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# Missouri Statewide Performance Indicators: A National Comparison

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The following benchmark report is the result of research conducted by the University of Missouri, Harry S Truman School of Public Affairs that has been presented to, and reviewed by the Missouri State Auditor's office.

The objective of this report was to present compiled comparative data on a vast array of policy issue areas to:

1. Provide comparative information to Missouri legislators, other elected officials, and citizens.
2. Without comment, or drawing conclusions, allow the comparative data and rankings to stand alone as indicators.
3. Publish the report in a technical format that provides information, and trends when classifiable, without presumptions or findings.

Many policy makers have found that monitoring performance indicators can provide valuable information when it comes to policy development, as well as government action. Similar reports conducted elsewhere have been helpful in providing a snap shot as to where states are positioned in relation to each other in critical areas dealing with the economy, healthcare, crime, education, transportation and civic involvement. Comparative analysis can serve to help measure progress made in relation to others and is becoming increasingly more important for generally establishing the direction states are headed in a variety of policy areas. Also, because statistical information is constantly evolving, updated information can almost always be found from sources drawn upon in this report, as well as from other qualified monitoring sources.

This report was completed in coordination with the University of Missouri - Columbia, Harry S Truman School of Public Affairs, and prepared under the direction of Joe Martin, MPA, JD of the State Auditor's office (SAO). Key contributors to this report included SAO staff Robert Showers, CPA; and of the Harry S Truman School of Public Affairs, David Valentine, PhD.

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## Economy

**Household Median Income** - The median household income is the amount which divides households into two equal groups, one having incomes above that amount and the other having incomes below that amount. The data was provided by the Census Bureau. In 2008, Missouri ranked 36th.

**Unemployment rate** - The government conducts a monthly sample survey called the Current Population Survey (CPS) to measure the extent of unemployment in the country. There are approximately 110,000 individuals included in the survey. The CPS sample is selected so as to be representative of the entire population of the United States. The survey is designed so that each person age 16 and over who is neither in an institution (for example, correctional facilities and residential nursing and mental health care facilities) nor on active duty in the Armed Forces is counted and classified in only one group. The sum of the employed and the unemployed constitutes the civilian labor force. The data was provided by the Bureau for Labor Statistics. In January 2010, Missouri ranked 20th.

**State Tax Burden as a Percentage of Personal Income** - The amount of state taxes collected, divided by personal income. The data was provided by the Federation of Tax Administrators. In 2008, Missouri ranked 44th.

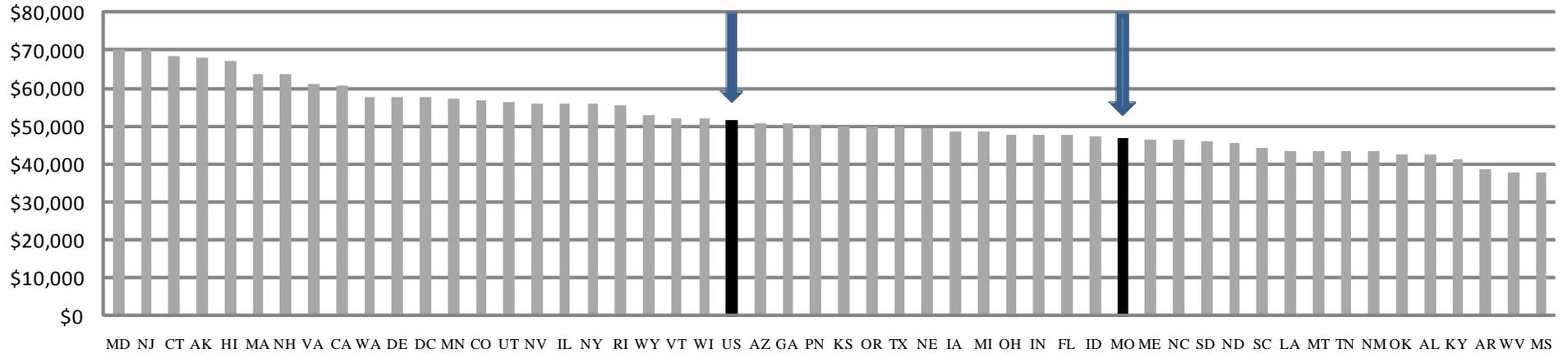
**State Cigarette Tax** - The amount of tax levied, in dollars, by a state on the sale of a pack of cigarettes. The data was provided by the National Conference of State Legislatures. In 2009, Missouri ranked 50th.

**Percent of Population in Poverty** - The percent of the population that has a yearly income below the federal poverty level. The data was provided by the Census Bureau. In 2008, Missouri ranked 19th.

**Percent of Children in Poverty** - The percent of children under age 18 that live in a household whose yearly income is below the federal poverty level. The data was provided by the Census Bureau. In 2008, Missouri ranked 19th.

# Economy

## Household Median Income: 2008



Rank	State	Income
1	Maryland	70,545
2	New Jersey	70,378
3	Connecticut	68,595
4	Alaska	68,460
5	Hawaii	67,214
6	Massachusetts	63,731
7	New Hampshire	63,731
8	Virginia	61,233
9	California	61,021
10	Washington	58,078
11	Delaware	57,989
12	District of Columbia	57,936
13	Minnesota	57,288
14	Colorado	56,993
15	Utah	56,633
16	Nevada	56,361
17	Illinois	56,235
18	New York	56,033
19	Rhode Island	55,701

Rank	State	Income
20	Wyoming	53,207
21	Vermont	52,104
22	Wisconsin	52,094
	<b>United States</b>	<b>52,029</b>
23	Arizona	50,958
24	Georgia	50,861
25	Pennsylvania	50,713
26	Kansas	50,177
27	Oregon	50,169
28	Texas	50,043
29	Nebraska	49,693
30	Iowa	48,980
31	Michigan	48,591
32	Ohio	47,988
33	Indiana	47,966
34	Florida	47,778
35	Idaho	47,576
<b>36</b>	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>46,867</b>
37	Maine	46,581

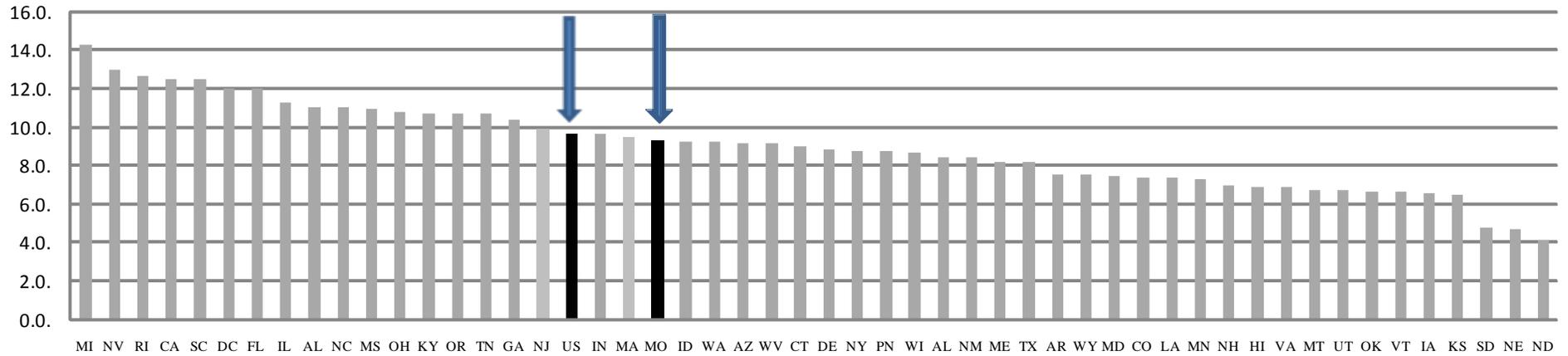
Rank	State	Income
38	North Carolina	46,549
39	North Dakota	46,032
40	Montana	45,685
41	South Dakota	44,625
42	South Carolina	43,733
43	Tennessee	43,654
44	Oklahoma	43,614
45	New Mexico	43,508
46	Louisiana	42,822
47	Alabama	42,666
48	Kentucky	41,538
49	Arkansas	38,815
50	West Virginia	37,989
51	Mississippi	37,790

Year	MO Rank	Income
2006	37	\$42,841
2007	37	\$45,114
2008	36	\$46,867

Source: census.gov

# Economy

## Unemployment Rate: January 2010

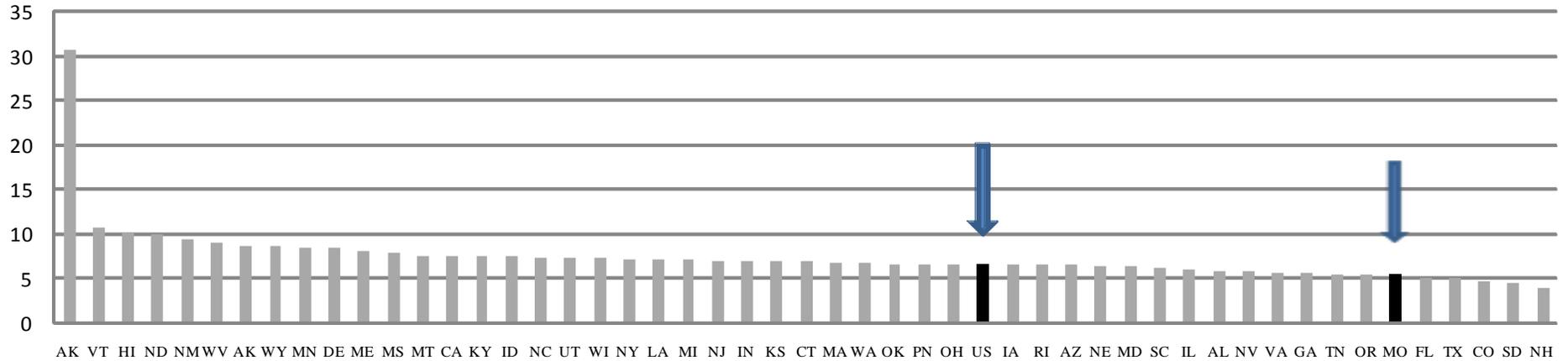


Rank	State	Rate
1	Michigan	14.3%
2	Nevada	13.0%
3	Rhode Island	12.7%
4	California	12.5%
4	South Carolina	12.5%
6	District of Columbia	12.0%
6	Florida	12.0%
8	Illinois	11.3%
9	Alabama	11.1%
9	North Carolina	11.1%
11	Mississippi	11.0%
12	Ohio	10.8%
13	Kentucky	10.7%
13	Oregon	10.7%
13	Tennessee	10.7%
16	Georgia	10.4%
17	New Jersey	9.9%
	<b>United States</b>	<b>9.7%</b>
18	Indiana	9.7%

Rank	State	Rate
19	Massachusetts	9.5%
<b>20</b>	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>9.4%</b>
21	Idaho	9.3%
21	Washington	9.3%
23	Arizona	9.2%
23	West Virginia	9.2%
25	Connecticut	9.0%
26	Delaware	8.9%
27	New York	8.8%
27	Pennsylvania	8.8%
29	Wisconsin	8.7%
30	Alaska	8.5%
30	New Mexico	8.5%
32	Maine	8.2%
32	Texas	8.2%
34	Arkansas	7.6%
34	Wyoming	7.6%
36	Maryland	7.5%
37	Colorado	7.4%

Rank	State	Rate
37	Louisiana	7.4%
39	Minnesota	7.3%
40	New Hampshire	7.0%
41	Hawaii	6.9%
41	Virginia	6.9%
43	Montana	6.8%
43	Utah	6.8%
45	Oklahoma	6.7%
45	Vermont	6.7%
47	Iowa	6.6%
48	Kansas	6.5%
49	South Dakota	4.8%
50	Nebraska	4.7%
51	North Dakota	4.2%

### State Tax Burden as a Percentage of Personal Income: 2008



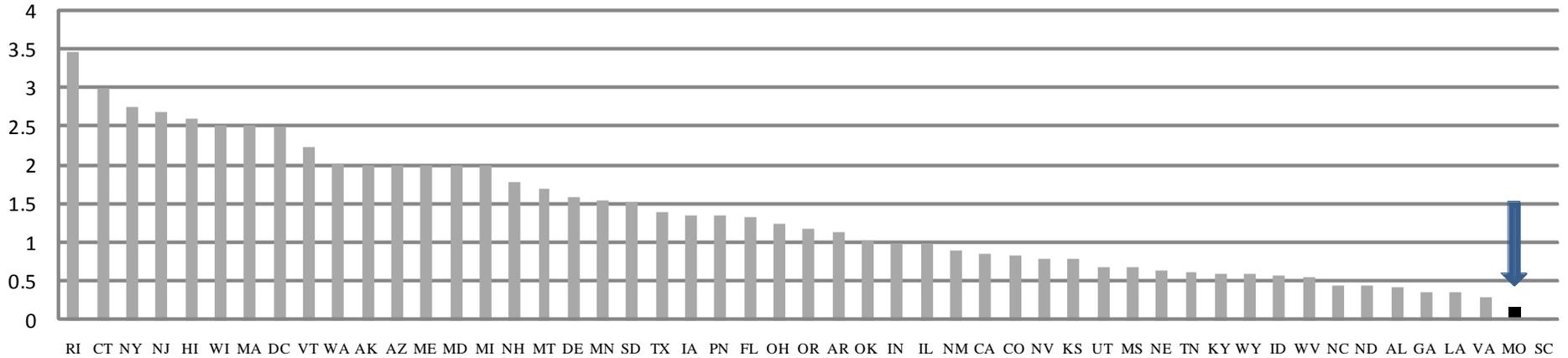
Rank	State	Percent
1	Alaska	30.9%
2	Vermont	10.9%
3	Hawaii	10.3%
4	North Dakota	10.0%
5	New Mexico	9.4%
6	West Virginia	9.2%
7	Arkansas	8.8%
7	Wyoming	8.8%
9	Minnesota	8.6%
10	Delaware	8.5%
11	Maine	8.2%
12	Mississippi	7.9%
13	Montana	7.7%
13	California	7.7%
13	Kentucky	7.7%
13	Idaho	7.7%
17	North Carolina	7.5%
17	Utah	7.5%
17	Wisconsin	7.5%

Rank	State	Percent
20	New York	7.3%
21	Louisiana	7.2%
21	Michigan	7.2%
23	New Jersey	7.1%
23	Indiana	7.1%
23	Kansas	7.1%
26	Connecticut	7.0%
27	Massachusetts	6.9%
28	Washington	6.8%
29	Oklahoma	6.7%
29	Pennsylvania	6.7%
29	Ohio	6.7%
	<b>United States</b>	<b>6.7%</b>
32	Iowa	6.6%
32	Rhode Island	6.6%
32	Arizona	6.6%
35	Nebraska	6.5%
36	Maryland	6.4%
37	South Carolina	6.2%

Rank	State	Percent
38	Illinois	6.1%
39	Alabama	6.0%
39	Nevada	6.0%
41	Virginia	5.7%
41	Georgia	5.7%
43	Tennessee	5.6%
44	Oregon	5.5%
<b>44</b>	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>5.5%</b>
46	Florida	5.1%
46	Texas	5.1%
48	Colorado	4.8%
49	South Dakota	4.6%
50	New Hampshire	4.1%

Year	MO Rank	Percent
2007	45	5.60%
2008	44	5.50%

### State Cigarette Tax in Dollars: 2009



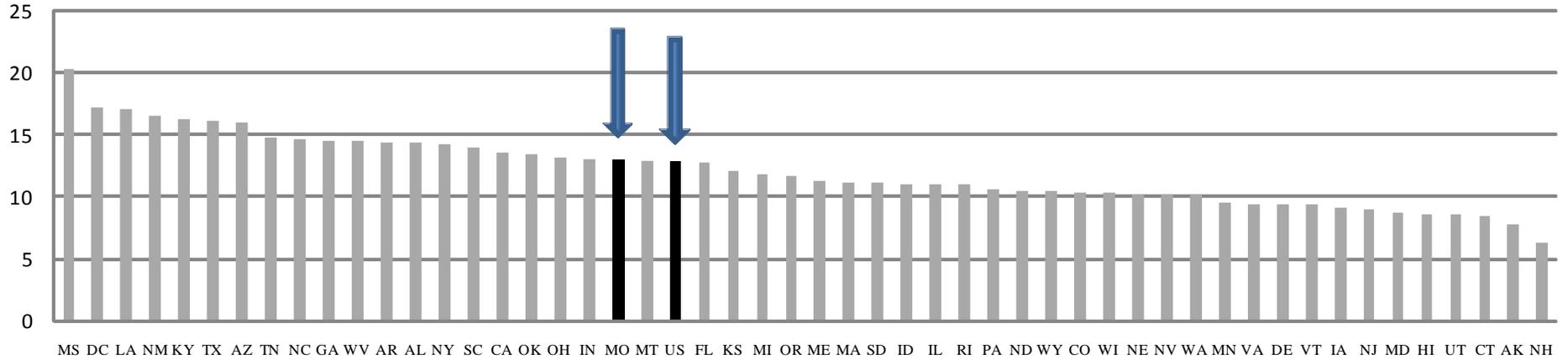
Rank	State	Dollars
1	Rhode Island	3.46
2	Connecticut	3.00
3	New York	2.75
4	New Jersey	2.70
5	Hawaii	2.60
6	Wisconsin	2.52
7	Massachusetts	2.51
8	District of Columbia	2.50
9	Vermont	2.24
10	Washington	2.03
11	Alaska	2.00
12	Arizona	2.00
13	Maine	2.00
14	Maryland	2.00
15	Michigan	2.00
16	New Hampshire	1.78
17	Montana	1.70
18	Delaware	1.60
19	Minnesota	1.56

Rank	State	Dollars
20	South Dakota	1.53
21	Texas	1.41
22	Iowa	1.36
23	Pennsylvania	1.35
24	Florida	1.339
25	Ohio	1.25
26	Oregon	1.18
27	Arkansas	1.15
28	Oklahoma	1.03
29	Indiana	1.00
30	Illinois	0.98
31	New Mexico	0.91
32	California	0.87
33	Colorado	0.84
34	Nevada	0.80
35	Kansas	0.79
36	Utah	0.70
37	Mississippi	0.68
38	Nebraska	0.64

Rank	State	Dollars
39	Tennessee	0.62
40	Kentucky	0.60
41	Wyoming	0.60
42	Idaho	0.57
43	West Virginia	0.55
44	North Carolina	0.45
45	North Dakota	0.44
46	Alabama	0.43
47	Georgia	0.37
48	Louisiana	0.36
49	Virginia	0.30
<b>50</b>	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>0.17</b>
51	South Carolina	0.01

Year	MO Rank	Dollars
2007	50	0.17
2008	50	0.17
2009	50	0.17

### Percent of Population in Poverty: 2008



Rank	State	Percent
1	Mississippi	20.40%
2	District of Columbia	17.30%
3	Louisiana	17.10%
4	New Mexico	16.60%
5	Kentucky	16.30%
6	Texas	16.20%
6	Arizona	16.10%
8	Tennessee	14.90%
9	North Carolina	14.70%
10	Georgia	14.60%
10	West Virginia	14.60%
12	Arkansas	14.50%
13	Alabama	14.40%
13	New York	14.30%
15	South Carolina	14.00%
16	California	13.60%
17	Oklahoma	13.50%
18	Ohio	13.20%
19	Indiana	13.10%

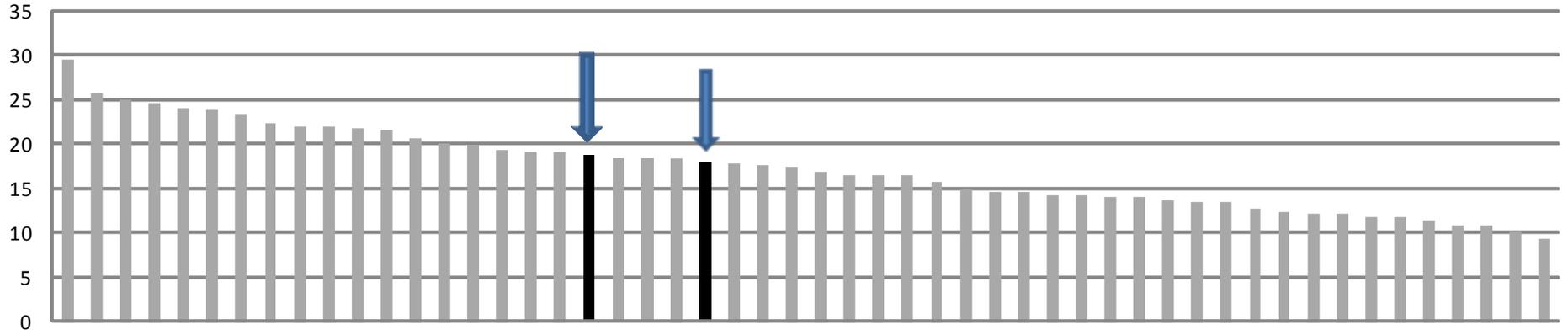
Rank	State	%
<b>19</b>	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>13.10%</b>
21	Montana	12.90%
	<b>United States</b>	<b>12.90%</b>
22	Florida	12.80%
23	Kansas	12.20%
24	Michigan	11.90%
25	Oregon	11.70%
25	Maine	11.40%
25	Massachusetts	11.20%
28	South Dakota	11.20%
28	Idaho	11.10%
28	Illinois	11.10%
31	Rhode Island	11.10%
32	Pennsylvania	10.70%
33	North Dakota	10.50%
34	Wyoming	10.50%
34	Colorado	10.40%
36	Wisconsin	10.40%
37	Nebraska	10.30%

Rank	State	Percent
38	Nevada	10.30%
39	Washington	10.30%
40	Minnesota	9.60%
41	Virginia	9.50%
41	Delaware	9.40%
43	Vermont	9.40%
44	Iowa	9.20%
45	New Jersey	9.00%
46	Maryland	8.80%
47	Hawaii	8.70%
48	Utah	8.60%
49	Connecticut	8.50%
50	Alaska	7.90%
51	New Hampshire	6.40%

Year	MO Rank	Percent
2006	17	13.60%
2007	21	13.00%
2008	19	13.10%

Source: census.gov

### Percent of Children in Poverty: 2008



MS DC LA AR NM WV KY TX AL OK TN SC AZ GA NC NY MI MT MO CA OH FL US IN OR SD IL PN ME RI ID NV DE KS CO WA IA ND NE VA WI VT AK MA NJ WY CT MN HI UT MD NH

Rank	State	Percent
1	Mississippi	29.5
2	DC	25.8
3	Louisiana	25.1
4	Arkansas	24.7
5	New Mexico	24.1
6	West Virginia	23.9
7	Kentucky	23.4
8	Texas	22.5
9	Alabama	22.1
10	Oklahoma	22
11	Tennessee	21.8
12	South Carolina	21.7
13	Arizona	20.7
14	Georgia	20.2
15	North Carolina	19.9
16	New York	19.4
17	Michigan	19.3
18	Montana	19.2
<b>19</b>	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>18.9</b>

Rank	State	Percent
20	California	18
21	Ohio	17.7
22	Florida	17.5
	<b>United States</b>	<b>17.3</b>
23	Indiana	17.3
24	Oregon	17.1
25	South Dakota	16.9
26	Illinois	16.8
27	Pennsylvania	16.6
28	Maine	16.3
29	Rhode Island	16.3
30	Idaho	15.9
31	Nevada	15.4
32	Delaware	15.3
33	Kansas	15
34	Colorado	14.9
35	Washington	14.7
36	Iowa	14.6
37	North Dakota	14.4

Rank	State	Percent
38	Nebraska	13.7
39	Virginia	13.6
40	Wisconsin	13.6
41	Vermont	12.8
42	Alaska	12.4
43	Massachusetts	12.3
44	New Jersey	12.3
45	Wyoming	11.9
46	Connecticut	11.8
47	Minnesota	11.4
48	Hawaii	10.9
49	Utah	10.9
50	Maryland	10.4
51	New Hampshire	9.4

Year	MO Rank	Percent
2006	18	18.60%
2007	20	17.70%
2008	19	18.90%

Source: census.gov



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## Education

**NAEP Scores** - The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) is the only nationally representative and continuing assessment of what American students know in various subject areas. NAEP assessments are administered uniformly using the same sets of test booklets across the nation. The test serves as a common metric for all states and selected urban districts. The assessment stays mostly the same from year to year, with only carefully documented changes. The data was provided by the National Center for Education Statistics. In 2007, Missouri ranked 29th in 4th grade reading, and 27th in 8th grade reading. In 2009, Missouri ranked 25th in 4th grade math, and 22nd in 8th grade math.

**ACT Scores** - The ACT is a national college admissions examination that consists of subject area tests in: English, Mathematics, Reading, and Science plus a writing test. ACT results are accepted by all 4-year colleges and universities in the U.S. The ACT includes 215 multiple-choice questions and takes approximately 3 hours and 30 minutes to complete. The data was provided ACT, Inc. In 2009, Missouri ranked 26th.

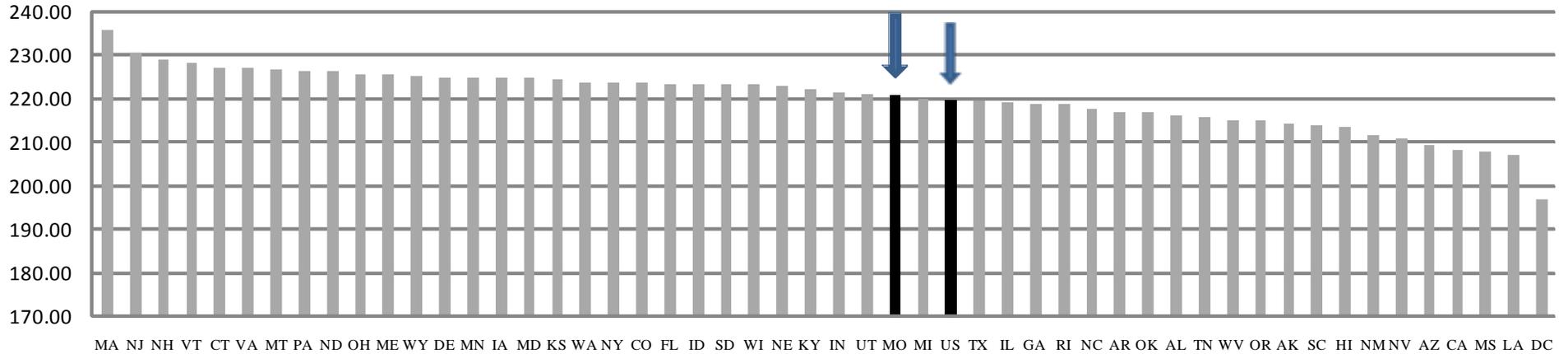
**High School Dropout Rate** - The percentage of public school students in grades 9 through 12 who dropped out of school between October 1 and the next October 1. The data was provided by the National Center for Education Statistics. In 2006, Missouri ranked 17th.

**Percent of Population Age 25 and Older - High School Graduate or Higher** - Estimates the percent of the total population that is at least 25 years old with a high school diploma or equivalent. The data was provided by the Census Bureau. In 2008, Missouri ranked 28th.

**Percent of Population Age 25 and Older - Bachelor's Degree or Higher** - Estimates the percent of the total population that is at least 25 years old with a bachelor's degree or equivalent. The data was provided by the Census Bureau. In 2008, Missouri ranked 34th.

# Education

## 4th Grade NAEP Reading Scores: 2007



Rank	State	Score
1	Massachusetts	235.75
2	New Jersey	230.65
3	New Hampshire	229.02
4	Vermont	228.25
5	Connecticut	227.20
6	Virginia	227.14
7	Montana	226.67
8	Pennsylvania	226.35
9	North Dakota	226.33
10	Ohio	225.67
11	Maine	225.54
12	Wyoming	225.29
13	Delaware	225.07
14	Minnesota	224.92
15	Iowa	224.89
16	Maryland	224.78
17	Kansas	224.66
18	Washington	224.00
19	New York	223.75

Rank	State	Score
20	Colorado	223.73
21	Florida	223.53
22	Idaho	223.40
23	South Dakota	223.40
24	Wisconsin	223.32
25	Nebraska	222.90
26	Kentucky	222.43
27	Indiana	221.67
28	Utah	221.26
<b>29</b>	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>220.78</b>
30	Michigan	220.12
	<b>United States</b>	<b>219.66</b>
31	Texas	219.60
32	Illinois	219.39
33	Georgia	218.89
34	Rhode Island	218.76
35	North Carolina	217.93
36	Arkansas	217.03
37	Oklahoma	216.96

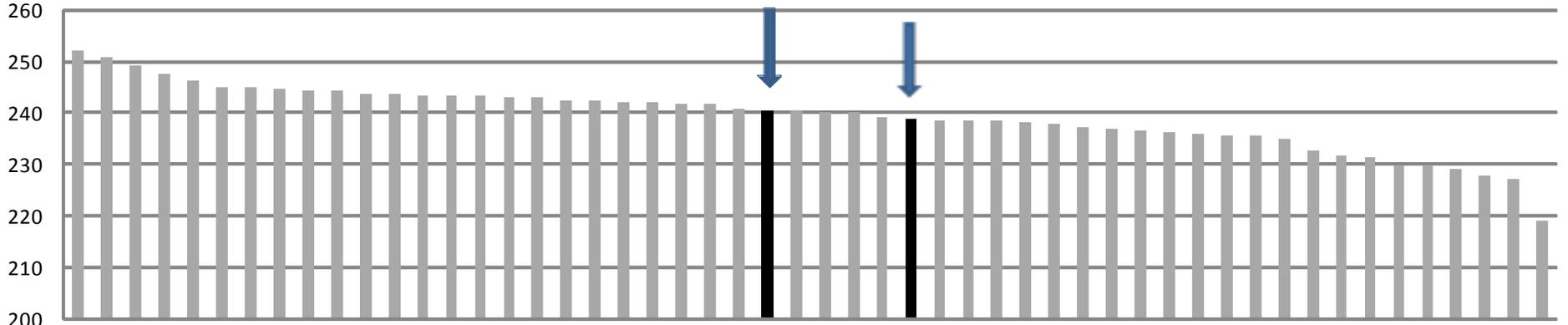
Rank	State	Score
38	Alabama	216.39
39	Tennessee	215.75
40	West Virginia	215.13
41	Oregon	215.02
42	Alaska	214.48
43	South Carolina	213.84
44	Hawaii	213.50
45	New Mexico	211.63
46	Nevada	210.82
47	Arizona	209.52
48	California	208.52
49	Mississippi	207.81
50	Louisiana	207.41
51	District of Columbia	197.09

Year	MO Rank	Score
2003	14	222.26
2005	22	221.17
2007	29	220.78

Source: nationsreportcard.gov NAEP = National Assessment of Educational Progress

# Education

## 4th Grade NAEP Math Scores: 2009



MA NH MN VT NJ KS ND CT ME MT MD NC OH PN WI CO VA IN IA WA SD WY FL ID MO NY TX UT DE US KY RI NV IL OR AR AK OK MI GA HI SC NV WV TN CA NM AZ LA AL MS DC

Rank	State	Score
1	Massachusetts	252.25
2	New Hampshire	251.07
3	Minnesota	249.46
4	Vermont	247.77
5	New Jersey	246.53
6	Kansas	245.31
7	North Dakota	245.19
8	Connecticut	244.72
9	Maine	244.46
10	Montana	244.40
11	Maryland	243.80
12	North Carolina	243.78
13	Ohio	243.69
14	Pennsylvania	243.59
15	Wisconsin	243.59
16	Colorado	243.13
17	Virginia	243.07
18	Indiana	242.62
19	Iowa	242.60

Rank	State	Score
20	Washington	242.26
21	South Dakota	242.10
22	Wyoming	242.01
23	Florida	241.94
24	Idaho	241.04
<b>25</b>	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>240.68</b>
26	New York	240.64
27	Texas	240.46
28	Utah	240.32
29	Delaware	239.49
	<b>United States</b>	<b>239.09</b>
30	Kentucky	238.84
31	Rhode Island	238.77
32	Nebraska	238.75
33	Illinois	238.29
34	Oregon	238.03
35	Arkansas	237.54
36	Alaska	237.21
37	Oklahoma	236.78

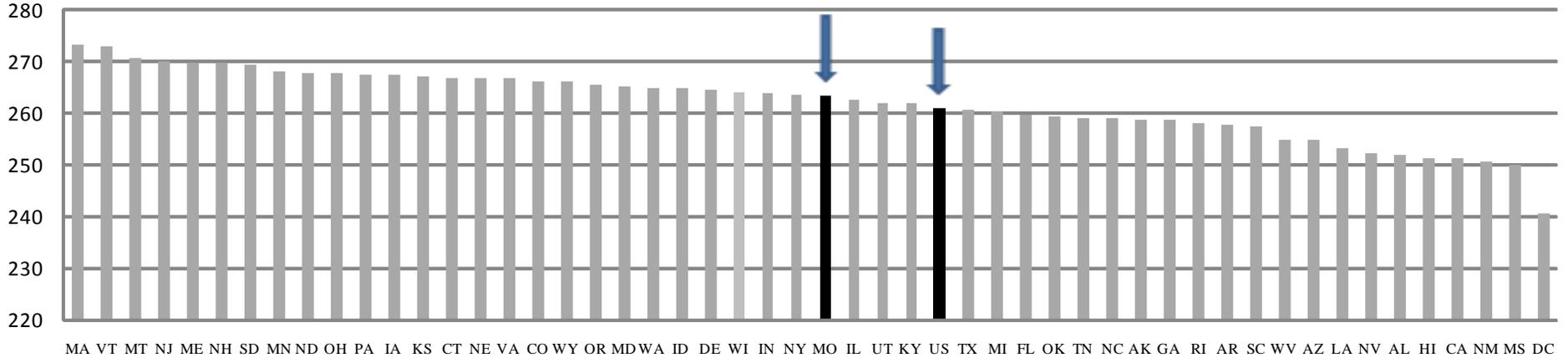
Rank	State	Score
38	Michigan	236.28
39	Georgia	236.03
40	Hawaii	235.68
41	South Carolina	235.67
42	Nevada	235.15
43	West Virginia	232.98
44	Tennessee	231.83
45	California	231.67
46	New Mexico	230.03
47	Arizona	229.99
48	Louisiana	229.43
49	Alabama	227.96
50	Mississippi	227.26
51	District of Columbia	219.26

Year	MO Rank	Score
2005	35	235.04
2007	28	239.06
2009	25	240.68

Source: nationsreportcard.gov NAEP = National Assessment of Educational Progress

# Education

## 8th Grade NAEP Reading Scores: 2007



Rank	State	Score
1	Massachusetts	273.28
2	Vermont	273.05
3	Montana	270.94
4	New Jersey	270.14
5	Maine	269.92
6	New Hampshire	269.73
7	South Dakota	269.60
8	Minnesota	268.20
9	North Dakota	268.02
10	Ohio	267.98
11	Pennsylvania	267.67
12	Iowa	267.45
13	Kansas	267.41
14	Connecticut	267.06
15	Nebraska	267.03
16	Virginia	266.88
17	Colorado	266.41
18	Wyoming	266.23
19	Oregon	265.71

Rank	State	Score
20	Maryland	265.24
21	Washington	264.95
22	Idaho	264.89
23	Delaware	264.54
24	Wisconsin	264.18
25	Indiana	264.10
26	New York	263.55
27	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>263.44</b>
28	Illinois	262.83
29	Utah	262.23
30	Kentucky	261.97
	<b>United States</b>	<b>261.01</b>
31	Texas	260.81
32	Michigan	260.32
33	Florida	259.79
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35	Tennessee	259.16
36	North Carolina	259.14
37	Alaska	258.80

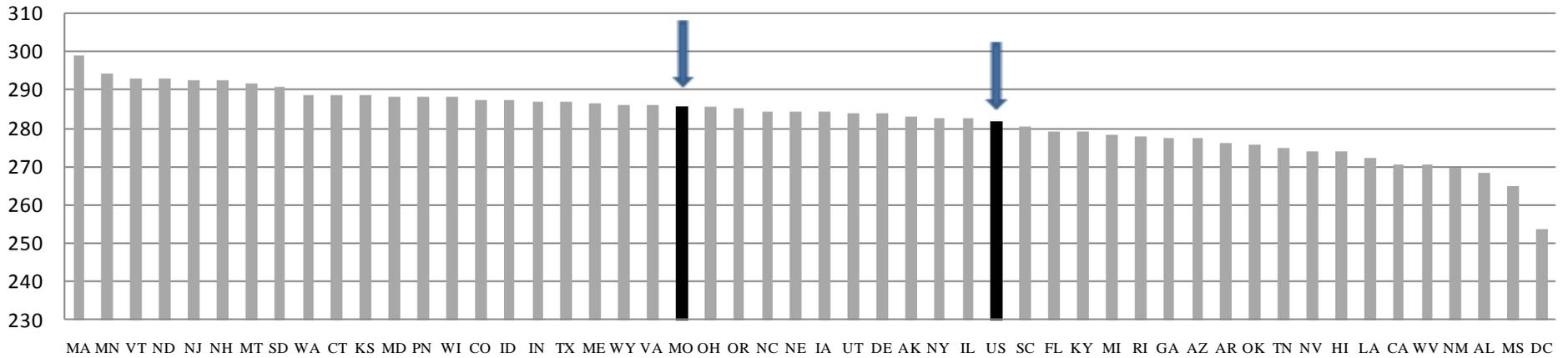
Rank	State	Score
38	Georgia	258.70
39	Rhode Island	258.32
40	Arkansas	257.96
41	South Carolina	257.42
42	West Virginia	255.00
43	Arizona	254.83
44	Louisiana	253.24
45	Nevada	252.35
46	Alabama	251.94
47	Hawaii	251.33
48	California	251.29
49	New Mexico	250.75
50	Mississippi	250.06
51	District of Columbia	240.79

Year	MO Rank	Score
2003	13	267.36
2005	21	264.66
2007	27	263.44

Source: nationsreportcard.gov NAEP = National Assessment of Educational Progress

# Education

## 8th Grade NAEP Math Scores: 2009



Rank	State	Score
1	Massachusetts	298.85
2	Minnesota	294.44
3	Vermont	292.87
4	North Dakota	292.84
5	New Jersey	292.66
6	New Hampshire	292.32
7	Montana	291.54
8	South Dakota	290.62
9	Washington	288.72
10	Connecticut	288.61
11	Kansas	288.60
12	Maryland	288.34
13	Pennsylvania	288.30
14	Wisconsin	288.14
15	Colorado	287.37
16	Idaho	287.31
17	Indiana	286.81
18	Texas	286.69
19	Maine	286.36

Rank	State	Score
20	Wyoming	286.10
21	Virginia	286.07
<b>22</b>	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>285.81</b>
23	Ohio	285.58
24	Oregon	285.04
25	North Carolina	284.33
26	Nebraska	284.26
27	Iowa	284.17
28	Utah	284.07
29	Delaware	283.83
30	Alaska	283.05
31	New York	282.58
32	Illinois	282.43
33	South Carolina	280.38
	<b>United States</b>	<b>281.67</b>
34	Florida	279.34
35	Kentucky	279.28
36	Michigan	278.27
37	Rhode Island	277.92

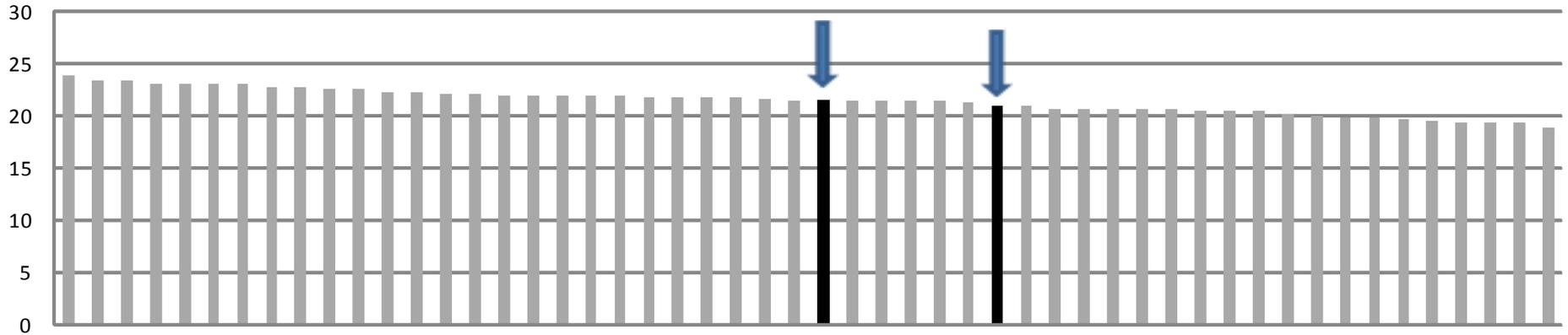
Rank	State	Score
38	Georgia	277.56
39	Arizona	277.33
40	Arkansas	276.00
41	Oklahoma	275.71
42	Tennessee	274.76
43	Nevada	274.15
44	Hawaii	273.76
45	Louisiana	272.38
46	California	270.45
47	West Virginia	270.42
48	New Mexico	269.70
49	Alabama	268.52
50	Mississippi	265.00
51	District of Columbia	253.60

Year	MO Rank	Score
2005	34	276.45
2007	31	280.42
2009	22	285.81

Source: nationsreportcard.gov NAEP = National Assessment of Educational Progress

# Education

## ACT Scores: 2009



MA CT NH ME NJ NY VT RI WAMN DE IA WI CA IN MD NE PN MT SD AZ KS VA UT OH ID MO NC HI NV ND OR US AK CO IL TX OK WV AR GA TN AL LA NMWY SC MI FL KY DC MS

Rank	State	Score
1	Massachusetts	23.9
2	Connecticut	23.5
3	New Hampshire	23.5
4	Maine	23.1
4	New Jersey	23.1
4	New York	23.1
4	Vermont	23.1
8	Rhode Island	22.8
8	Washington	22.8
10	Minnesota	22.7
11	Delaware	22.6
12	Iowa	22.4
13	Wisconsin	22.3
14	California	22.2
14	Indiana	22.2
16	Maryland	22.1
16	Nebraska	22.1
16	Pennsylvania	22.1
19	Montana	22.0

Rank	State	Score
19	South Dakota	22.0
21	Arizona	21.9
21	Kansas	21.9
21	Virginia	21.9
24	Utah	21.8
25	Ohio	21.7
26	Idaho	21.6
<b>26</b>	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>21.6</b>
26	North Carolina	21.6
29	Hawaii	21.5
29	Nevada	21.5
29	North Dakota	21.5
32	Oregon	21.4
	<b>United States</b>	<b>21.1</b>
33	Alaska	21.0
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34	Illinois	20.8
34	Texas	20.8
37	Oklahoma	20.7

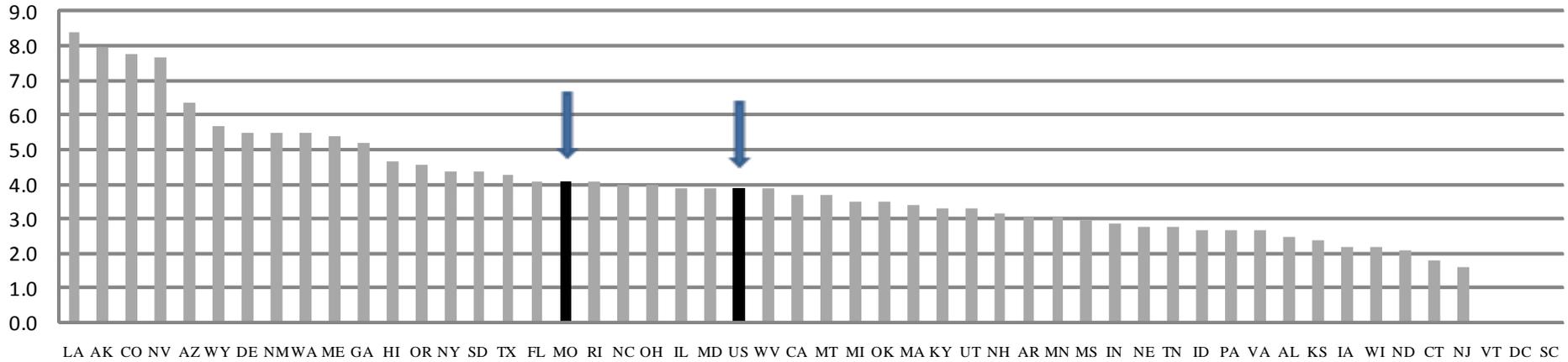
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39	Arkansas	20.6
39	Georgia	20.6
39	Tennessee	20.6
42	Alabama	20.3
43	Louisiana	20.1
44	New Mexico	20.0
44	Wyoming	20.0
46	South Carolina	19.8
47	Michigan	19.6
48	Florida	19.5
49	Kentucky	19.4
49	District of Columbia	19.4
51	Mississippi	18.9

Year	MO Rank	Score
2007	24	21.6
2008	26	21.6
2009	26	21.6

Source: act.org

# Education

## High School Drop Out Rate: 2006



Rank	State	Percent
1	Louisiana	8.4%
2	Alaska	8.0%
3	Colorado	7.8%
4	Nevada	7.7%
5	Arizona	6.4%
6	Wyoming	5.7%
7	Delaware	5.5%
7	New Mexico	5.5%
7	Washington	5.5%
10	Maine	5.4%
11	Georgia	5.2%
12	Hawaii	4.7%
13	Oregon	4.6%
14	New York	4.4%
14	South Dakota	4.4%
16	Texas	4.3%
17	Florida	4.1%
17	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>4.1%</b>
17	Rhode Island	4.1%

Rank	State	Percent
20	North Carolina	4.0%
20	Ohio	4.0%
22	Illinois	3.9%
22	Maryland	3.9%
	<b>United States</b>	<b>3.9%</b>
22	West Virginia	3.9%
25	California	3.7%
25	Montana	3.7%
27	Michigan	3.5%
27	Oklahoma	3.5%
29	Massachusetts	3.4%
30	Kentucky	3.3%
30	Utah	3.3%
32	New Hampshire	3.2%
33	Arkansas	3.1%
33	Minnesota	3.1%
35	Mississippi	3.0%
36	Indiana	2.9%
37	Nebraska	2.8%

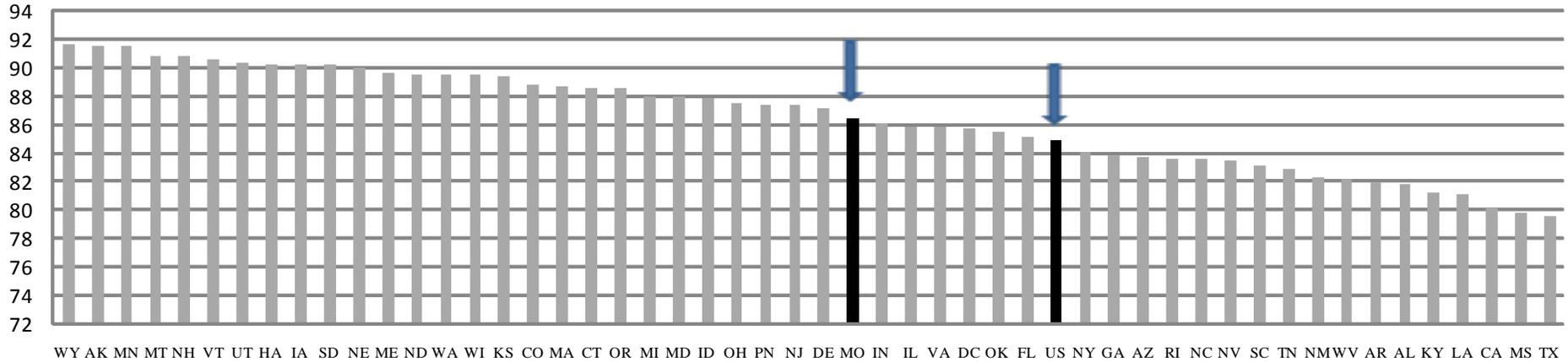
Rank	State	Percent
37	Tennessee	2.8%
39	Idaho	2.7%
39	Pennsylvania	2.7%
39	Virginia	2.7%
42	Alabama	2.5%
43	Kansas	2.4%
44	Iowa	2.2%
44	Wisconsin	2.2%
46	North Dakota	2.1%
47	Connecticut	1.8%
48	New Jersey	1.6%
49	Vermont	no data
50	District of Columbia	no data
51	South Carolina	no data

Year	MO Rank	Percent
2004	33	3.6%
2005	39	3.3%
2006	17	4.1%

Source: nces.ed.gov

# Education

## Percent of Population Age 25 and Older - High School Graduate or Higher: 2008



Rank	State	Percent
1	Wyoming	91.70%
2	Alaska	91.60%
2	Minnesota	91.60%
4	Montana	90.90%
4	New Hampshire	90.90%
6	Vermont	90.60%
7	Utah	90.40%
8	Hawaii	90.30%
8	Iowa	90.30%
8	South Dakota	90.30%
11	Nebraska	90.10%
12	Maine	89.70%
13	North Dakota	89.60%
13	Washington	89.60%
13	Wisconsin	89.60%
16	Kansas	89.50%
17	Colorado	88.90%
18	Massachusetts	88.70%
19	Connecticut	88.60%

Rank	State	Percent
19	Oregon	88.60%
21	Michigan	88.10%
22	Maryland	88.00%
23	Idaho	87.90%
24	Ohio	87.60%
25	Pennsylvania	87.50%
26	New Jersey	87.40%
27	Delaware	87.20%
<b>28</b>	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>86.50%</b>
29	Indiana	86.20%
30	Illinois	85.90%
30	Virginia	85.90%
32	District of Columbia	85.80%
33	Oklahoma	85.50%
34	Florida	85.20%
	<b>United States</b>	<b>85.00%</b>
35	New York	84.10%
36	Georgia	83.90%
37	Arizona	83.80%

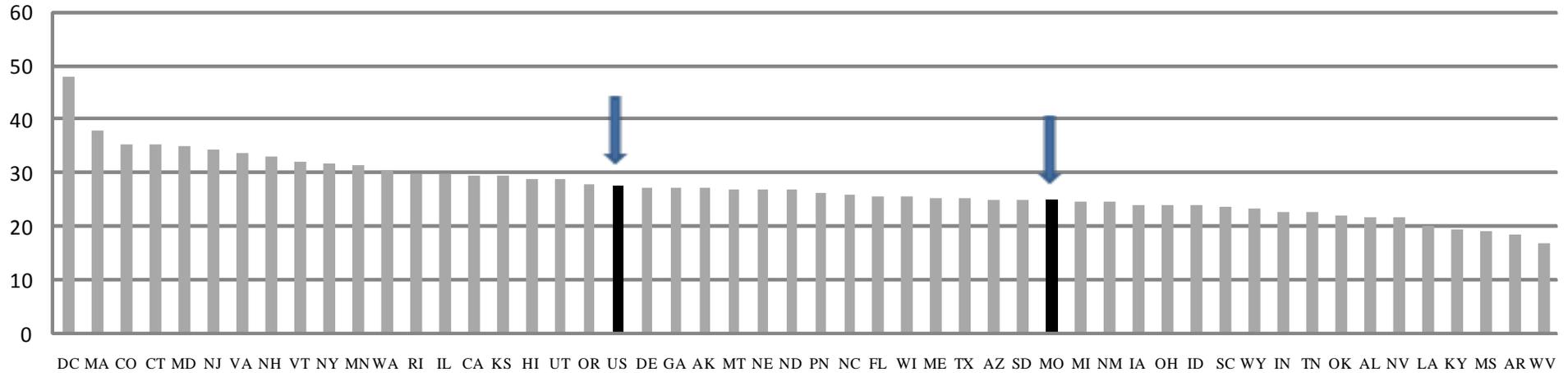
Rank	State	Percent
38	Rhode Island	83.70%
39	North Carolina	83.60%
40	Nevada	83.50%
41	South Carolina	83.20%
42	Tennessee	83.00%
43	New Mexico	82.40%
44	West Virginia	82.20%
45	Arkansas	82.00%
46	Alabama	81.90%
47	Kentucky	81.30%
48	Louisiana	81.20%
49	California	80.20%
50	Mississippi	79.90%
51	Texas	79.60%

Year	MO Rank	Rate
2006	31	84.80%
2007	32	85.60%
2008	28	86.50%

Source: census.gov

# Education

## Percent of Population Age 25 and Older - Bachelor's Degree or Higher: 2008



Rank	State	Percent
1	District of Columbia	48.2%
2	Massachusetts	38.1%
3	Colorado	35.6%
4	Connecticut	35.6%
5	Maryland	35.2%
6	New Jersey	34.4%
7	Virginia	33.7%
8	New Hampshire	33.3%
9	Vermont	32.1%
10	New York	31.9%
11	Minnesota	31.5%
12	Washington	30.7%
13	Rhode Island	30.0%
14	Illinois	29.9%
14	California	29.6%
16	Kansas	29.6%
17	Hawaii	29.1%
18	Utah	29.1%
19	Oregon	28.1%

Rank	State	Percent
	<b>United States</b>	<b>27.7%</b>
20	Delaware	27.5%
21	Georgia	27.5%
22	Alaska	27.3%
23	Montana	27.1%
24	Nebraska	27.1%
25	North Dakota	26.9%
26	Pennsylvania	26.3%
26	North Carolina	26.1%
28	Florida	25.8%
29	Wisconsin	25.7%
30	Maine	25.4%
31	Texas	25.3%
32	Arizona	25.1%
33	South Dakota	25.1%
<b>34</b>	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>25.0%</b>
35	Michigan	24.7%
36	New Mexico	24.7%
36	Iowa	24.3%

Rank	State	Percent
38	Ohio	24.1%
39	Idaho	24.0%
40	South Carolina	23.7%
41	Wyoming	23.6%
42	Indiana	22.9%
43	Tennessee	22.9%
44	Oklahoma	22.2%
44	Alabama	22.0%
46	Nevada	21.9%
47	Louisiana	20.3%
48	Kentucky	19.7%
49	Mississippi	19.4%
50	Arkansas	18.8%
51	West Virginia	17.1%

Year	MO Rank	Percent
2006	36	24.3%
2007	36	24.5%
2008	34	25.0%

Source: census.gov



# Missouri Statewide Performance Indicators: A National Comparison

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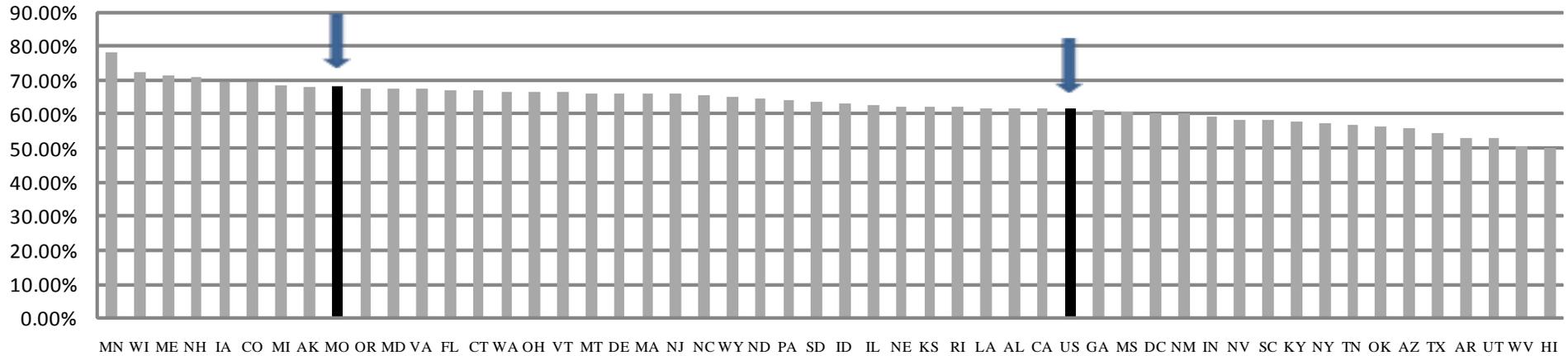
## Civic Involvement

**Voter Turnout Rate: Election 2008** - The percentage of the eligible voting age population who cast a ballot in the 2008 Presidential Election. The data was provided by the United States Election Project at George Mason University. In 2008, Missouri ranked 9th.

**Volunteer Rate of the Population** - The percent of the population, ages 16 and up, who volunteered at a nonprofit or other kind of charitable organization in the last 12 months. The data was provided by the Corporation for National Community Service. In 2008, Missouri ranked 23rd.

# Civic Involvement

## Voter Turnout Rate: General Election 2008



Rank	State	Percent
1	Minnesota	78.2%
2	Wisconsin	72.5%
3	Maine	71.4%
4	New Hampshire	71.3%
5	Iowa	69.9%
6	Colorado	69.8%
7	Michigan	68.9%
8	Alaska	68.3%
<b>9</b>	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>68.1%</b>
10	Oregon	67.8%
11	Maryland	67.7%
12	Virginia	67.7%
13	Florida	67.5%
14	Connecticut	67.2%
15	Washington	67.0%
16	Ohio	66.7%
17	Vermont	66.7%
18	Montana	66.3%
19	Delaware	66.2%

Rank	State	Percent
20	Massachusetts	66.2%
21	New Jersey	66.2%
22	North Carolina	65.8%
23	Wyoming	65.4%
24	North Dakota	65.0%
25	Pennsylvania	64.2%
26	South Dakota	63.8%
27	Idaho	63.3%
28	Illinois	62.8%
29	Nebraska	62.6%
30	Kansas	62.5%
31	Rhode Island	62.3%
32	Louisiana	62.1%
33	Alabama	61.8%
34	California	61.7%
	<b>United States</b>	<b>61.7%</b>
35	Georgia	61.4%
36	Mississippi	61.0%
37	District of Columbia	60.7%

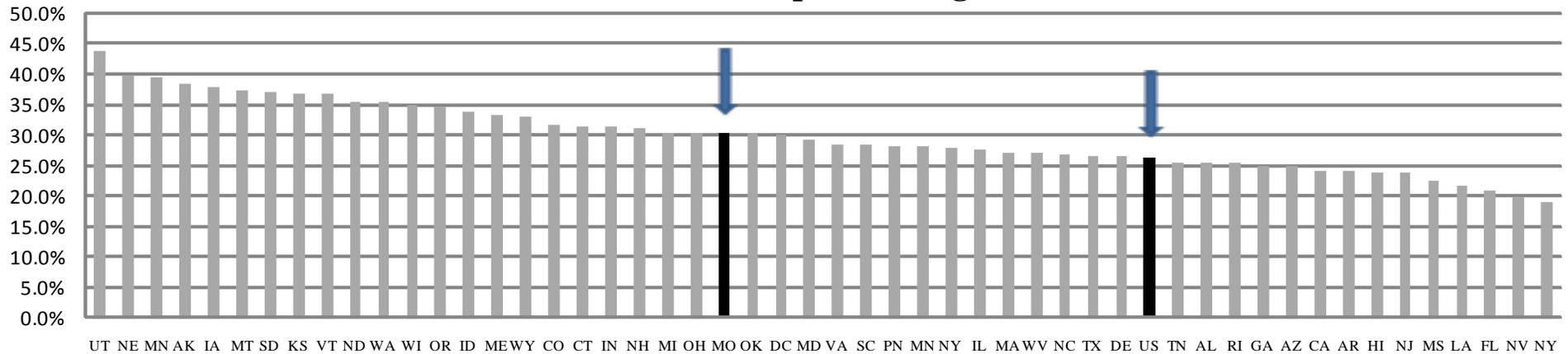
Rank	State	Percent
38	New Mexico	60.3%
39	Indiana	59.4%
40	Nevada	58.6%
41	South Carolina	58.6%
42	Kentucky	57.9%
43	New York	57.6%
44	Tennessee	57.3%
45	Oklahoma	56.7%
46	Arizona	56.0%
47	Texas	54.7%
48	Arkansas	53.4%
49	Utah	53.3%
50	West Virginia	50.6%
51	Hawaii	50.5%

Year	MO Rank	Percent
2004	15	65.3%
2006	12	50.0%
2008	9	68.1%

Source: elections.gmu.edu

# Civic Involvement

## Volunteer Rate of the Population Age 16+: 2008



Rate	State	Percent
1	Utah	43.9%
2	Nebraska	39.8%
3	Minnesota	39.7%
4	Alaska	38.6%
5	Iowa	38.0%
6	Montana	37.3%
7	South Dakota	37.1%
8	Kansas	37.0%
9	Vermont	36.8%
10	North Dakota	35.6%
10	Washington	35.6%
12	Wisconsin	35.1%
13	Oregon	34.7%
14	Idaho	34.0%
15	Maine	33.3%
16	Wyoming	33.2%
17	Colorado	31.9%
18	Connecticut	31.5%
19	Indiana	31.4%

Rate	State	Percent
20	New Hampshire	31.3%
21	Michigan	30.5%
22	Ohio	30.4%
<b>23</b>	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>30.3%</b>
23	Oklahoma	30.3%
25	District of Columbia	30.2%
26	Maryland	29.4%
27	Virginia	28.6%
28	South Carolina	28.5%
29	Pennsylvania	28.3%
29	Minnesota	28.3%
31	New York	28.0%
32	Illinois	27.6%
33	Massachusetts	27.3%
34	West Virginia	27.1%
35	North Carolina	27.0%
36	Texas	26.6%
37	Delaware	26.6%
	<b>United States</b>	<b>26.4%</b>

Rate	State	Percent
38	Tennessee	25.7%
39	Alabama	25.6%
40	Rhode Island	25.5%
41	Georgia	25.0%
42	Arizona	24.9%
43	California	24.3%
44	Arkansas	24.2%
45	Hawaii	24.0%
46	New Jersey	23.9%
47	Mississippi	22.7%
48	Louisiana	21.8%
49	Florida	20.9%
50	Nevada	20.0%
51	New York	19.2%

Year	MO Rank	Percent
2006	No data	29.9%
2007	25	30.2%
2008	23	30.3%

Source: volunteeringinamerica.gov



# Missouri Statewide Performance Indicators: A National Comparison

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## Health

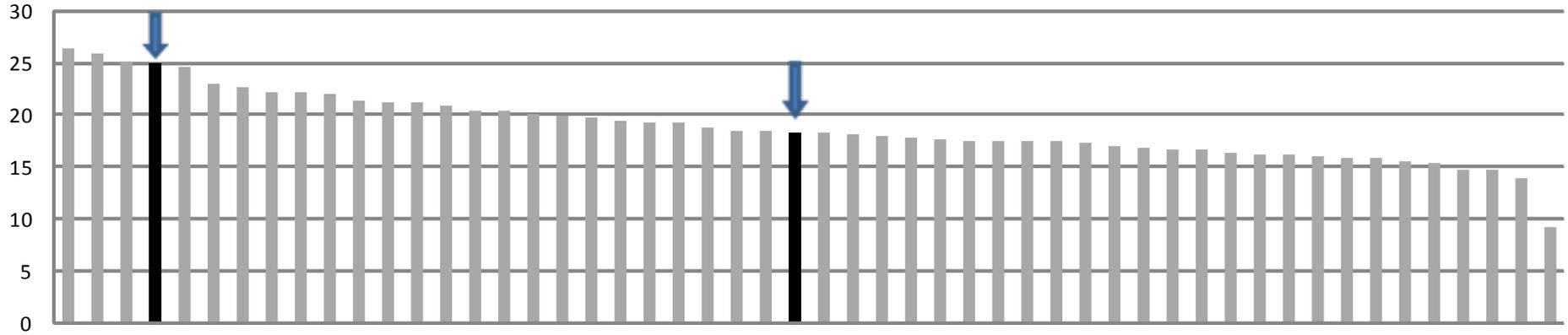
**Percent of Population that are Adult Smokers** - The percentage of adults age 18 and older who report themselves to be smokers. This data was provided by the Centers for Disease Control. In 2008, Missouri ranked 4th.

**Percent of the Population that is Overweight or Obese** - The percent of the population who have a body mass index (BMI) of 25 or greater. Obesity is defined as having a BMI of over 30. The data was provided by the Centers for Disease Control. In 2008, Missouri ranked 14th.

**Percent of Live Births to Mothers Under 20 Years of Age** - The number of total births to teenage women, age 15-19, as a percentage of total births in the state. The data was provided by the Centers for Disease Control. In 2006, Missouri ranked 16th.

**Percent of Population without Health Insurance** - The percent of the population that does not have any form of health insurance. The data was provided by the Census Bureau. In 2008, Missouri ranked 26th.

### Percent of Population that are Adult Smokers: 2008



WV IN KY MO OK TN MS AR NV AL AK IL PA NC LA MI OH SC WI GA NMWY IA MT TX US NE ME ND KS DE CO MN FL SD RI NH ID NY VT VA OR DC MA AZ CT WA HI MD NJ CA UT

Rank	State	Percent
1	West Virginia	26.5%
2	Indiana	26.0%
3	Kentucky	25.2%
<b>4</b>	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>25.0%</b>
5	Oklahoma	24.7%
6	Tennessee	23.1%
7	Mississippi	22.7%
8	Arkansas	22.3%
9	Nevada	22.2%
10	Alabama	22.1%
11	Alaska	21.5%
12	Illinois	21.3%
13	Pennsylvania	21.3%
14	North Carolina	20.9%
15	Louisiana	20.5%
16	Michigan	20.5%
17	Ohio	20.1%
18	South Carolina	20.0%
19	Wisconsin	19.9%

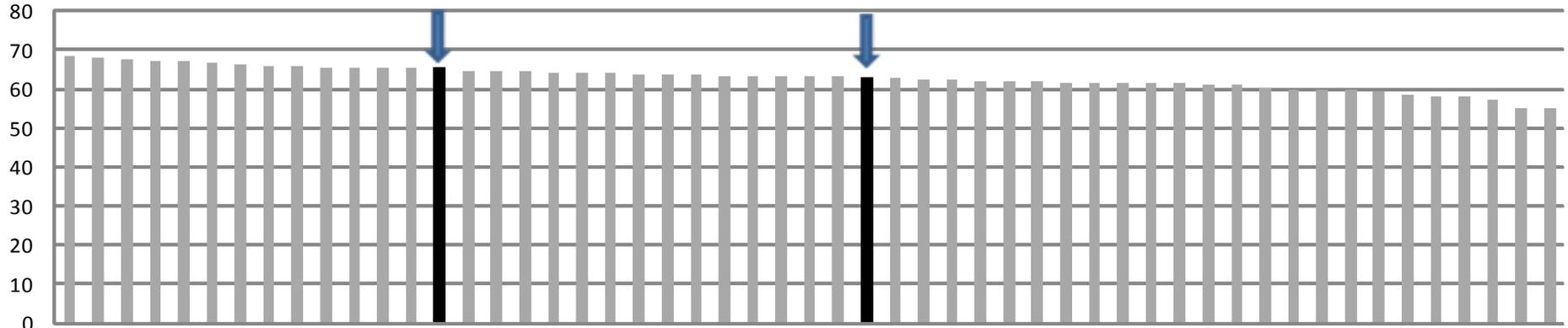
Rank	State	Percent
20	Georgia	19.5%
21	New Mexico	19.4%
22	Wyoming	19.4%
23	Iowa	18.8%
24	Montana	18.5%
25	Texas	18.5%
26	Nebraska	18.4%
	<b>United States</b>	<b>18.4%</b>
27	Maine	18.2%
28	North Dakota	18.1%
29	Kansas	17.9%
30	Delaware	17.8%
31	Colorado	17.6%
32	Minnesota	17.6%
33	Florida	17.5%
34	South Dakota	17.5%
35	Rhode Island	17.4%
36	New Hampshire	17.1%
37	Idaho	16.9%

Rank	State	Percent
38	New York	16.8%
39	Vermont	16.8%
40	Virginia	16.4%
41	Oregon	16.3%
42	District of Columbia	16.2%
43	Massachusetts	16.1%
44	Arizona	15.9%
45	Connecticut	15.9%
46	Washington	15.7%
47	Hawaii	15.4%
48	Maryland	14.9%
49	New Jersey	14.8%
50	California	14.0%
51	Utah	9.3%

Year	MO Rank	Percent
2006	7	23.4%
2007	4	23.2%
2008	4	25.0%

Source: cdc.gov

Percent of Population Overweight or Obese: 2008



WV TX AL MS ND KY OK US SD AR KS NC AK MO TN GA MI RI PA IA NE DE LA IN WI MD OH IL US NH MN NV ID NJ WY ME WA MT OR VA CA AZ NY FL SC NM CT VT UT MA HI CO DC

Rank	State	Percent
1	Georgia	71.9%
2	West Virginia	68.8%
3	Tennessee	68.0%
4	Alabama	67.9%
5	Mississippi	67.5%
6	North Dakota	67.4%
7	Kentucky	66.8%
8	Oklahoma	66.6%
9	Texas	66.2%
10	South Carolina	65.9%
11	Arkansas	65.7%
12	Kansas	65.7%
13	North Carolina	65.7%
<b>14</b>	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>65.5%</b>
15	South Dakota	64.9%
16	Michigan	64.7%
17	Alaska	64.4%
18	Pennsylvania	64.4%
19	Iowa	64.3%

Rank	State	Percent
20	California	64.1%
21	Nebraska	64.1%
22	Delaware	63.8%
23	Louisiana	63.8%
24	Indiana	63.6%
25	Wisconsin	63.6%
26	Maryland	63.4%
27	Ohio	63.4%
28	Illinois	63.3%
	<b>United States</b>	<b>63.2%</b>
29	New Hampshire	63.1%
30	Minnesota	62.8%
31	Nevada	62.6%
32	Idaho	62.2%
33	New Jersey	62.1%
34	Wyoming	62.1%
35	Maine	61.9%
36	Washington	62.0%
37	Oregon	61.80%

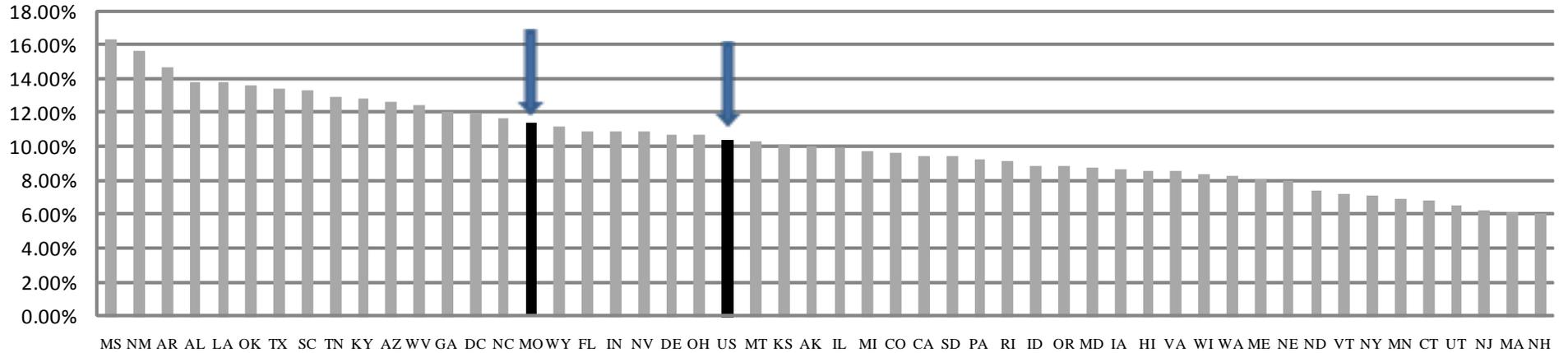
Rank	State	Percent
38	Virginia	61.80%
39	Arizona	61.80%
40	New York	60.80%
41	Florida	60.80%
42	Rhode Island	59.20%
43	New Mexico	59.0%
44	Connecticut	58.90%
45	Hawaii	58.80%
46	Vermont	57.90%
47	Utah	56.80%
48	Massachusetts	55.60%
49	Montana	55.30%
50	Colorado	
51	District of Columbia	

Year	MO Rank	Percent
2006	21	62.9%
2007	22	63.3%
2008	14	65.5%

Source: cdc.gov

**Health**

**Percent of Live Births to Women Under 20 Years of Age: 2006**



Rank	State	Percent
1	Mississippi	16.4%
2	New Mexico	15.7%
2	Arkansas	14.7%
4	Alabama	13.8%
4	Louisiana	13.8%
6	Oklahoma	13.6%
7	Texas	13.5%
8	South Carolina	13.4%
9	Tennessee	13.0%
10	Kentucky	12.9%
11	Arizona	12.7%
12	West Virginia	12.5%
13	Georgia	12.1%
14	District of Columbia	12.0%
15	North Carolina	11.7%
<b>16</b>	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>11.4%</b>
17	Wyoming	11.2%
18	Florida	10.9%
18	Indiana	10.9%

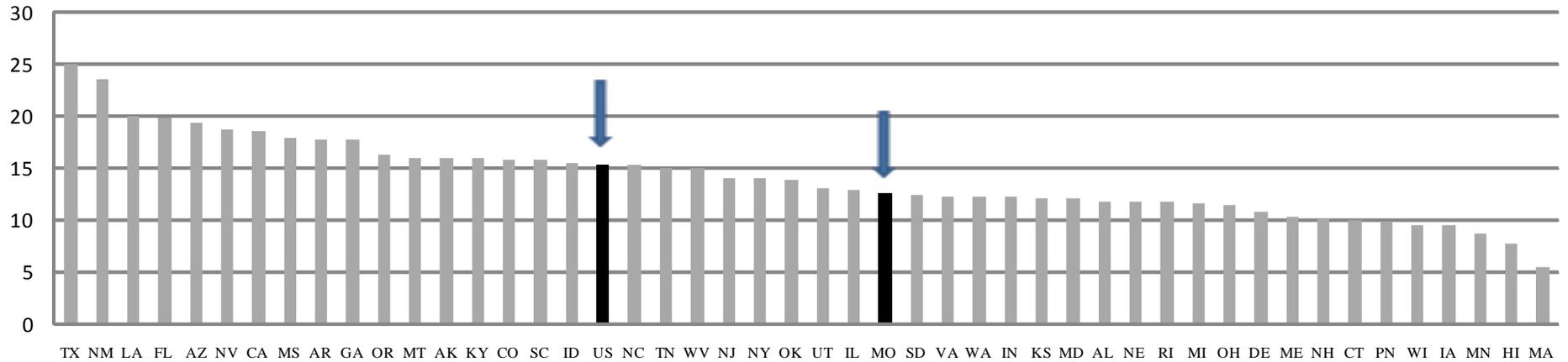
Rank	State	Percent
18	Nevada	10.9%
21	Delaware	10.7%
22	Ohio	10.7%
	<b>United States</b>	<b>10.4%</b>
23	Montana	10.3%
24	Kansas	10.2%
25	Alaska	10.1%
26	Illinois	10.0%
27	Michigan	9.8%
28	Colorado	9.7%
29	California	9.5%
29	South Dakota	9.5%
31	Pennsylvania	9.3%
32	Rhode Island	9.2%
33	Idaho	8.9%
33	Oregon	8.9%
35	Maryland	8.8%
36	Iowa	8.7%
37	Hawaii	8.6%

Rank	State	Percent
37	Virginia	8.6%
39	Wisconsin	8.4%
40	Washington	8.3%
41	Maine	8.1%
42	Nebraska	8.0%
43	North Dakota	7.4%
44	Vermont	7.2%
45	New York	7.1%
46	Minnesota	7.0%
47	Connecticut	6.9%
48	Utah	6.6%
49	New Jersey	6.3%
50	Massachusetts	6.2%
51	New Hampshire	6.1%

Year	MO Rank	Percent
2004	26	13.5%
2005	16	11.1%
2006	16	11.4%

Source: cdc.gov

### Percent of Population without Health Insurance: 2008



Rank	State	Percent
1	Texas	25.10%
2	New Mexico	23.70%
3	Louisiana	20.10%
4	Florida	20.00%
5	Arizona	19.50%
6	Nevada	18.80%
7	California	18.60%
8	Mississippi	17.90%
9	Arkansas	17.80%
10	Georgia	17.80%
11	Oregon	16.30%
12	Montana	16.10%
13	Alaska	16.10%
14	Kentucky	16.00%
15	Colorado	15.90%
16	South Carolina	15.80%
17	Idaho	15.60%
	<b>United States</b>	<b>15.40%</b>
18	North Carolina	15.40%

Rank	State	Percent
19	Tennessee	15.10%
20	West Virginia	15.00%
21	New Jersey	14.10%
22	New York	14.10%
23	Oklahoma	14.00%
24	Utah	13.20%
25	Illinois	12.95%
<b>26</b>	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>12.65%</b>
27	South Dakota	12.50%
28	Virginia	12.40%
29	Washington	12.40%
30	Indiana	12.30%
31	Kansas	12.10%
32	Maryland	12.10%
33	Alabama	11.90%
34	Nebraska	11.90%
35	Rhode Island	11.80%
36	Michigan	11.75%
37	Ohio	11.50%

Rank	State	Percent
38	Delaware	10.80%
39	Maine	10.40%
40	New Hampshire	10.20%
41	Connecticut	10.00%
42	Pennsylvania	9.90%
43	Wisconsin	9.60%
44	Iowa	9.50%
45	Minnesota	8.70%
46	Hawaii	7.80%
47	Massachusetts	5.50%
48	District of Columbia	n/a
49	North Dakota	n/a
50	Vermont	n/a
51	Wyoming	n/a

Year	MO Rank	Percent
2006	29	13.30%
2007	31	12.60%
2008	26	12.65%

Source: census.gov



## Missouri Statewide Performance Indicators: A National Comparison

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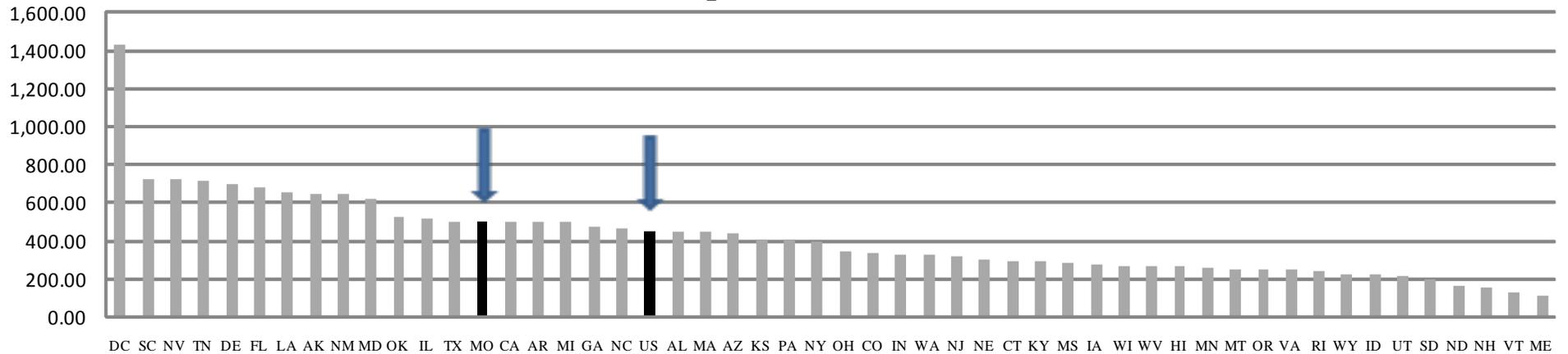
### Crime

**Violent Crime Rate** - The violent crime rate is composed of four offenses: murder and non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. Violent crimes are defined as those offenses which involve force or threat of force. The rate is computed as the number of these violent crimes per 100,000 inhabitants. The data was provided by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. In 2008, Missouri ranked 14th.

**Property Crime Rate** - The property crime rate is composed of offenses such as burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson. There is no force or threat of force against the victims. The rate is computed as the number of these property crimes per 100,000 inhabitants. The data was provided by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. In 2008, Missouri ranked 14th.

# Crime

## Violent Crime Rate per 100,000 Inhabitants: 2008



Rank	State	Rate
1	District of Columbia	1,437.70
2	South Carolina	729.70
3	Nevada	724.50
4	Tennessee	722.40
5	Delaware	703.40
6	Florida	688.90
7	Louisiana	656.20
8	Alaska	651.90
9	New Mexico	649.90
10	Maryland	628.20
11	Oklahoma	526.70
12	Illinois	525.40
13	Texas	507.90
<b>14</b>	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>504.40</b>
15	California	503.80
16	Arkansas	503.40
17	Michigan	501.50
18	Georgia	478.90
19	North Carolina	467.30

Rank	State	Rate
	<b>United States</b>	<b>454.50</b>
20	Alabama	452.80
21	Massachusetts	449.00
22	Arizona	447.00
23	Kansas	410.60
24	Pennsylvania	410.00
25	New York	398.10
26	Ohio	348.20
27	Colorado	343.10
28	Indiana	333.80
29	Washington	331.20
30	New Jersey	326.50
31	Nebraska	303.70
32	Connecticut	297.80
33	Kentucky	296.20
34	Mississippi	284.90
35	Iowa	283.80
36	Wisconsin	274.00
37	West Virginia	273.80

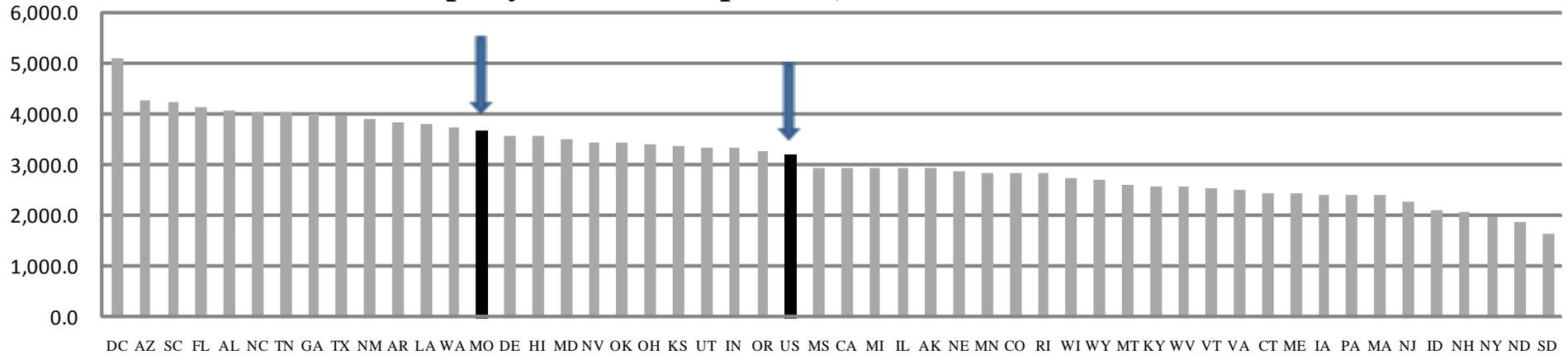
Rank	State	Rate
38	Hawaii	272.60
39	Minnesota	262.80
40	Montana	258.10
41	Oregon	257.20
42	Virginia	255.90
43	Rhode Island	249.40
44	Wyoming	232.00
45	Idaho	228.60
46	Utah	221.80
47	South Dakota	201.40
48	North Dakota	166.50
49	New Hampshire	157.20
50	Vermont	135.90
51	Maine	117.50

Year	MO Rank	Rate
2006	13	545.60
2007	16	504.90
2008	14	504.40

Source: fbi.gov

# Crime

## Property Crime Rate per 100,000 Inhabitants: 2008



Rank	State	Rate
1	District of Columbia	5,104.6
2	Arizona	4,291.0
3	South Carolina	4,234.2
4	Florida	4,140.8
5	Alabama	4,082.9
6	North Carolina	4,044.1
7	Tennessee	4,042.6
8	Georgia	4,015.5
9	Texas	3,985.6
10	New Mexico	3,909.2
11	Arkansas	3,835.1
12	Louisiana	3,823.1
13	Washington	3,758.4
14	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>3,663.7</b>
15	Delaware	3,585.3
16	Hawaii	3,571.2
17	Maryland	3,517.6
18	Nevada	3,447.5
19	Oklahoma	3,442.4

Rank	State	Rate
20	Ohio	3,411.7
21	Kansas	3,377.2
22	Utah	3,357.4
23	Indiana	3,335.8
24	Oregon	3,282.2
	<b>United States</b>	<b>3,212.5</b>
25	Mississippi	2,940.4
26	California	2,940.3
27	Michigan	2,934.8
28	Illinois	2,932.6
29	Alaska	2,932.3
30	Nebraska	2,878.6
31	Minnesota	2,850.6
32	Colorado	2,849.0
33	Rhode Island	2,840.6
34	Wisconsin	2,756.4
35	Wyoming	2,717.3
36	Montana	2,603.0
37	Kentucky	2,583.9

Rank	State	Rate
38	West Virginia	2,568.6
39	Vermont	2,538.5
40	Virginia	2,518.1
41	Connecticut	2,458.7
42	Maine	2,452.4
43	Iowa	2,420.9
44	Pennsylvania	2,410.2
45	Massachusetts	2,400.1
46	New Jersey	2,293.4
47	Idaho	2,101.2
48	New Hampshire	2,091.9
49	New York	1,993.5
50	North Dakota	1,894.4
51	South Dakota	1,645.6

Year	MO Rank	Rate
2006	16	3,826.5
2007	15	3,738.4
2008	14	3,663.7



# Missouri Statewide Performance Indicators: A National Comparison

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## Transportation

**Average Travel Time to Work** - The average time it takes, in minutes, for workers 16 and over, who did not work from home, to travel from home to their place of employment. The data was provided by the Census Bureau. In 2008, Missouri ranked 27th.

**Percent of Population Using Seat Belts** - The percent of the population who reported wearing seat belts while in a motor vehicle. The data was provided by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. In 2008, Missouri ranked 41st.

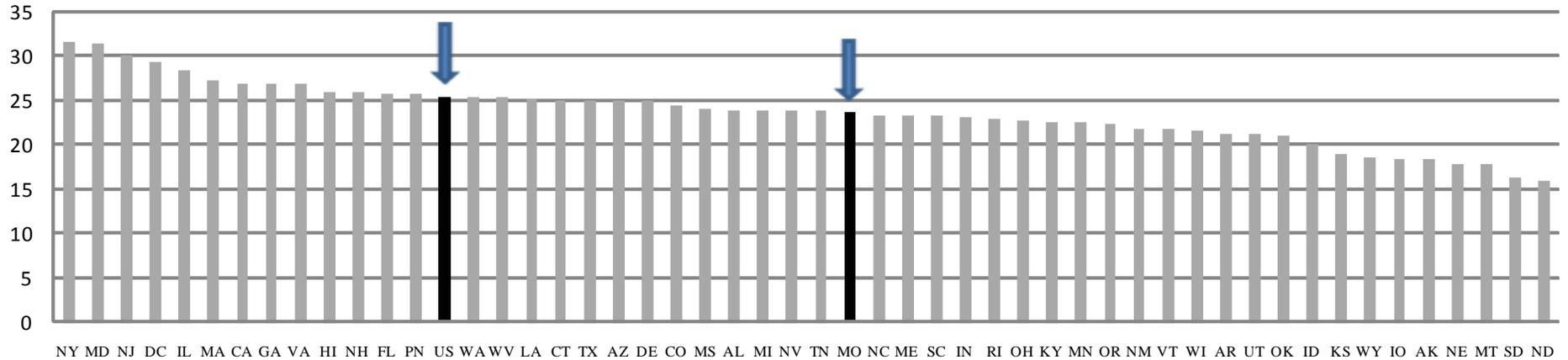
**State Gas Tax** - The amount of tax levied, in cents, by a state on the sale of one gallon of gasoline. The data was provided by the Federation of Tax Administrations and the Bureau of Transportation Statistics. In 2008, Missouri ranked 44th.

**Percent of Roads in Mediocre or Poor Condition** - The percent of all roadways in a state that are in mediocre or poor condition as defined by the Bureau of Transportation Statistics. In 2007, Missouri ranked 16th.

**Percent of Bridges that are Structurally Deficient or Functionally Obsolete** - The percent of bridges that are structurally deficient or functionally obsolete as defined by the Federal Highway Administration (FHA). The FHA provided the data for this indicator. In 2008, Missouri ranked 15th.

# Transportation

## Average Travel Time to Work in Minutes: 2008



Rank	State	Minutes
1	New York	31.6
2	Maryland	31.5
3	New Jersey	30.1
4	District of Columbia	29.9
5	Illinois	29.5
6	Massachusetts	28.5
7	California	27.3
8	Georgia	27.0
9	Virginia	27.0
10	Hawaii	26.9
11	New Hampshire	26.1
12	Florida	26.0
13	Pennsylvania	25.9
	<b>United States</b>	<b>25.8</b>
14	Washington	25.5
15	West Virginia	25.4
16	Louisiana	25.4
17	Connecticut	25.3
18	Texas	25.1

Rank	State	Minutes
19	Arizona	25.1
20	Delaware	25.0
21	Colorado	24.6
22	Mississippi	24.1
23	Alabama	24.0
24	Michigan	24.0
25	Nevada	24.0
26	Tennessee	24.0
<b>27</b>	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>23.8</b>
28	North Carolina	23.4
29	Maine	23.3
30	South Carolina	23.3
31	Indiana	23.2
32	Rhode Island	23.1
33	Ohio	22.9
34	Kentucky	22.6
35	Minnesota	22.6
36	Oregon	22.5
37	New Mexico	21.9

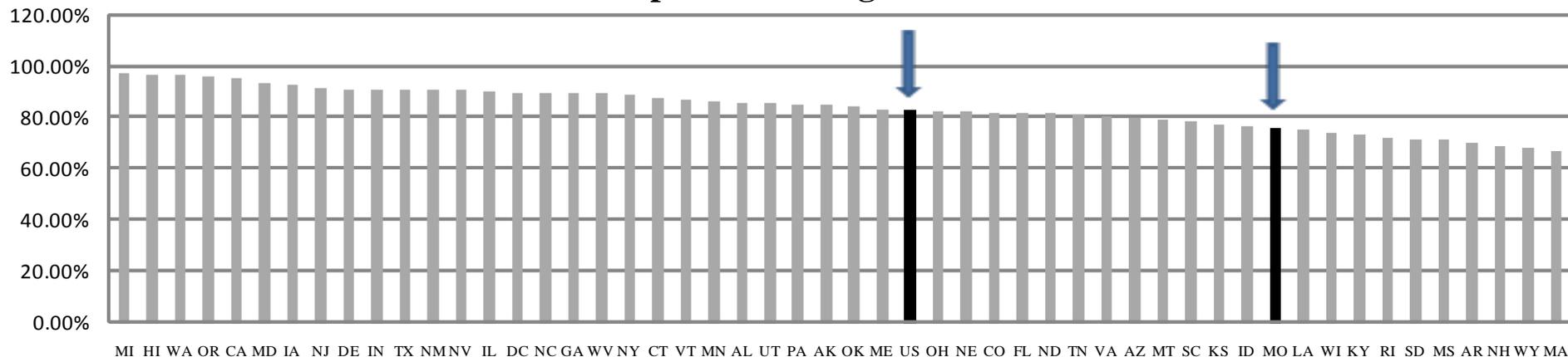
Rank	State	Minutes
38	Vermont	21.9
39	Wisconsin	21.7
40	Arkansas	21.3
41	Utah	21.3
42	Oklahoma	21.2
43	Idaho	20.2
44	Kansas	19.1
45	Wyoming	18.7
46	Iowa	18.5
47	Alaska	18.4
48	Nebraska	18.0
49	Montana	18.0
50	South Dakota	16.4
51	North Dakota	16.0

Year	MO Rank	Minutes
2006	28	22.9
2007	26	23.5
2008	27	23.8

Source: census.gov

# Transportation

## Percent of Population Using Seat Belts: 2008



Rank	State	Percent
1	Michigan	97.2%
2	Hawaii	97.0%
3	Washington	96.5%
4	Oregon	96.3%
5	California	95.7%
6	Maryland	93.3%
7	Iowa	92.9%
8	New Jersey	91.8%
9	Delaware	91.3%
10	Indiana	91.2%
11	Texas	91.2%
12	New Mexico	91.1%
13	Nevada	90.9%
14	Illinois	90.5%
15	District of Columbia	90.0%
16	North Carolina	89.8%
17	Georgia	89.6%
18	West Virginia	89.5%
19	New York	89.1%

Rank	State	Percent
20	Connecticut	88.0%
21	Vermont	87.3%
22	Minnesota	86.7%
23	Alabama	86.1%
24	Utah	86.0%
25	Pennsylvania	85.1%
26	Alaska	84.9%
27	Oklahoma	84.3%
28	Maine	83.0%
	<b>United States</b>	<b>83.0%</b>
29	Ohio	82.7%
30	Nebraska	82.6%
31	Colorado	81.7%
32	Florida	81.7%
33	North Dakota	81.6%
34	Tennessee	81.5%
35	Virginia	80.6%
36	Arizona	79.9%
37	Montana	79.3%

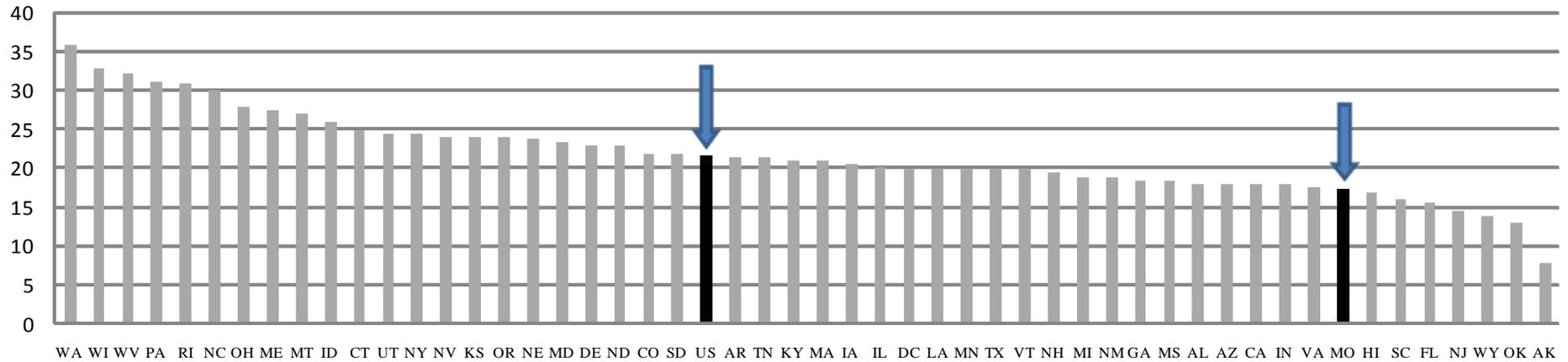
Rank	State	Percent
38	South Carolina	79.0%
39	Kansas	77.4%
40	Idaho	76.9%
<b>41</b>	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>75.8%</b>
42	Louisiana	75.5%
43	Wisconsin	74.2%
44	Kentucky	73.3%
45	Rhode Island	72.0%
46	South Dakota	71.8%
47	Mississippi	71.3%
48	Arkansas	70.4%
49	New Hampshire	69.2%
50	Wyoming	68.6%
51	Massachusetts	66.8%

Year	MO Rank	Percent
2006	40	75.2%
2007	41	77.2%
2008	41	75.8%

Source: nhtsa.dot.gov

# Transportation

## State Gas Taxes in Cents: 2008



WA WI WV PA RI NC OH ME MT ID CT UT NY NV KS OR NE MD DE ND CO SD US AR TN KY MA IA IL DC LA MN TX VT NH MI NM GA MS AL AZ CA IN VA MO HI SC FL NJ WY OK AK

Rank	State	Gas tax (cents)
1	Washington	36.00
2	Wisconsin	32.90
3	West Virginia	32.20
4	Pennsylvania	31.20
5	Rhode Island	31.00
6	North Carolina	30.15
7	Ohio	28.00
8	Maine	27.60
9	Montana	27.00
10	Idaho	26.00
11	Connecticut	25.00
12	Utah	24.50
13	New York	24.40
14	Nevada	24.05
15	Kansas	24.00
16	Oregon	24.00
17	Nebraska	23.90
18	Maryland	23.50
19	Delaware	23.00

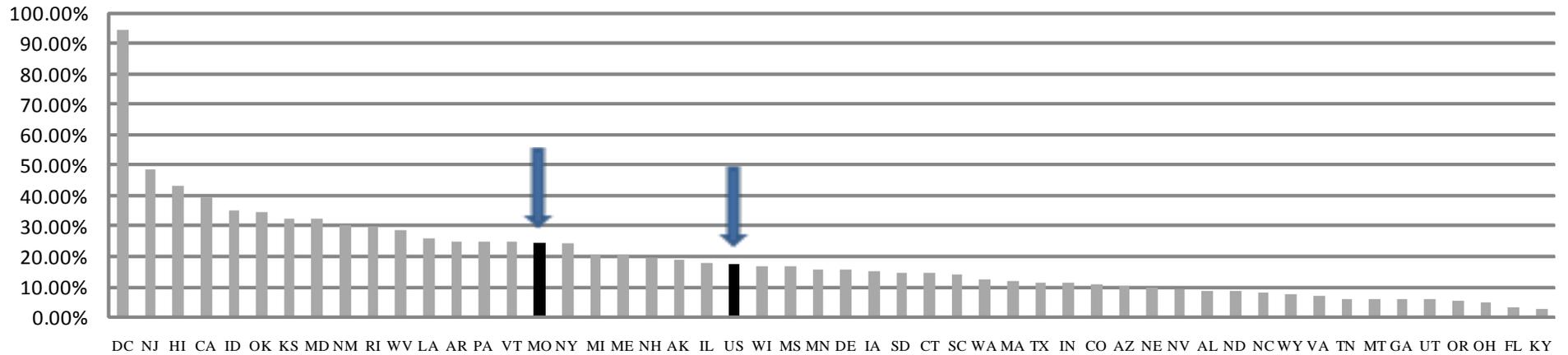
Rank	State	Gas tax (cents)
20	North Dakota	23.00
21	Colorado	22.00
22	South Dakota	22.00
	<b>United States</b>	<b>21.80</b>
23	Arkansas	21.50
24	Tennessee	21.40
25	Kentucky	21.00
26	Massachusetts	21.00
27	Iowa	20.70
28	Illinois	20.10
29	District of Columbia	20.00
30	Louisiana	20.00
31	Minnesota	20.00
32	Texas	20.00
33	Vermont	20.00
34	New Hampshire	19.62
35	Michigan	19.00
36	New Mexico	18.87
37	Georgia	18.50

Rank	State	Gas tax (cents)
38	Mississippi	18.40
39	Alabama	18.00
40	Arizona	18.00
41	California	18.00
42	Indiana	18.00
43	Virginia	17.50
<b>44</b>	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>17.30</b>
45	Hawaii	17.00
46	South Carolina	16.00
47	Florida	15.60
48	New Jersey	14.50
49	Wyoming	14.00
50	Oklahoma	13.00
51	Alaska	8.00

Year	MO Rank	Gas tax (cents)
2006	48	17.00
2007	48	17.00
2008	44	17.30

# Transportation

## Percent of Roads in Mediocre or Poor Condition: 2007



Rank	State	Percent
1	District of Columbia	94.46%
2	New Jersey	49.06%
3	Hawaii	43.26%
4	California	39.85%
5	Idaho	35.57%
6	Oklahoma	34.91%
7	Kansas	32.87%
8	Maryland	32.77%
9	New Mexico	30.47%
10	Rhode Island	29.76%
11	West Virginia	28.95%
12	Louisiana	25.98%
13	Arkansas	25.40%
14	Pennsylvania	25.16%
15	Vermont	24.92%
<b>16</b>	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>24.49%</b>
17	New York	24.40%
18	Michigan	21.06%
19	Maine	20.99%

Rank	State	Percent
20	New Hampshire	19.55%
21	Alaska	19.23%
22	Illinois	17.89%
	<b>United States</b>	<b>17.58%</b>
23	Wisconsin	17.22%
24	Mississippi	17.08%
25	Minnesota	15.95%
26	Delaware	15.74%
27	Iowa	15.34%
28	South Dakota	14.95%
29	Connecticut	14.80%
30	South Carolina	14.11%
31	Washington	12.68%
32	Massachusetts	12.39%
33	Texas	11.60%
34	Indiana	11.46%
35	Colorado	11.30%
36	Arizona	10.54%
37	Nebraska	10.14%

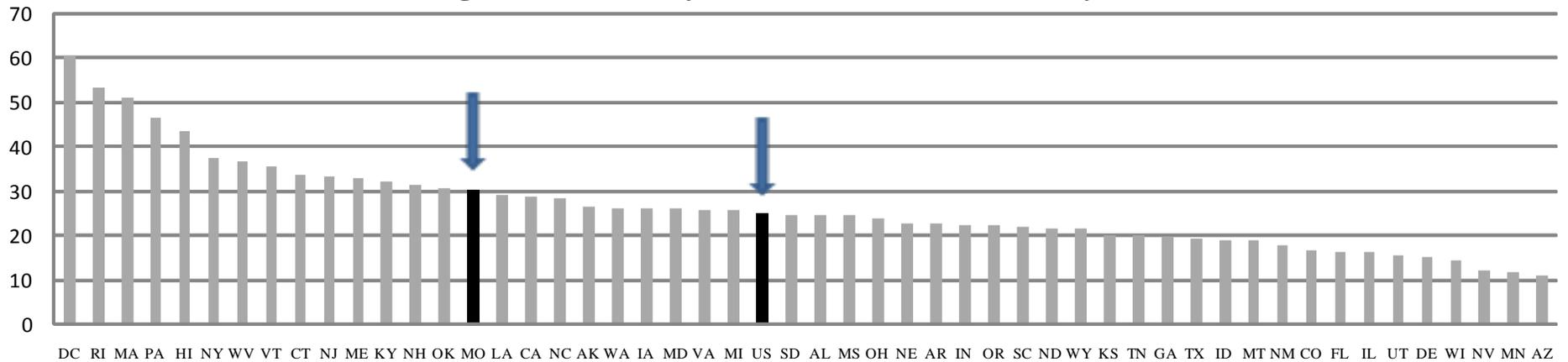
Rank	State	Percent
38	Nevada	9.45%
39	Alabama	9.05%
40	North Dakota	8.90%
41	North Carolina	8.59%
42	Wyoming	7.67%
43	Virginia	7.22%
44	Tennessee	6.55%
45	Montana	6.38%
46	Georgia	6.37%
47	Utah	6.29%
48	Oregon	6.00%
49	Ohio	5.40%
50	Florida	3.62%
51	Kentucky	3.05%

Year	MO Rank	Percent
2006	18	23.00%
2007	16	24.49%

Source: bts.gov

# Transportation

## Percent of Bridges Structurally Deficient or Functionally Obsolete: 2008



Rank	State	Percent
1	District of Columbia	60.4%
2	Rhode Island	53.5%
3	Massachusetts	51.2%
4	Pennsylvania	46.5%
5	Hawaii	43.5%
6	New York	37.5%
7	West Virginia	36.8%
8	Vermont	35.7%
9	Connecticut	33.7%
10	New Jersey	33.4%
11	Maine	34.5%
12	Kentucky	32.3%
13	New Hampshire	31.6%
14	Oklahoma	30.6%
<b>15</b>	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>30.5%</b>
16	Louisiana	29.3%
17	California	29.0%
18	North Carolina	28.7%
19	Alaska	26.7%

Rank	State	Percent
20	Washington	26.4%
21	Iowa	26.4%
22	Maryland	26.2%
23	Virginia	26.0%
24	Michigan	25.8%
	<b>United States</b>	<b>25.1%</b>
25	South Dakota	24.8%
26	Alabama	24.7%
27	Mississippi	24.6%
28	Ohio	24.1%
29	Nebraska	23.0%
30	Arkansas	22.7%
31	Indiana	22.5%
32	Oregon	22.4%
33	South Carolina	22.0%
34	North Dakota	21.7%
35	Wyoming	21.7%
36	Kansas	20.3%
37	Tennessee	20.1%

Rank	State	Percent
38	Georgia	19.7%
39	Texas	19.4%
40	Georgia	20.0%
41	Texas	20.0%
42	Idaho	19.2%
43	Montana	18.9%
44	New Mexico	18.1%
45	Colorado	16.8%
46	Florida	16.4%
47	Delaware	15.5%
48	Wisconsin	14.6%
49	Nevada	12.4%
50	Minnesota	11.9%
51	Arizona	11.2%

Year	MO Rank	Percent
2006	14	33.9%
2007	15	31.3%
2008	15	30.5%

Source: fhwa.dot.gov