

# FINANCIAL SECURITY OUTCOMES

## Net Worth of Households

### Description

Net worth of households, at the median, 2002. Net worth equals the sum of assets attributable to any individual age 15 years and above in the household less any liabilities. Assets included in this measure are interest-earning assets, stocks and mutual fund shares, real estate (own home, rental property, vacation homes, and land holdings), own business or profession, mortgages held by sellers, and motor vehicles. Liabilities covered include debts secured by any asset, credit card or store bills, banks loans, and other unsecured debts.

### Explanation

Assets matter for all families for both economic security and social mobility. Measuring household net worth at the median provides a basic indication of the level of wealth for the families in the middle of the wealth distribution of a state. For this measure, we chose to present the data at the median rather than the mean. Means (averages) are very sensitive to outlying values; households with very large net worth will increase the average; the median more accurately reflects that a large proportion of the sample reported zero net worth.

### Source

U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. Survey of income program population [Electronic data tape]. (2002). Washington, D.C.: Author. Calculations by Jon Haveman.

State 🇺🇸	\$	Rank 🏆
Alabama	38,146	47
Alaska	102,500	6
Arizona	38,900	46
Arkansas	43,467	43
California	81,046	14
Colorado	84,032	13
Connecticut	121,525	2
Delaware	84,574	12
District of Columbia	11,000	51
Florida	55,700	29
Georgia	43,492	42
Hawaii	86,825	9
Idaho	60,184	26
Illinois	74,222	18
Indiana	64,935	22

Iowa	91,546	7
Kansas	53,500	30
Kentucky	52,000	31
Louisiana	45,958	36
Maine	66,837	19
Maryland	86,443	10
Massachusetts	140,575	1
Michigan	86,150	11
Minnesota	105,100	5
Mississippi	26,500	49
Missouri	48,687	35
Montana	43,108	44
Nebraska	61,841	24
Nevada	45,551	40
New Hampshire	110,491	4
New Jersey	110,846	3
New Mexico	24,832	50
New York	50,892	32
North Carolina	61,196	25
North Dakota	45,725	37
Ohio	77,350	16
Oklahoma	39,400	45
Oregon	59,992	27
Pennsylvania	78,328	15
Rhode Island	59,550	28
South Carolina	49,876	33
South Dakota	45,725	37
Tennessee	49,190	34
Texas	34,500	48
Utah	62,820	23
Vermont	66,837	19
Virginia	65,150	21
Washington	88,650	8

West Virginia	45,000	41
Wisconsin	76,900	17
Wyoming	45,725	37

There is a single median value reported for Maine and Vermont together, and for North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming together. These data are pooled.

## Asset Poverty

### Description

The proportion of households without sufficient net worth to subsist at the poverty level for three months, 2002.

### Explanation

Given the importance of assets for household economic self-sufficiency, this measure expands the notion of poverty to include a minimum threshold of wealth needed for both security and mobility. Three months is a rather conservative cushion for a family that loses its income. Even with this conservative definition, asset poverty exceeds income poverty in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

### Source

U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. Survey of income program population [Electronic data tape]. (2002). Washington, D.C.: Author. Calculations by Jon Haveman.

State 🇺🇸		Rank 📊
Alabama	23.9	32
Alaska	17.8	10
Arizona	26.4	42
Arkansas	24.7	35
California	24.1	33
Colorado	26.4	41
Connecticut	18.5	13
Delaware	15.0	4
District of Columbia	39.0	51
Florida	23.1	28
Georgia	25.6	39
Hawaii	25.1	36
Idaho	24.3	34
Illinois	20.7	21
Indiana	21.4	22
Iowa	14.4	2

Kansas	18.2	11
Kentucky	22.9	27
Louisiana	22.4	25
Maine	16.8	6
Maryland	22.4	24
Massachusetts	18.2	12
Michigan	18.7	14
Minnesota	14.8	3
Mississippi	25.7	40
Missouri	20.0	17
Montana	29.2	48
Nebraska	20.6	20
Nevada	32.1	49
New Hampshire	14.3	1
New Jersey	20.0	17
New Mexico	27.6	44
New York	32.7	50
North Carolina	18.8	15
North Dakota	27.7	45
Ohio	20.6	19
Oklahoma	25.2	38
Oregon	23.5	31
Pennsylvania	17.0	8
Rhode Island	15.4	5
South Carolina	21.5	23
South Dakota	27.7	45
Tennessee	23.4	29
Texas	26.8	43
Utah	23.5	30
Vermont	16.8	6
Virginia	22.5	26
Washington	19.5	16
West Virginia	25.1	37

Wisconsin	17.4	9
Wyoming	27.7	45

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## Asset poverty by race

### Description

Ratio of the asset poverty rate of households headed by someone self-identified as white divided by the asset poverty rate of households headed by someone self-identified as black, Asian, Pacific Islander, American Indian, Aleut, Eskimo, or from a Hispanic country, 2002.

### Explanation

This measure is an indication of the difference in asset poverty between white and non-white households.

### Source

U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. Survey of income program population [Electronic data tape]. (2002). Washington, D.C.: Author. Calculations by Jon Haveman.

State 🇺🇸	White	Minority	Ratio	Rank 📊
Alabama	0.17	0.41	0.40	17
Alaska	ND	ND	ND	-
Arizona	0.23	0.36	0.64	3
Arkansas	0.18	0.48	0.38	19
California	0.15	0.35	0.44	12
Colorado	0.23	0.43	0.52	8
Connecticut	0.13	0.43	0.30	28
Delaware	0.10	ND	ND	-
District of Columbia	ND	ND	ND	-
Florida	0.19	0.33	0.57	5
Georgia	0.17	0.39	0.44	11
Hawaii	ND	ND	ND	-
Idaho	0.23	ND	ND	-
Illinois	0.14	0.38	0.37	20
Indiana	0.19	0.44	0.43	14
Iowa	0.13	ND	ND	-

Kansas	0.15	ND	ND	-
Kentucky	0.20	0.48	0.42	15
Louisiana	0.11	0.42	0.26	30
Maine	ND	ND	ND	-
Maryland	0.13	0.38	0.35	24
Massachusetts	0.13	0.45	0.29	29
Michigan	0.14	0.40	0.34	25
Minnesota	0.12	ND	ND	-
Mississippi	0.17	0.40	0.43	13
Missouri	0.18	0.31	0.57	4
Montana	0.29	ND	ND	-
Nebraska	0.18	ND	ND	-
Nevada	0.31	0.35	0.88	1
New Hampshire	0.12	ND	ND	-
New Jersey	0.12	0.38	0.31	26
New Mexico	0.19	ND	ND	-
New York	0.20	0.58	0.35	23
North Carolina	0.11	0.36	0.31	27
North Dakota	ND	ND	ND	-
Ohio	0.17	0.43	0.39	18
Oklahoma	0.23	0.34	0.68	2
Oregon	0.22	ND	ND	-
Pennsylvania	0.14	0.35	0.42	16
Rhode Island	0.15	ND	ND	-
South Carolina	0.17	0.31	0.57	6
South Dakota	ND	ND	ND	-
Tennessee	0.19	0.42	0.47	10
Texas	0.20	0.36	0.54	7
Utah	0.21	ND	ND	-
Vermont	ND	ND	ND	-
Virginia	0.15	0.42	0.35	22
Washington	0.17	0.35	0.49	9
West Virginia	0.25	ND	ND	-

Wisconsin	0.15	0.41	0.36	21
Wyoming	ND	ND	ND	-

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## Asset poverty by gender

### Description

Ratio of the asset poverty rate of households headed by a male divided by the asset poverty rate of households headed by a female, 2002.

### Explanation

This measure is an indication of the difference in asset poverty between men and women.

### Source

U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. Survey of income program population [Electronic data tape]. (2002). Washington, D.C.: Author. Calculations by Jon Haveman.

State	Male	Female	Ratio	Rank
Alabama	0.19	0.30	0.61	32
Alaska	ND	ND	ND	-
Arizona	0.23	0.31	0.73	21
Arkansas	0.19	0.33	0.58	36
California	0.19	0.30	0.62	30
Colorado	0.25	0.28	0.91	3
Connecticut	0.15	0.23	0.64	29
Delaware	ND	ND	ND	-
District of Columbia	ND	ND	ND	-
Florida	0.22	0.25	0.87	5
Georgia	0.21	0.31	0.67	27
Hawaii	ND	ND	ND	-
Idaho	0.21	0.29	0.72	22
Illinois	0.16	0.27	0.60	33
Indiana	0.19	0.24	0.78	10
Iowa	0.10	0.20	0.49	42

Kansas	0.16	0.22	0.71	24
Kentucky	0.20	0.27	0.72	23
Louisiana	0.14	0.33	0.44	44
Maine	0.12	0.22	0.55	38
Maryland	0.17	0.29	0.59	34
Massachusetts	0.15	0.21	0.74	19
Michigan	0.14	0.25	0.58	37
Minnesota	0.09	0.23	0.38	45
Mississippi	0.24	0.28	0.86	6
Missouri	0.15	0.26	0.59	35
Montana	0.24	0.36	0.66	28
Nebraska	0.19	0.23	0.84	7
Nevada	0.39	0.23	1.66	1
New Hampshire	0.17	0.11	1.50	2
New Jersey	0.18	0.23	0.78	12
New Mexico	0.31	ND	ND	-
New York	0.28	0.37	0.76	14
North Carolina	0.17	0.21	0.83	8
North Dakota	0.24	0.33	0.74	16
Ohio	0.15	0.27	0.55	40
Oklahoma	0.23	0.29	0.78	9
Oregon	0.22	0.25	0.90	4
Pennsylvania	0.12	0.23	0.54	41
Rhode Island	ND	ND	ND	-
South Carolina	0.15	0.30	0.49	43
South Dakota	0.24	0.33	0.74	16
Tennessee	0.19	0.30	0.62	31
Texas	0.23	0.33	0.69	25
Utah	0.21	0.28	0.76	15
Vermont	0.12	0.22	0.55	38
Virginia	0.18	0.27	0.68	26
Washington	0.17	0.22	0.78	11
West Virginia	0.22	0.29	0.78	13

Wisconsin	0.15	0.21	0.74	20
Wyoming	0.24	0.33	0.74	16

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## Household Asset Equality by Race

### Description

Ratio of the median net worth of households headed by someone self-identified as white divided by the median net worth of households headed by someone self-identified as black, Asian, Pacific Islander, American Indian, Aleut, Eskimo, or from a Hispanic country, 2002.

### Explanation

Due to a variety of factors, including starting out with differential wealth endowments and facing outright discrimination, minorities accumulate-at the median-much less than white families. For example, on the basis of data from the Census Bureau, the Pew Hispanic Center reports that the median Hispanic household's net worth, in 2002, was \$7,932, compared with the median net worth of White households at \$88,651 and that of Black households at \$5,988. [Kochhar, R. (2004, October). The Wealth of Hispanic Households: 1996 to 2002. (Washington, DC: Pew Hispanic Center).] The measure used in the report card indicates how equally assets are distributed between white and non-white households.

### Source

U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. Survey of income program population [Electronic data tape]. (2002). Washington, D.C.: Author. Calculations by Jon Haveman.

State 🇺🇸	White	Minority	Ratio	Rank 🏠
Alabama	71,092	9,766	7.3	12
Alaska	ND	ND	ND	-
Arizona	57,560	15,000	3.8	3
Arkansas	64,056	3,600	17.8	27
California	150,998	16,533	9.1	17
Colorado	110,977	9,710	11.4	20
Connecticut	153,900	5,446	28.3	28
Delaware	ND	ND	ND	-
District of Columbia	ND	ND	ND	-
Florida	83,895	15,601	5.4	7
Georgia	75,892	12,400	6.1	8
Hawaii	ND	ND	ND	-

Idaho	ND	ND	ND	-
Illinois	111,750	18,160	6.2	9
Indiana	68,446	4,400	15.6	26
Iowa	ND	ND	ND	-
Kansas	ND	ND	ND	-
Kentucky	60,750	4,157	14.6	25
Louisiana	80,626	6,700	12.0	22
Maine	ND	ND	ND	-
Maryland	133,010	20,598	6.5	10
Massachusetts	168,825	5,375	31.4	29
Michigan	118,400	9,701	12.2	23
Minnesota	ND	ND	ND	-
Mississippi	57,400	7,499	7.7	13
Missouri	64,373	6,597	9.8	19
Montana	ND	ND	ND	-
Nebraska	ND	ND	ND	-
Nevada	50,400	18,446	2.7	1
New Hampshire	ND	ND	ND	-
New Jersey	160,940	18,460	8.7	16
New Mexico	ND	ND	ND	-
New York	98,124	500	196.2	30
North Carolina	96,790	11,906	8.1	15
North Dakota	ND	ND	ND	-
Ohio	90,100	7,525	12.0	21
Oklahoma	45,299	15,399	2.9	2
Oregon	ND	ND	ND	-
Pennsylvania	89,868	11,535	7.8	14
Rhode Island	ND	ND	ND	-
South Carolina	69,946	13,200	5.3	6
South Dakota	ND	ND	ND	-
Tennessee	65,649	12,920	5.1	4
Texas	67,471	12,961	5.2	5
Utah	ND	ND	ND	-

Vermont	ND	ND	ND	-
Virginia	100,446	10,495	9.6	18
Washington	105,534	15,500	6.8	11
West Virginia	ND	ND	ND	-
Wisconsin	97,932	7,972	12.3	24
Wyoming	ND	ND	ND	-

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## Household Asset Equality by Gender

### Description

Ratio of the median net worth of households headed by a male divided by the median net worth of households headed by a female, 2002.

### Explanation

Historically, women have faced barriers to or been prevented from acquiring assets, especially property and capital. This measure is an indication of how equally assets are distributed between men and women.

### Source

U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. Survey of income program population [Electronic data tape]. (2002). Washington, D.C.: Author. Calculations by Jon Haveman.

State 🇺🇸	Male	Female	Ratio	Rank 📊
Alabama	43,241	29,500	1.5	14
Alaska	ND	ND	ND	-
Arizona	51,335	28,017	1.8	27
Arkansas	81,201	20,322	4.0	43
California	107,750	47,374	2.3	34
Colorado	100,855	68,450	1.5	15
Connecticut	142,599	96,088	1.5	17
Delaware	ND	ND	ND	-
District of Columbia	ND	ND	ND	-
Florida	62,253	50,150	1.2	8
Georgia	58,907	34,073	1.7	23

Hawaii	ND	ND	ND	-
Idaho	ND	ND	ND	-
Illinois	90,750	55,448	1.6	19
Indiana	65,000	62,438	1.0	3
Iowa	106,054	69,799	1.5	18
Kansas	64,108	48,348	1.3	9
Kentucky	53,718	49,422	1.1	4
Louisiana	61,600	18,204	3.4	42
Maine	92,258	55,500	1.7	20
Maryland	87,597	79,129	1.1	5
Massachusetts	161,150	112,788	1.4	12
Michigan	126,612	52,600	2.4	35
Minnesota	128,534	77,100	1.7	22
Mississippi	44,250	20,010	2.2	33
Missouri	63,792	36,218	1.8	25
Montana	85,892	18,550	4.6	44
Nebraska	71,722	52,153	1.4	10
Nevada	29,305	49,700	0.6	2
New Hampshire	75,575	142,592	0.5	1
New Jersey	133,510	90,000	1.5	16
New Mexico	ND	ND	ND	-
New York	64,338	31,225	2.1	30
North Carolina	75,416	52,224	1.4	13
North Dakota	62,349	25,647	2.4	36
Ohio	95,296	50,440	1.9	29
Oklahoma	46,578	26,723	1.7	24
Oregon	87,940	30,161	2.9	40
Pennsylvania	102,041	49,042	2.1	31
Rhode Island	ND	ND	ND	-
South Carolina	64,409	29,200	2.2	32
South Dakota	62,349	25,647	2.4	36
Tennessee	68,050	27,225	2.5	39
Texas	39,649	21,346	1.9	28

Utah	66,049	36,448	1.8	26
Vermont	92,258	55,500	1.7	20
Virginia	75,625	53,960	1.4	11
Washington	93,625	76,646	1.2	6
West Virginia	58,349	20,000	2.9	41
Wisconsin	86,092	69,999	1.2	7
Wyoming	62,349	25,647	2.4	36

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## Households with Zero Net Worth

### Description

Proportion of households that have zero or negative net worth, 2002.

### Explanation

This measure provides a way to describe the intensity of asset poverty and highlights the depth of the challenge of helping all families to build assets.

### Source

U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. Survey of income program population [Electronic data tape]. (2002). Washington, D.C.: Author. Calculations by Jon Haveman.

State 🇺🇸	%	Rank 🏠
Alabama	20.2	48
Alaska	15.2	28
Arizona	18.6	40
Arkansas	16.9	33
California	15.7	29
Colorado	19.6	44
Connecticut	12.1	11
Delaware	12.0	10

District of Columbia	25.7	51
Florida	16.9	34
Georgia	18.1	39
Hawaii	19.8	46
Idaho	17.4	38
Illinois	14.6	24
Indiana	14.9	26
Iowa	11.1	7
Kansas	11.2	9
Kentucky	14.9	27
Louisiana	17.1	37
Maine	9.8	2
Maryland	16.7	32
Massachusetts	12.5	12
Michigan	12.6	13
Minnesota	10.3	5
Mississippi	16.4	30
Missouri	14.3	22
Montana	20.0	47
Nebraska	13.7	16
Nevada	25.1	50
New Hampshire	8.3	1
New Jersey	12.9	14
New Mexico	13.5	15
New York	25.1	49
North Carolina	14.2	19
North Dakota	18.6	41
Ohio	14.3	20
Oklahoma	17.0	36
Oregon	14.8	25
Pennsylvania	11.1	8
Rhode Island	10.2	4
South Carolina	16.5	31

South Dakota	18.6	41
Tennessee	14.5	23
Texas	19.7	45
Utah	13.9	18
Vermont	9.8	2
Virginia	17.0	35
Washington	13.7	17
West Virginia	14.3	20
Wisconsin	10.7	6
Wyoming	18.6	41

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## Households with Checking Accounts

### Description

Percentage of households with non-interest-bearing checking accounts, 2002.

### Explanation

Research shows that at every level of income, "unbanked" households are worse off financially than their "banked" counterparts. This measure is an indicator of the share of households that holds a transaction account. For more, see Carney & Gale (2000) [www.assetbuilding.org](http://www.assetbuilding.org); Beverly (1997) [www.gwbweb.wustl.edu](http://www.gwbweb.wustl.edu).

### Source

U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. Survey of income program population [Electronic data tape]. (2002). Washington, D.C.: Author. Calculations by Jon Haveman.

State 🇺🇸	%	Rank 🏆
Alabama	17.9	50
Alaska	41.2	5
Arizona	33.9	16
Arkansas	39.4	9
California	30.0	27
Colorado	28.7	31
Connecticut	29.3	29
Delaware	40.4	7
District of Columbia	40.3	8

Florida	26.7	37
Georgia	17.7	51
Hawaii	18.2	49
Idaho	33.1	17
Illinois	32.6	18
Indiana	28.6	32
Iowa	34.0	15
Kansas	37.5	10
Kentucky	28.5	33
Louisiana	35.0	14
Maine	31.3	21
Maryland	32.3	19
Massachusetts	23.5	46
Michigan	30.8	24
Minnesota	35.8	13
Mississippi	29.2	30
Missouri	42.5	2
Montana	37.1	11
Nebraska	26.9	36
Nevada	30.3	26
New Hampshire	26.2	42
New Jersey	31.0	23
New Mexico	20.6	47
New York	23.7	45
North Carolina	20.2	48
North Dakota	26.3	39
Ohio	31.8	20
Oklahoma	41.8	3
Oregon	43.5	1
Pennsylvania	36.0	12
Rhode Island	24.0	43
South Carolina	23.9	44
South Dakota	26.3	39

Tennessee	27.0	35
Texas	29.6	28
Utah	41.8	4
Vermont	31.3	21
Virginia	26.5	38
Washington	30.7	25
West Virginia	41.2	5
Wisconsin	28.3	34
Wyoming	26.3	39

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## Households with Savings Accounts

### Description

Percentage of households that hold interest-bearing checking, savings, or money market accounts, 2002.

### Explanation

Savings accounts are one of the most basic asset-accumulation tools.

### Source

U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. Survey of income program population [Electronic data tape]. (2002). Washington, D.C.: Author. Calculations by Jon Haveman.

State 🇺🇸	%	Rank 🏆
Alabama	36.7	49
Alaska	70.8	14
Arizona	57.8	32
Arkansas	44.7	47
California	58.7	31
Colorado	69.4	16
Connecticut	73.9	9
Delaware	59.4	30
District of Columbia	47.6	45
Florida	55.5	37
Georgia	46.5	46
Hawaii	73.6	11

Idaho	57.4	34
Illinois	57.7	33
Indiana	62.0	26
Iowa	79.3	1
Kansas	66.7	21
Kentucky	53.9	41
Louisiana	48.3	44
Maine	77.8	3
Maryland	73.9	10
Massachusetts	69.2	18
Michigan	68.2	20
Minnesota	74.9	8
Mississippi	32.5	50
Missouri	63.9	23
Montana	54.9	39
Nebraska	72.1	13
Nevada	55.0	38
New Hampshire	78.9	2
New Jersey	61.9	27
New Mexico	48.5	43
New York	57.2	35
North Carolina	55.7	36
North Dakota	75.7	5
Ohio	63.1	24
Oklahoma	42.3	48
Oregon	66.5	22
Pennsylvania	69.8	15
Rhode Island	62.5	25
South Carolina	61.4	29
South Dakota	75.7	5
Tennessee	54.5	40
Texas	49.3	42
Utah	68.9	19

Vermont	77.8	3
Virginia	61.6	28
Washington	69.4	17
West Virginia	24.3	51
Wisconsin	72.6	12
Wyoming	75.7	5

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## Bankruptcy Rate

### Description

Consumer bankruptcy filings per 1,000 people, 2003.

### Explanation

Bankruptcy is an indicator of how wealth is being eroded. Bankruptcy results when a household's expenses far exceed its income, whether from catastrophic illness, loss of job, death, or divorce. While many of the measures in this report focus on households that have little or no wealth, bankruptcies capture the plight faced by families that were self-sufficient -- that had secure jobs, homes, and/or savings -- when their debt becomes overwhelming.

### Source

Annual US Bankruptcy Filings by State, 2000-2003. (n.d.) Retrieved January 26, 2005 from [www.abiworld.org](http://www.abiworld.org)

State	Rate	Rank
Alabama	9.4	50
Alaska	2.1	1
Arizona	5.6	28
Arkansas	8.8	45
California	3.9	11
Colorado	5.6	29
Connecticut	3.5	7
Delaware	4.2	17
District of Columbia	4.0	14
Florida	5.5	27
Georgia	9.2	48
Hawaii	3.0	4

Idaho	6.9	40
Illinois	6.7	38
Indiana	8.9	46
Iowa	4.2	16
Kansas	5.8	31
Kentucky	7.2	41
Louisiana	6.5	35
Maine	3.5	8
Maryland	6.1	33
Massachusetts	2.8	2
Michigan	6.2	34
Minnesota	3.9	13
Mississippi	7.6	43
Missouri	6.6	37
Montana	4.7	20
Nebraska	4.8	25
Nevada	9.0	47
New Hampshire	3.3	5
New Jersey	4.8	24
New Mexico	4.8	22
New York	3.8	10
North Carolina	4.6	19
North Dakota	3.5	6
Ohio	7.7	44
Oklahoma	7.6	42
Oregon	6.7	39
Pennsylvania	4.7	21
Rhode Island	4.2	18
South Carolina	3.9	12
South Dakota	3.6	9
Tennessee	11.1	51
Texas	4.0	15
Utah	9.2	49

Vermont	2.9	3
Virginia	5.8	30
Washington	6.5	36
West Virginia	6.0	32
Wisconsin	5.0	26
Wyoming	4.8	23

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## Subprime Loans

### Description

Percent of all mortgage loans that are subprime loans, September 2004.

### Explanation

Under the guise of providing credit to borrowers with poor credit histories, predatory lenders often target elderly, minority, and poor families with lending products that can lead to a loss of home equity. Unfortunately, the growth of the subprime market has corresponded with an increase in abusive lending that has become a crisis for American families. One in five subprime refinance loans end up in foreclosure, according to new research by The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Center for Community Capitalism—ten times the rate for mortgages in the prime market. Subprime prepayment penalties and balloon payments help fuel the problem. Rigorous research shows subprime loans are costly, applied unfairly, and—and given the risk of foreclosure—dangerous. [See Quercia, Stegman, Davis (2005), [www.kenan-flagler.unc.edu](http://www.kenan-flagler.unc.edu) for more information.]

### Source

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Delaware	10.0	20
District of Columbia	7.2	7
Florida	12.7	40

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Hawaii	10.4	24
Idaho	9.3	15
Illinois	11.0	33
Indiana	14.9	47
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Kansas	10.0	21
Kentucky	11.3	34
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Maine	12.2	37
Maryland	10.4	25
Massachusetts	10.6	27
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Nevada	14.2	46
New Hampshire	10.5	26
New Jersey	9.0	13
New Mexico	9.8	18
New York	12.3	38
North Carolina	9.9	19
North Dakota	3.8	1
Ohio	15.6	50
Oklahoma	12.8	41
Oregon	9.2	14
Pennsylvania	13.1	43
Rhode Island	16.5	51
South Carolina	10.8	29
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