HOMELESSNESS AMONG UTAH WOMEN

SETTING THE STAGE
Homelessness is a grave concern for many Utah women and families.

NATIONAL OVERVIEW
In the United States, more than half a million people are homeless.

SHELTERED HOMELESSNESS
300,000+ are in shelters, transitional housing, and other temporary settings.

UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS
200,000+ spend the night in a public or private place not intended for people to sleep.

22/10,000 MEN ARE HOMELESS
13/10,000 WOMEN ARE HOMELESS

HOMELESSNESS IN UTAH
Utah has lower rates of homelessness than the national average, but problems persist.

18 of every 10,000 people in the U.S. have experienced homelessness.
9.8 of every 10,000 people in Utah have experienced homelessness.

Of the 24,000 who access homeless services in Utah, 39% are FEMALE.
and 23% of the females are under the age of 18.
WHAT UTAHNS CAN DO
Utah is actively addressing homelessness, but continued effort is required.

- Support legislative, community, and volunteer efforts to address homelessness.
- Develop homeless services in under-served areas.
- Provide affordable, accessible housing.
- Work to better understand and address predictive factors.

RACE AND ETHNICITY
Women of color are disproportionately affected by homelessness.

- Hispanic
- Black, African, African American
- Native American, Alaskan Native
- Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander

INFLUENCING FACTORS
A variety of factors contribute to female homelessness, including mental and physical conditions.

1. Mental health condition
2. Chronic health condition
3. Physical disability
4. Substance abuse
5. Developmental disability
6. Fleeing domestic violence

STATE SPENDING
State and federal funding used to combat Utah homelessness is at an all-time high in 2023.

- $20 million
- $70 million
- $120 million

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