Unsheltered Homelessness

Salt Lake County
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# Unsheltered vs Sheltered Homelessness

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<th>Category</th>
<th>2018</th>
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<td>Sheltered</td>
<td>Unsheltered</td>
<td>Total</td>
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<tr>
<td>Households</td>
<td>1224</td>
<td>135</td>
<td>1359</td>
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<td>Individuals</td>
<td>1668</td>
<td>136</td>
<td>1804</td>
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Myth: People Experiencing Homelessness Choose to be on the Street

https://youtu.be/O1fvoQXVfWs

80% of people experiencing homelessness are temporarily homeless due to sudden changes in their lives.

https://knowhomelessness.com/
Chronic Homelessness

Chronic homelessness is used to describe people who have experienced homelessness for at least a year — or repeatedly — while struggling with a disabling condition such as a serious mental illness, substance use disorder, or physical disability.

What Causes Chronic Homelessness?
People experiencing chronic homelessness typically have complex and long-term health conditions, such as mental illness, substance use disorders, physical disabilities, or other medical conditions. Once they become homeless — regardless of what immediately caused them to lose their housing — it is difficult for them to get back into housing and they can face long or repeated episodes of homelessness.

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<th>Salt Lake County CoC &amp; LHCC Subpopulation</th>
<th>Number of Persons</th>
<th>Subpopulation as Percentage of Total Individuals Counted</th>
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<tr>
<td>Veterans</td>
<td>145</td>
<td>73</td>
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<td>Chronically Homeless Veterans</td>
<td>28</td>
<td>8</td>
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<tr>
<td>Chronically Homeless Persons in Households of Adults and Minors</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>17</td>
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<td>Total Chronically Homeless Persons</td>
<td>297</td>
<td>316</td>
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<tr>
<td>Unaccompanied Youth (Under Age 24)</td>
<td>95</td>
<td>92</td>
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<td>Youth Parent (Under Age 24)</td>
<td>13</td>
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<td>Child of a Youth Parent</td>
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<td>23</td>
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Housing Solutions For Chronically Homeless

Permanent supportive housing, which pairs a housing subsidy with case management and supportive services, is a proven solution to chronic homelessness. It has been shown to not only help people experiencing chronic homelessness achieve long-term housing stability, but also improve their health and well-being.

Permanent supportive housing has also been shown to lower public costs associated with the use of crisis services such as shelters, hospitals, jails, and prisons.

### METRIC 7B.2 – CHANGE IN EXIT TO OR RETENTION OF PERMANENT HOUSING

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<th>FFY17</th>
<th>FFY18</th>
<th>FFY19</th>
<th>FFY18-19 Difference</th>
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<td>Persons in all PH projects except PH-RRH</td>
<td>2108</td>
<td>2171</td>
<td>2274</td>
<td>103</td>
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<td>Of persons above, those who remained in applicable PH projects and those who exited to permanent PH housing destinations</td>
<td>1970</td>
<td>2051</td>
<td>2125</td>
<td>74</td>
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<td>Percent successful exits/retention</td>
<td>93.45%</td>
<td>94.47%</td>
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# Myth: Substance Use and Homelessness

## HOMELESS SUBPOPULATIONS

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<td>Sheltered</td>
<td>Unsheltered</td>
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<tr>
<td>Survivors of Domestic Violence (Adults and Minors)</td>
<td>216</td>
<td>329</td>
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<tr>
<td>Survivors of Domestic Violence (Adults Only)</td>
<td>121</td>
<td>172</td>
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<tr>
<td>Adults with HIV/AIDS</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>24</td>
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<tr>
<td>Adults with Substance Abuse Disorders</td>
<td>417</td>
<td>380</td>
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<td>Adults with Mental Illness</td>
<td>578</td>
<td>612</td>
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Salt Lake City’s Response Process for People Experiencing Homelessness

SERVICE REQUEST
- Phone
- Email
- City Source
- Walk-in
- City Council
- Communications Liaison
- Mayor’s Office
- Resident Need
- SLC Civil Enforcement

POLICE

PRIVATE PROPERTY
Is the request a safety issue?

PRIVATE

HEART (Homeless Engagement & Response Team)
Is the request on public or private property?

PUBLIC

PUBLIC PROPERTY
Is the request a safety issue?

PUBLIC

RESOURCES
- Community Connection Center
- SL County Aging Services
- Police
- Community Action Team
- Community Liaison
- Health Department
- Homeless Resource Center

RESOURCES
- Community Connection Center
- Volunteers of America
- Valley Mental Health
- One Voice Recovery
- Street Ambassadors
- Community Liaison
- Homeless Resource Center

CLEAN UP RESOURCES
- Advantage Services (Small abandoned camp or items)
- Salt Lake County Health Department (Larger camps with environmental concerns)
- UDOT
- Parks and Open Space

POLICE
Some Initiatives And Programs in SLCo

COVID-19 Strategies
  VP Hotel, Q/I Facility, Testing, Outreach, Vaccine

Increased Outreach Teams & Efforts
Increased Temporary Shelter Beds
Increased Housing Vouchers
Increased Permanent Supportive Housing
Increased Research

Increased Partnerships
  Utah Homeless Network
  Community Commitment Program - SLC

Increased Housing Opportunities
  Section 8 Vouchers
  First Step House - Central City Apts.
  Pamela’s Place
  Magnolia (Coming this year)
  Alternative Housing
OLD CURRENT MODEL

Diversions for families

Emergency Shelters

for men and women
for families
for youth

Services/Interventions:
- Case Management
- Same onsite partners
- Triage for housing vouchers
- Diversions from shelter for families

NEW MODEL

Coordinated Intake

Diversions for individuals and families

Homeless Resource Centers

for men
for women
for men and women
for families
for youth

Services/Interventions:
- Sober living vouchers
- Women and Children’s Detox Center
- Mobile medical clinic
- Improved safety and security model and includes law enforcement participation
- Increased capacity for Residential Treatment
- Increased capacity at The Inn Between

Housing
Year over year shelter wide capacity comparison:

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<tr>
<th>Facility</th>
<th>19/20 Winter Capacity</th>
<th>20/21 Winter Capacity</th>
<th>Hours of Operation</th>
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<td><strong>PERMANENT RESOURCES</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Men’s Resource Center</strong></td>
<td>300</td>
<td>300</td>
<td>24 hours</td>
<td>Men, Pets</td>
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<td><strong>Geraldine E. King Women’s Resource Center</strong></td>
<td>200</td>
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<td>24 hours</td>
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<td>200</td>
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<td><strong>Youth Resource Center</strong></td>
<td>30</td>
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<td>24 hours</td>
<td>Ages 15-22</td>
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<td><strong>Midvale Family Resource Center</strong></td>
<td>300</td>
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<td>24 hours</td>
<td>Families</td>
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<td><strong>Domestic Violence Shelters, Rescue Mission, Vouchers, etc.</strong></td>
<td>392</td>
<td>334-385*</td>
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<td>Various locations and providers</td>
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<td><strong>OVERFLOW OR TEMPORARY RESOURCES</strong></td>
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<td><strong>St. Vincent de Paul Winter Overflow</strong></td>
<td>65</td>
<td>40-60*</td>
<td>Overnight</td>
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<td><strong>Winter Overflow Motel Program</strong></td>
<td>80</td>
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<td>Men, Women, Couples</td>
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<td><strong>Sugar House Temporary Shelter</strong></td>
<td>150</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Overnight</td>
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<td><strong>Stay Home, Stay Safe Hotel/Motel Program</strong></td>
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<td>130</td>
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<td><strong>Millcreek Temporary Winter Housing</strong></td>
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<td>60-75</td>
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<td>Men</td>
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<td><strong>Salt Lake Temporary Winter Housing</strong></td>
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<td>100-120</td>
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<td>Couples, Men, Women</td>
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<td><strong>Total Emergency Shelter Capacity</strong></td>
<td>1,747</td>
<td>1,774-1,880</td>
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COVID-19 Success  (as of 1/12/21)

Percentage Cumulative Confirmed Cases within Salt Lake County

0.74%

https://slco.org/health/COVID-19/data/
Ways To Help

- Educate Yourself and Others
- Volunteer
- Advocate
- Join the SLVCEH
- Donate

- Connect Individuals with Resources:
  - 2-1-1
  - 801-990-9999
Success This Past Year:

- Average length of homeless episodes:
  - Decreased over the last 3 years
- Income growth for adults:
  - Increased nearly 10% from FY18 to FY19
- Permanent housing retention:
  - Stayed steady at 93%
The number of homeless veterans decreased nearly 50% from 2019 to 2020.
GAPS/Opportunities

- Affordable Housing
- Livable Wages
- Diverse/Alternative Housing Solutions
- Access to Affordable Health Care (Including Mental Health)
- Supportive Housing
- Equal Opportunity

- We are ALL able to be a part of the solution.
- Together, we can do more for those in need.
- No one solution fits all.
- Diverse, innovative solutions, need to be implemented.
- We need to continuously work to Improve!
- We need to continue to look upstream!
- We need to closely examine other systematic intersects with homelessness.
Resources

2020 Utah Annual Report on Homelessness
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nn8tSwHEi4p5b8BtNpkH9E01zfQpVTN0/view

State and Local Data
https://endutahhomelessness.org/data/

Research
Utah Foundation:
https://www.utahfoundation.org/report_category/homelessness/

University of Utah:
- Food Insecurities
- Rapid Re-Housing
- Air Quality
- Transportation
- More...

Salt Lake Valley Coalition to End Homelessness
https://endutahhomelessness.org/salt-lake-valley/

Utah Homeless Network
https://endutahhomelessness.org/utah-homeless-network/

Salt Lake City - Homeless Services
https://www.slc.gov/hand/homeless-services/

Unsheltered Tool Kit
FAQs

Abatement FAQs

https://www.slco.org/hand/homeless-services/camp-abatement-faq/

Unsheltered FAQs

https://www.slco.org/hand/homeless-services-dashboard/

Thank you!

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