

OFFICE OF HOMELESSNESS & CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

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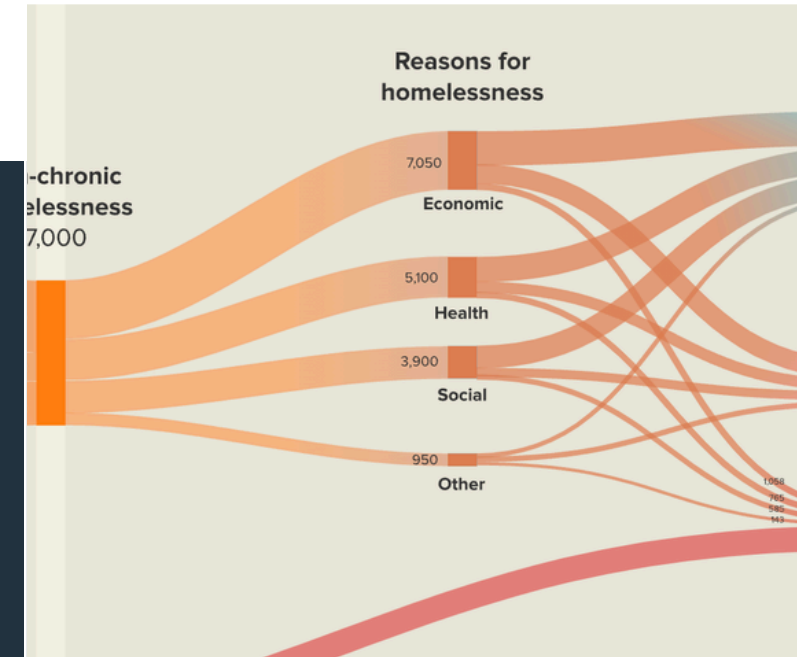
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**CRIMINAL JUSTICE
ADVISORY COUNCIL**



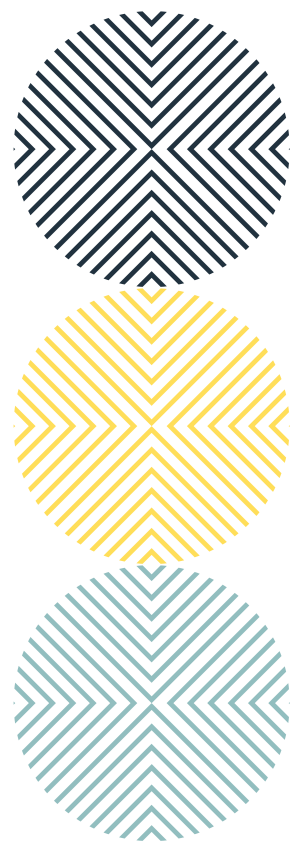
**SALT LAKE VALLEY
COALITION TO END
HOMELESSNESS**



SYSTEMS ANALYSIS



POLICY



CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COUNCIL

01. CRISIS RESPONSE
02. JUVENILE JUSTICE
03. LEGAL STRUCTURES
04. REENTRY
05. LEGAL RIGHTS & SAFETY



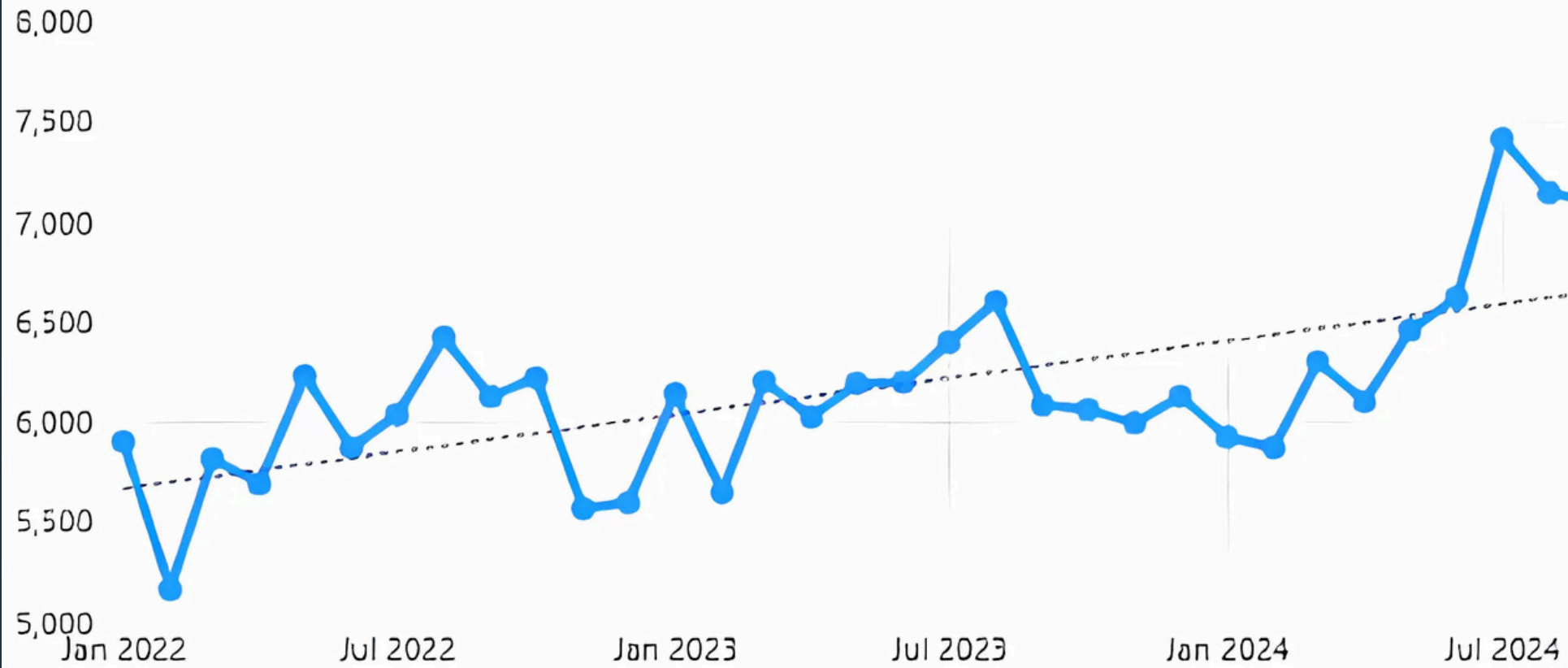
Total Events

203,281

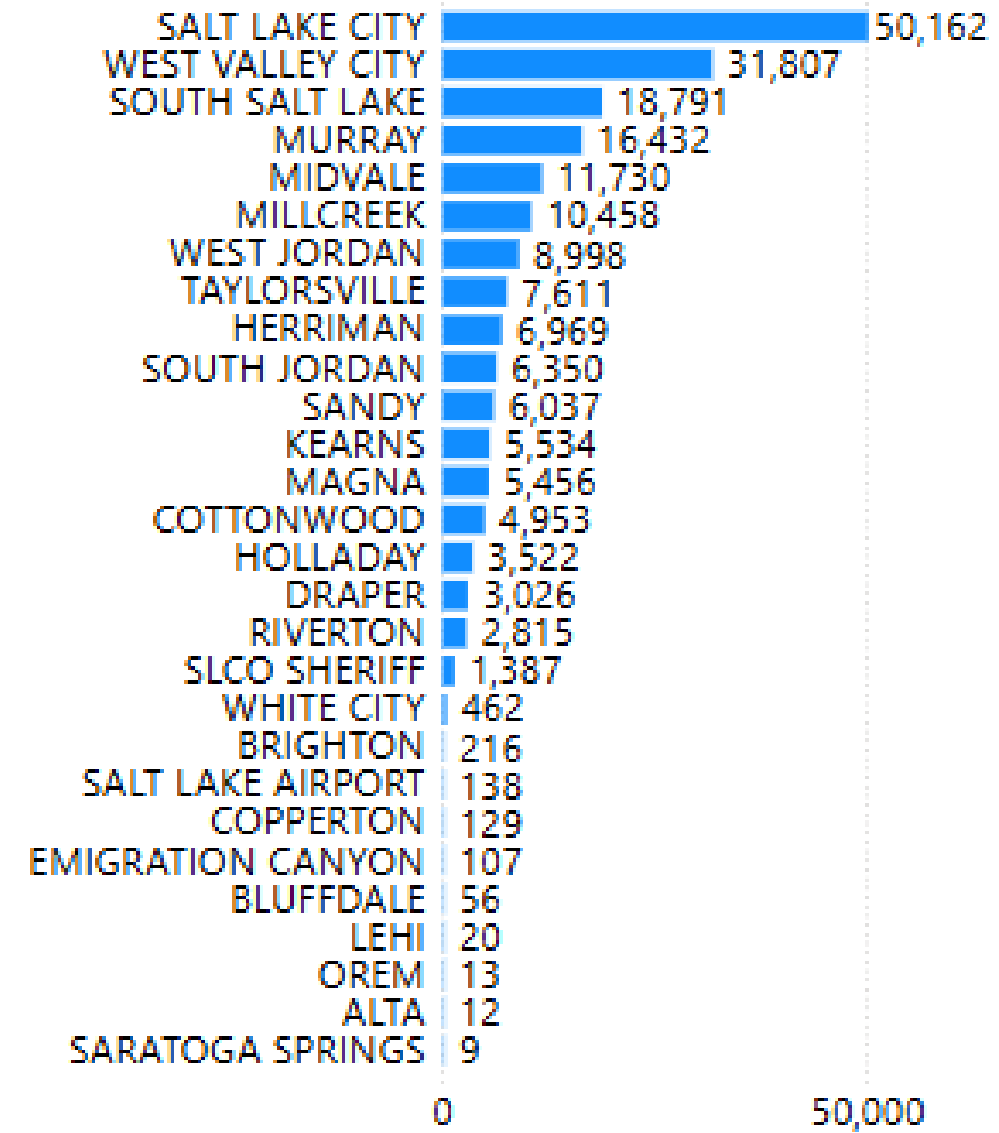
Average Monthly Events

6,160

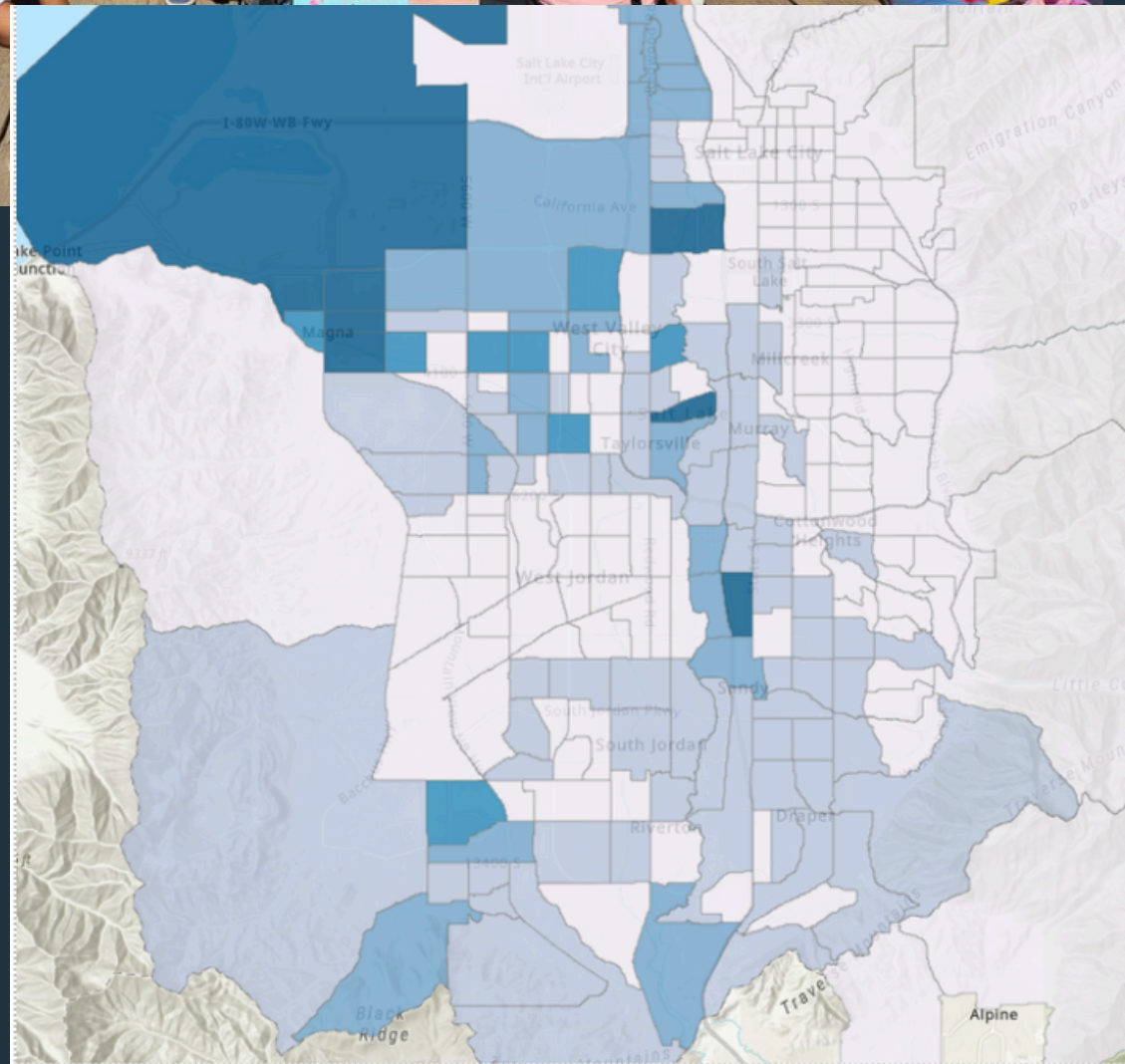
Events Over Time



Municipality



CRISIS RESPONSE



3-year, \$2 Million CVIPI Grant to support Magna youth thru:

- Mentorship
- After School Programming
- Youth Court

JUVENILE JUSTICE



Re-Entry Simulation

Nearly 200
Individuals Served



Jail Dashboard

Timely, Relevant,
and Useful Data



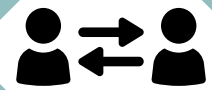
Expungement

Overcoming
Barriers



Civil Commitments

Educating
Stakeholders



Peer Support

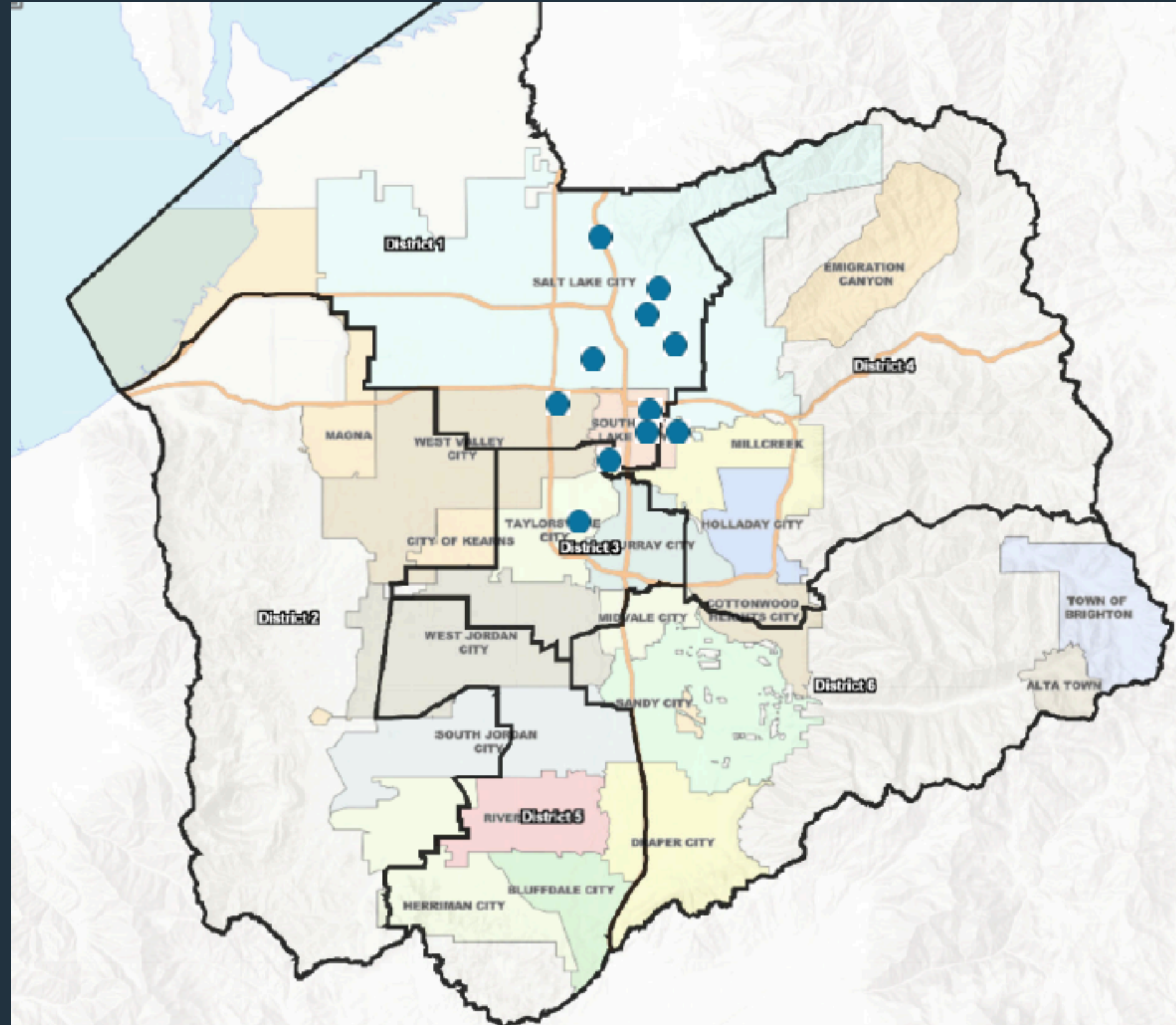
32 Organizations
Coming Together

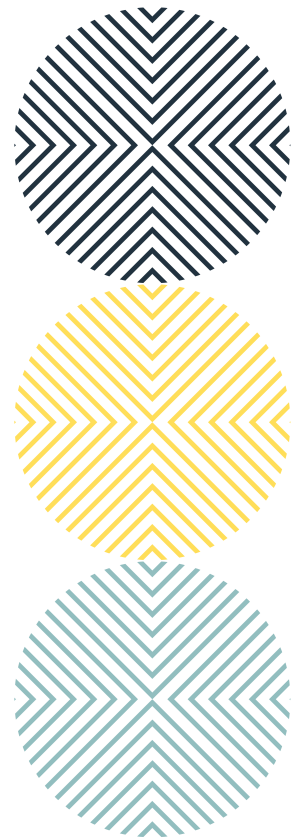


CJAC SUCCESSES

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Salt Lake City Public Library
The INN Between
Utah Health Policy Project
International Rescue Committee
Housing Authority of the County of Salt Lake
Housing Connect
Ruff Haven Crisis Sheltering
Clean Slate Utah
Granite School District
The Family Support Center
Columbus Community Center
Ville Property Management





CONTINUUM OF CARE

Salt Lake County (1 LHC)

Mountainlands: Utah, Wasatch, and Summit (1 LHC)

Balance of State (11 LHC)

13 Local Homeless Councils



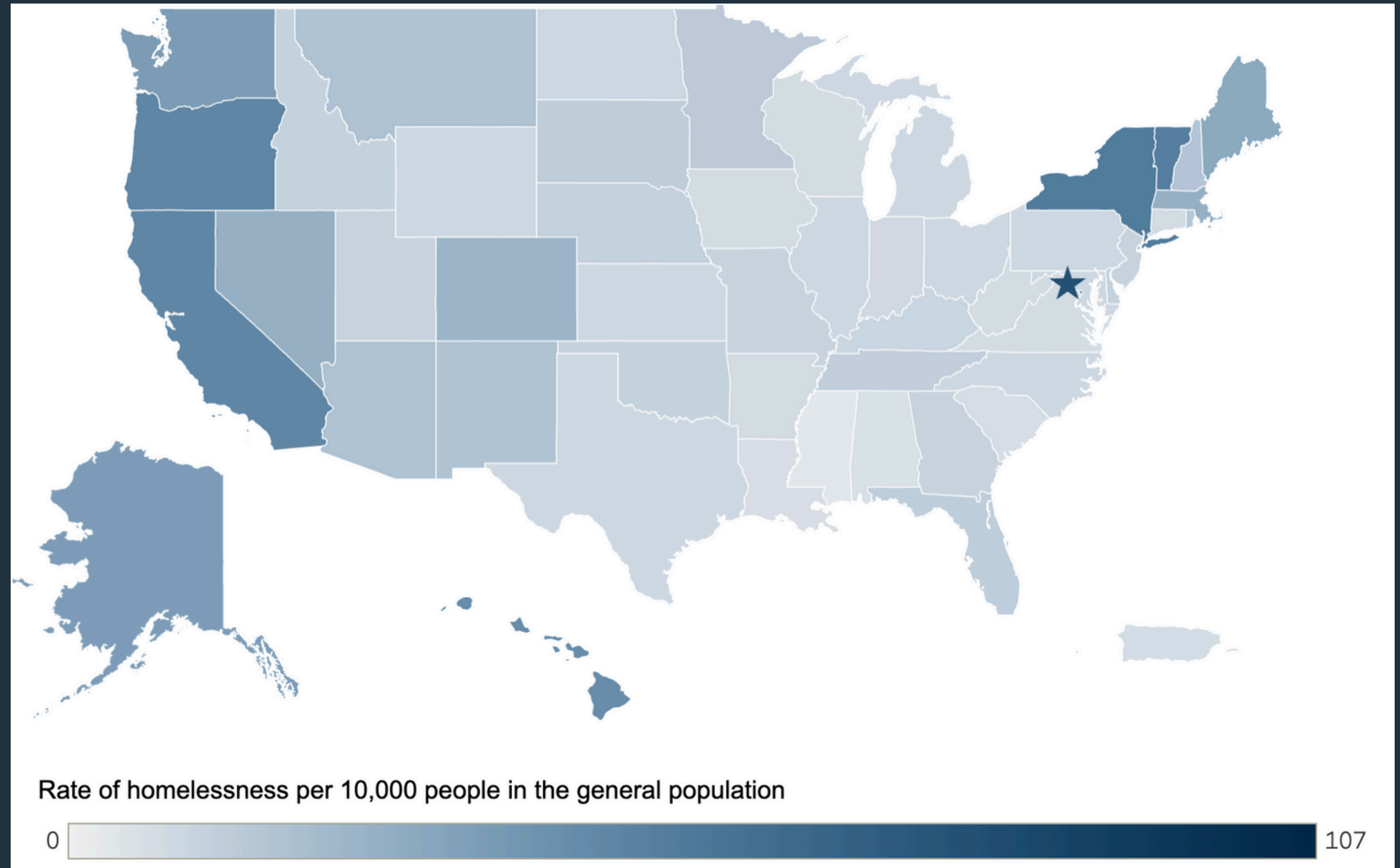
According to our 2024 PIT count,
2,404 Salt Lake County Residents do not have
a permanent place to stay

POINT IN TIME COUNT



Homeless Rates (per 1,000) & Average Rent Cost

Mississippi 4	\$1,040
Utah 11	\$1,318
Idaho 14	\$1,085
Arizona 20	\$1,335
Colorado 32	\$1,585
Nevada 32	\$1,435
Oregon 54	\$1,437
California 48	\$2,136
New York 81	\$1,836
Washington DC 83	\$2,155



Source: [U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development 2024 Annual Assessment Report to Congress \(AHAR\)](#) and [Apartment List Rent Estimates](#).

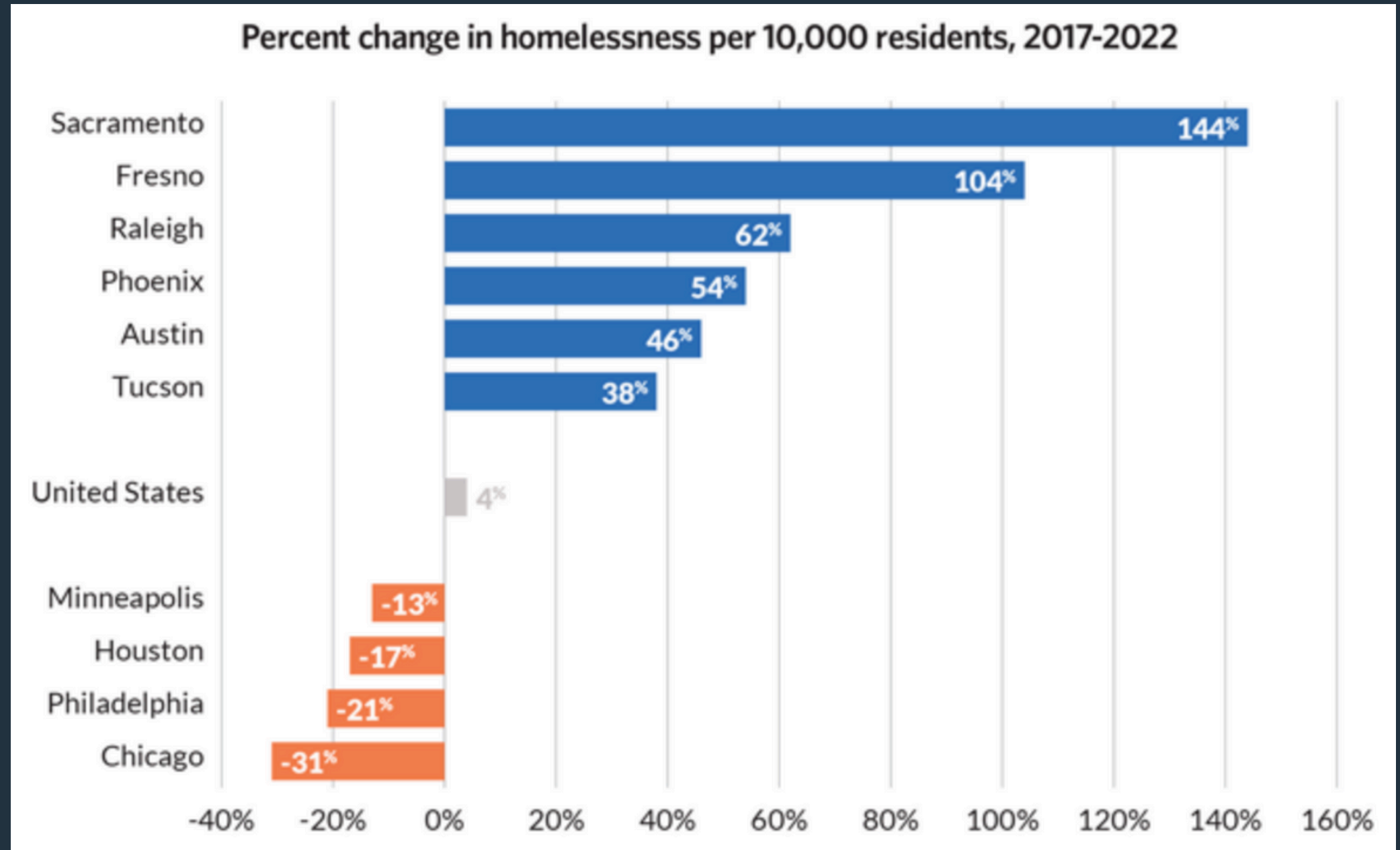


There is a strong correlation between homelessness and the cost of housing



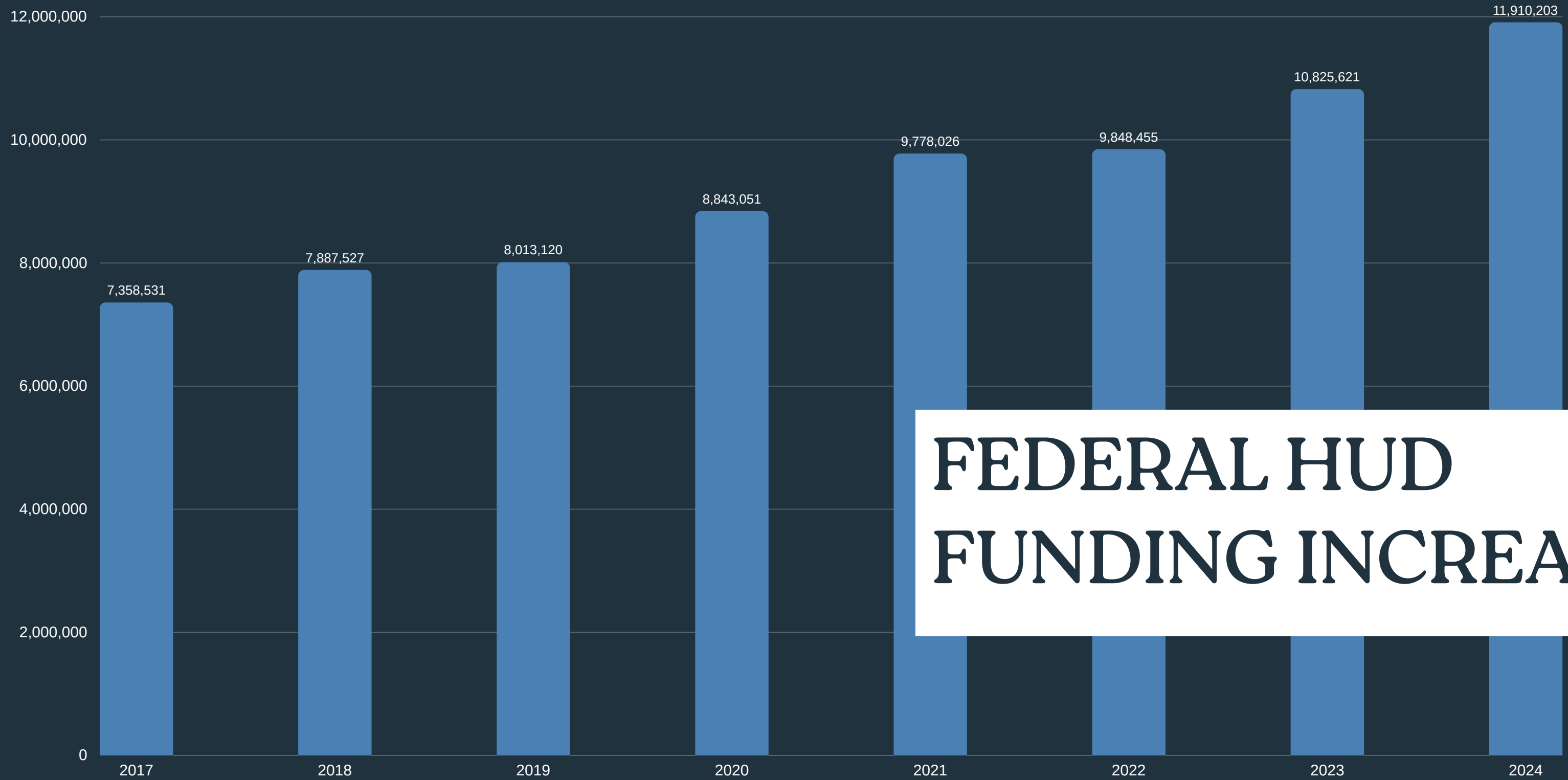
Deeply Affordable Units
-77,140 Statewide
-34,935 Salt Lake County

3 units available for every
100 households in need



Source: Pew, *How Housing Costs Drive Levels of Homelessness*, 2023; Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute, *Renter Affordability Surplus/Deficit by 30% AMI and Below*, 2022

75% of extremely low income Utahns spend more than half their monthly income on rent.



**FEDERAL HUD
FUNDING INCREASES**



Salt Lake County Homeless Resource System

Our Goal

**Improving housing stability
and maintaining human dignity
for the people we serve.**

Recommendations

- 1. More deeply affordable housing**
- 2. Increased shelter capacity**
- 3. Better access to integrated physical
and behavioral healthcare**

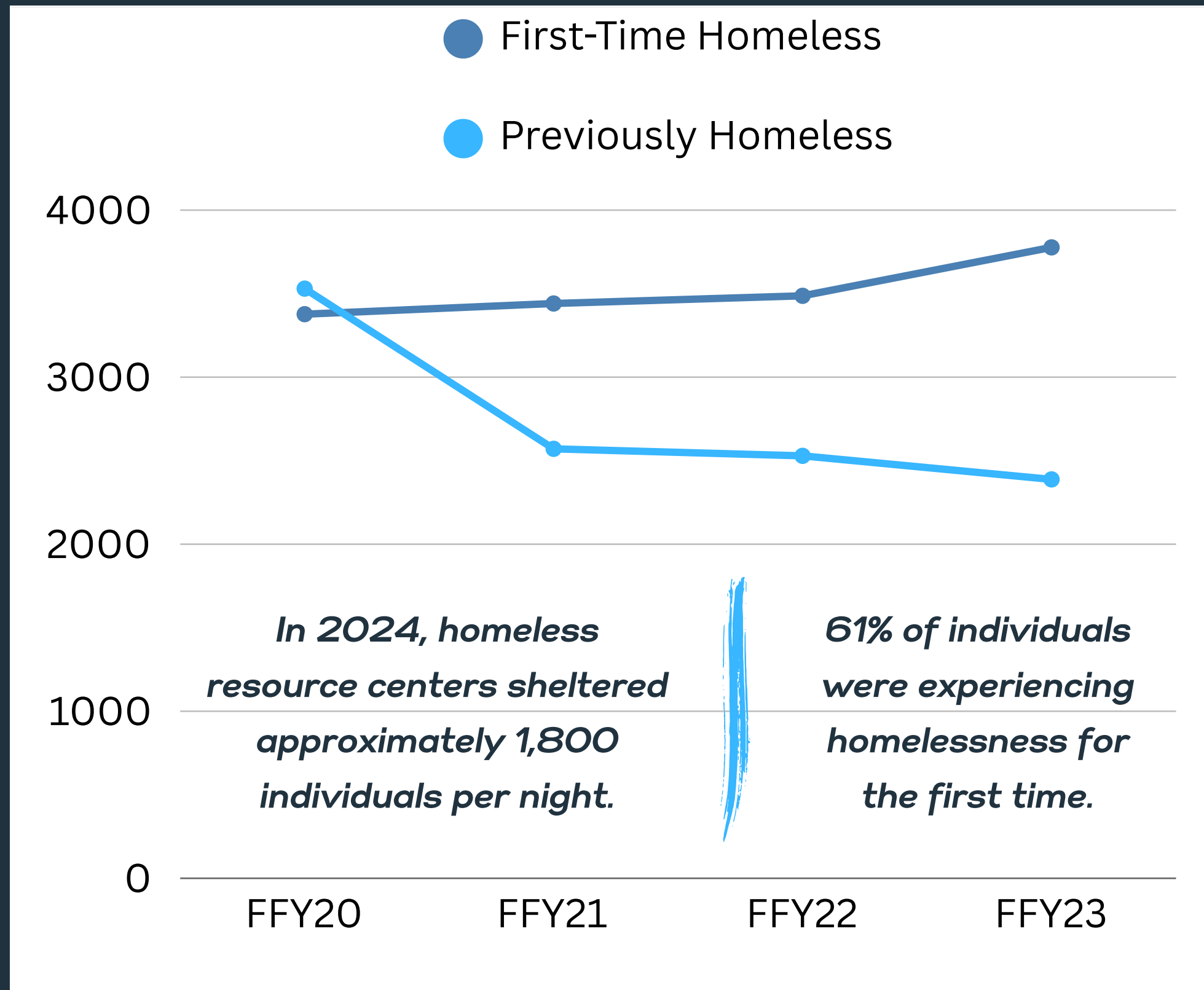


The System is Working

Our system is moving more people out of homelessness with fewer people returning to homeless each year after connecting to services.



More people are becoming homeless for the first time each year



Source: Point in Time data, [Homelessness Annual Report Dashboard](#), DWS 2020-2023

Our Shelters

1,115 people diverted from shelters to alternative housing in the last 18 months

Homeless resource centers operate at 98% capacity.

Over 70% of people stay for fewer than 90 days and do not return to homelessness.



Gail Miller Resource Center



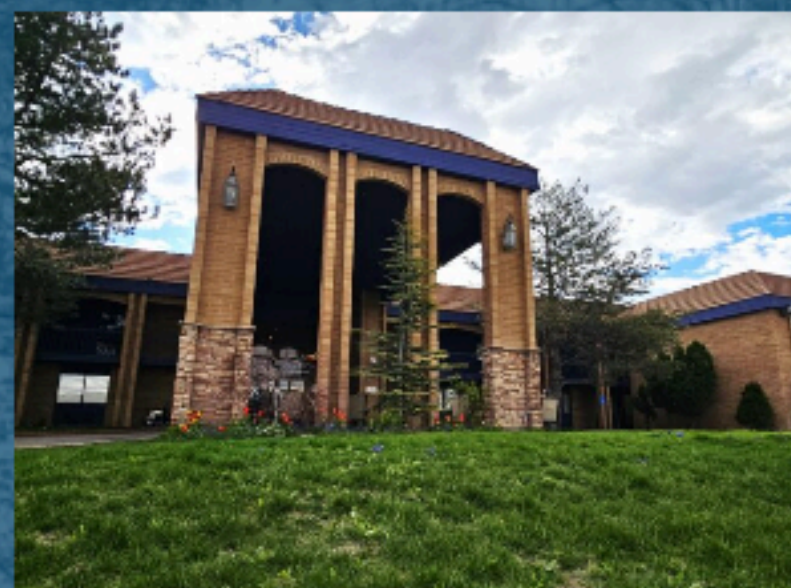
Geraldine E. King Women's Resource Center



Pamela Atkinson Resource Center



Midvale Family Resource Center



Medically Vulnerable People (MVP) Program Facility



Family Interim Housing Facility



Our Shelters

Adults

900 nightly
7,000 annually

Youth

30 nightly
400 annually

Families

582 individuals nightly
653 households annually
(960 adults + 1,100 children)

Winter Flex

This year the system identified the need for 1,000 additional beds during our coldest months, but turn aways still occur.





VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

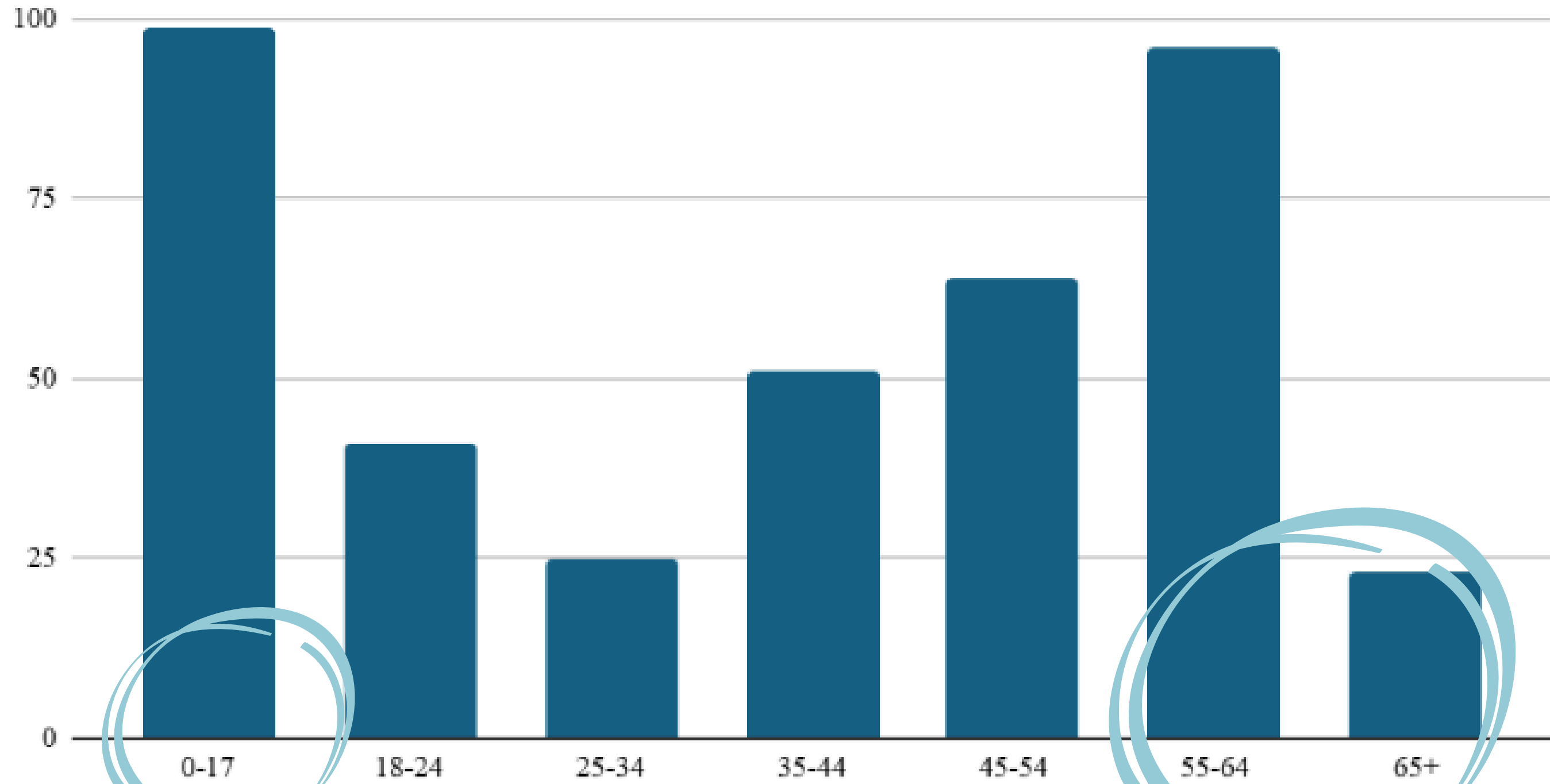


Families: 60% increase in homelessness

Children: 57% increase in homelessness

Elderly: 25% of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness were age 55 or older

Age distribution of Chronically Homeless Persons





HOMELESS MYTHS

- 1) Homelessness is a long-term condition
- 2) People who are homeless should just get a job
- 3) People experiencing homelessness choose to be on the street
- 4) Homelessness is a Salt Lake County problem
- 5) Homelessness is unsolvable



✔ Right Now we need...



1. 1,200 additional year-round shelter beds
2. Expanded mental health options for high acuity individuals
3. Investment in community-based support

✔ In the long run...



1. Safe affordable housing
2. Expanded Medicaid Coverage and support for physical and behavioral health treatment
3. Prevention and diversion

[The Salt Lake Valley Coalition to End Homelessness](#)

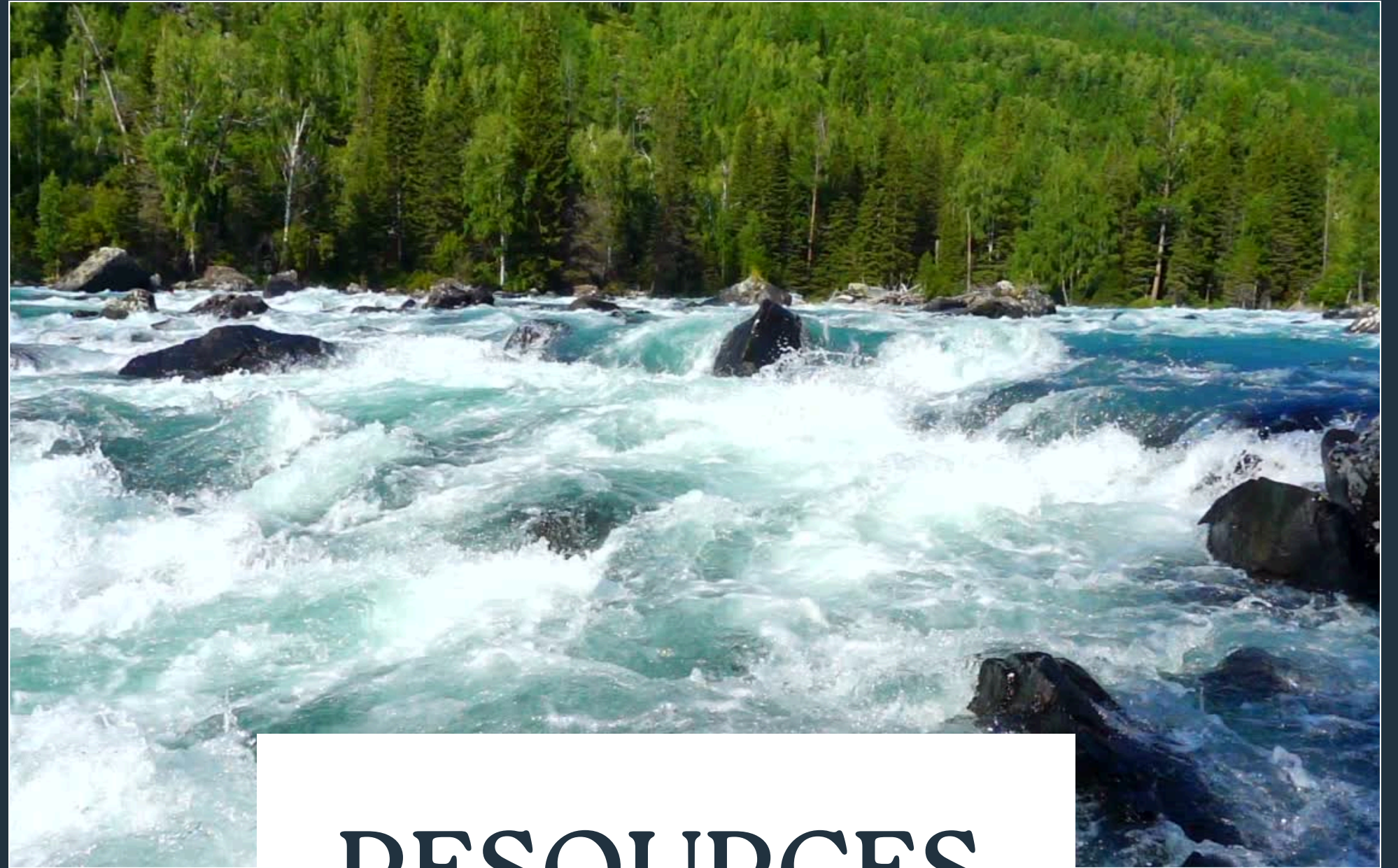
[Daily Shelter Bed Availability](#)

[State of Utah Homelessness Data Dashboard](#)

[Affordable Housing Dashboard](#)

[Community Resource Guide](#)

[Office of Homelessness and Criminal Justice Reform](#)

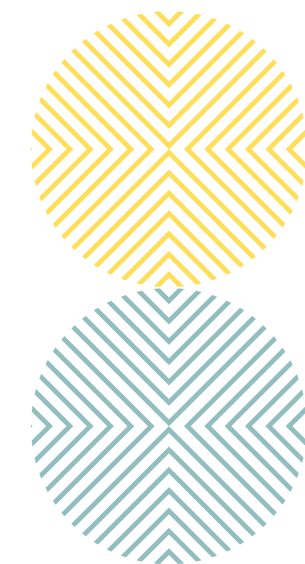


RESOURCES



"There comes a time where we need to stop just pulling people out of the river. We need to go upstream, and find out why they are falling in."

-Bishop Desmond Tutu



THANK YOU!

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