Alabama
STATE FACT SHEET ON PERIOD POVERTY

In Alabama, 1 in 5 women and girls between the age of 12 and 44 lives below the Federal Poverty Line.

Period Supplies Help Students Stay in School

1 in 4 teens in the US has missed class due to lack of access to period supplies.
In Alabama, 45% of female students in public school grades 7 to 12 attend Title I Eligible schools.

Period Supplies Are Necessities, Not Luxuries

Sales taxes on period supplies place an unequal burden on individuals who menstruate.
30 states tax period supplies.
In Alabama, period supplies are taxed.

Alabama Menstruators Need Period Supplies

1,043,669 women and girls between the ages 12 to 44 live in Alabama.
Of those, 1 in 5 live below the Federal Poverty Line (FPL).

221,235 women and girls between the ages 12 to 44 live below 100% of the FPL.
Almost 60% of families living in poverty experience financial distress and struggle to keep up with their bills and cover unexpected expenses.

201,662 women between the ages 12 to 44 receive health coverage through Medicaid, Medical Assistance, or other government-assistance plan.
While providing financial protection for healthcare needs, individuals still struggle to access the material basic necessities they require to thrive.

32,429 women participate in the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program.
Participants of the WIC program receive nutritious food. However, those living below 185% FPL face challenges meeting other material basic necessities.

Alabama’s 3 Allied Programs distributed more than

115,612 pads and tampons* & 83,923 liners*

Allied Programs Provided menstruators with

28,903 worry-free days**

* 2020 Figures
** Number of days Allied Programs provided menstruators with the recommended daily supply of period products in 2020.

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United States
NATIONAL FACT SHEET ON PERIOD POVERTY

1 in 4 Women Struggles to Purchase Period Products Due to a Lack of Income.

Alliance for Period Supplies works throughout the US to ensure that individuals in need have access to the essential period products they require to participate fully in daily life. Our Allied Programs nationwide collect, warehouse, and distribute menstrual products in local communities.

The Impact of COVID-19 on Women

Over 2.3 million women dropped out of the labor force since the crisis, with Black women’s unemployment rate peaking at 16.6% in 2020.

Women Missing Work & School

1 in 5 low-income women reports missing work, school or similar commitments due to lack of access to period supplies.

Distributing Donated Product

Allied Programs distributed 13.9 million+ pads and tampons & 3.9 million+ liners in 2020.

Improving Lives

Period supplies from Allied Programs provided 3.5 million+ worry-free days & 3.9 million+ confident days in 2020.

70 Million women and girls between the ages 12 to 44 live in the United States. Of those, 1 in 6 lives below the Federal Poverty Line (FPL).

11.6 Million women and girls between the ages 12 to 44 live below 100% of the FPL. Almost 60% of families living in poverty experience financial distress and struggle to keep up with their bills and cover unexpected expenses.

15.1 Million women and girls between the ages 12 to 44 receive health coverage through Medicaid, Medical Assistance, or other government-assistance plan. While providing financial protection for healthcare needs, individuals still struggle to access the material basic necessities they require to thrive.

1.8 Million women participate in the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program. Participants of the WIC program receive nutritious food. However, those living below 185% FPL face challenges meeting other material basic necessities.

100+ Allied Programs Distribute 17.8 Million+ Period Supplies Annually and Serve 97,000+ Women and Girls Monthly

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