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Of the 42 counties with unemployment rates under 2%, 11 are in Colorado.

The poverty rate continues to decrease in the United States, maintaining a trend first evident in the 2014 Opportunity Index.