

You are cordially invited, and strongly encouraged, to join the staff and board of directors of Our Sisters' House Emergency Homeless Shelter in viewing this movie to gain a better awareness and understanding of homelessness in our nation and our community.

Bring friends, colleagues and members of clubs and organizations.

The research compiled in the production of the Hollywood version, "No Address", was used in creating this documentary which promises to move and inspire you.

For more information on this topic visit www.AmericansWithNoAddress.com

Narrated by William Baldwin



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5:45 PM

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Stay and be informed, engaged, sobered, and inspired!

What is Homelessness and Why is it an Issue?

Homelessness is defined as “the state of having no home.” In the 1950s, the idea of homelessness was just that, an idea. About “70% of the world’s population of about 2.5 billion people,” lived in rural areas. Today, however, it is estimated that ***at least 150 million people across the world are homeless with a total of 1.6 billion*** people lacking adequate or appropriate housing. OECD (Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development) data also ranks the United States (U.S.) as 11th behind Australia, Canada, Germany, Sweden, and others, in terms of homelessness as a percent of the total population in 2015.

What is particularly interesting about these statistics is that the first two, Australia and Canada, have plans to address homelessness, with the latter two, Germany and Sweden, not having any type of national plan.

According to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD) 2018 Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress, an estimated 553,000 people experienced homelessness on a single 2018 night.

In terms of homelessness by state, California ranked highest with a raw amount of 129,000 people and North Dakota ranked the lowest in raw count with 542 homeless people through a point-in-time count. Compared to 2008, about 664,000 people in the United States had experienced homelessness on a single night. When looking at California in 2008, about 158,000 people, more than a sixth of the total, had experienced some type of homelessness.

DEFINITIONS:

Sheltered Homelessness: referring to those who stay in emergency shelters, transitional housing programs, or safe havens.

Unsheltered Homelessness: referring to those whose primary nighttime location is a public or private place not designated for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for people (streets, vehicles, or parks).

Chronically Homeless Individual: referring to an individual with a disability who has been continuously homeless for one year or more or has experienced at least four episodes of homelessness in the last three years where the combined length of time homeless in those occasions is at least 12 months.

WHY IS HOMELESSNESS A PROBLEM?

Homelessness is a problem because it leaves people in a compromising and often dangerous position. Without a place to live, homeless people have limited access to basic sanitation, food, warmth, and healthcare. It is especially a problem for children, as homeless children **tend not to perform as well in school and are unable to fulfill their most basic needs.**
