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HOMELESS SERVICES

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# STATEWIDE COLLABORATION



## BALANCE OF STATE

- BEAR RIVER LHC
- CARBON-EMERY LHC
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- GRAND LHC
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- SAN JUAN LHC
- SIX COUNTY LHC
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- UNTAH BASIN LHC
- WASHINGTON LHC
- WEBER-MORGAN LHC

## MOUNTAINLAND

- SUMMIT, WASATCH, UTAH

## SALT LAKE VALLEY COALITION TO END HOMELESSNESS

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HEALTH SERVICES

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

VOLUNTEERS

WORKING COLLABORATIVELY TO MAKE HOMELESSNESS RARE, BRIEF & NONRECURRING

# UTAH HOMELESS SERVICES BOARD & UTAH HOMELESS NETWORK



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The Utah Homeless Services Board (UHSB) brings together representatives from various sectors, including government, private industry, philanthropy, and organizations dedicated to addressing statewide homelessness.

The mission of the UHSB is to coordinate comprehensive support for individuals experiencing homelessness across the state. They develop strategies aimed at tackling the root causes of statewide homelessness while fostering collaboration among partners to amplify impact.

- The Utah Homeless Services Board convenes quarterly to deliberate on initiatives, establish operational procedures, and set strategic goals to make homelessness in Utah rare, brief and nonrecurring.
- For more information on the duties and responsibilities of the Utah Homelessness Council, see Utah Code 35A-16-204 Effective 5/1/2024



Utah Homeless Services Board

The Utah Homeless Network (UHN) contributes to making homelessness in Utah rare, brief and non-recurring by aligning activities and creating a seamless continuum of services across Utah's three Continuum of Care (CoC) programs.

The mission of the UHN is to Coordinate CoC-related advocacy and educational efforts across CoCs.

- Create an annual legislative agenda and empower CoC membership to engage in advocacy.
- Educate legislators, politicians, government entities, and other groups about homelessness and best practices



Utah Homeless Network

Facilitate inter-CoC collaboration and peer support.

- Align and establish core standards and expectations for client services.
- Coordinate HMIS governance and oversight across the CoCs.
- Foster inter-CoC performance improvement, service coordination, and strategic planning.



# OFFICE OF HOMELESS SERVICES

- [jobs.utah.gov/homelessness](http://jobs.utah.gov/homelessness)
  - Utah Homeless Services Board
  - Funding Sources
  - Donating to Pamela Atkinson Trust
  - Data Dashboard
  - Grantee and Contract Resources
  - Grant Opportunities
  - UHMIS
  - Strategic Plan
  - Annual Data Report
- **TYPES OF ASSISTANCE**
  - Emergency Shelter
  - Rapid Rehousing
  - Transitional Housing
  - Permanent Supportive Housing
  - Street Outreach
- 60+ service providers
- [endutahhomelessness.org](http://endutahhomelessness.org)

# CONTINUUM OF CARE (COC)

A local “system” to assist sheltered and unsheltered people experiencing homelessness and providing the services necessary to help them access housing and obtain long-term stability.

- Community-wide planning
- Strategic use of resources
- Coordinate funding for efforts by nonprofit providers
- Minimizing additional trauma and dislocation
- Promote access of mainstream resources
- Report system wide data to determine gaps, needs and measure success
- [endutahhomelessness.org](http://endutahhomelessness.org)



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# UT503 BALANCE OF STATE COC

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- WEBER-MORGAN LHC
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*The Utah Balance of State (BOS) Continuum of Care (CoC) (UT 503) represents a collaborative network dedicated to addressing homelessness across the continuum and the entire state.*

**BOS Work:** Performance Evaluation, Robust Planning and Program Applications, Coordinated Entry and Fair Housing Emphasis.

**The Census does not define “rural.” They consider “rural” to include all people, housing, and territory that are not within an urban area. Any area that is not urban is rural. The Census defines urban as:**

- Urbanized Areas (UAs) of 50,000 or more people.
- Urban Clusters (UCs) of 2,500 - 49,999 people.

## RURAL UTAH = BALANCE OF STATE (BOS)

- 9 out of 11 Local Homeless Councils (LHC) in the Balance of State (BOS) Continuum of Care (CoC) are considered rural.
- 18 out of 25 counties in the BOS CoC's geography meet the definition of rural area. Section 1. B. 2. B(26), 2024.



# LOCAL HOMELESS COUNCIL (LHC)

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## SALT LAKE VALLEY COALITION TO END HOMELESSNESS



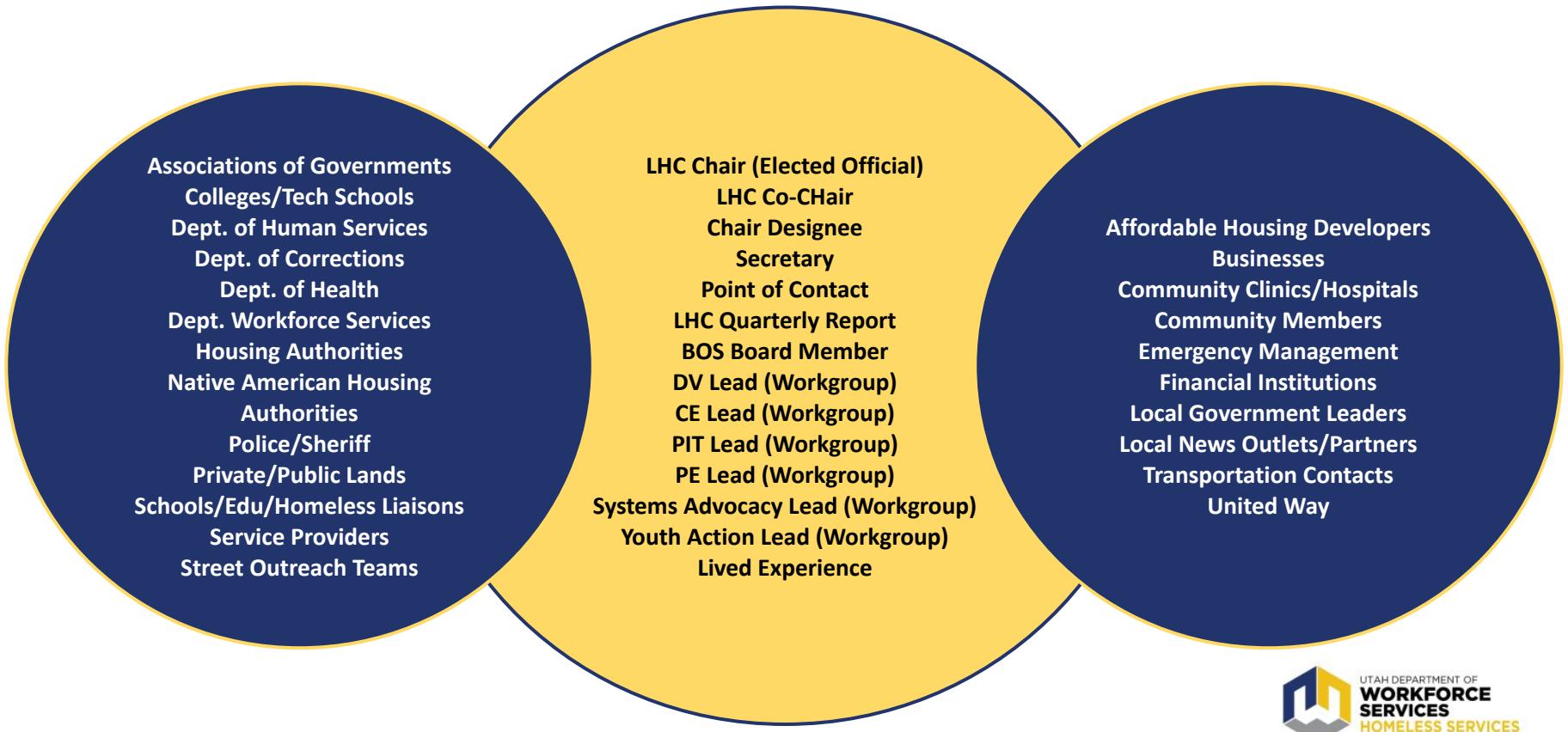
- LHCs designed to be tailored to each local communities needs, geography, and resources.
- LHCs provide the foundation for community wide system coordination around homelessness.
- Creating cohesive and comprehensive intervention and planning. Rather than duplicating efforts, organizations can split up or coordinate responsibilities in ways that afford more participants access to programs and to plan and launch community-wide initiatives.



End Utah Homelessness



# LHC MEMBERS & PARTNERS



# RURAL HOMELESSNESS



# WHAT IS RURAL HOMELESSNESS?

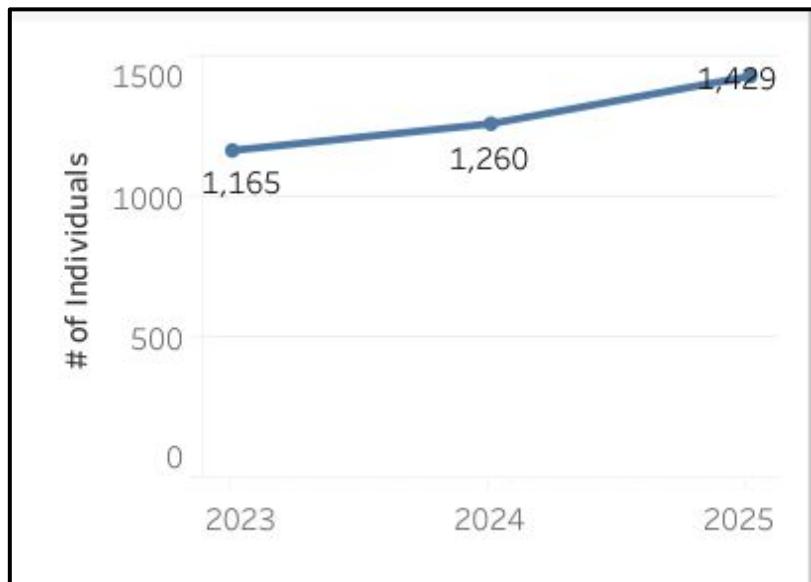
**Homelessness exists wherever housing is unaffordable. Rural homelessness refers to individuals and families experiencing homelessness in rural or non-urban areas, which can look drastically different than urban homelessness.**

- Diverse demographics
- Large geographic expanses
- Farm workers & Seasonal workers
- More dispersed
  - Camping & living on public lands - BLM, Forest Service
- Unique living conditions and situations
  - Not HUD defined “homeless”: doubled-up, couch surfing
- Often unseen and referred to as “invisible”/“hidden”



# RURAL HOMELESSNESS IN UTAH

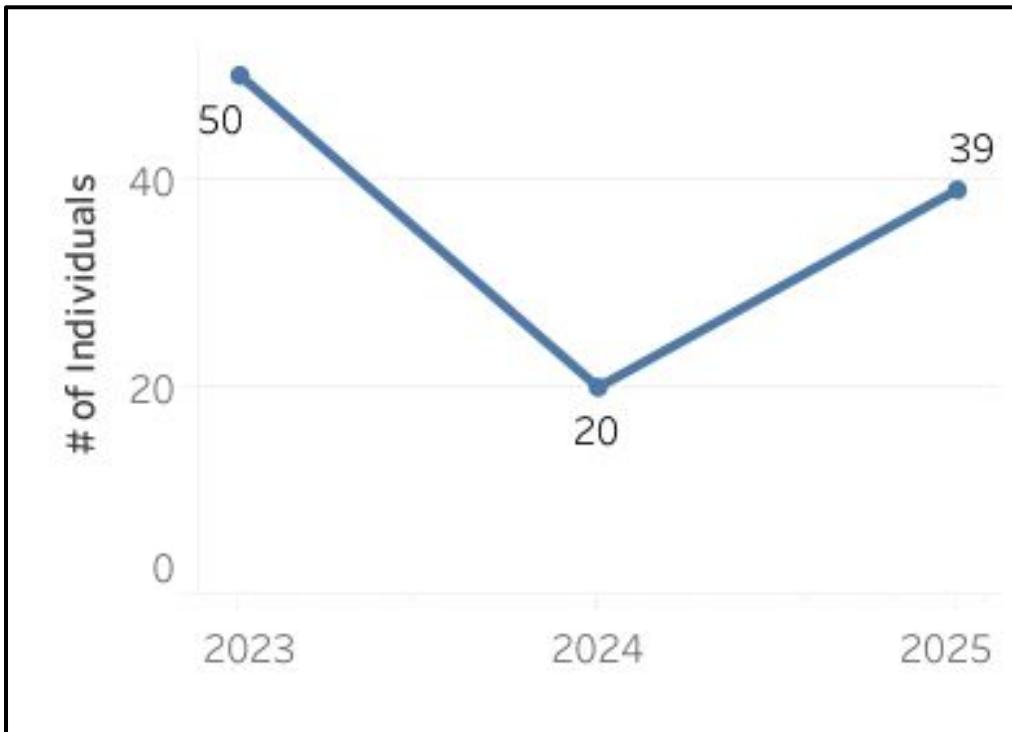
## UT503 Balance of State Continuum of Care Point in Time Data



- Total numbers for PIT for the BoS CoC during 2023, 2024, 2025.
- From 2023 to 2025 there was a 264 person increase in the PIT.
- The BOS (11 out of 13 LHCs) makes up 31% of the total statewide PIT count for 2025.



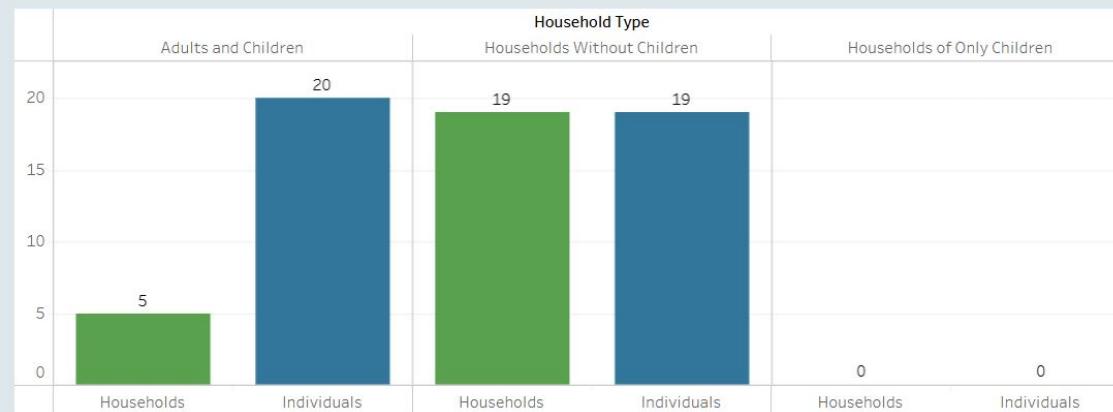
# SIX COUNTY LHC POINT IN TIME DATA



- **Six County LHC PIT totals in 2023, 2024, 2025.**
- **From 2024 to 2025 there was a 19 person increase in the Six County LHC PIT.**
- **Note:**  
PIT is only one data source & rural homelessness is hard to capture through PIT.



**AT THE END OF JANUARY EACH YEAR**, Utah's Continua of Care (CoC) carry out the Point-in-Time (PIT) Count. While many factors influence who is experiencing homelessness on a single night, the PIT helps communities understand the need for homeless services on a single night. It also provides a better understanding of populations, such as those who are fleeing domestic violence or experiencing unsheltered homelessness, that are underrepresented in other reports and data systems.



Year:  
2025

Total PIT Count: 39

Subpopulation	Year
Adults with HIV/AIDS	0
Adults with Mental Illness	6
Adults with Substance Abuse Disorders	5
Child of a Youth Parent	0
Chronically Homeless Persons in Households of Adults and Minors	0
Chronically Homeless Veterans	0
Survivors of Domestic Violence (Adults and Minors)	31
Survivors of Domestic Violence (Adults Only)	17
Total Chronically Homeless Persons	5
Unaccompanied Youth (Under Age 25)	4
Veterans	0
Youth Parent (Under Age 25)	0

Subpopulation	Location Type
Adults with HIV/AIDS	2025
Adults with Mental Illness	LHC
Adults with Substance Abuse Disorders	LHC
Child of a Youth Parent	LHC
Chronically Homeless Persons in Households of Adults and Minors	LHC
Chronically Homeless Veterans	LHC
Survivors of Domestic Violence (Adults and Minors)	Six County
Survivors of Domestic Violence (Adults Only)	Six County
Total Chronically Homeless Persons	Six County
Unaccompanied Youth (Under Age 25)	Six County
Veterans	Six County
Youth Parent (Under Age 25)	Six County

Subpopulation	Sheltered
Adults with HIV/AIDS	(All)
Adults with Mental Illness	(All)
Adults with Substance Abuse Disorders	(All)
Child of a Youth Parent	(All)
Chronically Homeless Persons in Households of Adults and Minors	(All)
Chronically Homeless Veterans	(All)
Survivors of Domestic Violence (Adults and Minors)	(All)
Survivors of Domestic Violence (Adults Only)	(All)
Total Chronically Homeless Persons	(All)
Unaccompanied Youth (Under Age 25)	(All)
Veterans	(All)
Youth Parent (Under Age 25)	(All)

## Household Type:

- **19 Individuals**
- **20 Adults & Children**

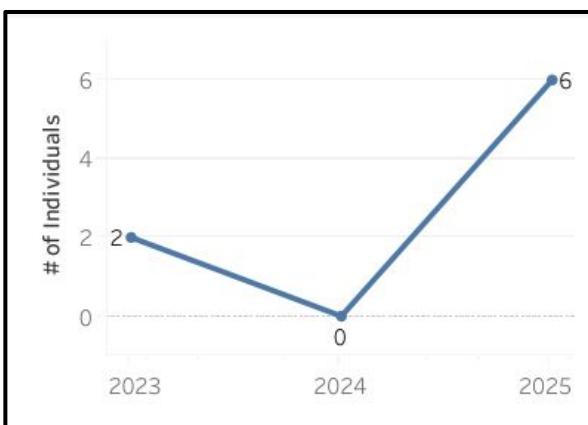
## Six County PIT Data by County:

1. **Juab - 0**
2. **Sanpete - 0**
3. **Piute - 0**
4. **Millard - 6**
5. **Sevier - 32**
6. **Wayne - 1**

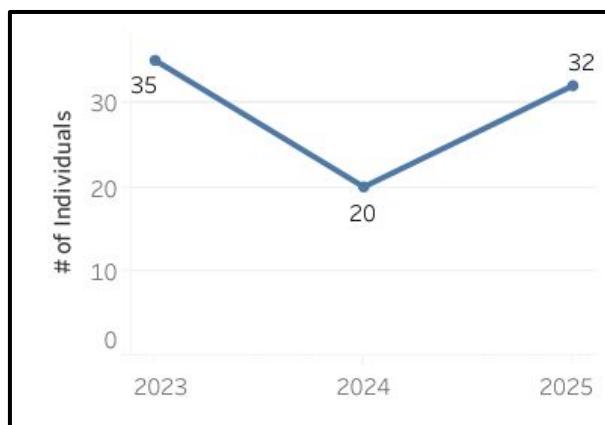


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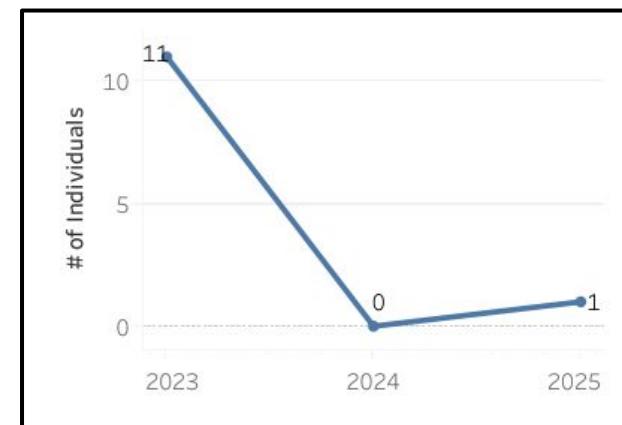
## MILLARD COUNTY



## SEVIER COUNTY



## WAYNE COUNTY



# HOW COMMUNITIES CAN PLAY A ROLE

- Building awareness and understanding
- Developing affordable housing
- Advocating for policy change
- Improving transportation access
- Promoting economic opportunities
- Fostering community engagement
- Highlighting success stories and community involvement
- Creating tailored approaches for your specific community
- Creating new authentic partnerships and fostering existing partnership

**By fostering collaboration, promoting awareness, and engaging community members, rural communities can build a more inclusive and supportive environment for addressing rural homelessness.**



# HOW PARTNERSHIPS CAN PLAY A ROLE

- Increase awareness and advocacy
- Leverage diverse funding and resources
- Create comprehensive and innovative solutions
- Improve access and coordination to services and resources
- Capacity building
- Enhance community trust and support
- Collaborate across sectors

**Authentic new partnerships can play a crucial role in addressing rural homelessness by leveraging resources, expertise and community engagement.**



# CODE BLUE/WINTER RESPONSE



# CODE BLUE/WINTER RESPONSE COLLABORATION

- Office of Homeless Services
- Dept. of Health and Human Services
- Local agencies
- Shelters
- Nonprofits
- City and County officials
- Law Enforcement
- Emergency Management
- Health services
- Community organizations
- Volunteers

In Utah, a "Code Blue" response is a **community-driven initiative** designed to address homelessness and severe weather conditions. Triggered by dangerously cold or extreme weather forecasts, this response involves a **collaborative effort among local agencies, shelters, and providers**. **Coordination among city and county officials, health services, and community organizations** ensures effective resource distribution and public awareness is raised through local media and community bulletins.



# WHAT IS A CODE BLUE EVENT?

**Code Blue events were approved under a Utah State law that became effective in 2023:**

- A “Code Blue event” means a weather event in which the National Weather Service predicts temperatures of 18 degrees fahrenheit or less, including wind chill, or any other extreme weather conditions established in rules made by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) under subsection 35A-16-702(4), to occur in any county of the first, second, third or fourth class for two hours or longer within the next 24 to 48 hours.

[35A-16-701](#)

**Definitions**

[35A-16-702](#)

**Code blue alert -- Content -- Dissemination -- Rulemaking**

[35A-16-703](#)

**Provisions in effect for duration of code blue alert**



# CODE BLUE/WINTER AFFECTED COUNTIES

## Municipalities within the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th class counties

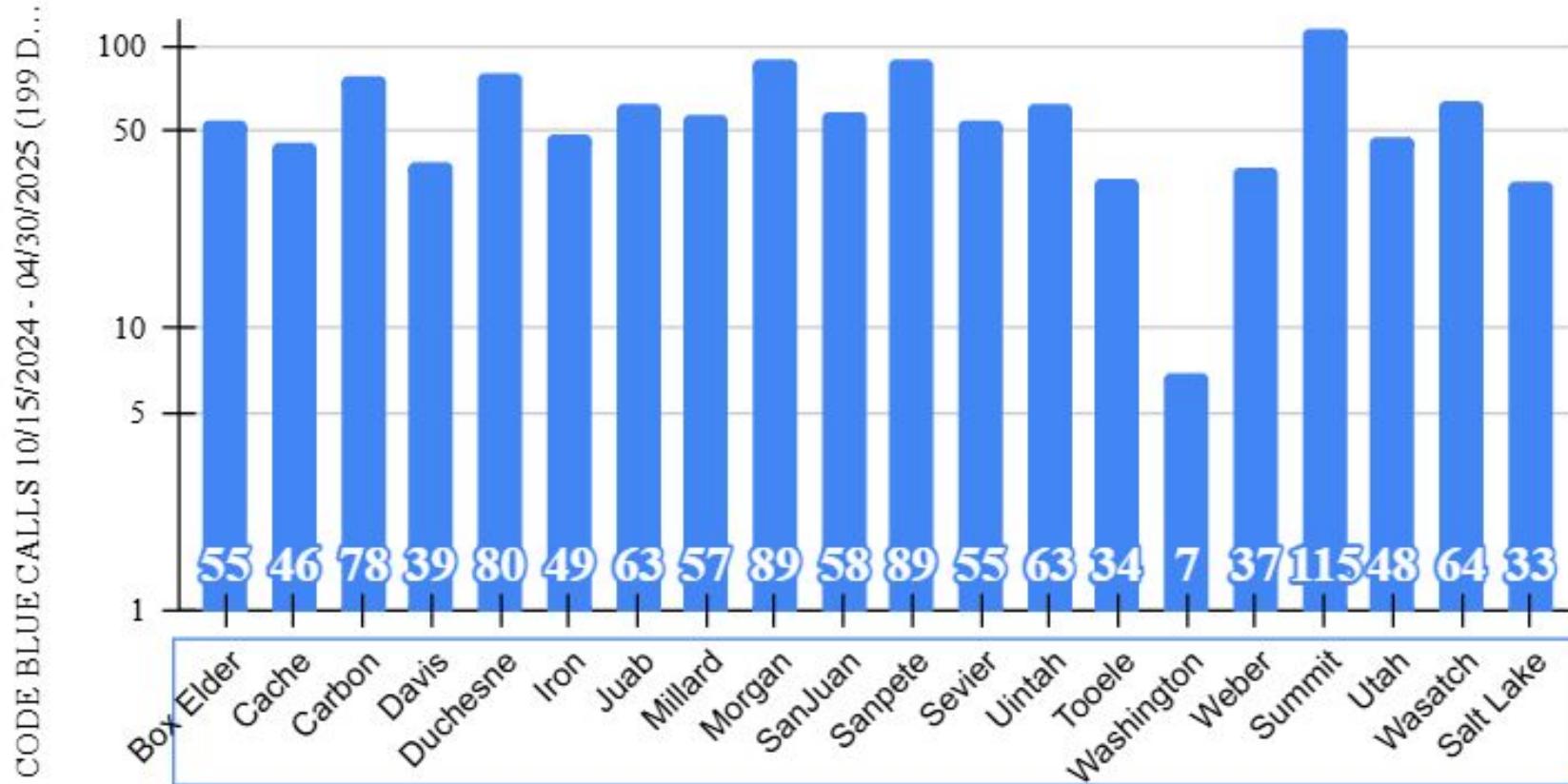
- Box Elder
- Cache
- Carbon
- **Davis\***
- Duchesne
- Iron
- Juab
- Millard
- Morgan
- San Juan
- Sanpete
- Sevier
- Uintah
- Tooele
- **Washington\***
- **Weber\***
- Summit
- **Utah\***
- Wasatch
- **Salt Lake County\***

[\\*Effective 5/1/2024: 35A-16-502. Winter response plan required](#)



# 2024-2025 Code Blue Notifications by County

*National Weather Service indicated Code Blue days*



# CODE BLUE/WINTER RESPONSE IN SIX COUNTY

- **264 CODE BLUE CALLS WITHIN SIX COUNTY IN 2024-2025**
- Within Six County, Juab, Millard, Sanpete and Sevier counties fall within the 1st-4th class counties and are monitored for Code Blue.
  - *Piute and Wayne counties fall within the 5th-6th class counties and are not monitored for Code Blue.*
- When the National Weather Service predicts temperatures will reach 18 degrees Fahrenheit, including a wind chill, for 2 hours or more over the next 24 hours - a Code Blue Alert will be issued for the county. This alert will be in effect for 24 hours from the start time of this alert.
- Any individual and/or family who is experiencing unsheltered homelessness when a Code Blue event is issued from October - April may contact the LHCs/COUNTIES Code Blue contact to be provided with a hotel/motel voucher for seven (7) nights.



# Utah State Code 35A-16-7

**Code Blue events within Six County allow Six County to identify a location(s) to shield people who are experiencing homelessness from the cold and/or extreme weather conditions. Following the provisions as defined in Utah Code 35A-16-703:**

- Any indoor facility owned by a private organization, nonprofit organization, state government entity, or local government entity may be used to provide temporary shelter to individuals experiencing homelessness and is exempt from the licensure requirements of Title 26B, Chapter 2, Licensing and Certifications, for the duration of the code blue alert and seven days following the day on which the code blue alert ends, so long as the facility is in compliance with the applicable building code and fire code and the governing body of the organization or the legislative body of the government entity that owns the facility approves the use;
- Homeless shelters, state and local government entities, and other organizations that provide services to individuals experiencing homelessness shall coordinate street outreach efforts to distribute to individuals experiencing homelessness any available resources for survival in cold weather, including clothing items and blankets;
- A state or local government entity, including a municipality, law enforcement agency, and local health department, may enforce a camping ordinance but may not seize from individuals experiencing homelessness any personal items for survival in cold weather, including clothing, blankets, tents, and sleeping bags; and
- A municipality or other local government entity may not enforce any ordinance or policy that limits or restricts the ability for the provisions described in Subsections (1) through (5) to take effect, including local zoning ordinances.



# CODE BLUE - COUNTY TO DO LIST

- Review complete Utah Code
- Review provisions of the code
- Coordinate with Local Homeless Council leadership
- Coordinate with Winter Task Force (if applicable)
- Know your community resources
- Plan your community response
- Facilities: Policies and Procedures
- Please provide a **city/county contact** that can be contacted by OHS/DHHS for questions/issues.





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