

2026's Neediest Cities In America

Hunger, poverty and homelessness affect every nation - even the richest and most powerful. In 2024, 10.6% of the U.S. population lived in poverty. As we continue to deal with the economic fallout of inflation, it's important to help our existing impoverished population and ensure we minimize the number of new people who fall into poverty.

On the heels of our report on the most charitable states, Wal-letHub compared more than 180 U.S. cities based on 28 key indicators of economic disadvantage, such as child poverty, food insecurity and uninsured rates.

"In the neediest cities, a large number of people lack access to adequate food, health care and shelter, but there are plenty of other less obvious issues that also need to be resolved. The neediest cities need to address problems like high school dropout rates, lack of access to quality internet, overcrowded housing, poor mental health and more. Fixing these issues can lift people out of poverty, lower crime rates, and elevate people's mental and physical health."

Chip lupu, wallethub analyst

Neediest Cities In America

| City | Score |
|----------------------------|-------|
| 1. Detroit, MI..... | 59.90 |
| 2. Brownsville, TX..... | 56.40 |
| 3. Shreveport, LA..... | 55.43 |
| 4. Cleveland, OH..... | 54.39 |
| 5. Little Rock, AR..... | 53.87 |
| 6. Gulfport, MS..... | 53.52 |
| 7. Corpus Christi, TX..... | 52.32 |

Honor Roll

From Lacon Front Page)

Rasmussen, Kira Roberts, Isabella Rosa, Destinee Sanchez, Kaitlyn Schaefer, Kherington Sullivan, Emma Tower, Jackson Vogelgesang, Lily Wildbahn-Nambiar

Freshmen: Lily Bean, Levi Bella, Maleigha Blunier, Maximus Dalton, Levi Dorsey, Alexander Grove, Gemma Halsne, Kourtlyn Hattan, Makenzie Horton, Layla Loeser, Jack McGlasson, Lincoln Meils, Lennon Miles, Sydney Miller, Leah Mooberry, Gabriel Pyles, Brooklyn Rice, Emma Schuyler Weir, Quin Stein, Ezra Stokes, Waide Yarger

Honors

Seniors: Zachary Allen, Kelsey Ensor, Olin Jakubek, Drake Kelly, Katerina Lenz, Aiden Major, Landon McFadden, Micheily Reeves-Clark, Kayla shafer, Jacob Strohmaier, Evan Taylor

Juniors: Caitlin Allen, Trenton Allen, Connor Harlan, Jacob Dylan Loeser, Mateo Skow, Rayne Smith, Gavin Weide, Krystal Welch, Mackenzie Wilson-Myers

Sophomores: Anna Allen, Zoey Auer, Ashton Cherry, Kinley Draper, Turner Eberle, Abigail Miller, Traian Patton, Ella Peplow, Desiree Sanchez, Khloe Taylor, Abigail Thompson, Ian White

Freshmen: Gerrard Boyer, Preston Call, Dawson Donahue, Cooper Hattan, Lucas Luebbers, Silas McKinney, Jayce Myers, Ryan Napolitano, Catherine Oltman, Morgan Patton, Arianna Rice, Eli Rosa, Amber Sanchez, Bentley Strong, Zoe Zick

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| 8. Birmingham, AL..... | 52.13 | 177. Pearl City, HI..... | 29.18 |
| 9. Laredo, TX..... | 52.05 | 178. Huntington Beach, CA..... | 28.87 |
| 10. New Orleans, LA..... | 51.82 | 179. Fremont, CA..... | 28.05 |
| 11. Baton Rouge, LA..... | 51.65 | 180. Bismarck, ND..... | 27.51 |
| 12. Los Angeles, CA..... | 51.03 | 181. Columbia, MD..... | 24.79 |
| 13. Fort Smith, AR..... | 50.84 | 182. Overland Park, KS..... | 24.75 |

Key Stats

Least Neediest Cities In America

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|--------------------------------|-------|
| 158. Chula Vista, CA..... | 33.44 |
| 159. Chesapeake, VA..... | 33.13 |
| 160. Lincoln, NE..... | 33.04 |
| 161. Cedar Rapids, IA..... | 32.99 |
| 162. Oceanside, CA..... | 32.76 |
| 163. Aurora, IL..... | 32.76 |
| 164. Sioux Falls, SD..... | 32.38 |
| 165. Scottsdale, AZ..... | 32.25 |
| 166. Plano, TX..... | 32.21 |
| 167. Raleigh, NC..... | 32.09 |
| 168. Chandler, AZ..... | 32.03 |
| 169. Warwick, RI..... | 31.63 |
| 170. Virginia Beach, VA..... | 31.01 |
| 171. Gilbert, AZ..... | 30.93 |
| 172. Nashua, NH..... | 30.91 |
| 173. Fargo, ND..... | 30.24 |
| 174. Madison, WI..... | 30.13 |
| 175. Irvine, CA..... | 29.58 |
| 176. South Burlington, VT..... | 29.21 |

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U.S. Bank Trust National Association not in its Individual Capacity but
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Plaintiff

vs.

Austin Brone; Illinois Housing Development Authority; Unknown Owners
and Non-Record Claimants
Defendant

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BID REQUEST

The Fieldcrest Community Unit School District No. 6 Board of Education will receive sealed bids, meeting all specifications, for:
LAWN MAINTENANCE SERVICES.

The Bid Opening will be Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 10:00 A.M. at the Fieldcrest Community Unit School District No. 6 - District Office, 1 Dornbush Drive, Minonk, IL 61760. The bids will be publicly opened and read at this time.

Interested bidders may pick up a copy of the specifications at the District Office between 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Monday through Friday or request the District to mail or email a copy of the specifications. Requests for bids should be directed to:

Sherry Tjaden, District Administrative Assistant
Fieldcrest Community Unit School District No. 6
1 Dornbush Drive, Minonk, IL 61760
Phone: (309) 432-2177
Email: stjaden@unit6.org

Fieldcrest Community Unit School District No. 6 reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities in the bidding procedure, or accept the bid that in its opinion will serve its best interest. Any such decision shall be considered final. Fieldcrest Community Unit School District No. 6 reserves the right to set aside a Bid from a Contractor whom, in the District's opinion, does not exhibit experience equal to the size and scope of this project or has exhibited poor performance on a similar contract.

Sealed bids should be submitted on the form provided by the District and marked **"Lawn Maintenance Services Bid."** Sealed bids must be received in the Fieldcrest Community Unit School District No. 6 Office at 1 Dornbush Drive, Minonk, IL 61760 **no later than 10:00 A.M. February 12, 2026.** It shall be the bidder's responsibility to ensure that the bids are received at the District Office by District Office personnel at that time. The District shall not be responsible for any bids received at the District Office after the deadline regardless of reason. Any bids received after the previously stated deadline will be returned to the bidder unopened.

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