

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

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## POVERTY, BY AMERICA

## WEST VIRGINIA

**RED FLAG**

The 4th highest poverty rate in the nation

WEST VIRGINIA		NATIONAL	
<b>EDUCATION</b>			
Preschool enrollment:	<b>35%</b>		<b>48 %</b>
High school graduation gap: <i>(between high- and low-income)</i>	<b>12 %</b>		<b>11.5 %</b>
Avg. student loan debt:	<b>\$32.3K</b>		<b>\$43K</b>

HEALTH		NATIONAL	
Uninsured <i>(medical)</i> :	<b>6.6 %</b>		<b>9.2 %</b>
SNAP recipients: <i>(food stamps)</i>	<b>1 in 6</b>		<b>1 in 9</b>
SNAP per household member <i>(monthly)</i> :	<b>\$117</b>		<b>\$121</b>

FINANCE		NATIONAL	
Poverty rate:	<b>15.8 %</b>		<b>11.9 %</b>
Child poverty rate:	<b>20.3 %</b>		<b>16 %</b>
Minimum wage:	<b>\$8.75</b>		<b>\$7.25</b>
Median income:	<b>\$46.9K</b>		<b>\$70.7K</b>
Prison min. wage:	<b>\$0.04–\$0.58</b>		<b>\$0.14–\$1.41</b>
Unbanked households:	<b>4.7 %</b>		<b>5.4 %</b>

HOUSING		NATIONAL	
Student homelessness:	<b>3.9 %</b>		<b>2.7 %</b>
Eviction filing rate:	<b>4.9 %</b>		<b>7.8 %</b>
Avg. housing voucher wait list time:	<b>9 mos.</b>		<b>28 mos.</b>
Renters paying 30%+ income on rent:	<b>47.3 %</b>		<b>49.6 %</b>

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

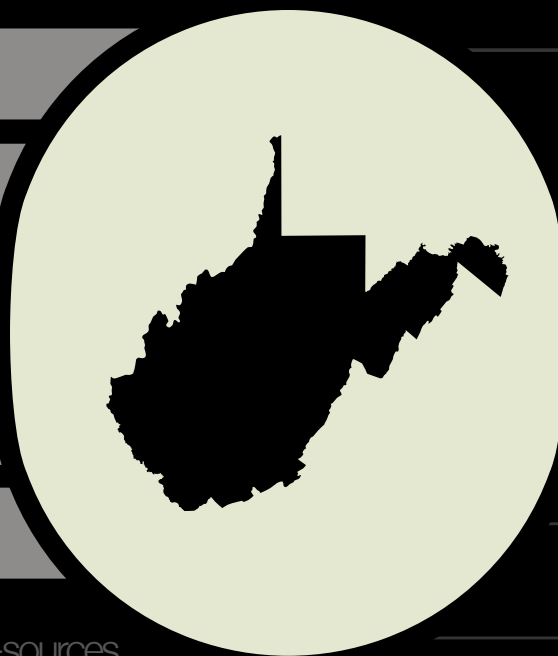
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