

Unsheltered Homelessness



Salt Lake County

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Unsheltered vs Sheltered Homelessness

Salt Lake County CoC & LHCC										
Category		2018			2019			2020		
		Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total
Total	Households	1224	135	1359	1274	185	1459	1240	247	1487
	Individuals	1668	136	1804	1651	193	1844	1690	268	1958

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14%

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.

Salt Lake County CoC & LHCC Subpopulation	Number of Persons							
	Sheltered		Unsheltered		Total in Subpopulation		Subpopulation as Percentage of Total Individuals Counted	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
Veterans	145	73	12	7	157	80	9%	4%
Chronically Homeless Veterans	28	8	7	3	35	11	2%	1%
Chronically Homeless Persons in Households of Adults and Minors	16	17	0	0	16	17	1%	1%
Total Chronically Homeless Persons	297	316	86	120	383	436	21%	22%
Unaccompanied Youth (Under Age 24)	95	92	19	42	114	134	6%	7%
Youth Parent (Under Age 24)	13	17	0	0	13	17	1%	1%
Child of a Youth Parent	18	23	0	0	18	23	1%	1%

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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

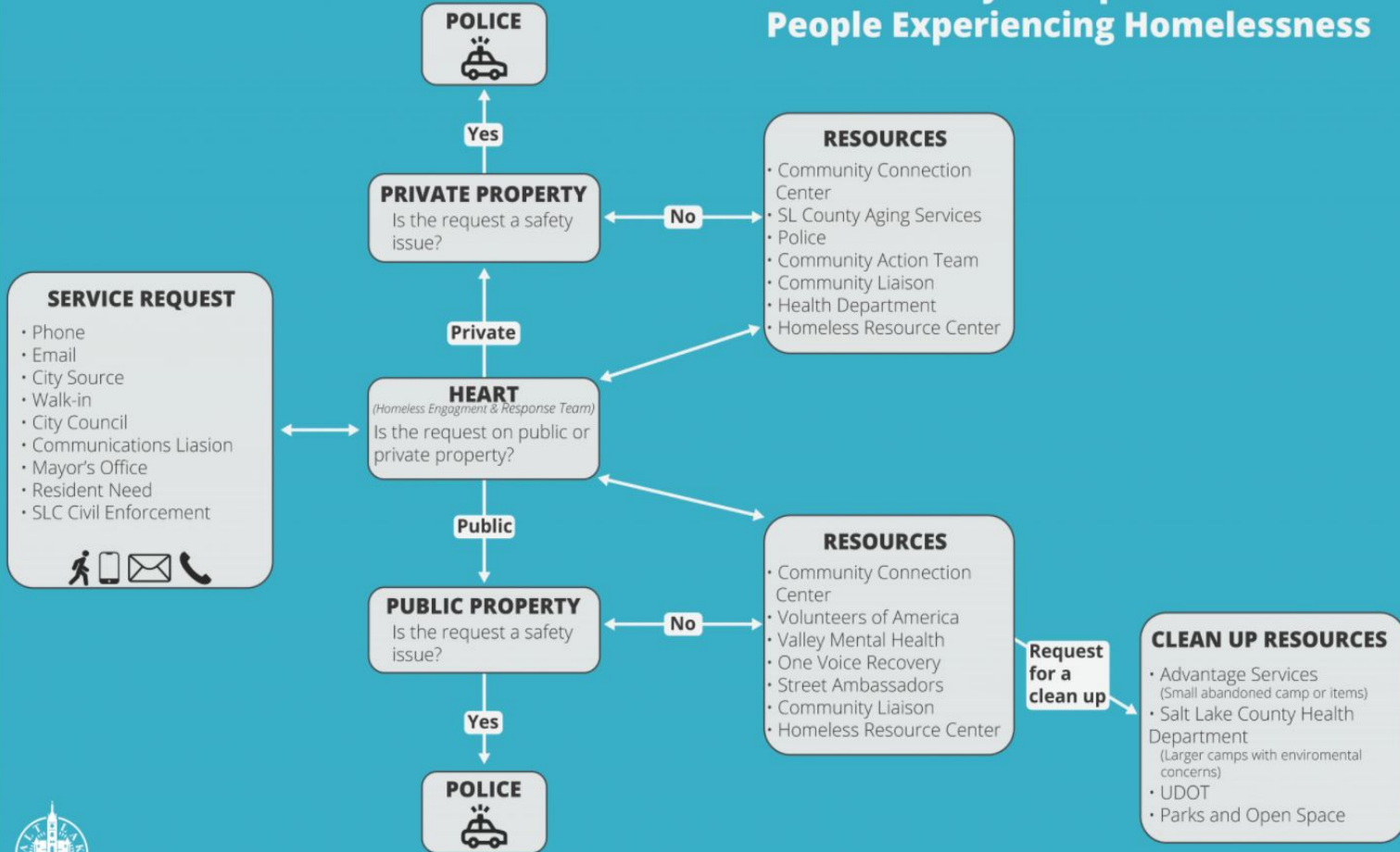
	FFY17	FFY18	FFY19	FFY18-19 Difference
Persons in all PH projects except PH-RRH	2108	2171	2274	103
Of persons above, those who remained in applicable PH projects and those who exited to permanent housing destinations	1970	2051	2125	74
Percent successful exits/retention	93.45%	94.47%	93.45%	-1.02%

Myth: Substance Use and Homelessness

HOMELESS SUBPOPULATIONS

Salt Lake County CoC & LHCC Subpopulation	Number of Persons							
	Sheltered		Unsheltered		Total in Subpopulation		Subpopulation as Percentage of Total Individuals Counted	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
Survivors of Domestic Violence (Adults and Minors)	216	329	28	26	244	355	13%	18%
Survivors of Domestic Violence (Adults Only)	121	172	28	26	149	198	8%	10%
Adults with HIV/AIDS	19	24	1	6	20	30	1%	2%
Adults with Substance Abuse Disorders	417	380	46	71	463	451	25%	23%
Adults with Mental Illness	578	612	65	85	643	697	35%	36%

Salt Lake City's Response Process for People Experiencing Homelessness



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

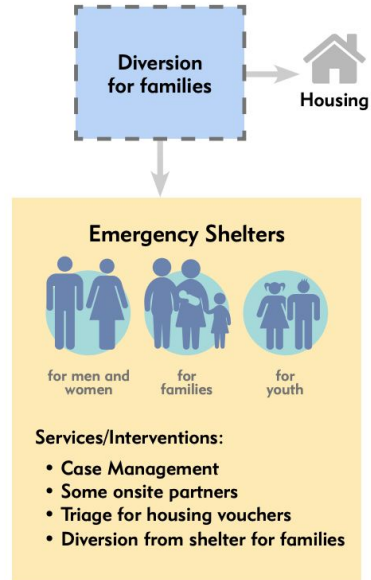
First Step House - Central City Apts.

Pamela's Place

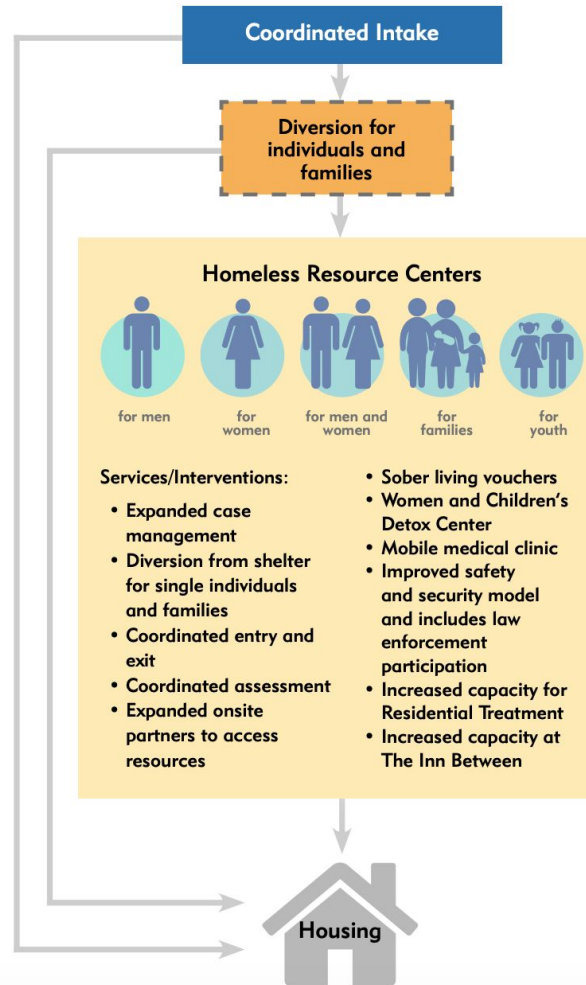
Magnolia (Coming this year)

Alternative Housing

OLD CURRENT MODEL



NEW MODEL



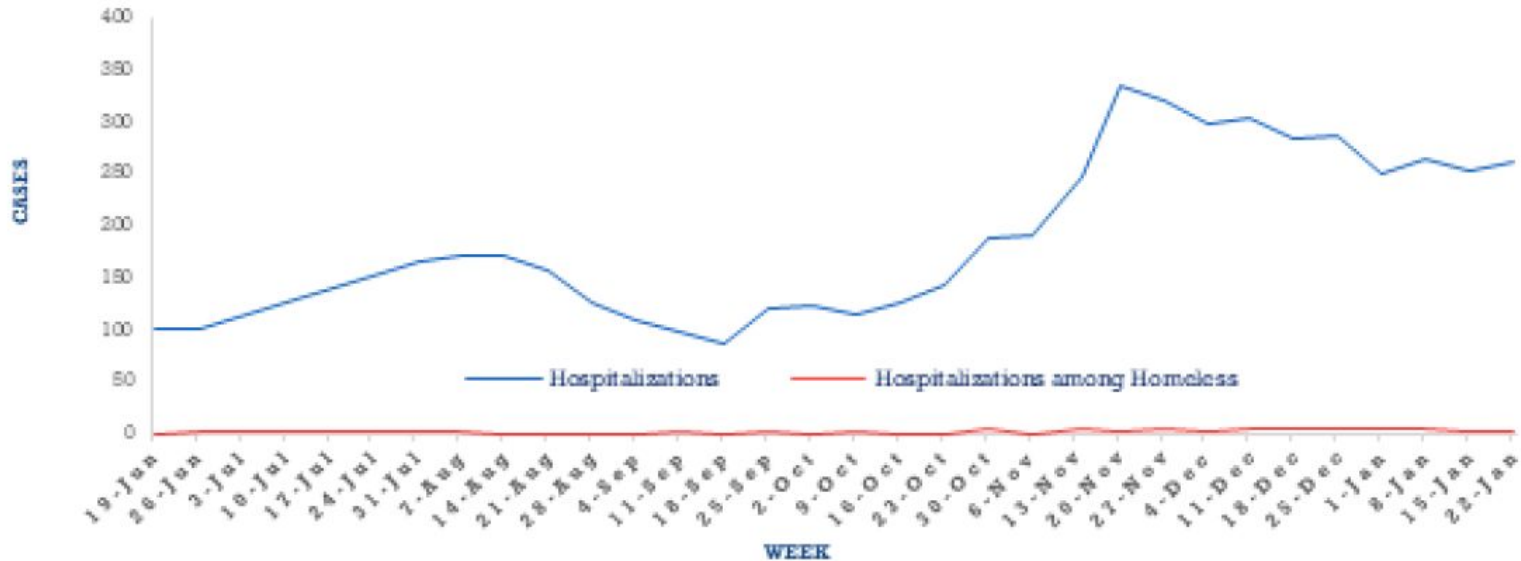
Year over year shelter wide capacity comparison:

Facility	19/20 Winter Capacity	20/21 Winter Capacity	Hours of Operation	Serving
PERMANENT RESOURCES				
Men's Resource Center South Salt Lake • The Road Home	300	300	24 hours	Men, Pets
Geraldine E. King Women's Resource Center Salt Lake City • Volunteers of America, Utah	200	200	24 hours	Women, Pets
Gail Miller Resource Center Salt Lake City • The Road Home	200	200	24 hours	Men, Women, Pets
Youth Resource Center Salt Lake City • Volunteers of America, Utah	30	30	24 hours	Ages 15–22
Midvale Family Resource Center Midvale • The Road Home	300	300	24 hours	Families
Domestic Violence Shelters, Rescue Mission, Vouchers, etc. Various locations and providers	392	334-385*	Various	Various
OVERFLOW OR TEMPORARY RESOURCES				
St. Vincent de Paul Winter Overflow Salt Lake City • The Road Home	65	40-60*	Overnight	Men, Women
Winter Overflow Motel Program Salt Lake City • Utah Community Action and Volunteers of America, Utah	80	80	24 hours	Men, Women, Couples
Sugar House Temporary Shelter Salt Lake City • Various providers	150	-	Overnight	Men, Women
Stay Home, Stay Safe Hotel/Motel Program Salt Lake City • The Road Home	-	130	24 hours	Men, Women, Couples, Pets
Millcreek Temporary Winter Housing Millcreek • Switchpoint	-	60–75	24 hours	Men
Salt Lake Temporary Winter Housing Salt Lake City • Switchpoint	-	100-120	24 hours	Couples, Men, Women
Total Emergency Shelter Capacity	1,747	1,774-1,880		

COVID-19 Success *(as of 1/12/21)*

0.74%
*Percentage Cumulative Confirmed
Cases within Salt Lake County*

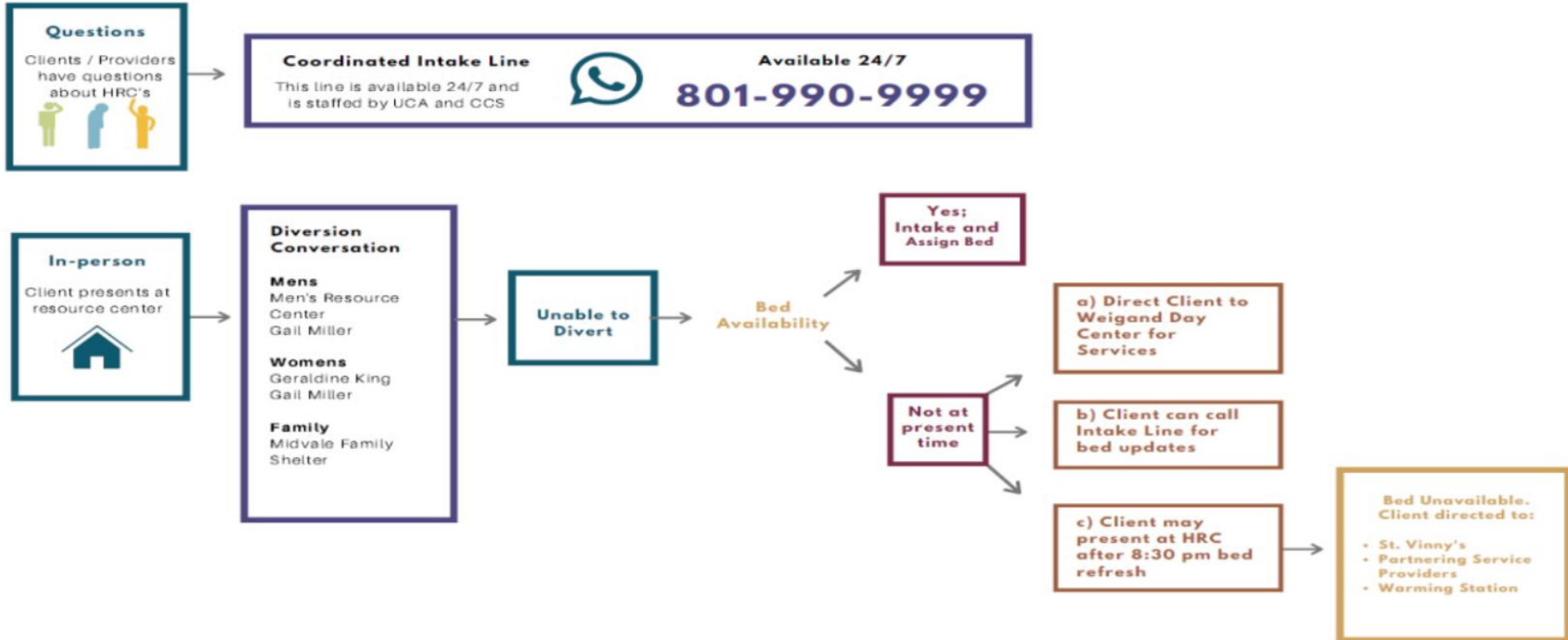
COVID-19 HOSPITALIZATIONS



<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

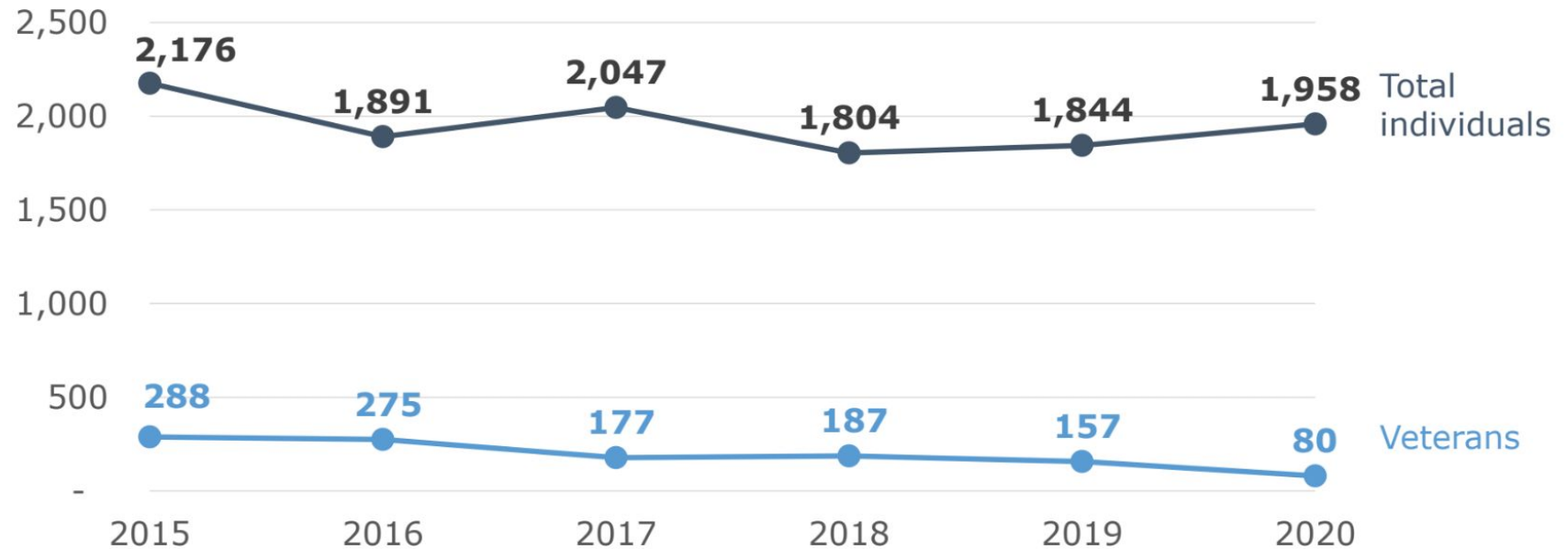


Success This Past Year:

- 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

Count of homeless individuals



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

<https://jobs.utah.gov/housing/homelessness/unshelteredtoolkit.pdf>

FAQs

Abatement FAQs

<https://www.slc.gov/hand/homeless-services/camp-abatement-faq/>

Unsheltered FAQs

<https://www.slc.gov/hand/homeless-services-dashboard/>

Thank you!

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