

# The EarthTrends Information Guide for Poverty



## EarthTrends Environmental Information

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One of the most frequently utilized metrics of poverty is the percent of people within a country or region that live on less than US\$1 per day. Currently, roughly 1.1 billion people, or one-fifth of the global population, meet or fall below this economic threshold. However, concepts of poverty also encompass other quantitative and qualitative elements, including, life expectancy, literacy, human rights, psychological suffering, and insecurity.

The eradication of extreme poverty and hunger worldwide by the year 2015 is a priority of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals and a central mission for many other international, non-governmental, and philanthropy organizations. To alleviate poverty will require joint efforts in numerous areas, including development, health, education, and environmental protection. The sustainable management of ecosystems and the wise-use of ecosystem goods and services have been shown to play a particularly important role in aiding and empowering poor communities, serving as a path out of poverty conditions.

Find the following **Poverty Information** and much more on **EarthTrends**.

### SEARCHABLE DATABASE

[[http://earthtrends.wri.org/searchable\\_db/index.php?theme=4](http://earthtrends.wri.org/searchable_db/index.php?theme=4)]

Access to Information, AIDS/HIV, Children's Health, Literacy, Water and Sanitation Data

[[http://earthtrends.wri.org/searchable\\_db/index.php?theme=5](http://earthtrends.wri.org/searchable_db/index.php?theme=5)]

Development Assistance: Aid received; aid per capita

Population Indices: Human poverty index

Poverty: National poverty rates

Poverty: National poverty rates, rural population; urban population

Poverty: Population living on less than \$1/day; living on less than \$2/day

Poverty: Poverty gap at \$1/day; at \$2/day

Income Equality: Shares of total income

### MAPS

[[http://earthtrends.wri.org/maps\\_spatial/index.php?theme=5](http://earthtrends.wri.org/maps_spatial/index.php?theme=5)]

Debt: Present value of debt as a percent of GNI 2002

Development Assistance: Assistance per capita 2002

### FEATURE ARTICLES

[<http://earthtrends.wri.org/features/index.php?theme=4>]

Health, Environment, and Poverty

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Globalization, Governance, and Poverty

Life on a Dollar a Day

Poverty and Governance in a Global Frame

The Dimensions of Poverty

How Community-Based Resource Management Can Benefit The Poor

### DATA TABLES

[<http://earthtrends.wri.org/datatables/index.php?theme=5>]

Income and Poverty

### LINKS

EarthTrends Poverty Resource [<http://earthtrends.wri.org/povlinks/>]

World Resources Report 2005: The Wealth of the Poor - Managing Ecosystems to Fight Poverty [[http://www.wri.org/biodiv/pubs\\_description.cfm?pid=4073](http://www.wri.org/biodiv/pubs_description.cfm?pid=4073)]

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