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Rural Homelessness

- Not evenly distributed
- Experience both literal homelessness and precarious housing situations
- Less access to service providers





HEARTH Act

- Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act
 - Expands previous definitions of homelessness to include those at imminent risk of homelessness
 - Allows rural communities to apply for funding under simplified criteria scored against other rural communities
 - Provides increased flexibility



Tribal Homelessness

- Similar to rural homelessness
- Persistent poverty
- Inadequate housing conditions
- Tribal sovereignty

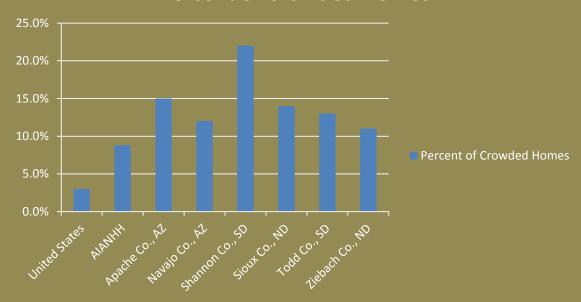




Overcrowding

- Doubling up and homelessness are interchangeable
- NAIHC reports 1/3 of all homes on Native lands are overcrowded

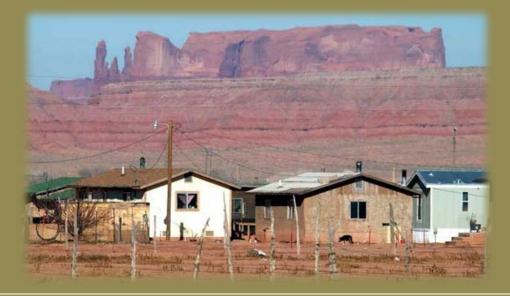
Percent of Crowded Homes





Tribal Homeless Counts

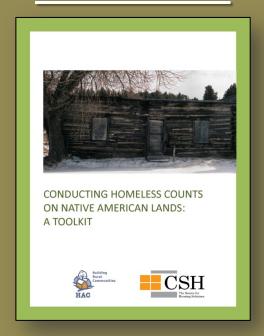
- Beneficial for tribal communities
 - Provides quantifiable information
 - Helps tribes better plan for and coordinate services in their communities
 - Improves access to funding at the federal, state, and local levels





Homeless Counts on Native American Lands

The Toolkit



Available online at:

http://www.ruralhome.org/component/content/article/613-na-homeless-counts-toolkit

