



Statements on the subject of Poverty

Individuals, families and groups in the population can be said to be in poverty when they lack resources to obtain the type of diet, participate in the activities and have the living conditions and amenities which are customary, or at least widely encouraged and approved, in the societies in which they belong.

Source: Child Poverty Action Group

Poverty is a relative concept. You are poor if you are unable to live at the standard that most other people would expect. A child can have three meals each day, warm clothes and go to school, but still be poor because their parents do not have enough money to ensure they can live in a warm home, have access to a computer to do their homework, or go on the same school trips as their classmates.

Source: Child Poverty Action Group

Poverty means not being able to heat your home, pay your rent, or purchase the essentials for your children. It means waking up every day facing insecurity, uncertainty, and impossible decisions about money.

Source: The Joseph Rowntree Foundation

Poverty is a state or condition in which a person or community lacks the financial resources and essentials for a minimum standard of living. Poverty means that the income level from employment is so low that basic human needs can't be met. Poverty-stricken people and families might go without proper housing, clean water, healthy food, and medical attention.

Source: Investopedia

A person is considered poor if his or her income level falls below some minimum level necessary to meet basic needs.

Source: The World Bank

Poverty is defined relative to the standards of living in a society at a specific time. People live in poverty when they are denied an income sufficient for their material needs and when these circumstances exclude them from taking part in activities which are an accepted part of daily life in that society.

Source: Scottish Poverty Information Unit