

Understanding Poverty

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READ

Allard, Scott W. "Poverty." *World Book Student*, World Book, 2019, www.worldbookonline.com/student-new/#/article/home/ar442680. Accessed 17 Apr. 2019. (Library Digital Resource)

Poverty is the lack of enough income and resources to live adequately by community standards. Many poverty-stricken people cannot afford the food, shelter, clothing, and medical care that they need. Poverty can cause suffering, malnutrition, poor health, and loss of life. It can also lead to feelings of frustration, hopelessness, and low self-esteem. Governments and private organizations have worked to reduce or eliminate poverty, but it remains a widespread problem. More than 1 billion people throughout the world live in poverty.

Desmond, Matthew. *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*. Penguin Books, 2017. (Title in Library Catalog: Call number "339.46 DESMOND")

Princeton sociologist Matthew Desmond follows eight families in Milwaukee as they struggle to keep a roof over their heads. *Evicted* transforms our understanding of poverty and economic exploitation while providing fresh ideas for solving one of 21st-century America's most devastating problems.

"Poverty." *Opposing Viewpoints Online Collection*, Gale, 2018. *Opposing Viewpoints in Context*, <http://link.galegroup.com/apps/doc/PC3010999167/OVIC?u=spok67112&sid=OVIC&xid=4c0be539>. Accessed 12 Apr. 2019. (Library Digital Resource)

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Thomas, Virginia. "Spokane-Area Nonprofit Services Join to Roll out Mobile Food Bank." *Spokane Journal of Business*, 19 July 2018, www.spokanejournal.com/local-news/spokane-area-nonprofit-services-join-to-roll-out-mobile-food-bank/.

WATCH

PBS, Public Broadcasting Service, 11 Sept. 2018, www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/film/left-behind-america/.

Intimate stories of one Rust Belt city's struggle to recover in the post-recession economy. Frontline and ProPublica report on the economic and social forces shaping Dayton, Ohio, a once-booming city where nearly 35 percent now live in poverty.

Sweeney, Nicole. "The Impacts of Social Class: Crash Course Sociology #25." *YouTube*, CrashCourse, 18 Sept. 2017, www.youtube.com/watch?v=0a21mndoORE&feature=youtu.be.

Nicole Sweeney shares a ten minute explanation of how social class impacts who we become, including how we form our ideas about parenting, education, religion, health, and food.

LISTEN

Gladstone, Brooke. "Busted: American's Poverty Myths." *On the Media*, season 2016, episodes 1–5, Sept.–Oct. 2016. <https://www.wnycstudios.org/shows/otm/projects/busted-americas-poverty-myths>

On the Media's series on poverty is grounded in the Talmudic notion that "We do not see things as they are. We see things as we are." Brooke Gladstone traveled to Ohio to learn from people living the varied reality of poverty today, and to unpack the myths that shape our private presumptions as well as our policy decisions. In each episode, we feature the voices and complex stories of individuals, as well essential context from scholars, to lay open the tales we tell ourselves.

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