WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Alabama is the nation’s hungriest state. It is also the seventh poorest state. Nearly 18 percent of Alabamians have difficulty feeding their families, and 17.5 percent live below the poverty line.

The Alabama Poverty Project and our Alabama Possible campaign mobilize Alabamians to eliminate poverty and create economic opportunity by:

- Building a college-positive culture for low-income and first-generation students through programs like our Blueprints College Access Initiative.
- Promoting college access, civic engagement and service-learning with our Higher Education Alliance and the Lifetime of Learning Conference.
- Engaging communities to speak out, share stories and identify assets through Community Conversations.
- Equipping Alabama faith communities to eliminate poverty through relational ministry.
- Educating policymakers about the economic impact of poverty and the effectiveness of anti-poverty programs as a member of the Alabama Commission to Reduce Poverty.
- Increasing access to educational resources and quantitative data at alabamapossible.org.
### 2011 Alabama Poverty Project Data Sheet

#### Homeless Persons

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### Terms and Definitions

- **Children**: Individuals under the age of 18.
- **Food insecurity**: Households who have difficulty at some time during the year providing enough food for all members due to a lack of resources. In households where income is low, the food intake of some household members is reduced and normal eating patterns are disrupted due to limited resources.
- **Hunger**: Intentional or perceived lack of food or nutrition knowledge due to low income.
- **Infant Mortality Rate**: Annual number of deaths of infants under age 1 per 1,000 live births.
- **Obese**: Adults with a Body Mass Index (BMI) of 30 or higher. BMI = [weight (lb) / height (2)]
- **Poverty**: Percentage of people (or families) who live below the federal poverty line as calculated by the Census Bureau.
- **Teen Birth**: Births to teenage mothers as a percentage of the total births.
- **Unemployment Rate**: The percentage of the work force that is unemployed at any given data. Persons are classified as unemployed if they do not have a job, have actively looked for work in the prior 4 weeks and are currently available for work.

### Sources

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**View more detailed maps at alabama possibile.org/datasheet.**