Homelessness and Substance Use in Hawaiʻi

The homelessness rate in Hawaiʻi as of July 2020 was 45.5 per 100,000.

The homelessness rate in the United States as of 2019 was 17.3 per 100,000.

Groups at higher risk of becoming homeless:

- Children of Military Families
- College/University Students
- LGBTQ+
- Micronesian or COFA youth
- Native Hawaiians

An estimated 36% of those homeless surveyed in 2017 reported having mental health issues and 31% reported substance use issues.

An estimated 88.1% of homeless youth in Hawaiʻi surveyed in 2018 had used substances in the past 30 days.

Of these youth, 32.5% reported being admitted to a drug treatment program.

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