

POVERTY IN AMERICA

In 2020 over
37 million
people in
America lived
in poverty

13.4% AMERICANS LIVE
IN POVERTY



<https://data.census.gov/cedsci/table?q=&t=Poverty&g=0100000US&tid=ACSST5Y2019.S1701>
<https://www.census.gov/newsroom/stories/poverty-awareness-month.html>

“History is written
by the rich, and so
the poor get
blamed for
everything.” —
Jeffrey D. Sachs,
economist



The gap between the rich and the poor is only growing. We see decreasing opportunities for people to get healthcare and find jobs that can support the cost of living.

https://books.google.com/books?id=qdwQYZSdKB0C&printsec=frontcover&source=gbs_atb#v=onepage&q&f=false



25%
OF NATIVE
AMERICANS/ALASKAN
NATIVES LIVE IN POVERTY



23%
OF BLACK
AMERICANS LIVE IN
POVERTY

Poverty discriminates. We see high numbers of poverty levels in black and brown neighborhoods and see that people of color are at a higher risk of living in poverty.

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"For far too long
America's poor have
been criminalized by
intersecting systems
that impact low-
income individuals
at all levels." —Peter
B. Edelman

In 2020 Edelman published a piece titled, "Criminalization of Poverty: Much More to Do" in the Duke Law Journal, which characterizes local governments as "preventing public sleeping" as an example of criminalizing the homeless. An example of this is anti-homeless architecture.

<https://dlj.law.duke.edu/2020/04/criminalizationofpoverty/>