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HOMELESSNESS

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REPORT ON HOMELESSNESS



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ENTRY TO HOMELESSNESS

At the start of SFY22, on July 1, 2021,² 1,947 men, women and children were experiencing homelessness in Salt Lake County. Over the year,² 7,693 more entered homeless services. While the cause of homelessness is unique for each person, the solution remains the same: *Affordable housing and supportive services.*

9,640

² People experienced homelessness in state fiscal year 2022 in Salt Lake County.

When you support funding for deeply affordable housing with support services, you give vulnerable Utahns a chance at a stable life.

ECONOMIC CRISIS

During the time period of January 2021 to July 2022, Utah saw an inflation rate of 15.4%. That translates to an average additional monthly household cost of \$910. For lower income families, that is the difference between housed and homeless.

Keeping housing costs low helps prevent evictions and provides pathways for Utahns to return to housing.

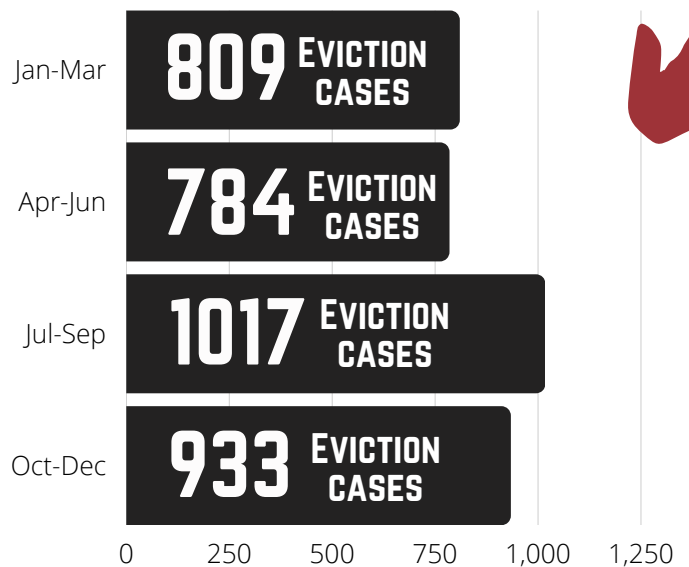
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⁷ Utah state inflation rate Jan21-July22

EVICIONS

While a person can be evicted with just 3 days notice, an eviction can have lifelong impacts on a person's ability to secure and retain housing making them more likely to experience homelessness for longer time periods.

Review Utah's eviction laws to address inequitable access to safe and stable housing.



⁴ 3,543 evictions were filed in Salt Lake County in 2022

CASE MANAGERS KEY TO SUCCESS



⁶ Average case load in the three single adult Homeless Resource Centers in Salt Lake County

On average, each case manager coordinates housing and resources for 35 people, connecting clients with what they need to be successfully housed.

Increased funding for the homeless resource centers means more case managers, competitive wages, and more people moving on to housing.

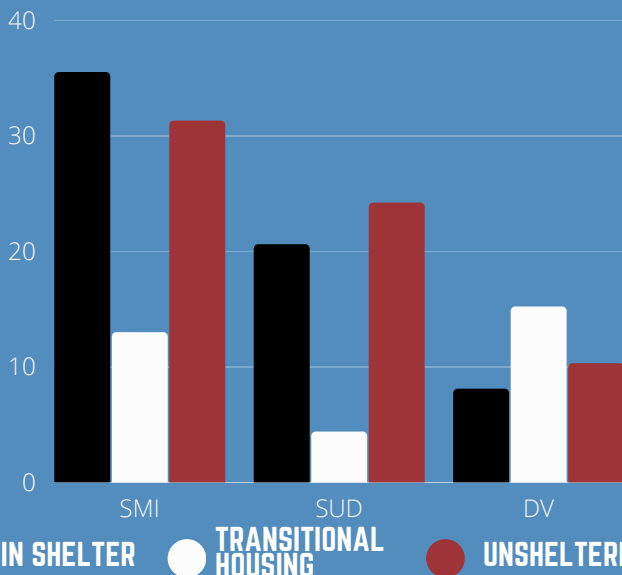
WAITING ON HOUSING

Even individuals who need little more than affordable housing may end up seeking services in a resource center for almost three months due to a lack of available housing.

Funding for deeply affordable housing and case management will mean more people moving out of shelter to permanent solutions faster.

83 NIGHTS

² Average length of time an individual experiencing homelessness in Salt Lake County spends in emergency shelter.



¹ Percentage rates of self-reported indicators of need by those surveyed during the January 2022 PIT Count.

INDICATORS OF NEED

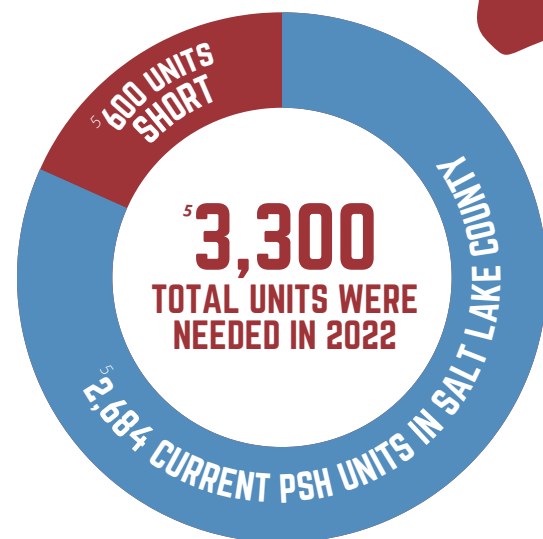
Many individuals experiencing homelessness also experience domestic violence (DV), substance use disorders (SUD), or serious mental illness (SMI). Access to housing with case management provides a safe place to heal. Once in permanent supportive housing, ² 94.5% of individuals stay housed.

Support funding for Permanent Supportive Housing and case management in Utah.

A SHORTAGE OF PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Housing is the solution to homelessness. Permanent supportive housing (PSH) is deeply affordable and includes case management. Currently, there are ⁵2,684 PSH units in Salt Lake County, leaving a deficit of 600 PSH units. In addition, **280 PSH units** must be added annually to meet the growing need.

Invest in Permanent Supportive Housing projects and advocate for municipalities to host projects.



²Number of people exiting homelessness to permanent housing in the fiscal year 2022:

1,318

MORE HOUSING, MORE STABILITY

Of the ²9,640 individuals experiencing homelessness in Salt Lake County last year, **only 13.7% confirmed finding a permanent place to call home.** Access to housing is impacted by the county's rental vacancy rate of less than ³2%, the difficulty of finding a unit when a voucher is available, and a deficit of housing units for people at or below 30% Area Median Income (AMI).

HOW CAN YOU REDUCE HOMELESSNESS IN UTAH?

- Incentivize and advocate for municipalities to welcome and participate in needed overflow and deeply affordable housing projects in their cities.
- Invest in supportive services such as mental health care, substance use disorder treatment, domestic violence services, healthcare, and case management.
- Commit to long term investments in housing and services to lift people out of homelessness and prevent homelessness from occurring.

Questions?

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Sources

¹ Fall 2021 Point In Time Count

² Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS)

³ Kem Gardner State of the State's Housing Market, Oct. 2021

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⁵ Housing Now - by the SLVCEH

⁶ Data collected from The Road Home and Volunteers of America

⁷ United States Congress Joint Economic Committee, August 2022