

HANDOUT 2

Data About Poverty in the United States and Haiti

Use the data below to prepare an oral or written presentation with your group that compares poverty in the United States and Haiti. In your presentation, add a comparison of the death tolls from the 1989 U.S. earthquake in San Francisco and the 2010 Haiti earthquake. With your group, write the text for your presentation. In it, be sure to state directly what you have discovered about how poverty relates to the impact of earthquakes. Share your presentation with the class.

Per Capita GDP (gross domestic product)

Haiti	\$1,300
United States	\$46,900

Percentage of People Living in Poverty

Haiti	80%
United States	13%

Percentage of Population With Access to Safe Drinking Water

Haiti	50%
United States	95+%

Percentage of Population Without Jobs

Haiti	66%
United States	9.4% (2009)

Life Expectancy

Haiti	61 years
United States	78 years

Percentage of Adults Who Can Read and Write

Haiti	53%
United States	99%