

National Fact Sheet on Homelessness & Poverty

40% of America's homeless are families, the fastest-growing segment overall.

- 13% of Americans live in poverty, including one in five children, the highest rate in the industrialized world.
- Almost 60% of Americans will spend at least one year below the poverty line at some point between ages 25 and 75.
- From 2002 through 2006, the number of jobs paying poverty-level wages increased by 4.7 million, and the number of low-income working families increased by 350,000.
- There is no city or county anywhere in the United States where a worker making the minimum wage can afford a fair market rate one-bedroom apartment.
- The cost of rent and utilities for a typical two-bedroom apartment has increased 35% in less than 10 years.
- 2 million additional American children will fall victim to the foreclosure crisis over the next two years.

Sources

Family Promise, www.familypromise.org