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%