

# Hunger and Homelessness

Even in the United States, one of the richest countries in the world, hunger and homelessness are widespread problems that affect far too many people.

## In the United States

Many Americans are living on the edge, forced to choose between basic necessities like food, rent, or medical care.

**37.2 million**

Americans live below the poverty level

**580,000**

Americans are homeless on a typical night

**44 million**

Americans are at risk of suffering from hunger

**1 in 6**

children in the U.S. live in poverty

## Worldwide

While there has been progress over the past thirty years, there are still too many people around the world who live in extreme poverty.

**795 million - 1 of every 9**  
people do not have enough to eat

**767 million**  
people live on \$1.90 a day or less

**6 children**  
die each minute of hunger-related disease

**65.3 million**  
refugees have been driven out of their homes

\*Statistics from hhweek.org

## What You Can Do

### Educate

Raise awareness about hunger and homelessness in your congregation and community.  
Learn more about the issues and how to speak out at [pcusa.org/homeless](http://pcusa.org/homeless).

### Volunteer

Pitch in at a feeding program or homeless shelter in your area.  
Ensure that local policies don't criminalize homelessness.  
Join with efforts to create a local food economy that provides healthy food for all.

### Donate

Support local programs with food, clothing, and money.  
Contribute to the Presbyterian Hunger Program,  
which addresses the root causes of hunger in the U.S. and internationally.  
Go to [pcusa.org/homeless](http://pcusa.org/homeless) and designate H999999.

