Lesson 2: The Causes of Poverty

Additional Resources


Section IV: Analysis offers a brief reflection on some of the structural causes of poverty. Section VI: Direction describes the four legs of the table referenced in this lesson.

- **United States Census Bureau, Annual Demographic Survey, Poverty Tables** [www.census.gov/cps/](http://www.census.gov/cps/)


The above two resources are for those who wish to pursue a sophisticated analysis of poverty rates throughout the U.S. They are the sources for current statistics and tables on poverty rates for various sub-populations.

- **PovertyUSA website** [www.PovertyUSA.org](http://www.PovertyUSA.org) and [www.PobrezaUSA.org](http://www.PobrezaUSA.org)

This website is an initiative of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, the domestic anti-poverty program of the Catholic bishops in the United States. These items are particularly relevant to this lesson:

* Poverty Map ([www.povertyusa.org/the-state-of-poverty/poverty-map-county/](http://www.povertyusa.org/the-state-of-poverty/poverty-map-county/)) At the state level, you can find the poverty ranking, the overall poverty rate, deep poverty rate, and the poverty rate for children, seniors, young adults, people with disabilities, women, and men.


- **Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development** [www.usccb.org/about/justice-peace-and-human-development/](http://www.usccb.org/about/justice-peace-and-human-development/)

The Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development works on behalf of the United States Catholic Bishops to share and apply Catholic social teaching on domestic and international issues. Domestic Social Development works to address many issues related to the root causes of poverty.