

Housing Insecurity and Homelessness

A LOOK AT SOUTHERN NEVADA

HENDERSON



The most frequently cited cause of homelessness is the widening gap between income and cost of housing—a problem that is perpetuated by limited amounts of housing assistance. Other more specific factors, such as mental illness, chronic health conditions, substance abuse, and the debilitating effects of trauma also contribute to create a constellation of factors that are responsible for the presence of homelessness in the U.S.

*Adapted Source: HelpHopeHome.org

How many people in Southern Nevada are experiencing homelessness?

2023 Point-in-Time count for Southern Nevada:

6,566

individuals were experiencing homelessness on Jan 25, 2023

16,000+

people are likely to experience homelessness at some point *this year*.

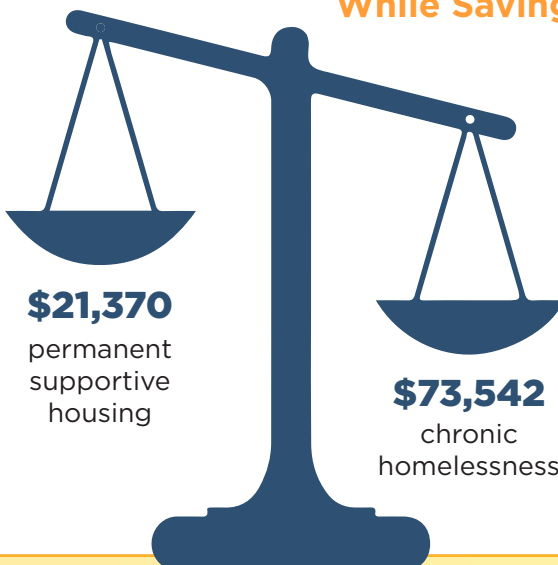


WHAT IS HOMELESSNESS?

According to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), a person or family is considered homeless when they are:

- Living in a place not meant for human habitation, such as the street, a car, an encampment, a storm drain.
- Living in an emergency shelter.
- Living in a transitional housing program.

Supportive Housing Offers Housing & Services While Saving \$\$\$



An estimated **\$40,000 per person per year** is saved by housing chronically homeless individuals through *mitigating ER visits, jail time, arrests and medical costs.**



* Based on FUSE project estimations of current expenditures for chronically homeless population.

LEADING CAUSES OF HOMELESSNESS IN SOUTHERN NEVADA

1. Lost job or unemployment
2. Alcohol or drug abuse
3. Mental health issues
4. Asked to leave by family or friends
5. Illness or medical problems

Source: HelpHopeHome.org

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Need assistance? Call 211 for a full list of resources or contact Clark County Social Service at www.clarkcountynv.gov/residents/assistance_programs

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Henderson addresses housing insecurity and homelessness through both prevention and response via multiple departments and in a variety of ways.

Regional Collaboration, Research and Advocacy

- Participates on the Southern Nevada Homelessness Continuum of Care (SNH CoC) Board and the Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority Board.
- Advocates for resources in Henderson.

Housing Resources

- Partners with community non-profit organizations to provide rental assistance and other housing resources.
- Partners with affordable housing developers.

Emergency Response and Enforcement Activities

- Responds to complaints/violations of the Property Maintenance Code, such as litter, trash, etc.
- Responds to calls for people living in abandoned, substandard buildings or homeless encampments.
- Enforces trespassing and park rules.
- Emergency response to medical, fire and other safety and health-related issues.

Supportive Services

- Provides information on social services.
- Pilots a street outreach team to engage with people experiencing homelessness and connect them to resources.
- Provides meals for seniors and cooling/inclement weather stations.

In 2023, Southern Nevada was **awarded over \$31 million in CoC funds** to local agencies to provide housing and supportive services to assist individuals experiencing homelessness across Clark County.

For more information on CoC activities visit <https://helphopehome.org>.

DID YOU KNOW?

Addressing Homelessness Through Housing

To end homelessness, individuals must have the ability to obtain permanent housing that they are able to afford. Residents who are **housing cost burdened** are at risk of losing their homes should their income be adversely affected. **Housing cost burden disproportionately affects low-income families.**

DID YOU KNOW?

Source: U.S. Census Bureau's 2019 American Community Survey

IN CLARK COUNTY
nearly **37%** of households
are cost burdened
77% of those households
earn \$50,000 or less a year.

IN HENDERSON
32% of households
are cost burdened
69% of those households
earn \$50,000 or less a year.



RESPONSIBLE GIVING

We encourage donations and volunteering through community organizations that were established to assist people in need of supportive services.

- HELP of Southern Nevada
- Las Vegas Rescue Mission
- Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth
- Three Square
- The Shade Tree
- St. Jude's Ranch
- HopeLink of Southern Nevada
- Salvation Army
- Lutheran Social Services of Nevada
- Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada
- The Nevada Homeless Alliance

AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL

Homelessness in Clark County is addressed regionally through the Southern Nevada Homelessness Continuum of Care (SNH CoC). In accordance with HUD requirements, the SNH CoC Board is made up of representatives from various public and private agencies and organizations, as well as other stakeholders that benefit the mission of ending homelessness in Southern Nevada.

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