

State Agriculture and Rural America Statistics	% State GDP from crop and livestock production, 2005*	% Farm Employment, 2005*	% Manufacturing Employment, 2005*	% Service Employment, 2005*	Number of Farms, 2002**	No. Farms Receiving Government Commodity Payments, 2002**	Commodity Payments, 2003-2004 avg.***	% of Payments to top 10% of recipients, 2003-2004 avg.****	% of Payments to bottom 80% of recipients, 2003-04 avg.****	Avg. payment received by top 10% of commodity payment recipients, 2003-2004 avg.****	Avg. payment received by bottom 80% of commodity payment recipients, 2003-2004 avg.****
US	1	2	9	69	2,128,982	707,596	\$9,398,905,523	65	18	\$56,720	\$1,976
Alabama	2	2	12	61	45,126	12,863	\$114,724,629	77	12	\$59,020	\$1,141
Alaska	0	0	3	61	609	72	\$129,301	46	31	\$38,034	\$3,504
Arizona	1	1	6	70	7,294	833	\$91,959,812	73	11	\$192,104	\$3,506
Arkansas	4	4	13	60	47,483	7,811	\$528,426,805	71	12	\$150,038	\$3,036
California	1	1	8	70	79,631	7,228	\$373,623,097	56	26	\$173,992	\$9,876
Colorado	1	1	5	71	31,369	10,163	\$101,445,476	56	25	\$61,698	\$3,486
Connecticut	0	0	9	72	4,191	254	\$1,331,665	54	26	\$60,584	\$3,687
Delaware	1	1	6	72	2,391	617	\$10,254,619	59	22	\$58,314	\$2,695
District of Columbia	0	0	0	64	0	0	\$0	0	0	\$0	\$0
Florida	1	1	4	75	44,081	2,554	\$30,991,071	71	13	\$126,187	\$2,896
Georgia	1	1	9	68	49,311	15,510	\$296,050,764	77	10	\$94,823	\$1,473
Hawaii	1	1	2	70	5,398	113	\$1,401	47	33	\$46,871	\$4,001
Idaho	5	5	8	63	25,017	7,098	\$81,697,613	58	23	\$53,359	\$2,574
Illinois	1	1	10	71	73,027	47,857	\$848,067,019	57	24	\$41,966	\$2,210
Indiana	1	2	16	63	60,296	26,841	\$405,971,944	63	19	\$41,878	\$1,511
Iowa	6	5	12	62	90,655	63,074	\$870,556,399	46	34	\$44,001	\$4,090
Kansas	3	4	10	62	64,414	39,191	\$488,172,006	60	23	\$39,735	\$1,844
Kentucky	1	4	11	61	86,541	22,825	\$86,848,046	81	9	\$15,774	\$251
Louisiana	1	1	6	65	27,413	7,562	\$283,147,263	76	10	\$88,830	\$1,471
Maine	1	1	8	67	7,196	1,244	\$1,952,440	65	19	\$32,160	\$1,158
Maryland	0	1	4	71	12,198	3,372	\$28,702,881	56	25	\$48,537	\$2,689
Massachusetts	0	0	8	75	6,075	415	\$1,053,451	51	29	\$38,832	\$2,716
Michigan	1	1	13	67	53,315	18,133	\$140,337,862	63	20	\$40,777	\$1,599
Minnesota	2	3	10	68	80,839	43,927	\$511,019,029	49	31	\$46,413	\$3,630
Mississippi	3	3	12	58	42,186	12,383	\$293,253,716	82	9	\$121,753	\$1,542
Missouri	2	3	9	67	106,797	43,379	\$318,007,742	62	22	\$38,285	\$1,665
Montana	5	5	4	65	27,870	12,389	\$131,556,909	50	28	\$64,688	\$4,562
Nebraska	7	5	9	66	49,355	32,007	\$551,474,270	50	30	\$49,289	\$3,672
Nevada	0	0	3	75	2,989	439	\$1,104,759	55	26	\$65,774	\$3,868
New Hampshire	0	1	10	70	3,363	359	\$724,013	51	28	\$41,602	\$2,764
New Jersey	0	0	7	74	9,924	582	\$4,414,325	52	28	\$51,506	\$3,445
New Mexico	2	2	4	63	15,170	3,246	\$31,532,317	58	23	\$58,288	\$2,931
New York	0	1	6	75	37,255	9,896	\$43,604,004	53	28	\$42,033	\$2,934
North Carolina	1	1	12	63	53,930	12,312	\$169,352,547	85	6	\$45,372	\$479
North Dakota	6	8	6	61	30,619	23,892	\$323,433,033	48	31	\$57,967	\$4,577
Ohio	1	1	12	68	77,797	28,851	\$266,316,648	60	22	\$34,364	\$1,561
Oklahoma	2	5	7	62	83,300	24,316	\$176,404,446	61	22	\$36,053	\$1,531
Oregon	2	3	10	66	40,033	4,430	\$34,545,453	61	21	\$56,177	\$2,334
Pennsylvania	1	1	10	71	58,105	11,991	\$42,004,187	49	32	\$34,021	\$2,843
Rhode Island	0	0	9	72	858	52	\$42,225	0	0	\$0	\$0
South Carolina	1	1	11	63	24,541	6,112	\$59,490,712	84	8	\$41,801	\$511
South Dakota	9	7	8	63	31,736	20,259	\$273,585,077	51	30	\$57,148	\$4,232
Tennessee	1	3	12	67	87,595	16,034	\$110,909,193	84	8	\$28,282	\$350
Texas	1	2	7	67	228,926	42,217	\$925,024,965	68	16	\$86,765	\$2,506
Utah	1	1	8	67	15,282	2,987	\$9,130,728	56	25	\$45,063	\$2,548
Vermont	1	2	9	66	6,571	1,296	\$4,507,880	49	31	\$44,213	\$3,860
Virginia	0	1	6	66	47,606	9,206	\$51,471,041	80	9	\$37,333	\$528
Washington	2	2	8	66	35,939	7,332	\$90,957,860	52	27	\$66,018	\$4,123
West Virginia	0	2	7	63	20,812	1,675	\$2,583,113	67	20	\$12,112	\$442
Wisconsin	2	3	15	64	77,131	37,234	\$177,082,132	55	28	\$31,418	\$2,078
Wyoming	2	3	3	58	9,422	3,163	\$9,927,645	54	26	\$44,836	\$2,690

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* Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce

** Source: Environmental Working Group, Compiled from 2002 Census of Agriculture

*** Source: Environmental Working Group, Compiled from USDA data; total reflects direct payments, countercyclical payments, and loan deficiency payments

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State Hunger, Poverty and Food Stamp Statistics	Food Insecure (% of households) 2003-05	Food Insecure with Hunger (% of households) 2003-05*	% Total Poverty 2003**	% Nonmetro Poverty 2003**	Food Stamp Program: Average Monthly Participation 2005***
US	11.4	3.8	12.5	13.9	25,674,369[^]
Alabama	12.2	3.4	15.1	16.5	558,596
Alaska	12.1	4.9 ^b	9.8	11.7	55,567
Arizona	12.1	3.8	13.8	18.3	550,291
Arkansas	14.7 ^b	5.6 ^b	16.0	18.0	373,764
California	11.6	3.6	13.7	13.1	1,992,024
Colorado	12.0	3.9	10.0	11.7	245,926
Connecticut	8.2 ^b	2.6 ^b	8.0	6.5	204,146
Delaware	6.6 ^b	1.9 ^b	9.0	10.0	61,586
District of Columbia	11.3	3.8	17.5		88,799
Florida	9.4 ^b	3.5	13.0	14.7	1,381,804
Georgia	12.3	5.1 ^b	13.2	17.1	921,427
Hawaii	7.8 ^b	2.8 ^b	10.7	11.5	93,548
Idaho	14.1 ^b	3.7	11.6	12.8	93,441
Illinois	9.1 ^b	3.2 ^b	11.3	11.5	1,158,271
Indiana	11.1	4.1 ^b	10.0	9.5	556,285
Iowa	10.8	3.5	9.1	9.1	206,696
Kansas	12.2	4.6 ^b	10.3	11.8	177,782
Kentucky	12.8 ^b	4.2	14.8	18.3	570,277
Louisiana	12.7	3.6	18.1	20.5	807,896
Maine	12.2	4.6 ^b	10.6	12.1	152,910
Maryland	9.4 ^b	3.6	8.7	9.6	288,943
Massachusetts	7.8 ^b	3.0 ^b	9.5	5.9	368,122
Michigan	11.5	4.1	10.9	10.6	1,047,594
Minnesota	7.7 ^b	3.0 ^b	8.0	9.1	259,937
Mississippi	16.5 ^b	4.4	18.2	20.1	391,485
Missouri	11.6	4.0	11.6	14.3	766,425
Montana	11.1	4.6	14.2	14.7	80,870
Nebraska	10.3 ^b	4.0	10.0	10.7	117,415
Nevada	8.4 ^b	3.0 ^b	11.0	10.1	121,707
New Hampshire	6.5 ^b	2.2 ^b	6.4	7.2	52,310
New Jersey	8.1 ^b	2.6 ^b	8.8		392,416
New Mexico	16.8 ^b	5.7 ^b	17.7	20.2	240,637
New York	10.4 ^b	3.1 ^b	14.3	13.0	1,754,861
North Carolina	13.2 ^b	4.5 ^b	13.4	15.1	799,747
North Dakota	6.4 ^b	2.2 ^b	10.5	11.6	42,204
Ohio	12.6 ^b	3.8	10.6	10.6	1,007,172
Oklahoma	14.6 ^b	4.8 ^b	14.6	16.3	424,402
Oregon	11.8	3.9	12.0	13.8	429,358
Pennsylvania	9.8 ^b	2.9 ^b	10.6	10.9	1,042,809
Rhode Island	12.3	4.1	11.3		76,085
South Carolina	15.5 ^b	6.3 ^b	13.8	16.2	521,125
South Dakota	9.5 ^b	3.2 ^b	12.3	14.2	56,095
Tennessee	13.0	4.2	13.5	14.8	849,703
Texas	16.0 ^b	5.1 ^b	16.2	18.1	2,441,975
Utah	14.5 ^b	5.1	10.1	12.1	133,263
Vermont	9.5 ^b	3.9	9.2	9.7	45,218
Virginia	8.4 ^b	2.7 ^b	9.9	13.9	488,481
Washington	11.1	3.9	11.0	13.4	508,472
West Virginia	8.9 ^b	3.0	16.3	18.6	262,442
Wisconsin	9.5 ^b	2.7 ^b	9	8.4	345,748
Wyoming	11.1	4.1	10.8	10.7	25,482

Hunger, Poverty and Food Stamps

* Source: Economic Research Service, USDA

^b Difference from U.S. total was statistically significant with 90 percent confidence ($t > 1.645$)

** Source: Economic Research Service, USDA, using U.S. Census Bureau data

*** Source: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA

[^] Total includes Guam and Virgin Islands

Note: The U.S. Department of Agriculture has reclassified food insecurity and food insecurity with hunger as “low food security” and “very low food security.” The methodology for measuring food insecurity and food insecurity with hunger has not changed. Cross comparisons can still be made between years.

As you unite with Bread for the World members across the country to participate in this year’s Offering of Letters, *Seeds of Change: Help Farmers. End Hunger.*, we hope that the statistics provided here will help you educate and instruct our nation’s decision-makers to construct a farm bill that puts hungry and poor people here and around the world at its center.

On this page, it is important to note that:

- Americans living in nonmetro counties experience poverty at a higher rate than their metro counterparts.
- Each month, millions of people—almost 26 million in 2005—rely on the Food Stamp Program to provide a reliable source of food for themselves and their families.

On the reverse side, also note that:

- Agriculture comprises a very small part of the U.S. economy. Crop and livestock production accounts for 1 percent of U.S. Gross Domestic Product.
- In nearly all states, the top few percent of commodity payment recipients collect the vast majority of program benefits. In addition, most of the states with above average proportions of payments going to the top 10 percent of recipients also have above average rates of rural poverty.

For more numbers, statistics and maps, please visit:

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