

Homelessness and Poverty Fact Sheet 2023

- The three most cited reasons for family homelessness are:
 - 1) Lack of affordable housing
 - 2) Unemployment
 - 3) Poverty (via: [National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty](#))
- 1 in 30 youth ages 13 to 17 will experience homelessness each year. (via: [National Conference of State Legislations](#))
- 1 in 19 children experiences homelessness before the first grade. (via: [US Dept. Of Education](#))
 - In 2018-2019, nearly 1.3 million, or 6 percent, of children under age six were experiencing homelessness. (via: [US Dept. Of Education](#))
- In 2022, 161,070 people in families with children were experiencing homelessness. (via: [2022 Annual Homeless Assessment Report](#))
- During the 2020/2021 school year, 1,096,669 children experiencing homelessness were enrolled in public school. (via: [National Center for Homeless Education](#))
- People in families with children make up 28 percent of the nation's homeless population (via: [2022 Annual Homeless Assessment Report](#))
- Homeless families are often hidden from our view—they are living in shelters, cars, campgrounds, or doubled up in overcrowded apartments.
- 37.9 million people in the U.S. live below the poverty line. (via: [U.S. Census Bureau 2021 Poverty in the United States report](#))
- The SPM child poverty rate fell to 5.2 percent in 2021 – the lowest SPM child poverty rate on record. (via: [U.S. Census Bureau](#))
- The official poverty line for a family of four with two children is \$30,000 per year. (via: [U.S. Dept of Health and Human Services](#))
- The federal minimum wage is \$7.25/hour. It has not been raised since 2009. (via: [U.S. Dept of Labor](#))
- A renter household must earn at least \$25.82/hour to afford a two-bedroom home at the Fair Market Rent. (via: [2022 NLHC Out of Reach Report](#))
 - On average, a renter household needs 2.4 full-time jobs paying the minimum wage in order to afford a two-bedroom rental home at FMR. (via: [2022 NLIHC Out of Reach Report](#))
- In only 274 counties out of more than 3,000 nationwide can a worker making the federal minimum wage afford a one-bedroom apartment at the Fair Market Rent. (via: [2022 NLIHC Out of Reach Report](#))
- In no state can a person working full-time at the prevailing federal, state, or county minimum wage afford a two-bedroom apartment at the Fair Market Rent. (via: [2022 NLIHC Out of Reach Report](#))



- Only 25 percent of those considered eligible for federal housing assistance receive help, due to lack of funding. (via: [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities](#))
- For every 100 extremely low-income households, there are only 33 affordable and available rental homes on the market. (via: [2023 NLIHC The Gap Report](#))
- The U.S. has a shortage of 7.3 million rental homes affordable and available to extremely low-income renters. (via: [2023 NLIHC The Gap Report](#))
- Seventy-two percent (8.1 million) of the nation's 11.0 million extremely low-income renter households are severely housing cost-burdened. (via: [2023 NLIHC The Gap Report](#))
- 10.2 percent (13.5 million) households were food-insecure in 2021. (via: [U.S. Dept of Agriculture](#))
 - Household food insecurity affected 12.5 percent of households with children in 2021. (via: [U.S. Dept of Agriculture](#))