

# Module 6: Community Health


## Topic 3 Content: Homelessness

### Introduction

#### Homelessness

- What Is Homelessness?
- The Homeless Population
- Homelessness Versus Poverty
- What You Can Do to Help

#### Introduction



In this interactivity, click each of the tabs to learn more about homelessness as an important social issue.

In this interactivity, click each of the tabs to learn more about homelessness as an important social issue.

# Module 6: Community Health

## Topic 3 Content: Homelessness

### What Is Homelessness?

#### Homelessness


What Is Homelessness?

The Homeless Population

Homelessness Versus Poverty

What You Can Do to Help

What Is Homelessness?



People who do not have a fixed, regular, or adequate nighttime residence are considered homeless. Individuals who are homeless often cannot afford healthcare, food, water, hygiene items, or a safe place to sleep. The most common causes of homelessness include lack of affordable housing, domestic violence, job loss, and hazardous housing conditions.

People who do not have a fixed, regular, or adequate nighttime residence are considered homeless. Individuals who are homeless often cannot afford healthcare, food, water, hygiene items, or a safe place to sleep. The most common causes of homelessness include lack of affordable housing, domestic violence, job loss, and hazardous housing conditions.

# Module 6: Community Health


## Topic 3 Content: Homelessness

### The Homeless Population

#### Homelessness

- What Is Homelessness?
- The Homeless Population
- Homelessness Versus Poverty
- What You Can Do to Help

#### The Homeless Population



Many people experiencing homelessness may suffer from critical health issues, mental illness, or substance abuse. According to research done by the National Alliance to End Homelessness, 564,708 people were homeless on any particular night in January 2015. Fifteen percent of individuals experiencing homelessness are chronically homeless, and eight percent are veterans. Youth often become homeless because of family conflict, neglect, or abuse.

Many people experiencing homelessness may suffer from critical health issues, mental illness, or substance abuse. According to research done by the National Alliance to End Homelessness, 564,708 people were homeless on any particular night in January 2015. Fifteen percent of individuals experiencing homelessness are chronically homeless, and eight percent are veterans. Youth often become homeless because of family conflict, neglect, or abuse.

# Module 6: Community Health

## Topic 3 Content: Homelessness

### Homelessness Versus Poverty

#### Homelessness

- What Is Homelessness?
- The Homeless Population
- Homelessness Versus Poverty
- What You Can Do to Help

#### Homelessness Versus Poverty



While poverty and homelessness are closely related, poverty is the inability to afford basic needs such as food, water, clothing, and shelter. Living in poverty can force people to choose between paying for food or other basic needs and paying for housing. Homelessness also presents challenges that make it difficult to gain employment or maintain steady employment, which creates barriers to eradicating poverty.

While poverty and homelessness are closely related, poverty is the inability to afford basic needs such as food, water, clothing, and shelter. Living in poverty can force people to choose between paying for food or other basic needs and paying for housing. Homelessness also presents challenges that make it difficult to gain employment or maintain steady employment, which creates barriers to eradicating poverty.

# Module 6: Community Health

## Topic 3 Content: Homelessness

### What You Can Do to Help

#### Homelessness

- What Is Homelessness?
- The Homeless Population
- Homelessness Versus Poverty

#### What You Can Do to Help



Take a moment to consider the following ways you can help individuals experiencing homelessness or living in poverty.

- Donate clothes to local charity organizations.
- Donate school supplies to local school districts or charity organizations.
- Donate food to a local food bank.
- Volunteer at a local shelter.

#### What You Can Do to Help

Take a moment to consider the following ways you can help individuals experiencing homelessness or living in poverty.

- Donate clothes to local charity organizations.
- Donate school supplies to local school districts or charity organizations.
- Donate food to a local food bank.
- Volunteer at a local shelter.