

Table 2. Estimated Average Percentage and Number of Aged Medicare Beneficiaries with Incomes Below Specified Levels of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, by State, 1999-2001

State	Below 100% of poverty		Below 135% of poverty		Below 150% of poverty		Below 175% of poverty		Below 200% of poverty	
	Average	Estimated	Average	Estimated	Average	Estimated	Average	Estimated	Average	Estimated
Alabama	21.4%	** 112,000	34.3%	** 179,000	42.5%	** 222,000	50.8%	** 265,000	55.4%	** 289,000
Alaska	14.1%	5,000	28.0%	10,000	33.4%	11,000	41.7%	14,000	48.9%	17,000
Arizona	11.5%	* 66,000	21.5%	* 123,000	26.6%	* 153,000	34.0%	* 195,000	41.7%	* 239,000
Arkansas	19.3%	** 73,000	33.0%	** 124,000	41.1%	** 155,000	49.5%	** 186,000	57.1%	** 215,000
California	14.1%	440,000	29.0%	904,000	34.8%	1,081,000	42.1%	1,308,000	48.3%	1,504,000
Colorado	10.5%	* 41,000	20.9%	* 83,000	26.9%	* 106,000	35.9%	* 142,000	43.4%	* 171,000
Connecticut	12.4%	59,000	22.0%	* 105,000	28.8%	* 137,000	34.9%	* 166,000	41.6%	* 198,000
Delaware	10.7%	* 10,000	23.5%	* 22,000	28.5%	* 26,000	37.8%	* 35,000	43.8%	* 40,000
District of Columbia	26.6%	** 16,000	40.0%	** 24,000	43.2%	** 26,000	49.0%	** 30,000	53.5%	33,000
Florida	14.3%	369,000	27.4%	705,000	33.1%	851,000	41.0%	1,056,000	48.7%	1,253,000
Georgia	21.0%	** 153,000	34.6%	** 253,000	41.4%	** 304,000	48.4%	** 355,000	54.9%	** 403,000
Hawaii	18.5%	** 26,000	30.7%	43,000	34.3%	48,000	41.2%	58,000	46.9%	66,000
Idaho	11.3%	* 16,000	25.0%	36,000	31.1%	44,000	38.5%	55,000	47.1%	67,000
Illinois	12.6%	* 164,000	24.6%	* 322,000	30.5%	* 399,000	38.7%	* 508,000	46.3%	* 607,000
Indiana	9.2%	* 70,000	26.5%	202,000	31.9%	243,000	41.1%	314,000	49.7%	379,000
Iowa	9.3%	* 36,000	22.4%	* 88,000	28.4%	* 111,000	39.5%	154,000	47.6%	186,000
Kansas	9.7%	* 35,000	23.8%	* 87,000	29.2%	* 107,000	37.5%	* 137,000	45.8%	167,000
Kentucky	18.6%	** 85,000	34.6%	** 159,000	40.5%	** 186,000	48.5%	** 223,000	55.7%	** 256,000
Louisiana	21.0%	** 95,000	37.4%	** 171,000	42.9%	** 196,000	50.6%	** 232,000	57.3%	** 263,000
Maine	13.9%	24,000	30.1%	54,000	37.3%	67,000	46.0%	** 82,000	53.3%	** 96,000
Maryland	16.1%	104,000	27.8%	178,000	31.1%	198,000	36.5%	* 233,000	42.2%	* 269,000
Massachusetts	15.9%	123,000	28.7%	222,000	35.7%	275,000	44.5%	343,000	50.3%	388,000
Michigan	11.2%	* 125,000	22.9%	* 255,000	29.0%	* 322,000	38.1%	* 424,000	46.2%	* 515,000
Minnesota	12.5%	60,000	25.6%	123,000	30.5%	147,000	37.6%	* 179,000	45.4%	* 216,000
Mississippi	28.4%	** 93,000	43.0%	** 141,000	48.4%	** 159,000	56.1%	** 185,000	61.2%	** 202,000
Missouri	12.3%	* 76,000	23.9%	* 147,000	27.6%	* 171,000	40.2%	249,000	47.2%	293,000
Montana	11.6%	* 14,000	24.3%	* 29,000	30.3%	* 36,000	38.8%	46,000	46.7%	55,000
Nebraska	14.3%	29,000	27.8%	56,000	34.6%	69,000	41.9%	83,000	49.6%	99,000
Nevada	12.0%	* 25,000	23.7%	* 51,000	30.7%	65,000	39.1%	83,000	46.2%	98,000
New Hampshire	11.5%	* 18,000	22.8%	* 35,000	28.4%	* 44,000	37.4%	* 58,000	46.7%	73,000
New Jersey	13.6%	147,000	24.8%	* 270,000	30.8%	* 335,000	38.6%	* 420,000	45.2%	* 493,000
New Mexico	18.6%	** 41,000	34.2%	** 75,000	39.3%	** 86,000	45.7%	100,000	51.6%	113,000
New York	19.2%	** 437,000	31.6%	** 721,000	38.4%	** 876,000	45.6%	** 1,040,000	52.8%	** 1,203,000
North Carolina	21.2%	** 196,000	35.6%	** 329,000	40.9%	** 378,000	47.0%	** 435,000	55.0%	** 509,000

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	Average	Estimated	Average	Estimated	Average	Estimated	Average	Estimated	Average	Estimated
North Dakota	15.4%	14,000	31.7% **	28,000	37.8% **	34,000	49.6% **	44,000	56.5% **	50,000
Ohio	11.6% *	160,000	25.1% *	349,000	30.0% *	416,000	38.7% *	537,000	47.5%	660,000
Oklahoma	14.4%	64,000	26.9%	120,000	32.0%	142,000	40.4%	180,000	47.2%	211,000
Oregon	9.8% *	37,000	20.6% *	78,000	26.1% *	99,000	36.1% *	136,000	44.5% *	168,000
Pennsylvania	12.1% *	203,000	25.4% *	425,000	30.9% *	515,000	39.9% *	667,000	49.2%	821,000
Rhode Island	15.1%	24,000	31.5% **	49,000	37.8% **	59,000	46.6% **	73,000	54.2% **	85,000
South Carolina	18.6% **	92,000	33.3% **	164,000	38.0% **	187,000	46.7% **	231,000	55.4% **	273,000
South Dakota	11.7% *	12,000	24.9% *	26,000	30.3% *	31,000	38.5% *	39,000	48.0%	49,000
Tennessee	22.0% **	133,000	37.7% **	227,000	43.1% **	260,000	50.9% **	306,000	58.6% **	352,000
Texas	18.8% **	372,000	32.6% **	646,000	38.7% **	767,000	46.8% **	929,000	52.6% **	1,043,000
Utah	12.0% *	20,000	23.7% *	39,000	28.1% *	46,000	39.7%	65,000	46.1%	75,000
Vermont	17.2%	11,000	33.0% **	22,000	40.4% **	27,000	48.6% **	32,000	56.7% **	38,000
Virginia	14.7%	117,000	27.3%	216,000	34.8%	276,000	42.9%	341,000	49.8%	395,000
Washington	12.8%	78,000	22.1% *	136,000	26.6% *	165,000	35.3% *	220,000	41.7% *	259,000
West Virginia	16.1%	45,000	28.9%	81,000	35.5%	99,000	46.5% **	130,000	53.9% **	151,000
Wisconsin	8.1% *	51,000	18.1% *	115,000	24.5% *	156,000	34.3% *	219,000	43.4% *	276,000
Wyoming	13.2%	7,000	27.6%	15,000	34.0%	19,000	43.5%	24,000	52.7%	29,000
United States	14.9%	4,826,000	28.1%	9,062,000	33.9%	10,935,000	42.1%	13,566,000	49.3%	15,911,000

Source: Table prepared by the Congressional Research Service based on data from the March supplement of the Current Population Survey, 2000-2002.

Note: Income is determined based on the definition of countable income for Supplemental Security Income, not by total family income. The Department of Health and Human Services' federal poverty guidelines are used rather than the Census Bureau's federal poverty threshold.

* indicates percentage of beneficiaries is statistically lower than the national rate, at the 90% confidence level;

** indicates the percentage of beneficiaries is statistically higher than the national rate, at the 90% confidence level.