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**Understand a Tragic Social Problem Anew: [Encyclopedia of Homelessness](#)**

*Thousand Oaks, CA, USA (March 23, 2004)* – About 3 million American women, men, and children are homeless. Another 5 million Americans spend over 50% of their income on housing. So, one missed paycheck... one health crisis... one unpaid utility bill... and they could be out the door. While homelessness has always been around, the problem is getting worse due to the lack of affordable housing and the decline of secure, well-paying jobs.

The first resource of its kind, SAGE Reference's new two-volume [Encyclopedia of Homelessness](#) examines this issue's impact, not only on the homeless, but on all of society. Correcting major misconceptions, it provides readers with a comprehensive, accurate, up-to-date description of homelessness in the twenty-first century.

The 150+ entries focus on both the history and the current situation in the United States, and provide a comparative look at homelessness around the world, from Australia to Zimbabwe. Written by an international team of leading authorities in the field, the articles spotlight such diverse subjects as:

- The global history of homelessness
- Lifestyles issues
- Health issues and services
- Government policies and programs
- Legal issues and advocacy
- And more

Research information on the size and characteristics of the homeless population is included, as well as a wealth of primary source material and appendices showing how homelessness is depicted in pop culture's novels, autobiographies and film.

Ideal for both high school and college students alike, the [Encyclopedia of Homelessness](#) is a must-have resource for sociologists, anthropologists, economists, journalists, social policy analysts and planners, social workers, and lawyers providing advocacy services.

David Levinson is a prolific and award-winning editor for Berkshire Reference Works.

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