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and
Members of the General Assembly
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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 Matt Beckmann, MBA, 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 2009, Missouri ranked 27th.

Job Growth and Unemployment Rate, US and Missouri - Job growth statistics represent the growth in the number of jobs in the state. Job growth data shown is relative to a year 2000 baseline. Unemployment rate data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics is obtained by conducting 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 chart includes job growth and the unemployment rate for Missouri and the United States from 2000 to 2010. The data was provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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 2010, Missouri ranked 44th.

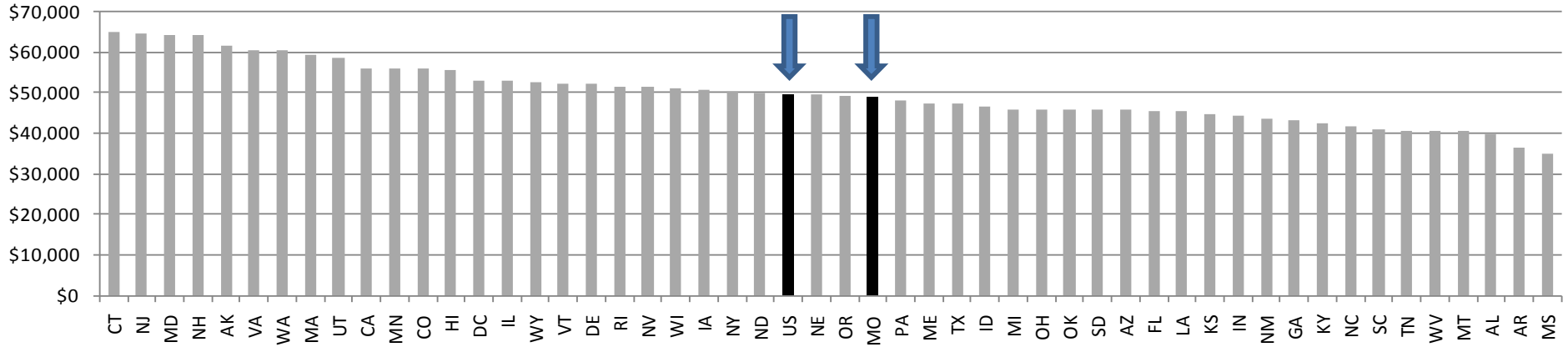
State Cigarette Tax - The amount of tax levied, in dollars, by a state on the sale of a pack of cigarettes. The data was provided by the National Conference of State Legislatures. In 2010, Missouri ranked 51st.

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 2009, Missouri ranked 20th.

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 2009, Missouri ranked 20th.

Economy

Household Median Income: 2009



Rank	State	Income
1	Connecticut	64,851
2	New Jersey	64,777
3	Maryland	64,184
4	New Hampshire	64,131
5	Alaska	61,604
6	Virginia	60,501
7	Washington	60,392
8	Massachusetts	59,373
9	Utah	58,491
10	California	56,134
11	Minnesota	56,090
12	Colorado	55,930
13	Hawaii	55,649
14	District of Columbia	53,141
15	Illinois	52,870
16	Wyoming	52,470
17	Vermont	52,318
18	Delaware	52,114
19	Rhode Island	51,634

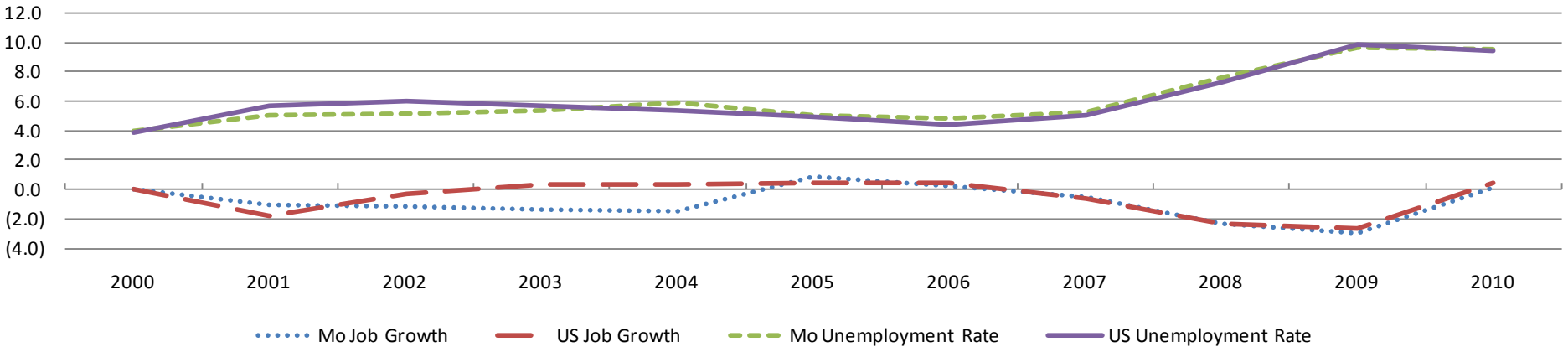
Rank	State	Income
20	Nevada	51,434
21	Wisconsin	51,237
22	Iowa	50,721
23	New York	50,216
24	North Dakota	50,075
	United States	**49,777**
25	Nebraska	49,595
26	Oregon	49,098
27	**Missouri**	**48,769**
28	Pennsylvania	48,172
29	Maine	47,502
30	Texas	47,475
31	Idaho	46,778
32	Michigan	45,994
33	Ohio	45,879
34	Oklahoma	45,878
35	South Dakota	45,826
36	Arizona	45,739
37	Florida	45,631

Rank	State	Income
38	Louisiana	45,433
39	Kansas	44,717
40	Indiana	44,305
41	New Mexico	43,542
42	Georgia	43,340
43	Kentucky	42,664
44	North Carolina	41,906
45	South Carolina	41,101
46	Tennessee	40,517
47	West Virginia	40,490
48	Montana	40,437
49	Alabama	39,980
50	Arkansas	36,538
51	Mississippi	35,078

Year	MO Rank	Income
2007	37	45,114
2008	36	46,867
2009	27	48,769

Source: census.gov

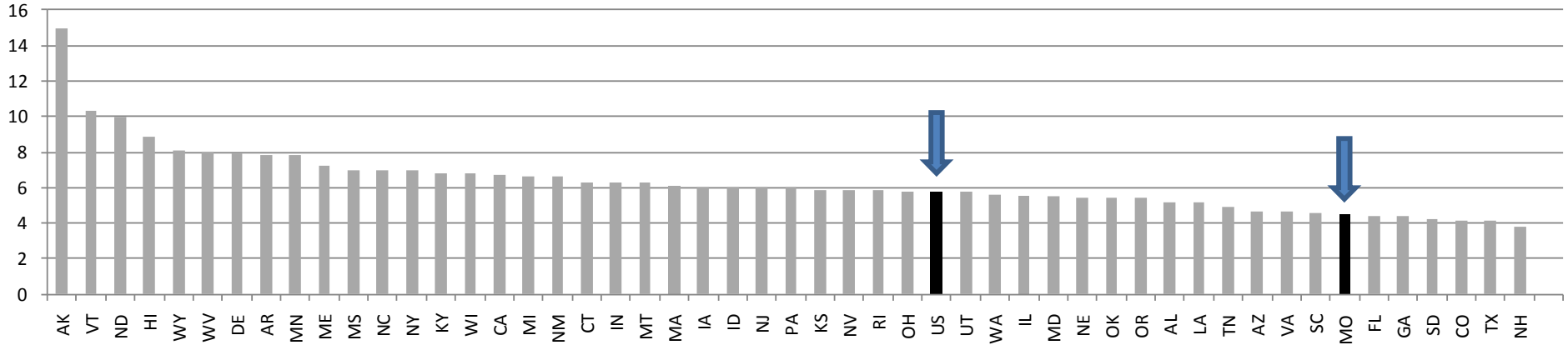
Job Growth and Unemployment Rate, US and Missouri: 2000 to 2010



Year	Mo Job Growth Percent	US Job Growth Percent	Mo Unemployment Rate	US Unemployment Rate
2000	0.0	0.0	4.0	3.9
2001	(1.0)	(1.8)	5.0	5.7
2002	(1.2)	(0.3)	5.2	6.0
2003	(1.4)	0.3	5.4	5.7
2004	(1.5)	0.3	5.9	5.4
2005	0.9	0.5	5.0	4.9
2006	0.2	0.5	4.8	4.4
2007	(0.5)	(0.6)	5.3	5.0
2008	(2.3)	(2.3)	7.6	7.3
2009	(3.0)	(2.6)	9.6	9.9
2010	0.1	0.5	9.5	9.4

Source: bls.gov

State Tax Burden as a Percentage of Personal Income: 2010



Rank	State	Percent
1	Alaska	15.0%
2	Vermont	10.3%
3	North Dakota	10.0%
4	Hawaii	8.9%
5	Wyoming	8.1%
6	West Virginia	8.0%
7	Delaware	7.9%
8	Arkansas	7.8%
8	Minnesota	7.8%
10	Maine	7.2%
11	Mississippi	7.0%
11	North Carolina	7.0%
11	New York	7.0%
14	Kentucky	6.8%
14	Wisconsin	6.8%
16	California	6.7%
17	Michigan	6.6%
17	New Mexico	6.6%
19	Connecticut	6.3%

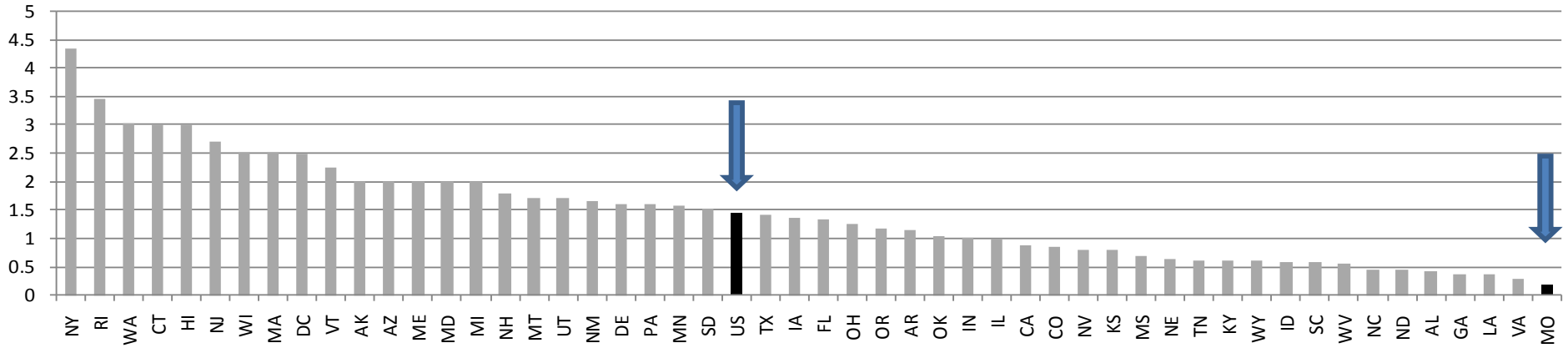
Rank	State	Percent
19	Indiana	6.3%
19	Montana	6.3%
22	Massachusetts	6.1%
23	Iowa	6.0%
23	Idaho	6.0%
23	New Jersey	6.0%
23	Pennsylvania	6.0%
27	Kansas	5.9%
27	Nevada	5.9%
27	Rhode Island	5.9%
30	Ohio	5.8%
	United States	**5.8%**
30	Utah	5.8%
32	Washington	5.6%
33	Illinois	5.5%
33	Maryland	5.5%
35	Nebraska	5.4%
35	Oklahoma	5.4%
35	Oregon	5.4%

Rank	State	Percent
38	Alabama	5.2%
38	Louisiana	5.2%
40	Tennessee	4.9%
41	Arizona	4.7%
41	Virginia	4.7%
43	South Carolina	4.6%
44	**Missouri**	**4.5%**
45	Florida	4.4%
45	Georgia	4.4%
47	South Dakota	4.2%
48	Colorado	4.1%
48	Texas	4.1%
50	New Hampshire	3.8%

Year	MO Rank	Percent
2007	45	5.6%
2008	44	5.5%
2010	44	4.5%

Source: taxadmin.org

Cigarette Tax in Dollars: 2010



Rank	State	Dollars
1	New York	4.35
2	Rhode Island	3.46
3	Washington	3.03
4	Connecticut	3.00
4	Hawaii	3.00
6	New Jersey	2.70
7	Wisconsin	2.52
8	Massachusetts	2.51
9	District of Columbia	2.50
10	Vermont	2.24
11	Alaska	2.00
11	Arizona	2.00
11	Maine	2.00
11	Maryland	2.00
11	Michigan	2.00
16	New Hampshire	1.78
17	Montana	1.70
17	Utah	1.70
19	New Mexico	1.66

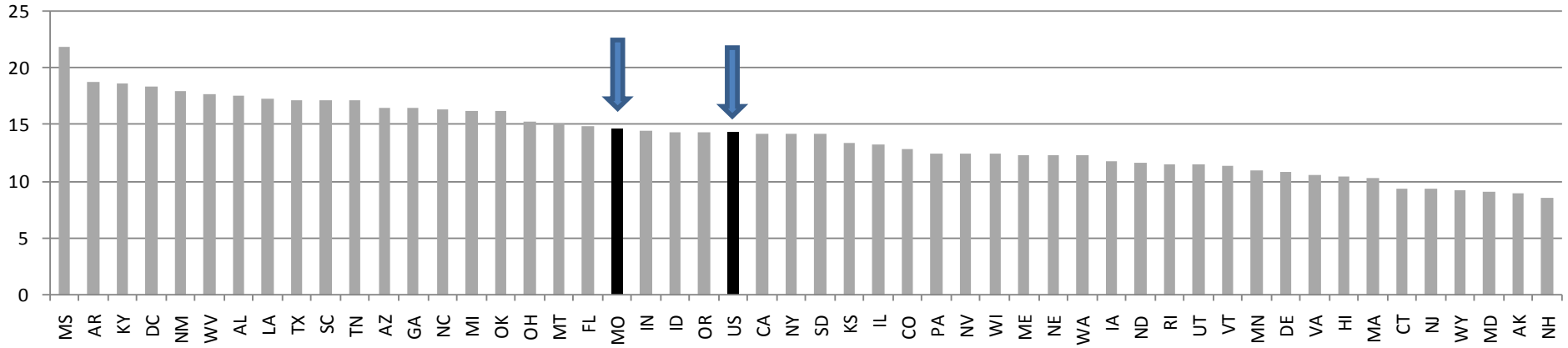
Rank	State	Dollars
20	Delaware	1.60
20	Pennsylvania	1.60
22	Minnesota	1.58
23	South Dakota	1.53
	United States	**1.45**
24	Texas	1.41
25	Iowa	1.36
26	Florida	1.34
27	Ohio	1.25
28	Oregon	1.18
29	Arkansas	1.15
30	Oklahoma	1.03
31	Indiana	1.00
32	Illinois	0.98
33	California	0.87
34	Colorado	0.84
35	Nevada	0.80
36	Kansas	0.79
37	Mississippi	0.68

Rank	State	Dollars
38	Nebraska	0.64
39	Tennessee	0.62
40	Kentucky	0.60
40	Wyoming	0.60
42	Idaho	0.57
42	South Carolina	0.57
44	West Virginia	0.55
45	North Carolina	0.45
46	North Dakota	0.44
47	Alabama	0.43
48	Georgia	0.37
49	Louisiana	0.36
50	Virginia	0.30
51	**Missouri**	**0.17**

Year	MO Rank	Dollars
2008	50	0.17
2009	50	0.17
2010	51	0.17

Source: tobaccofreekids.org

Percent of Population in Poverty: 2009



Rank	State	Percent
1	Mississippi	21.9%
2	Arkansas	18.8%
3	Kentucky	18.6%
4	District of Columbia	18.4%
5	New Mexico	18.0%
6	West Virginia	17.7%
7	Alabama	17.5%
8	Louisiana	17.3%
9	Texas	17.2%
10	South Carolina	17.1%
10	Tennessee	17.1%
12	Arizona	16.5%
12	Georgia	16.5%
14	North Carolina	16.3%
15	Michigan	16.2%
15	Oklahoma	16.2%
17	Ohio	15.2%
18	Montana	15.1%
19	Florida	14.9%

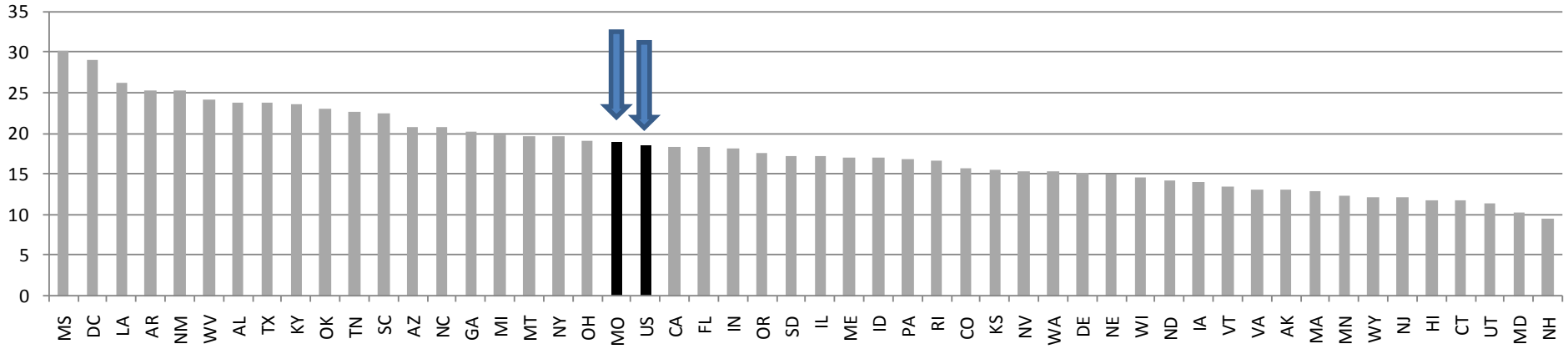
Rank	State	Percent
20	**Missouri**	**14.6%**
21	Indiana	14.4%
22	Idaho	14.3%
22	Oregon	14.3%
	United States	**14.3%**
24	California	14.2%
24	New York	14.2%
24	South Dakota	14.2%
27	Kansas	13.4%
28	Illinois	13.3%
29	Colorado	12.9%
30	Pennsylvania	12.5%
31	Nevada	12.4%
31	Wisconsin	12.4%
33	Maine	12.3%
33	Nebraska	12.3%
33	Washington	12.3%
36	Iowa	11.8%
37	North Dakota	11.7%

Rank	State	Percent
38	Rhode Island	11.5%
38	Utah	11.5%
40	Vermont	11.4%
41	Minnesota	11.0%
42	Delaware	10.8%
43	Virginia	10.5%
44	Hawaii	10.4%
45	Massachusetts	10.3%
46	Connecticut	9.4%
46	New Jersey	9.4%
48	Wyoming	9.2%
49	Maryland	9.1%
50	Alaska	9.0%
51	New Hampshire	8.5%

Year	MO Rank	Percent
2007	21	13.0%
2008	19	13.1%
2009	20	14.6%

Source: census.gov

Percent of Children in Poverty: 2009



Rank	State	Percent
1	Mississippi	30.2%
2	District of Columbia	29.0%
3	Louisiana	26.3%
4	Arkansas	25.3%
5	New Mexico	25.2%
6	West Virginia	24.1%
7	Alabama	23.7%
7	Texas	23.7%
9	Kentucky	23.6%
10	Oklahoma	23.0%
11	Tennessee	22.6%
12	South Carolina	22.4%
13	Arizona	20.8%
13	North Carolina	20.8%
15	Georgia	20.3%
16	Michigan	19.8%
17	Montana	19.6%
17	New York	19.6%
19	Ohio	19.1%

Rank	State	Percent
20	**Missouri**	**18.9%**
	United States	**18.6%**
21	California	18.3%
21	Florida	18.3%
23	Indiana	18.2%
24	Oregon	17.6%
25	South Dakota	17.3%
26	Illinois	17.2%
27	Maine	17.1%
28	Idaho	17.0%
29	Pennsylvania	16.8%
30	Rhode Island	16.7%
31	Colorado	15.7%
32	Kansas	15.5%
33	Nevada	15.3%
33	Washington	15.3%
35	Delaware	15.1%
36	Nebraska	15.0%
37	Wisconsin	14.6%

Rank	State	Percent
38	North Dakota	14.2%
39	Iowa	14.1%
40	Vermont	13.5%
41	Virginia	13.1%
42	Alaska	13.0%
43	Massachusetts	12.8%
44	Minnesota	12.4%
45	Wyoming	12.2%
46	New Jersey	12.1%
47	Hawaii	11.8%
48	Connecticut	11.7%
49	Utah	11.3%
50	Maryland	10.3%
51	New Hampshire	9.5%

Year	MO Rank	Percent
2007	20	18.4%
2008	19	18.9%
2009	20	18.9%

Source: census.gov

Education

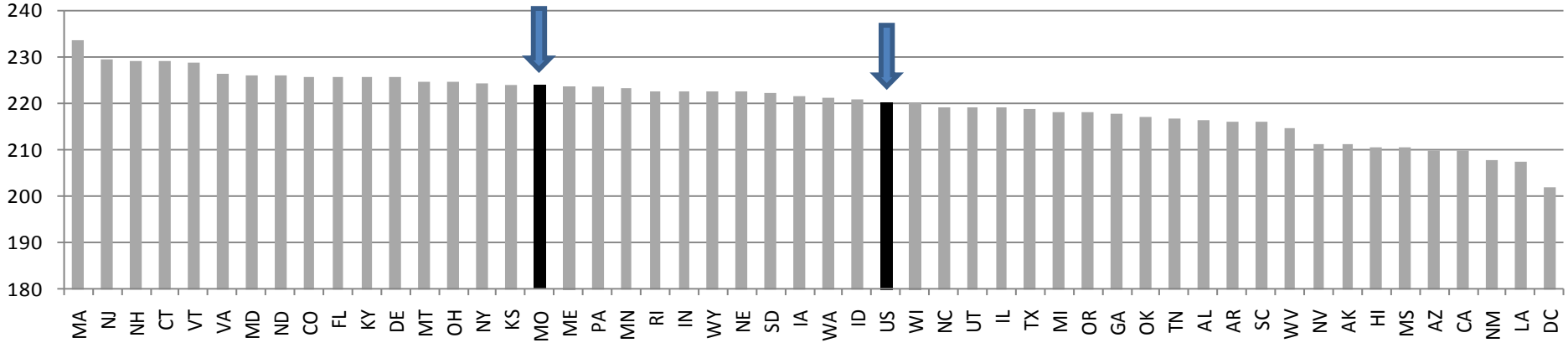
NAEP Scores - The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) is the only nationally representative and continuing assessment of what American students know in various subject areas. NAEP assessments are administered uniformly using the same sets of test booklets across the nation. The test serves 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 2009, Missouri ranked 17th in 4th grade reading, and 17th 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 27th.

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 2009, Missouri ranked 31st.

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 2009, Missouri ranked 34th.

4th Grade NAEP Reading Scores: 2009



Rank	State	Score
1	Massachusetts	233.75
2	New Jersey	229.39
3	New Hampshire	229.14
4	Connecticut	228.97
5	Vermont	228.74
6	Virginia	226.53
7	Maryland	226.05
8	North Dakota	225.97
9	Colorado	225.70
10	Florida	225.67
11	Kentucky	225.61
12	Delaware	225.51
13	Montana	224.65
14	Ohio	224.53
15	New York	224.37
16	Kansas	223.92
17	**Missouri**	**223.84**
18	Maine	223.79
19	Pennsylvania	223.68

Rank	State	Score
20	Minnesota	223.34
21	Rhode Island	222.70
22	Indiana	222.66
23	Wyoming	222.65
24	Nebraska	222.52
25	South Dakota	222.17
26	Iowa	221.42
27	Washington	221.33
28	Idaho	221.02
	United States	**220.15**
29	Wisconsin	220.14
30	North Carolina	219.30
31	Utah	219.20
32	Illinois	219.17
33	Texas	218.86
34	Michigan	218.24
35	Oregon	218.14
36	Georgia	217.85
37	Oklahoma	217.19

Rank	State	Score
38	Tennessee	216.74
39	Alabama	216.27
40	Arkansas	216.15
41	South Carolina	215.94
42	West Virginia	214.52
43	Nevada	211.14
44	Alaska	211.13
45	Hawaii	210.62
46	Mississippi	210.51
47	Arizona	209.99
48	California	209.76
49	New Mexico	207.65
50	Louisiana	207.49
51	District of Columbia	201.98

Year	MO Rank	Score
2005	22	221.17
2007	29	220.78
2009	17	223.84

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

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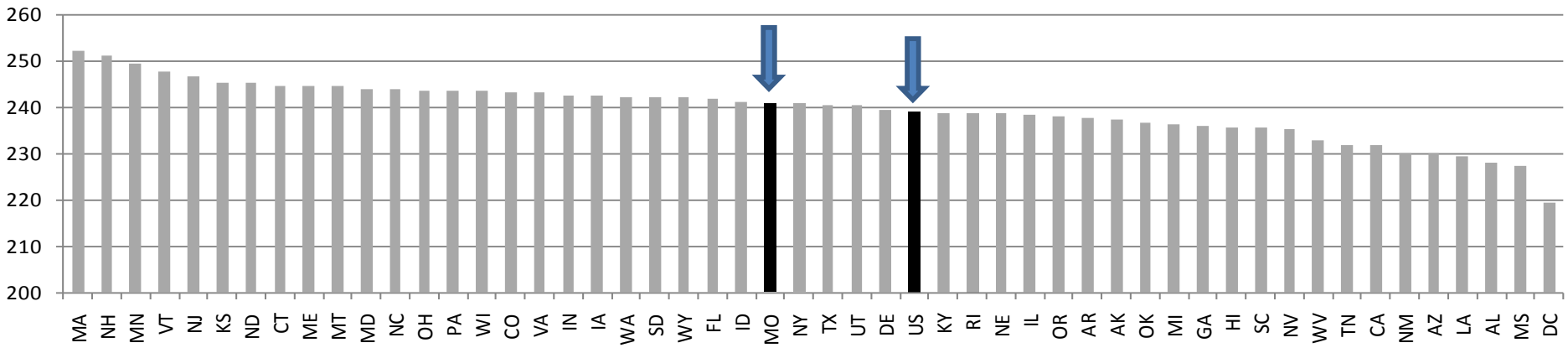
4th Grade NAEP Math Scores: 2009



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
14	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
25	**Missouri**	**240.68**
26	New York	240.64
27	Texas	240.46
28	Utah	240.32
29	Delaware	239.49
	United States	**239.09**
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

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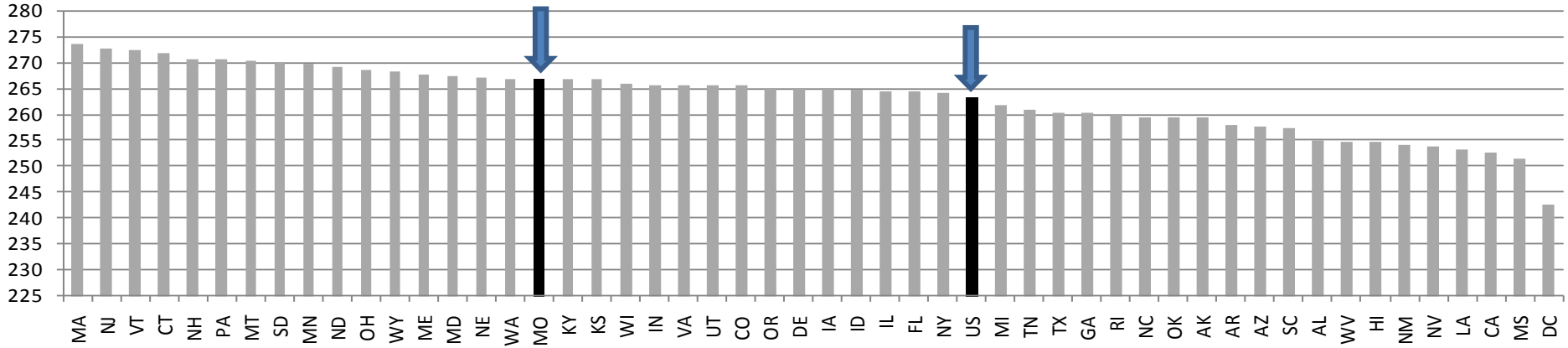
8th Grade NAEP Reading Scores: 2009



Rank	State	Score
1	Massachusetts	273.59
2	New Jersey	272.80
3	Vermont	272.31
4	Connecticut	271.81
5	New Hampshire	270.75
6	Pennsylvania	270.70
7	Montana	270.39
8	South Dakota	270.06
9	Minnesota	269.74
10	North Dakota	269.24
11	Ohio	268.68
12	Wyoming	268.16
13	Maine	267.71
14	Maryland	267.30
15	Nebraska	267.07
16	Washington	266.92
17	**Missouri**	**266.88**
18	Kentucky	266.85
19	Kansas	266.80

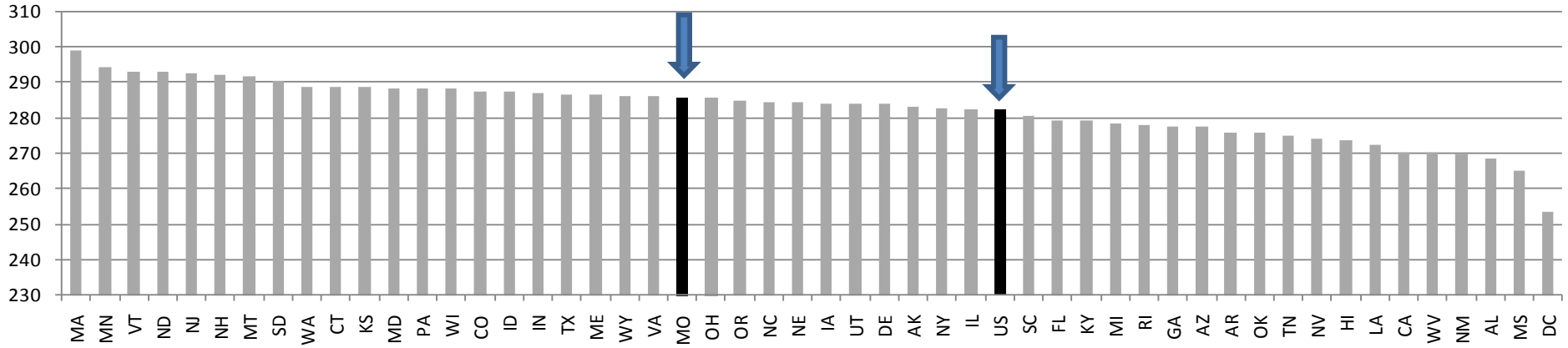
Rank	State	Score
20	Wisconsin	265.81
21	Indiana	265.69
22	Virginia	265.64
23	Utah	265.59
24	Colorado	265.51
25	Oregon	265.09
26	Delaware	265.00
27	Iowa	264.89
28	Idaho	264.84
29	Illinois	264.51
30	Florida	264.36
31	New York	264.29
	United States	**263.25**
32	Michigan	261.90
33	Tennessee	260.95
34	Texas	260.37
35	Georgia	260.24
36	Rhode Island	259.89
37	North Carolina	259.53

Rank	State	Score
38	Oklahoma	259.50
39	Alaska	259.45
40	Arkansas	258.05
41	Arizona	257.60
42	South Carolina	257.27
43	Alabama	254.90
44	West Virginia	254.80
45	Hawaii	254.74
46	New Mexico	254.13
47	Nevada	253.84
48	Louisiana	253.33
49	California	252.63
50	Mississippi	251.31
51	District of Columbia	242.49

Year	MO Rank	Score
2005	21	264.66
2007	27	263.44
2009	17	266.88

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

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
22	**Missouri**	**285.81**
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
	United States	**282.42**
33	South Carolina	281.67
34	Florida	279.34
35	Kentucky	279.28
36	Michigan	278.27
37	Rhode Island	277.92

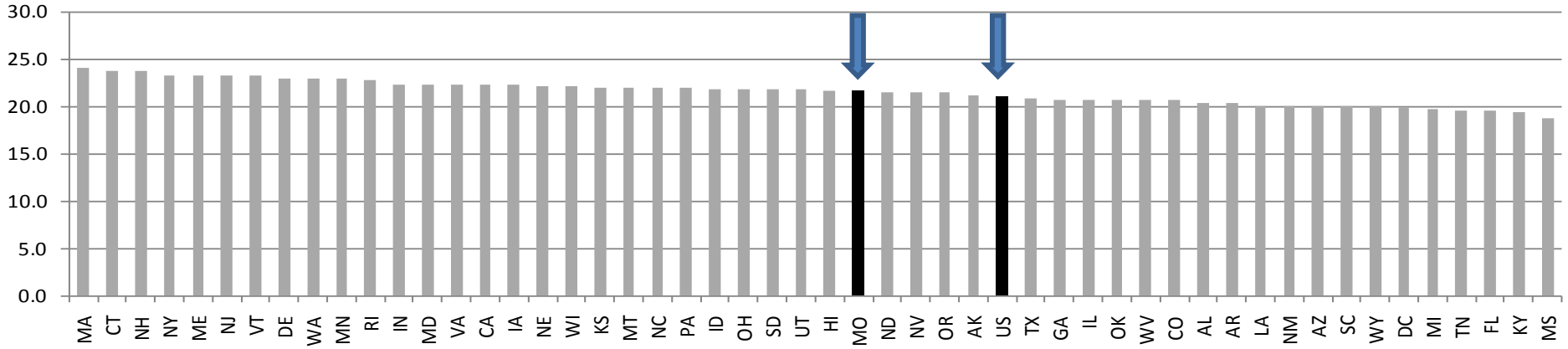
Rank	State	Score
38	Georgia	277.56
39	Arizona	277.33
40	Arkansas	276.00
41	Oklahoma	275.71
42	Tennessee	274.76
43	Nevada	274.15
44	Hawaii	273.76
45	Louisiana	272.38
46	California	270.45
47	West Virginia	270.42
48	New Mexico	269.70
49	Alabama	268.52
50	Mississippi	265.00
51	District of Columbia	253.60

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



Rank	State	Score
1	Massachusetts	24.0
2	Connecticut	23.7
2	New Hampshire	23.7
4	New York	23.3
5	Maine	23.2
5	New Jersey	23.2
5	Vermont	23.2
8	Delaware	23.0
8	Washington	23.0
10	Minnesota	22.9
11	Rhode Island	22.8
12	Indiana	22.3
12	Maryland	22.3
12	Virginia	22.3
15	California	22.2
15	Iowa	22.2
17	Nebraska	22.1
17	Wisconsin	22.1
19	Kansas	22.0

Rank	State	Score
19	Montana	22.0
21	North Carolina	21.9
21	Pennsylvania	21.9
23	Idaho	21.8
23	Ohio	21.8
23	South Dakota	21.8
23	Utah	21.8
27	Hawaii	21.6
27	**Missouri**	**21.6**
29	North Dakota	21.5
29	Nevada	21.5
29	Oregon	21.5
32	Alaska	21.1
	United States	**21.0**
33	Texas	20.8
34	Georgia	20.7
34	Illinois	20.7
34	Oklahoma	20.7
34	West Virginia	20.7

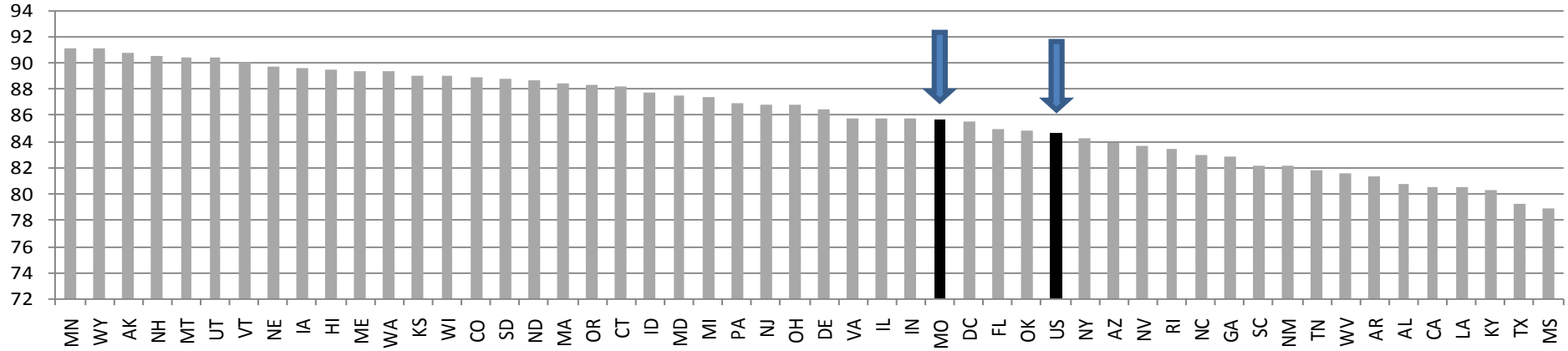
Rank	State	Score
38	Colorado	20.6
39	Alabama	20.3
39	Arkansas	20.3
41	Louisiana	20.1
41	New Mexico	20.1
43	Arizona	20.0
43	South Carolina	20.0
43	Wyoming	20.0
46	District of Columbia	19.8
47	Michigan	19.7
48	Tennessee	19.6
49	Florida	19.5
50	Kentucky	19.4
51	Mississippi	18.8

Year	MO Rank	Score
2007	24	21.6
2008	26	21.6
2009	27	21.6

Source: act.org

Education

Percent of Population Age 25 and Older - High School Graduates or Higher: 2009



Rank	State	Percent
1	Minnesota	91.1%
1	Wyoming	91.1%
3	Alaska	90.7%
4	New Hampshire	90.5%
5	Montana	90.4%
5	Utah	90.4%
7	Vermont	90.1%
8	Nebraska	89.7%
9	Iowa	89.6%
10	Hawaii	89.5%
11	Maine	89.4%
11	Washington	89.4%
13	Kansas	89.0%
13	Wisconsin	89.0%
15	Colorado	88.9%
16	South Dakota	88.8%
17	North Dakota	88.7%
18	Massachusetts	88.4%
19	Oregon	88.3%

Rank	State	Percent
20	Connecticut	88.2%
21	Idaho	87.7%
22	Maryland	87.5%
23	Michigan	87.4%
24	Pennsylvania	86.9%
25	New Jersey	86.8%
25	Ohio	86.8%
27	Delaware	86.5%
28	Virginia	85.8%
29	Illinois	85.7%
29	Indiana	85.7%
31	**Missouri**	**85.6%**
32	District of Columbia	85.5%
33	Florida	84.9%
34	Oklahoma	84.8%
	United States	**84.6%**
35	New York	84.2%
36	Arizona	83.9%
37	Nevada	83.7%

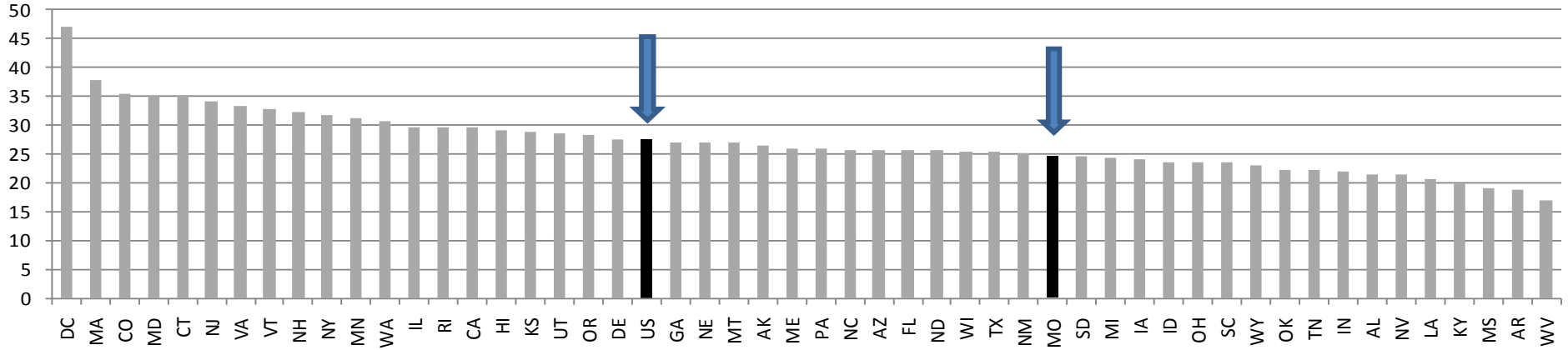
Rank	State	Percent
38	Rhode Island	83.4%
39	North Carolina	83.0%
40	Georgia	82.9%
41	South Carolina	82.2%
42	New Mexico	82.1%
43	Tennessee	81.8%
44	West Virginia	81.6%
45	Arkansas	81.3%
46	Alabama	80.8%
47	California	80.5%
47	Louisiana	80.5%
49	Kentucky	80.3%
50	Texas	79.3%
51	Mississippi	78.9%

Year	MO Rank	Percent
2007	32	85.6%
2008	28	86.5%
2009	31	85.6%

Source: census.gov

Education

Percent of Population Age 25 and Older - Bachelor's Degree or Higher: 2009



Rank	State	Percent
1	District of Columbia	47.1%
2	Massachusetts	37.8%
3	Colorado	35.5%
4	Maryland	35.2%
5	Connecticut	35.1%
6	New Jersey	34.1%
7	Virginia	33.4%
8	Vermont	32.9%
9	New Hampshire	32.4%
10	New York	31.8%
11	Minnesota	31.2%
12	Washington	30.8%
13	Illinois	29.8%
13	Rhode Island	29.8%
15	California	29.7%
16	Hawaii	29.2%
17	Kansas	28.8%
18	Utah	28.7%
19	Oregon	28.3%

Rank	State	Percent
20	Delaware	27.5%
	United States	**27.5%**
21	Georgia	27.1%
21	Nebraska	27.1%
23	Montana	27.0%
24	Alaska	26.5%
25	Maine	26.1%
26	Pennsylvania	26.0%
27	North Carolina	25.8%
28	Arizona	25.7%
29	Florida	25.6%
29	North Dakota	25.6%
31	Wisconsin	25.5%
32	Texas	25.4%
33	New Mexico	25.1%
34	**Missouri**	**24.6%**
34	South Dakota	24.6%
36	Michigan	24.5%
37	Iowa	24.2%

Rank	State	Percent
38	Idaho	23.7%
39	Ohio	23.6%
40	South Carolina	23.5%
41	Wyoming	23.2%
42	Oklahoma	22.4%
42	Tennessee	22.4%
44	Indiana	21.9%
45	Alabama	21.5%
45	Nevada	21.5%
47	Louisiana	20.6%
48	Kentucky	20.0%
49	Mississippi	19.1%
50	Arkansas	18.9%
51	West Virginia	17.1%

Year	MO Rank	Percent
2007	36	24.5%
2008	34	25.0%
2009	34	24.6%

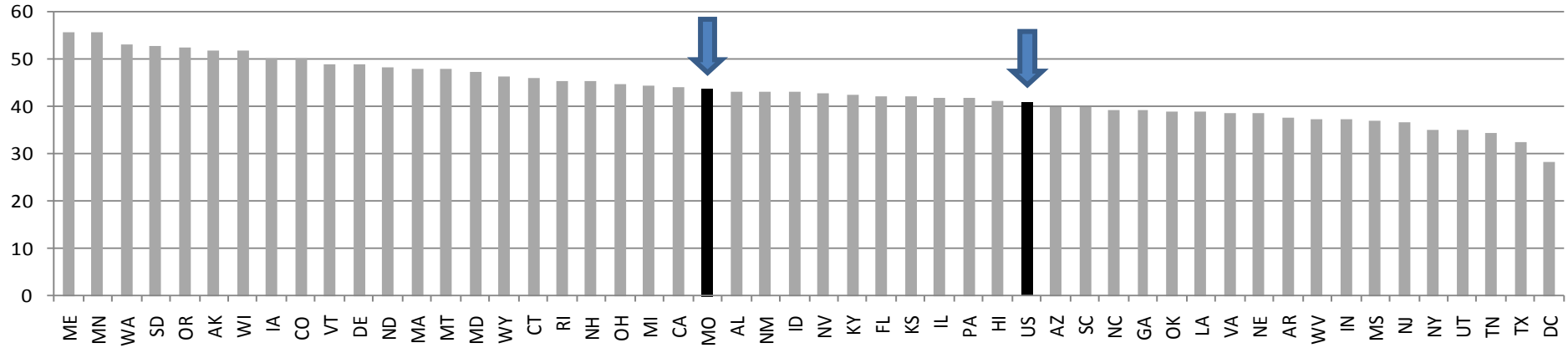
Source: census.gov

Civic Involvement

Voter Turnout Rate: General Election 2010 - The percentage of the eligible voting age population who cast a ballot in the 2010 General Election. The data was provided by the United States Election Project at George Mason University. In 2010, Missouri ranked 23rd.

Civic Involvement

Votor Turnout Rate: General Election 2010



Rank	State	Percent
1	Maine	55.5%
1	Minnesota	55.5%
3	Washington	53.1%
4	South Dakota	52.8%
5	Oregon	52.3%
6	Alaska	51.9%
7	Wisconsin	51.7%
8	Iowa	50.3%
9	Colorado	50.0%
10	Vermont	48.9%
11	Delaware	48.7%
12	North Dakota	48.1%
13	Massachusetts	48.0%
14	Montana	47.8%
15	Maryland	47.1%
16	Wyoming	46.4%
17	Connecticut	46.0%
18	Rhode Island	45.3%
19	New Hampshire	45.2%

Rank	State	Percent
20	Ohio	44.6%
21	Michigan	44.3%
22	California	44.1%
23	**Missouri**	**43.8%**
24	Alabama	43.2%
25	New Mexico	43.1%
26	Idaho	43.0%
27	Nevada	42.6%
28	Kentucky	42.4%
29	Florida	42.2%
30	Kansas	42.0%
31	Illinois	41.8%
32	Pennsylvania	41.7%
33	Hawaii	41.1%
	United States	**40.9%**
34	Arizona	39.9%
35	South Carolina	39.8%
36	North Carolina	39.3%
37	Georgia	39.1%

Rank	State	Percent
38	Oklahoma	39.0%
39	Louisiana	38.8%
40	Virginia	38.5%
41	Nebraska	38.4%
42	Arkansas	37.6%
43	West Virginia	37.4%
44	Indiana	37.3%
45	Mississippi	37.0%
46	New Jersey	36.5%
47	New York	34.9%
47	Utah	34.9%
49	Tennessee	34.4%
50	Texas	32.3%
51	District of Columbia	28.2%

Year	MO Rank	Percent
2006	12	60.0%
2008	9	68.1%
2010	23	43.8%

Source: elections.gmu.edu

Health

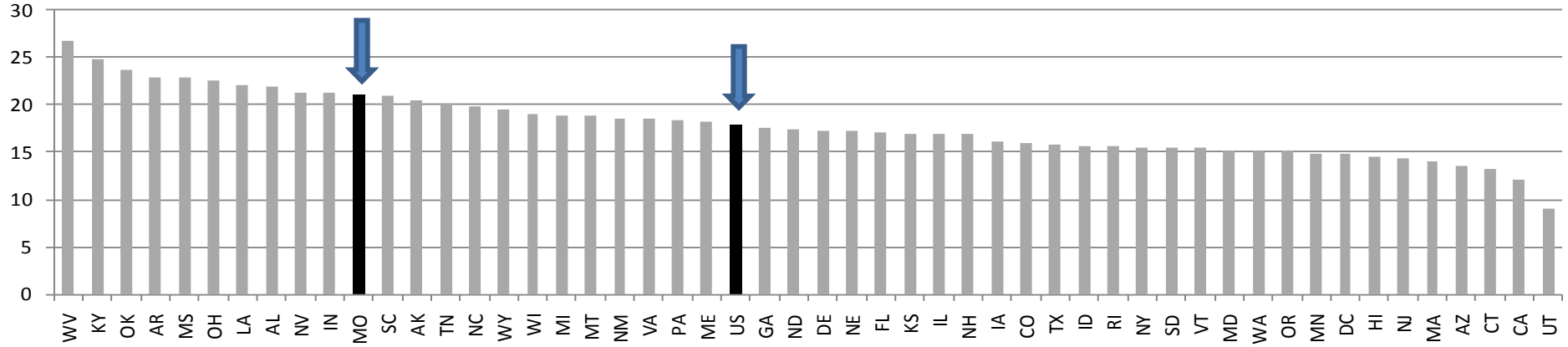
Percent of Population that are Adult Smokers - The percentage of adults age 18 and older who report themselves to be smokers. This data was provided by the Centers for Disease Control. In 2010, Missouri ranked 11th.

Percent of the Population that is Obese - The percent of the population who have a body mass index (BMI) of 30 or greater. The data was provided by the Centers for Disease Control. In 2009, Missouri ranked 9th. Previous data combined statistics for the percentage of the population that was overweight (BMI between 25 and 30) and obese (BMI over 30). Data depicted in the current report represents only the percentage of the population that is obese.

Live Births to Women Aged 15 to 19 per 1,000 Women - The number of births to teenage women, age 15 to 19, per 1,000 women in the state. The data was provided by the Centers for Disease Control. In 2008, Missouri ranked 20th.

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 2009, Missouri ranked 28th.

Percent of Population that are Adult Smokers: 2010



Rank	State	Percent
1	West Virginia	26.8%
2	Kentucky	24.8%
3	Oklahoma	23.7%
4	Arkansas	22.9%
4	Mississippi	22.9%
6	Ohio	22.5%
7	Louisiana	22.1%
8	Alabama	21.9%
9	Nevada	21.3%
10	Indiana	21.2%
11	**Missouri**	**21.1%**
12	South Carolina	21.0%
13	Alaska	20.4%
14	Tennessee	20.1%
15	North Carolina	19.8%
16	Wyoming	19.5%
17	Wisconsin	19.1%
18	Michigan	18.9%
19	Montana	18.8%

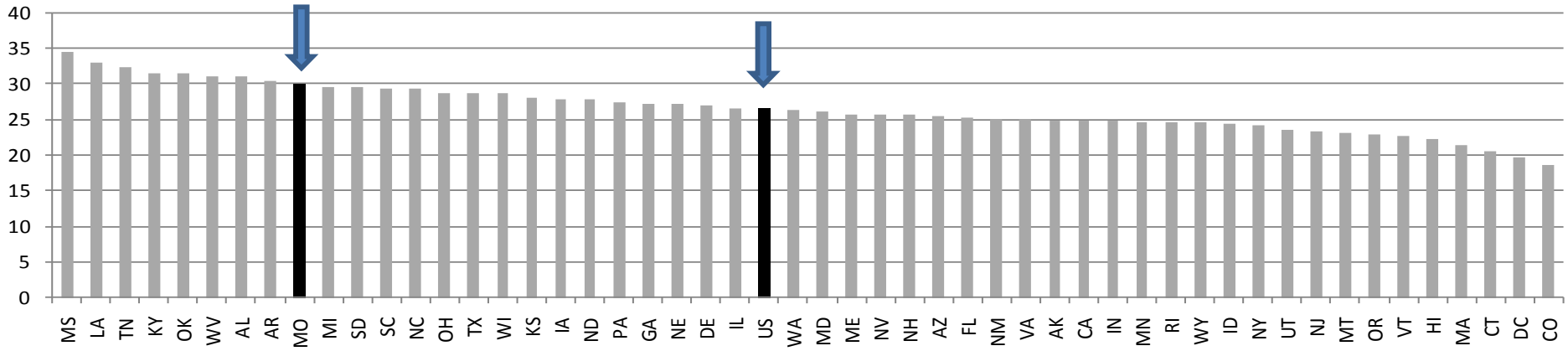
Rank	State	Percent
20	New Mexico	18.5%
20	Virginia	18.5%
22	Pennsylvania	18.4%
23	Maine	18.2%
	United States	**17.9%**
24	Georgia	17.6%
25	North Dakota	17.4%
26	Delaware	17.3%
27	Nebraska	17.2%
28	Florida	17.1%
29	Kansas	17.0%
30	Illinois	16.9%
30	New Hampshire	16.9%
32	Iowa	16.1%
33	Colorado	16.0%
34	Texas	15.8%
35	Idaho	15.7%
35	Rhode Island	15.7%
37	New York	15.5%

Rank	State	Percent
38	South Dakota	15.4%
38	Vermont	15.4%
40	Maryland	15.2%
40	Washington	15.2%
42	Oregon	15.1%
43	Minnesota	14.9%
44	District of Columbia	14.8%
45	Hawaii	14.5%
46	New Jersey	14.4%
47	Massachusetts	14.1%
48	Arizona	13.5%
49	Connecticut	13.2%
50	California	12.1%
51	Utah	09.1%

Year	MO Rank	Percent
2008	4	25.0%
2009	5	23.1%
2010	11	21.1%

Source: nccd.cdc.gov

Percent of Population that is Obese: 2009



Rank	State	Percent
1	Mississippi	34.4%
2	Louisiana	33.0%
3	Tennessee	32.3%
4	Kentucky	31.5%
5	Oklahoma	31.4%
6	West Virginia	31.1%
7	Alabama	31.0%
8	Arkansas	30.5%
9	**Missouri**	**30.0%**
10	Michigan	29.6%
10	South Dakota	29.6%
12	South Carolina	29.4%
13	North Carolina	29.3%
14	Ohio	28.8%
15	Texas	28.7%
15	Wisconsin	28.7%
17	Kansas	28.1%
18	Iowa	27.9%
18	North Dakota	27.9%

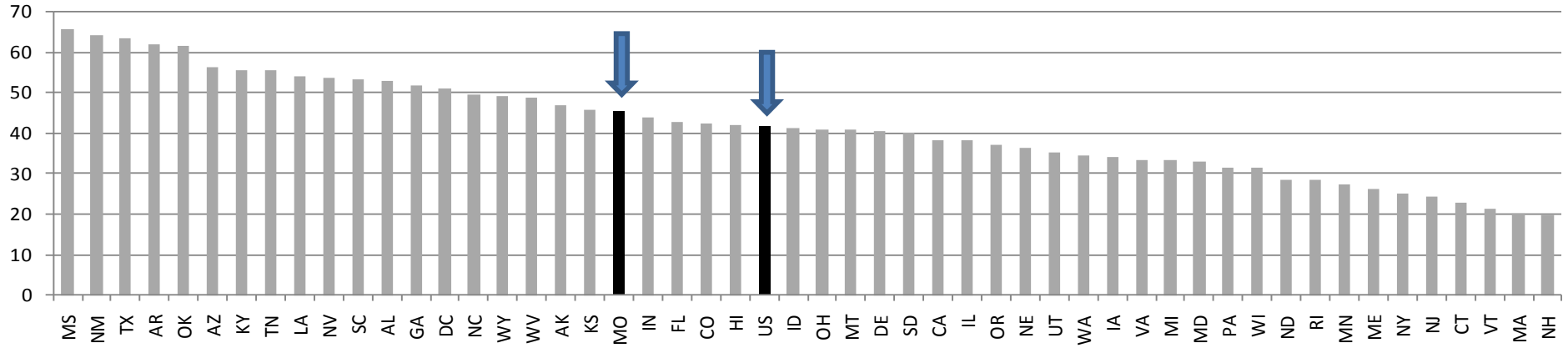
Rank	State	Percent
20	Pennsylvania	27.4%
21	Georgia	27.2%
21	Nebraska	27.2%
23	Delaware	27.0%
24	Illinois	26.5%
	United States	**26.5%**
25	Washington	26.4%
26	Maryland	26.2%
27	Maine	25.8%
27	Nevada	25.8%
29	New Hampshire	25.7%
30	Arizona	25.5%
31	Florida	25.2%
32	New Mexico	25.1%
33	Virginia	25.0%
34	Alaska	24.8%
34	California	24.8%
34	Indiana	24.8%
37	Minnesota	24.6%

Rank	State	Percent
37	Rhode Island	24.6%
37	Wyoming	24.6%
40	Idaho	24.5%
41	New York	24.2%
42	Utah	23.5%
43	New Jersey	23.3%
44	Montana	23.2%
45	Oregon	23.0%
46	Vermont	22.8%
47	Hawaii	22.3%
48	Massachusetts	21.4%
49	Connecticut	20.6%
50	District of Columbia	19.7%
51	Colorado	18.6%

Year	MO Rank	Percent
2007	22	31.7%
2008	14	32.8%
2009	9	30.0%

Source: cdc.gov

Live Births to Women Aged 15 to 19 per 1,000 Women: 2008



Rank	State	Births
1	Mississippi	65.7
2	New Mexico	64.1
3	Texas	63.4
4	Arkansas	61.8
5	Oklahoma	61.6
6	Arizona	56.2
7	Kentucky	55.6
7	Tennessee	55.6
9	Louisiana	54.1
10	Nevada	53.5
11	South Carolina	53.1
12	Alabama	53.0
13	Georgia	51.8
14	District of Columbia	50.9
15	North Carolina	49.4
16	Wyoming	49.2
17	West Virginia	48.8
18	Alaska	46.8
19	Kansas	45.6

Rank	State	Births
20	**Missouri**	**45.5**
21	Indiana	43.7
22	Florida	42.8
23	Colorado	42.5
24	Hawaii	42.1
	United States	**41.5**
25	Idaho	41.2
26	Ohio	41.0
27	Montana	40.7
28	Delaware	40.4
29	South Dakota	40.0
30	California	38.4
31	Illinois	38.1
32	Oregon	37.2
33	Nebraska	36.5
34	Utah	35.1
35	Washington	34.6
36	Iowa	33.9
37	Virginia	33.5

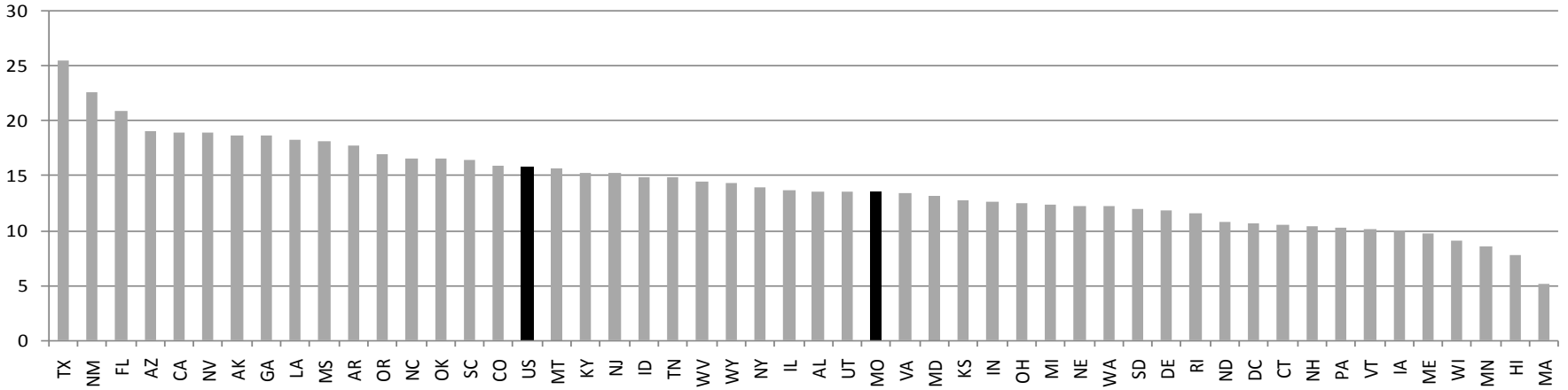
Rank	State	Births
38	Michigan	33.2
39	Maryland	32.8
40	Pennsylvania	31.5
41	Wisconsin	31.3
42	North Dakota	28.6
43	Rhode Island	28.5
44	Minnesota	27.2
45	Maine	26.1
46	New York	25.2
47	New Jersey	24.5
48	Connecticut	22.9
49	Vermont	21.3
50	Massachusetts	20.1
51	New Hampshire	19.8

Year	MO Rank	Births
2006	17	45.7
2007	18	45.7
2008	20	45.5

Source: cdc.gov

Health

Percent of Population without Health Insurance: 2009



Rank	State	Percent
1	Texas	25.5%
2	New Mexico	22.6%
3	Florida	20.9%
4	Arizona	19.1%
5	California	18.9%
5	Nevada	18.9%
7	Alaska	18.6%
7	Georgia	18.6%
9	Louisiana	18.2%
10	Mississippi	18.1%
11	Arkansas	17.7%
12	Oregon	16.9%
13	North Carolina	16.6%
13	Oklahoma	16.6%
15	South Carolina	16.4%
16	Colorado	15.9%
	United States	**15.8%**
17	Montana	15.7%
18	Kentucky	15.3%

Rank	State	Percent
19	New Jersey	15.2%
20	Idaho	14.9%
20	Tennessee	14.9%
22	West Virginia	14.4%
23	Wyoming	14.3%
24	New York	14.0%
25	Illinois	13.7%
26	Alabama	13.6%
26	Utah	13.6%
28	**Missouri**	**13.5%**
29	Virginia	13.4%
30	Maryland	13.2%
31	Kansas	12.7%
32	Indiana	12.6%
33	Ohio	12.5%
34	Michigan	12.4%
35	Nebraska	12.2%
35	Washington	12.2%
37	South Dakota	12.0%

Rank	State	Percent
38	Delaware	11.8%
39	Rhode Island	11.6%
40	North Dakota	10.8%
41	District of Columbia	10.6%
42	Connecticut	10.5%
43	New Hampshire	10.4%
44	Pennsylvania	10.3%
45	Vermont	10.1%
46	Iowa	10.0%
47	Maine	9.8%
48	Wisconsin	9.1%
49	Minnesota	8.6%
50	Hawaii	7.8%
51	Massachusetts	5.1%

Year	MO Rank	Percent
2007	31	12.6%
2008	26	12.6%
2009	28	13.5%

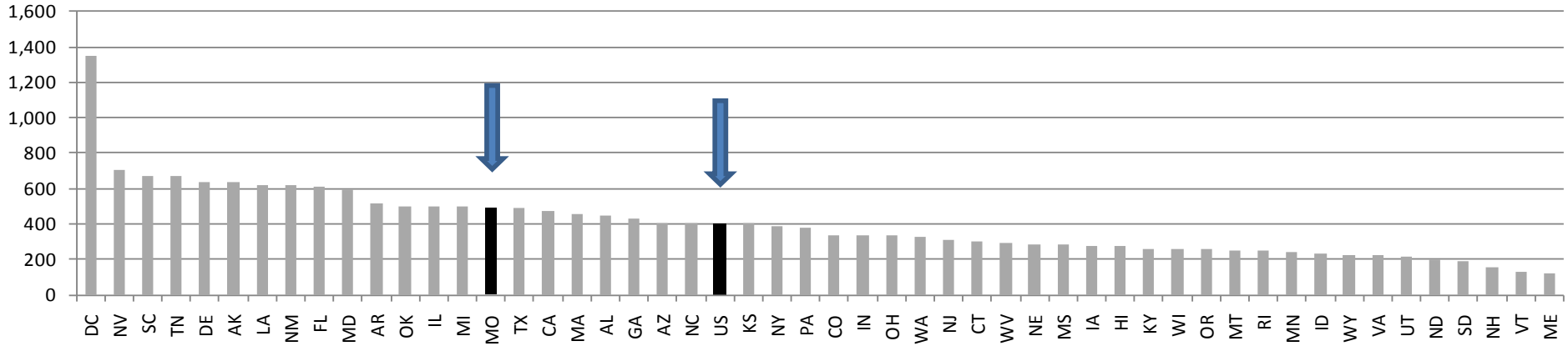
Source: census.gov

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 2009, Missouri ranked 15th.

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 2009, Missouri ranked 16th.

Violent Crime Rate per 100,000 Inhabitants: 2009



Rank	State	Rate
1	District of Columbia	1,345.9
2	Nevada	702.2
3	South Carolina	670.8
4	Tennessee	667.7
5	Delaware	636.6
6	Alaska	633.0
7	Louisiana	620.0
8	New Mexico	619.0
9	Florida	612.5
10	Maryland	589.9
11	Arkansas	517.7
12	Oklahoma	501.1
13	Illinois	497.2
14	Michigan	497.0
15	**Missouri**	**491.8**
16	Texas	490.9
17	California	472.0
18	Massachusetts	457.1
19	Alabama	449.8

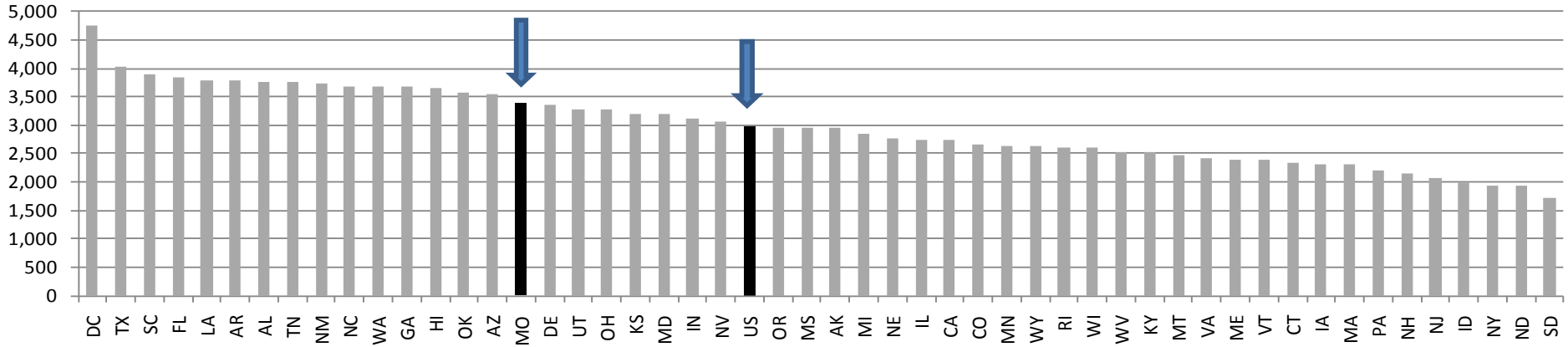
Rank	State	Rate
20	Georgia	426.1
21	Arizona	408.3
22	North Carolina	404.3
	United States	**400.9**
23	Kansas	400.1
24	New York	384.7
25	Pennsylvania	380.5
26	Colorado	337.8
27	Indiana	333.2
28	Ohio	332.1
29	Washington	331.0
30	New Jersey	311.5
31	Connecticut	298.7
32	West Virginia	296.5
33	Nebraska	281.6
34	Mississippi	281.3
35	Iowa	279.2
36	Hawaii	274.8
37	Kentucky	258.7

Rank	State	Rate
38	Wisconsin	257.0
39	Oregon	254.7
40	Montana	253.6
41	Rhode Island	252.6
42	Minnesota	243.9
43	Idaho	228.4
44	Wyoming	228.2
45	Virginia	226.8
46	Utah	212.7
47	North Dakota	200.7
48	South Dakota	185.6
49	New Hampshire	159.6
50	Vermont	131.4
51	Maine	119.8

Year	MO Rank	Rate
2007	16	504.9
2008	14	504.4
2009	15	491.8

Source: fbi.gov

Property Crime Rate per 100,000 Inhabitants: 2009



Rank	State	Rate
1	District of Columbia	4,745.4
2	Texas	4,015.5
3	South Carolina	3,888.6
4	Florida	3,840.8
5	Louisiana	3,794.6
6	Arkansas	3,773.7
7	Alabama	3,772.4
8	Tennessee	3,754.1
9	New Mexico	3,735.8
10	North Carolina	3,668.1
11	Washington	3,666.9
12	Georgia	3,666.6
13	Hawaii	3,661.2
14	Oklahoma	3,573.8
15	Arizona	3,556.5
16	**Missouri**	**3,385.3**
17	Delaware	3,349.6
18	Utah	3,275.4
19	Ohio	3,270.9
20	Kansas	3,207.8
21	Maryland	3,200.7
22	Indiana	3,116.2
23	Nevada	3,055.6
	United States	**2,976.0**
24	Oregon	2,967.1
25	Mississippi	2,953.3
26	Alaska	2,946.0
27	Michigan	2,837.8
28	Nebraska	2,761.5
29	Illinois	2,736.9
30	California	2,731.5
31	Colorado	2,666.2
32	Minnesota	2,641.0
33	Wyoming	2,637.3
34	Rhode Island	2,610.8
35	Wisconsin	2,608.2
36	West Virginia	2,526.7
37	Kentucky	2,512.7
38	Montana	2,464.0
39	Virginia	2,428.8
40	Maine	2,403.5
41	Vermont	2,401.4
42	Connecticut	2,335.8
43	Iowa	2,308.7
44	Massachusetts	2,304.0
45	Pennsylvania	2,201.6
46	New Hampshire	2,161.0
47	New Jersey	2,079.7
48	Idaho	1,988.7
49	New York	1,936.0
50	North Dakota	1,932.8
51	South Dakota	1,719.4

Year	MO Rank	Rate
2007	15	3,738.4
2008	14	3,663.7
2009	16	3,385.3

Source: fbi.gov

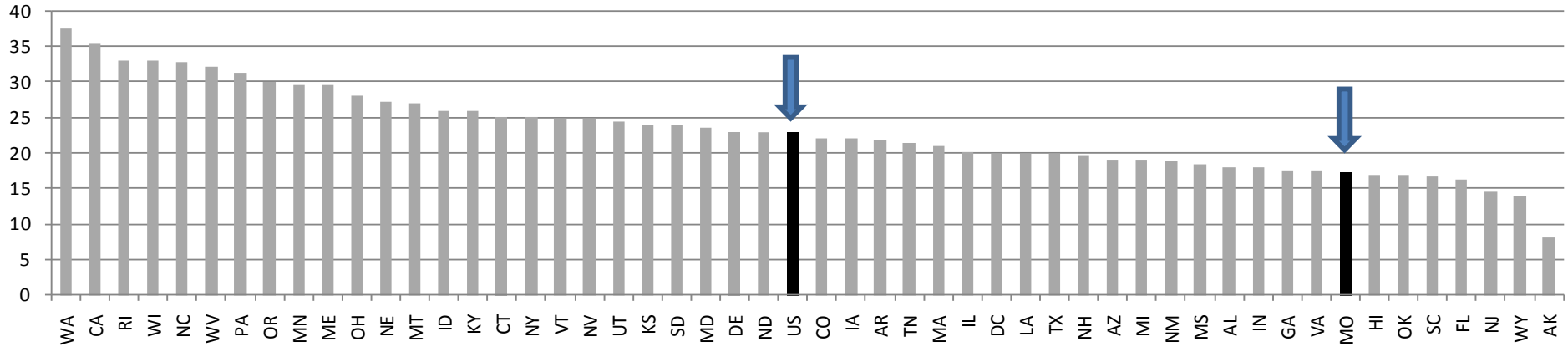
Transportation

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 2011, 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 2008, Missouri ranked 15th.

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 Bureau of Transportation Statistics provided the data for this indicator. In 2009, Missouri ranked 14th.

State Gas Taxes in Cents: 2011



Rank	State	Gas Tax
1	Washington	37.5
2	California	35.3
3	Rhode Island	33.0
4	Wisconsin	32.9
5	North Carolina	32.7
6	West Virginia	32.2
7	Pennsylvania	31.2
8	Oregon	30.0
9	Minnesota	29.6
10	Maine	29.5
11	Ohio	28.0
12	Nebraska	27.3
13	Montana	27.0
14	Idaho	26.0
15	Kentucky	25.9
16	Connecticut	25.0
16	New York	25.0
18	Vermont	24.9
19	Nevada	24.8

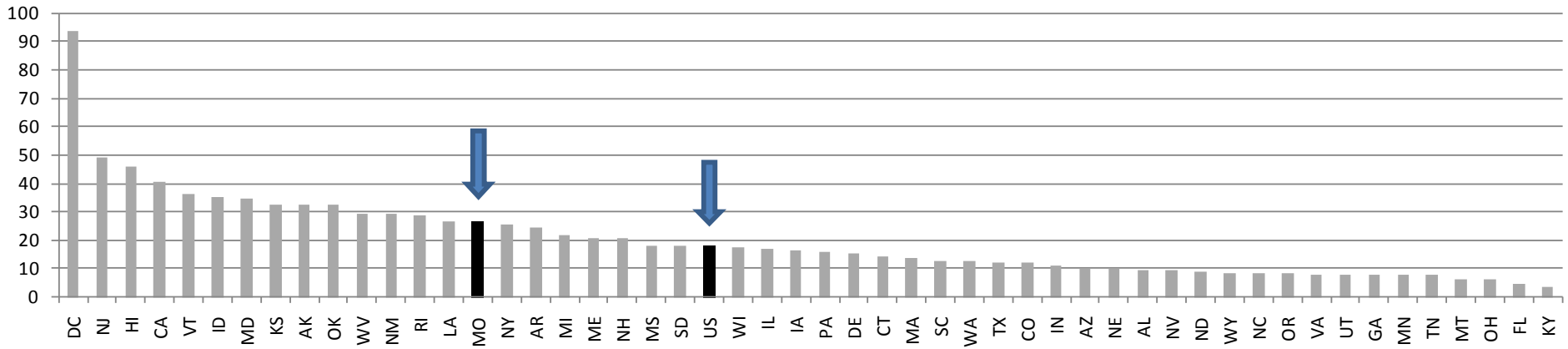
Rank	State	Gas Tax
20	Utah	24.5
21	Kansas	24.0
21	South Dakota	24.0
23	Maryland	23.5
24	Delaware	23.0
24	North Dakota	23.0
	United States	**23.0**
26	Colorado	22.0
26	Iowa	22.0
28	Arkansas	21.8
29	Tennessee	21.4
30	Massachusetts	21.0
31	Illinois	20.1
32	District of Columbia	20.0
32	Louisiana	20.0
32	Texas	20.0
35	New Hampshire	19.6
36	Arizona	19.0
36	Michigan	19.0

Rank	State	Gas Tax
38	New Mexico	18.8
39	Mississippi	18.4
40	Alabama	18.0
40	Indiana	18.0
42	Georgia	17.6
43	Virginia	17.5
44	**Missouri**	**17.3**
45	Hawaii	17.0
45	Oklahoma	17.0
47	South Carolina	16.8
48	Florida	16.2
49	New Jersey	14.5
50	Wyoming	14.0
51	Alaska	08.0

Year	MO Rank	Gas Tax
2009	45	17.3
2010	45	17.3
2011	44	17.3

Source: taxadmin.org and taxfoundation.org

Percent of Roads in Mediocre or Poor Condition: 2008



Rank	State	Percent
1	District of Columbia	93.9%
2	New Jersey	49.4%
3	Hawaii	46.0%
4	California	40.4%
5	Vermont	36.3%
6	Idaho	35.1%
7	Maryland	34.5%
8	Kansas	32.6%
9	Alaska	32.4%
10	Oklahoma	32.3%
11	West Virginia	29.4%
12	New Mexico	29.3%
13	Rhode Island	28.8%
14	Louisiana	26.7%
15	**Missouri**	**26.6%**
16	New York	25.6%
17	Arkansas	24.4%
18	Michigan	21.6%
19	Maine	20.9%

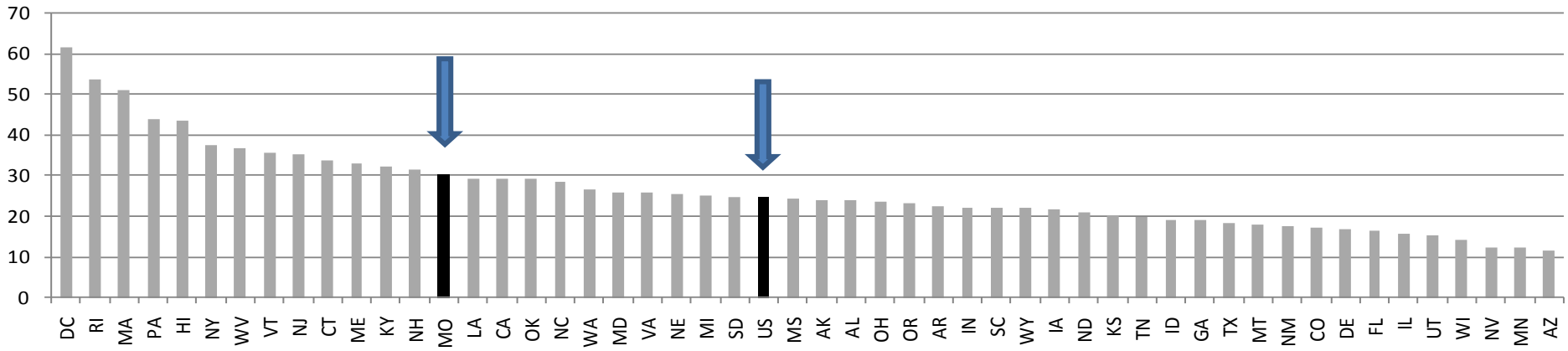
Rank	State	Percent
20	New Hampshire	20.8%
21	Mississippi	18.0%
22	South Dakota	17.9%
	United States	**17.8%**
23	Wisconsin	17.6%
24	Illinois	16.8%
25	Iowa	16.2%
26	Pennsylvania	16.0%
27	Delaware	15.4%
28	Connecticut	14.2%
29	Massachusetts	13.8%
30	South Carolina	12.9%
31	Washington	12.7%
32	Texas	12.2%
33	Colorado	11.9%
34	Indiana	11.0%
35	Arizona	10.2%
36	Nebraska	10.1%
37	Alabama	9.5%

Rank	State	Percent
37	Nevada	9.5%
39	North Dakota	9.0%
40	Wyoming	8.5%
41	North Carolina	8.4%
41	Oregon	8.4%
43	Virginia	8.1%
44	Utah	8.0%
45	Georgia	7.9%
46	Minnesota	7.8%
46	Tennessee	7.8%
48	Montana	6.5%
49	Ohio	6.2%
50	Florida	4.4%
51	Kentucky	3.4%

Year	MO Rank	Percent
2006	18	23.0%
2007	16	24.5%
2008	15	26.6%

Source: bts.gov

Percent of Bridges Structurally Deficient or Functionally Obsolete: 2009



Rank	State	Percent
1	District of Columbia	61.4%
2	Rhode Island	53.6%
3	Massachusetts	51.1%
4	Pennsylvania	43.9%
5	Hawaii	43.5%
6	New York	37.3%
7	West Virginia	36.7%
8	Vermont	35.5%
9	New Jersey	35.4%
10	Connecticut	33.6%
11	Maine	32.8%
12	Kentucky	32.2%
13	New Hampshire	31.4%
14	**Missouri**	**30.3%**
15	Louisiana	29.2%
16	California	29.1%
16	Oklahoma	29.1%
18	North Carolina	28.5%
19	Washington	26.5%

Rank	State	Percent
20	Maryland	26.0%
21	Virginia	25.8%
22	Nebraska	25.4%
23	Michigan	25.1%
24	South Dakota	24.8%
	United States	**24.7%**
25	Mississippi	24.2%
26	Alaska	23.9%
27	Alabama	23.8%
28	Ohio	23.6%
29	Oregon	23.1%
30	Arkansas	22.3%
31	Indiana	22.2%
32	South Carolina	22.1%
33	Wyoming	21.9%
34	Iowa	21.6%
35	North Dakota	21.0%
36	Kansas	20.2%
37	Tennessee	19.7%

Rank	State	Percent
38	Idaho	19.2%
39	Georgia	18.9%
40	Texas	18.4%
41	Montana	17.9%
42	New Mexico	17.6%
43	Colorado	17.3%
44	Delaware	16.8%
45	Florida	16.3%
46	Illinois	15.8%
47	Utah	15.4%
48	Wisconsin	14.0%
49	Nevada	12.3%
50	Minnesota	12.2%
51	Arizona	11.7%

Year	MO Rank	Percent
2007	15	31.3%
2008	15	30.5%
2009	14	30.3%

Source:bts.gov