

Why Are There So Many Homeless People

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In the United States, most people struggle with keeping their life on the right track, which projects many varied reasons as to why people are homeless. Many believe that the reason you can fall into being homeless is due to substance abuse but that is not always the case. Due to how the world is running days there is no surprise for why most aren't in a stable environment. Within the reasons for why, there is always an answer to every question. Few of the key words that digs more into the why factor are

1. How does Substance abuse cause people to lose everything?
2. Unemployment and why?

Living in the 20<sup>th</sup> centuries there is always new things coming out such as new drugs or new types of alcohol. The Arlington Life Shelter states “Probably the most common stereotype of chronically homeless people is that they are drug and alcohol addicts — with good reason. 68% of U.S. cities report that addiction is a their single largest cause of homelessness.” (Arlington Life Shelter). Stating that even though substance abuse is 68% of the reason many are homeless, its not the only reason. However, it’s not the only reason, there is still other factors that play into it.

The world has become a place now that no matter what you do you have to always be employed to get by in the world. On a website called Living Wage Calculation for Casper, Wy it shows through a table of contents that a living wage with zero children you must be making at least \$15.08 but that’s not counting for other things such as utilities or groceries. (for more information click the second link on the work cited) Therefor, without having the opportunity to have a financially stable source of income it could easily send you to the streets. Also, with the amount of inflation the world has seen “The current U.S. inflation rate is 3.2% for the 12-month period leading up to October 2023.” (Tiffany Lam-Balfour,

Alieza Durana) This proves that if you aren't doing what you need just to live in your own place and support yourself financially then you will for sure be homeless.

When you think of homelessness most think it is caused by people being lazy but that is not the case. There are still many other factors that plays a huge role in the action. That said, there are still people lazy enough to beg for money because they don't want to work. So, even after researching why so many people are homeless, there are still ways to help and make sure you are giving to those that need it.

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2023 Dr. Amy K. Glasmeier and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Website <https://livingwage.mit.edu/metros/16220> shares a table of context on how much you need to make for a living in Casper, Wy

Tiffany Lam-Balfour and Alieza Durana,2023, Paragraph 1

<https://www.nerdwallet.com/article/investing/inflation>