

Truth and Justice Cards – FY21

<p>1. In New Mexico, 51% of those who report being in an “unsheltered living situation” identify their race as BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, Person of Color).</p>	<p>For over 35 years, HopeWorks has brought compassion, resources, and hope to those experiencing homelessness in our community. In 2020, we issued our Statement of Intense and Profound Love, in which we commit to dismantling the racism that contributes to homelessness. Have you read it?</p>
<p>2. In New Mexico, 40% of those who report being in an “unsheltered living situation” identify their ethnicity as Hispanic.</p>	<p>For New Mexicans, our unique heritage is something that goes beyond just skin color. However, our skin color also directly affects the opportunities and challenges we face. Are you wondering who else is experiencing homelessness in our state? The New Mexico Coalition to End Homelessness (www.nmceh.org) Point-in-Time Count Report tells more of the story. Spread the word.</p>
<p>3. Only 33% of adults experiencing homelessness in New Mexico self-reported having mental health issues.</p>	<p>At HopeWorks, our clients do not have to choose between finding a home and getting treatment for behavioral/mental health issues – they can do both. Our Behavioral Health Department provides the support (ranging from intensive at-home care to outpatient therapy) that some clients need in order to maintain stable housing.</p>
<p>4. In the U.S., Black (21.8%) and Hispanic (18.0%) households are significantly more likely to experience food insecurity than their White non-Hispanic counterparts (8.8%).</p>	<p>The HopeWorks Day Shelter is open 7 days a week, 365 days. Our nutritious, fresh meals are available to all, regardless of race, religion, or background. We work hard to ensure that those who enter our doors do not leave hungry. Work hard with us. Support shelters other than ours, such as Albuquerque Opportunity Center, Barrett House, and Good Shepherd Center.</p>
<p>5. A recent analysis showed that otherwise equivalent Black/African-American and Latinx borrowers are charged more in interest rates for mortgages, costing them an extra \$765 million annually.</p>	<p>HopeWorks’ Housing Department works closely with other local organizations such as the NM Mortgage Finance Authority, NM Coalition to End Homeless, and Legal Aid to ensure that our clients are supported, informed, and treated fairly.</p>
<p>6. In 2012–16, about 25% of all renter households in Albuquerque were extremely low income (with incomes at or below 30 percent of AMI, which was \$24,300 in 2016 for a household of four).</p>	<p>HopeWorks’ programming, including critical basic needs, behavioral/mental health services, employment training and job placement, and housing assistance, are free to our clients. We are able to do so because of support from mission partners like you.</p>
<p>7. Of extremely low income households in Albuquerque, 63% are headed by a person identifying as Black, Indigenous, Person of</p>	<p>Poverty and racism are inextricably linked. We know that our BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, Person of Color) neighbors face many more</p>

<p>Color (BIPOC). These households have incomes at or below \$24,300 for a family of four.</p>	<p>barriers than their White counterparts. Matthew Desmond's <i>Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City</i> reveals more about poverty, racism, and the struggle for a home in our country.</p>
<p>8. Nationally, 40% of people experiencing homelessness are Black or African-American. 22% are Hispanic or Latinx. Respectively, these groups make up 13% and 18% of the total US population.</p>	<p>HopeWorks has over 35 years of experience serving our local community. We understand and deeply respect our clients because they are our neighbors. As part of our anti-racism initiatives, we are hiring a consultant to help us with these efforts as they relate to our board and staffing structure and are planning to update our mission/vision statement to reflect this future work. Do you have other ideas about what we can do?</p>
<p>9. Nationally, 52% of people experiencing homelessness in families with children are Black.</p>	<p>Ending homelessness for Black Indigenous, Person of Color (BIPOC) families is a major step toward dismantling the racism that they face every day. You can help us by donating and being an advocate for those experiencing homelessness. Check out our HopeWorks Resources page which lists books, articles, and media to help you (and us) learn more.</p>
<p>10. From 2018-2019, the number of people experiencing homelessness in New Mexico grew by 27% - the highest percentage change out of all 50 states.</p>	<p>When you support organizations like HopeWorks and other homeless service providers such as [fill in], you are taking a stand against the systemic racism and institutional barriers that keep our neighbors on the streets. The time is now. Will you join us in our work to empower the future of New Mexico's unsheltered individuals and families?</p>
<p>11. A 2017 UNM study showed a 31% decrease in costs (including ER visits, ambulance trips, hospital inpatient treatment, jail, and shelter services) when a group of chronically homeless people in Albuquerque were housed for a 1-year period.</p>	<p>For people with mental or behavioral issues, housing (coupled with case management) remains a key component for long term stabilization. Housing ends a homeless episode but also does so much more. A home provides a happier, healthier life. Richard Rothstein's <i>The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America</i> is a great resource to learn more about how government policies affect the ability of some communities to secure stable, affordable housing.</p>
<p>12. National Alliance to End Homelessness reports that between shelters, emergency rooms, and jails, it costs on average approximately \$40,000 per year for a person experiencing homelessness to remain on the streets.</p>	<p>In FY20, it only cost HopeWorks \$118 per client to offer the vast network of services designed to end a homeless episode. Giving to organizations like HopeWorks who support clients directly is more cost effective than doing nothing.</p>

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