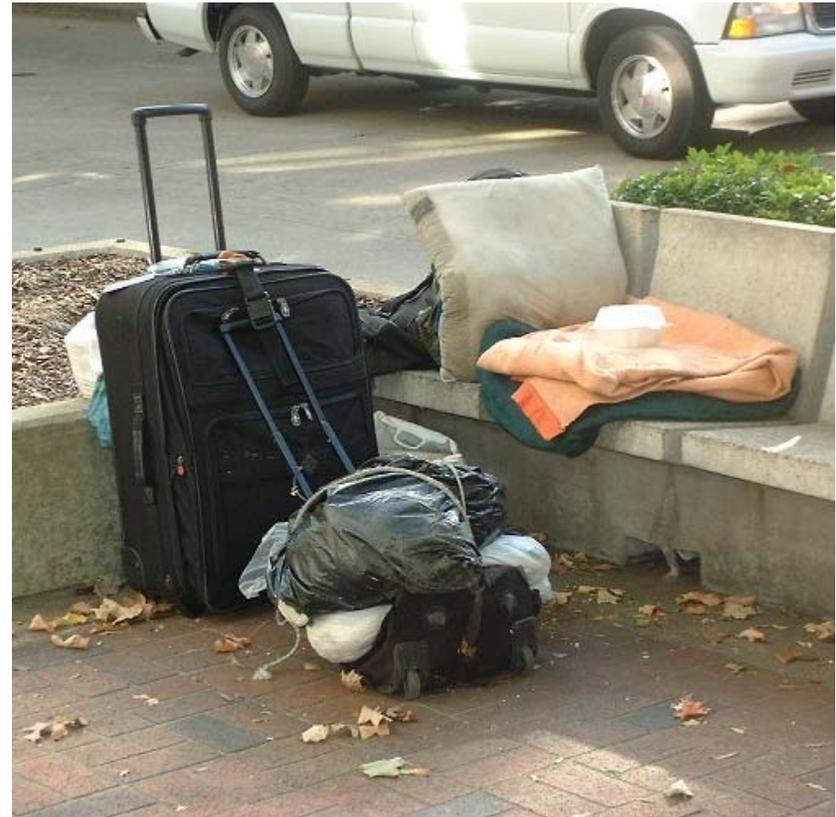




2008 Report

*On any given
night,
approximately
500 people face
homelessness
in our area.*



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Homeless people
can be adults,
young people,
couples, or
families with
children.



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They are living without shelter, either temporarily or long-term, for a variety of reasons.



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They may be homeless because of an untreated mental illness, a physical

disability, domestic violence, loss of a job, or an addiction.



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These people may be experiencing a financial crisis and have been evicted from their home; or be cycling in and out of homelessness.



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Chronic:

‘A person experiencing homelessness is defined as an unaccompanied individual with a disabling condition, who has either been continuously homeless for more than a year, or has had at least 4 episodes of homelessness in the past three years.’



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Transitional:

‘Transitional homelessness generally refers to a single episode of homelessness that is of relatively short duration. Persons that experience transitional homelessness briefly use homeless resources in times of hardship and usually do not return.’



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Coalition for the Homeless:

- A non-profit organization
- Advocates for the homeless
- Member organizations provide direct assistance for homeless people with a variety of needs including:
 - shelter
 - food and
 - the opportunity to work and meet their basic needs.



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Our Mission

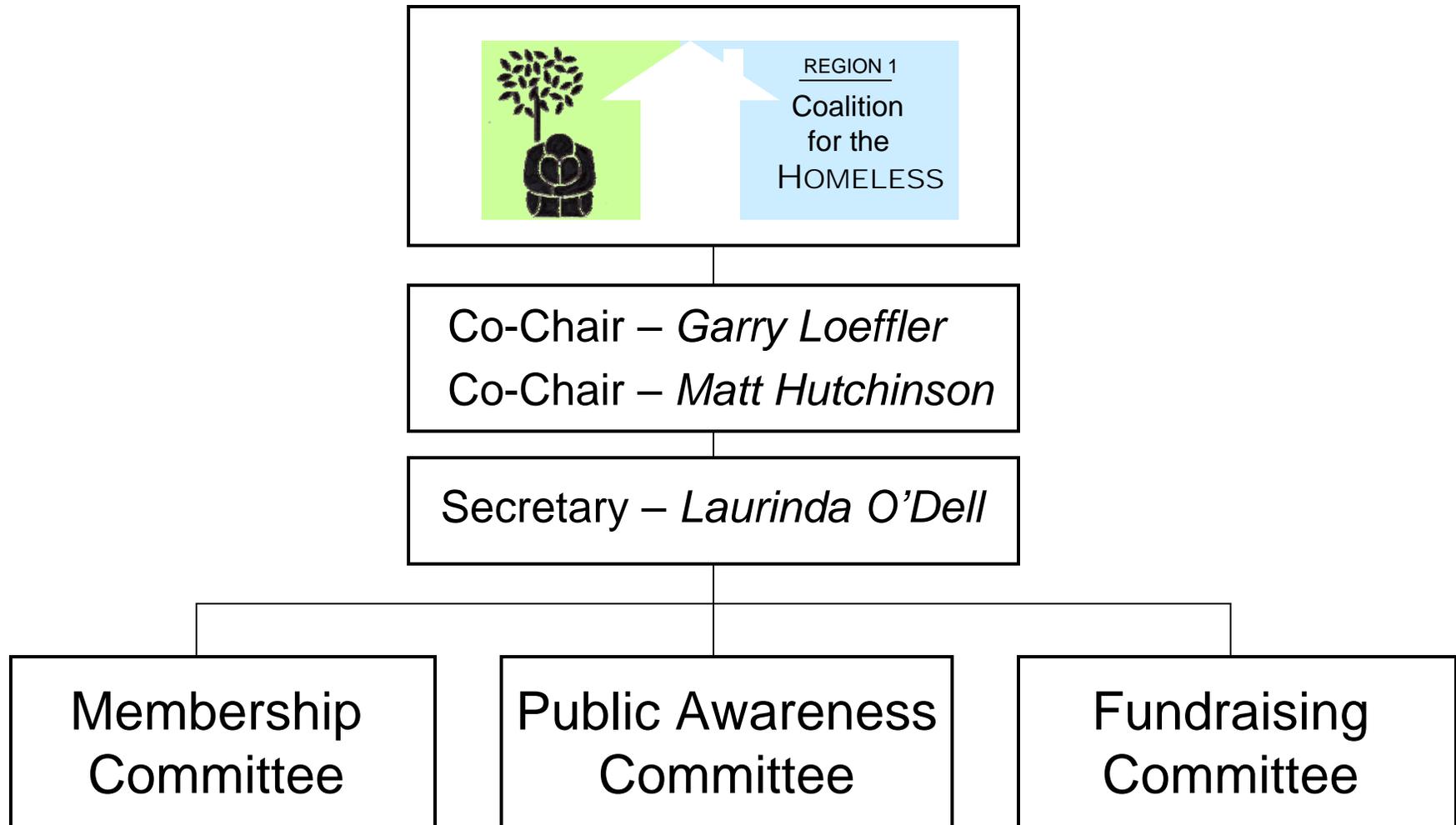
It is the vision of the Region 1 Coalition for the Homeless to significantly reduce and prevent the incidents of homelessness in the five northern counties of Idaho.



Idaho's Organizational Chart to Reduce Homelessness



Region 1 Coalition for the Homeless Organizational Chart



Where were you on January 29, 2008?

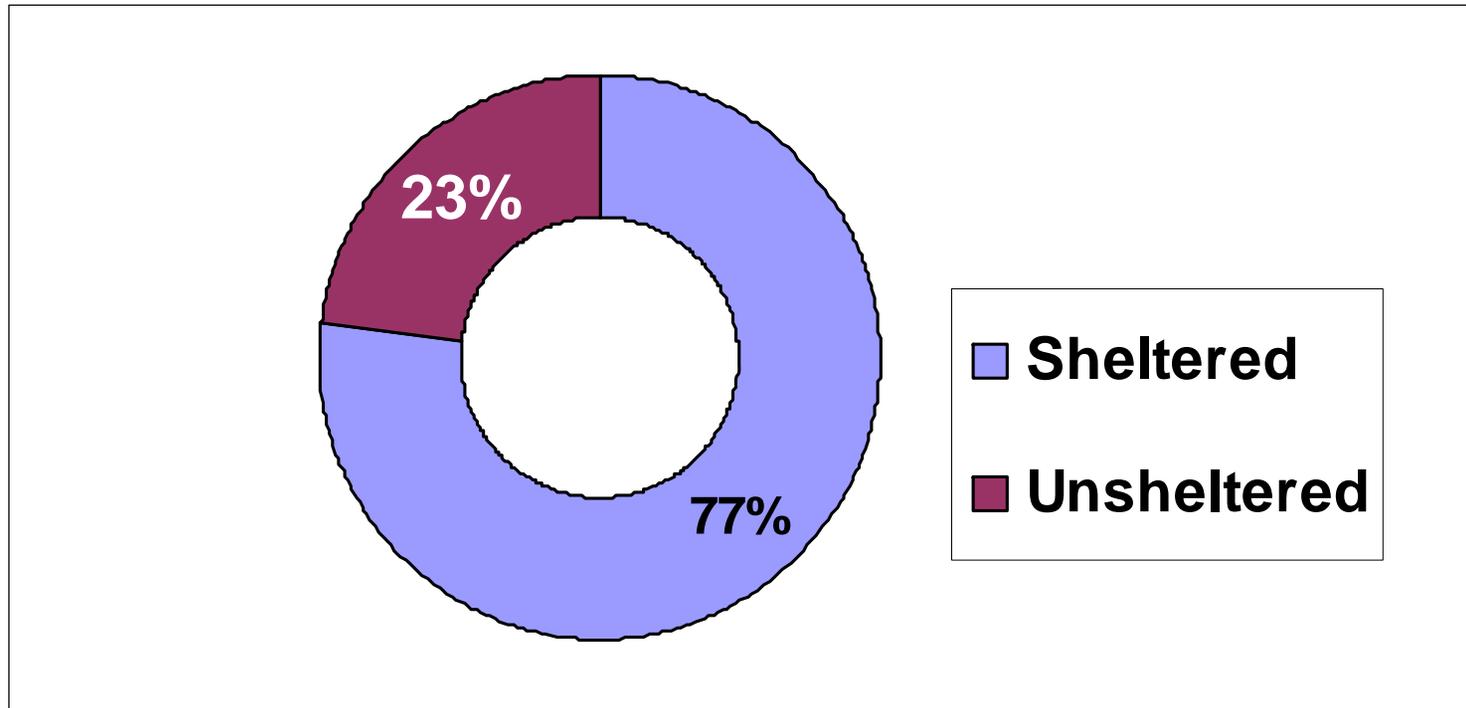


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January 29, 2008

Of the 360 people surveyed, 23% were unsheltered.

77% were sheltered in a vehicle, abandoned building, stairwell, or other.



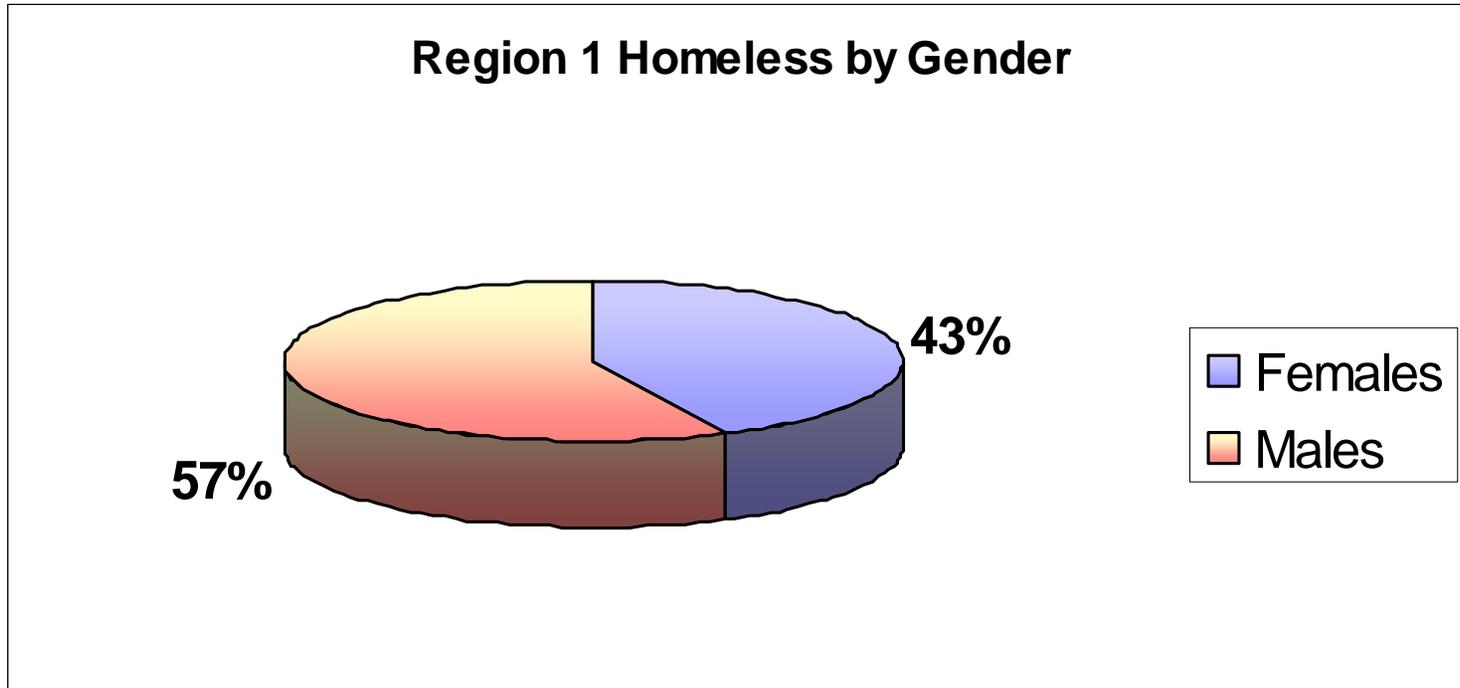
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Region 1: Homeless People by Gender



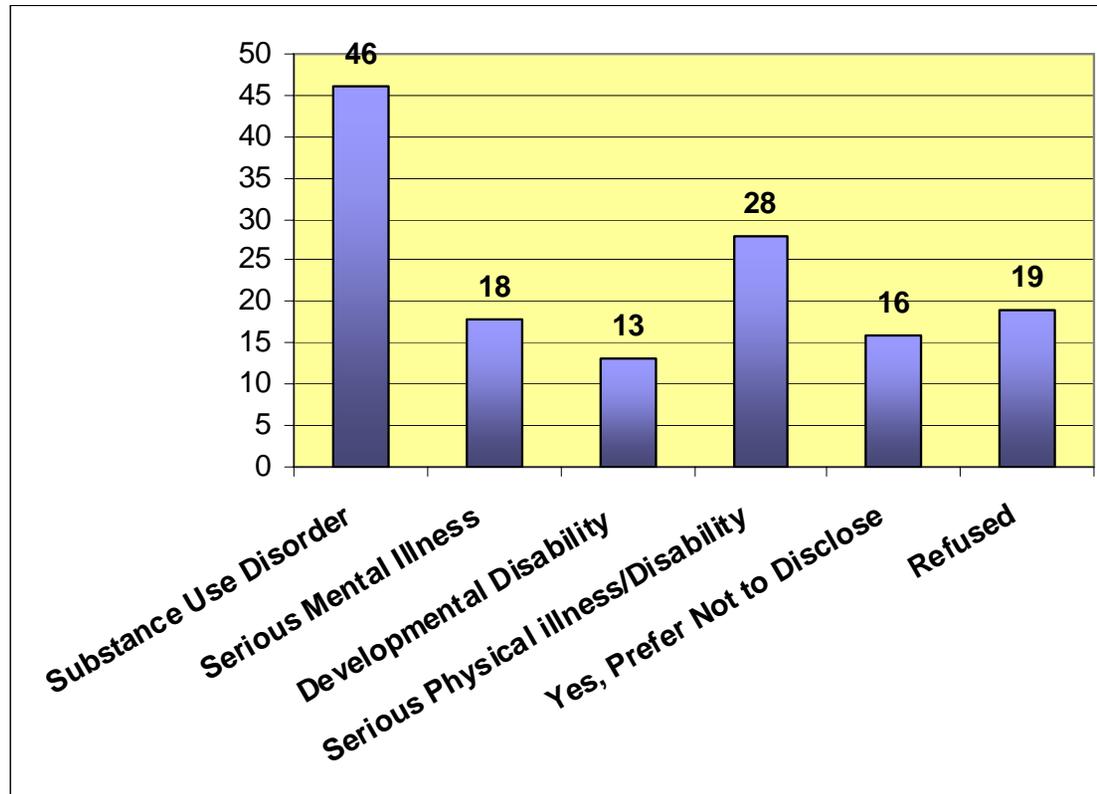
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Region 1 – Disabling Conditions



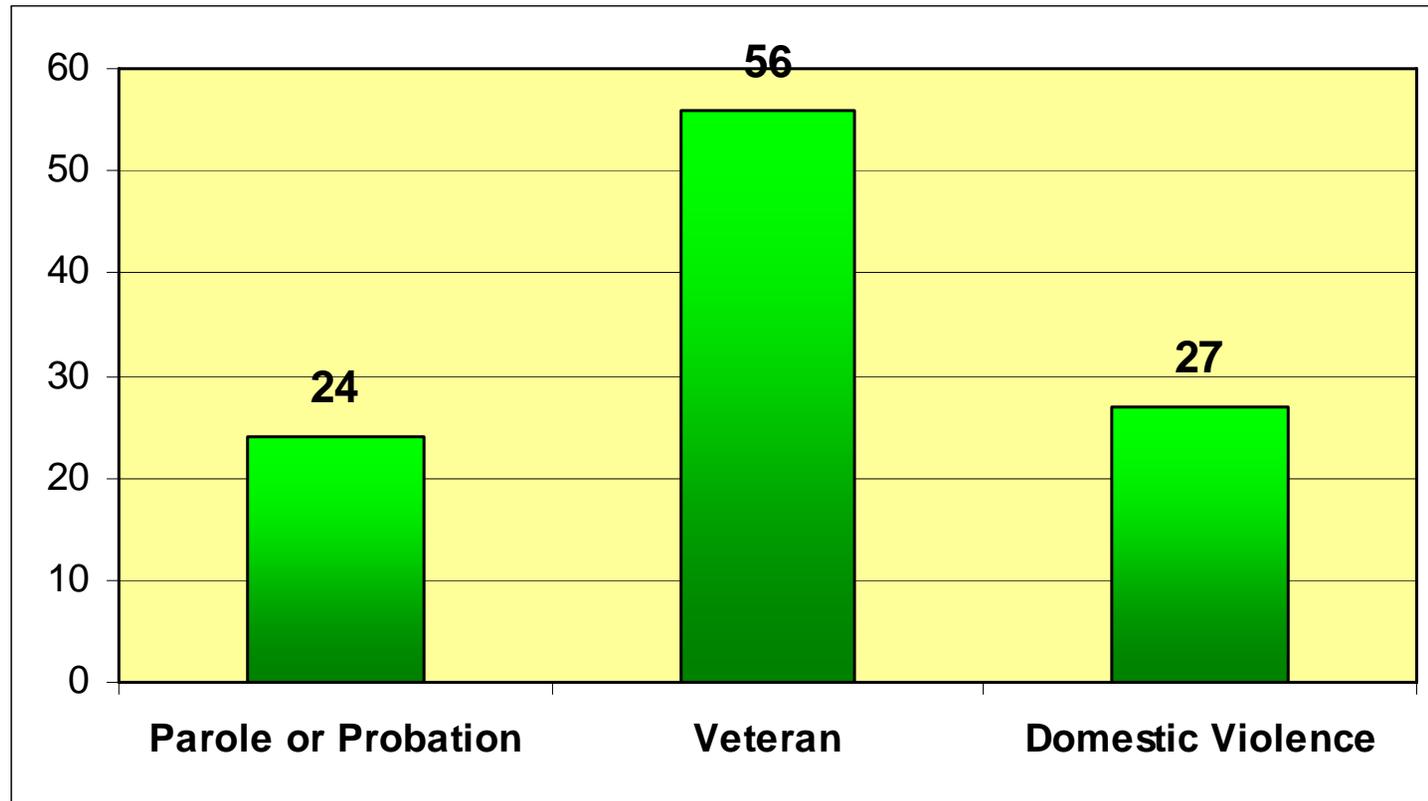
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Region 1 – Sub-Populations (32% responded)



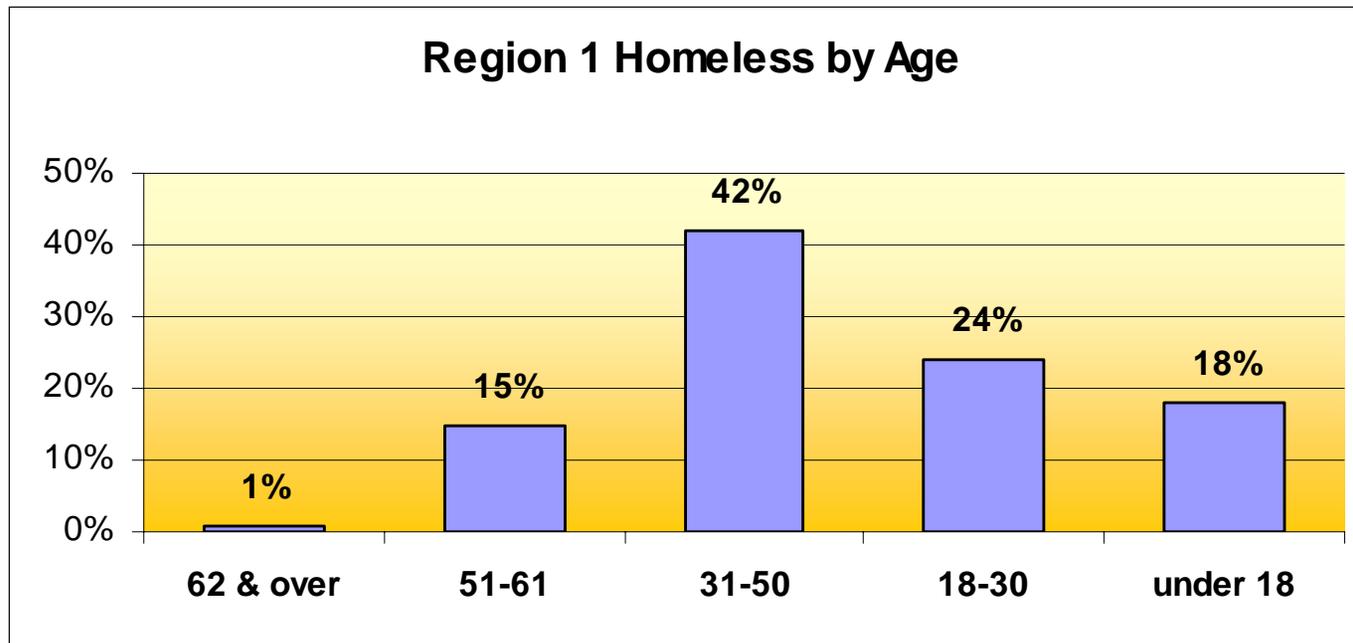
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Region 1 – Age Group



Source: State of Idaho Point in Time Survey Report – Region 1



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18% of the
Homeless People
are our Youth

Source: State of Idaho Point in Time Survey Report – Region 1



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Children who do not feel safe in their community	42%
Youth ages 10-18 who will run away	1 in 7
Youth who die each year as a result of assault, illness or suicide	5,000



Source: Project Safe Place 2007 Presentation – Statewide



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Abuse referrals in 2006	8,592
Idaho's ranking for teen suicide	2nd in the U.S.
Idaho's ranking for spending on mental health programs	49th in the U.S.

Source: Project Safe Place 2007 Presentation - Statewide



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Kootenai County Shelter Capacity:

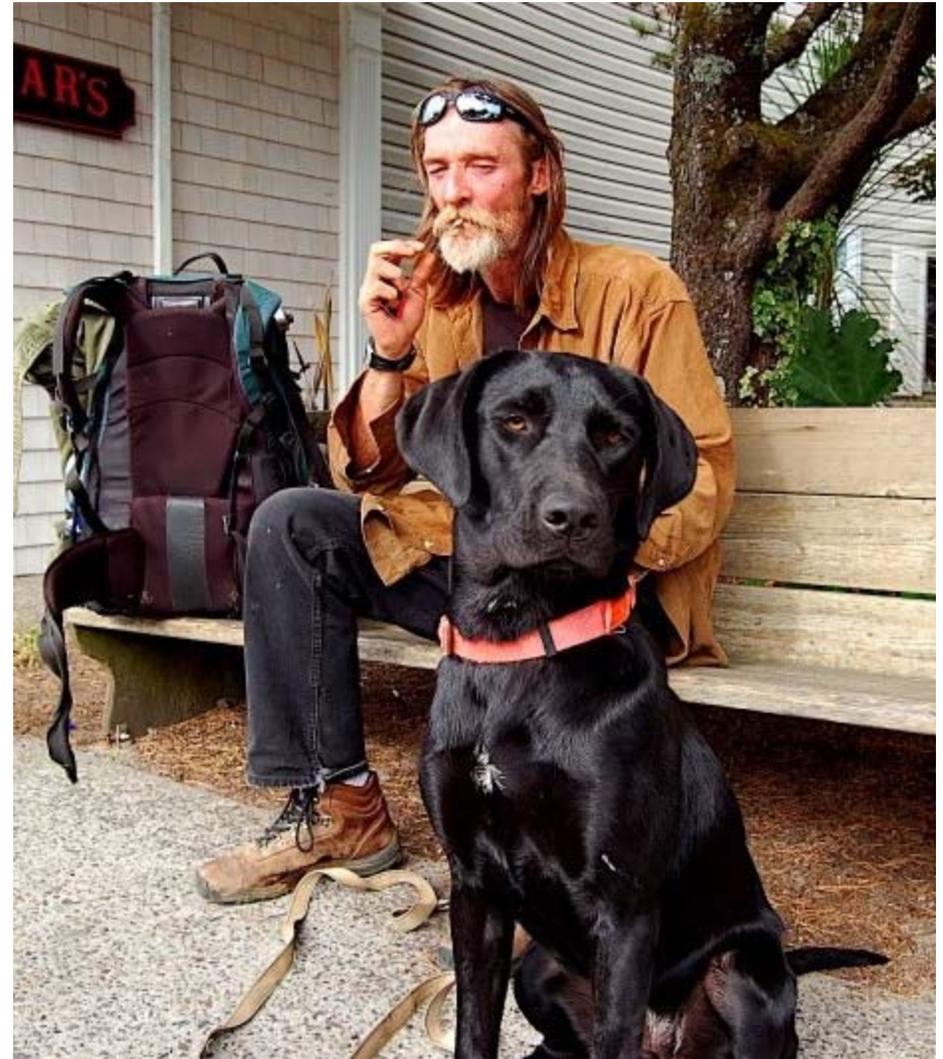
St. Vincent Women's Shelter	17
St. Vincent Men's Shelter	12+ floor
St. Vincent Transitional Housing	20 Family Units (Capacity 80)
St. Vincent Transitional Housing	12
St. Pius Shelter	8
Women's Center	21 (Only if imminent danger)
Children's Village	10
Project Safe Place Host Homes	6 (Temp. youth shelter)

Total Beds 166 (Shelters are almost always full or overflowing)



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What Are the
Barriers to Lifting
People out of
Homelessness?



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Barriers

- No personal hygiene products
- No water to bathe or wash clothes
- No legal form of identification/driver's licence
- No social security card
- No mailing address
- No job or job skills
- No appropriate clothing to seek work
- No telephone for potential employer contact



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- No childcare
- No food
- No transportation
- No medical treatment
- Pregnancy
- Chemical dependency
- Physical or mental disability
- Felony convictions



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What is a
sufficient salary
to meet basic
needs?



Sufficient Salary: This wage is based upon the average cost of food, housing, transportation, health care, utilities, child care, taxes, and a small amount of savings for emergencies.

Source: 2006 Northwest Wage Gap Study – www.nwfco.org



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Sufficient Salary (Kootenai County)

The following statistics are from the 2007 Northwest Job Gap Study

\$11.16 - for a single person

\$18.99 - for a single person + one child

\$23.70 - for a single person + two children

\$21.77 - for a couple, one working, two children

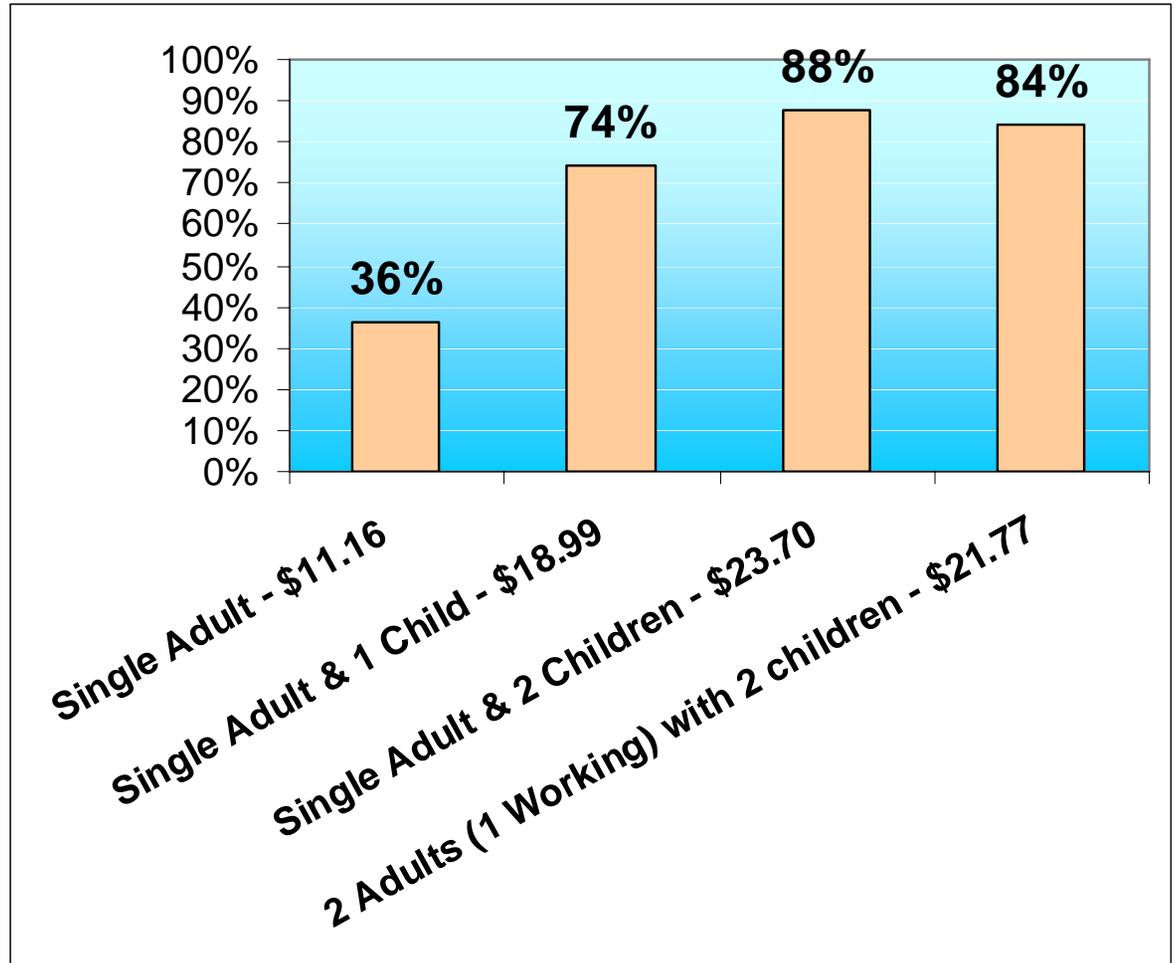
\$30.29 – for a couple (both working/combined income) + two children

Source: 2008 Northwest Job Gap Study – www.nwfco.org



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Percent of Job Openings in Idaho Paying Less than a Sufficient Salary



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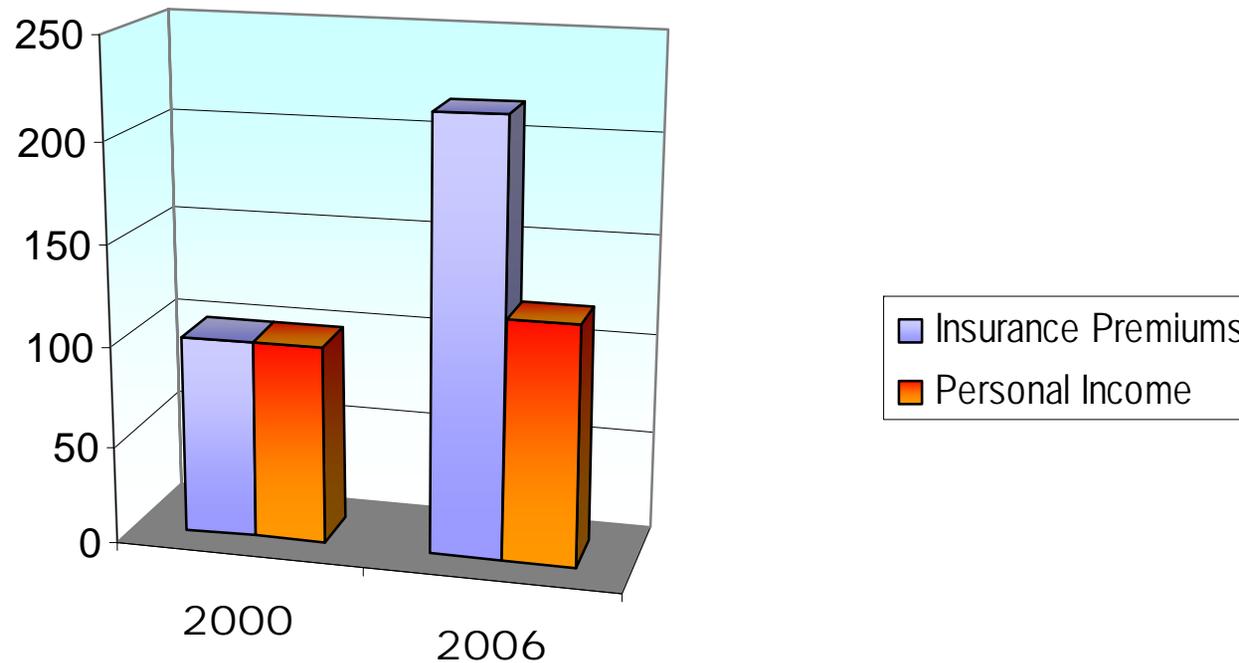
People who lose their jobs often lose their health care.



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Insurance Premiums vs. Income

Insurance premiums have increased by 117%, while income has increased by 20%



Source: 2006 Northwest Wage Gap Study – www.nwfco.org



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Average wait for alcohol and drug evaluation at the Veterans Administration is 6 months.



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Veterans make up a disproportionate share of homeless people.

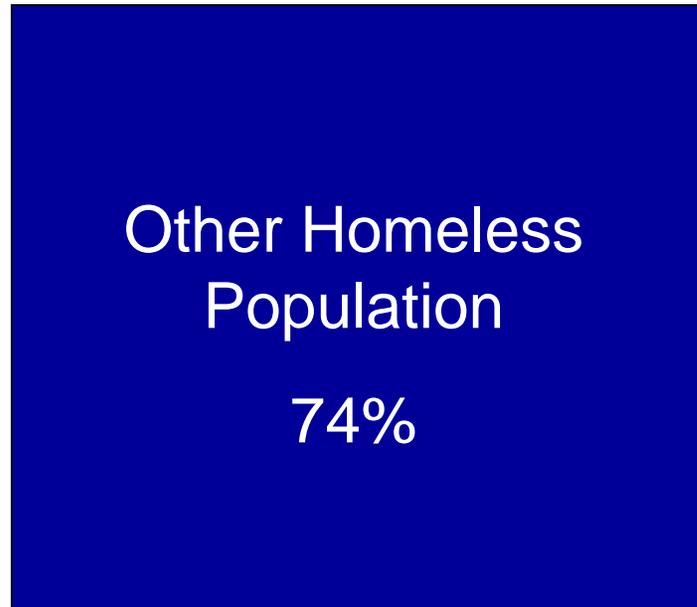


Source: National Alliance to End Homelessness – Nov. 2007



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Veterans represent 26% of the homeless population, but only 11% of the civilian population. (18 years and older)



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This is true despite the fact that
Veterans are...

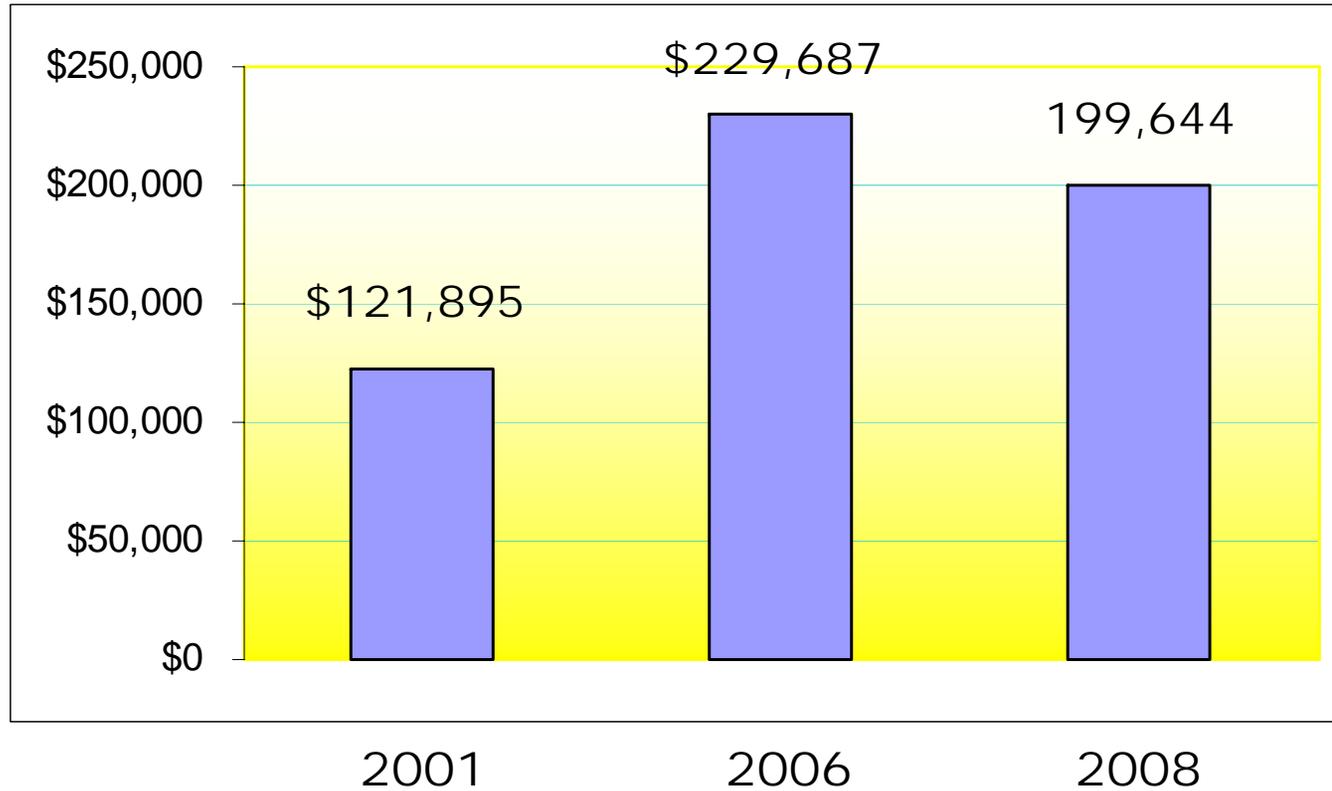
- ❑ Better educated
- ❑ More likely to be employed
- ❑ Have a lower poverty rate
than the general population

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The Median Price of Homes in Kootenai County

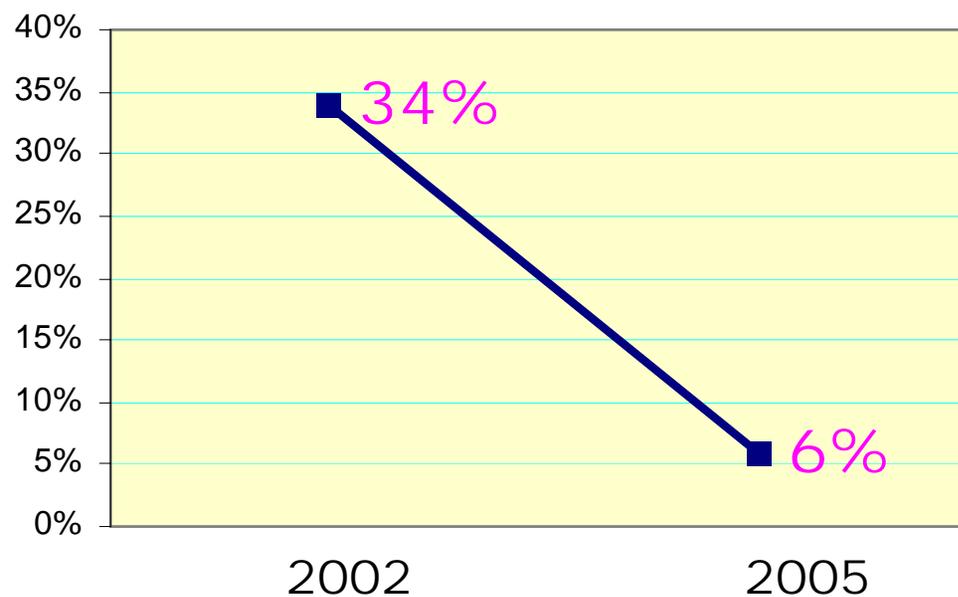


Source: Spokesman Review



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Percent of Single Family Homes that Cost Less than \$100,000



Source: BBC Research & Consulting Report



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“ Households earning less than \$50,000 per year have difficulty finding a home they can afford.”

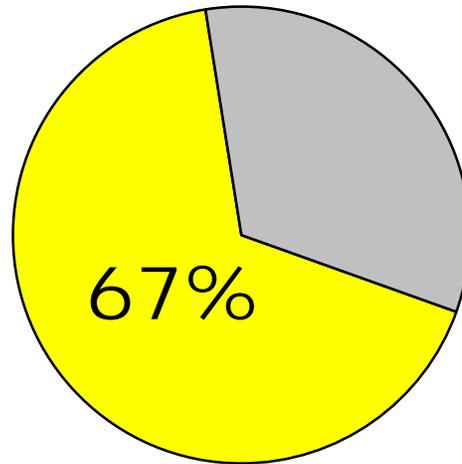


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In 2005 - 67% of the Households in Coeur d'Alene earned less than \$50,000 per year.



Source: BBC Research & Consulting Report



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Average wait for transitional housing is 6-12 months.



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Most low cost housing in Coeur d'Alene/Post Falls have an 18-24 month waiting list.



Applicants often need:

- \$25-\$35 Credit Check Fee
- Good credit
- Security Deposit



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Who is at Risk for Homelessness?

- Elderly
- Disabled
- Individuals or family who face the loss of a primary source of income
- Mental Illness
- Addiction issues



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- Domestic violence
- Learning disabilities
- Women & children in abusive relationships
- Individuals who live pay check to pay check



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Homelessness has Economic Consequences



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Individuals experiencing homelessness consume resources.

- Emergency medical services, ambulance, EMT's
- Primary health care, multi-day hospital stays
- Behavioral health care, psychiatric treatment, detox facilities
- Justice system: Police, law enforcement, corrections, courts

Source: United States Interagency on Homelessness



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ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

10-Year Planners analyzed the service use of 37 homeless men and women over a period of 3 years and found that these individuals cost the city and county more than \$800,000 each year, including:

**1,271 arrests generating \$278,000 in jail costs
280 episodes of EMS services for \$120,000
\$425,000 in hospitalization costs**

 **Asheville**

The Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness, Asheville and Buncombe County 2005

Source: United States Interagency on Homelessness



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What Can You Do?

1. Donate

Your donations will help organizations provide food, shelter, clothing, and basic needs for homeless men, women and children.



2. Join a Campaign

Join the Coalition for the Homeless, religious congregations, community groups, or organizations that assist the homeless population.

3. Volunteer

Many programs depend on the generosity of volunteers to support and serve our clients.



4. Contribute to the Homeless Connect





125 homeless people attended the first Annual Homeless Connect.