POVERTY

**DID YOU KNOW THAT:**

- As of 2015, there were 43.1 million people in poverty.
- For children under age 18, 19.7 percent and 14.5 million were in poverty.
- The poverty rate for families in 2015 was 10.4 percent, representing 8.6 million families.

**Sources:** https://www.census.gov/content/dam/Census/library/publications/2016/demo/p60-256.pdf

**STATE, NATIONAL & GLOBAL AGENCIES:**

- **Feeding America** - [www.feedingamerica.org/take-action/volunteer](http://www.feedingamerica.org/take-action/volunteer)
  Feeding America is a nationwide network of 200 food banks and 60,000 food pantries and meal programs that provides food and services to people each year. Our network serves virtually every community in all 50 states, Washington D.C., and Puerto Rico.

  The Jubilee USA Network is an alliance of more than 80 religious denominations and faith communities, human rights, environmental, labor, and community groups working for the definitive cancellation of crushing debts to fight poverty and injustice.

- **Mercy Corps** - [www.mercycorps.org/volunteer](http://www.mercycorps.org/volunteer)
  Mercy Corps works amid disasters, conflicts, chronic poverty and instability to unleash the potential of people who can win against nearly impossible odds.

- **National Alliance to End Homelessness** - [www.endhomelessness.org/pages/what_you_can_do](http://www.endhomelessness.org/pages/what_you_can_do)
  The Alliance works collaboratively with the public, private, and nonprofit sectors to build state and local capacity, leading to stronger programs and policies that help communities achieve their goal of ending homelessness.

- **ONE** - [www.one.org/us/volunteer](http://www.one.org/us/volunteer)
  ONE is a grassroots campaign and advocacy organization backed by more than 2 million people from around the world and every walk of life, who are committed to the fight against extreme poverty and preventable disease, particularly in Africa.

- **StreetCred** - [www.mystreetcred.org/#join/ik2an](http://www.mystreetcred.org/#join/ik2an)
  StreetCred improves the health and well-being of American children by helping families build assets and improving access to services addressing the economic and social factors stunting children’s chances for adulthood success.

- **The Hunger Project** - [www.thp.org/get-involved/volunteer](http://www.thp.org/get-involved/volunteer)
  The Hunger Project is a global, non-profit, strategic organization committed to the sustainable end of world hunger.

- **The Supply** - [www.thesupply.org](http://www.thesupply.org)
  The Supply is a national non-profit that seeks to empower and transform slum villages by providing educational opportunities, specifically through the building of secondary schools.
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CHAMPAIGN- URBANA ORGANIZATIONS:

• A&O Development Corporation - www.cuvolunteer.org/organizations/815
  A non-profit faith-based organization with a passion for uplifting the oppressed, closing the gap of the underserved and promoting education and wellness in the Champaign-Urbana community. Our mission is to provide supportive services, educational programs, and workforce preparation to low income individuals and families in the Champaign-Urbana community.

• C-U at Home - www.cuathome.us
  C-U at Home engages and mobilizes our community to house and support the most vulnerable homeless on their journey of healing and restoration.

• Community Action Partnership of Central Illinois - www.capcil.info/volunteer-services-department.html
  Community Action is a private, non-profit that administers federal, state and local programs in order to provide necessary services to low-income and senior individuals in our service area. The mission of Community Action Partnership of Central Illinois is to work toward the reduction and eventual elimination of the causes and effects of poverty.

• Habitat for Humanity - www.cuhabitat.org
  Habitat for Humanity of Champaign County and ReStore is a nonprofit, Christian housing ministry that works both to eliminate poverty housing around the world and to make adequate housing a matter of conscience and action. Habitat welcomes volunteers from any faith – or no faith tradition – whom are willing to help improve the lives of families needing safe, affordable, decent housing.

• Salt & Light - www.saltandlightministry.org
  Salt & Light is a non-profit ministry serving families and individuals in Champaign County who are at or below the poverty line. Services include a food pantry, clothing closet, financial literacy programming, computer technology, and special events focused on meeting specific physical needs.

• St. Jude Catholic Worker House - www.stjudecatholicworker.wordpress.com/volunteer-opportunities
  The focus of our work is to provide a stable home for unhoused women and families. In addition to hospitality, we have Open Door Hours for the wider community, host a weekly liturgy, discussions and workshops, and operate a daily food recovery system, which is distributed amongst homeless service providers in Champaign Urbana.

• Wesley Food Pantry - www.wesleypantry.org
  The Wesley Food Pantry helps to alleviate hunger by providing a week’s worth of groceries to more than 13500 people every month. In addition, we seek to address the root causes of food insecurity by providing access health, education, and human services information.

CAMPUS OPPORTUNITIES & REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS:

• College Service Project - https://illinois.collegiatelink.net/organization/CSP
  College Service Project is a student-led, campus based organization focused on raising awareness of poverty in central Appalachia and organizing trips to Appalachia to provide home repair for families in need.

• Goal of Learning Project (GOL) - www.facebook.com/GoalofLearningProject
  GOL is a student-led initiative at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign whose mission is to provide students in impoverished communities with the materials and the incentive to pursue an education.

• Habitat for Humanity Campus Chapter - www.uiuchabitat.org
  Our mission is to end substandard housing in partnership with the campus, local, and global communities by advocating, educating, fundraising, and building.

• Interfaith in Action - www.uiecinterfaith.org
  Interfaith in Action is a social justice organization focused on engaging students, staff, faculty, and community members from different philosophical backgrounds to participate in dialogue, community service, and social action.

• MEDLIFE UIUC - https://illinois.collegiatelink.net/organization/MEDLIFE_UIUC
  We aim at bringing change through Medicine, Education, and Development at both the national and local level through volunteering, fundraising, awareness, and leadership.

• Students and Youth for a New America (SYNA) - https://illinois.collegiatelink.net/organization/synauiuc
  SYNA is an affiliated student organization dedicated to making meaningful positive connections with the local community, as well as addressing and discussing our nation’s grave economic and social problems.