

Poverty and Hunger Fact Sheet

A Team

Aurora High School Student Survey

Most of the people answering our survey questions defined poverty and hunger as “not having enough money to meet basic needs”, or as simply “needing food.” A very high amount of people said they are not very aware of poverty in Hamilton County and, at the present time, are not doing anything to help. They did say that what they could do to help is donate and/or volunteer and inform the community about issues with poverty.

Poverty rate

Hamilton county= 8.5

Hall county= 13.1

Chicago= 16.8

K-12 Students on Free/Reduced Lunches

Aurora=37%

Giltner=33%

Hampton=33%

Basic causes of poverty

- *Poverty in the world*
- *Trade*
- *Immigration*
- *U.S economic system*

- *Political system*
- *Inequality*
 - Poverty rate in kids 18 or less - 22%
 - 4 Million Americans were unemployed for more than a year in 2011.
 - Using the 2010 census, poverty is usually higher in rural areas in the Great Plains area.
 - Regional rural average is 13.3%
 - Regional average is 12.4%
 - Child poverty increased by 19.8% from 2000-2010
 - 14.5% of households struggle to put enough food on the table. More than 48 million Americans, including 16.2 million children, live in these households.
 - More than one in five children is at risk of hunger.
 - More than one in seven people in the U.S. lives below the poverty line, which is \$22,113 for a family of four in 2010.
 - In most areas, a family of four needs to earn twice the amount of the poverty line in order to provide children with basic necessities.