

## By the numbers

Even more serious is the ever-increasing number of people in extreme poverty — people living below half the poverty line, or below \$9,500 for a family of three.

An astonishing 20.6 million people lived in extreme poverty in 2011, up by nearly 8 million in just ten years, and 6 million had no income other than food stamps.

... The near poor — those with incomes below twice the poverty line, or \$46,000 for a family of four — brings the total of the poor and the near-poor to more than 106 million people

**Peter Edelman, *So Rich, So Poor***