

Regional / National Comparisons

Overview

Employment levels in the Mountain Division surged in 2006. With the exception of Nevada, the unemployment rate of each of Utah's neighboring states declined in the last 12 months. In a region where Colorado was the only state with an unemployment rate higher than the national average, Utah led its regional counterparts with a record low unemployment rate of 2.6% in September 2006. Large increases in population continued throughout the region with four of the nation's five fastest growing states in the Mountain Division. As employment growth outpaced rapid population growth throughout the mountain states, per capita income levels enjoyed healthy growth rates. All states except Idaho had per capita income growth above the national average, with Utah enjoying a 5% growth rate for 2006. Although average annual pay per worker remains below the national average for all the mountain states except Colorado, the region saw significant growth in personal income levels. Utah's growth rate in aggregate personal income led the nation while four other mountain states placed in the top ten among all states. Utah's surge in employment coupled with its growth in income kept its poverty rate among the ten smallest in the nation. However, poverty rates among mountain states remained mixed with New Mexico, Montana, and Arizona experiencing poverty rates higher than the national average.

Population Growth

From 2004 to 2005, population grew by 0.9% nationally and by 2.3% in the mountain states. Nevada led the nation with a growth rate of 3.5%, followed very closely by Arizona at 3.5%. Idaho continued its rapid growth with a rate of 2.4%. Utah's population grew by 2.0%, placing it fourth among the mountain states, followed closely by Colorado at 1.4%, and New Mexico at 1.3%. Montana and Wyoming had the slowest growth rates in the region, at 0.9% and 0.7% respectively. This annual growth in population ranked Nevada, Arizona, Idaho, and Utah in the top five of all states.

Personal Income Growth

Total personal income in the Mountain Division grew 5.4% per year during from 2000 to 2005, faster than the national average of 4.0%. Utah's average annual growth over the five-year period was 4.9%, making it one of the slower-growing states in the region but still ahead of the national average. Six states in the Mountain Division were among the nation's top ten growth states, with Nevada leading the nation at 7.1% average annual growth in personal income. Only Colorado, with a growth rate of 3.9%, grew slower the national average.

Despite the rapid growth from 2000 to 2005, the total personal income of Mountain Division was still among 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.

Personal Income totaled \$648.6 billion in 2005, 6.3% of the nation's total of \$10.2 trillion. This percentage was slightly higher than 2004, when Mountain Division income totaled 6.2% of the nation's total. Utah accounted for 10.5% of the mountain region's income, the same share as in 2004.

Per capita personal income in 2005 was \$27,497, ranking it 47th in the nation. Per capita income in Utah grew at an average rate of 2.9% from 2000 to 2005, ranking 34th in the nation. Per capita personal income in the Mountain Division was \$31,965 in 2005, 92.7% of the national average. At 79.7% of the national average, Utah remained well below the mountain states average. This percentage is virtually unchanged since 2000, when Utah's per capita personal income was 80.0% of the national average. Among Mountain Division states, Colorado had the highest per capita income at \$37,459, and, together with Colorado, only Nevada at \$35,780 and Wyoming at \$37,270 exceeded the national average.

Median Household Income

Due to volatility from year to year, median household income is usually expressed as a three-year average. Utah is unique when comparing personal income and median household income. Although Utah has a very low per capita personal income, the state's median household income is ranked tenth highest in the nation. This is due to the fact that Utah has the largest household size in the nation. Because per capita figures are diluted by a larger number of children, which Utah has, median household figures provide a more accurate measure of family income. In 2005, Utah's \$53,226 median household income led the Mountain Division, coming in just ahead of Colorado's \$52,011. For that year, Utah's median household income was 115.6% of the national average of \$44,748. In contrast, some of the lowest household incomes were found in the Mountain Division states, with New Mexico ranking 43rd at \$39,029, and Montana ranking 48th at \$36,200. These figures are three-year averages from 2003-2005.

Average Annual Pay

Another measure of income is the average annual pay of workers covered by unemployment insurance. Among Mountain Division states, only Colorado, with average annual pay of \$41,601, exceeded the national average in 2005. Utah's average annual pay of \$33,328 per worker in 2005 was 81.9% of the national average and ranked 37th. Regionally, Colorado at \$41,601, Nevada at \$38,763, and Arizona at \$38,154 all ranked higher than Utah. New Mexico at \$32,605, Wyoming at \$33,251, Idaho at \$30,777, and Montana at \$29,150 had

lower average annual pay than Utah. These four states had some of the lowest wage rates in the nation, with Montana ranking 50th.

Nonagricultural Payrolls

All Mountain Division states showed positive employment growth in 2005, a trend experienced in all but two states nationally when only Louisiana and Michigan contracted slightly. This growth reflects the trend from 2004 when 48 states saw growth in their nonagricultural payroll employment. During the five-year period of 2000-2005, the national growth rate averaged 0.3% per year. Among Mountain Division states, all but Colorado ranked among the ten fastest growing during that period. Utah's five-year growth rate was 1.3%, ranking it tenth nationally and second-last in the region, ahead of Colorado.

The latest figures showed accelerating employment growth for Utah in 2006, with 5% annual growth in September 2006 over September 2005. This job growth ranked Utah second highest in the nation over that 12-month period. Nevada had the fastest growing labor economy, continuing the strong growth of previous years. Except for Colorado, all Mountain Division states ranked in the top ten nationally for annual employment growth in September 2006, with the states of Nevada, Utah, Arizona, Wyoming, and Idaho ranking one through five.

As with most states nationally, unemployment rates were lower in 2005 than in 2004 for all Mountain Division states. In 2005, Utah's unemployment rate of 4.3% ranked in the lower third of the nation. In 2006, Utah's economy accelerated dramatically, and an unemployment rate to 2.6% in September. At 2.4%, only North Dakota had a lower unemployment rate, and Hawaii tied with Utah for second lowest. Four Mountain Division states were among the ten states with the lowest unemployment rates in the nation: Utah at 2.6%, Idaho at 2.7%, Montana at 2.8%, and Wyoming at 2.9%. Only Colorado had an unemployment rate above the national average.

Poverty Rates

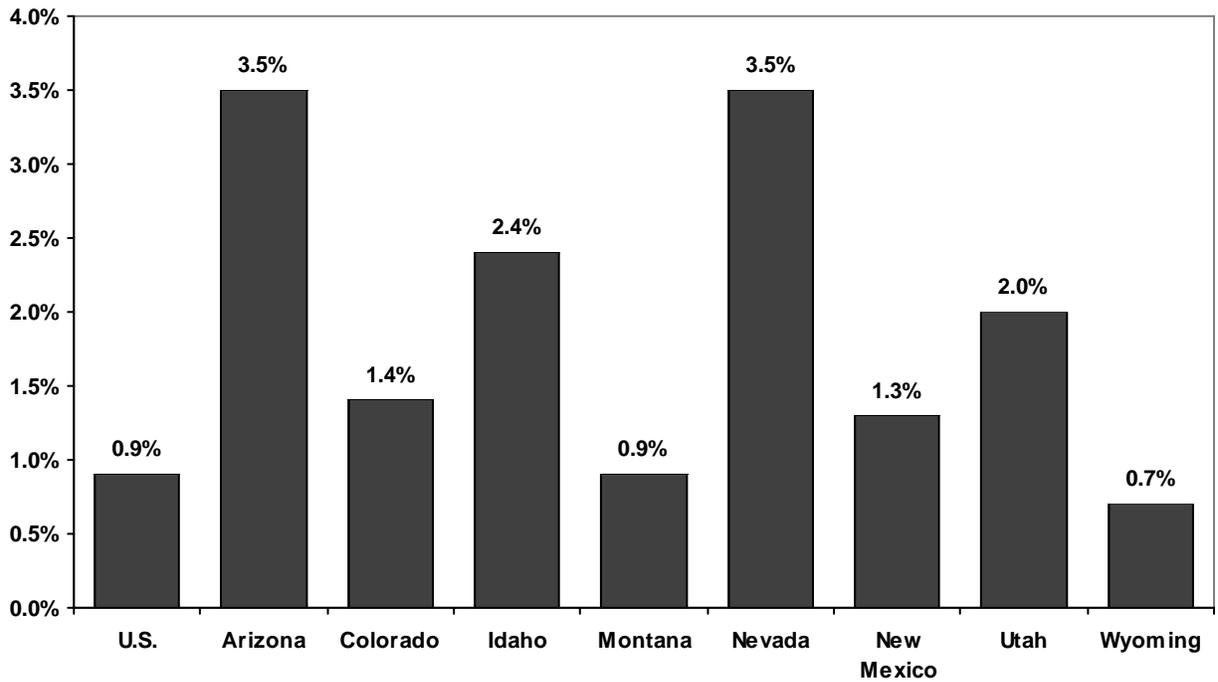
The Census Bureau's measure of poverty rates has considerable volatility, and the Bureau suggests using three-year averages for ranking purposes and two-year averages to evaluate movement over time. There is a wide disparity in poverty rates among the Mountain Division states, with New Mexico the third highest in the nation, having 17.5% of its residents living below the poverty line. Utah's poverty rate remained at 9.6% for both the 2003-2004 and the 2004-2005 periods. From 2003-2005, Utah's three-year average was 9.4.

Conclusion

Although the recession earlier this decade was difficult for Utah, the state has rebounded, especially in the past 12

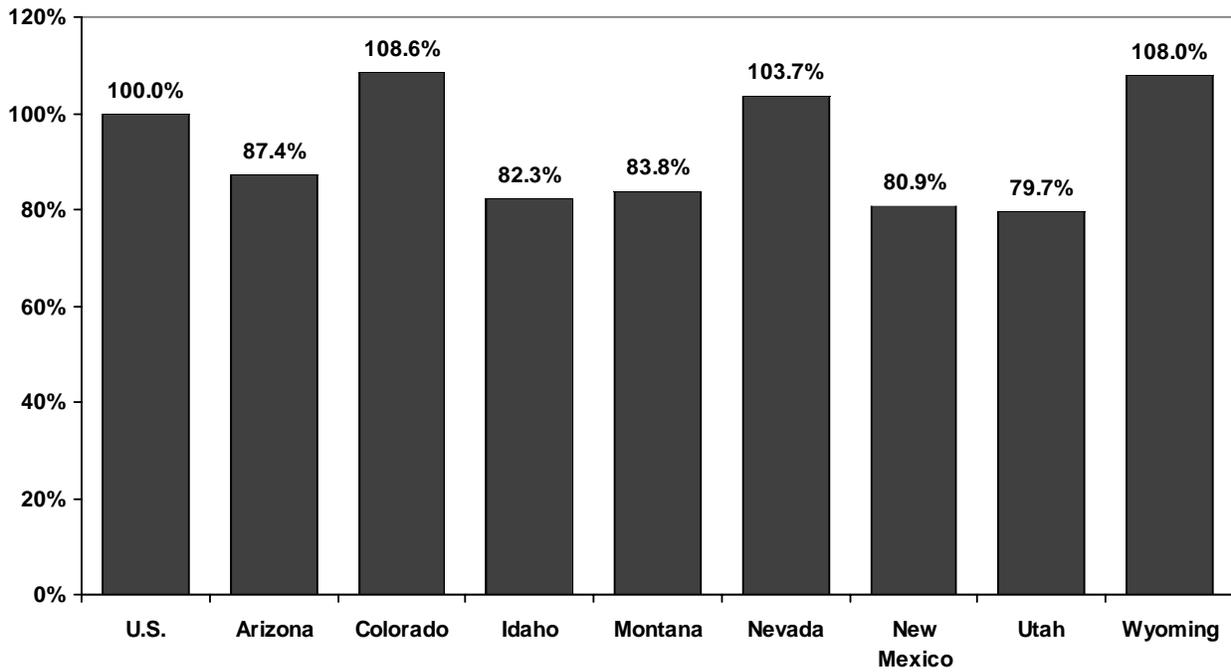
months. Utah tallied an impressive list of economic accomplishments in 2006, including the nation's fastest growth in total personal income, second-fastest rate of job growth, and second-best unemployment rate with the latest figures at the time of this writing. This accelerating economy explains the state's recent budget surplus as well as the noticeable rise in property values. Although the growth is expected to continue in 2007, some of the risks to sustained economic growth at the rapid rates shown will be the need to balance different economic, governmental, and social impacts that accompany such rapid growth.

Figure 42
Population Growth Rates for the United States and Mountain Division States: 2004-2005



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Figure 43
Per Capita Income as a Percent of the United States for Mountain Division States: 2005

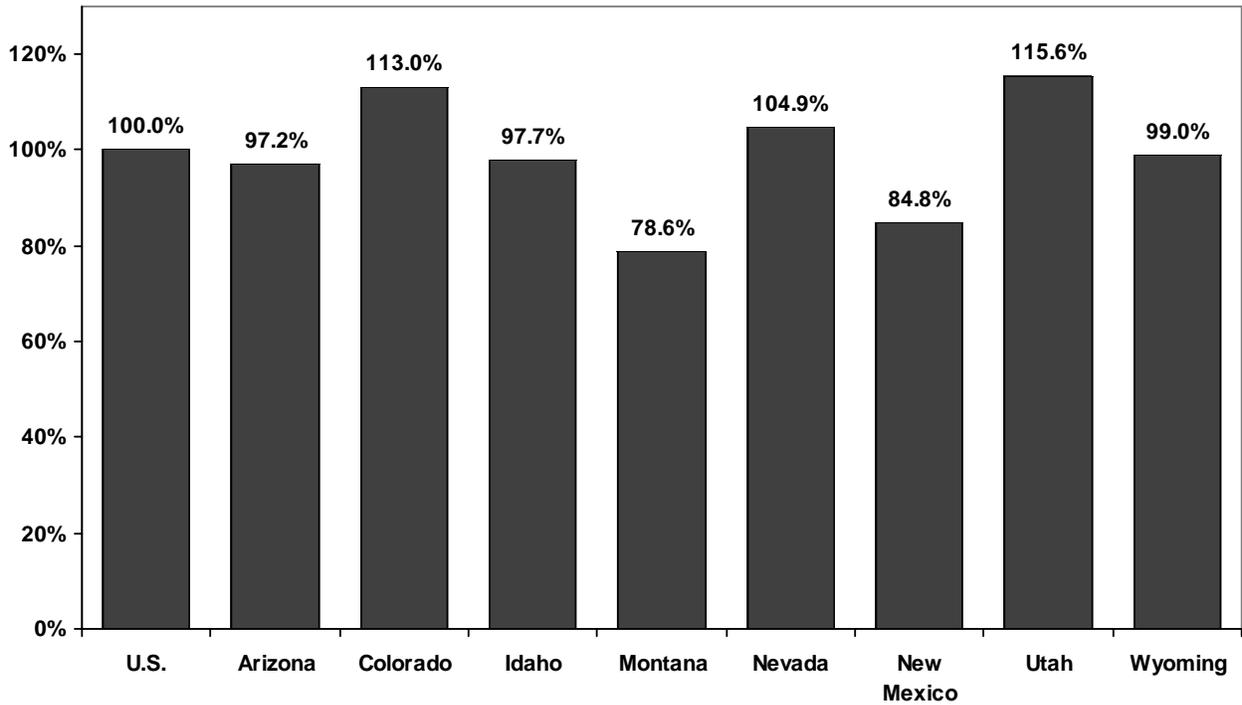


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Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

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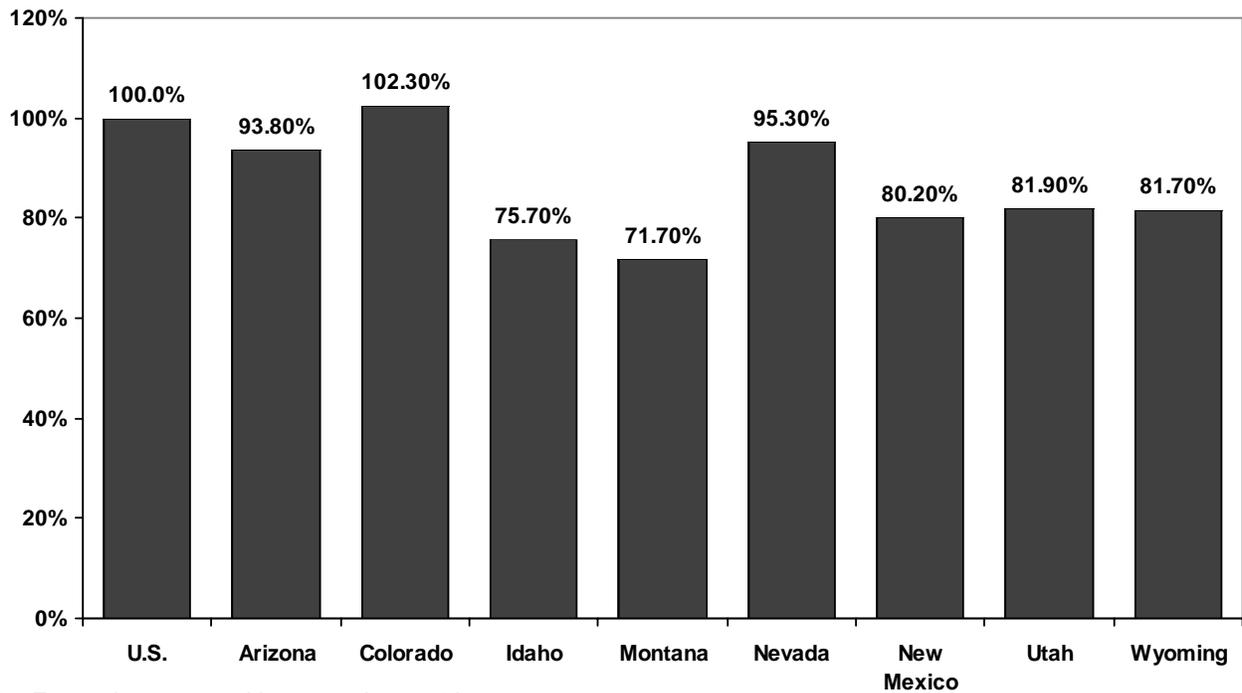
Median Household Income as Percent of the United States for Mountain Division States: Three-Year Average 2003-2005



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

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Average Annual Pay as a Percent of the United States for Mountain Division States: 2005

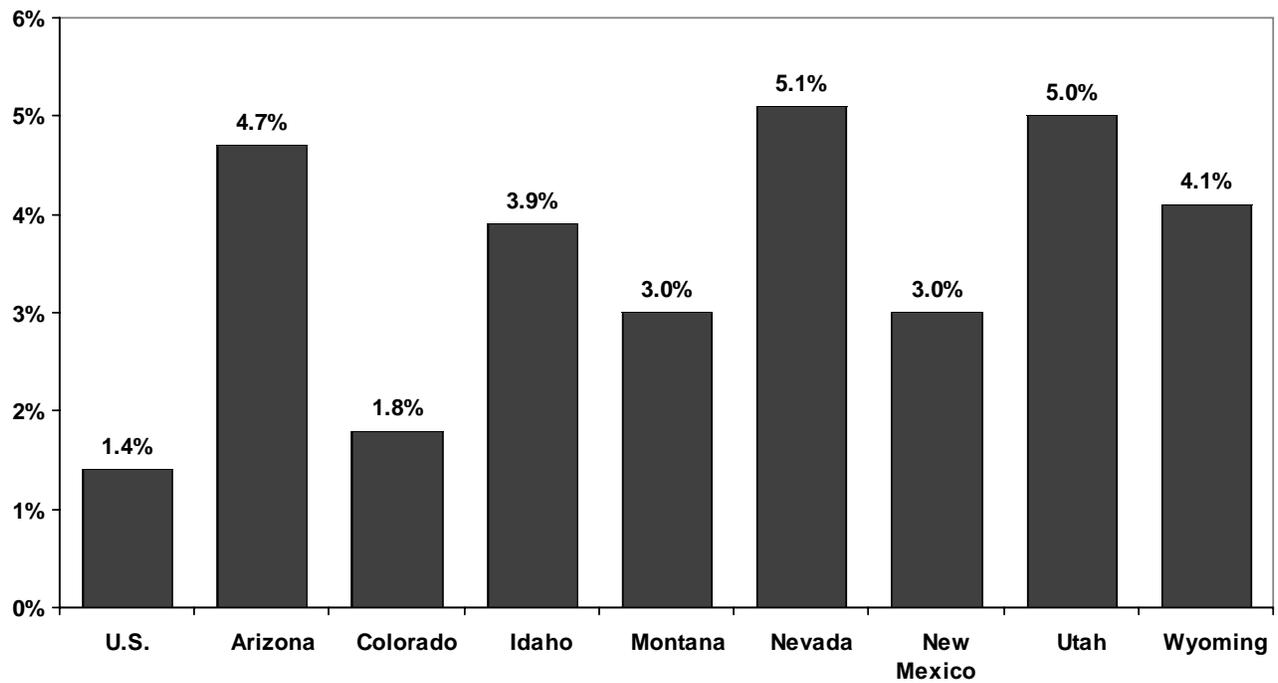


Note: For workers covered by unemployment insurance.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

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Nonagricultural Employment Growth for the United States and Mountain States: September 2006 over September 2005

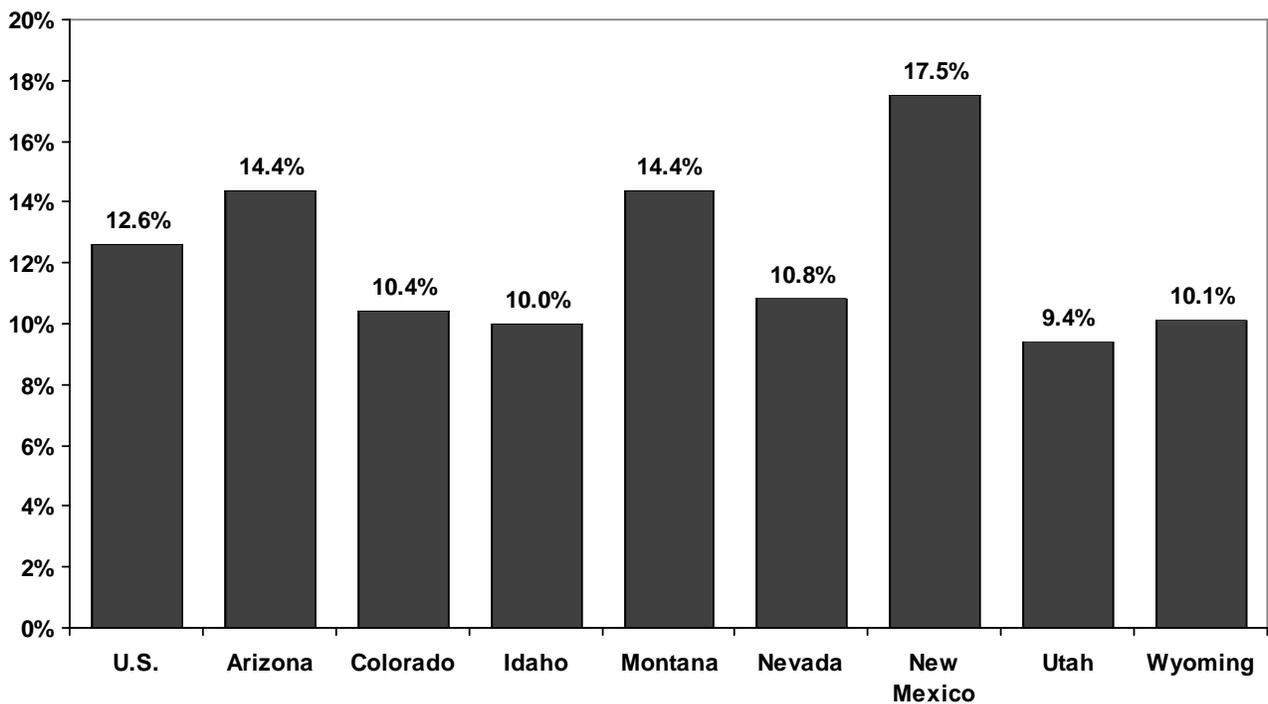


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Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

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Percent of Persons in Poverty: Three-Year Average 2003 to 2005



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Table 53
Population and Households of the United States, Mountain Division, and States

Division/State	Population (July 1 Estimates)		Rates of Population Change	Households		Rankings			
	2004 (thousands)	2005 (thousands)	Annual Growth Rate 2004-05	2005 (thousands)	Persons per Household	Rank by Population 2004	Rank by Population 2005	Rank by Annual Growth Rate 2004-05	Rank by Persons per Household 2005
	United States	293,657	296,410	0.9%	111,091	2.6			
Mountain States	19,826	20,291	2.3%	7,555	2.62				
Arizona	5,740	5,939	3.5%	2,204	2.65	18	17	2	8
Colorado	4,602	4,665	1.4%	1,819	2.51	22	22	11	24
Idaho	1,395	1,429	2.4%	532	2.62	39	39	3	11
Montana	927	936	0.9%	368	2.47	44	44	19	33
Nevada	2,333	2,415	3.5%	907	2.63	35	35	1	10
New Mexico	1,903	1,928	1.3%	728	2.59	36	36	13	16
Utah	2,421	2,470	2.0%	792	3.07	34	34	5	1
Wyoming	506	509	0.7%	205	2.42	51	51	32	43
Other States									
Alabama	4,525	4,558	0.7%	1,789	2.48	23	23	25	30
Alaska	658	664	0.9%	233	2.75	47	47	20	5
Arkansas	2,750	2,779	1.1%	1,088	2.48	32	32	17	30
California	35,842	36,132	0.8%	12,098	2.92	1	1	22	2
Connecticut	3,499	3,510	0.3%	1,324	2.56	29	29	41	18
Delaware	830	844	1.6%	318	2.58	45	45	9	17
D.C.	554	551	-0.7%	248	2.08	50	50	51	51
Florida	17,385	17,790	2.3%	7,049	2.47	4	4	4	33
Georgia	8,918	9,073	1.7%	3,320	2.66	9	9	6	7
Hawaii	1,262	1,275	1.0%	430	2.88	42	42	18	3
Illinois	12,712	12,763	0.4%	4,691	2.65	5	5	37	8
Indiana	6,227	6,272	0.7%	2,443	2.49	14	15	24	28
Iowa	2,953	2,966	0.5%	1,201	2.38	30	30	36	48
Kansas	2,734	2,745	0.4%	1,072	2.48	33	33	38	30
Kentucky	4,142	4,173	0.8%	1,654	2.45	26	26	23	41
Louisiana	4,507	4,524	0.4%	1,677	2.62	24	24	40	11
Maine	1,315	1,322	0.5%	542	2.37	40	40	35	49
Maryland	5,561	5,600	0.7%	2,086	2.62	19	19	28	11
Massachusetts	6,407	6,399	-0.1%	2,448	2.53	13	13	48	23
Michigan	10,104	10,121	0.2%	3,888	2.54	8	8	45	20
Minnesota	5,097	5,133	0.7%	2,020	2.47	21	21	26	33
Mississippi	2,901	2,921	0.7%	1,084	2.61	31	31	29	15
Missouri	5,760	5,800	0.7%	2,285	2.46	17	18	27	38
Nebraska	1,748	1,759	0.6%	696	2.45	38	38	33	41
New Hampshire	1,299	1,310	0.8%	497	2.56	41	41	21	18
New Jersey	8,685	8,718	0.4%	3,142	2.71	10	10	39	6
New York	19,281	19,255	-0.1%	7,114	2.62	3	3	49	11
North Carolina	8,540	8,683	1.7%	3,410	2.47	11	11	8	33
North Dakota	636	637	0.1%	270	2.25	48	48	47	50
Ohio	11,450	11,464	0.1%	4,508	2.47	7	7	46	33
Oklahoma	3,524	3,548	0.7%	1,381	2.49	28	28	30	28
Oregon	3,591	3,641	1.4%	1,425	2.5	27	27	10	27
Pennsylvania	12,394	12,430	0.3%	4,860	2.46	6	6	43	38
Rhode Island	1,080	1,076	-0.3%	406	2.54	43	43	50	20
South Carolina	4,198	4,255	1.4%	1,636	2.51	25	25	12	24
South Dakota	771	776	0.7%	310	2.4	46	46	31	46
Tennessee	5,893	5,963	1.2%	2,366	2.46	16	16	15	38
Texas	22,472	22,860	1.7%	7,978	2.79	2	2	7	4
Vermont	621	623	0.3%	249	2.42	49	49	42	43
Virginia	7,481	7,567	1.2%	2,890	2.54	12	12	16	20
Washington	6,207	6,288	1.3%	2,450	2.51	15	14	14	24
West Virginia	1,813	1,817	0.2%	741	2.39	37	37	44	47
Wisconsin	5,504	5,536	0.6%	2,220	2.42	20	20	34	43

Note: These numbers do not reflect revisions made by the U.S. Census Bureau in December 2006

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Table 54

Total Personal Income for the United States, Mountain Division, and States

Division/State	Total Personal Income			Rates of Total Personal Income Change		Total Personal Income (SAAR)			Rankings			
	2000	2004	2005	Avg. Ann. Growth Rate	Percent Change	2nd Quarter	2nd Quarter	Percent Change	Rank by Total Personal Income	Rank by Avg. Ann. Growth Rate	Rank by Percent Change	Rank by Percent Change
	(millions)	(millions)	(millions)	2000-2005	2004-2005	2005	2006	2005-06	2005	2000-05	2004-05	2005-06
United States	\$8,422,074	\$9,717,173	\$10,224,761	4.0%	5.2%	\$10,146,966	\$10,882,821	7.3%				
Mountain States	498,328	604,125	648,614	5.4%	7.4%	642,609	696,754	8.4%				
Arizona	132,558	164,413	179,114	6.2%	8.9%	176,955	194,295	9.8%	21	2	1	3
Colorado	144,394	164,586	174,754	3.9%	6.2%	173,304	185,549	7.1%	22	33	16	23
Idaho	31,290	38,090	40,584	5.3%	6.5%	40,127	43,587	8.6%	42	9	11	7
Montana	20,716	25,670	27,046	5.5%	5.4%	26,718	28,806	7.8%	46	7	27	11
Nevada	61,428	79,453	86,403	7.1%	8.7%	86,362	92,640	7.3%	32	1	2	20
New Mexico	40,318	50,792	53,826	5.9%	6.0%	53,399	57,653	8.0%	37	5	18	9
Utah	53,561	63,401	67,906	4.9%	7.1%	66,999	73,638	9.9%	35	15	6	1
Wyoming	14,063	17,720	18,982	6.2%	7.1%	18,745	20,586	9.8%	51	3	5	2
Other States												
Alabama	105,807	126,955	135,018	5.0%	6.4%	133,920	143,965	7.5%	24	13	13	16
Alaska	18,741	22,207	23,515	4.6%	5.9%	23,351	24,743	6.0%	48	19	20	41
Arkansas	58,726	70,903	74,040	4.7%	4.4%	73,525	79,069	7.5%	33	16	36	15
California	1,103,842	1,264,422	1,332,919	3.8%	5.4%	1,319,130	1,422,012	7.8%	1	35	26	12
Connecticut	141,570	158,896	166,807	3.3%	5.0%	165,097	177,315	7.4%	23	45	29	18
Delaware	24,277	29,454	31,281	5.2%	6.2%	30,733	33,695	9.6%	44	11	15	4
D.C.	23,102	29,278	31,010	6.1%	5.9%	30,783	32,744	6.4%	45	4	19	37
Florida	457,539	566,372	606,612	5.8%	7.1%	600,346	648,046	7.9%	4	6	7	10
Georgia	230,356	265,199	282,979	4.2%	6.7%	280,105	301,031	7.5%	11	24	9	17
Hawaii	34,451	41,178	43,953	5.0%	6.7%	43,607	46,576	6.8%	40	14	8	29
Illinois	400,373	442,519	462,857	2.9%	4.6%	458,998	492,289	7.3%	5	48	34	21
Indiana	165,285	187,781	195,372	3.4%	4.0%	194,370	205,512	5.7%	16	42	42	43
Iowa	77,763	91,436	94,316	3.9%	3.1%	93,455	99,706	6.7%	30	30	49	31
Kansas	74,570	85,596	90,433	3.9%	5.7%	89,722	95,947	6.9%	31	32	22	26
Kentucky	98,845	111,991	118,180	3.6%	5.5%	117,558	123,992	5.5%	26	38	25	47
Louisiana	103,151	122,050	111,201	1.5%	-8.9%	125,620	132,438	5.4%	28	51	51	48
Maine	33,173	39,314	40,714	4.2%	3.6%	40,571	42,819	5.5%	41	25	46	46
Maryland	181,957	221,284	235,196	5.3%	6.3%	233,004	249,151	6.9%	14	10	14	27
Massachusetts	240,209	267,821	279,635	3.1%	4.4%	276,771	297,686	7.6%	12	46	38	14
Michigan	294,227	320,418	331,304	2.4%	3.4%	330,416	345,353	4.5%	9	50	48	51
Minnesota	157,964	184,571	191,568	3.9%	3.8%	189,817	199,933	5.3%	17	31	44	49
Mississippi	59,837	69,454	72,809	4.0%	4.8%	72,388	77,692	7.3%	34	28	31	19
Missouri	152,722	173,458	181,542	3.5%	4.7%	180,396	193,164	7.1%	20	40	33	22
Nebraska	47,329	55,858	58,019	4.2%	3.9%	57,503	61,294	6.6%	36	26	43	32
New Hampshire	41,429	47,463	49,561	3.6%	4.4%	49,269	52,509	6.6%	38	37	37	33
New Jersey	323,554	363,852	382,041	3.4%	5.0%	378,835	405,518	7.0%	7	43	28	24
New York	663,005	741,275	771,568	3.1%	4.1%	760,912	819,913	7.8%	2	47	41	13
North Carolina	218,668	252,614	269,435	4.3%	6.7%	267,328	284,438	6.4%	13	23	10	36
North Dakota	16,097	18,467	19,883	4.3%	7.7%	19,707	20,733	5.2%	50	21	4	50
Ohio	320,538	352,315	365,319	2.6%	3.7%	363,305	383,726	5.6%	8	49	45	45
Oklahoma	84,310	99,963	106,111	4.7%	6.2%	104,958	114,207	8.8%	29	17	17	6
Oregon	96,402	110,695	117,149	4.0%	5.8%	116,053	124,212	7.0%	27	29	21	25
Pennsylvania	364,838	413,572	433,146	3.5%	4.7%	430,199	457,203	6.3%	6	41	32	39
Rhode Island	30,697	36,652	37,903	4.3%	3.4%	37,704	40,025	6.2%	43	22	47	40
South Carolina	98,270	113,668	120,043	4.1%	5.6%	119,280	127,509	6.9%	25	27	24	28
South Dakota	19,438	24,151	25,328	5.4%	4.9%	25,149	26,760	6.4%	47	8	30	35
Tennessee	148,833	174,726	184,566	4.4%	5.6%	182,905	195,265	6.8%	18	20	23	30
Texas	593,139	691,245	745,329	4.7%	7.8%	735,938	805,591	9.5%	3	18	3	5
Vermont	16,883	19,563	20,393	3.9%	4.2%	20,229	21,403	5.8%	49	34	39	42
Virginia	220,845	267,066	284,174	5.2%	6.4%	282,285	300,163	6.3%	10	12	12	38
Washington	187,853	215,376	221,540	3.4%	2.9%	219,257	237,380	8.3%	15	44	50	8
West Virginia	39,582	45,245	47,290	3.6%	4.5%	47,016	50,034	6.4%	39	39	35	34
Wisconsin	153,548	176,728	184,087	3.7%	4.2%	182,840	193,308	5.7%	19	36	40	44

SAAR = seasonally adjusted annual rate

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

Table 55

Per Capita Personal Income for the United States, 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		
	2000	2004	2005	Avg. Ann. Growth Rate 2000-2005	Annual Growth Rate 2004-2005	2000	2004	2005	Rank by Per Capita Personal Income 2005	Rank by Average Annual Growth Rate 2000-2005	Rank by Annual Growth Rate 2004-2005
	United States	\$29,845	\$33,090	\$34,495	2.9%	4.2%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%		
Mountain States*	26,569	30,471	31,965	3.8%	4.9%	89.0%	92.1%	92.7%			
Arizona	25,660	28,644	30,157	3.3%	5.3%	86.0%	86.6%	87.4%	39	27	9
Colorado	33,371	35,766	37,459	2.3%	4.7%	111.8%	108.1%	108.6%	9	47	17
Idaho	24,075	27,302	28,398	3.4%	4.0%	80.7%	82.5%	82.3%	43	25	36
Montana	22,929	27,694	28,906	4.7%	4.4%	76.8%	83.7%	83.8%	42	5	29
Nevada	30,437	34,058	35,780	3.3%	5.1%	102.0%	102.9%	103.7%	15	26	12
New Mexico	22,134	26,690	27,912	4.7%	4.6%	74.2%	80.7%	80.9%	46	4	22
Utah	23,878	26,191	27,497	2.9%	5.0%	80.0%	79.2%	79.7%	47	34	13
Wyoming	28,460	35,028	37,270	5.5%	6.4%	95.4%	105.9%	108.0%	11	2	3
Other States											
Alabama	23,764	28,054	29,623	4.5%	5.6%	79.6%	84.8%	85.9%	41	6	6
Alaska	29,867	33,761	35,433	3.5%	5.0%	100.1%	102.0%	102.7%	16	21	14
Arkansas	21,925	25,783	26,641	4.0%	3.3%	73.5%	77.9%	77.2%	48	10	43
California	32,463	35,278	36,890	2.6%	4.6%	108.8%	106.6%	106.9%	13	43	23
Connecticut	41,489	45,412	47,519	2.8%	4.6%	139.0%	137.2%	137.8%	2	40	20
Delaware	40,456	52,825	56,329	6.8%	6.6%	135.6%	159.6%	163.3%	1	1	2
D.C.	30,869	35,484	37,084	3.7%	4.5%	103.4%	107.2%	107.5%	12	14	25
Florida	28,509	32,577	34,099	3.6%	4.7%	95.5%	98.4%	98.9%	21	16	19
Georgia	27,989	29,737	31,191	2.2%	4.9%	93.8%	89.9%	90.4%	34	48	16
Hawaii	28,422	32,626	34,468	3.9%	5.6%	95.2%	98.6%	99.9%	20	11	5
Illinois	32,185	34,811	36,264	2.4%	4.2%	107.8%	105.2%	105.1%	14	46	33
Indiana	27,132	30,158	31,150	2.8%	3.3%	90.9%	91.1%	90.3%	35	38	44
Iowa	26,554	30,965	31,795	3.7%	2.7%	89.0%	93.6%	92.2%	31	15	49
Kansas	27,694	31,312	32,948	3.5%	5.2%	92.8%	94.6%	95.5%	24	18	10
Kentucky	24,412	27,039	28,317	3.0%	4.7%	81.8%	81.7%	82.1%	44	31	18
Louisiana	23,079	27,082	24,582	1.3%	-9.2%	77.3%	81.8%	71.3%	51	51	51
Maine	25,969	29,897	30,808	3.5%	3.0%	87.0%	90.4%	89.3%	38	22	48
Maryland	34,257	39,790	41,996	4.2%	5.5%	114.8%	120.2%	121.7%	5	8	7
Massachusetts	37,756	41,799	43,702	3.0%	4.6%	126.5%	126.3%	126.7%	4	32	24
Michigan	29,552	31,711	32,735	2.1%	3.2%	99.0%	95.8%	94.9%	25	50	45
Minnesota	32,017	36,215	37,322	3.1%	3.1%	107.3%	109.4%	108.2%	10	29	47
Mississippi	21,005	23,943	24,925	3.5%	4.1%	70.4%	72.4%	72.3%	50	20	35
Missouri	27,241	30,117	31,299	2.8%	3.9%	91.3%	91.0%	90.7%	32	36	38
Nebraska	27,625	31,961	32,988	3.6%	3.2%	92.6%	96.6%	95.6%	23	17	46
New Hampshire	33,396	36,533	37,835	2.5%	3.6%	111.9%	110.4%	109.7%	7	44	41
New Jersey	38,364	41,893	43,822	2.7%	4.6%	128.5%	126.6%	127.0%	3	42	21
New York	34,897	38,446	40,072	2.8%	4.2%	116.9%	116.2%	116.2%	6	37	31
North Carolina	27,068	29,579	31,029	2.8%	4.9%	90.7%	89.4%	90.0%	36	39	15
North Dakota	25,106	29,021	31,230	4.5%	7.6%	84.1%	87.7%	90.5%	33	7	1
Ohio	28,207	30,769	31,867	2.5%	3.6%	94.5%	93.0%	92.4%	30	45	40
Oklahoma	24,407	28,370	29,908	4.1%	5.4%	81.8%	85.7%	86.7%	40	9	8
Oregon	28,097	30,823	32,174	2.7%	4.4%	94.1%	93.1%	93.3%	29	41	28
Pennsylvania	29,695	33,367	34,848	3.3%	4.4%	99.5%	100.8%	101.0%	19	28	26
Rhode Island	29,214	33,940	35,219	3.8%	3.8%	97.9%	102.6%	102.1%	18	13	39
South Carolina	24,424	27,077	28,212	2.9%	4.2%	81.8%	81.8%	81.8%	45	33	32
South Dakota	25,720	31,340	32,642	4.9%	4.2%	86.2%	94.7%	94.6%	27	3	34
Tennessee	26,097	29,648	30,952	3.5%	4.4%	87.4%	89.6%	89.7%	37	23	27
Texas	28,313	30,761	32,604	2.9%	6.0%	94.9%	93.0%	94.5%	28	35	4
Vermont	27,680	31,491	32,731	3.4%	3.9%	92.7%	95.2%	94.9%	26	24	37
Virginia	31,087	35,698	37,552	3.9%	5.2%	104.2%	107.9%	108.9%	8	12	11
Washington	31,779	34,699	35,234	2.1%	1.5%	106.5%	104.9%	102.1%	17	49	50
West Virginia	21,899	24,962	26,029	3.5%	4.3%	73.4%	75.4%	75.5%	49	19	30
Wisconsin	28,570	32,112	33,251	3.1%	3.5%	95.7%	97.0%	96.4%	22	30	42

*Mountain States average calculated by Utah Foundation, individual states calculated by BEA

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

Table 56

Median Income of Households: United States, Mountain Division, and States

	Median Income of Households (2005 Dollars)			Median Income of Households (2005 Dollars) Two-year Moving Average*					Median Income of Households Three-year Average* (2005 Dollars)			
	2000 Amount	2004 Amount	2005 Amount	2003-04 Amount	2004-05		Two-year Average		2003-2005			
					Amount	Standard Error	Difference	Pct. Chg.	Amount	Standard Error	Rank	As a % of the U.S.
United States	\$41,990	\$44,334	\$46,326	\$45,893	\$46,071	243	\$178	0.4%	\$46,037	\$131		100.0%
Mountain States												
Arizona	39,783	43,846	45,245	44,499	45,279	1,658	780	1.8%	44,748	918	29	97.2%
Colorado	48,240	50,886	50,449	52,792	51,518	1,987	-1,274	-2.4%	52,011	987	11	113.0%
Idaho	37,611	44,358	44,176	45,404	45,009	1,818	-395	-0.9%	44,994	883	27	97.7%
Montana	32,777	33,956	37,313	35,644	36,202	1,295	558	1.6%	36,200	695	48	78.6%
Nevada	45,758	47,204	48,209	48,366	48,496	2,104	130	0.3%	48,314	1,101	17	104.9%
New Mexico	35,093	39,562	38,947	39,070	39,916	2,255	846	2.2%	39,029	1,074	43	84.8%
Utah	47,550	50,871	54,813	52,432	53,693	1,536	1,261	2.4%	53,226	749	10	115.6%
Wyoming	39,629	45,397	44,718	46,038	45,817	1,826	-221	-0.5%	45,598	878	25	99.0%
Other States												
Alabama	35,424	36,629	37,150	38,695	37,502	1,732	-1,193	-3.1%	38,180	990	45	82.9%
Alaska	52,847	55,063	55,891	55,957	56,398	2,376	441	0.8%	55,935	1,105	7	121.5%
Arkansas	29,697	34,984	36,658	35,058	36,406	1,584	1,348	3.8%	35,591	744	49	77.3%
California	46,816	49,222	51,755	51,593	51,312	779	-281	-0.5%	51,647	479	12	112.2%
Connecticut	50,172	55,100	56,835	57,636	56,889	2,255	-747	-1.3%	57,369	1,166	5	124.6%
Delaware	41,222	43,451	44,993	46,353	44,949	2,768	-1,404	-3.0%	45,900	1,318	22	99.7%
D.C.	50,365	48,049	51,235	50,838	50,445	1,729	-393	-0.8%	50,970	946	13	110.7%
Florida	38,856	40,535	42,990	41,624	42,440	991	816	2.0%	42,079	524	36	91.4%
Georgia	41,901	40,984	45,926	43,695	44,140	1,002	445	1.0%	44,439	580	30	96.5%
Hawaii	51,546	56,242	59,586	56,565	58,854	2,015	2,289	4.0%	57,572	1,040	4	125.1%
Illinois	46,064	46,077	48,398	47,768	48,008	1,243	240	0.5%	47,978	688	18	104.2%
Indiana	40,865	42,329	42,437	44,383	43,091	1,548	-1,292	-2.9%	43,735	776	33	95.0%
Iowa	40,991	43,391	46,500	44,380	45,671	1,970	1,291	2.9%	45,086	922	26	97.9%
Kansas	41,059	41,066	42,027	44,690	42,233	1,926	-2,457	-5.5%	43,802	1,013	32	95.1%
Kentucky	36,265	35,610	36,699	37,999	36,750	1,467	-1,249	-3.3%	37,566	731	46	81.6%
Louisiana	30,718	36,429	37,236	36,603	37,442	1,745	839	2.3%	36,814	877	47	80.0%
Maine	37,266	41,329	43,923	41,048	43,317	1,824	2,269	5.5%	42,006	870	37	91.2%
Maryland	54,535	57,103	60,512	57,265	59,762	2,183	2,497	4.4%	58,347	1,071	2	126.7%
Massachusetts	46,753	52,019	56,017	53,916	54,888	2,349	972	1.8%	54,617	1,075	8	118.6%
Michigan	45,512	42,256	45,933	45,724	44,801	1,218	-923	-2.0%	45,793	653	24	99.5%
Minnesota	54,251	56,104	54,215	57,018	56,098	1,589	-920	-1.6%	56,084	846	6	121.8%
Mississippi	34,299	34,755	32,875	35,324	34,396	1,665	-928	-2.6%	34,508	847	51	75.0%
Missouri	45,097	42,137	42,986	44,994	43,266	1,419	-1,728	-3.8%	44,324	712	31	96.3%
Nebraska	41,750	43,786	47,923	45,958	46,587	1,908	629	1.4%	46,613	980	20	101.3%
New Hampshire	50,926	56,815	56,984	58,842	57,850	2,314	-992	-1.7%	58,223	1,113	3	126.5%
New Jersey	50,405	55,275	63,368	58,300	60,246	2,460	1,946	3.3%	59,989	1,112	1	130.3%
New York	40,744	44,649	47,176	45,775	46,659	1,112	884	1.9%	46,242	598	21	100.4%
North Carolina	38,317	40,238	42,056	40,572	41,820	1,220	1,248	3.1%	41,067	648	40	89.2%
North Dakota	35,996	39,220	42,192	41,708	41,362	1,699	-346	-0.8%	41,869	810	39	90.9%
Ohio	42,962	43,055	44,203	45,340	44,349	1,389	-991	-2.2%	44,961	709	28	97.7%
Oklahoma	32,432	39,614	37,645	39,519	39,292	1,768	-227	-0.6%	38,895	815	44	84.5%
Oregon	42,499	40,994	44,159	43,276	43,262	1,680	-14	0.0%	43,570	816	34	94.6%
Pennsylvania	42,176	44,106	46,300	45,571	45,941	1,239	370	0.8%	45,814	630	23	99.5%
Rhode Island	42,197	47,935	49,484	48,493	49,511	2,377	1,018	2.1%	48,823	1,155	15	106.1%
South Carolina	37,570	38,691	40,230	40,410	40,107	1,528	-303	-0.7%	40,350	799	41	87.6%
South Dakota	36,475	41,107	43,151	42,212	42,816	1,628	604	1.4%	42,525	804	35	92.4%
Tennessee	34,096	38,072	39,406	39,583	39,376	1,544	-207	-0.5%	39,524	820	42	85.9%
Texas	38,609	41,397	41,422	42,228	42,102	671	-126	-0.3%	41,959	427	38	91.1%
Vermont	39,594	47,329	50,704	47,411	49,808	1,771	2,397	5.1%	48,508	861	16	105.4%
Virginia	47,163	51,141	51,914	55,494	52,383	1,580	-3,111	-5.6%	54,301	930	9	118.0%
Washington	42,525	49,922	50,646	51,004	51,119	1,452	115	0.2%	50,885	847	14	110.5%
West Virginia	29,411	33,373	36,445	34,629	35,467	1,548	838	2.4%	35,234	785	50	76.5%
Wisconsin	45,088	45,732	44,650	48,181	45,956	1,732	-2,225	-4.6%	47,004	851	19	102.1%

*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.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, Annual Social and Economic Supplements

Table 57

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

Division/State	Rates of Change for Average Annual Pay					Average Annual Pay as a Percent of U.S. Average Annual Pay			Rankings		
	Average Annual Pay			Avg. Ann. Growth Rate	Percent Change	2000	2004	2005	Rank by Average Annual Pay 2005	Rank by Avg. Ann. Growth Rate 2000-2005	Rank by Percent Change 2004-05
	2000	2004	2005								
United States	\$35,320	\$39,354	\$40,677	2.9%	3.4%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%			
Mountain States											
Arizona	32,610	36,646	38,154	3.2%	4.1%	92.3%	93.1%	93.8%	22	25	12
Colorado	37,168	40,276	41,601	2.3%	3.3%	105.2%	102.3%	102.3%	11	47	26
Idaho	27,701	29,871	30,777	2.1%	3.0%	78.4%	75.9%	75.7%	47	50	34
Montana	24,272	27,830	29,150	3.7%	4.7%	68.7%	70.7%	71.7%	50	9	4
Nevada	32,277	37,106	38,763	3.7%	4.5%	91.4%	94.3%	95.3%	20	10	6
New Mexico	27,498	31,411	32,605	3.5%	3.8%	77.9%	79.8%	80.2%	42	15	15
Utah	29,229	32,171	33,328	2.7%	3.6%	82.8%	81.7%	81.9%	37	43	16
Wyoming	26,836	31,210	33,251	4.4%	6.5%	76.0%	79.3%	81.7%	38	2	1
Other States											
Alabama	29,041	33,414	34,598	3.6%	3.5%	82.2%	84.9%	85.1%	32	11	17
Alaska	35,144	39,062	40,216	2.7%	3.0%	99.5%	99.3%	98.9%	16	40	36
Arkansas	26,317	30,245	31,266	3.5%	3.4%	74.5%	76.9%	76.9%	46	13	24
California	41,207	44,641	46,211	2.3%	3.5%	116.7%	113.4%	113.6%	6	46	18
Connecticut	45,486	51,007	52,954	3.1%	3.8%	128.8%	129.6%	130.2%	2	30	14
Delaware	36,535	42,487	44,622	4.1%	5.0%	103.4%	108.0%	109.7%	7	3	3
D.C.	52,965	63,887	66,696	4.7%	4.4%	150.0%	162.3%	164.0%	1	1	7
Florida	30,560	35,186	36,800	3.8%	4.6%	86.5%	89.4%	90.5%	24	6	5
Georgia	34,214	37,866	39,096	2.7%	3.2%	96.9%	96.2%	96.1%	19	41	28
Hawaii	30,628	35,198	36,353	3.5%	3.3%	86.7%	89.4%	89.4%	26	14	27
Illinois	38,045	42,277	43,744	2.8%	3.5%	107.7%	107.4%	107.5%	9	35	20
Indiana	31,030	34,694	35,431	2.7%	2.1%	87.9%	88.2%	87.1%	31	42	48
Iowa	27,931	32,097	33,070	3.4%	3.0%	79.1%	81.6%	81.3%	39	16	35
Kansas	29,361	32,738	33,864	2.9%	3.4%	83.1%	83.2%	83.3%	35	33	22
Kentucky	28,800	33,165	33,965	3.4%	2.4%	81.5%	84.3%	83.5%	34	20	46
Louisiana	27,888	31,880	33,566	3.8%	5.3%	79.0%	81.0%	82.5%	36	7	2
Maine	27,664	31,906	32,701	3.4%	2.5%	78.3%	81.1%	80.4%	41	18	44
Maryland	36,395	42,579	44,368	4.0%	4.2%	103.0%	108.2%	109.1%	8	4	11
Massachusetts	44,168	48,916	50,095	2.6%	2.4%	125.1%	124.3%	123.2%	4	44	47
Michigan	37,011	40,373	41,214	2.2%	2.1%	104.8%	102.6%	101.3%	12	49	50
Minnesota	35,414	40,398	40,800	2.9%	1.0%	100.3%	102.7%	100.3%	13	34	51
Mississippi	25,208	28,535	29,763	3.4%	4.3%	71.4%	72.5%	73.2%	49	19	9
Missouri	31,384	34,845	35,951	2.8%	3.2%	88.9%	88.5%	88.4%	27	38	32
Nebraska	27,693	31,507	32,422	3.2%	2.9%	78.4%	80.1%	79.7%	43	24	39
New Hampshire	34,736	39,176	40,551	3.1%	3.5%	98.3%	99.5%	99.7%	15	27	19
New Jersey	43,676	48,064	49,471	2.5%	2.9%	123.7%	122.1%	121.6%	5	45	37
New York	45,358	49,941	51,937	2.7%	4.0%	128.4%	126.9%	127.7%	3	39	13
North Carolina	31,068	34,791	35,912	2.9%	3.2%	88.0%	88.4%	88.3%	28	31	29
North Dakota	24,683	28,987	29,956	3.9%	3.3%	69.9%	73.7%	73.6%	48	5	25
Ohio	32,508	36,441	37,333	2.8%	2.4%	92.0%	92.6%	91.8%	23	37	45
Oklahoma	26,988	30,743	31,721	3.3%	3.2%	76.4%	78.1%	78.0%	44	21	30
Oregon	32,776	35,630	36,588	2.2%	2.7%	92.8%	90.5%	89.9%	25	48	43
Pennsylvania	34,015	38,555	39,661	3.1%	2.9%	96.3%	98.0%	97.5%	18	28	40
Rhode Island	32,615	37,651	38,751	3.5%	2.9%	92.3%	95.7%	95.3%	21	12	38
South Carolina	28,179	31,839	32,927	3.2%	3.4%	79.8%	80.9%	80.9%	40	26	23
South Dakota	24,802	28,281	29,149	3.3%	3.1%	70.2%	71.9%	71.7%	51	22	33
Tennessee	30,557	34,925	35,879	3.3%	2.7%	86.5%	88.7%	88.2%	29	23	42
Texas	34,943	38,511	40,150	2.8%	4.3%	98.9%	97.9%	98.7%	17	36	10
Vermont	28,914	33,274	34,197	3.4%	2.8%	81.9%	84.6%	84.1%	33	17	41
Virginia	35,172	40,534	42,287	3.8%	4.3%	99.6%	103.0%	104.0%	10	8	8
Washington	37,099	39,361	40,721	1.9%	3.5%	105.0%	100.0%	100.1%	14	51	21
West Virginia	26,888	30,382	31,347	3.1%	3.2%	76.1%	77.2%	77.1%	45	29	31
Wisconsin	30,694	34,743	35,471	2.9%	2.1%	86.9%	88.3%	87.2%	30	32	49

Note: Data varies from other tables due to different sources

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Table 58

Employees on Nonagricultural Payrolls: United States, 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			
	2000	2004	2005	Avg. Ann. Growth Rate	Percent Change	September 2005	September 2006e	Percent Change	Rank by Employees on Nonag. Payrolls 2005	Rank by Average Annual Growth Rate 2000-2005	Rank by Percent Change 2004-05	Rank by Percent Change (unadjust.) 2005-06
	(thousands)	(thousands)	(thousands)	2000-2005	2004-2005	(thousands)	(thousands)	2005-06				
United States	132,484	132,395	134,376	0.3%	1.5%	134,137	136,026	1.4%				
Mountain States	8,490	8,863	9,212	1.6%	3.9%	9,344	9,699	3.8%				
Arizona	2,243	2,381	2,507	2.3%	5.3%	2,534	2,653	4.7%	21	2	2	3
Colorado	2,214	2,180	2,226	0.1%	2.1%	2,247	2,288	1.8%	22	34	17	19
Idaho	560	588	613	1.8%	4.2%	629	654	3.9%	41	5	3	5
Montana	388	411	421	1.7%	2.3%	430	443	3.0%	46	9	15	8
Nevada	1,027	1,153	1,224	3.6%	6.2%	1,246	1,309	5.1%	32	1	1	1
New Mexico	745	790	809	1.7%	2.4%	819	844	3.0%	37	8	13	9
Utah	1,075	1,104	1,150	1.3%	4.1%	1,169	1,227	5.0%	34	10	4	2
Wyoming	239	255	263	1.9%	3.0%	271	282	4.1%	51	4	8	4
Other States												
Alabama	1,931	1,902	1,943	0.1%	2.2%	1,954	1,980	1.3%	23	32	16	28
Alaska	284	304	310	1.8%	1.9%	326	330	1.4%	49	6	20	26
Arkansas	1,159	1,158	1,178	0.3%	1.8%	1,193	1,204	1.0%	33	25	22	35
California	14,488	14,530	14,785	0.4%	1.8%	14,886	15,053	1.1%	1	24	21	31
Connecticut	1,693	1,650	1,663	-0.4%	0.8%	1,668	1,676	0.5%	27	45	42	46
Delaware	420	424	430	0.5%	1.6%	434	442	1.7%	45	20	25	22
D.C.	650	674	682	1.0%	1.1%	679	688	1.4%	39	12	35	27
Florida	7,081	7,510	7,810	2.0%	4.0%	7,840	8,068	2.9%	4	3	5	11
Georgia	3,949	3,901	4,000	0.3%	2.6%	4,033	4,104	1.8%	10	29	10	21
Hawaii	551	583	602	1.8%	3.2%	603	619	2.7%	43	7	6	13
Illinois	6,045	5,816	5,865	-0.6%	0.8%	5,921	5,986	1.1%	5	48	40	32
Indiana	3,000	2,929	2,956	-0.3%	0.9%	3,001	3,005	0.1%	14	44	39	50
Iowa	1,478	1,457	1,481	0.0%	1.6%	1,495	1,522	1.8%	30	37	24	18
Kansas	1,345	1,325	1,335	-0.2%	0.8%	1,339	1,347	0.6%	31	42	44	45
Kentucky	1,825	1,799	1,825	0.0%	1.5%	1,842	1,858	0.9%	26	39	27	37
Louisiana	1,918	1,918	1,870	-0.5%	-2.5%	1,729	1,788	3.4%	24	47	51	6
Maine	604	612	612	0.3%	0.0%	623	625	0.4%	42	28	49	47
Maryland	2,455	2,518	2,555	0.8%	1.5%	2,580	2,604	0.9%	20	14	28	36
Massachusetts	3,323	3,181	3,196	-0.8%	0.5%	3,221	3,243	0.7%	13	50	47	42
Michigan	4,674	4,395	4,384	-1.3%	-0.2%	4,430	4,397	-0.7%	8	51	50	51
Minnesota	2,685	2,681	2,709	0.2%	1.0%	2,724	2,781	2.1%	19	31	38	17
Mississippi	1,154	1,125	1,130	-0.4%	0.5%	1,118	1,147	2.6%	35	46	46	14
Missouri	2,749	2,693	2,728	-0.1%	1.3%	2,753	2,769	0.6%	18	41	32	44
Nebraska	914	922	936	0.5%	1.5%	940	954	1.4%	36	21	29	24
New Hampshire	622	627	635	0.4%	1.2%	642	648	0.8%	40	23	33	40
New Jersey	3,995	3,999	4,043	0.2%	1.1%	4,057	4,082	0.6%	9	30	36	43
New York	8,635	8,462	8,528	-0.2%	0.8%	8,548	8,616	0.8%	3	43	43	41
North Carolina	3,934	3,837	3,912	-0.1%	2.0%	3,958	4,019	1.6%	11	40	19	23
North Dakota	328	338	345	1.0%	2.1%	351	358	1.8%	48	11	18	20
Ohio	5,625	5,408	5,429	-0.7%	0.4%	5,466	5,480	0.2%	7	49	48	48
Oklahoma	1,489	1,474	1,511	0.3%	2.5%	1,527	1,547	1.3%	29	27	12	29
Oregon	1,607	1,608	1,658	0.6%	3.1%	1,680	1,729	2.9%	28	16	7	10
Pennsylvania	5,691	5,644	5,704	0.0%	1.1%	5,740	5,788	0.8%	6	35	37	38
Rhode Island	477	489	492	0.6%	0.6%	498	499	0.2%	44	18	45	49
South Carolina	1,859	1,833	1,860	0.0%	1.5%	1,864	1,915	2.7%	25	38	26	12
South Dakota	378	383	390	0.6%	1.7%	394	404	2.4%	47	17	23	15
Tennessee	2,729	2,706	2,744	0.1%	1.4%	2,765	2,798	1.2%	17	33	30	30
Texas	9,427	9,497	9,735	0.6%	2.5%	9,825	10,038	2.2%	2	15	11	16
Vermont	299	303	305	0.4%	0.8%	308	311	1.0%	50	22	41	34
Virginia	3,517	3,584	3,668	0.8%	2.4%	3,701	3,754	1.4%	12	13	14	25
Washington	2,711	2,701	2,779	0.5%	2.9%	2,802	2,896	3.4%	16	19	9	7
West Virginia	736	737	747	0.3%	1.3%	753	761	1.1%	38	26	31	33
Wisconsin	2,834	2,807	2,840	0.0%	1.2%	2,865	2,888	0.8%	15	36	34	39

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

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Table 59
Unemployment Rates: United States, Mountain Division, and States

Division/State	Unemployment Rate			Unemployment Rate Change		Unemployment Rate (not seasonally adjusted)		Rankings by Unemployment Rate				
	2000	2004	2005	2000-2005	2004-05	Sep. 2005	Sep. 2006p	2000	2004	2005	(unadjust.) 2005	(unadjust.) 2006p
	United States	4.0	5.5	5.1	1.1	-0.4	4.6	4.1				
Mountain States												
Arizona	4.0	5.0	4.7	0.7	-0.3	5.1	3.9	21	28	30	13	32
Colorado	2.7	5.6	5.0	2.3	-0.6	4.8	4.2	45	16	21	23	23
Idaho	4.6	4.7	3.8	-0.8	-0.9	3.0	2.7	11	35	43	50	48
Montana	4.8	4.3	4.0	-0.8	-0.3	3.1	2.8	10	41	39	47	45
Nevada	4.5	4.6	4.1	-0.4	-0.5	3.9	4.0	12	38	37	37	31
New Mexico	5.0	5.7	5.3	0.3	-0.4	5.1	4.1	6	14	16	13	26
Utah	3.4	5.0	4.3	0.9	-0.7	4.1	2.6	34	28	35	34	49
Wyoming	3.8	3.9	3.6	-0.2	-0.3	3.2	2.9	25	44	46	46	44
Other States												
Alabama	4.1	5.2	4.0	-0.1	-1.2	3.8	3.3	20	25	39	38	39
Alaska	6.2	7.4	6.8	0.6	-0.6	6.0	5.9	1	2	3	4	5
Arkansas	4.2	5.6	4.9	0.7	-0.7	4.4	4.8	16	16	26	28	9
California	4.9	6.2	5.4	0.5	-0.8	4.9	4.6	9	8	13	20	17
Connecticut	2.3	4.9	4.9	2.6	0.0	4.7	4.5	50	31	26	26	19
Delaware	3.3	4.0	4.2	0.9	0.2	4.2	3.7	36	43	36	31	34
D.C.	5.7	7.5	6.5	0.8	-1.0	5.8	6.0	2	1	6	6	4
Florida	3.8	4.7	3.8	0.0	-0.9	3.7	3.4	25	35	43	39	38
Georgia	3.5	4.8	5.3	1.8	0.5	5.4	4.6	33	34	16	9	17
Hawaii	4.0	3.3	2.8	-1.2	-0.5	3.1	2.6	21	51	51	47	49
Illinois	4.5	6.2	5.7	1.2	-0.5	5.3	4.1	12	8	10	11	26
Indiana	2.9	5.3	5.4	2.5	0.1	5.0	4.7	41	23	13	15	14
Iowa	2.8	4.7	4.6	1.8	-0.1	4.2	3.1	43	35	32	31	41
Kansas	3.8	5.6	5.1	1.3	-0.5	4.9	4.1	25	16	20	20	26
Kentucky	4.2	5.5	6.1	1.9	0.6	5.6	4.8	16	19	7	7	9
Louisiana	5.0	5.7	7.1	2.1	1.4	11.8	3.7	6	14	2	1	34
Maine	3.3	4.6	4.8	1.5	0.2	4.4	4.1	36	38	28	28	26
Maryland	3.6	4.3	4.1	0.5	-0.2	3.7	3.7	31	41	37	39	34
Massachusetts	2.7	5.2	4.8	2.1	-0.4	4.8	5.0	45	25	28	23	6
Michigan	3.7	7.0	6.7	3.0	-0.3	6.0	6.7	28	4	5	4	2
Minnesota	3.1	4.6	4.0	0.9	-0.6	3.7	3.6	39	38	39	39	37
Mississippi	5.7	6.3	7.9	2.2	1.6	9.4	6.8	2	6	1	2	1
Missouri	3.3	5.8	5.4	2.1	-0.4	4.9	4.8	36	12	13	20	9
Nebraska	2.8	3.9	3.8	1.0	-0.1	3.3	2.8	43	44	43	44	45
New Hampshire	2.7	3.9	3.6	0.9	-0.3	3.5	3.0	45	44	46	42	43
New Jersey	3.7	4.9	4.4	0.7	-0.5	4.2	4.9	28	31	33	31	8
New York	4.5	5.8	5.0	0.5	-0.8	5.0	4.2	12	12	21	15	23
North Carolina	3.7	5.5	5.2	1.5	-0.3	4.8	4.5	28	19	19	23	19
North Dakota	2.9	3.5	3.4	0.5	-0.1	2.7	2.4	41	50	50	51	51
Ohio	4.0	6.2	5.9	1.9	-0.3	5.6	5.0	21	8	9	7	6
Oklahoma	3.1	4.9	4.4	1.3	-0.5	4.1	3.8	39	31	33	34	33
Oregon	5.1	7.3	6.1	1.0	-1.2	5.4	4.8	5	3	7	9	9
Pennsylvania	4.2	5.4	5.0	0.8	-0.4	4.5	4.2	16	22	21	27	23
Rhode Island	4.2	5.2	5.0	0.8	-0.2	5.0	4.5	16	25	21	15	19
South Carolina	3.6	6.8	6.8	3.2	0.0	7.0	6.4	31	5	3	3	3
South Dakota	2.7	3.8	3.9	1.2	0.1	3.3	2.8	45	47	42	44	45
Tennessee	4.0	5.5	5.6	1.6	0.1	5.0	4.3	21	19	11	15	22
Texas	4.4	6.0	5.3	0.9	-0.7	5.2	4.7	15	11	16	12	14
Vermont	2.7	3.7	3.5	0.8	-0.2	3.1	3.3	45	48	48	47	39
Virginia	2.3	3.7	3.5	1.2	-0.2	3.5	3.1	50	48	48	42	41
Washington	5.0	6.3	5.5	0.5	-0.8	5.0	4.8	6	6	12	15	9
West Virginia	5.5	5.3	5.0	-0.5	-0.3	4.3	4.7	4	23	21	30	14
Wisconsin	3.4	5.0	4.7	1.3	-0.3	4.0	4.1	34	28	30	36	26

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Note: Data varies from other tables due to different sources.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Table 60

Percent of People in Poverty: United States, 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**		
	2000 Percent	2004 Percent	2005 Percent	2003-04 Amount	2004-05 Amount	Standard Error	Two-year Average Difference	2003-05 Amount	Standard Error	Amount Rank
United States	11.3	12.7	12.6	12.6	12.7	0.12	0.1	12.6	0.10	
Mountain States										
Arizona	11.7	14.4	15.2	13.9	14.8	1.00	0.9	14.4	0.86	12
Colorado	9.8	10.0	11.4	9.8	10.7	0.98	0.9	10.4	0.77	34
Idaho	12.5	9.9	9.9	10.0	9.9	0.94	-0.1	10.0	0.79	38
Montana	14.1	14.2	13.8	14.7	14.0	1.10	-0.7	14.4	0.95	12
Nevada	8.8	10.9	10.6	10.9	10.8	1.01	-0.1	10.8	0.81	32
New Mexico	17.5	16.5	17.9	17.3	17.2	1.28	-0.1	17.5	1.09	3
Utah	7.6	10.1	9.2	9.6	9.6	0.86	0.0	9.4	0.72	43
Wyoming	10.8	10.0	10.6	9.9	10.3	1.03	0.4	10.1	0.83	37
Other States										
Alabama	13.3	16.9	16.7	16.0	16.8	1.12	0.8	16.2	0.93	6
Alaska	7.6	9.1	10.0	9.4	9.5	0.95	0.1	9.6	0.78	40
Arkansas	16.5	15.1	13.8	16.4	14.5	1.08	-1.9	15.6	0.95	7
California	12.7	13.2	13.2	13.2	13.2	0.39	0.0	13.2	0.35	16
Connecticut	7.7	10.1	9.3	9.1	9.7	0.92	0.6	9.2	0.73	45
Delaware	8.4	9.0	9.2	8.1	9.1	0.91	1.0	8.5	0.74	47
D.C.	15.2	17.0	21.3	16.9	19.1	1.40	2.2	18.3	1.14	1
Florida	11.0	11.6	11.1	12.2	11.4	0.49	-0.8	11.8	0.44	24
Georgia	12.1	13.0	14.4	12.4	13.7	0.74	1.3	13.1	0.67	17
Hawaii	8.9	8.6	8.6	8.9	8.6	0.83	-0.3	8.8	0.71	46
Illinois	10.7	12.3	11.5	12.5	11.9	0.60	-0.6	12.1	0.52	21
Indiana	8.5	11.6	12.6	10.8	12.1	0.85	1.3	11.4	0.69	29
Iowa	8.3	10.9	11.3	9.9	11.1	1.00	1.2	10.4	0.79	34
Kansas	8.0	11.4	12.5	11.1	12.0	1.05	0.9	11.6	0.84	26
Kentucky	12.6	17.8	14.8	16.1	16.3	1.16	0.2	15.6	0.95	7
Louisiana	17.2	16.8	18.3	16.9	17.6	1.17	0.7	17.4	0.99	4
Maine	10.1	11.6	12.6	11.6	12.1	1.10	0.5	11.9	0.87	23
Maryland	7.4	9.9	9.7	9.3	9.8	0.83	0.5	9.4	0.68	43
Massachusetts	9.8	9.3	10.1	9.8	9.7	0.75	-0.1	9.9	0.63	39
Michigan	9.9	13.3	12.0	12.3	12.6	0.68	0.3	12.2	0.57	20
Minnesota	5.7	7.0	8.1	7.2	7.5	0.75	0.3	7.5	0.61	50
Mississippi	14.9	18.7	20.1	17.4	19.4	1.22	2.0	18.3	1.02	1
Missouri	9.2	12.2	11.6	11.5	11.9	0.89	0.4	11.5	0.74	28
Nebraska	8.6	9.5	9.5	9.6	9.5	0.93	-0.1	9.6	0.77	40
New Hampshire	4.5	5.5	5.6	5.6	5.5	0.73	-0.1	5.6	0.59	51
New Jersey	7.3	8.0	6.8	8.3	7.4	0.58	-0.9	7.8	0.50	49
New York	13.9	15.0	14.5	14.6	14.8	0.54	0.2	14.6	0.46	11
North Carolina	12.5	14.6	13.1	15.1	13.8	0.77	-1.3	14.4	0.68	12
North Dakota	10.4	9.7	11.2	9.7	10.4	0.96	0.7	10.2	0.78	36
Ohio	10.0	11.6	12.3	11.3	11.9	0.62	0.6	11.6	0.53	26
Oklahoma	14.9	10.8	15.6	11.8	13.2	1.07	1.4	13.1	0.88	17
Oregon	10.9	11.8	12.0	12.2	11.9	1.06	-0.3	12.1	0.87	21
Pennsylvania	8.6	11.4	11.2	11.0	11.3	0.59	0.3	11.0	0.49	31
Rhode Island	10.2	11.5	12.1	11.5	11.8	1.06	0.3	11.7	0.84	25
South Carolina	11.1	14.9	15.0	13.8	15.0	1.12	1.2	14.2	0.91	15
South Dakota	10.7	13.5	11.8	13.1	12.7	0.97	-0.4	12.7	0.81	19
Tennessee	13.5	15.9	14.9	15.0	15.4	0.96	0.4	15.0	0.84	10
Texas	15.5	16.5	16.2	16.7	16.3	0.54	-0.4	16.5	0.48	5
Vermont	10.0	7.8	7.6	8.2	7.7	0.89	-0.5	8.0	0.73	48
Virginia	8.3	9.4	9.2	9.7	9.3	0.69	-0.4	9.5	0.61	42
Washington	10.8	11.4	10.2	12.0	10.8	0.83	-1.2	11.4	0.73	29
West Virginia	14.7	14.2	15.4	15.8	14.8	1.02	-1.0	15.6	0.87	7
Wisconsin	9.3	12.4	10.2	11.1	11.3	0.88	0.2	10.8	0.72	32

*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.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, Poverty in the United States: 2005.

