



# Family Income

The wealthiest households continue to reap most of the nation's income. The gap between the rich and non-rich is enormous and still growing. Between 2002 and 2007, income of the wealthiest one percent of U.S. households grew more than 10 times as fast as income of the bottom 90 percent. The income share for the wealthiest 10 percent of households was the highest ever recorded. Median income of families varies significantly from state to state and across races and ethnic groups. Median income for Black families with children is only 55 percent that of White families. The federal minimum wage income of \$7.25 an hour for a full-time year-round worker with two children in most states leaves the family with income about two-thirds of the federal poverty level for a four-person family. Growing unemployment and poverty call for significantly increased income supports for children and their families.

- The monthly Fair Market Rent (FMR) for a two-bedroom apartment in a state's lowest cost metropolitan area is more than 40 percent of the minimum wage in every state and the District of Columbia. In one-third of states, the FMR for a two-bedroom apartment is more than half the minimum wage.
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefit levels were 30 percent or less of the federal poverty level in over half the states in July 2006. Only Alaska, California and New York paid TANF benefits equal to even half the federal poverty level.
- The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) lifts more children out of poverty than any other single program. Working families and individuals with adjusted gross incomes below \$50,000 received more than \$48.7 billion dollars from the EITC in 2007. The Child Tax Credit helped more than 25 million working families, many of them low-income, with more than \$31 billion that year.
- Payments were made in only half of the approximately 12 million child support cases with court orders that came to the attention of the Child Support Enforcement Program in 2006.
- A record high 39.7 million people – about half of them children – received food stamps (now called the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) in February 2010.
- Only one in nine low-income children who received free or reduced-price lunch during the school year is reached by the Summer Food Service Program.

Income of the top one percent of U.S. households grew more than ten times as fast as the income of the bottom 90 percent between 2002 and 2007.

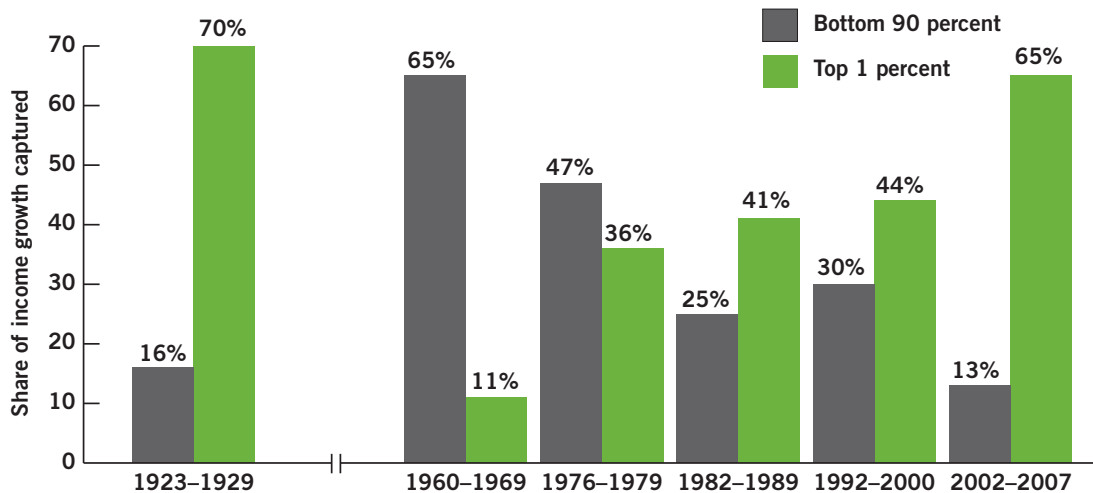
### Average Income Gains, Adjusted for Inflation, 2002–2007

	Dollar increase	Percent increase	Average annual increase
<b>Bottom 90 percent</b>	\$1,206	3.9%	0.8%
<b>Next 9 percent</b>	19,476	13.0	2.5
<b>Top 1 percent</b>	521,127	61.8	10.1
<b>Top 0.1 percent</b>	3,455,384	94.1	14.2

Source: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, “Top 1 Percent of Americans Reaped Two-Thirds of Income Gains in Last Economic Expansion: Income Concentration in 2007 Was at Highest Level Since 1928, New Analysis Shows” (September 9, 2009), Table 1. Based on Internal Revenue Service data analyzed by Thomas Piketty and Emmanuel Saez, available at <http://elsa.berkeley.edu/~saez/TabFig2007.xls>.

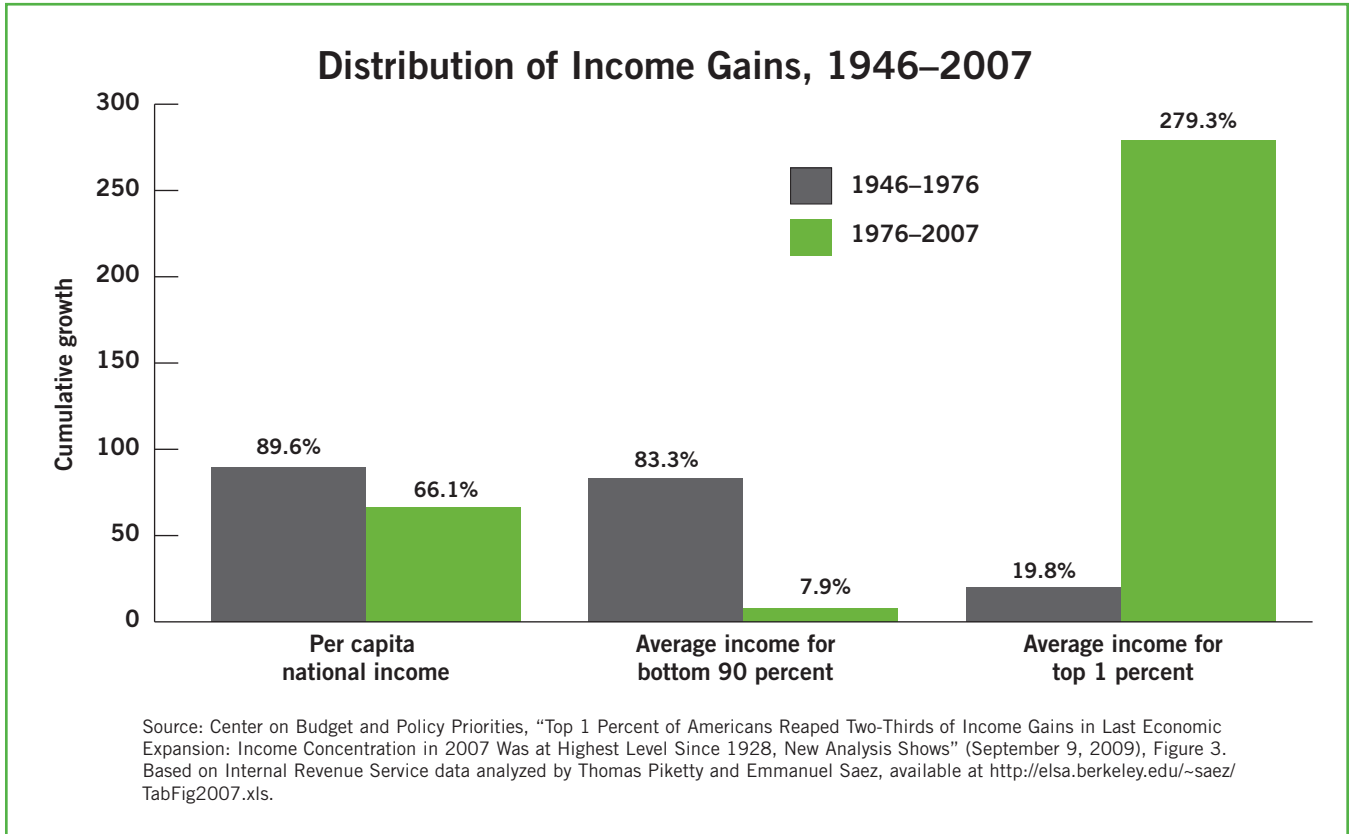
In the 1960s, 65 percent of the nation’s income gains went to the bottom 90 percent of U.S. households. Forty years later, 65 percent of the gains went to the top one percent.

### Share of Nation’s Income Gains

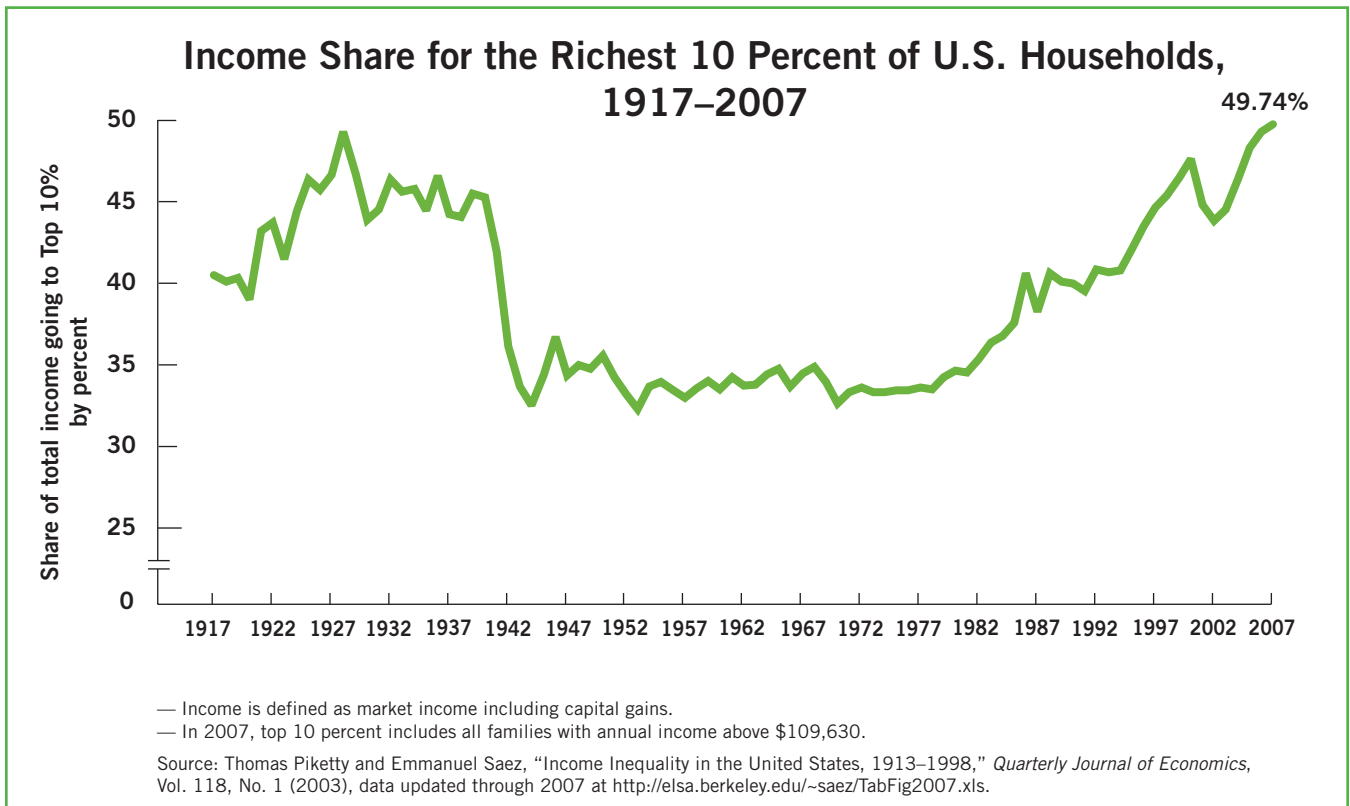


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The average income of the top one percent of households increased 280 percent while income for the bottom 90 percent increased only eight percent over the past three decades.

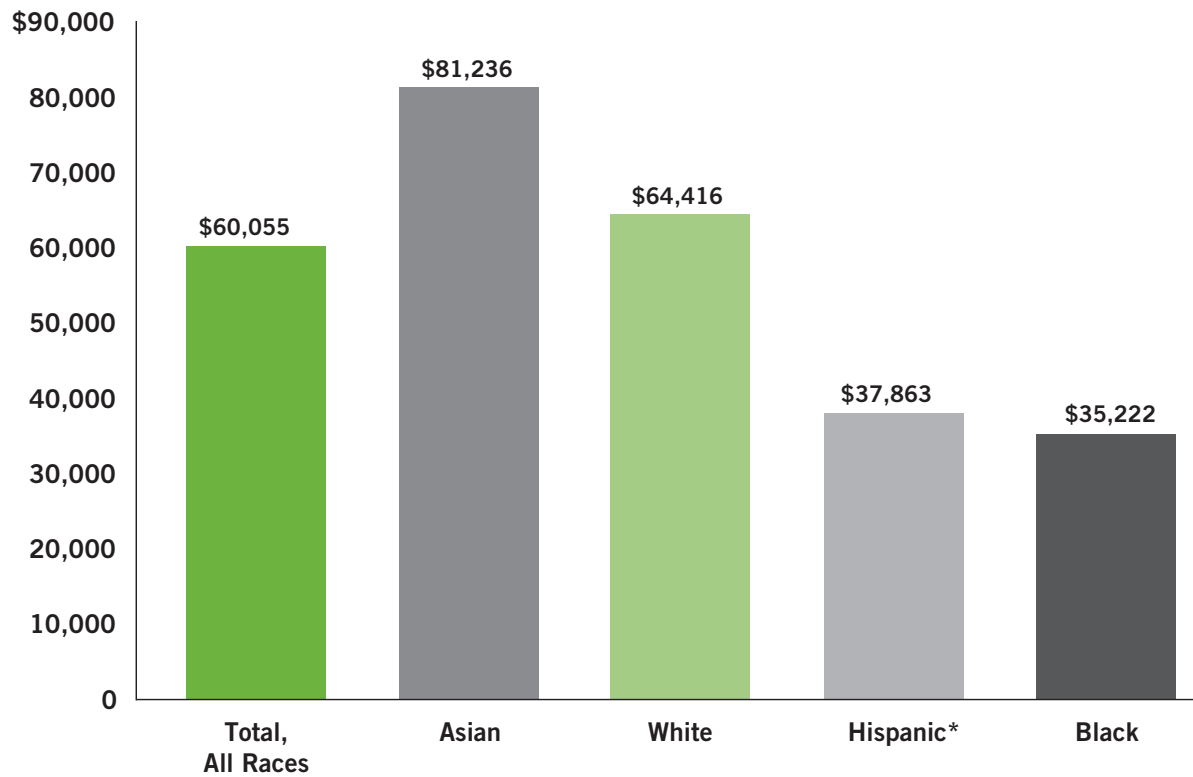


The income share for the wealthiest 10 percent of households in 2007 was the highest ever recorded.



Black families with children have median incomes only 55 percent of those of White families. The median income of Hispanic families is slightly higher than that of Black families.

### Median Income of Families with Children, 2008



\*Persons of Hispanic origin can be of any race.

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, FINC-03. Presence of Related Children Under 18 Years Old – All Families by Total Money Income in 2008, Type of Family, Work Experience in 2008, Race and Hispanic Origin of Reference Person, at [http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/cpstables/032009/faminc/new03\\_000.htm](http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/cpstables/032009/faminc/new03_000.htm).

The median family income for a family of four ranges from a low in New Mexico of \$55,561 to a high in New Jersey of \$103,261.

## Median Family Income, 2007–2008

	Three-person family	Four-person family
Alabama	\$ 55,631	\$ 65,311
Alaska	77,544	85,422
Arizona	62,066	69,452
Arkansas	48,721	57,905
California	70,890	79,477
Colorado	69,977	81,644
Connecticut	86,643	102,124
Delaware	70,075	88,725
District of Columbia	69,294	60,418
Florida	58,574	69,009
Georgia	61,104	68,502
Hawaii	77,539	91,483
Idaho	52,765	62,051
Illinois	71,329	81,465
Indiana	59,650	70,873
Iowa	64,372	72,961
Kansas	63,438	72,610
Kentucky	54,683	64,459
Louisiana	53,461	66,256
Maine	62,076	70,374
Maryland	85,455	101,803
Massachusetts	82,591	99,648
Michigan	61,737	74,824
Minnesota	75,073	86,637
Mississippi	46,685	58,518
Missouri	60,371	71,059
Montana	58,636	65,827
Nebraska	63,702	72,542
Nevada	67,052	71,104
New Hampshire	79,668	93,926
New Jersey	86,070	103,261
New Mexico	50,630	55,561
New York	69,421	82,457
North Carolina	56,930	67,295
North Dakota	62,635	75,140
Ohio	61,772	73,301
Oklahoma	54,522	62,037
Oregon	62,832	72,667
Pennsylvania	67,757	77,867
Rhode Island	76,846	87,002
South Carolina	55,296	65,655
South Dakota	63,153	70,182
Tennessee	54,014	64,228
Texas	59,222	66,381
Utah	61,905	69,990
Vermont	65,326	74,163
Virginia	74,151	85,939
Washington	72,533	82,716
West Virginia	51,836	58,479
Wisconsin	68,123	80,530
Wyoming	65,820	76,964
United States	64,779	75,782

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 2008 American Community Survey, at <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/income/medincsizeandstate.xls>; and U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 2008 American Community Survey, Table B19119.

Only three states—Alaska, California and New York—had Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits equal to half of the federal poverty level. Except for California and Wisconsin, 2006 benefits in all states were at least 30 percent less in real dollars than in 1970.

## AFDC/TANF Benefits, July 1970–July 2006

Maximum monthly benefits for a three-person family

	July 1970		July 2006		
	Actual dollars	Adjusted for inflation (July 2006)*	Actual dollars	Percent change (compared to inflation-adjusted amount)	As percent of 2006 poverty level
Alabama	\$ 65	\$ 339	\$ 215	-36.6%	15.5%
Alaska	328	1,711	923	-46.1	53.4
Arizona	138	720	347	-51.8	25.1
Arkansas	89	464	204	-56.0	14.7
California	186	971	723	-25.5	52.3
Colorado	193	1,007	356	-64.6	25.7
Connecticut	283	1,477	636	-56.9	46.0
Delaware	160	835	338	-59.5	24.4
District of Columbia	195	1,018	407	-60.0	29.4
Florida	114	595	303	-49.1	21.9
Georgia	107	558	280	-49.8	20.2
Hawaii	226	1,179	570	-51.7	35.8
Idaho	211	1,101	309	-71.9	22.3
Illinois	232	1,211	396	-67.3	28.6
Indiana	120	626	288	-54.0	20.8
Iowa	201	1,049	426	-59.4	30.8
Kansas	222	1,158	429	-63.0	31.0
Kentucky	147	767	262	-65.8	18.9
Louisiana	88	459	240	-47.7	17.3
Maine	135	704	485	-31.1	35.1
Maryland	162	845	490	-42.0	35.4
Massachusetts	268	1,398	618	-55.8	44.7
Michigan	219	1,143	459	-59.8	33.2
Minnesota	256	1,336	532	-60.2	38.5
Mississippi	56	292	170	-41.8	12.3
Missouri	104	543	292	-46.2	21.1
Montana	202	1,054	375	-64.4	27.1
Nebraska	171	892	364	-59.2	26.3
Nevada	121	631	348	-44.8	25.2
New Hampshire	262	1,367	625	-54.3	45.2
New Jersey	302	1,576	424	-73.1	30.7
New Mexico	149	777	389	-49.9	28.1
New York	279	1,456	691	-52.5	50.0
North Carolina	145	757	272	-64.1	19.7
North Dakota	213	1,111	477	-57.1	34.5
Ohio	161	840	410	-51.2	29.6
Oklahoma	152	793	292	-63.2	21.1
Oregon	184	960	471	-50.9	34.0
Pennsylvania	265	1,383	421	-69.6	30.4
Rhode Island	229	1,195	554	-53.6	40.0
South Carolina	85	444	240	-45.9	17.3
South Dakota	264	1,378	508	-63.1	36.7
Tennessee	112	584	185	-68.3	13.4
Texas	148	772	223	-71.1	16.1
Utah	175	913	474	-48.1	34.3
Vermont	267	1,393	665	-52.3	48.1
Virginia	225	1,174	389	-66.9	28.1
Washington	258	1,346	546	-59.4	39.5
West Virginia	114	595	340	-42.9	24.6
Wisconsin	184	960	673	-29.9	48.7
Wyoming	213	1,111	340	-69.4	24.6

\*Adjusted by the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U). The CPI-U for July 1970 was 39.0; for July 2006 it was 203.5.

Sources: U.S. Congress, House of Representatives, Committee on Ways and Means, *Green Book 2004*, Table 7–13; U.S. Congress, House of Representatives, Committee on Ways and Means, *Green Book 2008*, Table 7–21; and U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index, at <http://stats.bls.gov/cpi/>. Calculations by Children's Defense Fund.



More than four million adults and children receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)—a 65 percent reduction since August 1996 (when major changes were made in the federal welfare system). More than half the families receiving assistance are one-parent families.

## TANF Recipients and Families, August 1996 and September 2009

	Recipients, September 2009					Families, September 2009			
	Total	Adults	Children	Recipients, August 1996	Percent change	Total	Two-parent families	One-parent families	Children only families
Alabama	47,811	11,726	36,085	100,662	-52.5%	20,071	0	11,508	8,474
Alaska	8,479	2,566	5,913	35,544	-76.1	3,086	0	1,807	923
Arizona	83,236	20,699	62,537	169,442	-50.9	38,368	0	17,616	19,409
Arkansas	19,755	5,458	14,297	56,343	-64.9	8,670	114	5,050	3,412
California	1,355,050	290,982	1,064,068	2,581,948	-47.5	554,268	0	254,990	247,054
Colorado	25,899	6,162	19,737	95,788	-73.0	10,364	0	4,973	4,772
Connecticut	34,645	10,400	24,245	159,246	-78.2	17,305	0	10,262	7,043
Delaware	13,396	5,132	8,264	23,654	-43.4	4,730	0	2,085	2,629
District of Columbia	12,721	2,368	10,353	69,292	-81.6	5,907	0	3,545	2,362
Florida	107,719	22,096	85,623	533,801	-79.8	58,646	0	17,311	39,517
Georgia	38,486	3,446	35,040	330,302	-88.3	21,008	17	3,408	17,600
Hawaii	24,447	7,432	17,015	66,482	-63.2	8,447	8	5,617	1,688
Idaho	2,412	176	2,236	21,780	-88.9	1,600	0	176	1,424
Illinois	55,394	5,639	49,755	642,644	-91.4	20,332	0	5,647	14,685
Indiana	98,804	25,232	73,572	142,604	-30.7	38,392	0	25,108	9,643
Iowa	55,888	18,145	37,743	86,146	-35.1	21,530	306	14,642	5,263
Kansas	37,771	12,215	25,556	63,783	-40.8	14,620	0	9,307	4,029
Kentucky	60,477	12,960	47,517	172,193	-64.9	29,755	0	11,766	17,461
Louisiana	24,170	3,423	20,747	228,115	-89.4	10,752	0	3,346	7,406
Maine	36,026	12,449	23,577	53,873	-33.1	14,005	1,307	9,543	2,817
Maryland	57,609	15,543	42,066	194,127	-70.3	23,942	0	15,698	8,244
Massachusetts	130,072	42,570	87,502	226,030	-42.5	59,635	601	39,290	17,380
Michigan	n/a	n/a	n/a	502,354	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Minnesota	48,387	11,329	37,058	169,744	-71.5	22,407	0	11,651	10,756
Mississippi	25,408	6,575	18,833	123,828	-79.5	12,018	0	6,486	5,532
Missouri	94,690	29,745	64,945	222,820	-57.5	39,182	0	29,983	9,199
Montana	9,174	2,693	6,481	29,130	-68.5	3,622	0	1,872	1,381
Nebraska	21,154	4,924	16,230	38,592	-45.2	8,588	0	5,011	3,577
Nevada	24,481	6,334	18,147	34,261	-28.5	9,500	0	4,483	4,137
New Hampshire	13,183	3,816	9,367	22,937	-42.5	6,037	1	3,488	2,397
New Jersey	76,818	22,344	54,474	275,637	-72.1	32,519	0	22,520	9,999
New Mexico	49,108	13,404	35,704	99,661	-50.7	18,354	0	11,233	6,338
New York	386,303	105,785	280,518	1,143,962	-66.2	154,045	947	92,783	58,916
North Carolina	55,567	10,730	44,837	267,326	-79.2	27,678	34	10,020	17,304
North Dakota	5,145	1,294	3,851	13,146	-60.9	2,056	368	1,551	505
Ohio	227,363	62,282	165,081	549,312	-58.6	99,084	0	46,584	45,172
Oklahoma	21,598	4,219	17,379	96,201	-77.5	9,584	0	4,219	5,365
Oregon	73,287	22,942	50,345	78,419	-6.5	28,479	438	18,386	7,908
Pennsylvania	126,417	31,848	94,569	531,059	-76.2	52,013	0	30,010	21,398
Rhode Island	15,523	4,508	11,015	56,560	-72.6	6,934	0	4,520	2,362
South Carolina	43,503	10,786	32,717	114,273	-61.9	18,512	0	11,061	7,451
South Dakota	6,584	1,030	5,554	15,896	-58.6	3,159	0	1,030	2,129
Tennessee	161,733	45,225	116,508	254,818	-36.5	62,372	684	48,232	12,345
Texas	108,144	14,915	93,229	649,018	-83.3	47,856	0	14,646	33,210
Utah	17,920	5,442	12,478	39,073	-54.1	6,936	0	4,057	2,879
Vermont	6,959	2,105	4,854	24,331	-71.4	3,061	47	1,498	1,261
Virginia	83,131	24,251	58,880	152,845	-45.6	36,800	0	25,178	11,622
Washington	153,888	50,267	103,621	268,927	-42.8	65,614	125	37,387	21,942
West Virginia	21,225	5,919	15,306	89,039	-76.2	9,450	0	4,668	4,782
Wisconsin	43,391	8,331	35,060	148,888	-70.9	19,569	78	7,066	12,195
Wyoming	583	99	484	11,398	-94.9	291	0	92	195
United States	4,250,934	1,049,961	3,200,973	12,077,254	-64.8	1,791,153	5,075	932,410	765,492

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Sources: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Family Assistance, Caseload Data 1996–1999, at <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ofa/data-reports/caseload/afdc/1996/1996.xls>; and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Family Assistance, TANF Caseload Data 2009, at [http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ofa/data-reports/caseload/2009/2009\\_3\\_tanssp.xls](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ofa/data-reports/caseload/2009/2009_3_tanssp.xls). Calculations by Children's Defense Fund.



**24.6 million working families and individuals received almost \$48.7 billion from the EITC in 2007 and most went to low wage workers with no or limited tax liability.**

**Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), 2007**

	Federal EITC				State EITC	
	Total claims		Refundable claims		Does state have its own EITC?	Is it refundable?
	Number of filers	Amount (in 1,000s)	Number of filers	Amount (in 1,000s)		
Alabama	531,511	\$ 1,221,396	484,306	\$ 1,099,425		
Alaska	43,162	70,296	36,933	62,167		
Arizona	468,098	924,466	415,514	824,216		
Arkansas	303,618	637,797	271,945	572,311		
California	2,729,208	5,311,267	2,309,375	4,439,094		
Colorado	300,892	529,992	256,090	461,200		
Connecticut	189,662	333,361	161,795	293,456		
Delaware	64,685	121,774	57,411	110,151	Yes	No
District of Columbia	50,677	91,561	45,174	82,743	Yes	Yes
Florida	1,810,981	3,579,925	1,571,372	3,072,116		
Georgia	1,006,290	2,219,893	909,768	1,969,355		
Hawaii	96,043	164,710	81,863	146,838		
Idaho	115,917	215,286	100,244	186,915		
Illinois	946,867	1,894,797	828,108	1,647,184	Yes	Yes
Indiana	492,353	933,890	436,790	839,177	Yes	Yes
Iowa	194,557	341,901	167,092	302,240	Yes	Yes
Kansas	195,798	358,467	171,799	321,910	Yes	Yes
Kentucky	384,236	734,795	339,447	652,204		
Louisiana	526,030	1,216,077	479,456	1,097,991	Yes	Yes
Maine	96,183	163,376	79,526	137,239	Yes	Yes
Maryland	372,774	693,211	325,317	605,461	Yes	Yes
Massachusetts	348,577	592,854	292,898	515,843	Yes	Yes
Michigan	750,743	1,456,800	660,917	1,272,656	Yes	Yes
Minnesota	304,600	523,462	259,919	456,916	Yes	Yes
Mississippi	402,114	945,143	369,383	862,582		
Missouri	489,777	942,096	430,677	841,236		
Montana	77,920	137,427	66,044	119,590		
Nebraska	123,144	224,630	106,755	200,172	Yes	Yes
Nevada	192,465	351,437	169,279	313,348		
New Hampshire	70,776	115,573	57,924	97,528		
New Jersey	531,751	1,007,495	457,253	870,458	Yes	Yes
New Mexico	210,318	413,508	188,049	373,147	Yes	Yes
New York	1,626,782	3,142,063	1,369,431	2,623,278	Yes	Yes
North Carolina	860,966	1,761,511	767,173	1,575,190	Yes	Yes
North Dakota	41,538	71,975	35,515	63,983		
Ohio	888,325	1,697,471	784,389	1,517,454		
Oklahoma	333,169	659,567	294,324	583,935	Yes	Yes
Oregon	254,771	442,895	218,229	386,399	Yes	Yes
Pennsylvania	855,479	1,559,547	744,708	1,392,163		
Rhode Island	74,630	140,582	64,921	123,268	Yes	Yes
South Carolina	472,489	979,071	426,460	889,541		
South Dakota	60,141	108,316	52,120	97,189		
Tennessee	614,704	1,238,129	542,229	1,085,844		
Texas	2,417,422	5,368,194	2,159,616	4,666,952		
Utah	156,071	292,123	138,078	257,519		
Vermont	41,357	65,595	33,221	54,403	Yes	Yes
Virginia	545,436	1,028,080	478,367	916,096	Yes	No
Washington	394,028	693,986	338,631	610,119	Yes	Yes
West Virginia	155,013	281,098	137,498	254,974		
Wisconsin	340,967	605,637	294,264	536,571	Yes	Yes
Wyoming	33,987	57,720	29,117	51,358		
United States	24,589,002	48,662,223	21,496,714	42,533,105		

Source: U.S. Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service, Historical Table 2, SOI Bulletin, at <http://www.irs.gov/taxstats/article/0,,id=171535,00.html>; and Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Policy Basics: State Earned Income Tax Credits (August 27, 2009). Calculations by Children's Defense Fund.

More than 25 million families received over \$31 billion in child tax credits in 2007.

## Child Tax Credit, 2007

	Number of filers	Amount claimed (in \$1,000s)
Alabama	415,056	\$ 470,213
Alaska	74,561	93,384
Arizona	553,069	658,579
Arkansas	240,307	275,602
California	3,024,890	3,466,146
Colorado	426,068	539,688
Connecticut	284,182	358,401
Delaware	77,989	95,478
District of Columbia	33,754	32,618
Florida	1,412,379	1,557,211
Georgia	848,822	948,121
Hawaii	112,968	142,987
Idaho	139,544	184,103
Illinois	1,103,568	1,379,237
Indiana	597,946	777,999
Iowa	270,765	373,338
Kansas	259,590	342,404
Kentucky	360,527	443,251
Louisiana	399,300	455,636
Maine	104,675	131,822
Maryland	486,739	577,079
Massachusetts	490,363	630,029
Michigan	821,947	1,076,230
Minnesota	457,426	623,104
Mississippi	270,813	289,400
Missouri	503,580	633,677
Montana	75,979	98,400
Nebraska	164,652	226,127
Nevada	254,578	303,017
New Hampshire	114,862	152,403
New Jersey	716,454	863,218
New Mexico	173,398	204,043
New York	1,389,387	1,656,341
North Carolina	813,005	923,835
North Dakota	55,290	77,164
Ohio	1,008,436	1,297,093
Oklahoma	316,133	387,349
Oregon	292,853	364,189
Pennsylvania	1,019,297	1,309,467
Rhode Island	84,469	103,306
South Carolina	395,658	443,391
South Dakota	69,371	94,856
Tennessee	535,769	624,558
Texas	2,251,344	2,638,273
Utah	276,814	398,653
Vermont	50,624	65,543
Virginia	664,030	807,549
Washington	569,108	723,536
West Virginia	137,014	172,913
Wisconsin	501,636	674,625
Wyoming	50,495	70,623
United States	25,751,484	\$ 31,236,209

Source: U.S. Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service, Historical Table 2, SOI Bulletin, at <http://www.irs.gov/taxstats/article/0,,id=171535,00.htm>. Calculations by Children's Defense Fund.

More than three-quarters of child support cases in 2006 had court orders but only about half received payments. In 20 states there were collections in fewer than half the cases.

## Child Support Enforcement, 2006

	Caseload	Cases with court order	Percent with court order	Cases with payment	Percent with payment
Alabama	226,838	185,315	81.7%	121,588	53.6%
Alaska	44,989	41,500	92.2	32,728	72.7
Arizona	211,039	155,258	73.6	104,458	49.5
Arkansas	122,667	102,559	83.6	78,223	63.8
California	1,705,561	1,373,276	80.5	769,372	45.1
Colorado	142,154	122,641	86.3	104,098	73.2
Connecticut	202,174	143,001	70.7	91,471	45.2
Delaware	56,971	42,789	75.1	27,837	48.9
District of Columbia	77,651	35,278	45.4	18,071	23.3
Florida	742,584	547,872	73.8	430,865	58.0
Georgia	482,495	361,008	74.8	224,633	46.6
Hawaii	102,023	59,672	58.5	27,619	27.1
Idaho	110,112	86,936	79.0	52,706	47.9
Illinois	602,533	402,438	66.8	228,804	38.0
Indiana	355,757	243,490	68.4	170,247	47.9
Iowa	184,197	158,171	85.9	142,974	77.6
Kansas	130,845	97,760	74.7	71,511	54.7
Kentucky	320,412	255,373	79.7	156,120	48.7
Louisiana	284,244	207,781	73.1	128,127	45.1
Maine	67,045	58,777	87.7	39,909	59.5
Maryland	265,146	205,914	77.7	152,646	57.6
Massachusetts	273,213	203,994	74.7	118,844	43.5
Michigan	958,128	764,500	79.8	429,883	44.9
Minnesota	249,944	206,309	82.5	160,413	64.2
Mississippi	301,355	163,133	54.1	118,216	39.2
Missouri	367,918	304,641	82.8	197,617	53.7
Montana	40,048	33,300	83.2	26,643	66.5
Nebraska	104,974	82,324	78.4	64,733	61.7
Nevada	111,258	74,317	66.8	50,441	45.3
New Hampshire	36,747	30,330	82.5	26,291	71.5
New Jersey	359,530	294,424	81.9	234,043	65.1
New Mexico	68,210	37,618	55.2	29,381	43.1
New York	893,768	728,908	81.6	460,127	51.5
North Carolina	410,399	332,631	81.1	271,333	66.1
North Dakota	41,029	31,626	77.1	24,437	59.6
Ohio	956,541	701,380	73.3	542,352	56.7
Oklahoma	174,065	121,199	69.6	90,883	52.2
Oregon	251,412	166,833	66.4	115,341	45.9
Pennsylvania	550,150	464,874	84.5	421,185	76.6
Rhode Island	58,171	34,019	58.5	20,991	36.1
South Carolina	212,085	160,444	75.7	100,225	47.3
South Dakota	45,746	30,119	65.8	25,566	55.9
Tennessee	386,180	246,671	63.9	178,090	46.1
Texas	980,497	811,184	82.7	657,908	67.1
Utah	78,083	68,269	87.4	60,744	77.8
Vermont	22,711	19,496	85.8	16,419	72.3
Virginia	351,930	299,804	85.2	216,883	61.6
Washington	344,972	309,979	89.9	256,026	74.2
West Virginia	113,473	96,915	85.4	68,423	60.3
Wisconsin	359,126	300,940	83.8	224,884	62.6
Wyoming	35,099	29,215	83.2	23,985	68.3
United States	15,574,199	12,036,205	77.3	8,406,314	54.0

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Support Enforcement, *FY 2006 Annual Report to Congress*, Tables 51, 55 and 61, at [http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cse/pubs/2009/reports/annual\\_report/](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cse/pubs/2009/reports/annual_report/). Calculations by Children's Defense Fund.

The Supplemental Security Income Program helped more than one million children with disabilities in December 2008.

## Children Receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI), December 2008

Alabama	29,280
Alaska	1,188
Arizona	19,023
Arkansas	22,914
California	105,820
Colorado	7,706
Connecticut	7,336
Delaware	3,486
District of Columbia	4,488
Florida	84,349
Georgia	37,511
Hawaii	1,606
Idaho	4,728
Illinois	45,149
Indiana	23,620
Iowa	7,684
Kansas	7,879
Kentucky	29,715
Louisiana	32,711
Maine	3,736
Maryland	16,163
Massachusetts	20,972
Michigan	39,095
Minnesota	12,297
Mississippi	22,946
Missouri	21,293
Montana	2,260
Nebraska	3,781
Nevada	6,817
New Hampshire	2,213
New Jersey	23,824
New Mexico	8,515
New York	77,436
North Carolina	40,565
North Dakota	1,044
Ohio	45,911
Oklahoma	16,194
Oregon	8,891
Pennsylvania	66,304
Rhode Island	4,172
South Carolina	19,630
South Dakota	2,199
Tennessee	23,859
Texas	112,875
Utah	4,803
Vermont	1,783
Virginia	23,222
Washington	16,063
West Virginia	9,233
Wisconsin	18,475
Wyoming	810
United States	1,153,574

Source: SSI Annual Statistical Report, 2008 (September 2009), Table 17, at [http://www.socialsecurity.gov/policy/docs/statcomps/ssi\\_asr/2008](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/policy/docs/statcomps/ssi_asr/2008).  
Calculations by Children's Defense Fund.

More than 3 million children of disabled, deceased or retired workers receive Social Security benefits.

## Children Receiving Social Security Benefits, December 2008

	Children under age 18				Students ages 18–19			
	Total	Children of:			Total	Children of:		
		Disabled workers	Deceased workers	Retired workers		Disabled workers	Deceased workers	Retired workers
Alabama	76,568	42,389	28,527	5,654	4,271	2,008	1,848	415
Alaska	7,132	2,361	3,769	1,002	316	88	186	42
Arizona	59,539	27,781	26,328	5,436	2,562	894	1,318	350
Arkansas	47,248	27,303	16,731	3,219	2,251	1,051	983	217
California	276,040	120,590	120,213	35,254	7,996	2,591	4,123	1,282
Colorado	36,156	15,804	17,109	3,242	1,661	574	901	186
Connecticut	30,750	15,804	12,046	2,901	994	386	466	142
Delaware	9,409	4,724	3,983	703	442	192	209	41
District of Columbia	4,946	1,571	2,812	563	145	28	99	18
Florida	181,086	82,422	77,194	21,482	8,794	3,006	4,386	1,402
Georgia	101,770	46,117	46,787	8,874	5,823	2,142	3,010	671
Hawaii	11,120	4,180	4,691	2,250	173	49	82	42
Idaho	15,050	7,587	6,200	1,263	616	221	307	88
Illinois	114,345	53,080	49,681	11,594	5,743	1,987	2,932	824
Indiana	69,474	35,464	29,156	4,855	4,834	1,989	2,335	510
Iowa	25,408	12,761	10,877	1,772	1,314	515	670	129
Kansas	26,110	12,639	11,540	1,933	1,344	501	703	140
Kentucky	64,508	39,580	21,527	3,405	2,911	1,494	1,189	228
Louisiana	63,492	30,605	28,293	4,600	2,935	1,101	1,543	291
Maine	17,586	11,845	4,723	1,019	711	396	253	62
Maryland	49,508	19,907	25,131	4,473	1,245	344	750	151
Massachusetts	64,293	40,346	19,529	4,420	2,672	1,264	1,080	328
Michigan	113,012	59,394	44,003	9,618	5,331	2,143	2,558	630
Minnesota	39,720	21,224	16,002	2,498	2,209	894	1,091	224
Mississippi	52,753	27,678	20,870	4,210	3,055	1,288	1,455	312
Missouri	71,238	37,638	28,957	4,645	4,210	1,806	2,005	399
Montana	9,737	4,327	4,400	1,010	539	169	303	67
Nebraska	14,927	7,451	6,438	1,039	798	343	384	71
Nevada	22,729	9,581	10,465	2,683	695	200	372	123
New Hampshire	15,469	10,066	4,577	828	646	327	250	69
New Jersey	75,184	36,352	31,089	7,745	3,134	1,167	1,510	457
New Mexico	23,588	10,590	10,890	2,110	1,001	329	538	134
New York	183,314	101,705	61,212	20,400	6,085	2,434	2,707	944
North Carolina	103,679	54,261	41,977	7,443	4,870	2,010	2,372	488
North Dakota	4,937	2,357	2,255	325	292	102	165	25
Ohio	108,935	54,248	46,546	8,154	6,600	2,630	3,255	715
Oklahoma	44,583	21,677	19,618	3,289	2,623	1,002	1,356	265
Oregon	30,236	13,830	12,891	3,519	1,394	457	721	216
Pennsylvania	132,538	73,020	50,020	9,505	6,721	2,852	3,130	739
Rhode Island	10,914	6,728	3,386	801	306	133	139	34
South Carolina	57,487	28,936	23,993	4,560	2,964	1,246	1,421	297
South Dakota	6,999	3,090	3,411	500	390	125	227	38
Tennessee	80,762	41,501	33,494	5,766	3,986	1,568	2,049	369
Texas	232,676	105,520	106,904	20,265	11,138	3,802	5,995	1,341
Utah	22,623	9,325	11,410	1,892	707	221	390	96
Vermont	6,832	4,133	2,070	631	291	131	119	41
Virginia	75,131	38,368	30,623	6,143	3,585	1,423	1,726	436
Washington	50,851	24,906	21,003	4,948	2,753	987	1,381	385
West Virginia	28,656	17,792	9,082	1,783	1,433	748	557	128
Wisconsin	49,969	26,807	19,745	3,418	2,504	1,034	1,175	295
Wyoming	4,796	1,902	2,520	374	234	74	133	27
United States	3,025,813	1,509,267	1,246,698	270,016	140,247	54,466	68,857	16,924

Source: Social Security Administration, *Annual Statistical Supplement to the Social Security Bulletin, 2009* (February 2010), Table 5.J10. Calculations by Children's Defense Fund.

In every state and the District of Columbia, the monthly Fair Market Rent for a two-bedroom apartment is more than 40 percent of the state's minimum wage. In 17 of these the rent is far beyond affordability at more than half of the state minimum wage.

## Rental Housing Affordability Fair Market Rent vs. Minimum Wage, 2010

	Monthly Fair Market Rent (FMR) two-bedroom apt.*	Minimum wage**		FMR as percent of minimum wage
		Hourly	Monthly	
Alabama	\$ 536	\$ 7.25	\$ 1,257	42.6%
Alaska	981	7.25	1,257	78.0
Arizona	788	7.25	1,257	62.7
Arkansas	515	7.25	1,257	41.0
California	672	8.00	1,387	48.4
Colorado	678	7.25	1,257	53.9
Connecticut	947	8.25	1,430	66.2
Delaware	838	7.25	1,257	66.7
District of Columbia	1,364	8.25	1,430	95.4
Florida	588	7.25	1,257	46.8
Georgia	548	7.25	1,257	43.6
Hawaii	1,704	7.25	1,257	135.6
Idaho	617	7.25	1,257	49.1
Illinois	563	8.00	1,387	40.6
Indiana	588	7.25	1,257	46.8
Iowa	547	7.25	1,257	43.5
Kansas	567	7.25	1,257	45.1
Kentucky	570	7.25	1,257	45.3
Louisiana	567	7.25	1,257	45.1
Maine	667	7.25	1,257	53.1
Maryland	588	7.25	1,257	46.8
Massachusetts	801	8.00	1,387	57.8
Michigan	606	7.40	1,283	47.2
Minnesota	596	7.25	1,257	47.4
Mississippi	567	7.25	1,257	45.1
Missouri	517	7.25	1,257	41.1
Montana	591	7.25	1,257	47.0
Nebraska	551	7.25	1,257	43.8
Nevada	911	7.55	1,309	69.6
New Hampshire	991	7.25	1,257	78.8
New Jersey	951	7.25	1,257	75.7
New Mexico	576	7.50	1,300	44.3
New York	723	7.25	1,257	57.5
North Carolina	588	7.25	1,257	46.8
North Dakota	565	7.25	1,257	44.9
Ohio	588	7.30	1,265	46.5
Oklahoma	557	7.25	1,257	44.3
Oregon	675	8.40	1,456	46.4
Pennsylvania	579	7.25	1,257	46.1
Rhode Island	963	7.40	1,283	75.1
South Carolina	554	7.25	1,257	44.1
South Dakota	546	7.25	1,257	43.4
Tennessee	543	7.25	1,257	43.2
Texas	588	7.25	1,257	46.8
Utah	663	7.25	1,257	52.7
Vermont	1,116	8.06	1,397	79.9
Virginia	571	7.25	1,257	45.4
Washington	642	8.55	1,482	43.3
West Virginia	543	7.25	1,257	43.2
Wisconsin	588	7.25	1,257	46.8
Wyoming	662	7.25	1,257	52.7
United States		7.25	1,257	

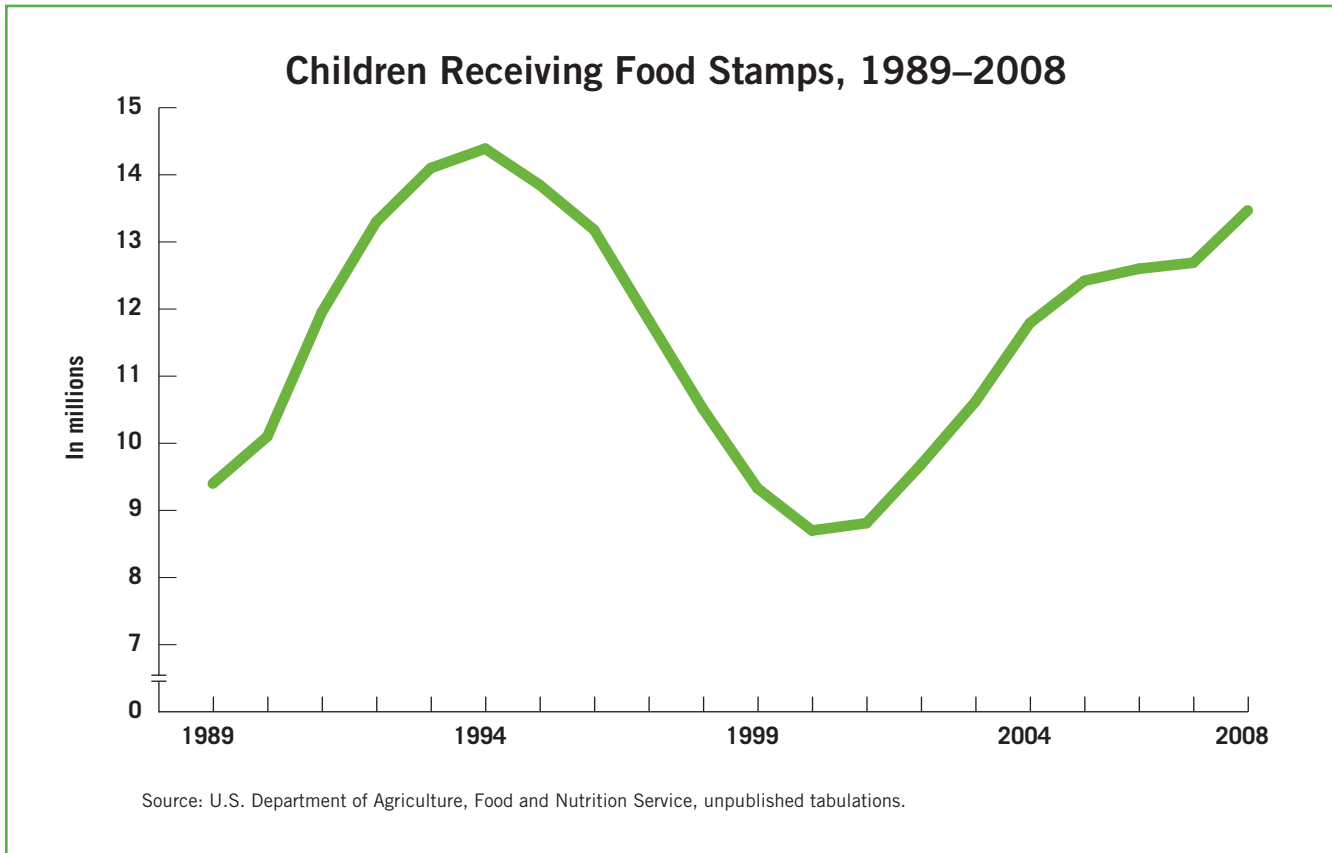
Sources: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, "Proposed Fair Market Rents for the Housing Choice Voucher Program and Moderate Rehabilitation Single Room Occupancy Program, Fiscal Year 2010," *Federal Register*, Vol. 74, No. 148 (August 4, 2009), pp. 38716–38764; and U.S. Department of Labor, Employment Standards Administration, Age and Hour Division, "Minimum Wage Laws in the States – January 1, 2010," at <<http://www.dol.gov/esa/minwage/america.htm>>. Calculations by Children's Defense Fund.

\* Rent for a two-bedroom apartment in the lowest cost metropolitan area in the state.

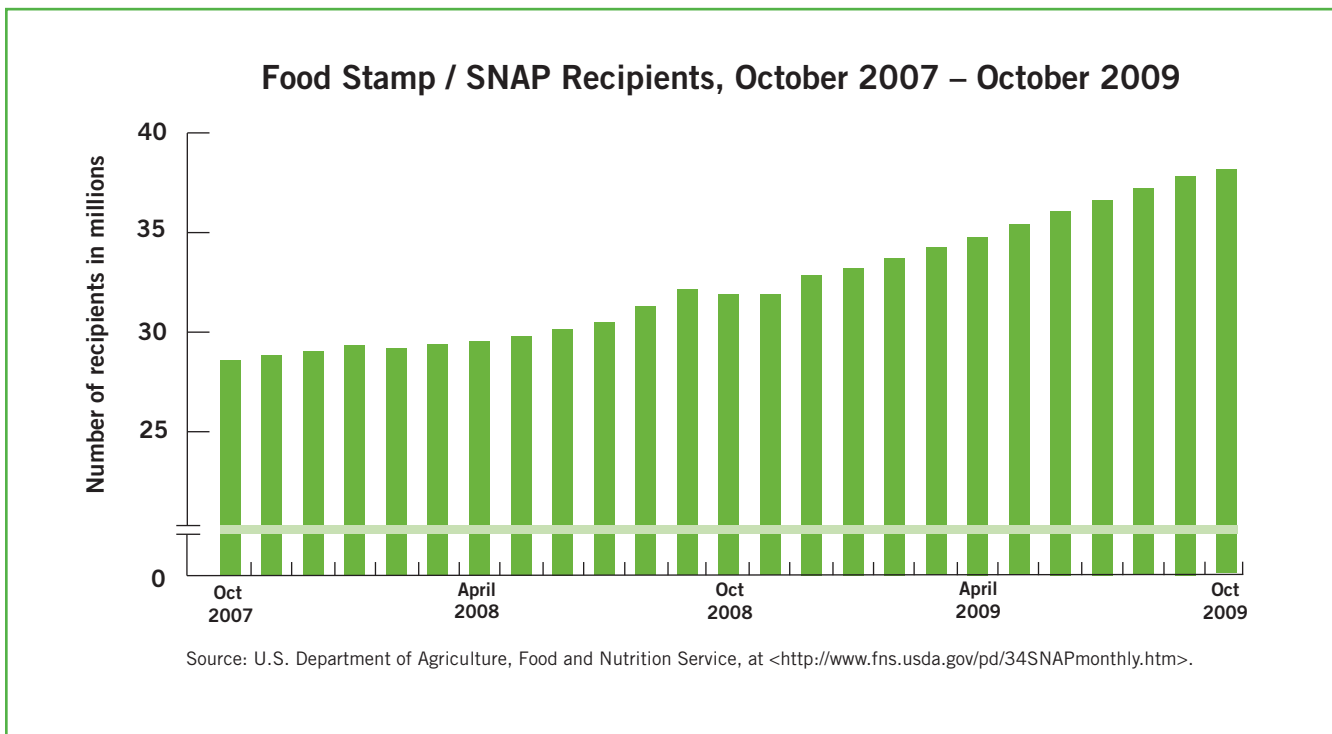
\*\*In all but 13 states, the state minimum wage is the same as the federal minimum wage.

For further information, see National Low Income Housing Coalition, *Out of Reach 2009, Persistent Problems, New Challenges for Renters*, April 2009, at [www.nlihc.org/oor2009](http://www.nlihc.org/oor2009).

After peaking in 1994, the number of children receiving food stamps has been rising rapidly again since 2000.



The 38.2 million people receiving food stamps in October 2009 was the largest number ever receiving benefits.





During 2008 an average of 13.5 million children received food stamps each month, an increase of more than 44 percent since 1999.

## Number of Children Receiving Food Stamps, FY 1989–FY 2008

	FY 1989	FY 1994	FY 1999	FY 2004	FY 2007	FY 2008
Alabama	203,627	280,653	216,200	256,164	276,831	291,898
Alaska	13,852	24,710	20,743	26,409	25,630	26,523
Arizona	142,460	280,587	150,380	297,908	298,550	341,683
Arkansas	103,406	134,327	130,021	160,903	176,187	177,424
California	1,130,068	2,206,228	1,336,701	1,241,903	1,296,318	1,390,566
Colorado	108,030	142,831	84,579	123,636	127,338	129,819
Connecticut	62,617	123,647	86,894	87,480	80,830	84,597
Delaware	15,639	28,661	19,432	28,835	33,312	37,847
District of Columbia	29,772	52,408	42,400	40,083	34,796	35,532
Florida	319,164	748,014	425,329	532,930	546,972	640,032
Georgia	247,169	415,623	328,559	421,231	474,327	516,910
Hawaii	39,780	56,673	61,446	41,147	36,989	38,777
Idaho	29,783	43,834	29,799	45,628	44,148	51,601
Illinois	480,701	546,825	397,268	529,423	593,394	605,282
Indiana	139,258	254,607	159,095	259,955	279,973	297,523
Iowa	80,704	96,003	60,457	83,382	105,476	111,610
Kansas	60,856	89,723	56,731	78,205	84,800	84,907
Kentucky	190,408	228,424	167,608	235,191	251,041	257,537
Louisiana	356,575	403,454	280,474	355,683	307,897	323,236
Maine	38,077	59,146	41,572	50,107	61,232	64,234
Maryland	127,879	206,048	142,036	129,061	145,358	159,185
Massachusetts	153,172	240,069	131,011	178,840	191,733	207,960
Michigan	445,279	539,922	343,440	449,409	530,380	526,251
Minnesota	120,559	175,763	95,861	114,724	134,878	139,669
Mississippi	224,555	252,405	152,968	200,443	207,351	217,663
Missouri	192,188	295,224	197,603	291,754	427,138	459,828
Montana	26,322	35,654	28,819	37,002	34,452	34,988
Nebraska	45,161	62,558	45,471	58,361	59,053	59,931
Nevada	19,408	45,887	28,936	59,580	59,270	69,267
New Hampshire	9,273	30,016	19,239	24,456	25,313	25,913
New Jersey	191,648	290,707	193,346	176,165	192,124	206,272
New Mexico	75,537	126,461	92,563	118,897	121,240	123,018
New York	722,389	1,094,408	718,290	641,795	711,247	779,428
North Carolina	177,509	313,632	258,261	385,631	430,347	459,199
North Dakota	18,890	22,968	16,147	18,638	20,513	21,997
Ohio	492,247	598,321	305,001	466,333	490,566	523,686
Oklahoma	123,659	190,671	131,670	180,314	198,018	193,676
Oregon	90,838	134,838	103,126	185,357	183,006	185,055
Pennsylvania	441,560	544,571	395,157	447,651	479,009	502,300
Rhode Island	29,370	51,496	41,458	39,641	35,963	38,382
South Carolina	137,577	205,812	157,901	250,296	257,284	271,376
South Dakota	25,213	24,734	22,140	28,656	29,105	30,856
Tennessee	230,158	347,335	217,141	344,082	374,945	394,134
Texas	846,306	1,406,259	800,811	1,256,104	1,365,363	1,412,481
Utah	52,402	68,105	53,059	67,001	63,880	70,383
Vermont	14,362	29,579	18,208	15,969	18,822	21,322
Virginia	148,798	275,223	168,992	217,235	235,793	254,592
Washington	153,771	231,318	152,780	192,982	219,633	246,904
West Virginia	111,043	135,908	96,025	109,115	104,475	108,705
Wisconsin	175,538	181,645	96,597	176,275	202,616	207,662
Wyoming	14,572	16,868	12,554	14,199	10,681	11,320
United States	9,429,127	14,390,783	9,332,299	11,772,169	12,695,597	13,470,941

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, unpublished tabulations from Fiscal Year QC database.

More than 30 million children participate in the National School Lunch Program.  
About 60 percent of them receive free or reduced-price meals.

## National School Lunch Program Participation, FY 2008

	Free	Reduced Price	Paid	Total
Alabama	304,558	53,624	228,660	586,842
Alaska	28,093	6,233	17,586	51,911
Arizona	358,875	68,775	219,996	647,645
Arkansas	195,435	36,467	116,957	348,858
California	1,914,449	408,321	798,635	3,121,406
Colorado	165,422	36,229	175,098	376,748
Connecticut	118,005	25,906	172,685	316,596
Delaware	37,869	6,144	44,338	88,351
District of Columbia	28,529	3,298	10,919	42,746
Florida	861,701	189,409	506,627	1,557,738
Georgia	658,549	124,680	500,729	1,283,958
Hawaii	35,202	13,018	53,050	101,270
Idaho	66,283	22,878	79,296	168,458
Illinois	625,379	92,112	420,644	1,138,135
Indiana	296,123	72,417	394,787	763,328
Iowa	114,461	33,378	244,337	392,175
Kansas	126,310	39,811	184,562	350,683
Kentucky	267,265	50,401	231,239	548,904
Louisiana	339,521	46,049	199,964	585,533
Maine	44,492	10,118	53,886	108,496
Maryland	181,781	47,999	211,173	440,953
Massachusetts	210,306	38,730	308,788	557,824
Michigan	429,361	81,650	390,474	901,486
Minnesota	178,219	54,894	379,047	612,159
Mississippi	263,617	38,389	102,688	404,694
Missouri	268,599	60,956	309,606	639,160
Montana	32,818	9,600	44,064	86,482
Nebraska	77,396	25,545	137,015	239,956
Nevada	101,280	24,908	69,559	195,747
New Hampshire	25,622	8,498	78,740	112,861
New Jersey	278,807	62,454	328,498	669,759
New Mexico	135,160	23,849	58,083	217,092
New York	965,631	178,594	673,426	1,817,651
North Carolina	491,422	99,730	374,408	965,560
North Dakota	21,110	6,732	52,196	80,038
Ohio	479,927	94,449	531,084	1,105,460
Oklahoma	228,550	45,115	150,755	424,419
Oregon	158,321	33,893	115,946	308,159
Pennsylvania	434,085	99,226	611,505	1,144,816
Rhode Island	44,772	6,725	32,418	83,915
South Carolina	279,896	43,067	176,111	499,074
South Dakota	34,910	10,011	60,698	105,620
Tennessee	364,301	62,732	268,337	695,370
Texas	1,905,987	317,469	949,344	3,172,799
Utah	99,543	38,383	189,665	327,591
Vermont	17,985	5,443	31,391	54,819
Virginia	273,203	69,816	408,870	751,889
Washington	235,841	66,678	226,179	528,698
West Virginia	96,844	21,130	93,132	211,106
Wisconsin	194,276	52,841	349,994	597,111
Wyoming	15,880	6,767	32,434	55,081
United States	15,111,971	3,075,543	12,399,621	30,587,134

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, unpublished tabulations.

More than 80 percent of the 10.5 million children in the National School Breakfast Program receive free or reduced-price breakfasts.

## National School Breakfast Program Participation, FY 2008

	Free	Reduced Price	Paid	Total
Alabama	153,377	17,352	34,999	205,728
Alaska	10,320	1,673	3,027	15,020
Arizona	155,327	22,173	41,933	219,432
Arkansas	110,915	14,419	25,810	151,143
California	834,132	134,850	143,367	1,112,349
Colorado	64,958	11,639	21,596	98,193
Connecticut	46,743	5,153	11,838	63,734
Delaware	19,414	2,294	9,277	30,985
District of Columbia	14,292	1,602	5,054	20,948
Florida	407,903	63,915	128,240	600,058
Georgia	384,978	52,725	113,311	551,014
Hawaii	16,843	4,495	13,237	34,575
Idaho	40,761	8,732	18,595	68,087
Illinois	222,690	18,311	37,019	278,020
Indiana	137,474	19,109	39,683	196,266
Iowa	47,004	7,995	26,369	81,369
Kansas	59,370	12,160	20,447	91,977
Kentucky	162,335	21,661	51,678	235,674
Louisiana	183,781	16,793	37,812	238,386
Maine	21,133	3,214	9,977	34,324
Maryland	85,018	17,098	42,173	144,289
Massachusetts	99,969	9,929	24,020	133,918
Michigan	187,541	19,579	44,513	251,633
Minnesota	79,152	17,900	41,008	138,060
Mississippi	155,438	14,981	22,175	192,593
Missouri	146,995	23,054	56,045	226,094
Montana	15,459	2,863	6,525	24,847
Nebraska	32,138	6,026	16,751	54,915
Nevada	41,377	7,027	13,113	61,518
New Hampshire	10,229	1,764	9,074	21,068
New Jersey	110,102	14,979	30,143	155,224
New Mexico	87,538	12,605	24,261	124,403
New York	393,913	53,881	107,776	555,570
North Carolina	259,313	35,869	70,696	365,878
North Dakota	10,073	1,906	7,973	19,953
Ohio	236,203	26,209	74,611	337,023
Oklahoma	136,838	20,032	40,777	197,647
Oregon	88,183	14,945	35,823	138,951
Pennsylvania	181,721	23,652	65,626	271,000
Rhode Island	18,749	1,807	4,681	25,236
South Carolina	174,904	20,024	49,281	244,209
South Dakota	16,371	2,504	6,152	25,027
Tennessee	198,035	25,243	50,669	273,947
Texas	1,067,922	130,601	247,160	1,445,683
Utah	38,560	8,586	15,673	62,820
Vermont	10,841	2,182	6,693	19,716
Virginia	139,356	23,138	62,615	225,110
Washington	107,546	25,495	29,556	162,598
West Virginia	58,217	9,816	28,812	96,845
Wisconsin	80,149	13,374	33,103	126,627
Wyoming	7,172	1,910	4,641	13,722
United States	7,368,771	1,029,244	2,065,390	10,463,405

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, unpublished tabulations.

Only one in nine low-income children who eats a free or reduced-price school lunch during the school year is reached by the Summer Food Service Program.

## Summer Food Service Program Participation, FY 2008

	Total Summer Food Service Program participants	School Lunch Program participants receiving free or reduced-price meals	Summer Food Service participants as a percent of School Lunch free or reduced- price recipients
Alabama	26,156	358,182	7.3%
Alaska	1,780	34,326	5.2
Arizona	10,339	427,650	2.4
Arkansas	15,679	231,902	6.8
California	107,494	2,322,770	4.6
Colorado	10,320	201,651	5.1
Connecticut	12,545	143,911	8.7
Delaware	9,676	44,013	22.0
District of Columbia	44,077	31,827	138.5
Florida	120,505	1,051,110	11.5
Georgia	112,426	783,229	14.4
Hawaii	4,960	48,220	10.3
Idaho	20,397	89,161	22.9
Illinois	52,937	717,491	7.4
Indiana	48,131	368,540	13.1
Iowa	8,982	147,839	6.1
Kansas	17,225	166,121	10.4
Kentucky	35,807	317,666	11.3
Louisiana	30,033	385,570	7.8
Maine	6,188	54,610	11.3
Maryland	58,971	229,780	25.7
Massachusetts	50,274	249,036	20.2
Michigan	49,305	511,011	9.6
Minnesota	30,435	233,113	13.1
Mississippi	20,027	302,006	6.6
Missouri	32,761	329,555	9.9
Montana	8,644	42,418	20.4
Nebraska	7,534	102,941	7.3
Nevada	5,246	126,188	4.2
New Hampshire	4,706	34,120	13.8
New Jersey	45,522	341,261	13.3
New Mexico	46,512	159,009	29.3
New York	441,500	1,144,225	38.6
North Carolina	49,213	591,152	8.3
North Dakota	2,246	27,842	8.1
Ohio	60,665	574,376	10.6
Oklahoma	11,686	273,665	4.3
Oregon	36,043	192,214	18.8
Pennsylvania	98,914	533,311	18.5
Rhode Island	6,982	51,497	13.6
South Carolina	58,328	322,963	18.1
South Dakota	4,222	44,921	9.4
Tennessee	31,562	427,033	7.4
Texas	106,482	2,223,456	4.8
Utah	17,658	137,926	12.8
Vermont	2,751	23,428	11.7
Virginia	50,870	343,019	14.8
Washington	37,543	302,519	12.4
West Virginia	14,183	117,974	12.0
Wisconsin	36,498	247,117	14.8
Wyoming	2,880	22,647	12.7
United States	2,125,820	18,187,514	11.7

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, unpublished tabulations. Calculations by Children's Defense Fund.

More than 3.1 million children receive nutritious meals and snacks in child care programs through the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

Participation in the Child and Adult Care Food Program, FY 2008

	Family child care homes	Child care centers	Adult care centers	Total
Alabama	6,148	36,712	2,449	45,309
Alaska	2,189	6,901	131	9,220
Arizona	11,853	33,166	654	45,672
Arkansas	5,328	34,053	2,372	41,752
California	129,059	180,356	23,334	332,749
Colorado	6,634	26,366	365	33,365
Connecticut	4,970	12,392	580	17,941
Delaware	5,331	9,297	273	14,901
District of Columbia	266	5,171	35	5,471
Florida	12,348	160,085	3,669	176,102
Georgia	22,704	114,330	3,338	140,372
Hawaii	732	8,318	203	9,252
Idaho	1,813	8,244	0	10,057
Illinois	27,210	91,658	1,704	120,572
Indiana	23,484	37,737	163	61,384
Iowa	12,541	23,577	603	36,720
Kansas	23,885	22,146	110	46,140
Kentucky	4,501	40,915	2,068	47,483
Louisiana	28,562	29,587	400	58,549
Maine	7,523	4,972	21	12,516
Maryland	19,370	19,859	6,959	46,187
Massachusetts	20,051	33,472	3,738	57,260
Michigan	40,410	41,457	0	81,867
Minnesota	72,764	22,817	456	96,036
Mississippi	2,533	34,579	346	37,459
Missouri	14,538	45,608	972	61,118
Montana	6,715	6,649	12	13,376
Nebraska	18,767	20,263	874	39,903
Nevada	994	9,272	180	10,447
New Hampshire	1,336	5,673	307	7,316
New Jersey	3,208	59,651	11,612	74,471
New Mexico	19,018	22,028	196	41,242
New York	58,223	210,804	7,849	276,876
North Carolina	14,372	107,045	842	122,258
North Dakota	9,623	7,295	13	16,931
Ohio	23,582	94,257	1,390	119,229
Oklahoma	19,429	35,080	477	54,986
Oregon	15,057	23,066	238	38,361
Pennsylvania	14,086	100,541	1,336	115,962
Rhode Island	2,480	7,076	392	9,947
South Carolina	6,431	24,776	2,891	34,098
South Dakota	5,101	7,849	0	12,950
Tennessee	9,369	48,952	766	59,087
Texas	34,293	220,111	20,699	275,103
Utah	13,048	12,767	20	25,830
Vermont	3,816	3,074	216	7,105
Virginia	11,097	43,636	1,471	56,204
Washington	22,164	49,785	705	72,654
West Virginia	5,770	16,968	202	22,940
Wisconsin	20,881	43,349	573	64,803
Wyoming	3,469	5,376	0	8,845
United States	849,072	2,269,109	108,197	3,226,374

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, unpublished tabulations.

Infants and young children are 75 percent of WIC recipients. Since the recession began in late 2007, participation increased by more than 800,000.

## Participation in the Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), FY 2008

	Women	Infants	Children ages 1–4	Total
Alabama	32,699	37,851	64,293	134,842
Alaska	6,198	6,084	12,968	25,251
Arizona	49,505	53,531	94,549	197,586
Arkansas	24,450	25,681	39,601	89,731
California	348,206	323,115	740,889	1,412,210
Colorado	24,366	26,041	48,395	98,802
Connecticut	12,653	15,431	28,245	56,328
Delaware	4,874	6,076	11,294	22,244
District of Columbia	4,627	5,058	6,736	16,421
Florida	121,415	122,942	220,024	464,381
Georgia	77,900	80,696	146,919	305,516
Hawaii	8,394	8,413	17,243	34,050
Idaho	9,949	10,150	21,682	41,781
Illinois	73,655	85,934	135,096	294,685
Indiana	39,977	43,326	72,513	155,816
Iowa	17,404	17,220	37,931	72,555
Kansas	17,747	18,863	36,629	73,238
Kentucky	31,253	34,271	70,742	136,266
Louisiana	37,446	42,139	62,119	141,704
Maine	5,883	5,862	14,039	25,784
Maryland	35,590	35,967	64,053	135,610
Massachusetts	30,865	29,484	63,589	123,938
Michigan	54,546	55,358	128,294	238,198
Minnesota	33,710	32,814	74,916	141,440
Mississippi	25,164	34,428	49,423	109,015
Missouri	37,712	39,923	65,372	143,007
Montana	4,611	4,898	10,405	19,914
Nebraska	10,644	11,072	22,791	44,507
Nevada	16,195	16,497	28,281	60,973
New Hampshire	4,316	4,606	8,983	17,905
New Jersey	38,956	41,747	78,362	159,064
New Mexico	15,702	16,642	35,556	67,900
New York	128,371	126,993	241,963	497,327
North Carolina	64,064	68,089	128,280	260,433
North Dakota	3,464	3,636	7,825	14,925
Ohio	69,272	89,604	134,061	292,937
Oklahoma	29,969	32,035	60,836	122,840
Oregon	27,072	24,645	56,283	108,000
Pennsylvania	58,013	62,986	130,159	251,159
Rhode Island	5,895	6,192	13,737	25,823
South Carolina	35,380	37,233	54,343	126,956
South Dakota	5,110	5,951	11,549	22,609
Tennessee	44,756	47,996	76,680	169,432
Texas	230,720	235,211	468,665	934,597
Utah	17,757	14,313	34,181	66,252
Vermont	3,516	3,285	9,901	16,702
Virginia	41,401	40,175	69,244	150,820
Washington	42,857	40,586	92,562	176,005
West Virginia	12,432	12,542	26,796	51,770
Wisconsin	29,247	30,023	62,485	121,754
Wyoming	3,339	3,292	5,986	12,617
United States	2,109,245	2,176,907	4,197,465	8,483,618

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, unpublished tabulations.

## State Overview of Family Income Data

States	States where TANF benefits are less than 33.3% of the poverty level (D-6)	States where TANF recipients decreased by more than 50% between 1996-2009 (D-7)	States where fewer than 50% of child support cases had payments (D-10)	States where fair market rent for a 2-bedroom apartment in the lowest cost metropolitan area is more than half of the minimum wage (D-13)	States where the number of children receiving food stamps increased by more than 50% between 1999 and 2008 (D-15)	States where 20% or fewer of students receiving free or reduced price lunch were in Summer Food Service programs (D-18)
Alabama	X	X				X
Alaska		X		X		X
Arizona	X	X	X	X	X	X
Arkansas	X	X			X	X
California			X			X
Colorado	X	X		X	X	X
Connecticut		X	X	X		X
Delaware	X		X	X	X	
District of Columbia	X	X	X	X		
Florida	X	X			X	X
Georgia	X	X	X		X	X
Hawaii		X	X	X		X
Idaho	X	X	X		X	
Illinois	X	X	X		X	X
Indiana	X		X		X	X
Iowa	X				X	X
Kansas	X					X
Kentucky	X	X	X		X	X
Louisiana	X	X	X			X
Maine				X	X	X
Maryland		X				
Massachusetts			X	X	X	
Michigan	X	n/a	X		X	X
Minnesota		X				X
Mississippi	X	X	X			X
Missouri	X	X			X	X
Montana	X	X				
Nebraska	X					X
Nevada	X		X	X	X	X
New Hampshire				X		X
New Jersey	X	X		X		X
New Mexico	X	X	X			
New York		X		X		
North Carolina	X	X			X	X
North Dakota		X				X
Ohio	X	X			X	X
Oklahoma	X	X				X
Oregon			X		X	X
Pennsylvania	X	X				X
Rhode Island		X	X	X		X
South Carolina	X	X	X		X	X
South Dakota		X				X
Tennessee	X		X		X	X
Texas	X	X			X	X
Utah		X		X		X
Vermont		X		X		X
Virginia	X				X	X
Washington					X	X
West Virginia	X	X				X
Wisconsin		X			X	X
Wyoming	X	X		X		X