Does Financial Strain Affect the Impact of Mental Illness on Homelessness?

The relationship between severe mental illness and homelessness is well-established



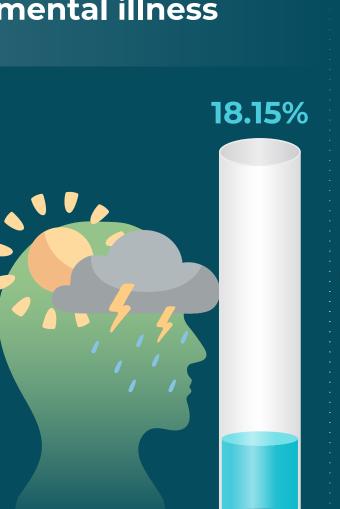
To what extent does financial strain mediate the relationship between severe mental illness and homelessness?

alcohol and related conditions 18.8%

National epidemiologic survey on

18.8% of respondents with psychotic disorder 11.46%

11.46% of respondents with major depressive disorder



Four financial strain variables

(low income, worse employment,

debts, history of homelessness)

18.15% of respondents with bipolar disorder

Longitudinal study of 3 year period



Percentage of participants with severe mental illness reporting homelessness

34,653 participants

representative of

the US population



Effect of financial strain on the link between severe mental illness and homelessness

39%

Financial strain significantly mediates the link between severe mental illness and homelessness, and adults with severe mental illness experiencing homelessness may benefit from programs aimed at achieving financial literacy and well-being

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