



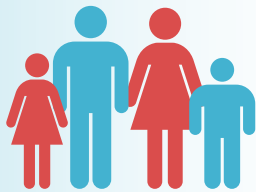
What is Poverty?

Why we care about Poverty

Poverty impacts our neighborhoods, schools, healthcare systems, security, and quality of life. Not only is poverty an economic issue, it is also a moral issue. Human dignity calls us to care for the poor and those in need.

Nearly **47 million people**—15% of our population in the United States—live in Poverty. In San Bernardino and Riverside Counties those numbers are **HIGHER** with 19.2% and 16.9% respectively, living at or below the poverty line.

What is Poverty? Get the Facts.



Poverty in America

is a family of four earning \$24,000 per year, or approximately \$1900 per month.

765,000 live in poverty in San Bernardino and Riverside Counties including **45,000 seniors** and **250,000 children**



1 in 7 American households were **Food Insecure** last year.

(Food insecurity is a condition of limited or uncertain access to adequate food.)

1 in 6 Americans live in poverty.

1.6 Million Children stayed in a shelter or emergency housing last year.

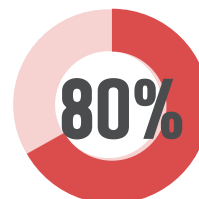
In California the underemployment rate is 13%. This includes highly skilled workers in low paying or part time jobs when they prefer full time.

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The Working Poor

are those who spend 27 weeks or more in the labor force but whose incomes fall below the poverty level.



Nearly **80%** of people assisted in the San Bernardino and Riverside Counties with Food Distribution Programs are considered "Working Poor."