



2019 STATE OF
HOMELESSNESS
IN IDAHO

EXTENT OF HOMELESSNESS

INDIVIDUALS SEEKING
HOMELESSNESS SERVICES*

9,255

ADULT-ONLY HOUSEHOLDS*

73%

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN
HOUSEHOLDS*

27%

INDIVIDUALS UNDER AGE 18*

33%

TOTAL HOMELESS STUDENTS**

7,810

51% MALE*

49% FEMALE*

38% DISABLED*

5% ELDERLY*

27% CHRONICALLY HOMELESS*

14% SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE*

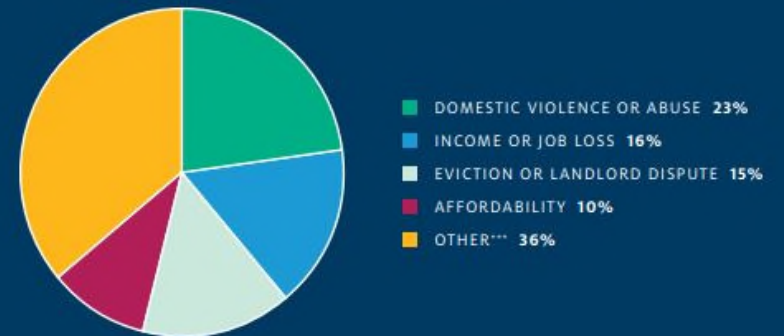
13% VETERANS*

POSITIVE EXITS FROM PERMANENT HOUSING



Positive exits from permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing projects with homelessness entry criteria reflect both the effectiveness of the system or individual project as well as housing availability and affordability within a market. Positive exit destinations may include housing paid for by the household, housing paid for with a subsidy, and entry into a care facility, among other circumstances.

PRIMARY REASONS FOR HOMELESSNESS



EFFECTIVE

INITIATIVES

We define success by how quickly we help people become permanently housed and build stable futures for themselves and their families. Homelessness prevention, eliminating barriers to housing, increasing housing availability, and addressing the most prevalent reasons for becoming homeless are important contributors to our success in helping households find stability and self-sufficiency.

58%

WITH INCOME AT ENTRY TO
HOMELESSNESS HOUSING PROGRAMS*

98%

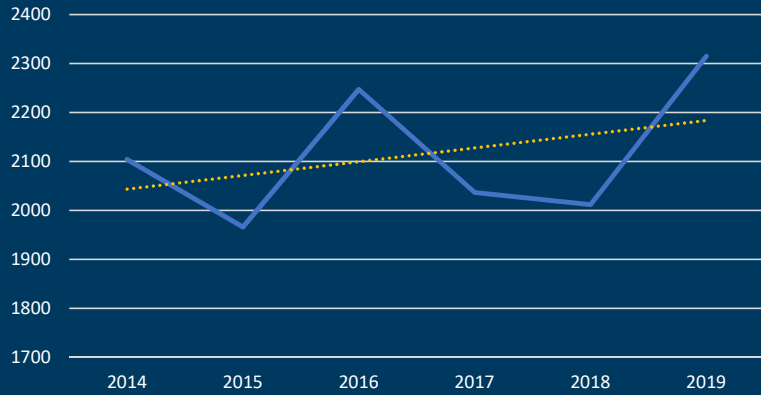
REMAINED HOUSED TWO YEARS LATER**

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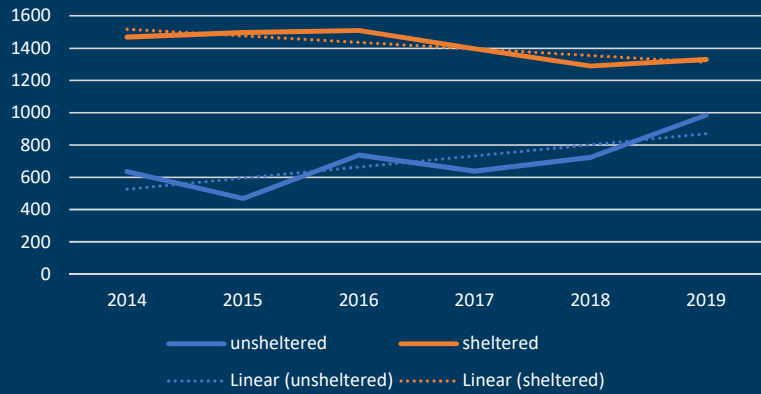
AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAYS SPENT HOMELESS
OVER PAST FIVE YEARS*



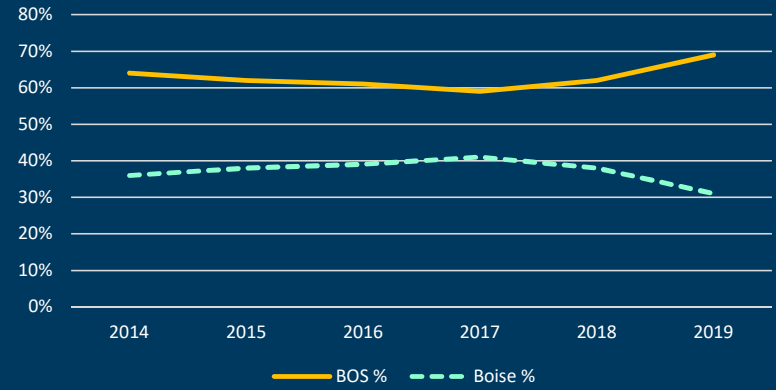
1) Point-In-Time Count Totals



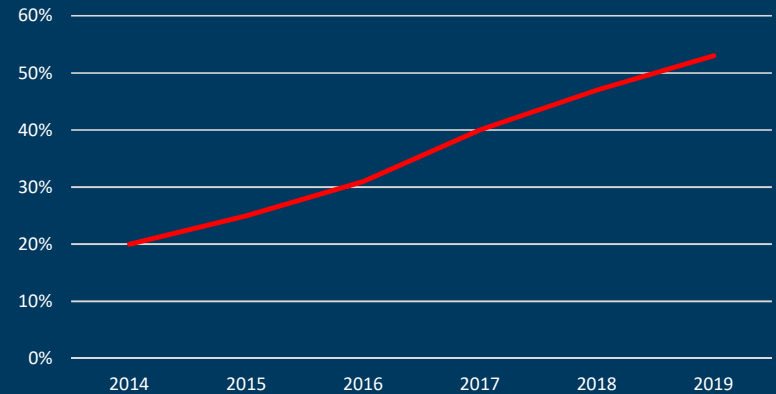
2) Statewide: Sheltered vs. Unsheltered



3) % Homeless: Ada Co. vs. Balance of State



4) R3 % of Balance of State



FEATURED PROJECTS



NEW PATH COMMUNITY HOUSING

In December 2018, New Path Community Housing opened its doors in Boise and changed the lives of 40 people experiencing chronic homelessness. New Path houses and provides wrap-around services to its residents to help in their recovery and achieve stability.

So far, New Path has retained almost 90 percent of the guests who have entered the program. The community housing development, the first of its kind in Idaho, has had 45 residents enter its doors; only five decided to leave the program.

Initial data indicates an improvement in the quality of life for New Path residents, including less utilization of emergency services and fewer interactions with law enforcement. Residents have better access to mainstream preventive services for physical and mental health care.

Overall, New Path is meeting the needs of most residents, though some need more intensive, long-term care beyond what New Path can provide.



VALOR POINTE

This past summer, community partners celebrated the groundbreaking of Valor Pointe, a 27-unit housing development in Boise that will offer healthcare, mental health counseling, and substance abuse treatment to veterans experiencing chronic homelessness.

Valor Pointe sits along a bus route and is just a few short blocks away from the city's Greenbelt, allowing for alternative transportation and increased mobility.

Funding for Valor Pointe came from a variety of sources. Idaho Housing and Finance Association allocated \$4.3 million in Low-Income Housing Tax Credits, the city of Boise provided a little more than \$1.5 million, and the Home Partnership Foundation raised more than \$236,000 in private funds. Operating costs for the facility will be paid for by the Boise City/Ada County Housing Authorities in the form of rental vouchers. Boise's Veteran Affairs Medical Center will provide the services made available to Valor Point residents.

IHFA's Home Partnership Foundation also matched a Wells Fargo donation of \$10,000 that will go toward security deposits and utility activation for residents.

Valor Pointe is expected to be completed and housing veterans by summer 2020.



AID FOR FRIENDS

Aid for Friends is the only emergency shelter for women, men, and families in the Pocatello area. For the past 30 years, the nonprofit has operated out of a single-family, three-story home built in the 1930s, making it very difficult to serve those struggling in their community. Many times, the shelter operates at 114 percent capacity.

Thanks to a community-wide fundraising effort, Aid for Friends has started the renovation process on a new and much larger homeless shelter. In summer 2019, partners began transforming Pocatello's former City Hall into a new community center and homeless shelter.

The new shelter will provide appropriate living quarters for men, women, and families. It will include a dining area, laundry facilities, and space for education and workforce development opportunities. Aid for Friends anticipates the new shelter will serve almost 1,000 Southeast Idaho residents each year who may be facing or experiencing homelessness.

The new shelter is anticipated to be operational in 2020.

\$10.1 MILLION

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING DOLLARS
DISTRIBUTED OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS

\$4.5 MILLION

RAPID REHOUSING DOLLARS DISTRIBUTED
OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS

\$3 MILLION

SHELTER DOLLARS DISTRIBUTED
OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS

\$1.8 MILLION

HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION DOLLARS
DISTRIBUTED OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS

FEDERAL FUNDING PER CAPITA, IDAHO VS. U.S.



Although a slight increase in per capita federal funding dedicated to homelessness programs has been realized in Idaho, total federal funding allocated to homelessness initiatives has increased at a much faster pace. Despite being recently identified as the nation's fastest-growing state, Idaho still receives a per capita rate of funding much lower than the national average. While Idaho receives per capita funding at a rate of approximately \$3 per person, the federal government dedicates nearly \$10.50 per person for homelessness programs nationally.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- **No one wants to be homeless**
- **Experiencing success**
- **Limited funding**
- **Population and economic growth are key influencers**
- **Improved data, intentional**

