

*The true face of homelessness is a parent
and her children fleeing domestic violence,
a veteran living with a disability,
or a working neighbor who is battling
inflation and financial instability.*

TRUTH

Idaho HOUSING and FINANCE Association

and its Partners

invite you to familiarize yourself with the answers to these three key questions concerning homelessness in Idaho.

What is the extent of homelessness across Idaho?

What are the main drivers of homelessness in Idaho?

What is being done to address this hardship faced by so many?

It is our collective hope that this report brings greater awareness to the experiences of those facing homelessness as well as the exceptional work of nonprofits dedicated to fighting homelessness in Idaho.

We hope this report inspires you to join the fight against homelessness. With your help, we can ensure every Idahoan has access to a safe place to call home and to the services necessary to remain stably housed.

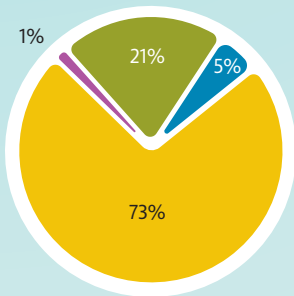
We Count in *LIVES*, not Numbers

Total homeless in Idaho: 9,228

42%: Disabled

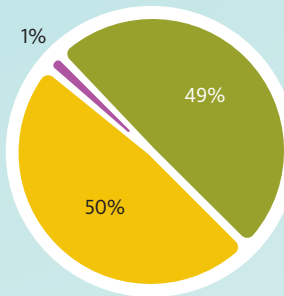
16%: Chronically Homeless

6%: Veterans



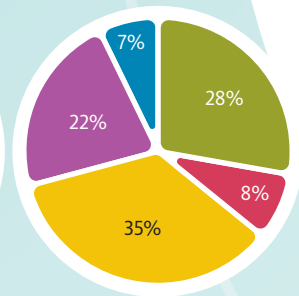
Household Type:

- Families (adult & child)
- Adults Only (no children)
- Single Adults
- Child Only (17 and under)



Gender:

- Male
- Female
- Other



Age:

- 17 and under
- 18-24 years
- 25-44 years
- 45-61 years
- 62+ years

Data in this report was generated from the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and Community Management Information System (CMIS), both of which are electronic databases that gather the characteristics and service needs of those experiencing homelessness.

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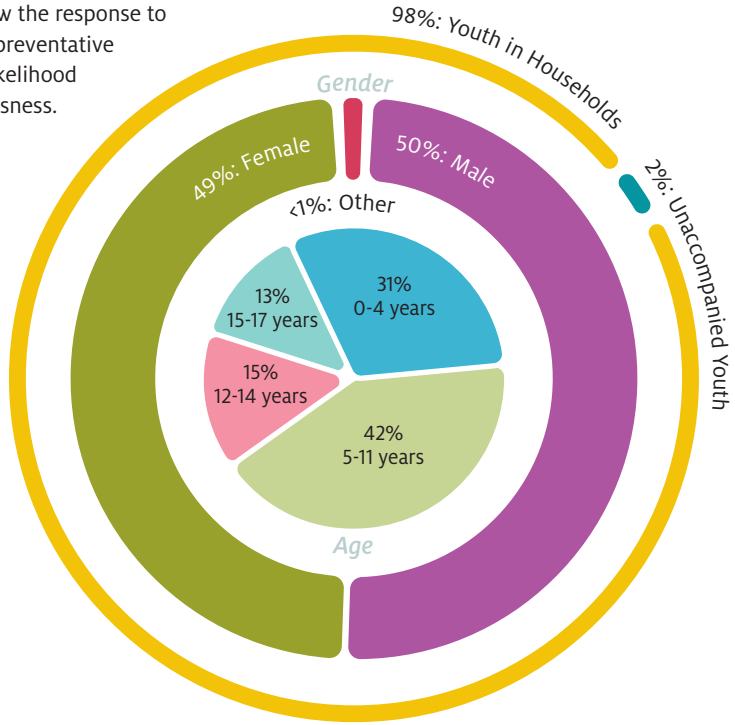
People are homeless because of their own poor choices.

Youth:

BREAKING the CYCLE EARLY

Youth consists of minors up to age 18. We highlight this subset of the population because of its vulnerable state. We view the response to youth homelessness as preventative work that reduces the likelihood of generational homelessness.

Homeless Youth in Idaho: 2,614



Families:

HOPE STARTS with a STABLE HOME

Families accounted for approximately 44% of the people and 21% of the households experiencing homelessness in the past year. Given the effect housing stability has on job security, education and health and wellness, resources for families is a high priority.

Total family households: 1,258

Total people in family households: 4,085

Chronically homeless families: 11%

A Shelter Makes a BIG DIFFERENCE in a SMALL COMMUNITY

Offering a safety net for people in crisis is a challenge in any community. Offering that essential service in rural Idaho adds a unique set of hurdles.

“It’s a constant challenge to provide support because we’re the only game in town,” said Patrick Reagan, the executive director of the Mahoney House in Salmon.

The Mahoney House and its team of five helps residents of Lemhi and Custer counties – a 9,500-square-mile area in northeast Idaho – who are fleeing domestic or sexual violence. In addition to a 24-hour hotline, the organization operates

a shelter and connects people to a variety of other services.

“Our mission is to be that resource [in a] community where there aren’t a lot of resources,” Reagan said.

Funding those resources is especially difficult in an area with only 12,600 residents. That’s why the Avenues for Hope Housing Challenge is important to organizations like The Mahoney House.

“Being able to provide rent or a rental deposit or pay someone’s utilities is huge in a crisis situation,” Reagan said. Just as importantly, the money they raise helps stop the cycle of violence in their community.

“About every day we’re in the schools with the kids, teaching them social and emotional skills so as they grow up we don’t perpetuate the cycles that we see,” Reagan said.



Link:
<http://tinyurl.com/MahoneyHouse>

Home PARTNERSHIP Foundation

The Home Partnership Foundation is a nonprofit organization created by Idaho Housing and Finance to help communities meet their most pressing housing needs. For more than 15 years, the foundation has received charitable donations from employers, the private sector, developers, local governments, financial institutions and others to help sustain and expand affordable housing opportunities. Since its inception in 2008, the foundation has invested more than \$16.2 million (not including Avenues for Hope funds raised) to help address housing needs in Idaho.

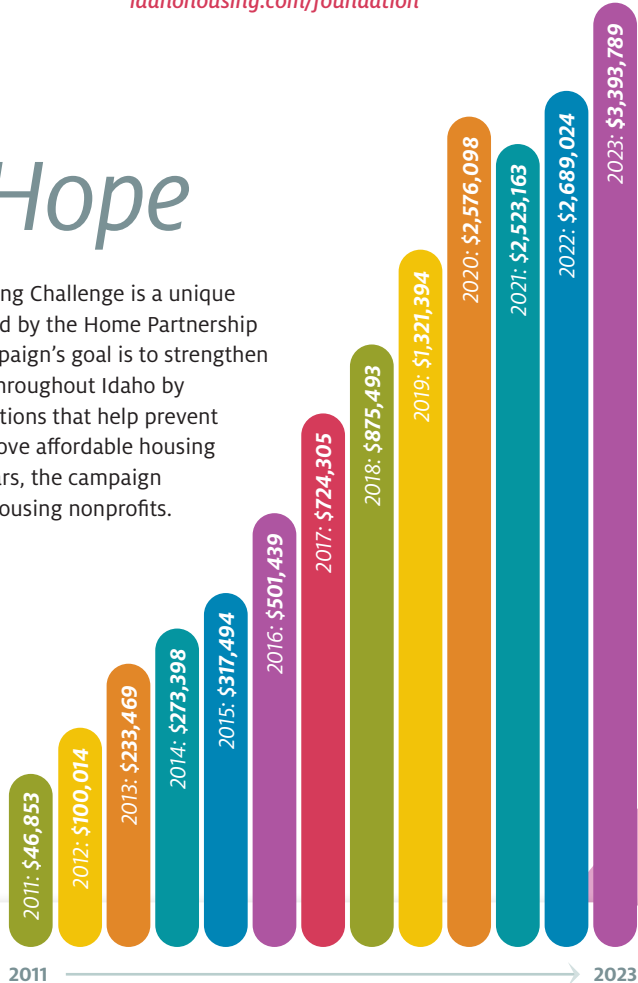
To learn more, visit idahohousing.com/foundation

Become a campaign sponsor by contacting us at AFH@IHFA.ORG.

AVENUES for Hope

The Avenues for Hope Housing Challenge is a unique fundraising campaign created by the Home Partnership Foundation. The annual campaign's goal is to strengthen housing-related nonprofits throughout Idaho by encouraging individual donations that help prevent homelessness and that improve affordable housing options. Over the past 13 years, the campaign has raised \$15.5 million for housing nonprofits.

To learn more, visit avenuesforhope.org



TOTAL Funding
2011-2023

MYTH

*Those that are homeless
do not have an income.*

*Of those entering
homelessness services
over the past year,
37% had an income.*

TRUTH

Idaho Falls *Family*

turns its **STRUGGLE** into **STABILITY**

Paul was in a bad spot. The Marine veteran lost his job, leaving his family without an income. Unable to pay rent, the Idaho Falls family was in danger of becoming homeless. In that moment, Paul did something others are sometimes too proud to do:
He asked for help.

Paul reached out to Idaho Housing and Finance about an emergency housing voucher. He had heard that receiving assistance usually takes a long time, so he was surprised when the caseworker said he immediately qualified for a Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing voucher. The news meant Paul and his family could begin to get their life back on track.

“There are a lot of people who don’t want to ask for help or who feel they are too good for help,” Paul said. “We look at it as help is there for when you need it, but then it allows you to work your way off of it.”

Now that his family had a stable place to live and he had a new job, Paul and his wife Nycole set their sights on owning their own home. Paul’s caseworker at Idaho Housing told him about the Family Self-Sufficiency program, which helps families with housing vouchers become financially independent. The program prepared Paul and Nycole for what to expect as homeowners. It also helped the couple save for a house by matching part of their monthly savings.

Before they knew it, they were homeowners.

Now Paul and Nycole are working hard to make the house their own. The kids enjoy having their own rooms, which Nycole personalized for each child. They are thankful for how Idaho Housing helped them on the path to homeownership.

“It’s a little bit humbling to get what you want and to understand all the hard work that you put in to get it,” Paul said.

“I’ll definitely treasure this house for a long time.”

Watch the full story here

Video Link:
<http://tinyurl.com/IHFAFamily>

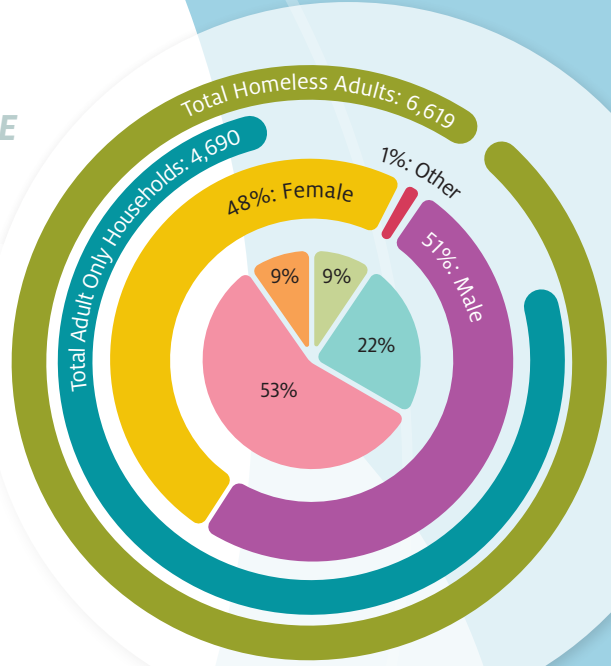


Adults:

**MANY HAVE a JOB
but not a HOME**

Adults account for 72% of those experiencing homelessness. To reduce homelessness in Idaho, it is essential that dedicated resources and support programs target this large segment of the homeless population.

- Disabled
- Chronically Homeless
- Veterans
- Elderly (62 and older)

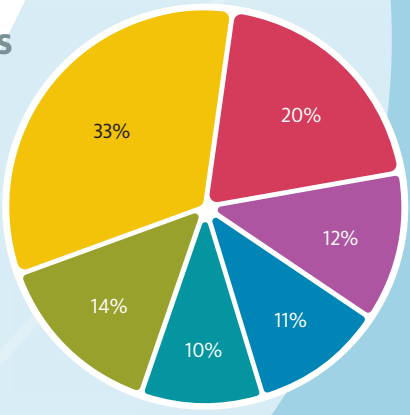


Homelessness Prevention:

*It Starts with UNDERSTANDING
the CAUSES of Homelessness*

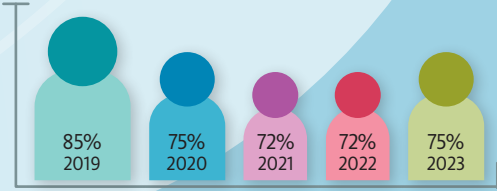
Causes of Homelessness:

- Domestic Violence or Family Break up
- Loss of income or Increase in Rent
- Eviction or Forced from Residence
- Disability-related
- Lack of Housing
- Other



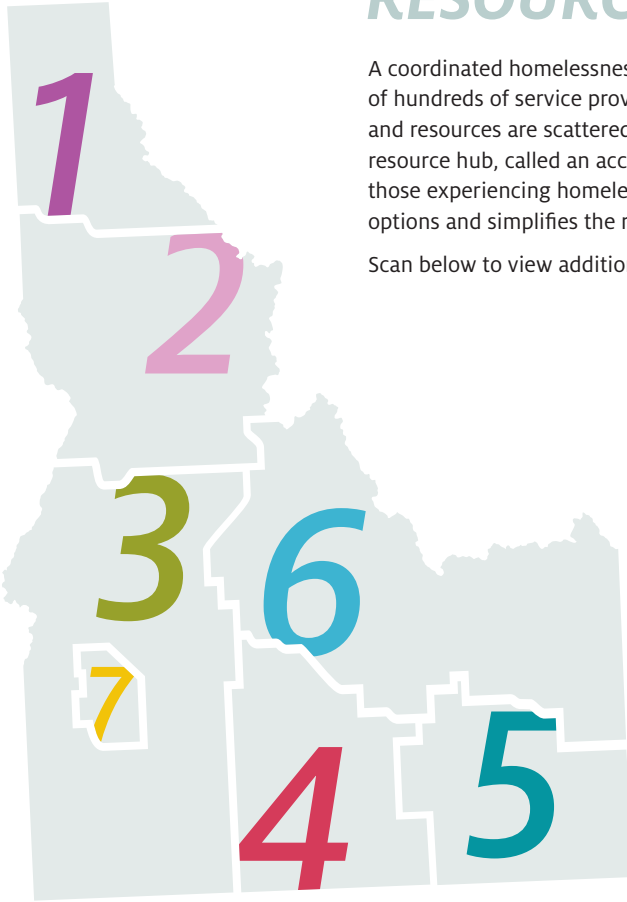
First time Homeless

Over the last five years, the majority of those using homelessness services are experiencing homelessness for the first time.



Access Points:

REGIONAL HOMELESSNESS RESOURCE HUBS



A coordinated homelessness response network consisting of hundreds of service providers and a host of programs and resources are scattered throughout Idaho. A central resource hub, called an access point, in each region helps those experiencing homelessness understand their options and simplifies the referral process.

Scan below to view additional information and resources:



<https://www.idahohousing.com/homeless-resources/>

REGION 1

St. Vincent de Paul
201 E. Harrison,
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814
208-664-3095

REGION 2

Sojourners' Alliance
627 N. Van Buren,
Moscow, ID 83843
208-310-4554

REGION 3

CATCH
1007 S. Elder St.,
Nampa, ID 83686
208-495-5688

REGION 4

*South Central Community
Action Partnership*
550 Washington St. S.,
Twin Falls, ID 83301
208-733-9351

REGION 5

Aid For Friends
214 E. Center, Suite 50,
Pocatello, ID 83201
208-254-0290

REGION 6

CLUB, Inc.
1820 E. 17th St., Suite 150,
Idaho Falls, ID 83404
208-529-4673

REGION 7

Our Path Home
150 N. Capitol Blvd,
Boise ID 83702
208-336-HOME (4663)

MYTH

*Homelessness can NEVER
happen to me.*

Of those using homeless services, 75% did so for the first time. All it takes is a rent increase, medical bill, bad relationship, loss in income, etc. to become homeless.

TRUTH

Rising costs for housing and living expenses have increased housing instability in recent years. The lack of funding for nonprofits devoted to this work is the most significant obstacle Idaho faces in fully addressing the diverse needs of those experiencing, or at risk of, **HOMELESSNESS**.

*We encourage you
to join us in supporting
the commendable efforts
of Idaho's housing
nonprofit network.*

***DONATE TODAY
and help make a difference.***

Visit: www.idahohousing.com/foundation
or scan the QR code below.



Thank you

*to our valued partners that
contributed information and
data for this year's report.*

*Also, a very special thank you
to the many organizations
and individuals serving as
exceptional neighbors to
those in need by dedicating
their time and their resources
to the fight against
homelessness.*



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