

Changes in Prevalence of Food Insecurity and Hunger for the U.S. and States:
 1996-98 (Average) to 2006-2008 (Average)¹
 Universe: Households

Area	Low or very low food security (With or without hunger)								Change 1996-1998 to 2006-2008 Percentage points	Very low food security (Food insecure with hunger)								Change 1996-1998 to 2006-2008 Percentage points
	Average									Average								
	2006- 2008	2004- 2006	2003- 2005	2002- 2004	2001- 2003	2000- 2002	1999- 2001	1996- 1998		2006- 2008	2004- 2006	2003- 2005	2002- 2004	2001- 2003	2000- 2002	1999- 2001	1996- 1998	
	Percent									Percent								
United States	12.2	11.3	11.4	11.4	11.0	10.8	10.4	11.3	0.9*	4.6	3.9	3.7	3.1	3.3	3.4	3.6	3.8	0.9*
Alabama	13.3	12.1	12.3	12.2	12.5	12.5	11.9	12.5	0.8	5.4	3.3	3.3	3.9	3.7	3.2	2.9	3.4	2.1*
Alaska	11.6	12.6	12.2	11.7	11.5	11.8	11.1	8.7	2.9*	4.4	5.1	3.6	4.3	4.3	4.1	4.6	4.9	0.8
Arizona	13.2	13.1	12.2	12.7	12.3	12.5	11.6	14.6	-1.4	4.9	4.3	4.3	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.5	3.8	0.6
Arkansas	15.9	14.3	14.7	14.8	15.5	14.6	12.8	13.7	2.2	5.6	5.8	4.8	3.9	4.4	4.7	5.3	5.6	0.8
California	12.0	10.9	11.7	12.4	12.2	11.7	11.8	13.3	-1.3*	4.3	3.7	4.3	3.3	3.5	3.6	3.9	3.6	0.0
Colorado	11.6	12	12.0	11.3	9.7	9.2	8.6	10.8	0.8	5.0	4.4	3.8	2.5	2.8	3.0	3.5	3.9	1.2*
Connecticut	11.0	8.6	8.2	8.6	8.0	7.6	6.8	11.0	0.0	4.1	2.7	4.1	2.6	2.8	3.0	3	2.6	0.0
Delaware	9.4	7.8	6.6	6.8	6.7	6.8	7.3	8.1	1.3	3.7	2.6	2.9	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.9	0.8
District of Columbia	12.4	12.5	11.4	10.2	9.0	9.3	9.8	13.7	-1.3	4.2	3.8	4.7	2.9	2.3	2.4	2.9	3.8	-0.5
Florida	12.2	8.9	9.4	10.8	11.7	11.8	12.2	13.2	-1.0	4.9	3.1	4.5	4.0	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.5	0.4
Georgia	14.2	12.6	12.4	12.3	12.9	12.9	11.6	10.9	3.3*	5.4	5	3.4	3.9	3.5	3.6	3.8	5.1	2.0*
Hawaii	9.1	7.8	7.8	8.5	9.9	11.9	10.8	12.9	-3.8*	3.0	2.8	3.1	3.0	3.6	3.3	2.6	2.8	-0.1
Idaho	11.4	12.7	14.1	14.6	13.7	13.7	13.0	11.3	0.1	3.9	3.5	3.3	4.5	4.3	3.9	3.7	3.7	0.6
Illinois	11.1	9.8	9.1	9.0	7.9	8.6	9.2	9.6	1.5*	4.1	3.5	3.2	2.7	2.7	2.5	3	3.2	.9*
Indiana	11.2	10.8	11.1	10.1	9.9	8.9	8.5	9.0	2.2	4.3	4	2.9	2.5	2.8	3.4	3.6	4.1	1.4*
Iowa	11.6	11.4	10.9	10.2	9.5	9.1	7.6	8.0	3.6*	4.8	3.9	2.6	2.2	2.8	3.0	3.1	3.5	2.2*
Kansas	13.8	12.5	12.3	12.3	11.7	11.7	11.3	11.5	2.3*	4.8	4.5	4.2	3.2	3.9	4.4	4.8	4.6	0.6
Kentucky	12.6	13.6	12.8	12.2	11.2	10.8	10.1	9.7	2.9*	4.4	4.6	3.4	3.0	2.9	3.3	3.3	4.2	1.0*
Louisiana	11.0	14.4	12.8	11.8	12.3	13.1	13.2	14.4	-3.4*	3.7	5	4.4	3.0	2.9	2.6	2.6	3.6	-0.7
Maine	13.7	12.9	12.3	9.8	9.2	9.0	9.4	9.8	3.9*	6.4	5.3	4.0	3.1	2.8	2.9	3.1	4.6	2.4*
Maryland	9.6	9.5	9.4	8.6	7.7	8.2	8.8	8.7	0.9	3.4	3.9	3.3	3.1	2.9	2.9	3.2	3.6	0.1
Massachusetts	8.3	8.1	7.8	7.1	6.2	6.4	6.7	7.5	0.8	3.8	3	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.3	2.7	3.0	1.7*
Michigan	12.0	12.2	11.5	11.3	10.1	9.2	8.1	9.6	2.4*	4.4	4.6	3.1	2.4	3.0	3.4	3.8	4.1	1.3*
Minnesota	10.3	8.2	7.7	7.2	7.1	7.1	7.1	8.6	1.7*	4.1	3.2	3.1	2.0	2.2	2.2	2.5	3.0	1.0*
Mississippi	17.4	18.1	16.5	15.8	14.9	14.8	13.1	14.6	2.8	7.4	6.4	4.2	3.7	4.5	4.0	4.5	4.4	3.2*
Missouri	14.0	12.3	11.7	11.3	10.4	9.9	8.6	10.1	3.9*	5.8	4.4	3.0	2.3	3.3	3.6	3.9	4.0	2.8*
Montana	10.9	9.9	11.2	12.2	12.5	12.8	13.2	11.2	-0.3	4.4	4.3	3.0	4.0	4.1	4.0	4.7	4.6	1.4*
Nebraska	10.4	9.5	10.3	10.7	10.4	10.7	9.9	8.7	1.7*	4.0	3.8	2.5	2.9	3.1	3.0	3.7	4.0	1.5*
Nevada	12.4	8.8	8.4	8.5	9.2	9.3	10.1	10.4	2.0	4.6	3.2	4.0	3.4	3.3	3.4	2.9	3.0	0.6
New Hampshire	8.5	7.4	6.5	6.4	6.4	6.7	6.5	8.6	-0.1	3.1	2.2	3.1	1.9	2.1	2.1	2.4	2.2	0.0
New Jersey	10.3	7.7	8.1	8.5	8.6	8.5	7.8	8.9	1.4*	3.4	2.1	3.1	2.4	2.7	3.1	2.9	2.6	0.3
New Mexico	14.1	16.1	16.8	15.8	14.8	14.3	14.6	16.5	-2.4*	4.6	5.8	4.8	4.2	3.8	4.4	4.9	5.7	-0.2
New York	11.3	9.8	10.4	10.5	10.0	9.4	9.6	11.9	-0.6	4.3	3.2	4.1	3.1	2.9	3.1	3.2	3.1	0.2
North Carolina	13.7	12.9	13.2	13.8	13.7	12.3	11.1	9.8	3.9*	4.4	4.4	2.7	3.3	3.7	4.5	4.9	4.5	1.7*
North Dakota	6.9	6.4	6.4	6.3	6.9	8.1	8.5	5.5	1.4*	2.6	2.2	1.6	2.2	2.0	2.0	1.9	2.2	1.0*
Ohio	13.3	12.7	12.6	11.4	10.9	9.8	9.1	9.7	3.6*	5.2	4.1	3.5	2.8	3.3	3.6	3.4	3.8	1.7*
Oklahoma	14.0	14.6	14.6	15.2	14.1	14.3	12.9	13.1	0.9	5.9	5.3	4.2	3.8	5.1	5.2	5.6	4.8	1.7*
Oregon	13.1	11.9	11.9	11.9	12.9	13.7	13.7	14.2	-1.1	6.6	4.4	6.0	5.8	5.0	4.3	3.8	3.9	0.6
Pennsylvania	11.2	10	9.8	10.2	9.5	9.4	8.4	8.3	2.9*	4.2	3.3	2.6	2.2	2.7	2.6	2.9	2.9	1.6*
Rhode Island	11.7	11.3	12.4	12.1	11.1	10.1	8.7	10.2	1.5	4.2	3.7	2.7	2.5	3.4	3.6	4.2	4.1	1.5*
South Carolina	13.1	14.7	15.5	14.8	13.5	12.3	11.3	11.0	2.1*	5.2	5.9	3.5	3.6	4.3	4.9	5.5	6.3	1.7*
South Dakota	10.3	9.5	9.5	9.2	8.9	8.0	7.9	8.2	2.1*	4.1	3.3	2.2	1.9	2.2	2.4	2.8	3.2	1.9*
Tennessee	13.5	12.5	13.0	11.5	10.9	11.3	11.8	11.8	1.7	4.6	4.3	4.4	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.5	4.2	0.2
Texas	16.3	15.9	16.0	16.4	14.9	14.8	13.9	15.2	1.1*	5.7	5.3	5.5	3.6	4.1	4.1	4.9	5.1	0.2
Utah	11.2	14.5	14.5	14.8	14.6	15.2	13.8	10.3	0.9	4.5	5.1	3.1	4.6	4.6	4.4	4.6	5.1	1.4
Vermont	12.1	9.6	9.5	9.0	8.9	7.3	9.1	8.8	3.3*	5.7	4.3	2.7	1.8	1.8	3.0	3.6	3.9	3.0*
Virginia	8.6	7.9	8.4	8.5	8.4	9.0	7.6	10.2	-1.6	3.3	2.8	3.0	1.5	2.4	2.2	2.6	2.7	0.3
Washington	11.1	10.3	11.2	12.0	11.6	12.3	12.5	13.2	-2.1	4.3	3.6	4.7	4.6	4.4	3.9	4.3	3.9	-0.4
West Virginia	12.0	9.3	8.9	8.8	8.9	9.4	10.3	9.5	2.5	4.5	3.2	3.1	3.3	2.7	2.7	2.9	3.0	1.4*
Wisconsin	10.1	8.9	9.5	9.0	9.0	8.1	8.4	8.5	1.6*	3.7	2.7	2.6	2.9	3.3	3.2	2.8	2.7	1.1*
Wyoming	9.2	10.6	11.1	11.0	10.1	10.7	9.9	9.9	-0.7	2.9	3.7	3.5	3.2	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.1	-0.6

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*Change was statistically significant with
 90 percent confidence (t>1.645)

¹Statistics for 1996-98 were revised to account for
 changes in survey procedures introduced in 1998.