

POVERTY

46.2 Million

Number of people living in poverty (highest number in 52 years, since statistics were gathered)

27.4 Million

Percentage of Black Americans living in poverty

9.9 Million

Percentage of White Americans living in poverty

636,017

Number of people who experienced homelessness in 2011

41%

Increase in homeless public school children between 2006 and 2008

49.9 Million

Number of Americans in 2010 without health insurance (up from 40 million in 2009)

EMPLOYMENT

12.7 Million

Number of unemployed people in the U.S. (1 out of 6)

5.7 Million

Number of workers who have been unemployed for more than six months—43 percent of all jobless workers

1/3

Proportion of the unemployed who have been unable to find work for a year or more

40.9 Weeks

Average duration of unemployment (a record level)

8.0%

Unemployment rate for Caucasians

11.6%

Unemployment rates for Hispanics

16.2%

Unemployment rate for Blacks

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

1

The United States **ranking** for incarceration rates among all countries

350,000

Number of people incarcerated in the U.S. in 1972

2.2 Million

Number of people incarcerated in the U.S. in 2012

30%

Percentage of the U.S. population comprised of people of color

60%

The percentage of the prison population comprised of people of color

2.4 Million

The number of black adults under correctional control – prison, jail or parole or probation – in 2007

1.7 Million

The number of black adults who were slaves in 1850, according to the U.S. Census

EDUCATION

1

United States **ranking** for high school graduation rates among all countries in 1970

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United State **ranking** for high school graduation rates among all industrialized nations in 2012

1.2 Million

Number of high school dropouts in 2011

One Half

Number of Black and Latino students nationwide who fail to graduate on time

2/3

Percentage of college students who graduate with student loan debt

\$25,000

Average amount of student loan debt per student

1/3

Number of college graduates who end up taking jobs that do not require a college degree

INCOME AND WEALTH

8.9%

Percent of all income earned by the **top 1%** of earners in 1976

23.5%

Percentage of all income earned by the **top 1%** of earners in 2007

11.6%

Percentage of income growth for the **top 1%** in 2010

.02%

Percentage of income gain for the remaining **99%** in 2010

29%

Percentage increase in home foreclosures in Illinois from April to May 2012

33

Number of states that reported an increase in home foreclosures in May 2012