

# *U.S. government pandemic assistance helped drop poverty rates*

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**Poverty rates in the U.S. fell in 2020 thanks to government assistance during the pandemic**

Washington, September 15 (RHC)-- Poverty rates in the U.S. fell in 2020 thanks to government assistance during the pandemic, including stimulus checks and unemployment aid.

The Census Bureau announced that the U.S. supplemental poverty rate fell over 2.5 percentage points to 9.1% despite the highest unemployment numbers since the Great Depression.

Bernie Sanders, chair of the Senate Budget Committee, tweeted: “When government responds to the needs of the working class, millions of families are lifted out of poverty.” And Sanders added: “We must not stop here. We must pass the \$3.5T reconciliation bill and invest in working families.”

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