

Washington

STATE FACT SHEET ON PERIOD POVERTY

In **Washington**, **1 in 8** 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 Washington, **64%** 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.

26 states tax period supplies.

In Washington, period supplies **are not** taxed.

Washington Menstruators Need Period Supplies

1,630,146 women and girls between the ages 12 to 44 live in Washington. Of those, **1 in 8** live below the Federal Poverty Line (FPL).

204,222 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.

331,700 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.

32,305 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.

Washington's 3 Allied Programs distributed more than

200,581 pads and tampons*
& **111,159** liners*

Allied Programs Provided menstruators with

50,145 worry-free days**

* 2021 Figures

** Number of days Allied Programs provided menstruators with the recommended daily supply of period products in 2021.



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United States

NATIONAL FACT SHEET ON PERIOD POVERTY

2 in 5 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.

Women in the Workforce

Nearly **3 in 10** women ages 20 or older were unemployed in February 2022 and had been looking for work for six months or longer.

Women Missing Work & School

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

Distributing Donated Product

Allied Programs distributed **19.7 million+** pads and tampons & **3.5 million+** liners in 2021.

Improving Lives

Period supplies from Allied Programs provided **4.9 million+** worry-free days & **3.5 million+** confident days in 2021.

70.3 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).

11.3 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.

15.7 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.

1.6 Million

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120+ Allied Programs Distribute **23.2 Million+** Period Supplies Annually and Serve **108,000+** Women and Girls Monthly



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