

Poverty rates, 2000

Country	Poverty line (50% of median)		
	Total poverty	Children	Elderly
<i>United States</i>	17.0%	21.9%	24.7%
<i>Germany</i>	8.3	9.0	10.1
<i>France</i>	8.0	7.9	9.8
<i>Italy</i>	12.7	16.6	13.7
<i>United Kingdom</i>	12.4	15.3	20.5
<i>Canada</i>	11.4	14.9	5.9
<i>Australia</i>	14.3%	15.8%	29.4%
<i>Austria</i>	7.7	7.8	13.7
<i>Belgium</i>	8.0	6.7	16.4
<i>Denmark</i>	9.2	8.7	6.6
<i>Finland</i>	5.4	2.8	8.5
<i>Ireland</i>	16.5	17.2	35.8
<i>Netherlands</i>	7.3	9.8	2.4
<i>Norway</i>	6.4	3.4	11.9
<i>Spain</i>	14.3	16.1	23.4
<i>Sweden</i>	6.5	4.2	7.7
<i>Switzerland</i>	7.6	6.7	18.4
<i>Average excluding U.S.</i>	9.8%	10.2%	14.6%

Source: Luxembourg Income Study.

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