During the pandemic, economic disparity in the USA has become prominent on the global stage. Unequal distribution of wealth and power in the economy, continued discrimination towards minority populations, and turnover in employment are common headlines across the nation. Policymakers are best suited to systematically rectify these disparities and may best do so with the latest information concerning who are in need and what events contribute to those needs. Publicly available surveys, including the American Community Survey and U.S. Census, have provided a wealth of information at our disposal to paint a picture of the American public – here, we describe the profile of Americans in need and factors of interest to guide policymakers in remedying ills across the nation.