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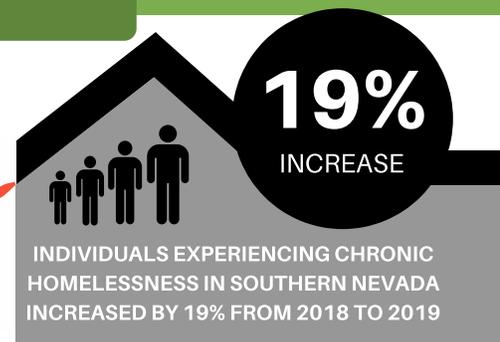
# Homelessness in Southern Nevada

## Chronic Homelessness



**ON ANY GIVEN NIGHT**

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT 622 INDIVIDUALS ARE EXPERIENCING CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS IN SOUTHERN NEVADA



People who are **CHRONICALLY** homeless 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.

**25%**

of individuals experiencing chronic homelessness are unsheltered



I made a good living in the internet marketing industry and had a condo in Summerlin. Life was good. In 2016, in a matter of 6 months I lost nine of my family members; my mom, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, two of my cousins, and my dad. Then, on the day of dad's funeral my son was killed in a car accident. My entire family was gone. I guess you could say, my cheese fell off my cracker. I lost my mind, then my job, and then my home. I began using meth to cope. I became homeless and have lived on the streets for the last three years. I've been beaten, stabbed, and robbed. My dog was stolen. A few months ago, I was ready to end my own life. I was standing on an overpass, when a police officer I've come to know well, stopped me and reminded me that my life is not over yet. I checked myself into the VA hospital and got clean. I've been clean for 120 days while staying at U.S.VETS and the Salvation Army. Now, I'm getting ready to move into an apartment through the VA's HUD-VASH program. I'll never use again. My life is most definitely not over yet.

-Howard

Most commonly occurring disabling conditions



48%

Mental Illness  
Depression  
PTSD  
Schizophrenia



41%

Physical/  
Medical  
Cancer  
COPD  
Diabetes



4%

Substance Abuse Disorders



2%

HIV/AIDS



2%

Developmental Disorders

## Ending Chronic Homelessness

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.

### What Causes Chronic Homelessness?

People experiencing chronic homelessness typically have complex and long-term health conditions, such as mental illness, physical disabilities, and/or substance abuse disorders. Regardless, of what immediately caused them to lose their housing, once they become homeless, these conditions can make it difficult for them to get into housing, and they can face lengthy or repeated episodes of homelessness.

You can help by joining Built for Zero and investing funds towards more Permanent Supportive Housing for people who are chronically homeless. Investing in supportive housing saves money and lives! Learn more at <http://builtforzerosn.org/>

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