

POVERTY AMIDST PANDEMIC

How have the 140 million poor and low-income people in the U.S. fared during the global coronavirus pandemic?

DATA AS OF SEPTEMBER 2020

HEALTH

MILLIONS HAVE LOST THEIR HEALTH COVERAGE AND ARE FACING DEPRESSION.

- **MILLIONS LOSE COVERAGE:** Nearly **12 million people** have lost their employer-sponsored health insurance since the start of the pandemic.
- **POVERTY AND DEPRESSION:** Adults making under \$25,000 were over **3X as likely** to say they experienced depression symptoms most days during the previous week, compared to adults making over \$200,000. In June, essential workers, **unpaid adult caregivers, and racial and ethnic minorities** reported contemplating suicide more than other adults.



JOBS

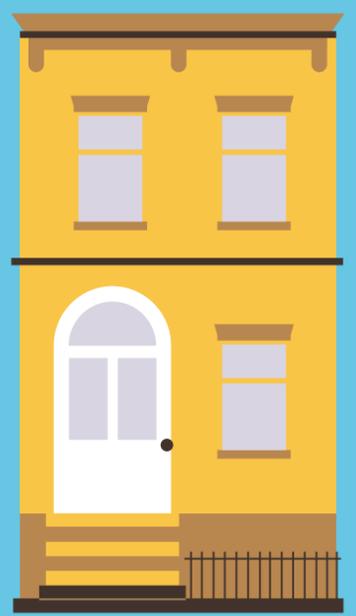
POOR AND LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS FACE HIGHER UNEMPLOYMENT RATES AND MORE DIFFICULT WORK CONDITIONS.

- **RECORD JOB LOSS CONTINUES:** More than **29.6 million people** claimed unemployment benefits in August. For every open position, there were two people seeking work.
- **POOR UNEMPLOYMENT DOUBLES:** For adults with family incomes below \$50,000, **unemployment rates more than doubled** since August 2019, from 6.5% to 15% in August 2020. Unemployment for those making over \$150,000 was just 5%.
- **WORK FROM HOME PRIVILEGES:** Poor and low-income adults have fewer chances to work from home. Those with family incomes above \$150,000 were about **4X as likely** to have worked from home than poor and low income adults.

HOUSING

POOR AND LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS ARE FACING IMMENSE HOUSING INSECURITY.

- **1 IN 10 ON EDGE:** One in ten poor and low-income renters reported that they were **somewhat or very likely to face eviction** in the next two months.
- **VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE:** Nearly **one in three** poor and low-income renters said they had little or no confidence in their ability to pay the next month's rent.



FOOD SECURITY

LOST INCOMES HAVE LED TO RAMPANT FOOD INSECURITY.

- **13 MILLION PEOPLE** with incomes under \$50,000, **nearly 1 in 5 adults**, reported sometimes or often not having enough to eat in August.
- **SNAP SPIKE:** SNAP (Food Stamps) enrollment increased by **5.5 million new people, or 15%**, from March to April of this year.
- **BLACK AND LATINX FOOD INSECURITY:** **Black and** Latinx people were **over 2X as likely** as White people.

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