

# Homelessness in Southern Nevada

## Homeless Families with Children



On any given night, more than 206,000 children and their families experience homelessness in the United States. This makes up 36 percent of all homeless people counted nationally during the 2015 Homeless Point-in-Time Census.<sup>2</sup>

On a single night in January 2016, 118 families with children were homeless in Southern Nevada. This means they were living in a place not meant for human habitation, such as in a car or on the street, staying in a shelter or other transitional housing.<sup>1</sup>

When including families who were living doubled-up with other families in a single home and families living unstably in weekly hotels, the number of children experiencing homelessness in Southern Nevada rises to more than 14,500.<sup>3</sup>

**There are many risk factors that can lead a family to experience homelessness, including a lack of affordable housing, domestic violence or other trauma; unemployment, or a natural disaster.**

Homelessness affects a child's social, physical, and academic life. Homeless children commonly suffer physical, psychological, and emotional damage due to the circumstances that accompany episodes of homelessness.<sup>5</sup>

A study of homeless families found that 93 percent of homeless mothers experienced at least one trauma and 81 percent experienced multiple traumatic events with violent victimization being the most common traumatic experience.

Housing affordability places low income families at risk. For a single-parent family to afford a two-bedroom apartment at fair market rent in Las Vegas they would need to earn at least \$18.62 an hour.<sup>6</sup>

**To learn more about homelessness in Southern Nevada, please view the additional information pages within the Help Hope Home Homeless Education Toolkit.**

### GET INVOLVED

With the collaboration of many community partners, we are moving in the right direction, but there is so much more work to do. You can be a part of the solution!

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Support Southern Nevada agencies serving homeless families and children. Serve as an advocate, volunteer, and donor.**

#### **Family Promise**

[www.familypromiselv.com](http://www.familypromiselv.com)

#### **HopeLink**

[www.link2hope.org](http://www.link2hope.org)

#### **Las Vegas Rescue Mission**

[www.vegasrescue.org](http://www.vegasrescue.org)

#### **Southern Nevada Children First**

[www.childrenfirst-nv.org](http://www.childrenfirst-nv.org)

#### **The Shade Tree**

[www.theshadetree.org](http://www.theshadetree.org)

#### **Nevada Community Associates**

<http://www.nvcai.org>

Visit [www.HelpHopeHome.org](http://www.HelpHopeHome.org) and [www.NevadaHomelessAlliance.org](http://www.NevadaHomelessAlliance.org) to learn more about how to get involved and be a part of the solution.