



## PERIOD POVERTY

Many women are affected globally by period poverty which causes physical, mental, and emotional challenges



Period poverty is defined as a lack of access to menstrual products, restrooms, waste management, and education<sup>1</sup>

### BY THE NUMBERS

**500**  
MILLION

people globally lack access to menstrual products and restrooms<sup>1</sup>

**16.9**  
MILLION

people who menstruate in the US are living in poverty<sup>1</sup>

**4-10**  
PERCENT

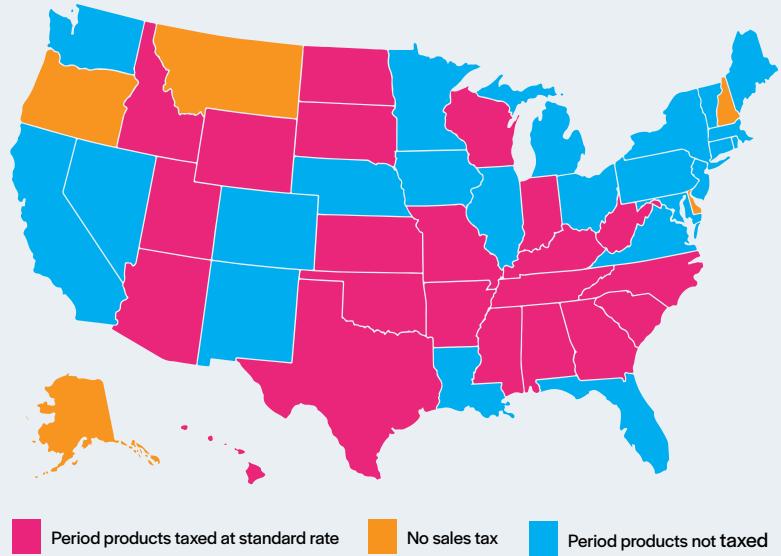
is the tax range on menstrual products in the US<sup>1</sup>

## DOES YOUR STATE CURRENTLY **TAX** PERIOD PRODUCTS?

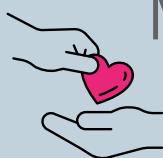


**22** states currently charge sales tax on period products<sup>2</sup>

Period products are too often taxed as luxury items and not recognized as basic necessities<sup>2</sup>



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Listen to Michela Bedard, Executive Director of PERIOD. and Mindy Olivarez, Senior Vice President at TKG and Co-Lead of the WHRC, discuss period poverty related to health and quality of life

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