



The major cause of homelessness in the U.S. is a lack of affordable housing. People cannot find places they can afford, particularly in urban settings where homelessness is more prevalent. United Way of the Midlands organized a survey asking people about their experience of homelessness.

HERE'S WHAT MORE THAN 300 PEOPLE HAD TO SAY

The National Low Income Housing Coalition says housing is "out of reach" for people who earn minimum wage in every state in the U.S.

In South Carolina, a person would need to be paid **\$14.57 an hour** in order to afford a two-bedroom apartment.

48% SAY IT'S THEIR FIRST TIME BEING HOMELESS

46% HAVE BEEN HOMELESS FOR ONE YEAR OR LONGER

Our research showed that the respondents had very low levels of social support from family and friends.

60% said that family or friends could **not** help them with money or having a place to stay



MANY HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS FEEL **AWKWARD** ASKING FOR HELP

In spite of challenging circumstances that have led to their situations, respondents continue to fight for a better life for themselves.

78% are currently looking for housing

58% ARE SEARCHING FOR WORK OR A BETTER JOB

50% say they can afford to pay something for housing, just not fair market rent.

20% ARE EMPLOYED



The solution is AFFORDABLE HOUSING
Help us make housing accessible to everyone by increasing the supply of affordable and supportive housing. Housing provides the foundation for life

