

Homelessness in San Francisco: A High-Level Overview

It's impossible to live in San Francisco and not be aware of homelessness—but it is possible to call this city home without really understanding the circumstances that lead to someone living unhoused and what they might need to exit homelessness.

This resource from the NeighborGood Guide will give you a general overview of homelessness in San Francisco and—hopefully!—inspire your curiosity to learn more.

Every night, over 8,000 people sleep outside.



Living Unhoused Looks Different for Different People

“Where do you sleep?”

- In a shelter: 39%
- On the streets: 34%
- Navigation centers: 7%
- Cars: 5%
- Abandoned buildings: 5%
- Encampments: 5%

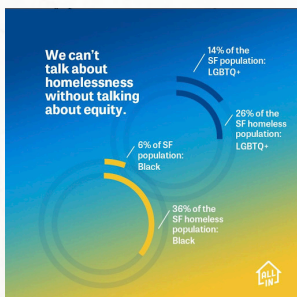
Too many people currently experiencing homelessness...

- Have been living for years—not months—without a home
- Have lived in San Francisco for a very long time



Women are 35% of San Francisco's homeless population—and that number is on the rise locally and nationally.

Domestic violence is a primary reason women become unhoused (ACLU).

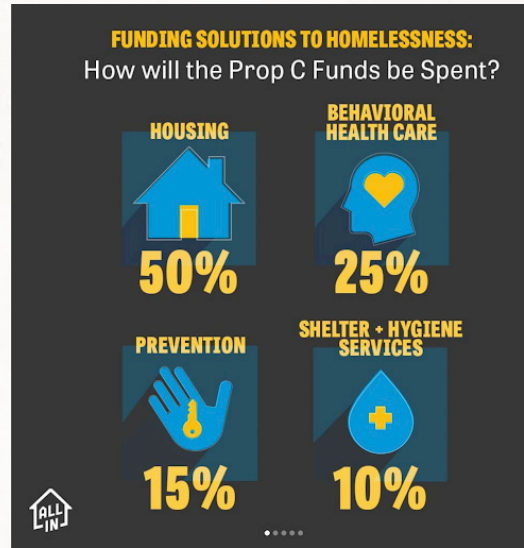


Entire families are experiencing homelessness

Losing a home exacerbates the challenges and stresses that families struggling economically face. The single biggest risk factor for homelessness is a previous episode of homelessness.

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We break the cycle of shuttling between shelter and homelessness by providing permanent housing and supportive services to unhoused people.



Our City Our Home

The passage of Prop C created new resources for San Francisco to invest in solutions to homelessness, managed by the Our City Our Home committee.

Based on intensive community outreach and listening sessions, there are four main buckets identified to spend these funds.

But public solutions to homelessness need public support to be successful.

The NeighborGood Guide is your invitation to discover your role as a powerful community advocate who uses their voice to make San Francisco a place where everyone who lives here also has a home.

To truly bring about solutions to homelessness, we need to:

Center the Voices of People Closest to the Issue

Confront our Own Mindsets and Biases

Orient Solutions to Meet the Wide Range of Individual Needs

Use Our Power to Spread Awareness in Our Communities

Start your journey with the NeighborGood Guide today.

The NeighborGood Guide is powered by the Tipping Point Community, stemming from the All In campaign to rally the public in support of solutions to homelessness in San Francisco.