
Our Commitment

Goodwill Industries will help 20 million individuals and their families improve their economic self-sufficiency through work by the year 2020.

Global Employment and Poverty Statistics

- Overall the global unemployment rate changed little from the previous year and remained at 6.3 percent in 2006.
Source: International Labour Organization. www.ilo.org
- In 2006, of the 2.9 billion workers in the world, nearly 1.4 billion still did not earn enough to lift themselves and their families above the US\$2 a day poverty line. Among these working poor, 507 million lived with their families in extreme poverty on less than US\$1 a day.
Source: International Labour Organization. www.ilo.org
- The total number of jobless rose to 195.2 million people at the end of 2006.
Source: International Labour Organization. www.ilo.org

United States Employment and Poverty Statistics

- In 2006, the national poverty rate was 12.3 percent or 36.5 million people, which is not statistically different from 2005. The average poverty line for an individual was \$10,294 and for a family of four it was \$20, 614.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau. www.census.gov
- There were 7.7 million families in poverty in 2005. The poverty rate for families declined from 9.9 percent in 2005 to 9.8 percent in 2006. The poverty rate and the number living in poverty both declined for married-couple families (4.9 percent and 2.9 million in 2006, down from 5.1 percent and 2.9 million in 2005). However, the poverty rate and number in poverty showed no statistical change between 2005 and 2006 for families headed by single mothers (28.3 percent and 4.1 million).
Source: U.S. Census Bureau. www.census.gov
- The unemployment rate for September 2007 was 4.7 percent and the number of unemployed persons was 7.2 million. The average unemployment rate for 2006 was 4.6 percent.
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics. <http://www.bls.gov>
- In 2006, 4.9 million families (or 6.4 percent) had at least one member who was unemployed, down from 5.3 million in 2005.
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics. <http://www.bls.gov>

Canadian Employment and Poverty Statistics

- The unemployment rate dipped 0.1 percentage points to 5.9 percent in September 2007. This is the first time the unemployment rate went below 6 percent since November 1974.
Source: Statistics Canada. www.statcan.ca
- A family of four living in a very large Canadian city with a before-tax income of less than \$39,399 in 2006 would have been living below the poverty line.

Source: Canadian Council on Social Development. www.ccsd.ca