WYOMING HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS MONTH

NOVEMBER 2026

NEIGHBORS, NOT NUMBERS

MYTHS & FACTS

ABOUT HOMELESSNESS IN WYOMING

Understanding homelessness in Wyoming through facts, not assumptions.

WYOMING HOMELESSNESS SNAPSHOT (2026)

560
PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

144
UNSHELTERED PERSONS

416
SHELTERED PERSONS

969
HOMELESS ASSISTANCE BEDS STATEWIDE

26%
UNSHELTERED



Source: 2026 Wyoming Point-in-Time Count and Housing Inventory Count (HIC).

MYTH 1
Homelessness doesn't happen in Wyoming.

FACT 1
On a single night in January 2026, 560 Wyoming residents were experiencing homelessness. Homelessness affects communities across the state, from larger cities to rural towns.

MYTH 2
Everyone experiencing homelessness sleeps outside.

FACT 2
In 2026, 416 people were staying in emergency shelters or transitional housing programs, while 144 were unsheltered. Not everyone experiencing homelessness sleeps outdoors.

MYTH 3
Homelessness only affects single adults.

FACT 3
Homelessness impacts families with children, youth, veterans, older adults, and individuals with disabilities. It can happen to anyone.

MYTH 4
Rural communities don't face homelessness.

FACT 4
Homelessness occurs throughout Wyoming and is often less visible in rural communities where people may stay in vehicles, campgrounds, or other unstable housing situations.

MYTH 5
Nothing can be done about homelessness.

FACT 5
Emergency shelters, rapid rehousing, homelessness prevention programs, and permanent supportive housing help Wyoming residents achieve housing stability every day.

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