Mapping Exercise: States Poverty Rates

The states and territories are ranked by 2017 data (2017 American Community Survey 1-year estimates) of the percent of people in poverty in each state and territory

% of People in Poverty % of Children in poverty

46 Alabama 16.9% 16.8%

15 Alaska 11.1% 12.1%

39 Arizona 14.9% 21.3%

44 Arkansas 16.4% 19.1%

29 California 13.3% 15.5%

9 Colorado 10.3% 12.4%

5 Connecticut 9.6% 10.6%

32 Delaware 13.6% 12.4%

34 Florida 14.0% 14.6%

40 Georgia 14.9% 18.5%

3 Hawaii 9.5% 12.6%

25 Idaho 12.8% 13.9%

24 Illinois 12.6% 13.3%

31 Indiana 13.5% 16.4%

12 Iowa 10.7% 10.9%

21 Kansas 11.9% 13.9%

47 Kentucky 17.2% 17.1%

49 Louisiana 19.7% 14.3%

16 Maine 11.1% 11.6%

2 Maryland 9.3% 9.6%

10 Massachusetts 10.5% 10.9%

36 Michigan 14.2% 27.6%

4 Minnesota 9.5% 12.1%

51 Mississippi 19.8% 23.2%

30 Missouri 13.4% 15.6%

23 Montana 12.5% 13.5%

13 Nebraska 10.8% 10.0%

27 Nevada 13.0% 13.1%

1 New Hampshire 7.7% 9.5%

7 New Jersey 10.0% 13.7%

50 New Mexico 19.7% 19.6%

35 New York 14.1% 15.9%

38 North Carolina 14.7% 17.0%

8 North Dakota 10.3% 11.0%

33 Ohio 14.0% 13.5%

43 Oklahoma 15.8% 13.0%

28 Oregon 13.2% 7.11%

22 Pennsylvania 12.5% 11.2%

20 Rhode Island 11.6% 13.2%

42 South Carolina 15.4% 13.8%

26 South Dakota 13.0% 14.3%

41 Tennessee 15.0% 16.7%

37 Texas 14.7% 17.4%

6 Utah 9.7% 9.8%

18 Vermont 11.3% 9.7%

11 Virginia 10.6% 10.8%

14 Washington 11.0% 11.9%

48 West Virginia 19.1% 16.0%

19 Wisconsin 11.3% 11.1%

17 Wyoming 11.3% 9.3%