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Idaho's Poverty Rate

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What is poverty? Poverty to me is having little or nothing at all besides the life that you live. Poverty, according to the Random House dictionary of the English Language, is the state or condition of having little or no money, goods, or means of support: condition of being poor. Being poor is not fun! That's why we should all contribute to helping other people out that are poor in our community.

The poverty rate for adult's ages 18 – 24 is probably high because of the decisions made by that particular age group chosen in high school. That's why while they're younger, they need to watch what they do and how they do it. If everybody did that, then life would be a lot easier on him or her when they get out of their parents' house. To reduce the rate just a little bit, they could save the money that they earn. Then when they decide to move out on their own, they will have a little bit of money to fall back on just in case of an emergency.

My objective for staying out of poverty is to save my money and then spend it responsibly. Bills and food are an essential to sustain one's life. That's why I am like my mom. She has a calendar made especially for bills and food. That way, I can know when to pay bills and how much to pay. I also know what I can afford without draining my savings and checking account.

An assumption of what we could do in each city or town, is to help those people without homes and that aren't able to feed their kids. Assistance could be given to help them get a job. We could also find ways to provide a house so that they can start planning to stay out of poverty. It would be beneficial to help the homeless get cleaned up and get a job so that they can go to school and get a higher education.

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Poverty is getting worse by the year. If everybody would do their part, pitch in and help, and take personal responsibility, we might not have this problem. But in reality, this problem **does** exist and that's why we all need to contribute together to help solve the problem of poverty in Idaho.