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Report Shows an Overall 39% Increase in Homelessness Over One Year in Colorado, and a 69% Increase in Family Homelessness—Highest in the Nation

The Colorado Coalition for the Homeless has released the [2023 State of Homelessness Report](#), which showcases devastating increases including an overall 39% increase in homelessness across the state (fourth largest increase in the country), a 20% increase in individuals experiencing chronic homelessness, and a 69% increase in family homelessness, the most significant increase nationally.

Other key takeaways include:

- Unsheltered homelessness increased by 50% in the last year.
- Over the last ten years, chronic homelessness in CO increased by 150% (1,780 to 4,457).
- 3,641 (25%) individuals experiencing homelessness are in a household with at least one adult and one child (also defined as a family in PIT reports).
- 16% of Coloradans experiencing homelessness are under 18.
- 1,265 people experiencing homelessness in Colorado report experiencing domestic violence.
- People of color are disproportionately represented among people experiencing homelessness. Most significantly, those who identify as Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander are 14x overrepresented compared to the general population (2.8% vs 0.2%).

[The full report is available here.](#)

In addition to overall information, the 10-page report also includes information on the Point-in-Time Count background and methodology, demographic differentials, and McKinney-Vento data regarding students experiencing homelessness.

The Colorado Coalition for the Homeless' 2023 State of Homelessness Report serves a statewide companion piece to the [Metro Denver Housing Initiative's report released earlier this month](#). The MDHI report is a comprehensive 80-page document which delves deeper into the Metro Denver area, where the majority of individuals experiencing homelessness in Colorado reside.

To address the homelessness crisis in Colorado, the Coalition continues to advocate for strategic investments to combat the affordable housing crisis as outlined at length in [this 2023 report](#).

About Colorado Coalition for the Homeless:

The mission of the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless is to work collaboratively toward the prevention of homelessness and the creation of lasting solutions for people experiencing and at-risk of homelessness throughout Colorado. The Coalition advocates for and provides a continuum of housing and a variety of services to improve the health, well-being and stability of those it serves. Learn more at www.coloradocoalition.org.