



THE SALT LAKE VALLEY
COALITION TO END
HOMELESSNESS

2024

REPORT ON HOMELESSNESS



END UTAH
HOMELESSNESS
Salt Lake Valley



OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

In federal fiscal year 2022 (Oct. 1, 2021 - Sept. 30, 2022),² 6,683 people stayed in an emergency shelter or transitional housing program in Salt Lake County. While the cause of homelessness is unique for each person, the solution remains the same:

Affordable housing and supportive services.

**Does not include people staying in Domestic Violent Shelters*

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² People experienced homelessness in federal fiscal year 2022 in Salt Lake County.

When you support funding for deeply affordable housing and supportive services, you are creating and supporting pathways out of homelessness.

RETURNS TO HOMELESSNESS

-13.5%

² Decrease in returns to homelessness since 2018

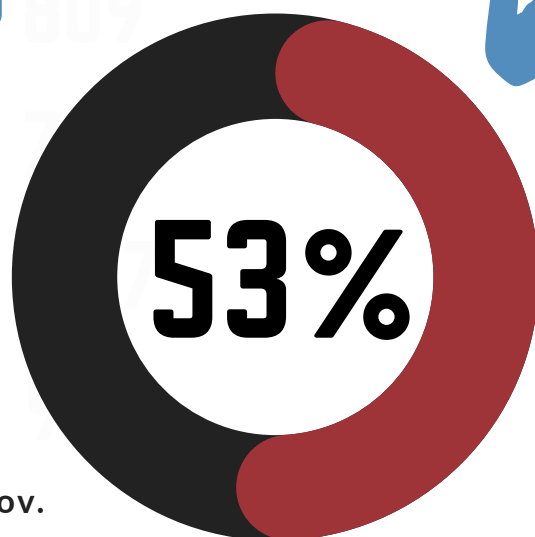
What we are doing is working. In 2018, 42.36%² of people who exited homelessness to a permanent housing destination, returned to homelessness. Since then, with the addition of more supportive services to housing projects, that number has decreased by 13.5% and is now 28.82%.²

Supportive services in housing projects keep people housed. Funding more of these services in more projects, decreases homelessness.

FIRST TIME HOMELESSNESS

In 2022, 7,619² people enrolled in emergency shelter, transitional housing, or a permanent housing project. Of those 7,619 people, 4,047² of them were experiencing homelessness for the very first time in their lives. That is 53% and that is too many.

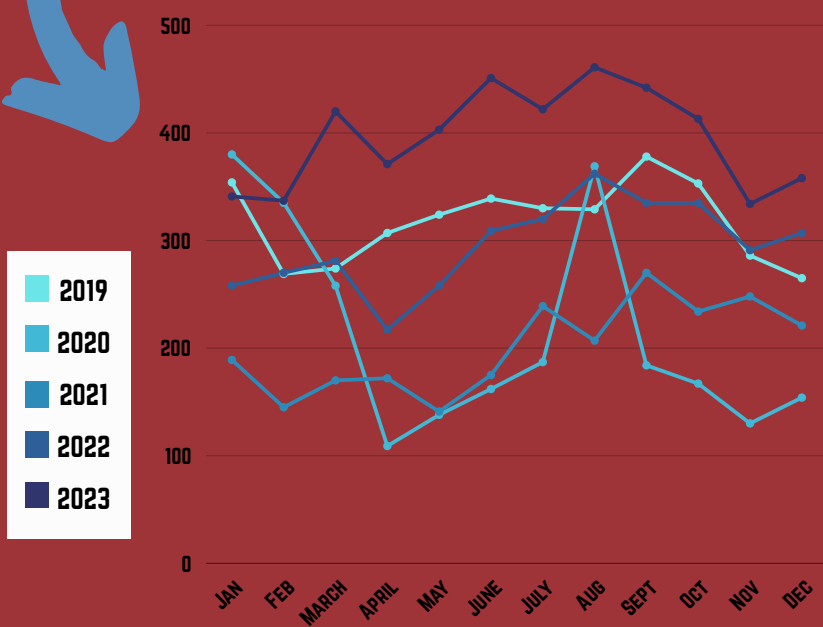
Slowing the in-flow to homelessness reduces overall homelessness. Fund **prevention** initiatives such as Gov. budget proposal for \$10 M for housing preservation.



EVICITION

While a person can be evicted with just 3 days notice, an eviction can have lifelong impacts on a person's ability to secure and retain housing making them more likely to experience homelessness for longer time periods.

Eviction prevention is homelessness prevention. Review Utah's housing and eviction laws to address inequitable access to safe and stable housing.



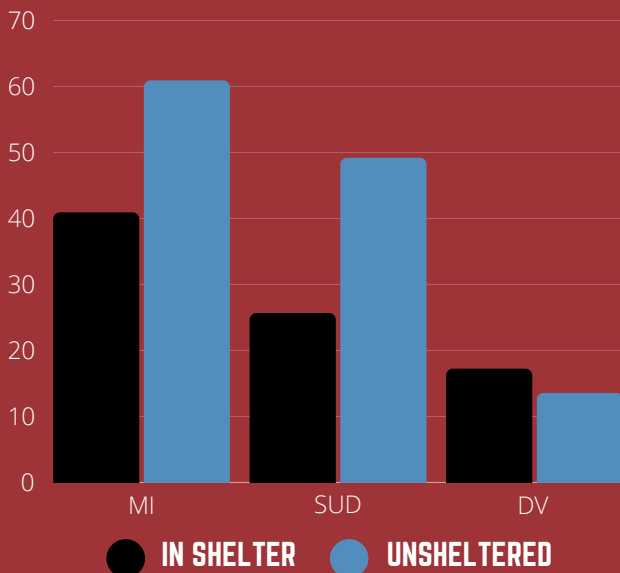
⁴ 4,753 evictions were filed in Salt Lake County in 2023

WINTER RESPONSE

This Winter, Salt Lake County has added a total of 930 beds to its shelter system; 235 Code Blue and 695 Winter Response, Detox, and other shelter options. Many of these beds will close at the end of Winter despite the on-going need in our community. These additional beds are being utilized indicating a need to have more available year round.

Support the Governor's budget proposal for \$128 M for emergency shelter so that our system can keep offering life saving shelter options.

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ADDITIONAL BEDS



¹ Percentage rates of self-reported indicators of need by those surveyed during the January 2023 PIT Count.

INDICATORS OF NEED

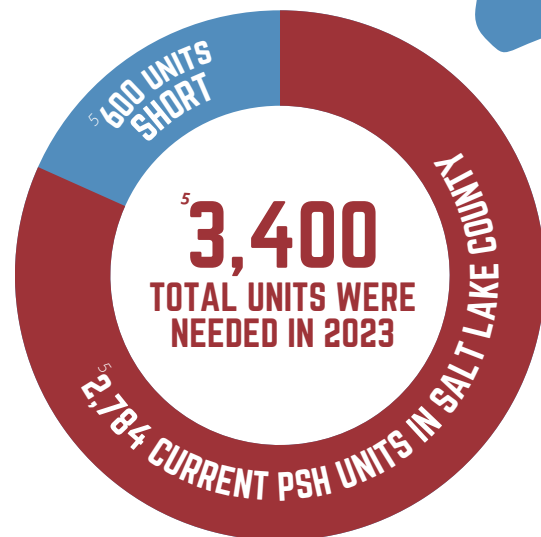
Many individuals experiencing homelessness also experience domestic violence (DV), substance use disorders (SUD), or mental illness (MI). Increasing access to services to address these additional needs can increase a person's ability to retain housing.

Support the Governor's Budget proposal for \$8 M for Behavioral Health services.

A SHORTAGE OF PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Housing is the solution to homelessness. Permanent supportive housing (PSH) is deeply affordable and includes case management. Currently, there are ⁵2,784 PSH units in Salt Lake County, leaving a deficit of 600 PSH units. In addition, **280 PSH units** must be added annually to meet the growing need.

Invest in Permanent Supportive Housing projects and advocate for municipalities to host projects.



93.8%

MORE HOUSING, LESS HOMELESSNESS

² 93.8% of people who entered permanent housing from homelessness successfully retained their housing in 2023. More affordable permanent housing options for people to access when exiting homelessness, decreases homelessness. There is a massive deficiency of housing units for people at or below 30% Area Median Income (AMI).

Support the Governor's budget proposal for \$30 M for deeply affordable housing projects.

HOW CAN YOU REDUCE HOMELESSNESS IN UTAH?

AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS BOTH PREVENTION AND RESOLUTION TO HOMELESSNESS.

Support the Governor's 2024 budget proposal

- \$128 M for Emergency Shelter
- \$30 M for Deeply Affordable Housing
- \$10.6 M for HOME Courts Judicial Diversion
- \$10 M for Housing Preservation
- \$8 M for Behavioral Health

A Complete Homeless System =

Capacity for those needing shelter + Behavioral health and supportive services within the system + Housing flow for successful exits

Questions?

Contact the Salt Lake Valley Coalition to End Homelessness:

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Sources

¹ January 2023 Point In Time Count

² Annual Data Report on Homelessness, Office of Homeless Services

³ Kem Gardner State of the State's Housing Market, Oct. 2021

⁴ Utah Courts: 2021 Case Filings Report, Eviction Filings

⁵ Housing Now - by the SLVCEH