

ARKANSAS



Sales Tax on Food¹ **Yes**

Rate 3% Fundamental tax rate, Plus local taxes (check S&U guide for more information.)

Rebates or credits No

Poverty level² **16.0% (10th in state ranking)**

Food Insecurity³ **12.2% (19th in state ranking)**

Unemployment Rate⁴ **5.5% (8th in state ranking)**

Overall grade: **36**

Comments: The poverty level and the unemployment rates are simply too high.

¹ <http://www.cbpp.org/3-16-06sfp3.htm>

² <http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Products/Ranking/2003/R01T040.htm>

³ <http://www.frac.org/pdf/hunger05rank.pdf>

⁴ http://money.cnn.com/pf/features/lists/state_unemployment/state.html

The Score Card

Sales Tax on Food **25 pts.**

Rate 16 of 20

Rebates or credits 0 of 5

Poverty level **5 of 25**

Food Insecurity **10 of 25**

Unemployment Rate **4 of 25**

Total **36/100**