

REPORT ON HOMELESSNESS

THE STATE OF UTAH
OFFICE OF HOMELESS SERVICES

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574

Create or identify 574 housing opportunities for people experiencing homelessness

20%

Reduce number of people becoming homeless each year by 20%

20%

Increase supportive service interactions by 20%

7%

Reduction of vulnerable subpopulations of chronically homeless, veterans, survivors of domestic violence, youth, and people with disabilities by 7%

Overview of Strategic Plan and Outcomes

The purpose of a statewide strategic plan is to define effective goals and strategies to address homelessness at the state level that also support local partners in preventing and ending homelessness.

The Utah Homelessness Council, supported by the Office of Homeless Services and stakeholders across the state, performed an extensive needs assessment to identify what resources and interventions are needed to effectively address homelessness. Based on the needs assessment findings, state level target outcomes were identified to reduce and prevent homelessness in Utah, and goals and strategies have been identified to achieve these target outcomes.

A sustainable and robust funding plan to move towards these target outcomes will be developed during implementation. The state further acknowledges the unique challenges of communities across the state to address homelessness and will continually seek to provide support and guidance to help localities address these challenges and achieve target outcomes to reduce homelessness in Utah.

[HOMELESSNESS STRATEGIC PLAN](https://jobs.utah.gov/homelessness/strategic.html)

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HOUSING UNIT GAPS

Table 2: Cumulative Rental Unit Deficit/Surplus by Area Median Income, by County, 2022

	80%-50% AMI		50%-30% AMI		<30%	
	Unit Deficit/Surplus	Units Available/100 Household	Unit Deficit/Surplus	Units Available/100 Household	Unit Deficit/Surplus	Units Available/100 Household
Beaver	165	369	101	664	-102	4
Box Elder	1,432	228	27	103	-1,057	5
Cache	4,351	221	-783	79	-3,084	7
Carbon	1,019	407	272	163	-945	6
Davis	7,811	219	-444	91	-5,469	4
Duchesne	494	257	211	203	-399	7
Emery	279	332	211	223	-286	3
Garfield	72	141	60	177	-80	9
Grand	450	232	-2	99	-468	3
Iron	1,664	216	-451	62	-1,567	2
Juab	286	293	1	101	-223	5
Kane	349	341	-93	35	-193	0
Millard	348	233	140	160	-254	13
Morgan	194	402	30	134	-56	14
Piute	22	312	-11	49	-12	6
Rich	60	386	-2	93	-24	7
Salt Lake	42,957	234	-12,803	55	-34,935	1
San Juan	460	355	-10	88	-214	0
Sanpete	587	210	249	173	-394	8
Sevier	555	242	160	175	-469	3
Summit	814	216	240	158	-724	7
Tooele	1,140	241	132	116	-723	10
Uintah	968	250	109	119	-784	6
Utah	17,217	218	-4,043	69	-13,639	3
Wasatch	595	184	89	119	-512	10
Washington	4,295	201	-2,621	41	-3,780	2
Wayne	132	415	4	106	-44	8
Weber	6,893	217	777	115	-6,702	7
State Total	95,610	227	-18,449	72	-77,140	3

Affordable & Deeply Affordable Housing Need

-77,140

deeply affordable units

What does 30% AMI or below mean for our most vulnerable Utahns?

- Average Social Security payment is \$1,706/mo
- Average Social Security Disability payment is \$1,474/mo

GPI: Housing Affordability Dashboard

HOUSING AFFORDABILITY

County	ONE PERSON				FAMILY			
	30% Area Median Income (AMI)	Affordable Rent by 30% AMI	*Fair Market Rent (FMR) 1 Bedroom	Difference - Gap- Need to be filled with assistance	30% Area Median Income (AMI)	Affordable Rent by 30% AMI	*Fair Market Rent (FMR) 1 Bedroom	Difference - Gap- Need to be filled with assistance
Cache	\$18,350	\$459	\$748	-\$289	\$30,000	\$622	\$1,325	-\$703
Daggett	\$22,450	\$561	\$670	-\$109	\$32,050	\$721	\$1,095	-\$374
Davis	\$22,350	\$559	\$1,032	-\$473	\$31,900	\$719	\$1,734	-\$1,015
Duchesne	\$18,350	\$459	\$711	-\$252	\$30,000	\$622	\$1,138	-\$516
Morgan	\$22,350	\$559	\$1,032	-\$473	\$31,900	\$719	\$1,734	-\$1,015
Rich	\$18,350	\$459	\$670	-\$211	\$30,000	\$622	\$1,095	-\$473
Salt Lake	\$22,350	\$558	\$1,258	-\$700	\$31,800	\$716	\$2,061	-\$1,345
Summit	\$29,750	\$744	\$1,180	-\$436	\$42,500	\$956	\$1,890	-\$934
Tooele	\$20,650	\$516	\$846	-\$330	\$30,000	\$664	\$1,520	-\$856
Utah	\$20,850	\$521	\$1,009	-\$488	\$30,000	\$670	\$1,643	-\$973
Washington	\$18,450	\$461	\$1,011	-\$550	\$30,000	\$622	\$1,734	-\$1,112
Weber	\$22,350	\$559	\$1,032	-\$473	\$31,900	\$719	\$1,734	-\$1,015

A FMR is generally calculated as the 40th percentile of gross rents for regular, standard-quality units in a local housing market.

Market rents are much higher.

STATEWIDE ISSUES

The Office of Homeless Services works with all thirteen Local Homeless Councils and all three Continuums of Care leadership to communicate on unique issues, goals, and local strategic plans. The following information is from LHCs that represent the twenty-nine counties in the state of Utah.

MAKE HOMELESSNESS

RARE

Reduce number of people becoming homeless

20%

BRIEF

Increase supportive service interactions

20%

NONRECURRING

Reduction of vulnerable subpopulations of chronically homeless

7%

BARRIERS AND ISSUES

ABSENCE OF AFFORDABLE AND DEEPLY AFFORDABLE HOUSING

HIGH POVERTY RATES IN RURAL AREAS

ABSENCE OF COORDINATION WITH CITY/COUNTY ENTITIES

CAPACITY OF EXISTING SERVICES

ABSENCE OF EMERGENCY SHELTER/LACK OF CAPACITY

UNMET SERVICE NEEDS IN MENTAL HEALTH AND OTHER SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

ABSENCE OF PARTICIPATING LHC MEMBERS, ABSENCE OF COORDINATION WITH CITY/COUNTY ENTITIES

ABSENCE OF ADEQUATE CASE MANAGEMENT WITHOUT FUNDING OR APPROPRIATE CANDIDATES

ABSENCE OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

WAGES/POVERTY

STATEWIDE SUCCESSES

MAKING HOMELESSNESS RARE, BRIEF, NONRECURRING - TOGETHER

GOAL 1: Increase accessible and affordable permanent housing opportunities for people experiencing homelessness across the state

DAVIS - 200 units of affordable housing, HOME consortium, preserving deed-restricted properties

GRAND - Affordable housing community is in progress

IRON - Using Deeply Affordable Fund, developing deeply affordable housing

TOOELE - Development of Harris Community Village

WASHINGTON - Developed and expanding 2 apartment communities increasing deeply affordable units

WEBER-MORGAN - Support for PSH options

SALT LAKE - Fund/develop affordable/deeply affordable

GOAL 2: Increase access to and availability of supportive services & case management for people experiencing and at risk of homelessness

BEAR RIVER - Case mgr. added at Warming Ctr

DAVIS - Expanding CE and discharge efforts, webpage/app

GRAND - 2 additional homeless service orgs. funded

IRON - Full-time CE intake specialist and active CE in LHC

SALT LAKE - Increased onsite supportive services for shelter & housing projects focused behavioral health

TOOELE - Harris Community Village 24/7 childcare, community kitchen, drop in showers and laundry

UINTAH BASIN - Case manager in Vernal for 2 FT days/week

WEBER- MORGAN - Collaborate on funding and identify gaps in services; funding based on needs

GOAL 3: Expand homeless prevention efforts by increasing coordination, resources, & affordable housing opportunities

CARBON-EMERY - Coordination w/ county on affordable housing needs & locating developers

DAVIS - Prevention steering committee, assessment of effective strategies, programs that prevent evictions

SALT LAKE - Focus increasing access of info/resources to keep people housed and prevent homelessness

TOOELE - LHC leadership serve on human services committee, re-entry committee & Chamber of Commerce.

UINTAH BASIN - Holding quarterly landlord meeting to increase coordination and provide info on services

GOAL 4: Target housing resources and supportive services to people experiencing unsheltered homelessness

CARBON-EMERY - Partnering with Southeast Health Dept./Harm reduction team to address the unsheltered population.

DAVIS - New permanent supportive housing project to address HB499

SALT LAKE - Crisis Response Core Function Group working on a strategic plan to address unsheltered homelessness

UINTAH BASIN - Our Emergency Case Manager meets with our unsheltered homeless staying in motels at least every 3 days to provide services.

WASHINGTON - Our LHC will be expanding the current emergency shelter & provide more units to those experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

WEBER - MORGAN - The WMLHC will coordinated on street outreach programs.

GOAL 5: Promote alignment and coordination across multiple systems of care to support people experiencing and at risk of homelessness

CARBON - EMERY - Working closely with the local hospital and clinics in Carbon County

GRAND - Expanded LHC membership and had a special meeting with law enforcement.

SALT LAKE - We prioritize this by including SUD treatment, medical services, law enforcement, and others on our Steering Committee.

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BUDGET AND NEEDS ALIGNMENT

ALIGNMENT WITH GOVERNOR COX BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Agency	Budget Item Name	FY25 Ongoing General Fund & Income Tax Fund	One-time General Fund & Income Tax Fund	FY25 Ongoing Other Funds	One-time Other Funds	Total Funds	Description	Related to OHS Current Budget or Programs on Legislative Brief Document
Alleviating Homelessness (pgs. 23-26)								
Workforce Services (OHS)	Low Barrier Shelter Development	-	25,000,000	-	-	25,000,000	600-800 individuals Property/land acquisition Infrastructure Development/construction Capital Costs Design	Emergency Shelter and Non-Congregate Shelter
Workforce Services (OHS)	Low Barrier Shelters Operations for Three Years	-	33,900,000	-	-	33,900,000	Operations over 3 years for a large site or scatter smaller sites	Emergency Shelter and Non-Congregate Shelter State Homelessness Funding
Workforce Services (OHS)	Non-Congregate Shelters Operations for Three Years	-	27,300,000	-	-	27,300,000	200-400 individuals Development and operations over 3 years for 2 non-congregate sites	Emergency Shelter and Non-Congregate Shelter
Workforce Services (OHS)	Shelter Cities Mitigation	2,500,000	-	-	-	2,500,000	To replace one-time funding	Homeless Shelter Cities Mitigation
Workforce Services	Shelter Your Neighbor Public Education and Outreach	-	250,000	-	-	250,000	Match for philanthropic public education effort	New
Workforce Services (OHS)	Statewide Homeless System Support	10,000,000	-	-	-	10,000,000	To equalize and maintain services throughout the state	State Homelessness Funding
Workforce Services (OHS)	Winter Response and System Stabilization for Three Years	-	28,800,000	-	-	28,800,000	Counties of the 2nd class required to have a winter response plan in 2024. This will create additional cost for winter and code blue response as more communities have emergency shelter options	Winter Response and Code Blue
Emergency Shelter Subtotal		12,500,000	115,250,000	-	-	127,750,000		
Workforce Services (OHS)	Deeply Affordable Housing Grants	-	10,000,000	-	15,000,000	25,000,000	Continued effort to create housing as a homelessness response	Deeply Affordable Housing Grants
Workforce Services (OHS)	Deeply Affordable Stabilization Grants	5,000,000	-	-	-	5,000,000	Continued effort to support the development of <30% AMI units	Attainable Housing Grants
Prevention Subtotal		5,000,000	10,000,000	-	15,000,000	30,000,000		
Homelessness Total		17,500,000	125,250,000	-	15,000,000	157,750,000		

SUPPORTING THE ALIGNMENT



Everybody needs a safe, quality, affordable place to call home.

Together, we can do better. Creating, improving and sustaining local programs and services needs to be our focus for all communities statewide.

Now is the time for us to embrace:

- Ensuring everyone has a place to live
- Ensuring every person has a roof over their heads

Image: Housing Narrative Lab