



# What is Situational Homelessness?

**Situational homelessness** is the status of being forced to live without stable housing due to a life-altering event, such as job loss, domestic violence, medical emergency, or natural disaster. Without a safety net of financial savings to rely on, an increasing number of Americans find themselves at risk.



**61%**

of Americans live  
paycheck to paycheck.

**25%**

of Americans do not have  
savings to cover an unexpected  
emergency.

**28%**

people experiencing  
homelessness do so as part  
of a family with children.

Entryway works with participants who are facing situational homelessness.  
What's the difference between that and chronic homelessness?

## Situational Homelessness

- Triggered by a life-altering event
- Account for about 75% of homelessness cases
- Can lead to chronic homelessness
- Staying in shelters, cars, motels, or doubled up with family members

## Chronic Homelessness

- A pattern of homelessness
- Less common compared to situational homelessness
- Linked to a disability, mental health condition, substance use, or prior incarceration
- Staying in shelters or unsheltered

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