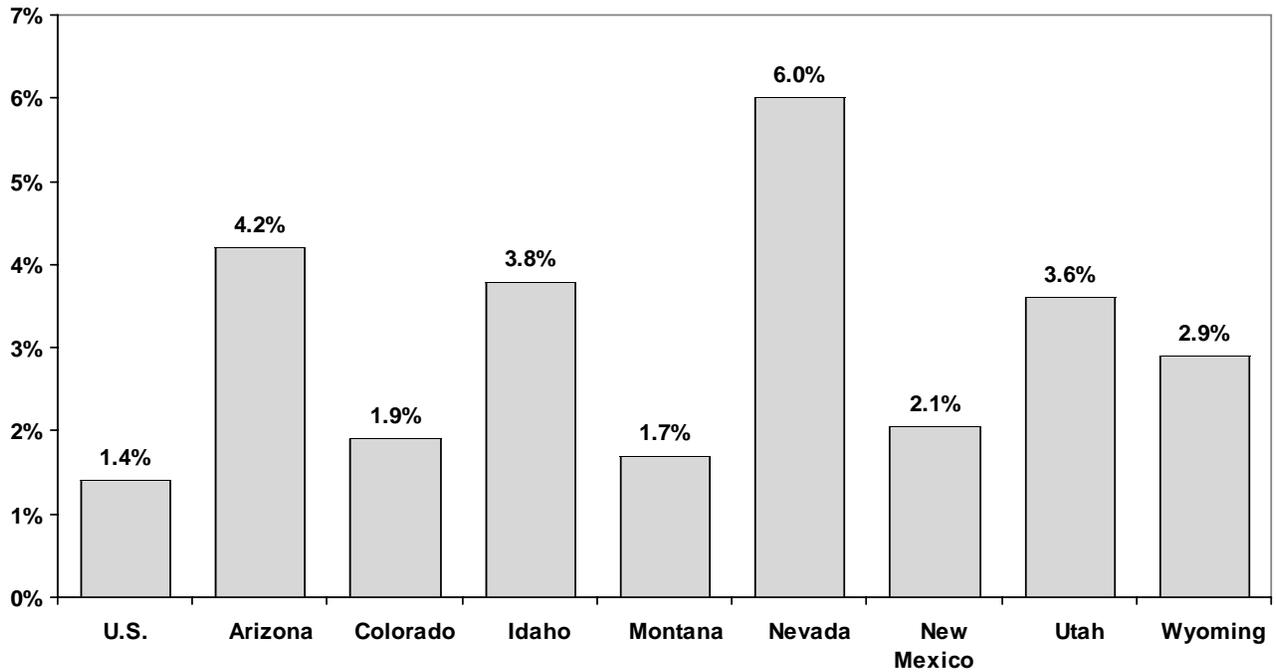


Note: For workers covered by unemployment insurance.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

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Nonagricultural Employment Growth for U.S. and Mountain Division States: October 2005 over October 2004

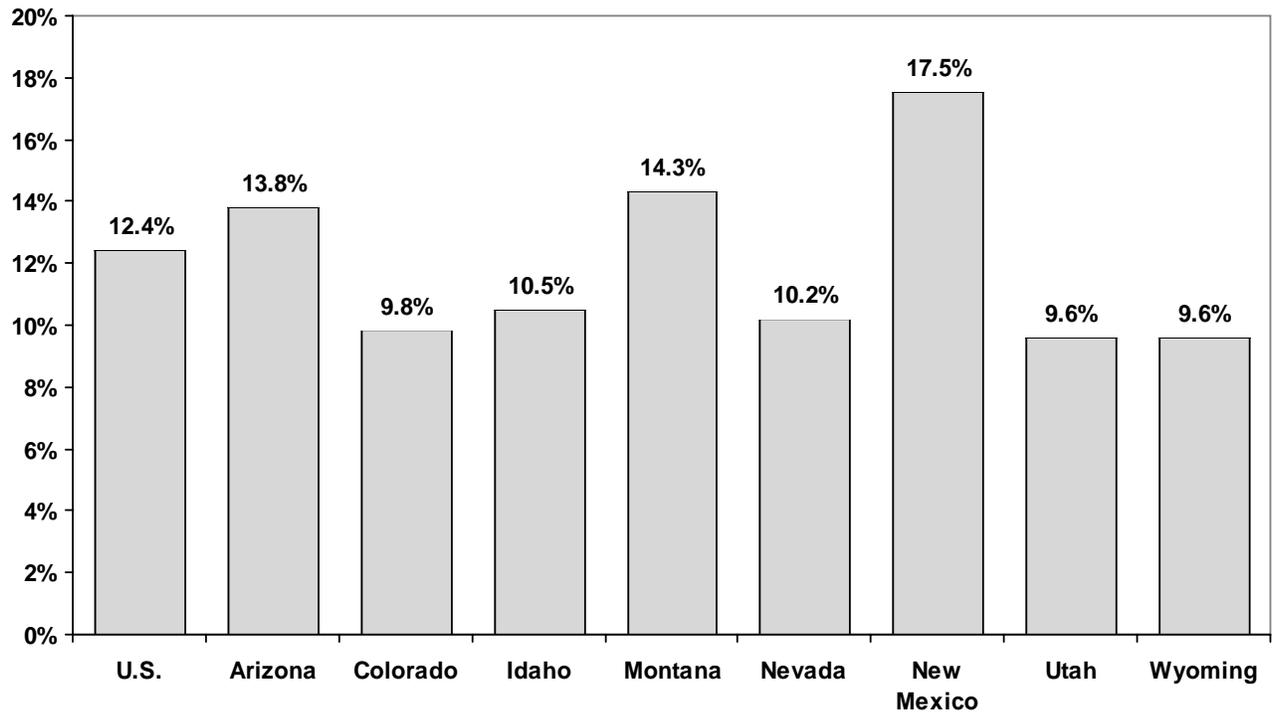


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Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Figure 48

Percent of Persons in Poverty: Three-Year Average 2002 to 2004



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Table 50
Population and Households of U.S., Mountain Division, and States

Division/State	Population (July 1 Estimates)		Rates of Population Change	Households (July 1 Estimates)		Rankings			
	2003 (thousands)	2004 (thousands)	Annual Growth Rate 2003-04	2004 (thousands)	Persons per Household	Rank by Population 2003	Rank by Population 2004	Rank by Annual Growth Rate 2003-04	Rank by Persons per Household 2004
United States	290,789	293,655	1.0%	108,420	2.61				
Mountain States	19,387	19,799	2.1%	7,222	2.63				
Arizona	5,579	5,744	3.0%	2,049	2.67	18	18	2	8
Colorado	4,548	4,601	1.2%	1,821	2.44	22	22	14	45
Idaho	1,367	1,393	1.9%	503	2.65	39	39	4	10
Montana	918	927	0.9%	366	2.44	44	44	19	45
Nevada	2,242	2,335	4.1%	834	2.64	35	35	1	11
New Mexico	1,879	1,903	1.3%	698	2.63	36	36	10	13
Utah	2,352	2,389	1.6%	752	3.07	34	34	7	1
Wyoming	502	507	0.9%	199	2.45	51	51	21	42
Other States									
Alabama	4,504	4,530	0.6%	1,743	2.52	23	23	34	26
Alaska	648	655	1.1%	229	2.75	47	47	17	5
Arkansas	2,728	2,753	0.9%	1,076	2.46	32	32	20	39
California	35,463	35,894	1.2%	11,857	2.92	1	1	12	2
Connecticut	3,487	3,504	0.5%	1,323	2.55	29	29	39	21
Delaware	818	830	1.5%	304	2.61	45	45	8	15
D.C.	558	554	-0.7%	247	2.14	50	50	51	51
Florida	16,999	17,397	2.3%	6,638	2.50	4	4	3	29
Georgia	8,676	8,829	1.8%	3,153	2.68	9	9	5	7
Hawaii	1,249	1,263	1.1%	419	2.91	42	42	16	3
Illinois	12,649	12,714	0.5%	4,625	2.67	5	5	36	8
Indiana	6,200	6,238	0.6%	2,351	2.56	14	14	33	18
Iowa	2,942	2,954	0.4%	1,158	2.45	30	30	40	42
Kansas	2,725	2,736	0.4%	1,059	2.50	33	33	42	29
Kentucky	4,118	4,146	0.7%	1,607	2.49	26	26	28	32
Louisiana	4,494	4,516	0.5%	1,673	2.61	24	24	37	15
Maine	1,309	1,317	0.6%	535	2.37	40	40	32	50
Maryland	5,512	5,558	0.8%	2,048	2.62	19	19	24	14
Massachusetts	6,420	6,417	-0.1%	2,436	2.55	13	13	50	21
Michigan	10,082	10,113	0.3%	3,884	2.53	8	8	44	24
Minnesota	5,064	5,101	0.7%	2,012	2.45	21	21	26	42
Mississippi	2,883	2,903	0.7%	2,012	2.64	31	31	27	11
Missouri	5,719	5,755	0.6%	2,285	2.42	17	17	31	47
Nebraska	1,737	1,747	0.6%	675	2.50	38	38	35	29
New Hampshire	1,289	1,300	0.8%	493	2.54	41	41	23	23
New Jersey	8,642	8,699	0.7%	3,123	2.70	10	10	29	6
New York	19,212	19,227	0.1%	7,119	2.61	3	3	49	15
North Carolina	8,421	8,541	1.4%	3,271	2.49	11	11	9	32
North Dakota	633	634	0.2%	254	2.39	48	48	48	49
Ohio	11,438	11,459	0.2%	4,480	2.49	7	7	47	32
Oklahoma	3,506	3,524	0.5%	1,341	2.53	28	28	38	24
Oregon	3,564	3,595	0.8%	1,409	2.47	27	27	22	37
Pennsylvania	12,371	12,406	0.3%	4,801	2.48	6	6	45	35
Rhode Island	1,076	1,081	0.4%	412	2.52	43	43	41	26
South Carolina	4,149	4,198	1.2%	1,568	2.56	25	25	13	18
South Dakota	765	771	0.8%	299	2.46	46	46	25	39
Tennessee	5,845	5,901	1.0%	2,296	2.48	16	16	18	35
Texas	22,103	22,490	1.7%	7,635	2.82	2	2	6	4
Vermont	619	621	0.3%	242	2.47	49	49	43	37
Virginia	7,365	7,460	1.3%	2,790	2.56	12	12	11	18
Washington	6,131	6,204	1.2%	2,382	2.51	15	15	15	28
West Virginia	1,811	1,815	0.2%	732	2.41	37	37	46	48
Wisconsin	5,474	5,509	0.6%	2,159	2.46	20	20	30	39

Note: Population numbers will be revised by the U.S. Census Bureau in December 2005.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Table 51

Total Personal Income for U.S., Mountain Division, and States

Division/State	Total Personal Income			Rates of Total Personal Income Change		Total Personal Income (saar)			Rankings			
	1999	2003	2004	Avg. Ann. Growth Rate 1999-2004	Percent Change 2003-2004	2nd	2nd	Percent Change 2004-05	Rank by Total Personal Income 2004	Rank by Avg. Ann. Growth Rate 1999-2004	Rank by Percent Change 2003-04	Rank by Percent Change (saar) 2004-05
	(millions)	(millions)	(millions)			Quarter 2004	Quarter 2005		Personal Income 2004	Percent Change 2003-04	Percent Change 2004-05	
United States	\$7,796,137	\$9,156,108	\$9,702,525	4.5%	6.0%	\$9,604,015	\$10,225,957	6.5%				
Mountain States	455,058	562,515	603,865	5.8%	7.4%	597,941	646,082	8.1%				
Arizona	120,857	151,716	164,324	6.3%	8.3%	162,288	176,308	8.6%	22	3	3	2
Colorado	128,860	157,083	166,153	5.2%	5.8%	164,730	176,105	6.9%	21	13	33	17
Idaho	29,068	34,660	37,394	5.2%	7.9%	37,271	39,914	7.1%	42	14	6	16
Montana	19,373	24,096	25,643	5.8%	6.4%	25,380	27,329	7.7%	46	5	21	7
Nevada	56,462	71,632	78,876	6.9%	10.1%	77,758	86,131	10.8%	32	1	1	1
New Mexico	38,046	46,782	49,778	5.5%	6.4%	49,491	53,195	7.5%	37	9	22	10
Utah	49,343	60,320	64,376	5.5%	6.7%	63,839	68,532	7.4%	35	10	15	12
Wyoming	13,050	16,226	17,323	5.8%	6.8%	17,184	18,568	8.1%	51	4	14	4
Other States												
Alabama	100,662	118,481	125,167	4.5%	5.6%	124,438	132,308	6.3%	24	33	36	28
Alaska	17,557	21,403	22,340	4.9%	4.4%	22,111	23,617	6.8%	48	19	47	19
Arkansas	56,052	66,082	70,810	4.8%	7.2%	70,608	74,742	5.9%	33	22	8	38
California	999,228	1,184,058	1,262,454	4.8%	6.6%	1,250,427	1,331,119	6.5%	1	21	19	24
Connecticut	129,807	149,276	159,435	4.2%	6.8%	157,012	168,524	7.3%	23	42	12	14
Delaware	22,416	27,672	29,527	5.7%	6.7%	29,284	31,092	6.2%	44	8	17	30
D.C.	21,115	26,922	28,839	6.4%	7.1%	28,509	30,601	7.3%	45	2	9	13
Florida	423,834	511,951	547,312	5.2%	6.9%	542,393	584,629	7.8%	4	12	11	6
Georgia	212,081	250,662	265,538	4.6%	5.9%	262,955	280,812	6.8%	12	27	27	20
Hawaii	32,646	38,125	41,176	4.8%	8.0%	40,585	43,930	8.2%	40	23	4	3
Illinois	373,385	427,212	441,485	3.4%	3.3%	437,961	459,345	4.9%	5	49	49	48
Indiana	154,842	178,815	187,565	3.9%	4.9%	186,626	194,699	4.3%	16	45	46	49
Iowa	73,285	84,029	91,500	4.5%	8.9%	91,125	95,796	5.1%	30	31	2	46
Kansas	70,158	80,792	84,810	3.9%	5.0%	83,931	89,407	6.5%	31	46	45	23
Kentucky	91,462	106,688	112,566	4.2%	5.5%	111,629	118,042	5.7%	27	39	38	42
Louisiana	98,200	116,176	122,913	4.6%	5.8%	121,836	130,147	6.8%	25	28	30	18
Maine	31,016	37,251	39,482	4.9%	6.0%	39,141	41,218	5.3%	41	18	26	43
Maryland	167,075	206,515	220,261	5.7%	6.7%	218,366	232,655	6.5%	14	7	18	22
Massachusetts	216,221	255,375	270,145	4.6%	5.8%	268,336	282,550	5.3%	10	30	31	44
Michigan	278,062	318,491	324,134	3.1%	1.8%	322,266	333,799	3.6%	9	51	51	51
Minnesota	146,722	173,300	184,515	4.7%	6.5%	182,211	193,176	6.0%	17	25	20	34
Mississippi	56,719	66,664	70,770	4.5%	6.2%	70,364	74,815	6.3%	34	32	24	27
Missouri	142,925	166,998	175,611	4.2%	5.2%	174,073	184,413	5.9%	20	41	43	36
Nebraska	45,116	53,427	56,393	4.6%	5.6%	56,128	58,914	5.0%	36	29	37	47
New Hampshire	37,125	44,521	47,661	5.1%	7.1%	47,115	50,149	6.4%	38	16	10	26
New Jersey	294,385	343,421	362,190	4.2%	5.5%	357,655	380,716	6.4%	7	40	39	25
New York	619,659	690,365	737,039	3.5%	6.8%	724,831	777,760	7.3%	2	48	13	15
North Carolina	203,187	234,544	250,286	4.3%	6.7%	247,387	265,751	7.4%	13	38	16	11
North Dakota	14,934	18,194	18,553	4.4%	2.0%	18,443	19,828	7.5%	50	35	50	9
Ohio	304,464	342,424	356,774	3.2%	4.2%	353,609	372,120	5.2%	8	50	48	45
Oklahoma	77,565	93,118	98,020	4.8%	5.3%	97,283	103,771	6.7%	29	20	41	21
Oregon	89,873	103,988	109,935	4.1%	5.7%	109,247	115,789	6.0%	28	43	35	35
Pennsylvania	342,611	392,528	412,591	3.8%	5.1%	408,039	433,554	6.3%	6	47	44	29
Rhode Island	28,568	34,921	36,936	5.3%	5.8%	36,612	38,721	5.8%	43	11	34	41
South Carolina	91,716	107,660	113,988	4.4%	5.9%	113,059	120,033	6.2%	26	34	29	31
South Dakota	18,367	22,231	23,602	5.1%	6.2%	23,733	24,708	4.1%	47	15	23	50
Tennessee	140,395	166,075	175,885	4.6%	5.9%	174,251	184,882	6.1%	19	26	28	32
Texas	539,661	651,009	690,376	5.0%	6.0%	684,385	736,109	7.6%	3	17	25	8
Vermont	15,650	18,644	19,721	4.7%	5.8%	19,582	20,721	5.8%	49	24	32	40
Virginia	204,586	250,365	269,862	5.7%	7.8%	266,144	286,983	7.8%	11	6	7	5
Washington	175,491	201,342	217,240	4.4%	7.9%	211,444	223,810	5.8%	15	37	5	39
West Virginia	37,557	44,290	46,619	4.4%	5.3%	46,371	49,191	6.1%	39	36	42	33
Wisconsin	144,702	167,586	176,636	4.1%	5.4%	174,568	184,929	5.9%	18	44	40	37

saar = seasonally adjusted annual rate.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

Table 52
Per Capita Personal Income for U.S., Mountain Division, and States

Division/State	Per Capita Personal Income			Rates of Per Capita Personal Income Change		Per Capita Personal Income as a Percent of U.S. Per Capita Personal Income			Rankings		
	1999	2003	2004	Avg. Ann. Growth Rate 1999-2004	Annual Growth Rate 2003-2004	1999	2003	2004	Rank by Per Capita Personal Income 2004	Rank by Average Annual Growth Rate 1999-2004	Rank by Average Annual Growth Rate 2003-2004
	United States	\$27,939	\$31,487	\$33,041	3.4%	4.9%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%		
Mountain States	26,569	29,015	30,500	2.8%	5.1%	95.1%	92.1%	92.3%			
Arizona	24,057	27,193	28,609	3.5%	5.2%	86.1%	86.4%	86.6%	39	30	25
Colorado	30,492	34,542	36,109	3.4%	4.5%	109.1%	109.7%	109.3%	10	33	41
Idaho	22,786	25,354	26,839	3.3%	5.9%	81.6%	80.5%	81.2%	47	38	10
Montana	21,585	26,244	27,666	5.1%	5.4%	77.3%	83.3%	83.7%	41	3	17
Nevada	29,184	31,947	33,783	3.0%	5.7%	104.5%	101.5%	102.2%	18	46	14
New Mexico	21,042	24,903	26,154	4.4%	5.0%	75.3%	79.1%	79.2%	48	8	30
Utah	22,393	25,645	26,946	3.8%	5.1%	80.1%	81.4%	81.6%	46	25	27
Wyoming	26,536	32,316	34,199	5.2%	5.8%	95.0%	102.6%	103.5%	15	2	12
Other States											
Alabama	22,722	26,307	27,630	4.0%	5.0%	81.3%	83.5%	83.6%	42	20	29
Alaska	28,100	33,015	34,085	3.9%	3.2%	100.6%	104.9%	103.2%	17	22	48
Arkansas	21,137	24,226	25,724	4.0%	6.2%	75.7%	76.9%	77.9%	49	19	8
California	29,828	33,389	35,172	3.4%	5.3%	106.8%	106.0%	106.4%	12	37	21
Connecticut	38,332	42,810	45,506	3.5%	6.3%	137.2%	136.0%	137.7%	2	32	7
Delaware	28,925	33,822	35,559	4.2%	5.1%	103.5%	107.4%	107.6%	11	15	26
D.C.	37,030	48,280	52,101	7.1%	7.9%	132.5%	153.3%	157.7%	1	1	2
Florida	26,894	30,116	31,460	3.2%	4.5%	96.3%	95.6%	95.2%	25	41	43
Georgia	26,359	28,890	30,074	2.7%	4.1%	94.3%	91.8%	91.0%	33	50	46
Hawaii	26,973	30,531	32,606	3.9%	6.8%	96.5%	97.0%	98.7%	20	23	3
Illinois	30,212	33,774	34,725	2.8%	2.8%	108.1%	107.3%	105.1%	14	48	49
Indiana	25,615	28,843	30,070	3.3%	4.3%	91.7%	91.6%	91.0%	34	40	44
Iowa	25,118	28,562	30,970	4.3%	8.4%	89.9%	90.7%	93.7%	28	12	1
Kansas	26,195	29,651	31,003	3.4%	4.6%	93.8%	94.2%	93.8%	27	34	40
Kentucky	22,763	25,907	27,151	3.6%	4.8%	81.5%	82.3%	82.2%	45	28	35
Louisiana	22,014	25,853	27,219	4.3%	5.3%	78.8%	82.1%	82.4%	43	11	23
Maine	24,484	28,453	29,973	4.1%	5.3%	87.6%	90.4%	90.7%	35	17	20
Maryland	31,796	37,464	39,629	4.5%	5.8%	113.8%	119.0%	119.9%	5	6	13
Massachusetts	34,227	39,776	42,102	4.2%	5.8%	122.5%	126.3%	127.4%	3	14	11
Michigan	28,095	31,589	32,052	2.7%	1.5%	100.6%	100.3%	97.0%	23	51	51
Minnesota	30,106	34,221	36,173	3.7%	5.7%	107.8%	108.7%	109.5%	9	26	15
Mississippi	20,053	23,126	24,379	4.0%	5.4%	71.8%	73.4%	73.8%	51	21	18
Missouri	25,697	29,199	30,516	3.5%	4.5%	92.0%	92.7%	92.4%	32	31	42
Nebraska	26,465	30,750	32,276	4.0%	5.0%	94.7%	97.7%	97.7%	21	18	31
New Hampshire	30,380	34,547	36,676	3.8%	6.2%	108.7%	109.7%	111.0%	7	24	9
New Jersey	35,215	39,737	41,636	3.4%	4.8%	126.0%	126.2%	126.0%	4	35	36
New York	32,816	35,933	38,333	3.2%	6.7%	117.5%	114.1%	116.0%	6	43	4
North Carolina	25,560	27,852	29,303	2.8%	5.2%	91.5%	88.5%	88.7%	37	49	24
North Dakota	23,180	28,725	29,247	4.8%	1.8%	83.0%	91.2%	88.5%	38	4	50
Ohio	26,859	29,938	31,135	3.0%	4.0%	96.1%	95.1%	94.2%	26	45	47
Oklahoma	22,567	26,556	27,819	4.3%	4.8%	80.8%	84.3%	84.2%	40	13	37
Oregon	26,480	29,175	30,584	2.9%	4.8%	94.8%	92.7%	92.6%	31	47	33
Pennsylvania	27,937	31,730	33,257	3.5%	4.8%	100.0%	100.8%	100.7%	19	29	34
Rhode Island	27,459	32,452	34,180	4.5%	5.3%	98.3%	103.1%	103.4%	16	7	22
South Carolina	23,075	25,950	27,153	3.3%	4.6%	82.6%	82.4%	82.2%	44	39	39
South Dakota	24,475	29,063	30,617	4.6%	5.3%	87.6%	92.3%	92.7%	30	5	19
Tennessee	24,898	28,412	29,806	3.7%	4.9%	89.1%	90.2%	90.2%	36	27	32
Texas	26,250	29,453	30,697	3.2%	4.2%	94.0%	93.5%	92.9%	29	42	45
Vermont	25,881	30,103	31,737	4.2%	5.4%	92.6%	95.6%	96.1%	24	16	16
Virginia	29,226	33,993	36,175	4.4%	6.4%	104.6%	108.0%	109.5%	8	10	6
Washington	30,037	32,838	35,017	3.1%	6.6%	107.5%	104.3%	106.0%	13	44	5
West Virginia	20,729	24,450	25,681	4.4%	5.0%	74.2%	77.7%	77.7%	50	9	28
Wisconsin	27,135	30,613	32,063	3.4%	4.7%	97.1%	97.2%	97.0%	22	36	38

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

Table 53
Median Income of Households by State, U.S., Mountain Division, and States

	Median Income of Households (2004 Dollars)			Median Income of Households (2004 Dollars) Two-year Moving Average*					Median Income of Households Three-year Average* (2004 Dollars)			
	1999	2003	2004	2002-03	2003-04		Two-year Average Difference	Pct. Chg.	2002-2004			
	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount	Standard Error			Amount	Standard Error	Amount Rank	As a % of the U.S.
United States	\$40,696	\$43,318	\$44,389	\$44,514	\$44,436	160	-\$78	-0.2%	\$44,473	\$126		100.0%
Mountain States												
Arizona	36,995	41,166	43,761	42,004	43,017	1,081	1,013	2.4%	42,590	873	33	95.8%
Colorado	48,177	49,940	51,057	51,005	51,170	1,145	165	0.3%	51,022	994	10	114.7%
Idaho	35,800	42,372	44,430	41,563	43,970	987	2,407	5.8%	42,519	824	34	95.6%
Montana	31,038	34,108	33,987	35,808	34,506	749	-1,302	-3.6%	35,201	734	48	79.2%
Nevada	41,461	45,184	47,330	46,811	46,864	1,224	53	0.1%	46,984	991	16	105.6%
New Mexico	32,574	35,105	39,467	36,646	37,758	1,137	1,112	3.0%	37,587	902	45	84.5%
Utah	46,050	49,275	50,970	50,436	50,785	754	349	0.7%	50,614	707	11	113.8%
Wyoming	37,248	42,555	45,456	42,733	44,577	891	1,844	4.3%	43,641	743	27	98.1%
Other States												
Alabama	36,251	37,255	36,579	38,877	37,418	1,207	-1,459	-3.8%	38,111	962	44	85.7%
Alaska	51,396	51,837	55,218	54,332	54,224	1,304	-108	-0.2%	54,627	992	6	122.8%
Arkansas	29,682	32,002	34,963	33,441	33,913	739	472	1.4%	33,948	606	49	76.3%
California	43,629	49,300	49,230	50,226	49,927	620	-299	-0.6%	49,894	543	13	112.2%
Connecticut	50,593	54,965	55,390	56,260	55,916	1,321	-344	-0.6%	55,970	1089	4	125.9%
Delaware	46,628	49,019	47,968	51,244	49,152	1,165	-2,092	-4.1%	50,152	1071	12	112.8%
D.C.	38,670	45,044	43,426	43,647	44,840	1,387	1,193	2.7%	43,573	1046	28	98.0%
Florida	35,831	38,972	40,554	39,980	40,287	582	307	0.8%	40,171	536	37	90.3%
Georgia	39,425	42,438	40,970	44,341	42,274	676	-2,067	-4.7%	43,217	667	29	97.2%
Hawaii	44,504	51,834	56,454	51,457	54,841	1,270	3,384	6.6%	53,123	1049	8	119.5%
Illinois	46,330	45,153	46,132	45,615	46,249	795	634	1.4%	45,787	669	18	103.0%
Indiana	40,838	42,425	42,327	43,341	42,946	877	-395	-0.9%	43,003	686	31	96.7%
Iowa	41,098	41,384	43,512	42,807	43,004	1,026	197	0.5%	43,042	846	30	96.8%
Kansas	37,348	44,232	40,987	45,094	43,204	1,266	-1,890	-4.2%	43,725	981	26	98.3%
Kentucky	33,738	36,936	35,643	38,272	36,786	865	-1,486	-3.9%	37,396	700	46	84.1%
Louisiana	32,654	33,507	36,440	35,065	35,424	981	359	1.0%	35,523	859	47	79.9%
Maine	38,862	37,113	41,363	38,410	39,737	907	1,327	3.5%	39,395	721	39	88.6%
Maryland	52,205	52,314	57,319	56,485	55,519	1,250	-966	-1.7%	56,763	1067	3	127.6%
Massachusetts	44,005	50,955	52,347	52,346	52,347	1,222	1	0.0%	52,354	959	9	117.7%
Michigan	46,089	45,022	42,328	45,550	44,280	757	-1,270	-2.8%	44,476	704	21	100.0%
Minnesota	47,038	52,823	56,125	55,809	55,184	960	-625	-1.1%	55,914	842	5	125.7%
Mississippi	32,478	32,728	34,930	33,023	34,269	917	1,246	3.8%	33,659	719	50	75.7%
Missouri	41,383	43,762	42,094	44,935	43,516	799	-1,419	-3.2%	43,988	710	25	98.9%
Nebraska	38,626	43,974	43,761	45,054	44,458	1,106	-596	-1.3%	44,623	888	20	100.3%
New Hampshire	46,055	55,567	56,886	57,585	56,973	1,097	-612	-1.1%	57,352	938	1	129.0%
New Jersey	49,734	56,045	55,446	57,435	56,499	939	-936	-1.6%	56,772	920	2	127.7%
New York	39,989	42,788	44,664	44,010	44,301	693	291	0.7%	44,228	545	23	99.4%
North Carolina	37,254	37,279	40,365	38,318	39,323	732	1,005	2.6%	39,000	598	41	87.7%
North Dakota	32,663	40,410	39,261	39,760	40,379	876	619	1.6%	39,594	695	38	89.0%
Ohio	39,489	43,520	42,954	44,762	43,822	790	-940	-2.1%	44,160	642	24	99.3%
Oklahoma	32,683	35,902	39,681	37,581	38,274	789	693	1.8%	38,281	603	43	86.1%
Oregon	40,619	41,638	41,184	43,333	41,971	841	-1,362	-3.1%	42,617	688	32	95.8%
Pennsylvania	37,758	42,933	44,131	44,363	44,109	756	-254	-0.6%	44,286	619	22	99.6%
Rhode Island	42,719	44,711	48,129	45,234	47,021	1,348	1,787	4.0%	46,199	997	17	103.9%
South Carolina	36,462	38,479	38,747	39,615	39,130	891	-485	-1.2%	39,326	807	40	88.4%
South Dakota	35,828	39,522	41,189	40,183	40,887	832	704	1.8%	40,518	706	36	91.1%
Tennessee	36,522	37,523	38,223	38,714	38,377	937	-337	-0.9%	38,550	807	42	86.7%
Texas	38,688	39,271	41,326	41,249	40,826	550	-423	-1.0%	41,275	458	35	92.8%
Vermont	41,584	43,261	47,487	44,795	45,955	955	1,160	2.6%	45,692	747	19	102.7%
Virginia	45,693	54,783	51,438	54,194	53,847	1,128	-347	-0.6%	53,275	969	7	119.8%
Washington	45,473	47,508	49,820	48,123	49,302	1,038	1,179	2.4%	48,688	840	14	109.5%
West Virginia	29,297	32,763	33,286	32,241	33,465	892	1,224	3.8%	32,589	687	51	73.3%
Wisconsin	45,667	46,269	45,931	47,865	46,722	977	-1,143	-2.4%	47,220	782	15	106.2%

*Because the sample of households contacted in small population states like Utah is relatively few in number, the data collected for two or three years is combined to calculate less variable estimates. The Census Bureau recommends using 2-year averages for evaluating changes in state estimates over time, and 3-year averages when comparing the relative ranking of states.

The Standard Error is a measurement that indicates the magnitude of sampling variability for the estimates. Note that the standard errors for U.S. estimates are much smaller than those for the states.

Ranking is done for the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Source: 2004 September Current Population Survey, U.S. Census Bureau, Money Income in the United States: 2000.



Table 54

Average Annual Pay for All Workers Covered by Unemployment Insurance: U.S., Mountain Division, and States

Division/State	Average Annual Pay			Rates of Change for Average Annual Pay		Average Annual Pay as a Percent of U.S. Average Annual Pay			Rankings		
	1999	2003	2004	Avg. Ann. Growth Rate 1999-2004	Percent Change 2003-04	1999	2003	2004	Rank by Average Annual Pay 2004	Rank by Avg. Ann. Growth Rate 1999-2004	Rank by Percent Change 2003-04
	United States	\$33,340	\$37,765	\$39,354	3.4%	4.2%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%		
Mountain States	28,130	32,018	33,315								
Arizona	30,525	35,056	36,646	3.7%	4.5%	91.6%	92.8%	93.1%	22	13	14
Colorado	34,191	38,942	40,276	3.3%	3.4%	102.6%	103.1%	102.3%	13	32	42
Idaho	26,044	28,677	29,871	2.8%	4.2%	78.1%	75.9%	75.9%	47	49	21
Montana	23,260	26,907	27,830	3.7%	3.4%	69.8%	71.2%	70.7%	51	14	41
Nevada	31,213	35,329	37,106	3.5%	5.0%	93.6%	93.5%	94.3%	21	23	6
New Mexico	26,267	30,202	31,411	3.6%	4.0%	78.8%	80.0%	79.8%	42	15	23
Utah	27,895	31,106	32,171	2.9%	3.4%	83.7%	82.4%	81.7%	36	47	44
Wyoming	25,647	29,924	31,210	4.0%	4.3%	76.9%	79.2%	79.3%	43	6	17
Other States											
Alabama	28,095	32,236	33,414	3.5%	3.7%	84.3%	85.4%	84.9%	32	22	37
Alaska	34,033	37,804	39,062	2.8%	3.3%	102.1%	100.1%	99.3%	16	48	48
Arkansas	25,371	28,893	30,245	3.6%	4.7%	76.1%	76.5%	76.9%	46	18	11
California	37,577	42,592	44,641	3.5%	4.8%	112.7%	112.8%	113.4%	6	24	10
Connecticut	42,682	48,328	51,007	3.6%	5.5%	128.0%	128.0%	129.6%	2	16	4
Delaware	35,157	40,954	42,487	3.9%	3.7%	105.4%	108.4%	108.0%	8	9	32
D.C.	50,885	60,417	63,887	4.7%	5.7%	152.6%	160.0%	162.3%	1	1	1
Florida	28,935	33,544	35,186	4.0%	4.9%	86.8%	88.8%	89.4%	26	7	9
Georgia	32,332	36,626	37,866	3.2%	3.4%	97.0%	97.0%	96.2%	19	37	47
Hawaii	29,794	33,742	35,198	3.4%	4.3%	89.4%	89.3%	89.4%	25	29	16
Illinois	36,296	40,540	42,277	3.1%	4.3%	108.9%	107.3%	107.4%	9	42	18
Indiana	30,027	33,379	34,694	2.9%	3.9%	90.1%	88.4%	88.2%	31	45	27
Iowa	26,953	30,708	32,097	3.6%	4.5%	80.8%	81.3%	81.6%	37	20	15
Kansas	28,031	31,489	32,738	3.2%	4.0%	84.1%	83.4%	83.2%	35	40	25
Kentucky	27,783	31,855	33,165	3.6%	4.1%	83.3%	84.4%	84.3%	34	17	22
Louisiana	27,216	30,782	31,880	3.2%	3.6%	81.6%	81.5%	81.0%	39	35	38
Maine	26,887	30,750	31,906	3.5%	3.8%	80.6%	81.4%	81.1%	38	25	29
Maryland	34,489	40,686	42,579	4.3%	4.7%	103.4%	107.7%	108.2%	7	2	12
Massachusetts	40,352	46,323	48,916	3.9%	5.6%	121.0%	122.7%	124.3%	4	8	3
Michigan	35,750	39,433	40,373	2.5%	2.4%	107.2%	104.4%	102.6%	12	50	50
Minnesota	33,487	38,610	40,398	3.8%	4.6%	100.4%	102.2%	102.7%	11	11	13
Mississippi	24,391	27,591	28,535	3.2%	3.4%	73.2%	73.1%	72.5%	49	39	45
Missouri	29,967	33,788	34,845	3.1%	3.1%	89.9%	89.5%	88.5%	28	43	49
Nebraska	26,632	30,382	31,507	3.4%	3.7%	79.9%	80.5%	80.1%	41	28	33
New Hampshire	32,141	37,321	39,176	4.0%	5.0%	96.4%	98.8%	99.5%	15	5	7
New Jersey	41,038	46,351	48,064	3.2%	3.7%	123.1%	122.7%	122.1%	5	36	35
New York	42,179	47,247	49,941	3.4%	5.7%	126.5%	125.1%	126.9%	3	27	2
North Carolina	29,462	33,532	34,791	3.4%	3.8%	88.4%	88.8%	88.4%	29	30	30
North Dakota	23,751	27,628	28,987	4.1%	4.9%	71.2%	73.2%	73.7%	48	4	8
Ohio	31,395	35,153	36,441	3.0%	3.7%	94.2%	93.1%	92.6%	23	44	36
Oklahoma	25,813	29,699	30,743	3.6%	3.5%	77.4%	78.6%	78.1%	44	19	40
Oregon	30,872	34,450	35,630	2.9%	3.4%	92.6%	91.2%	90.5%	24	46	43
Pennsylvania	32,696	36,995	38,555	3.4%	4.2%	98.1%	98.0%	98.0%	17	31	19
Rhode Island	31,169	36,415	37,651	3.9%	3.4%	93.5%	96.4%	95.7%	20	10	46
South Carolina	27,132	30,750	31,839	3.3%	3.5%	81.4%	81.4%	80.9%	40	33	39
South Dakota	23,767	27,210	28,281	3.5%	3.9%	71.3%	72.1%	71.9%	50	21	28
Tennessee	29,478	33,581	34,925	3.4%	4.0%	88.4%	88.9%	88.7%	27	26	24
Texas	32,898	36,968	38,511	3.2%	4.2%	98.7%	97.9%	97.9%	18	38	20
Vermont	27,597	32,086	33,274	3.8%	3.7%	82.8%	85.0%	84.6%	33	12	34
Virginia	33,025	38,585	40,534	4.2%	5.1%	99.1%	102.2%	103.0%	10	3	5
Washington	35,736	39,021	39,361	2.0%	0.9%	107.2%	103.3%	100.0%	14	51	51
West Virginia	26,018	29,284	30,382	3.1%	3.7%	78.0%	77.5%	77.2%	45	41	31
Wisconsin	29,607	33,425	34,743	3.3%	3.9%	88.8%	88.5%	88.3%	30	34	26

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Table 55

Employees on Nonagricultural Payrolls for U.S., Mountain Division, and States

Division/State	Employees on Nonagricultural Payrolls			Rates of Change for Employees on Nonagricultural Payrolls		Employees on Nonagricultural Payrolls (not seasonally adjusted)			Rankings			
	1999	2003	2004	Avg. Ann. Growth Rate	Percent Change	October 2004	October 2005p	Percent Change	Rank by Employees on Nonag. Payrolls	Rank by Average Annual Growth Rate	Rank by Percent Change	Rank by Percent Change (unadjust.)
	(thousands)	(thousands)	(thousands)	1999-2004	2003-04	(thousands)	(thousands)	2004-05	2004	1999-2004	2003-04	2004-05
United States	125,462	128,248	130,495	0.8%	1.8%	133,139	135,038	1.4%				
Mountain States	8,208	8,608	8,853	1.5%	2.8%	8,997	9,309	3.5%				
Arizona	2,163	2,296	2,374	1.9%	3.4%	2,417	2,519	4.2%	21	3	3	2
Colorado	2,132	2,151	2,179	0.4%	1.3%	2,198	2,240	1.9%	22	25	21	13
Idaho	539	572	587	1.7%	2.6%	600	622	3.8%	42	6	7	3
Montana	380	401	412	1.6%	2.8%	419	426	1.7%	46	8	5	17
Nevada	983	1,088	1,152	3.2%	5.9%	1,185	1,257	6.0%	33	1	2	1
New Mexico	730	776	791	1.6%	1.9%	799	816	2.1%	37	9	13	10
Utah	1,049	1,074	1,103	1.0%	2.7%	1,120	1,163	3.6%	35	12	6	4
Wyoming	233	250	255	1.8%	2.2%	258	266	2.9%	51	4	11	7
Other States												
Alabama	1,919	1,876	1,902	-0.2%	1.4%	1,919	1,940	1.1%	24	42	18	36
Alaska	278	299	304	1.8%	1.5%	305	311	1.9%	49	5	14	12
Arkansas	1,142	1,145	1,159	0.3%	1.2%	1,171	1,184	1.2%	32	28	24	32
California	13,992	14,392	14,539	0.8%	1.0%	14,695	14,885	1.3%	1	18	33	27
Connecticut	1,669	1,645	1,651	-0.2%	0.4%	1,672	1,685	0.8%	27	44	46	40
Delaware	413	415	424	0.5%	2.3%	428	434	1.4%	45	22	10	20
D.C.	627	666	672	1.4%	1.0%	675	685	1.6%	39	10	32	19
Florida	6,827	7,261	7,504	1.9%	3.3%	7,564	7,818	3.4%	4	2	4	5
Georgia	3,855	3,845	3,890	0.2%	1.2%	3,914	3,968	1.4%	10	33	26	24
Hawaii	535	568	582	1.7%	2.6%	589	605	2.7%	43	7	8	9
Illinois	5,959	5,811	5,807	-0.5%	-0.1%	5,858	5,923	1.1%	5	49	49	34
Indiana	2,970	2,895	2,930	-0.3%	1.2%	2,977	2,990	0.4%	14	46	23	46
Iowa	1,469	1,440	1,456	-0.2%	1.1%	1,479	1,499	1.4%	30	41	30	21
Kansas	1,327	1,312	1,323	-0.1%	0.8%	1,340	1,364	1.8%	31	40	38	16
Kentucky	1,795	1,783	1,796	0.0%	0.8%	1,814	1,836	1.2%	26	37	40	30
Louisiana	1,896	1,908	1,920	0.3%	0.7%	1,930	1,711	-11.4%	23	30	41	51
Maine	586	607	614	0.9%	1.2%	624	628	0.5%	41	15	27	44
Maryland	2,394	2,492	2,521	1.0%	1.2%	2,550	2,601	2.0%	20	11	28	11
Massachusetts	3,237	3,185	3,180	-0.4%	-0.1%	3,216	3,232	0.5%	13	47	50	45
Michigan	4,582	4,410	4,391	-0.8%	-0.4%	4,458	4,409	-1.1%	8	51	51	49
Minnesota	2,622	2,660	2,678	0.4%	0.7%	2,715	2,753	1.4%	19	26	42	25
Mississippi	1,153	1,115	1,125	-0.5%	0.9%	1,134	1,097	-3.3%	34	48	36	50
Missouri	2,727	2,681	2,693	-0.2%	0.5%	2,721	2,746	0.9%	18	45	45	38
Nebraska	897	914	923	0.6%	0.9%	932	944	1.2%	36	21	35	29
New Hampshire	606	618	627	0.7%	1.4%	635	647	1.9%	40	20	17	14
New Jersey	3,901	3,995	4,002	0.5%	0.2%	4,036	4,078	1.0%	9	23	47	37
New York	8,456	8,407	8,447	0.0%	0.5%	8,545	8,610	0.8%	3	38	44	41
North Carolina	3,870	2,790	3,830	-0.2%	37.3%	3,876	3,921	1.2%	11	43	1	31
North Dakota	324	333	337	0.8%	1.4%	345	350	1.3%	48	16	19	26
Ohio	5,564	5,398	5,407	-0.6%	0.2%	5,462	5,473	0.2%	7	50	48	48
Oklahoma	1,462	1,458	1,470	0.1%	0.8%	1,485	1,512	1.8%	29	36	39	15
Oregon	1,575	1,562	1,594	0.2%	2.0%	1,634	1,684	3.0%	28	31	12	6
Pennsylvania	5,586	5,611	5,640	0.2%	0.5%	5,711	5,775	1.1%	6	32	43	33
Rhode Island	466	484	488	1.0%	0.8%	496	501	1.1%	44	14	37	35
South Carolina	1,831	1,808	1,828	0.0%	1.1%	1,845	1,851	0.3%	25	39	31	47
South Dakota	373	378	383	0.5%	1.2%	388	394	1.7%	47	24	22	18
Tennessee	2,685	2,663	2,701	0.1%	1.4%	2,725	2,747	0.8%	16	35	16	39
Texas	9,155	9,370	9,478	0.7%	1.2%	9,547	9,679	1.4%	2	19	29	23
Vermont	292	299	303	0.8%	1.3%	309	313	1.4%	50	17	20	22
Virginia	3,412	3,497	3,584	1.0%	2.5%	3,634	3,679	1.2%	12	13	9	28
Washington	2,649	2,658	2,698	0.4%	1.5%	2,734	2,813	2.9%	17	27	15	8
West Virginia	726	728	736	0.3%	1.2%	746	751	0.6%	38	29	25	43
Wisconsin	2,784	2,775	2,803	0.1%	1.0%	2,843	2,862	0.7%	15	34	34	42

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Note: This data varies slightly from data reported by the State of Utah Department of Workforce Services.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Table 56
Unemployment Rates for U.S., Mountain Division, and States

Division/State	Unemployment Rate			Unemployment Rate Change		Unemployment Rate (not seasonally adjusted)		Rankings by Unemployment Rate				
	1999	2003	2004	1999-2004	2003-04	October 2004	October 2005p	1999	2003	2004	(unadjust.) 2004	(unadjust.) 2005p
	United States	4.2	6.0	5.5	1.3	-0.5	5.1	4.6				
Mountain States												
Arizona	4.5	5.7	5.0	0.5	-0.7	4.8	4.9	17	23	29	25	20
Colorado	3.0	6.2	5.5	2.5	-0.7	5.1	4.6	42	14	18	18	24
Idaho	4.9	5.3	4.7	-0.2	-0.6	3.8	3.0	11	33	36	41	49
Montana	5.3	4.4	4.4	-0.9	0.0	3.8	3.7	6	43	40	41	39
Nevada	4.3	5.1	4.3	0.0	-0.8	3.9	3.9	22	36	41	38	36
New Mexico	5.6	5.9	5.7	0.1	-0.2	5.3	5.1	4	18	13	14	12
Utah	3.6	5.7	5.2	1.6	-0.5	4.9	4.3	32	23	25	22	29
Wyoming	4.9	4.4	3.9	-1.0	-0.5	3.6	3.5	11	43	44	44	42
Other States												
Alabama	4.3	5.8	5.6	1.3	-0.2	5.5	4.5	22	21	17	11	26
Alaska	6.2	7.7	7.5	1.3	-0.2	6.8	6.2	3	2	2	3	4
Arkansas	4.4	5.9	5.7	1.3	-0.2	4.9	4.2	20	18	13	22	32
California	5.3	6.8	6.2	0.9	-0.6	5.7	5.0	6	6	6	8	15
Connecticut	2.7	5.5	4.9	2.2	-0.6	4.1	4.8	49	30	30	34	21
Delaware	3.3	4.0	4.1	0.8	0.1	3.8	4.0	36	47	43	41	34
D.C.	6.5	7.2	8.2	1.7	1.0	8.5	5.8	1	4	1	1	5
Florida	4.0	5.3	4.8	0.8	-0.5	4.7	3.4	28	33	32	26	43
Georgia	3.8	4.7	4.6	0.8	-0.1	4.6	5.3	30	39	38	27	10
Hawaii	5.0	3.9	3.3	-1.7	-0.6	3.0	2.7	10	49	51	48	50
Illinois	4.5	6.7	6.2	1.7	-0.5	5.7	5.0	17	7	6	8	15
Indiana	2.9	5.3	5.2	2.3	-0.1	4.9	5.0	43	33	25	22	15
Iowa	2.6	4.4	4.8	2.2	0.4	4.4	4.0	51	43	32	29	34
Kansas	3.5	5.6	5.5	2.0	-0.1	5.3	5.0	35	26	18	14	15
Kentucky	4.6	6.2	5.3	0.7	-0.9	4.4	5.5	16	14	23	29	6
Louisiana	4.7	6.3	5.7	1.0	-0.6	5.5	11.0	14	13	13	11	1
Maine	3.9	5.0	4.6	0.7	-0.4	4.1	4.7	29	37	38	34	23
Maryland	3.6	4.5	4.2	0.6	-0.3	3.9	3.8	32	40	42	38	37
Massachusetts	3.3	5.8	5.1	1.8	-0.7	4.3	4.3	36	21	28	32	29
Michigan	3.8	7.1	7.1	3.3	0.0	6.6	5.4	30	5	4	6	7
Minnesota	2.8	4.9	4.7	1.9	-0.2	3.9	3.1	45	38	36	38	48
Mississippi	5.3	6.4	6.2	0.9	-0.2	7.0	9.6	6	11	6	2	2
Missouri	3.1	5.6	5.7	2.6	0.1	5.2	4.5	40	26	13	16	26
Nebraska	2.8	4.0	3.8	1.0	-0.2	3.4	3.2	45	47	45	45	46
New Hampshire	2.8	4.5	3.8	1.0	-0.7	3.1	3.6	45	40	45	47	40
New Jersey	4.5	5.9	4.8	0.3	-1.1	4.1	3.6	17	18	32	34	40
New York	5.2	6.4	5.8	0.6	-0.6	5.1	4.6	9	11	12	18	24
North Carolina	3.3	6.5	5.5	2.2	-1.0	5.0	5.1	36	10	18	21	12
North Dakota	3.2	3.6	3.4	0.2	-0.2	2.6	2.5	39	50	50	51	51
Ohio	4.3	6.2	6.1	1.8	-0.1	5.8	5.4	22	14	10	7	7
Oklahoma	3.6	5.6	4.8	1.2	-0.8	4.5	4.1	32	26	32	28	33
Oregon	5.5	8.1	7.4	1.9	-0.7	6.7	5.4	5	1	3	4	7
Pennsylvania	4.4	5.7	5.5	1.1	-0.2	5.1	4.3	20	23	18	18	29
Rhode Island	4.2	5.4	5.2	1.0	-0.2	4.2	4.8	25	32	25	33	21
South Carolina	4.1	6.7	6.8	2.7	0.1	6.7	6.9	26	7	5	4	3
South Dakota	2.8	3.5	3.5	0.7	0.0	3.0	3.4	45	51	49	48	43
Tennessee	4.1	5.5	5.4	1.3	-0.1	5.2	5.3	26	30	22	16	10
Texas	4.7	6.7	6.1	1.4	-0.6	5.7	5.0	14	7	10	8	15
Vermont	2.9	4.5	3.7	0.8	-0.8	2.7	3.3	43	40	47	50	45
Virginia	2.7	4.1	3.7	1.0	-0.4	3.3	3.2	49	46	47	46	46
Washington	4.8	7.4	6.2	1.4	-1.2	5.4	5.1	13	3	6	13	12
West Virginia	6.3	6.0	5.3	-1.0	-0.7	4.4	4.5	2	17	23	29	26
Wisconsin	3.1	5.6	4.9	1.8	-0.7	4.0	3.8	40	26	30	37	37

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Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Table 57

Percent of People in Poverty by State, U.S., Mountain Division, and States

	Percent of Persons in Poverty			Percent of Persons in Poverty Two-year Moving Average**				Percent of Persons in Poverty Three-year Average**		
	1999	2003	2004	2002-03	2003-04	Standard	Two-year	2002-04	Amount	Rank
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Amount	Amount	Error	Average Difference			
United States	12.4	12.5	12.7	12.3	12.6	0.12	0.3	12.4	0.1	
Mountain States										
Arizona	13.9	13.5	14.4	13.5	13.9	1.00	0.4	13.8	0.86	15
Colorado	9.3	9.7	10.0	9.7	9.9	0.84	0.2	9.8	0.68	37
Idaho	11.8	10.2	9.9	10.8	10.0	0.91	-0.8	10.5	0.79	30
Montana	14.6	15.1	14.1	14.3	14.6	1.11	0.3	14.3	0.94	13
Nevada	10.5	10.9	10.9	9.9	10.9	0.91	1.0	10.2	0.73	33
New Mexico	18.4	18.1	16.5	18.0	17.3	1.26	-0.7	17.5	1.08	3
Utah	9.4	9.1	9.9	9.5	9.5	0.83	0.0	9.6	0.71	42
Wyoming	11.4	9.8	9.9	9.4	9.9	0.93	0.5	9.6	0.76	42
Other States										
Alabama	16.1	15.0	16.9	14.7	16.0	1.06	1.3	15.5	0.9	8
Alaska	9.4	9.6	9.2	9.2	9.4	0.87	0.2	9.2	0.7	44
Arkansas	15.8	17.8	15.1	18.8	16.4	1.12	-2.4	17.6	1.0	2
California	14.2	13.1	13.3	13.1	13.2	0.42	0.1	13.2	0.4	16
Connecticut	7.9	8.1	10.0	8.2	9.1	0.81	0.9	8.8	0.7	45
Delaware	9.2	7.3	9.1	8.2	8.2	0.83	0.0	8.5	0.7	48
D.C.	20.2	16.8	16.7	16.9	16.7	1.25	-0.2	16.8	1.0	5
Florida	12.5	12.7	11.6	12.6	12.2	0.52	-0.4	12.3	0.5	20
Georgia	13.0	11.9	13.1	11.5	12.5	0.81	1.0	12.0	0.7	23
Hawaii	10.7	9.3	8.4	10.3	8.9	0.82	-1.4	9.7	0.7	40
Illinois	10.7	12.6	12.2	12.7	12.4	0.61	-0.3	12.5	0.5	18
Indiana	9.5	9.9	11.6	9.5	10.8	0.77	1.3	10.2	0.6	33
Iowa	9.1	8.9	10.8	9.1	9.9	0.87	0.8	9.7	0.7	40
Kansas	9.9	10.8	11.4	10.4	11.1	0.92	0.7	10.7	0.8	29
Kentucky	15.8	14.4	17.7	14.3	16.0	1.08	1.7	15.4	0.9	9
Louisiana	19.6	17.0	16.7	17.2	16.8	1.12	-0.4	17.0	1.0	4
Maine	10.9	11.6	11.6	12.5	11.6	0.94	-0.9	12.2	0.8	21
Maryland	8.5	8.6	9.8	8.0	9.2	0.77	1.2	8.6	0.6	47
Massachusetts	9.3	10.3	9.2	10.1	9.7	0.72	-0.4	9.8	0.6	37
Michigan	10.5	11.4	13.3	11.5	12.3	0.66	0.8	12.1	0.6	22
Minnesota	7.9	7.4	7.0	6.9	7.2	0.69	0.3	7.0	0.6	50
Mississippi	19.9	16.0	18.6	17.2	17.3	1.16	0.1	17.7	1.0	1
Missouri	11.7	10.7	12.2	10.3	11.5	0.85	1.2	10.9	0.7	27
Nebraska	9.7	9.8	9.4	10.2	9.6	0.88	-0.6	9.9	0.7	36
New Hampshire	6.5	5.8	5.4	5.8	5.6	0.66	-0.2	5.7	0.5	51
New Jersey	8.5	8.6	8.0	8.3	8.3	0.59	0.0	8.2	0.5	49
New York	14.6	14.3	15.0	14.2	14.6	0.53	0.4	14.4	0.4	12
North Carolina	12.3	15.7	14.6	15.0	15.1	0.81	0.1	14.8	0.7	11
North Dakota	11.9	9.7	9.7	10.6	9.7	0.86	-0.9	10.3	0.7	32
Ohio	10.6	10.9	11.6	10.3	11.3	0.61	1.0	10.8	0.5	28
Oklahoma	14.7	12.8	10.8	13.5	11.8	0.96	-1.7	12.6	0.8	17
Oregon	11.6	12.5	11.7	11.7	12.1	0.98	0.4	11.7	0.8	24
Pennsylvania	11.0	10.5	11.3	10.0	10.9	0.57	0.9	10.4	0.5	31
Rhode Island	11.9	11.5	11.5	11.3	11.5	0.92	0.2	11.3	0.7	26
South Carolina	14.1	12.7	14.9	13.5	13.8	1.02	0.3	14.0	0.9	14
South Dakota	13.2	12.7	13.4	12.1	13.0	0.93	0.9	12.5	0.8	18
Tennessee	13.5	14.0	15.9	14.4	15.0	0.99	0.6	14.9	0.9	10
Texas	15.4	17.0	16.5	16.3	16.7	0.58	0.4	16.4	0.5	6
Vermont	9.4	8.5	7.9	9.2	8.2	0.82	-1.0	8.8	0.7	45
Virginia	9.6	10.0	9.3	10.0	9.7	0.73	-0.3	9.8	0.7	37
Washington	10.6	12.6	11.5	11.8	12.0	0.88	0.2	11.7	0.8	24
West Virginia	17.9	17.4	14.2	17.1	15.8	1.00	-1.3	16.1	0.9	7
Wisconsin	8.7	9.8	12.3	9.2	11.0	0.82	1.8	10.2	0.7	33

*Statistically significant at the 90% confidence level

**Because the sample of households contacted in small population states like Utah is relatively few in number, the data collected for two or three years is combined to calculate less variable estimates. The Census Bureau recommends using 2-year averages for evaluating changes in state estimates over time, and 3-year averages when comparing the relative ranking of states.

The Standard Error is a measurement that indicates the magnitude of sampling variability for the estimates. Note that the standard errors for U.S. estimates are much smaller than those for the states.

Ranking is done for the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Source: March Current Population Survey, U.S. Census Bureau, Poverty in the United States: 2004.

