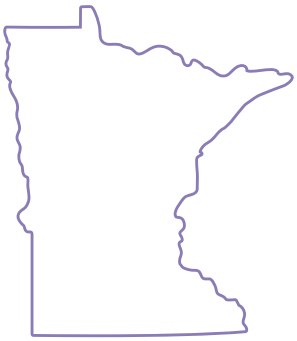
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14.7 per 10,000

residents in Minnesota are unhoused.

This rate is comparable to neighboring states, such as Wisconsin with **9** per **10,000**, and South Dakota with **16** per **10,000**.[1]



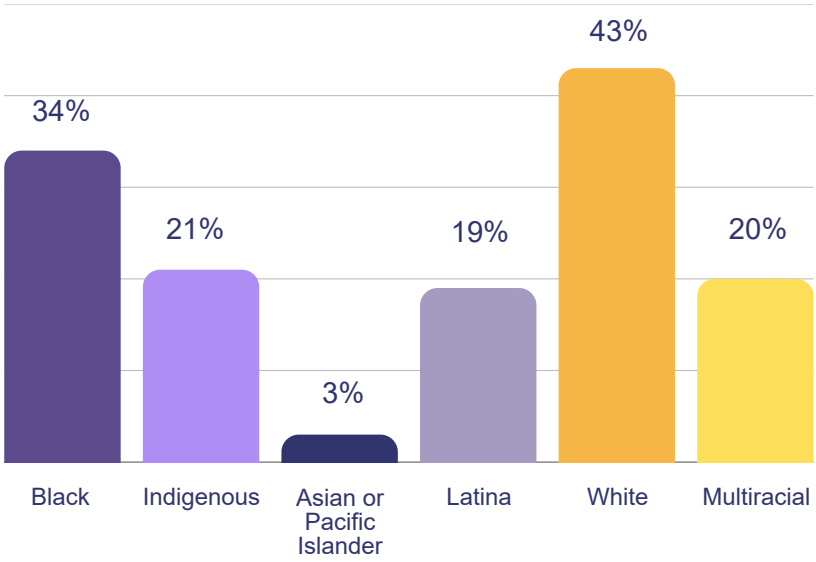


3,475 Minnesotan women experienced homelessness on a given night in **2023**, making women **35%** of Minnesota's homeless population.[2]

On a single night in 2023 in the entire United States, about 250,000 women experienced homelessness, making women 38% of the nation's homeless population.[3]

Homelessness effects different races and ethnic groups disproportionately.[2]

Unhoused women by race or ethnic groups as a percentage of total unhoused women.



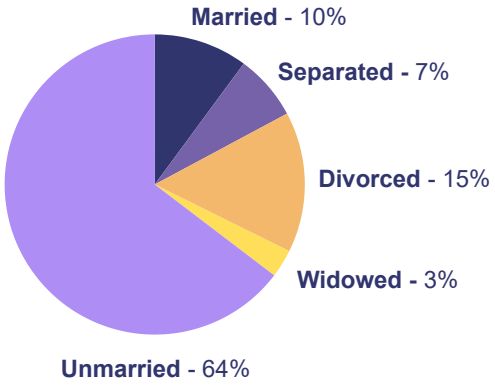
White women make up the majority of the homeless population in Minnesota, however Black, Indigenous, Latina and multiracial women make up a disproportionate percent of unhoused women.

For example, Black women make up **12**% of the overall population of women in Minnesota, but **34**% of unhoused women. Indigenous women make up **1.6**% of the total population of women, but **21**% of unhoused women.[4]

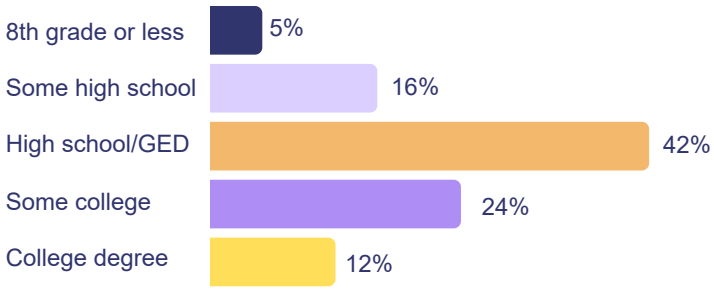
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4 Minnesota Compass

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Women who never married make up the majority of unhoused women, followed by divorced women. [2]



Over half of unhoused women have graduated highschool/GED, and over one-quarter have attended college. [2]



Abuse and violence are major contributors to women experiencing homelessness. [2]



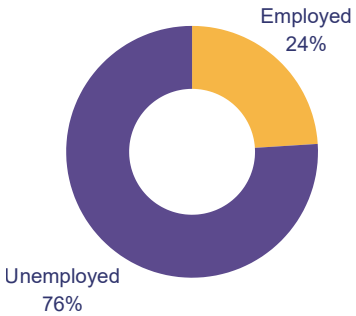
Nearly 75% of unhoused women have experienced an **adverse childhood experience**, defined as potentially traumatic events that occurred in childhood, such as witnessing or experiencing abuse, substance use, instability in the home, and much more.[5]

- **1 in 3** unhoused women (**33%**) cite abuse as the reason for leaving their housing situation.
- **37%** of unhoused women had been in an abusive relationship within the past month.
- **Over half** (**52%**) of unhoused women reported that they had, at some point, stayed in an abusive situation to keep their housing.

Nearly one-quarter of unhoused women are actively employed. [2]

24% of unhoused women are employed. Of those **24%**, **58%** work part time, and **42%** work full time.

Among those not employed, **50%** are actively looking for work, and just **3%** are actively recieving unemployment benefits. The most commonly cited obstacle to employment was transportation, with **37%** identifying it as the main obstacle.



2 Wilder Research, Minnesota Homeless Study 2023
5 Centers for Disease Control