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# POVERTY WELFARE

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## What Are Your Beliefs about Welfare?

(Circle your answer)

1. About how many persons live below the Federal poverty level in America (\$4300 per year for urban family of four)? 6 million  
12 million 25 million 36 million

2. About how many persons live below the Federal poverty level in South Dakota (\$4300 per year for urban family of four)? 5,000  
20,000 50,000 100,000 120,000  
200,000

3. What percentage of poor people in South Dakota receive public assistance? 5%  
25% 50% 100%

4. What percentage of the heads of poor families work full-time and are still poor?  
12% 33% 50% 75%

5. If you live in a city with a 4-person family and your job pays you the Federal minimum wage, how much above or below Federal poverty will your annual income be? -\$972  
-\$642 equal +\$500 +\$1000

6. What percentage of all welfare recipients in South Dakota are children? 5% 35%  
50% 75% 100%

7. What percentage of all poor in the United States are white? 25% 45% 70%

8. What percentage of poor people in South Dakota are white? 10% 18% 60%  
86% 100%

9. What is the average number of years of education completed in South Dakota? 8 years  
9.5 years 12.1 years 15.5 years

10. What amount of South Dakota's State expenditure dollar goes for welfare payments?  
5¢ 13¢ 40¢ 50¢

### Answers

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|---------------|---------------|
| 1. 25 million | 6. 50%        |
| 2. 120,000    | 7. 70%        |
| 3. 25%        | 8. 86%        |
| 4. 50%        | 9. 12.1 years |
| 5. -\$972     | 10. 13¢       |

### EC 699—A Series on Poverty and Welfare

Part A—What Are Your Feelings about Welfare?  
Part B—What Is Welfare?  
Part C—What Are Your Beliefs about Welfare?  
Part D—Welfare: Historical Perspective.

Part E—Welfare: Opinions and Facts.  
Part F—Poverty Awareness Worksheet  
Part G—South Dakota Poverty Data.

Part H—Welfare: the Poor, the Near Poor, the Receipts and the Cost.  
Part I—Poverty, Welfare and Reform.  
Part J—Designing a Welfare System.

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