

Poverty isn't a **LINE**.
It's a **TIGHT KNOT** of social maladies.

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POVERTY, BY AMERICA

WASHINGTON, D.C.

RED FLAG

The highest student homelessness rate & 2nd highest childhood poverty rate

WASHINGTON, D.C		NATIONAL	
EDUCATION			
Preschool enrollment:	78.7 %	48 %	
High school graduation gap: <i>(between high- and low-income)</i>	10 %	11.5 %	
Avg. student loan debt:	\$55K	\$43K	

HEALTH		NATIONAL	
Uninsured <i>(medical)</i> :	3.6 %	9.2 %	
SNAP recipients: <i>(food stamps)</i>	1 in 8	1 in 9	
SNAP per household member <i>(monthly)</i> :	\$142	\$121	


FINANCE		NATIONAL	
Poverty rate:	15 %	11.9 %	
Child poverty rate:	22.3 %	16 %	
Minimum wage:	\$16.10	\$7.25	
Median income:	\$90.6K	\$70.7K	
Prison min. wage:	\$0.12–\$1.15	\$0.14–\$1.41	
Unbanked households:	8 %	5.4 %	


HOUSING		NATIONAL	
Student homelessness:	7.7 %	2.7 %	
Eviction filing rate:	17.2 %	7.8 %	
Avg. housing voucher wait list time:	46 mos.	28 mos.	
Renters paying 30%+ income on rent:	46.2 %	49.6 %	

CONSIDER THESE SELECT


ANTIPOVERTY POLICIES

DOES YOUR STATE...

have expanded Medicaid coverage for additional populations? 

protect housing voucher holders from discrimination? 

prohibit or highly regulate payday lending? 

spend above the national average of its TANF funds on basic assistance? 

have a progressive tax rate? 

JOIN THE FIGHT ANTIPOVERTY ORGANIZATIONS

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[D.C. Tenants' Rights Center](#)

[Coalition for the Homeless DC](#)

[House of Ruth](#)

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