

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

FY 2006

RANKING OF STATES' ACTIVE PAYMENT ERROR RATES

LOWEST PAYMENT ERROR RATE			MOST IMPROVED PAYMENT ERROR RATE			PERCENTAGE
STATE	FY 2006 OCT -SEPT	RANKED	STATE	FY 2005 OCT -SEPT	FY 2006 OCT -SEPT	POINT DIFFERENCE
SOUTH DAKOTA	1.83	1	RHODE ISLAND	9.84	4.02	5.82
VIRGIN ISLANDS	1.93	2	IDAHO	8.34	4.64	3.70
MISSOURI	2.59	3	NEW YORK	7.23	4.56	2.67
WASHINGTON	2.59	4	MISSOURI	5.10	2.59	2.51
MISSISSIPPI	2.61	5	HAWAII	5.63	3.40	2.23
NORTH CAROLINA	2.83	6	WYOMING	7.03	5.39	1.64
HAWAII	3.40	7	OHIO	8.65	7.10	1.55
NEBRASKA	3.44	8	CONNECTICUT	6.61	5.46	1.15
MASSACHUSETTS	3.55	9	NEBRASKA	4.45	3.44	1.01
PENNSYLVANIA	3.64	10	PENNSYLVANIA	4.51	3.64	0.87
NORTH DAKOTA	3.67	11	COLORADO	7.42	6.68	0.74
ALABAMA	3.80	12	ALASKA	6.51	5.81	0.70
NEVADA	3.87	13	NEW JERSEY	4.79	4.15	0.64
RHODE ISLAND	4.02	14	TENNESSEE	6.01	5.57	0.44
NEW JERSEY	4.15	15	OREGON	5.71	5.28	0.43
UTAH	4.22	16	MISSISSIPPI	3.00	2.61	0.39
NEW YORK	4.56	17	VERMONT	5.64	5.25	0.39
IDAHO	4.64	18	MASSACHUSETTS	3.88	3.55	0.33
VERMONT	5.25	19	DIST. OF COL.	9.89	9.62	0.27
OREGON	5.28	20	OKLAHOMA	7.42	7.17	0.25
WYOMING	5.39	21	UTAH	4.41	4.22	0.19
CONNECTICUT	5.46	22	VIRGIN ISLANDS	2.11	1.93	0.18
TENNESSEE	5.57	23	NORTH CAROLINA	2.97	2.83	0.14
ALASKA	5.81	24	WASHINGTON	2.72	2.59	0.13
KENTUCKY	5.95	25	MINNESOTA	7.60	7.56	0.04
MARYLAND	6.04	26	INDIANA	6.58	6.64	-0.06
ILLINOIS	6.09	27	NORTH DAKOTA	3.59	3.67	-0.08
NEW HAMPSHIRE	6.16	28	ALABAMA	3.68	3.80	-0.12
WISCONSIN	6.17	29	MICHIGAN	7.34	7.53	-0.19
SOUTH CAROLINA	6.21	30	NEW HAMPSHIRE	5.91	6.16	-0.25
KANSAS	6.39	31	GUAM	6.20	6.45	-0.25
IOWA	6.40	32	ILLINOIS	5.75	6.09	-0.34
GUAM	6.45	33	IOWA	6.03	6.40	-0.37
TEXAS	6.46	34	MARYLAND	5.49	6.04	-0.55
INDIANA	6.64	35	WISCONSIN	5.61	6.17	-0.56
COLORADO	6.68	36	CALIFORNIA	6.38	6.98	-0.60
NEW MEXICO	6.78	37	SOUTH DAKOTA	1.19	1.83	-0.64
MONTANA	6.82	38	ARIZONA	7.61	8.26	-0.65
VIRGINIA	6.96	39	SOUTH CAROLINA	5.44	6.21	-0.77
CALIFORNIA	6.98	40	NEW MEXICO	5.99	6.78	-0.79
OHIO	7.10	41	NEVADA	2.86	3.87	-1.01
ARKANSAS	7.15	42	VIRGINIA	5.79	6.96	-1.17
GEORGIA	7.16	43	KENTUCKY	4.56	5.95	-1.39
OKLAHOMA	7.17	44	WEST VIRGINIA	5.94	7.34	-1.40
WEST VIRGINIA	7.34	45	FLORIDA	7.19	8.59	-1.40
MICHIGAN	7.53	46	TEXAS	5.03	6.46	-1.43
MINNESOTA	7.56	47	DELAWARE	6.46	7.92	-1.46
DELAWARE	7.92	48	ARKANSAS	5.43	7.15	-1.72
ARIZONA	8.26	49	MAINE	7.59	9.55	-1.96
FLORIDA	8.59	50	KANSAS	4.37	6.39	-2.02
MAINE	9.55	51	GEORGIA	4.89	7.16	-2.27
DIST. OF COL.	9.62	52	MONTANA	4.05	6.82	-2.77
LOUISIANA	8.00 ^{1/}		LOUISIANA	5.83 ^{1/}	8.00	-2.17
TOTAL	5.99		TOTAL	5.84	5.99	

States in yellow receive bonus payments.

^{1/} Louisiana's error rates was assigned due to the disaster caused by Hurricane Katrina. Because of the inability to fully validate its caseload, Louisiana is not eligible to receive a bonus award.