

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


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POVERTY, BY AMERICA

WISCONSIN

RED FLAG

Last increased its minimum wage in 2009

WISCONSIN		NATIONAL	
 EDUCATION			
Preschool enrollment:	44 %		48 %
High school graduation gap: <i>(between high- and low-income)</i>	15 %		11.5 %
Avg. student loan debt:	\$32.3K		\$43K

HEALTH			
Uninsured <i>(medical)</i> :	5.8 %		9.2 %
SNAP recipients: <i>(food stamps)</i>	1 in 9		1 in 9
SNAP per household member <i>(monthly)</i> :	\$113		\$121

FINANCE			
Poverty rate:	10 %		11.9 %
Child poverty rate:	12.4 %		16 %
Minimum wage:	\$7.25		\$7.25
Median income:	\$69.9K		\$70.7K
Prison min. wage:	\$0.09–\$1.41		\$0.14–\$1.41
Unbanked households:	2.9 %		5.4 %

HOUSING			
Student homelessness:	2.1 %		2.7 %
Eviction filing rate:	3.6 %		7.8 %
Avg. housing voucher wait list time:	30 mos.		28 mos.
Renters paying 30%+ income on rent:	44 %		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? **✗**

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