



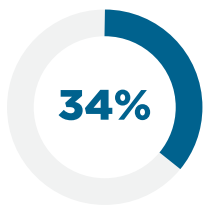
ISSA, the Worldwide Cleaning Industry Association, believes menstrual care solutions should be as available in away-from-home bathrooms as soap, toilet paper, and paper towels.

No one should be without easy access to necessary period products and disposal solutions.

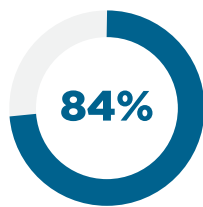


Governments should pass legislation to increase access to period products in public bathrooms and exempt period products from sales tax.

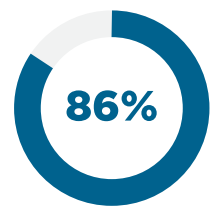
Definition: Period poverty is a lack of access to menstrual products, education, hygiene facilities, waste management, or a combination of these. It affects an estimated 500 million people worldwide.



According to **Free the Tampons Foundation**, **34%** reported going home at least in one instance when getting their period unexpectedly.



According to State of the Period 2021, a study commissioned by **Thinx & PERIOD**, “**84%** have either missed class time or know someone who missed class time because they did not have access to period products.”



A survey conducted by Harris Interactive on behalf of **Free the Tampons Foundation** found “**86%** of women have started their period unexpectedly in public without supplies.”



New York City Public Schools found that attendance increased **2.4%** among girls at one of their high schools after making period products available in its restrooms.

According to Free the Tampons, “Stocking menstrual products will cost roughly \$5-\$7 per menstruating student per year.”

More than 100 local, national, and international non-profits, businesses, trade associations, and other advocacy groups are actively advocating and helping increase access to period products, including:

- 20** States have passed legislation to increase access to period products.
- 27** States do not impose sales tax on period products.

Some places that provide free period products:

- **Scotland**
- **U.S. Federal Bureau of Prisons**
- **Google**
- **M&T Bank Stadium**
- **Viacom**
- **University of Washington**



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