

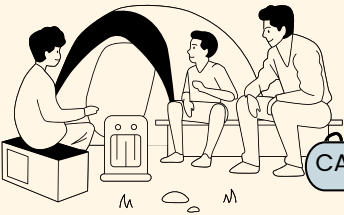
HOMELESSNESS IS ON THE RISE IN LAKE COUNTY

AND LOCAL COMMUNITY-BASED AGENCIES, PARTNERS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS WANT TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT

Who is experiencing homelessness in Lake County?

Homelessness does not always look like how movies or the news portray it. Individuals and families of all demographics are vulnerable to experiencing homelessness. This is proven in studies revealing that 51% of adult Americans are one paycheck or adverse life experience away from experiencing homelessness. This increases to 67% for marginalized populations.

Those experiencing homelessness seek safe options in different forms. The climate in Lake County in particular puts those seeking shelter at severe risk of cold injuries. HUD (Housing and Urban Development, a major funder for homeless services) defines homelessness as: "Individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence." Look below to see how that presents in our community.



Families or individuals sleeping in places not meant for habitation, like:

- TENTS/CAMPING
- ABANDONED OR EMPTY BUILDINGS
- HOTELS/MOTELS
- CARS/VEHICLES
- EMERGENCY SHELTERS
- HOMES OR MOBILE UNITS W/O UTILITIES

2023 Lake County Point-in-Time Count (January 24-25)

The Point-in-Time Count is a dedicated time period every year, taking place this year on January 24th, where service providers and volunteers nationwide collaborate in efforts to identify and survey members of the community who are experiencing homelessness. This serves many purposes, primarily to ensure the most vulnerable in Lake County are connected to life-saving resources and to help support what has been anecdotal concerns to evolve to a formalized and data-driven understanding of the need within our county. This process also helps to acquire and secure homeless services funding for communities.

Although homelessness in Lake County looks quite different than often seen in other communities, there is a demand for those experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity to attain safe, stable housing and resources. This year, members of Lake County will be facilitating a formalized Point-in-Time Count to identify those within our community who are underserved and extremely vulnerable.

Participating Agencies & Community Partners

If you or anyone you know is experiencing homelessness, please refer to the list of current participating agencies below. These community partners will either be stationed with surveyors or have information on how to connect with surveyors on both **January 24th and January 25th**. As this list continues to evolve, schedules and available resources will be updated and posted wherever you're viewing this now. Day-of updates and information will be posted on ALC's Instagram @advocatesoflakecounty.

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