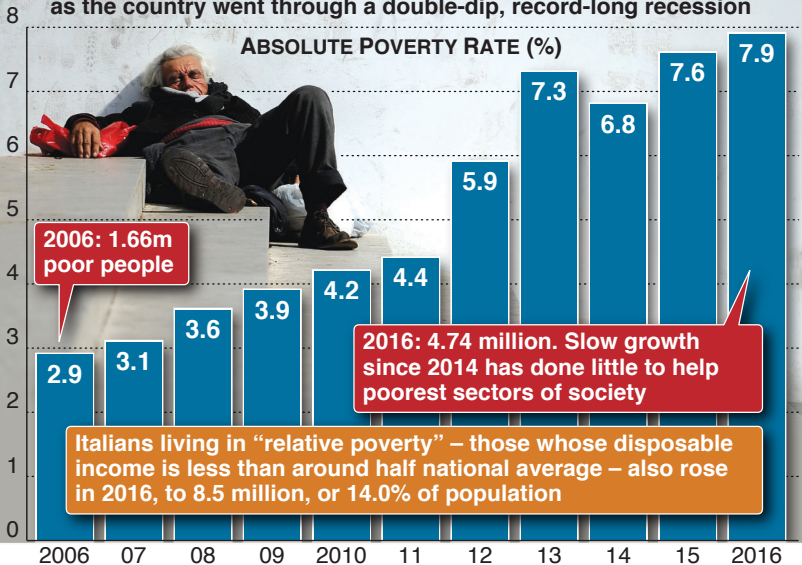


# Italy's poor triple in a decade

Italians living below the level of absolute poverty almost tripled over the last decade, hitting 4.7 million in 2016, up from 1.7m in 2006, as the country went through a double-dip, record-long recession



National statistics bureau (ISTAT) defines absolute poverty as condition of those unable to buy goods and services "essential to avoid grave forms of social exclusion"