Poverty increasing in public schools

Low-income students made up at least half the public school student population in 17 states in 2011, a marked increase from 2000, when four states topped 50 percent. Read related article.

**Percentage of low-income students**

![Map showing percentage of low-income students in 2000 and 2011](image)

Note: The report did not include D.C. because its school system is too small relative to those of states.

*students who qualify for free or reduced-priced lunches*
