



HOUSING CRISIS IN SARPY COUNTY

SARPY COUNTY WORKING FAMILIES ARE FINDING IT DIFFICULT TO FIND SAFE & STABLE, AFFORDABLE HOUSING.



SAFE & STABLE HOUSING = HEALTH & WELL-BEING

When a family knows where they will safely rest their heads at night CHRONIC STRESS IS DECREASED



WAGES, LIVABILITY & AVAILABILITY

SARPY COUNTY IS OUT OF REACH FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES.

6,317 HOMEOWNERS
7,841 RENTERS

Number of families spending more than 30% of their household income on housing.

\$1,117
PER MONTH
Cost of 2-bedroom apartment



81 HOURS

A person would need to work 81 hours a week at minimum wage (\$10.50) to afford a 2-bedroom unit.



Source: livingwage.mit.edu/counties/31153

5.5% OR 10,638 PEOPLE

Sarpy County residents living at or below the poverty level

Source: www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/dashboard/sarpycountynebraska/PST045222

THE RESULT

THERE ARE NEARLY 2 EVICTIONS PER DAY IN SARPY COUNTY

13
Eviictions per week

A household experiences literal homelessness every

4 DAYS



From 2019 to 2022, Rents increased by

20%

Minimum wage only increased by

14.3%



THE EVICTION RATE IS NEARLY DOUBLE FROM THE YEAR PRIOR.

THE TIME FOR ACTION IS NOW.



HOMELESSNESS IS HERE AND ON THE RISE



Our collaborative, led by Lift Up Sarpy County, brings together religious organizations, government, business and private donors to help. Over the past year, this network provided financial assistance, financial education and other supports to help families begin their journey to sustainability. But it hasn't been easy.



30 PEOPLE

estimated to be living in encampments.

18 PEOPLE

being temporarily housed in area hotels.

27 PEOPLE

living in their cars in area parking lots or couch surfing.

At least **144 CHILDREN** report to be homeless. Assuming each child has at least one parent, there are at least **288 PEOPLE** living in encampments, temporary housing or on the street in Sarpy County.

*Based on the PIT (Point In Time) count completed in January 2023.



THESE FINDINGS PRESENT AN OPPORTUNITY TO FOCUS EFFORTS ON PREVENTION SERVICES, ULTIMATELY DECREASING THE INFLOW INTO HOMELESSNESS.

THE NUMBERS ARE STAGGERING

In 2022 alone, Lift Up Sarpy County, in collaboration with our partners, provided the following in terms of financial assistance:

Housing	\$	743,108
Transportation	\$	114,344
Medical/Mental Health	\$	7,459
Food Insecurity	\$	10,903
Utilities	\$	141,900
Education/Childcare	\$	18,028
TOTAL	\$	1,035,742

**WE CANNOT DO THIS ALONE.
WE NEED YOUR HELP.**

ADVOCACY To help Sarpy County residents understand Sarpy's homeless causes and results.

DONATIONS To allow us to continue our work of helping people attain sustainable self-sufficiency.



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Learn more at [Liftupsarpycounty.org/Sarpy-homeless](https://liftupsarpycounty.org/Sarpy-homeless)