

WOMEN AND POVERTY

Analysis of 2010 U.S. Census data by the National Women's Law Center (NWLC)

MORE THAN
HALF

of poor children lived
in families headed
by women.

17.2
MILLION

women were
living in
poverty.

800,000
MORE

women lived
in poverty in
2010 than
in 2009.
The poverty
rate among
women is the
highest it
has been in
17 years.

“Behind today's grim statistics are real people who are finding it harder than ever to keep a roof over their heads, feed their families, get the health care they need and give their children a chance at a better life.”

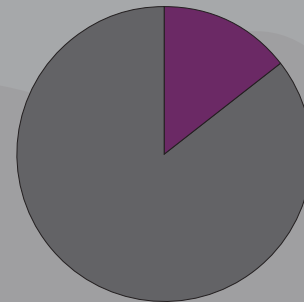
-JOAN ENTMACHER
NWLC Vice President
for Family Economic Security.

poverty:

The United States Bureau of the Census measures poverty by comparing household income to the poverty threshold. In 2010 the poverty threshold for a household of four was **\$22,314**.

extreme poverty:

Also referred to as deep poverty, extreme poverty is defined as cash income that falls below half of the poverty threshold. At 6.3 percent, extreme poverty has reached its highest rate since it was first measured **22** years ago.



14.5 %
percent of all women
were living in poverty.
This is the highest rate
of poverty in 17 years.