A multidimensional measure of human need based on objective data from a nonprofit on the front lines of providing social services.

**Pocket of High Need Persist**

Top 5 states with the highest level of need for basic services in 2016:

- **Nevada** 4.409
- **Wyoming** 4.026
- **Pennsylvania** 3.234
- **Alaska** 2.195
- **Arkansas** 2.194

**Wyoming experienced the most significant increase in need from 2015**

Overall, the level of American need for basic services stabilized in 2016:

- 2012: 1.331
- 2013: 1.249
- 2014: 1.046
- 2015: 1.245
- 2016: 1.239

**43.1 million Americans still live in poverty**

Since 2014, 5 states have remained among the 10 states with the highest level of need:

- Nevada
- Pennsylvania
- Michigan
- North Dakota
- Kansas

In 2016, 18 states revealed double-digit percentage increases in requests for medical assistance (payments for prescription medicine).

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