

SSI and Median Income

Priced Out in 2010

The data in *Priced Out in 2010* reveal that people with disabilities who rely on Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments continue to be among the lowest-income people in the nation. As shown in **Table 3**, the annual income of a single individual receiving SSI in 2010 was equal to only 18.7% of the national median income for a one-person household and over 20 percent below the 2010 federal poverty level of \$10,830 for an individual.

Median income is an important housing policy indicator because most government housing programs have eligibility requirements that relate to median income. For example, all households at or below 50% of the area median income qualify for HUD public housing units, Housing Choice Vouchers, and HUD assisted housing with project-based Section 8 contracts. Households at or below 30% of median income are considered extremely low income according to HUD guidelines and receive a priority under the Housing Choice Voucher program. With incomes at 18.7% of median, SSI recipients are one of the lowest-income groups eligible for federal housing assistance.

Table 3:
SSI as a Percentage of One-Person Median Income

State	% of Median Income	State	% of Median Income
Alabama	21.4%	Montana	20.6%
Alaska	22.7%	Nebraska	18.6%
Arizona	18.8%	Nevada	17.4%
Arkansas	23.6%	New Hampshire	15.7%
California	20.4%	New Jersey	14.0%
Colorado	16.9%	New Mexico	21.9%
Connecticut	16.8%	New York	19.0%
Delaware	16.6%	North Carolina	20.1%
District of Columbia			
Florida	16.8%	North Dakota	18.8%
Georgia	19.5%	Ohio	18.8%
Hawaii	18.9%	Oklahoma	22.7%
Idaho	14.8%	Oregon	18.7%
Illinois	22.1%	Pennsylvania	18.6%
Indiana	16.6%	Rhode Island	16.9%
Iowa	19.0%	South Carolina	20.7%
Kansas	18.5%	South Dakota	20.1%
Kentucky	21.8%	Tennessee	21.2%
Louisiana	21.5%	Texas	19.7%
Maine	20.0%	Utah	17.6%
Maryland	13.5%	Vermont	19.3%
Massachusetts	16.4%	Virginia	15.6%
Michigan	16.4%	Washington	17.5%
Minnesota	18.8%	West Virginia	23.7%
Mississippi	17.7%	Wisconsin	19.5%
Missouri	24.4%	Wyoming	18.1%
	19.7%	NATIONAL	18.7%

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