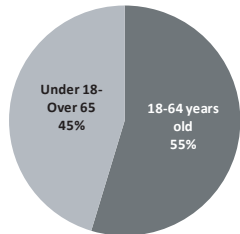


Facts you should know about poverty & the people in poverty

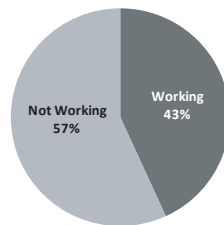
According to the Federal Government 37.3 million people live in poverty

Age of People in Poverty



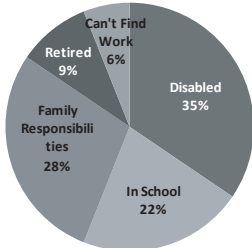
16.9 million - just under one half are too young or too old to work

Work Status:
18-64 year olds in Poverty



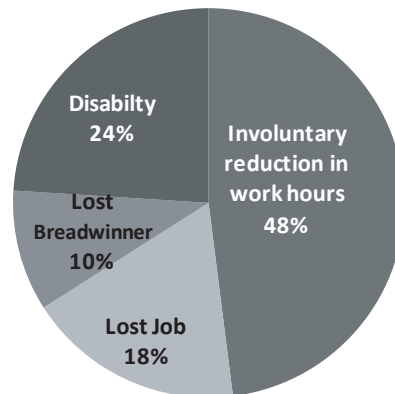
8.8 million of those between the ages of 18 and 64 work

Reasons for Not Working:
18-64 year olds in Poverty



Of the 11.6 million not working:
 >4.0 million - disabled
 >2.5 million - in school
 >3.3 million - families responsibilities
 >1.1 million - retired
 >0.7 million - can't find work

Reasons for Entering Poverty



Almost half (approximately 47%) of all people in the United States will experience poverty sometime in a ten-year period (Buck 2003).

Sixty-six percent of all European-Americans and 90% of African-Americans will spend some time in poverty in their lifetime (Rank and Hirschl, 2001).

37% of all people living in the United States are classified as living in poverty at least two months out of the year (U.S. Census Bureau, 2004)

67% of people in poverty are "Episodically Poor" - that is they move in and out of poverty. Half of the people who work themselves out of poverty will return within five years (Buck, 2003)

The Chronic or Permanent poor - people in poverty for more than 5 years = about 2% of the population (Buck, 2003)

Less than 20% of people on TANF remain there for more than 2 years (Buck, 2003)

**Poverty is an economic condition
Not a characterological flaw**

Federal Poverty Line:

Family of 2: \$13,690/year or \$1,141/month; Family of 3: \$17,710/year or \$1,431/month; Family of 4: \$20,650/year or \$1,721/month