

THE HOMELESSNESS MOST PEOPLE NEVER SEE

Thousands upon thousands of families are experiencing what is commonly called hidden homelessness.

They may be sleeping on someone else's couch, sharing overcrowded housing, moving between relatives, paying nightly for motel rooms, or staying temporarily with friends. Their children may still attend school. The parents may still go to work, attend church, care for their families, and attempt to maintain a sense of normalcy.

There may be no tent, shelter address, or visible sign of homelessness. But they are still unhoused.

These families are often missing from the public picture of homelessness because their crisis is taking place behind closed doors. They are present in our schools, churches, workplaces, and communities—but their housing instability may remain completely unknown.