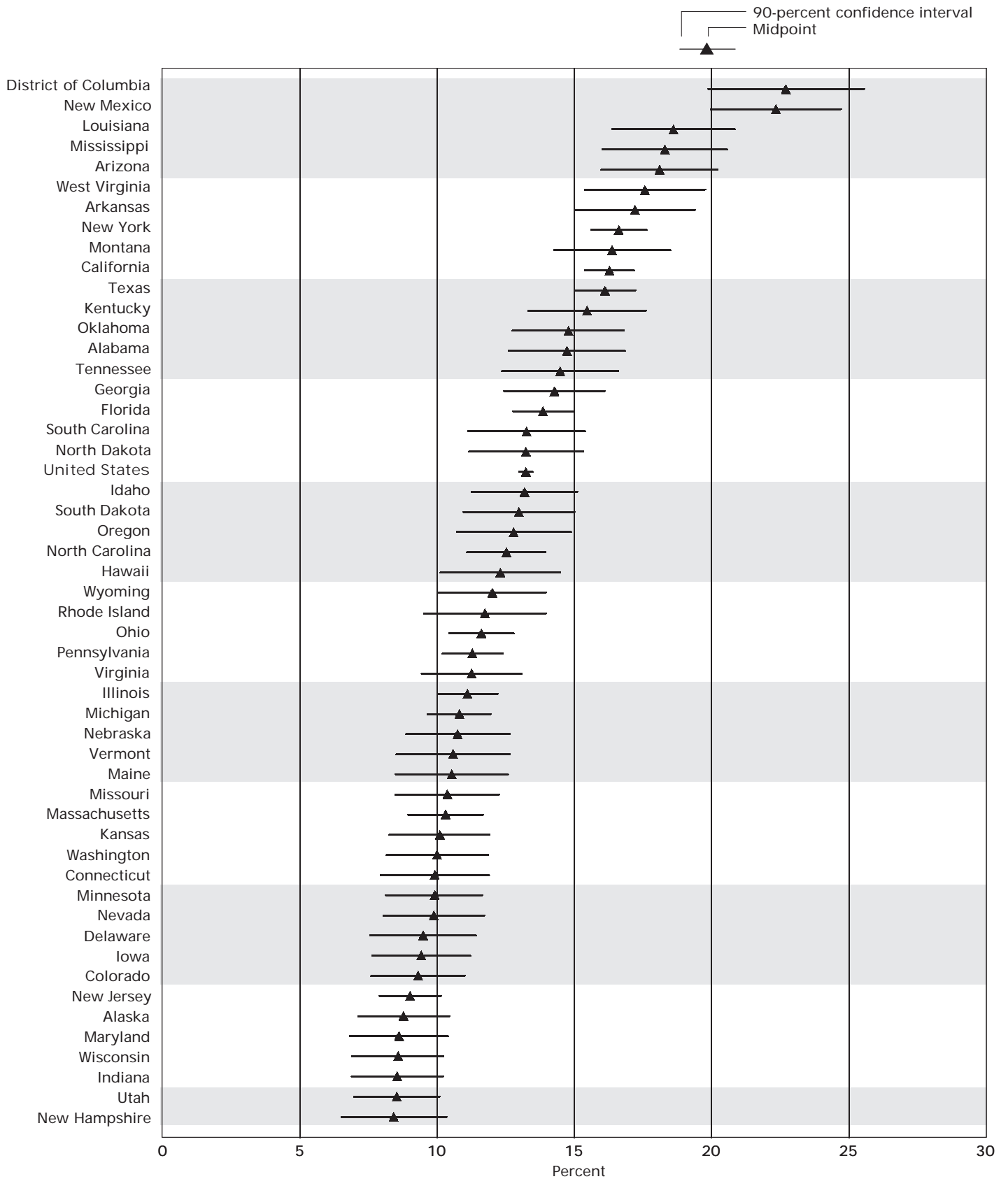


Figure 2.
Three-Year Average Poverty Rates, by State: 1996, 1997, and 1998



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, March 1997, 1998, and 1999 Current Population Surveys