



## Homelessness and Public Health

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Homelessness is closely connected to declines in physical and mental health; homeless persons experience high rates of health problems, such as HIV infection, alcohol and drug abuse, mental illness, tuberculosis, and other serious conditions. The health problems facing homeless persons result from various factors, including barriers to healthcare, lack of access to adequate food and protection, and limited resources for social services. Legal and policy interventions have often been used to attempt to address homelessness, although not always from a public health perspective.

This Special Issue will explore the public health implications and potential solutions to homelessness, explore emerging research and innovative strategies, and highlight best practices to address homelessness among this key population. In addition to elevating and articulating a clear strategy to reduce homelessness and suggest how to provide more adequate health and housing for this population, authors in this Special Issue will explore solutions for important subpopulations, including young adults, veterans, and those experiencing chronic homelessness.





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