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Poverty experiment eye-opening for leaders in Buffalo

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BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) - Community advocates in Buffalo are drawing attention to the problem of poverty in upstate's largest city.

Recent census numbers rank Buffalo as the nation's second-poorest big city.

The numbers show 42% of the city's children live in poverty, and about one-third of its adults.

Several community leaders spent the last couple of days living at the poverty level and say the experience was eye-opening. Now the Homeless Alliance wants city and county leaders to form a task force to address the issue.

A spokesman for Mayor Byron Brown says Brown appointed a deputy mayor in January with responsibility for developing an anti-poverty agenda for the city.

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