

A look at the numbers...

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14.3% of the US population, **44 million people**, have incomes below the federal poverty line.

4 points

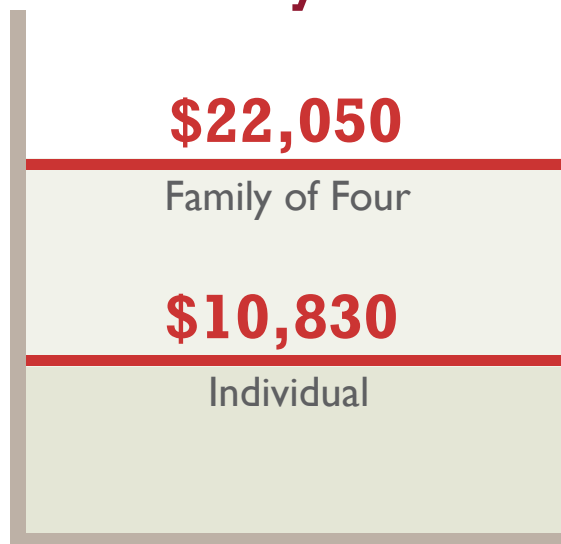
Amount the poverty rate fell during the Clinton administration, proving progress is possible.

12 million

Number of people that would be brought out of poverty by a 4 point reduction today.

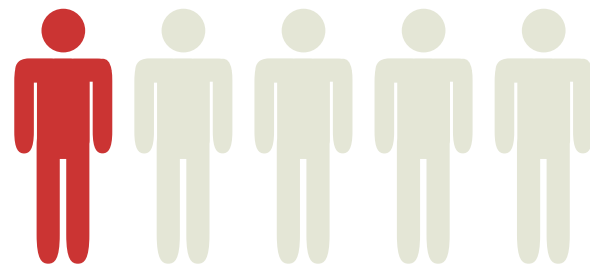
Poverty Line:

Annual Income



14.5 million

Number of children in poverty in America



1 in 5

Of all kids in America.

50%

Amount child poverty was cut in the UK during the '90s by providing tax breaks for families.

\$22,000

Amount one full-time worker could earn per year if minimum wage were raised 50%.

At some point during the year, **1.6 million impoverished people will also be homeless.**

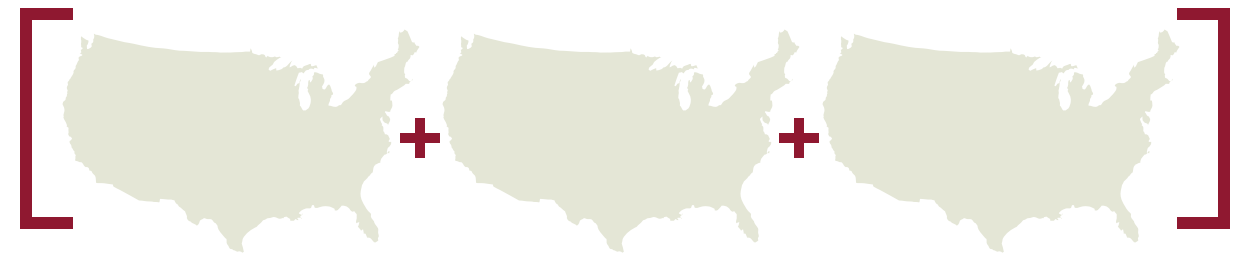
\$3,500

Amount per individual per year that a community as a whole could save by providing housing for the homeless, avoiding costs in other areas.

\$1.4 billion

Amount that could be saved in the economy each year if just one-quarter of the homeless population had housing available.

Worldwide 880 million people (**3 times the US population**) are living on less than \$1 a day.



0.2%

Percentage of GDP the US gives to help alleviate extreme global poverty.

33,000

Number of Millennium Villages that would be funded by every 0.1% increase in aid.

150 million people

Number of people 33,000 Millennium Villages could provide education, food, water and basic healthcare for.

0.7%

Percentage of GDP many developed nations have pledged to provide.

750 million people

Number of people the United States could provide Millennium Village services for if we met the .7% of GDP commitment.

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Numbers Pages Notes

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