

HOMELESSNESS IN SOUTHERN NEVADA



CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS

On any given night it is estimated that **386 individuals** are experiencing chronic homelessness in Southern Nevada. The number of individuals experiencing chronic homelessness in Southern Nevada rose by **54%** between 2016 and 2017. Nationally, individuals who are chronically homeless represent almost **15 percent** of the national homeless population (2017 Southern Nevada Homeless Census and Survey Comprehensive Report).

Individuals experiencing chronic homelessness have a diagnosed mental and/or physical disability in addition to being homeless for at least one year or having at least four episodes of homelessness within the past three years where those occasions cumulatively total at least 12 months. Occasions are defined by a break of at least seven nights not residing in an emergency shelter, safe haven, or residing in a place meant for human habitation.

Many individuals experiencing chronic homelessness experience multiple and complex challenges to housing stability including physical and/or developmental disabilities, chronic health problems, and mental illness such as PTSD and depression.

81 percent of individuals experiencing chronic homelessness in Southern NV are unsheltered.

Nearly **34%** of the individuals experiencing chronic homeless surveyed in the 2017 Homeless Census reported they had **four or more disabling conditions** (2017 Southern Nevada Homeless Census and Survey Comprehensive Report).



Individuals experiencing chronic homelessness face specific challenges in securing affordable housing primarily because of having little to no income. Placing individuals in housing units where their rent burden is more than 30 percent of their monthly income places them at a higher risk for falling back into homelessness.



Chronic homelessness can significantly impact government and private sector resources, specifically emergency rooms, mental health services and police departments.



Get Involved

Homelessness is devastating for families and individuals. 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.

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