

2023 Homelessness and Housing Project

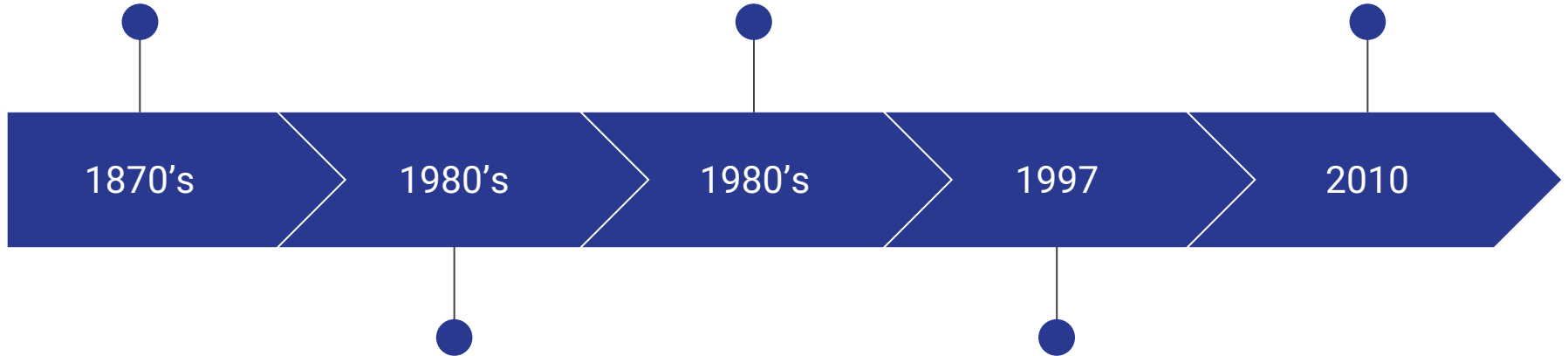
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Timeline

The term “homelessness” was meant to describe itinerant “tramps” traversing the country in search of work.

The HIV/AIDS epidemic caused more homelessness.

In 2010, under President Obama's administration, a federal strategic plan to end homelessness was released.



The early 1980s marked the emergence of what now may be considered the modern era of homelessness.

The 1997 Stewart B. McKinney Act also authorized the creation of the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness.

The problem

Missing Middle Housing

- Housing tends to be for single-families instead of multi

Types of Housing in need

- Lower cost housing
- Pandemic aid housing programs are winding down

Homelessness

- Reduction in income
- Unemployment
- Decrease in work hours
- Mental Illness
- Medical Costs
- Substance abuse

Responses

Issues with the homeless

66.7% of the citizens we interviewed have not experienced any issues with the homeless, while 33.3% have experienced issues with the homeless.

Near Schools

Most of the citizens believe that it is not a big causing issue for the homeless shelter to be close to the schools.

Drugs leading to homelessness

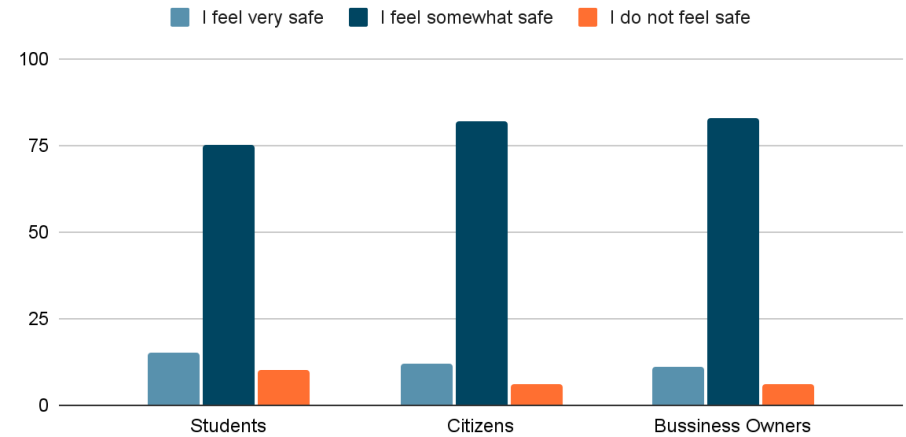
People in Atascadero agree that there is a drug problem amongst the homeless which can result in danger for students and kids being exposed to it.

Statistics

% of how much people feel safe



How safe do you feel walking down the street with the homeless roaming around town?



Ideas from the Echo CEO



- What types of housing do we need more of? Apartments and higher density housing.

- What solutions or ideas do you have for addressing homelessness in Atascadero? More resources for lower cost housing and more resources for the unhoused.



Interviews



McDonalds Manager- To sum up the interview the McDonalds manager informed us that they have had to have multiple people removed from there property and have had countless encounters with homeless individuals struggling with mental illnesses and drug abuse.

Social worker- The social worker said that the physical and mental health of the homeless has gotten worse .

Main Solutions

- Having more in person and active police officers on duty and on patrol to keep our city clean and safe would help.
 - Build more cost effective housing/apartments that can be afforded by minimum wage jobs.
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Summary

In summary, homelessness is a complex issue that affects public safety and economic prosperity in downtown Atascadero. This issue has to be tackled at multiple angles, we need more on duty patrol officers to keep pedestrians feeling safe downtown and we need housing that can be paid for with a regular full time minimum wage job.

Thank you so
much for
listening to our
presentation

Any Questions?

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