



The Poverty Level

In the United States, the poverty level is considered to be approximately \$31,000 (2021). This means that an individual earning less than \$2,583/month is living at poverty level. At the same time, the federal minimum wage is \$7.25/hour, or \$1,160 a month for a 40-hour work week, which means that an individual working full-time at minimum wage is earning well below the poverty level. At the same time, in many places in the country, basic necessities like food and shelter are getting increasingly expensive.

1. Conduct some research on poverty in the United States. If you wish, you may concentrate on the town, city, state, or region where you live. Find out at least five things that you did not know about the issue.
2. Based on this new information, generate at least five questions that you would like to find the answer to.
3. Considering everything that you have learned, do you think that the poverty level should be lowered? Do you think that the federal minimum wage should be raised? Do you have some alternative solution to propose? Take a position on the topic of the poverty level in the United States today.
4. Write a thesis statement that states your claim and gives your reader an idea of how you plan to develop your argument.
5. Write your research paper. Be sure to include a bibliography.