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# Health Equity for People Experiencing Homelessness

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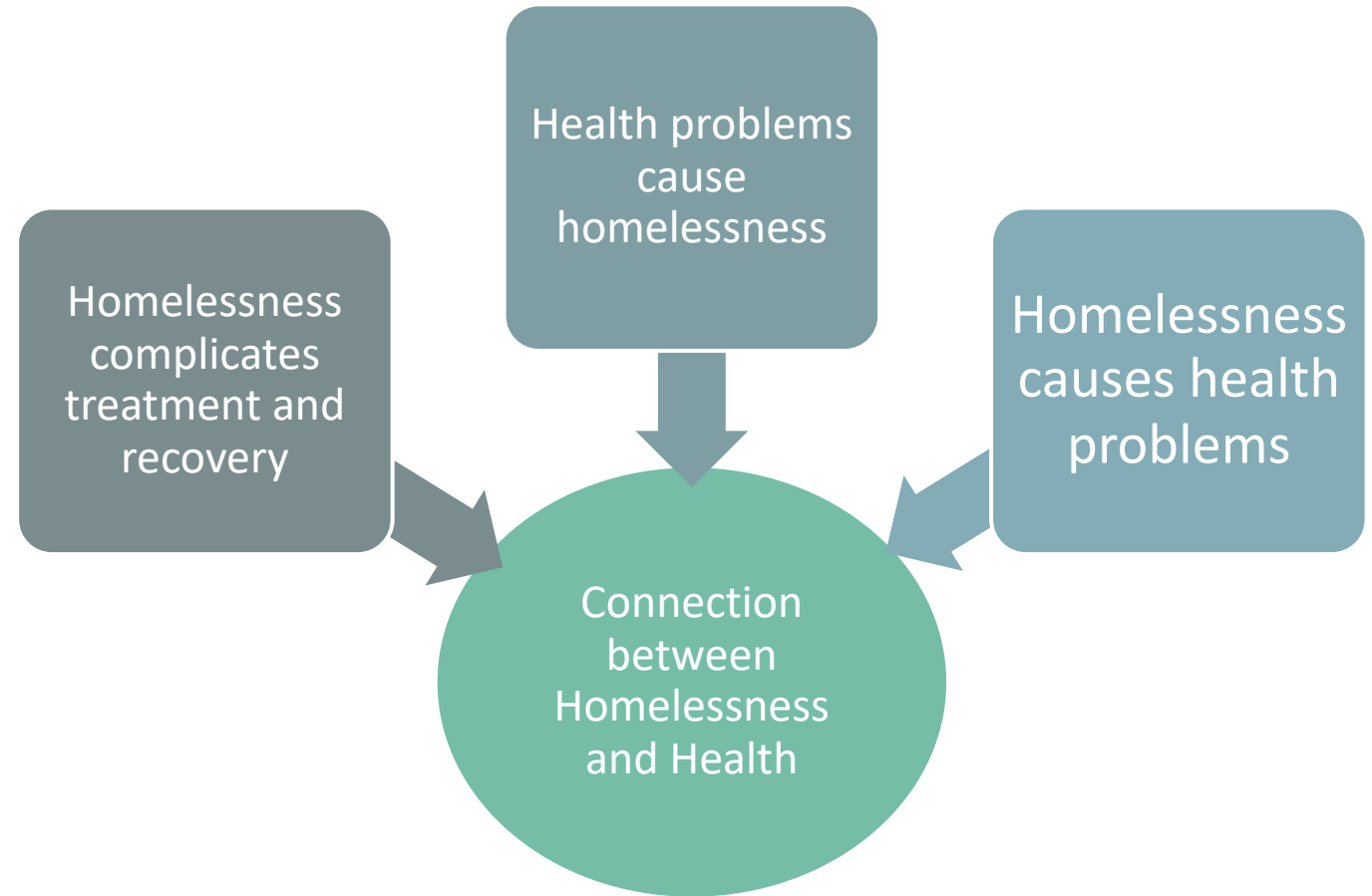
# NHCHC Mission

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Grounded in human rights and social justice, the National Health Care for the Homeless Council's mission is to build an equitable, high-quality health care system through training, research and advocacy in the movement to end homelessness.

# Homelessness and Health

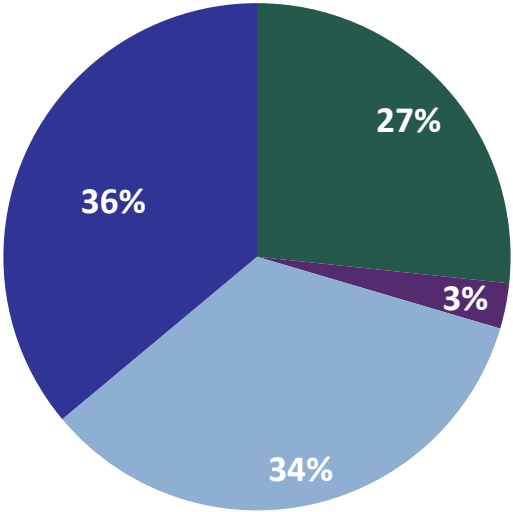
- Higher prevalence of physical illness, psychiatric disease, and substance abuse
- Drug overdose is greatest cause of death
  - 8-9 times higher mortality rate compared to general population
- Unsheltered:
  - Unsheltered homeless 2-4 times more likely to die than sheltered homeless
  - 15 times more likely to die than general population
  - Average age of death of unsheltered people is 20-30 years younger than general population



# Homelessness in the United States

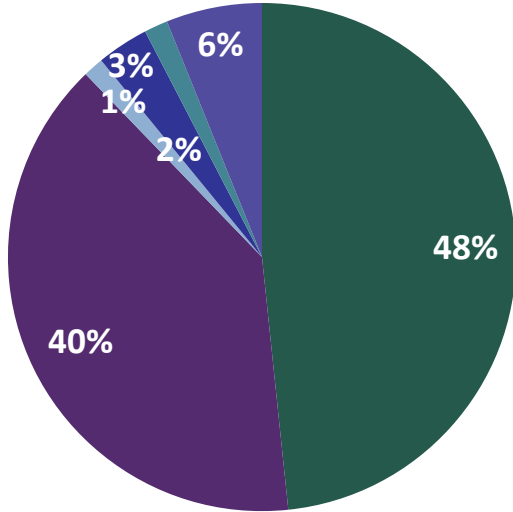
580,466 People experiencing homelessness on a single night in 2020.<sup>1</sup>

### Housing Status



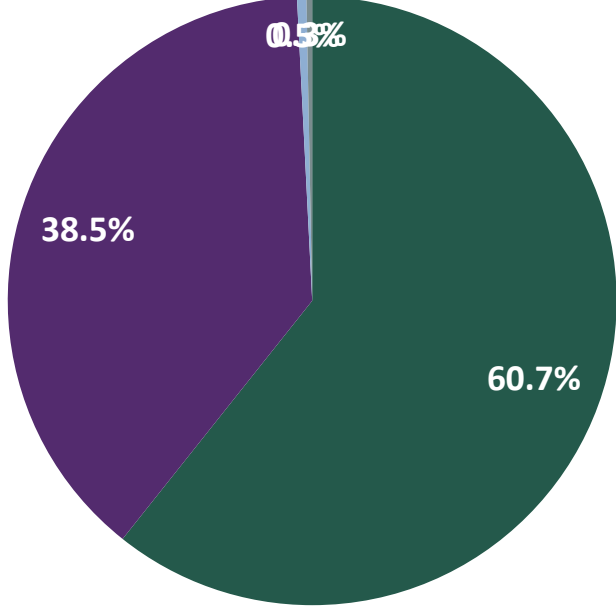
- People in Families, Sheltered
- People in Families, Unsheltered
- Individuals, Sheltered
- Individuals, Unsheltered

### Race



- White
- African American
- Asian
- Pacific Islander
- Native American
- Multiple Races

### Gender



- Male
- Female
- Transgender

<sup>1</sup>LHUD Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/2016-AHAR-Part-1.pdf>; Limitation: Count conducted on one night with a limited definition of homelessness.  
<sup>2</sup>Based on 2016 Uniform Data System data

# Equity

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## Definition of Equity

## Some Ways to Get Closer

### Universal:

- Health Care
- Housing

### Tailored:

- Special Services
- Special Outreach
- And ??