**Homelessness in United states 2020 – 2024**

It was all started with the below question in my mind,

1. How is the trend in united states from 2020 – 2024?
2. Is there any particular race seen consistently increasing the count?
3. Age group wise is there any difference that we can draw?
4. I saw there was a decreasing trend from 2020 – 2021, why is it linked to the number of CoC reported? (I thought if a smaller number of continuum of care reported that might cause the sharp decrease)
5. Finally, I wanted to analyze if there is any increase in trend in Hawaii due to Maui wildfire, a natural disaster.

Insights:

From published report of “AHAR-2024”-PIT estimates of homelessness, the analysis only covers the 50 states in united states. Insights are provided below,

From the overall homelessness trend, from 2020 – 2021 there is a sharp decrease in homelessness, it could be due to the covid-19 interventions like federal relief funds/ eviction moratoriums. After the 2021it has been increasing steadily now reaching 767,856 from the latest report.

As we have seen a sharp decrease in trend 2020 – 2021, wanted to check if there are only few numbers of CoC s reported due to covid-19 pandemic, however there was no significant difference observed.

With Drug abuse in mind, wanted to check if any particular age group has higher homelessness cases across all the states. Interestingly I found the age group 35 – 44 has the highest number of homelessness cases regardless of state. This middle age group may be the problem of job loss, economic pressures and also this age group may not qualify for the federal housing programs. Particularly California(CA) has seen highest number of count due to various reasons, high cost of living, limited affordability, etc.,

Among different race, Black/African American individuals attributes to the highest homeless rates then followed by Hispanic/Latino population. Asian and other race have comparatively low numbers. Could be systemic issues and disparities in wealth and income.

Hawaii trend represents there is a steady and sharp increase in the rates from 2023 – 2024 indicates a significant impact from the natural disaster. Somewhere also linked to the high living cost.

Conclusion:

Regardless of the state homelessness is influenced by Economic inequalities, social inequalities and affordability of housing, sometimes the natural disasters spike the average count. Post 2021, consistent increase in the rates highlights the critical needs for affordable housing.

For more information you can access the files from my github, thank you.