

Addressing Homelessness in Utah

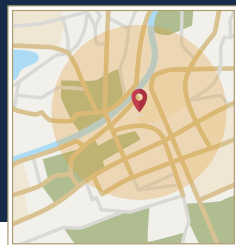
New Year's Resolutions for 2025

Politicized policies have kept homeless individuals trapped in cycles of dependency rather than getting them back to self-sufficiency. That's why, despite increased spending, homelessness has continued to rise in Utah.

The Cicero Institute suggests Utah makes a New Year's Resolution in 2025 to implement system-wide accountability and real solutions that truly serve the homeless and wider communities.

UTAH SHOULD:

- Make a concerted effort to intervene in the drug market that preys on vulnerable people experiencing homelessness and perpetuates their destitution. One solution with a proven record of success is to **create drug-free zones with heightened penalties for drug use and distribution.**

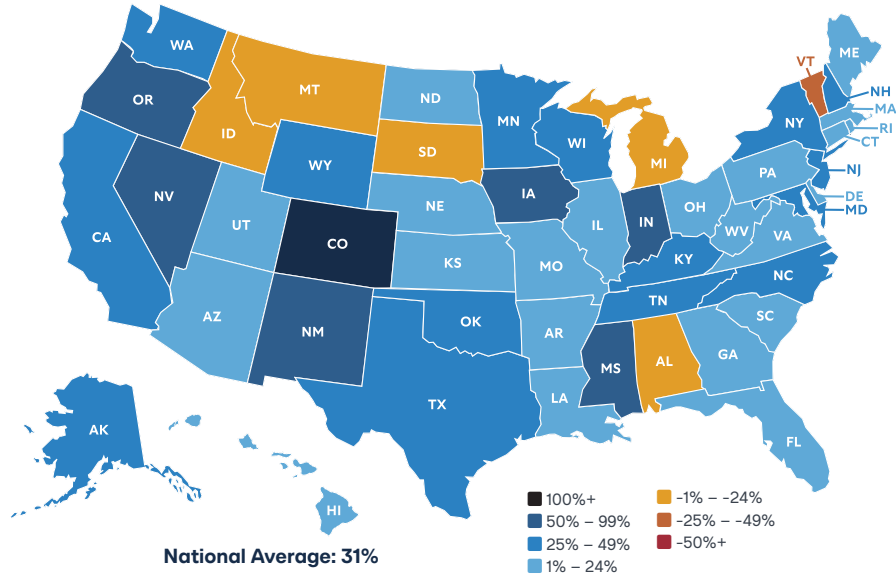


Homeless shelters
increased property
crime by **56%** within 100 meters
of the shelter.

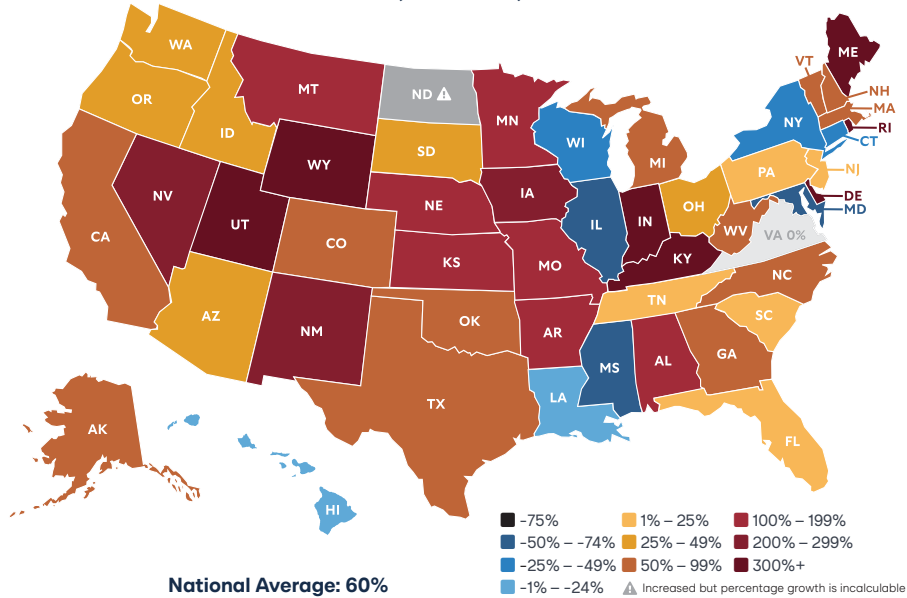
- **Ban "safe-injection sites"** and limit clean-syringe exchanges from 10-for-one to one-for-one.
- Raise a second conviction of hard drug possession to a third-degree felony to **penalize repeat offenders.**
- Call on federal authorities to **end "housing first" mandates** and to free up state funds for different kinds of care.



Increase in Subsidized Permanent Housing (2018–2023)



Increase in Chronic Unsheltered Homeless (2018–2023)



- Create a statewide framework to implement a pilot program that **pairs homeless individuals with a case manager** who can help them with individualized solutions.
- Ensure that first responders to overdoses are able to **offer treatment resources right away**.

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