

TABLE 1: STATE ECONOMIC DISTRESS BASED ON RECENT TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT, HOUSING FORECLOSURES, AND FOOD STAMP CASELOADS

Overall Ranking of Economic Distress (1 = most distress)	State	State Budget Condition	Ranking in Measures of Economic Distress			Average Rank (1 = most distress)
			Change in Total Employment (1 = largest decline/smallest increase)	Increase in Food Stamp Caseload (1 = largest increase)	Increase in Foreclosures (1 = largest increase)	
1	Florida	D	3	3	1	2.3
2	Rhode Island	D	1	7	5	4.3
3	Nevada	D	11	1	2	4.7
4	Arizona	D	9	5	4	6.0
5	Maine	D	10	14	6	10.0
6 (tie)	California	D	13	16	3	10.7
6 (tie)	Delaware	D	8	9	15	10.7
8	Wisconsin	D	5	15	14	11.3
9	Minnesota	D	20	11	9	13.3
10	Michigan	D	2	30	11	14.3
11 (tie)	Massachusetts	D	26	10	10	15.3
11 (tie)	New Jersey	D	7	32	7	15.3
13	Vermont	D	4	17	26	15.7
14 (tie)	Maryland	D	31	8	12	17.0
14 (tie)	Ohio	D	6	23	22	17.0
16	Idaho		29	2	24	18.3
17	Connecticut	D	21	27	16	21.3
18	Illinois	D	22	36	7	21.7
19	Indiana		15	33	20	22.7
20	Hawaii		25	26	18	23.0
21	New Hampshire	D	39	12	19	23.3
22	Iowa	D	23	19	29	23.7
23	Virginia	D	24	31	17	24.0
24	Missouri	d	16	20	37	24.3
25 (tie)	New York	D	28	34	12	24.7
25 (tie)	Pennsylvania		17	21	36	24.7
27	Alaska*		32	4	40	25.3
28	Oregon		27	24	28	26.3
29 (tie)	South Carolina	D	33	25	32	30.0
29 (tie)	Washington	d	46	13	31	30.0
31 (tie)	Georgia	D	30	38	23	30.3
31 (tie)	West Virginia		14	39	38	30.3
33	Kentucky	D	37	29	27	31.0
34 (tie)	North Dakota*		41	6	47	31.3
34 (tie)	Tennessee	D	12	35	47	31.3
36	District of Columbia	D	34	45	20	33.0
37	Utah		50	18	32	33.3
38 (tie)	Mississippi	D	18	37	51	35.3
38 (tie)	South Dakota		44	22	40	35.3
40	Alabama	D	35	40	39	38.0
41	Arkansas	D	19	50	46	38.3
42	Colorado		45	48	25	39.3
43	New Mexico		36	49	34	39.7
44	North Carolina		42	28	50	40.0
45	Kansas		38	41	44	41.0
46	Oklahoma	D	43	51	30	41.3
47	Nebraska		40	44	42	42.0
48	Wyoming		51	46	34	43.7
49	Louisiana		47	42	43	44.0
50	Montana		48	43	45	45.3
51	Texas	d	49	47	47	47.7

D = deficit projected for fiscal year 2009 d = deficit projected for fiscal 2010 but not fiscal 2009

* Data anomalies affecting Alaska's and North Dakota's food stamp data significantly inflate these states' overall ranking. See footnote 5 above.

Source: Employment data from BLS, based on change in total employment from 4th quarter 2006 to Feb. – Apr. of 2008.

Food stamp participation data from USDA, based on change in individual participation from 4th quarter 2006 to first quarter 2008.

Foreclosure data from Mortgage Bankers Association's National Delinquency Survey, based on change in share of loans in the process of foreclosure from the close of the 4th quarter 2006 to the close of the first quarter 2008.