

**“Philadelphia’s Poor: Experiences from below the Poverty Line.” *The Pew Charitable Trusts*, 26 Sept. 2018,  
[www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/reports/2018/09/26/philadelphia-s-poor-experiences-from-below-the-poverty-line](http://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/reports/2018/09/26/philadelphia-s-poor-experiences-from-below-the-poverty-line).**

This source provides information about experiences that people who live in poverty have been through. It provides insight on what they struggle with daily, their limitations and the systemic issues that cause poverty in the city. I selected this source because I knew it would somewhat be in their shoes in order to find a way to help them. This article also provided solutions that helped inspire my Capstone and it reminds the reader why fighting against poverty is important. I would recommend this source to others because it is not too much to read but it still provides a lot of information.

**“Homelessness in Philadelphia: City Services Offered & How You Can Help | Office of the Mayor | Posts.” *City of Philadelphia*, 6 Jan. 2017,  
[www.phila.gov/posts/mayor/2017-01-06-homelessness-in-philadelphia-city-services-offered-how-you-can-help/](http://www.phila.gov/posts/mayor/2017-01-06-homelessness-in-philadelphia-city-services-offered-how-you-can-help/)**

This post boasts that, “Philly has one of the lowest rates of street homelessness in the nation.” It also talks about what a wonderful job the city is doing to combat homelessness. Since this article is posted on the City’s website and written by Joshua Kruger, Office of the Mayor, it may be slanted toward showing Philadelphia in a positive

light. I also have to note that this was before the pandemic. The city collaborates with non-profit organizations, and state and federal agencies to provide housing. The article goes on to say the best way to help the homeless is through outreach. Unfortunately, it gives the impression that the only way to volunteer or service is through “formal” means. If you follow the links it takes you on a long string leaving someone like me, who wants to help, frustrated.

**Savitsky, Shane. “Poverty Explains Why Philadelphia Is So Stressed Out.”**

***Axios*, 14 July 2022,**

**[www.axios.com/local/philadelphia/2022/07/14/philadelphia-stress-poverty](http://www.axios.com/local/philadelphia/2022/07/14/philadelphia-stress-poverty).**

This source provides information on the correlation between poverty and stress levels in Philadelphia. This source claims that the poverty rate in the city of Philadelphia significantly causes stress. It focuses on the financial issues that individuals and communities face. This includes the ability to get affordable healthcare, less opportunities to receive quality education, and an increased crime rate. I would recommend this article because it is interesting and provides statistics to support its claims. This source also shows how support is needed to help combat the issue of poverty in Philadelphia.

**“Community Health Profile: Neighborhood Poverty and Health in**

**Philadelphia.” *Urban Health Collaborative*,**

**[drexel.edu/uhc/resources/briefs/Neighborhood-Poverty/](http://drexel.edu/uhc/resources/briefs/Neighborhood-Poverty/). Accessed 22 May**

**2023.**

The Urban Health Collaborative's resource "Community Health Profile: Neighborhood Poverty and Health in Philadelphia" gives a thorough analysis of the connection between neighborhood poverty and health outcomes in Philadelphia. This source gives information on health issues that people in poverty face. Whether it be mental health or chronic diseases they do not have access to affordable healthcare. It also sheds light on how low income neighborhoods usually have significantly worse health than other neighborhoods. This source also states that poverty affects the societal aspect of low income neighborhoods. Meaning they have less access to healthy food and less access to recreational spaces.

**Scutella, Rosanna, and Guy Johnson. "Psychological Distress and Homeless Duration." *Housing Studies*, vol. 33, no. 3, 6 July 2017, pp. 433–454, <https://doi.org/10.1080/02673037.2017.1346787>.**

At first I started to dismiss this article because it was written in Australia. It seems, however, that some of the underlying causes of homelessness transcend continents. I found this source useful because it gives some basic definitions of homelessness. "Primary homelessness includes all people without conventional accommodation, such as people living on the streets, or using cars or railway carriages for temporary shelter. Secondary homelessness includes people who move frequently from one form of temporary shelter to another, including 'couch surfing' and emergency accommodation (shelters). Tertiary homelessness refers to people staying in boarding houses on a medium- to long-term basis, defined as 13 weeks or longer. They are homeless because their accommodation does not have the characteristics identified in the

minimum community standard. The cultural definition is broader than its accommodation based counterparts in the US and the UK.” It also refers to the cultural perspective and what we call acceptable living situations.

**Mobile Instinct, director. *How Did This Happen? A Documentary About Kensington, Philadelphia.* YouTube, YouTube, 23 Jan. 2023, [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R\\_KO90n6KJ4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R_KO90n6KJ4). Accessed 22 May 2023.**

The source "How Did This Happen? A Documentary About Kensington, Philadelphia" is a documentary film directed by Mobile Instinct that sheds light on the complex issues that have to be faced by the neighborhood of Kensington Philadelphia. This documentary highlights the effect that drug addiction, poverty, and crime has had on the area for years. I chose this source because it shows the raw, unfiltered reality that the community faces. They do this through interviews, personal experiences and video footage. This documentary is highlighting serious issues and is trying to inspire the viewer to support the healing for broken communities like Kensington.

**The Root. "Racial Segregation and Concentrated Poverty: The History of Housing in Black America." YouTube, 4 Mar. 2021, [www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mj9sjhISYfg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mj9sjhISYfg).**

I found this source useful as it answers the question, what are the root causes of poverty which leads to homelessness. At first it may seem incredible as it says that "the government created the ghetto." But it goes on to document or illustrate how this happened. The video cites sources like The University of PA Law

Review; Florence Wagman Roisman's response to Schill and Watcher in which she states the "Intentional racial discrimination and segregation by the federal government as a principal cause of concentrated poverty". I believe it is reliable as it is one of the more up to date sources that refers to recent legislation that President Biden has signed to try to undo systematic racism and the cycle of poverty.

**Saffron, Inga. "How Philadelphia Became the Nation's Poorest Big City, and How We Can Fix It: Inga Saffron." *Https://Www.Inquirer.Com*, 13 Oct. 2020, [www.inquirer.com/business/philadelphia-poverty-unemployment-racism-education-upskilling-20201013.html](http://www.inquirer.com/business/philadelphia-poverty-unemployment-racism-education-upskilling-20201013.html).**

The article "How Philadelphia Became the Nation's Poorest Big City, and How We Can Fix It, is an article that focuses on Philadelphia being the poorest major city since the year 2020. I chose this article because it provides analysis of the historical and systemic issues that have contributed to the amount of poverty in Philadelphia. I would suggest this article because it provides lots of research and data analysis. The article also makes it clear that communities of color are the ones most affected by poverty. This article provides ways to attack the root causes of poverty.

**"Home." HMP, [www.historyofphilly.com](http://www.historyofphilly.com).**

**Philadelphia: The Great Experiment (The Fight) Erik McDuffie talks about poverty in Philadelphia.**

This site seemed promising but the video was just a clip that lasted under two minutes. Even though his words were powerful, I would have to take a long walk through history to get the proof. The great experiment is a historical documentary about Philadelphia and how the city managed race, politics and the economy from 1600- 1994. It did not apply directly to my topic even though it layed a firm foundation and explanation for the underlying causes of poverty and homelessness in Philadelphia. I browsed the six videos but they were focused on a certain time frame or a specific event and did not summarize. It was helpful for drawing some broad conclusions.

**SAMHSA. “Definitions of Homelessness.” *Soarworks.samhsa.gov*, Feb. 2023, [soarworks.samhsa.gov/article/definitions-of-homelessness](https://soarworks.samhsa.gov/article/definitions-of-homelessness).**

I selected this article because of the contrasts of the definitions of homelessness with the last article. The Australian article did not mention income. Also this article referenced HUD which was implicated in the “ the History of Philadelphia” as promoting poor housing standards. I also was surprised to learn that there are laws relating to homelessness and “rapid transition to housing”. The SAMHSA -Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration seems to be a very credible advocate for the homeless and for those who are homeless as a result of substance abuse and poor mental health. These definitions and resources help pull my project all together. It helps to explain why services are not forthcoming as different agencies within our country have different definitions for homelessness.

