

Homelessness in Cache Valley

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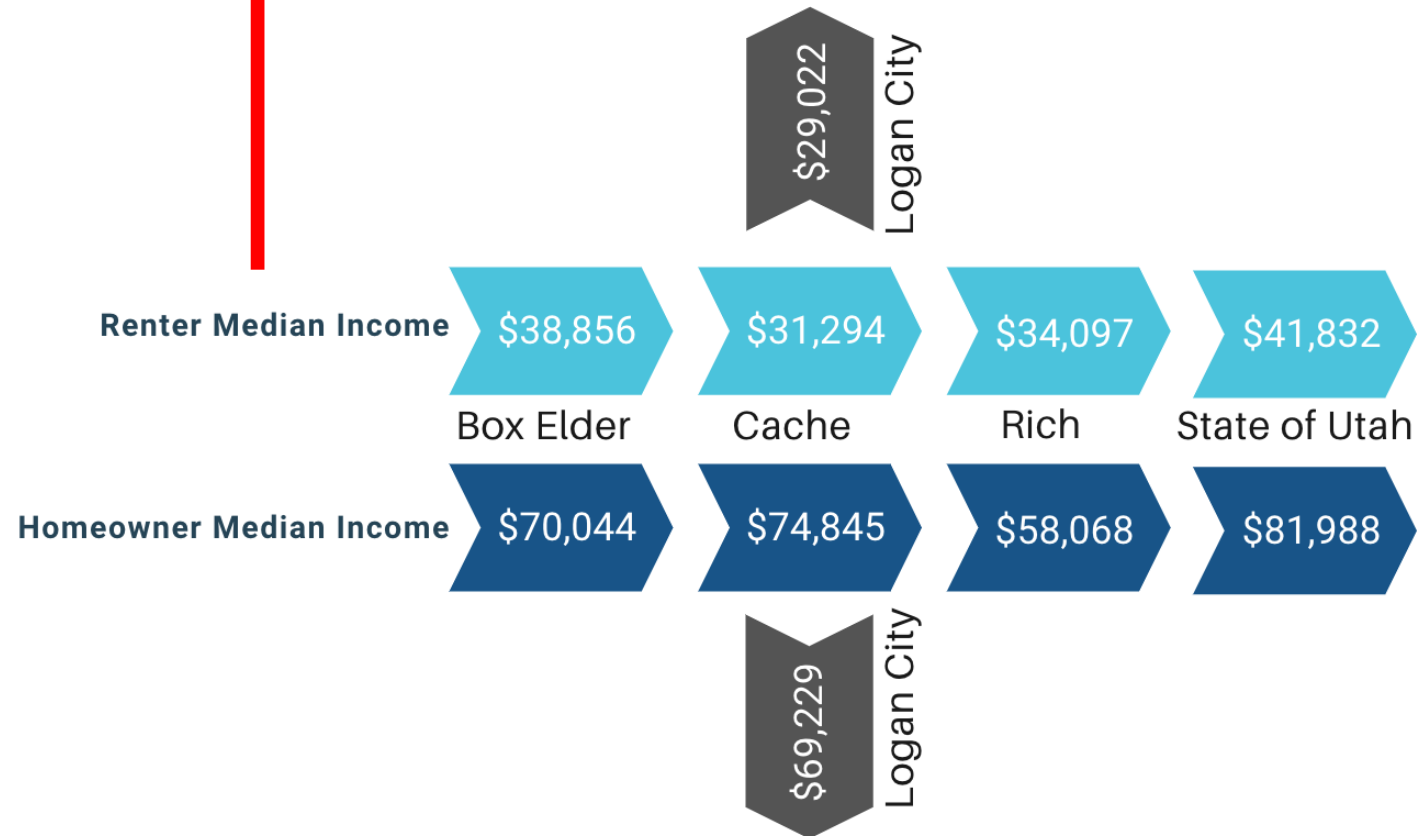


The Issue in Context

I mean we live paycheck to paycheck anyway. But we were managing OK staying on top of things, despite my son's disabilities, and me still looking for a part-time job, we were holding on. Then my husband was in a car accident, and missed a few weeks of work, we're not sure when or if insurance is going to pay. But without that paycheck, things started to spiral, I didn't pay all of our electric bill, just part of it, part of the gas, because I knew rent was our priority. We were still \$85 short on rent. And that got us late fees, those kept adding up. Then we got late fees on our utility bills. It was like this domino effect - one domino was hit and it sent the rest of them tumbling down. We are so close to being evicted, and the thing is if I would've reached out for help in the beginning it would've only been \$125. But now that I have allowed all of this to happen we owe \$725 in rent [and \$190 in utilities], most of that being late fees.

- Bear River Region Community Member

1 in 5 renters in our area pay more than 50% of their monthly income on housing



Estimating the Extent of the Problem

- Point-in-Time Count (PIT)
- Community-Based Survey Research (N=880)
- Coordinated Entry Data (BRAG, CAPSA, New Hope Crisis Center)
- Families Feeding Families Annual Numbers

PIT DATA, 2017-2020

2017 – 2020 Point in Time Count Data by LHCC

		2017	2018	2019	2020	% Change
State of Utah	Sheltered	2574	2456	2390		-7.10%
	Unsheltered	291	420	408		40.20%
	Total	2865	2876	2798		-2.30%
Bear River	Sheltered	22	79	61		177.30%
	Unsheltered	0	5	4	59	1,475.00%
	Total	22	84	65		195.50%
Iron County	Sheltered	29	32	30		3.40%
	Unsheltered	0	10	0		0.00%
	Total	29	42	30		3.40%
Balance of State	Sheltered	492	656	639		29.88%
	Unsheltered	87	239	151		73.56%
	Total	579	895	790		36.44%

2020 BRAG PIT Data

- 43 heads of household; 16 minor children
- HoHs were 62% male and 38% female
- % of surveys from families = 53%
- Most common shelter places: cars in big box parking lots, cars in work parking lots, storage units, cars at park n rides, 24 hour establishments
- For 42% of sample, this was their first time homeless
- On average, the sample had been homeless for approximately 7.5 months during their current spell of homelessness, though the median was 3 months.

Lantern House PIT Data, 2016-2020

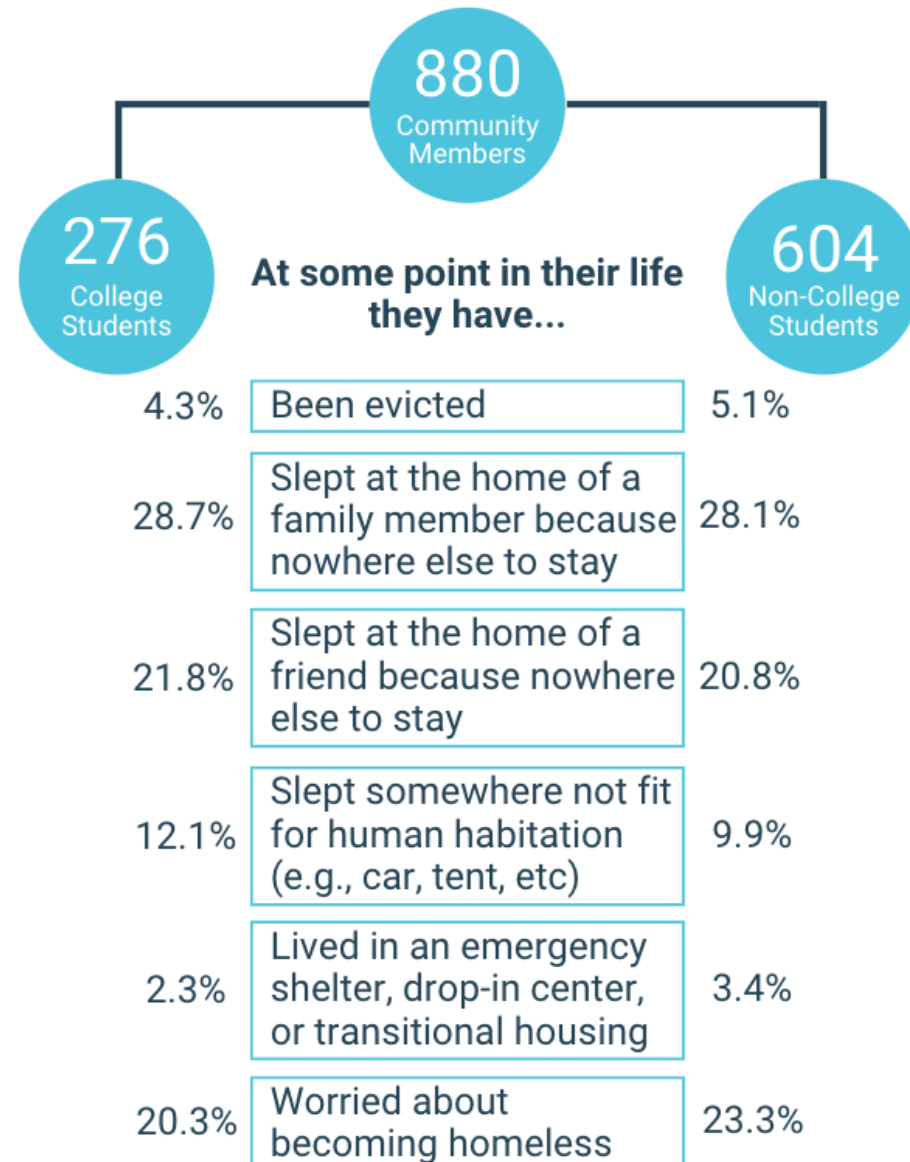
Emergency Shelter in Ogden, UT

Number of unsheltered individuals
with last residence in Box Elder,
Cache, and Rich Counties

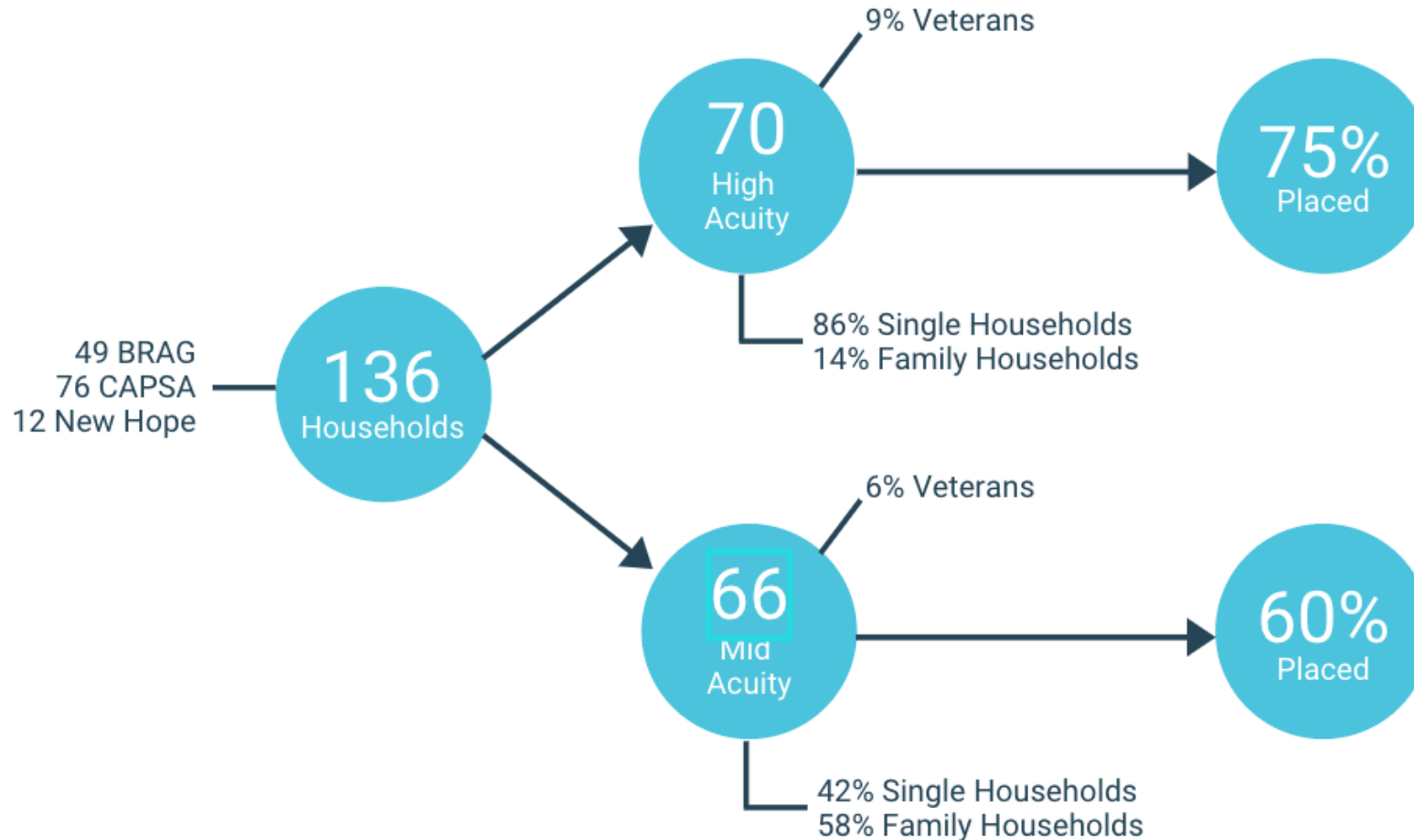


FY	County	# of people
19-20	Box Elder	27
19-20	Cache	15
19-20	Rich	0
18-19	Box Elder	53
18-19	Cache	28
18-19	Rich	0
17-18	Box Elder	20
17-18	Cache	10
17-18	Rich	0
16-17	Box Elder	31
16-17	Cache	14
16-17	Rich	0

Community-Based Survey Data, 2018



Coordinated Entry Data, 2019



Families Feeding Families Data, 2019

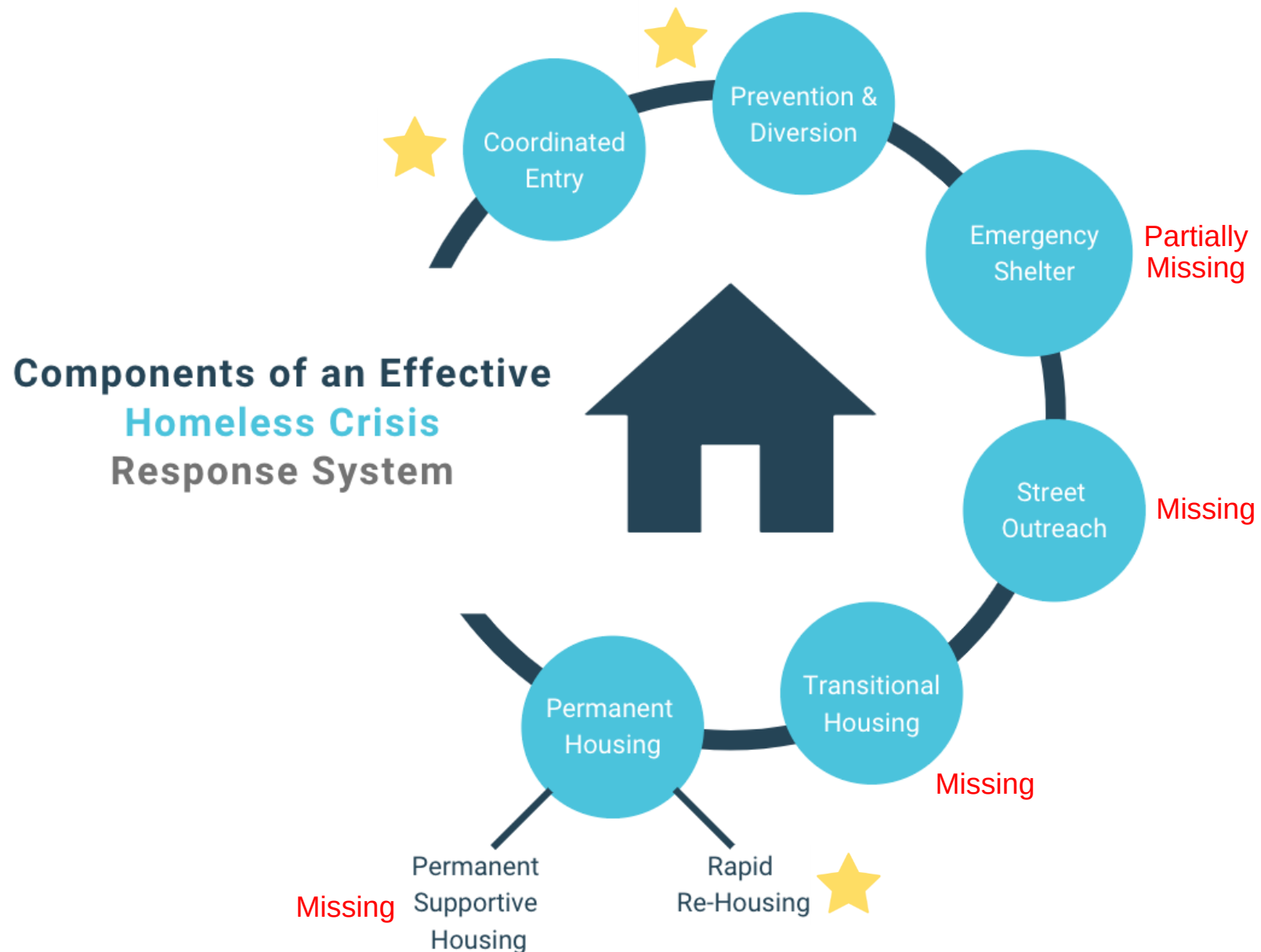


Utah Homelessness Funding Figures by Region

		State of Utah SHCC -HCD Homelessness Allocations				HUD CoC Funding Allocation		Homeless Shelter Cities Mitigation Funds				
	LHCC	FY19 Award	% of Total	FY20 Award	% of Total	FY18	% of Total	FY20 Deduction	FY20 Award	% of Total	FY21 Award	% of Total
	BRAG	\$203,263.00	2.15%	\$219,337.00	1.26%			\$342,015.24	-	-	-	-
Balance of State (25 Counties)	Carbon-Emery	\$68,200.00	0.72%	\$114,013.00	0.66%	\$1,817,218.00	16.67%	\$57,323.39	-	-	-	-
	Davis	\$57,500.00	0.61%	\$52,070.00	0.30%			\$656,834.11	-	-	-	-
	Iron	\$134,000.00	1.42%	\$223,496.00	1.29%			\$72,283.14	-	-	-	-
	Grand	-	0.00%	\$30,921.00	0.18%			\$18,275.03	-	-	-	-
	San Juan	-	0.00%	-	0.00%			-	-	-	-	-
	Six County	-	0.00%	\$11,000.00	0.06%			\$133,112.27	-	-	-	-
	Tooele	\$50,428.00	0.53%	\$25,364.00	0.15%			\$127,685.15	-	-	-	-
	Uintah	\$26,000.00	0.27%	\$84,050.00	0.48%			\$86,689.50	-	-	\$49,488.75	1.02%
	Washington	\$582,452.00	6.15%	\$470,852.00	2.71%			\$153,852.27	-	-	\$243,750.00	5.01%
	Weber-Ogden	\$839,431.00	8.87%	\$989,924.00	5.70%			\$336,712.54	\$398,273.00	8.19%	\$961,576.00	19.77%
	Mountainland	\$433,477.00	4.58%	\$767,567.00	4.42%	\$1,198,418.00	10.99%	\$1,259,919.27				
	Salt Lake	\$7,068,862.00	74.70%	\$14,392,644.00	82.81%	\$7,887,527.00	72.34%	\$1,618,466.22	\$4,333,047.00	89.10%	\$3,528,880.88	72.56%
	TOTALS	\$9,463,613.00		\$17,381,238.00		\$10,903,163.00		\$4,863,168.13				

Sources: https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/coc-dashboard-reports/?filter_Year=2018&filter_State=UT&filter_CoC=&program=CoC&group=Dash; <https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/492739.pdf>

Components of the Homeless Service System



What's Next?

- Regional Homeless Plan is in final stages of development
 - Action-oriented, collaborative
 - Focuses on:
 - Leadership/Governance
 - Data Use & Tracking
 - Service Delivery
 - Community Engagement
- LHCC is reorganizing
- Need to advocate for decision-making seat at the SHCC
- Need for state elected officials and bureaucrats to better understand nuances of rural and semi-rural homelessness
- Need for local elected officials to advocate for our region

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Thank you!