

Homelessness in Southern Nevada

General Overview



On any given night there are more than 6,200 homeless individuals in Southern Nevada and more than 30,000 Southern Nevadans, including families with children, couples, and individuals of all ages, who will experience homelessness at some point this year, according to the 2016 Southern Nevada Homeless Census and Survey. ¹

There are many factors that lead people to experience homelessness and even more challenges that can make it difficult to escape;

- 55.4 percent of homeless individuals surveyed in the 2016 Homeless Census reported they were experiencing homelessness for the first time.
- 84.7 percent of the homeless people surveyed reported they were unemployed.
- Nearly 12 percent of the homeless population is estimated to be over the age of 61.
- Approximately 25 percent of the homeless population in Southern Nevada is unaccompanied children and youth (under 24 years old). The leading causes for homelessness among youth include being kicked out of the house, emotional abuse, and financial issues at home.
- On any given night, there are more than 800 victims of domestic violence who are homeless in Southern Nevada.
- 70.8 percent of the homeless population experiences one or more disabling conditions.
- 49.4 percent of homeless people surveyed said they were experiencing mental illness, depression or PTSD.

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

◆ The 2016 Homeless Census also found that **60 percent** of homeless people in Southern Nevada were **unsheltered**, meaning they were living on the streets, in encampments, cars or other places not meant for human habitation.

◆ **The majority of the people experiencing homelessness locally are Southern Nevadans.** About 72 percent of homeless people surveyed were living here at the time they lost their housing, according to the 2016 Homeless Census.

◆ Overall, Nevada ranked **5th** in the nation for the rate of homeless persons who are unsheltered, as a percentage of the total number of people experiencing homelessness, according to the HUD 2015 Annual Homeless Assessment Report.²

GET INVOLVED

Homelessness is devastating for families and individuals, and significantly impacts all taxpayers as local government budgets pay for medical care, police and social services that serve the homeless.

Government entities, non-profit organizations, faith-based groups, and corporate partners work together to provide homeless prevention and assistance programs that have helped reduce the number of people experiencing homelessness in Southern Nevada. But we still have a long way to go.

Partner with a homeless service agency to volunteer, donate, and advocate.

Visit www.HelpHopeHome.org and www.NevadaHomelessAlliance.org to learn more about how to get involved and be a part of the solution.