

# Stone Soup

*Opportunities in Homelessness and Health*

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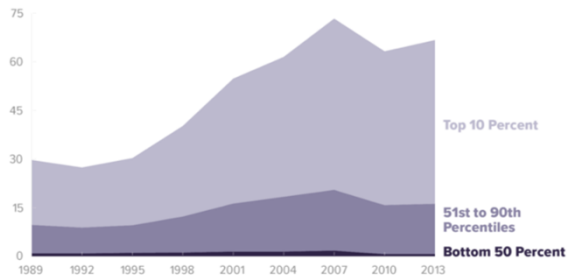
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## Holdings of Family Wealth

Trillions of 2013 Dollars



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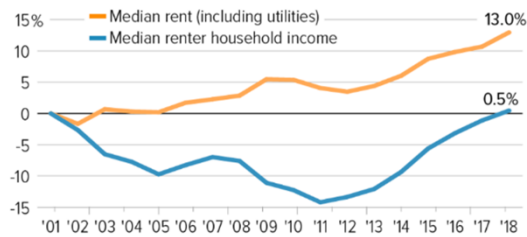
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## Renters' Incomes Haven't Caught Up to Housing Costs

Percent change since 2001, adjusted for inflation



Source: CBPP tabulations of the Census Bureau's American Community Survey

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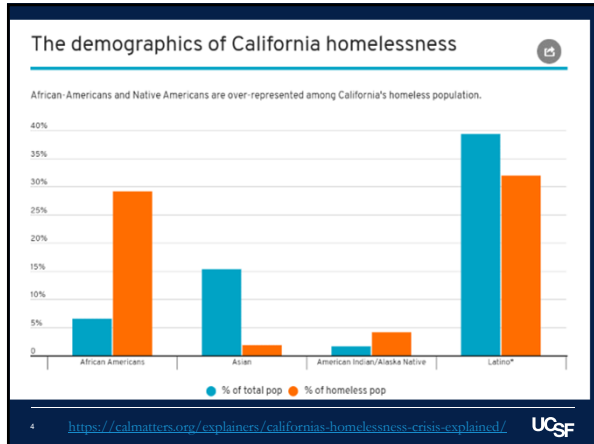
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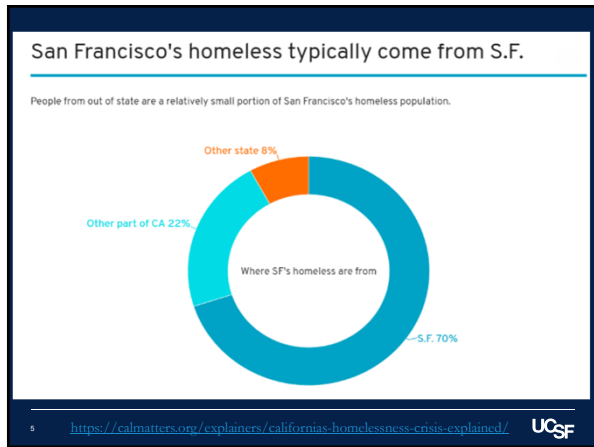
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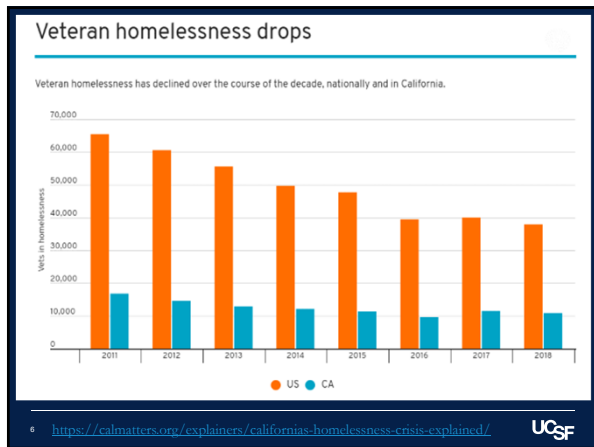
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### The homeless population is aging

Proportion of single homeless adults ≥50 in San Francisco

- 1990 11%
- 2003 37%
- Today approximately 50%

Median age increased 0.66 years for every calendar year between 1990-2003

Hahn J et al. The Aging of the Homeless Population. JGIM. 2006

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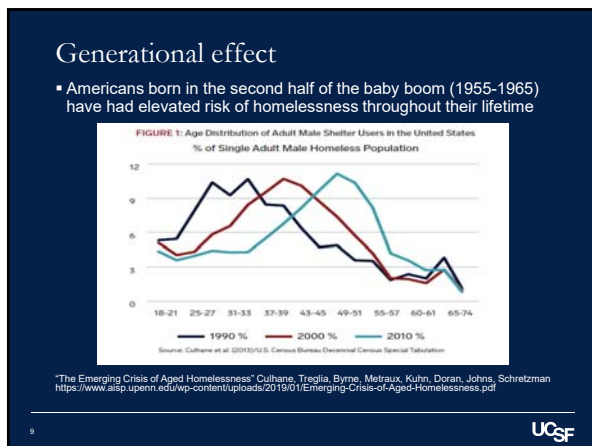
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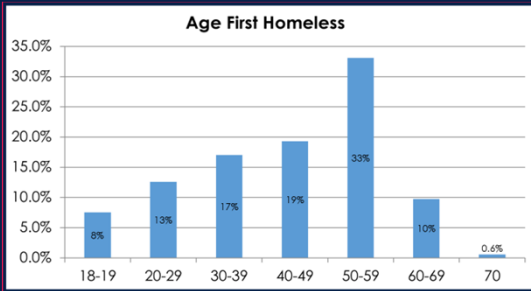
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44% with first episode of homelessness after age 50



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### High prevalence of all geriatric conditions

- Mobility impairment 27%
- One or more falls (6 months) 34%
- Visual impairment 45%
- Hearing impairment 36%
- Urinary incontinence 48%

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### What We Know?

- The primary solution to homelessness is housing
  - More housing choice vouchers
  - Flexible short term housing assistance
  - Increased stock of affordable housing
- Reducing poverty through increase in wages
- Reducing wealth disparity through changes in tax structure
- Racism continues to drive homelessness

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# Solutions

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## While we wait.....

- Keep people alive
  - Low barrier, voluntary shelters
  - Planned encampments/novel housing
  - Safe consumption facilities, naloxone, MAT
  - Medical care and aging in place
- Test prevention strategies
  - Rent subsidy for seniors
- Stone Soup University

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## Fort Lyon Recovery Center



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## Howie the Harp Center

- Job training for people who have used mental health services
- 20 week, strength based training
- 7 week internship with stipend
- Peer advocates- \$45,000/year

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- Voluntary
- Clean and sober, self-governed
- Recovery
- GED
- IHSS training
- Peer advocacy
- Trade

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## Conclusions- Delivery System

- High need, high cost seniors and PWD
- Medi-Medi Social Justice ACO
  - Vertically integrated
  - Capitated with tiered payment structure
  - Mandated Community Benefit contribution
  - Close cooperation with Housing Authority
  - Restorative and racial justice principals

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## Conclusion- Policy

1. HIGH NEED
  - Assisted Living/RCF/Board and Care
  - Expansion of ACT Teams
2. LOW NEED
  - Diversion
  - Job training in healthcare with real wage
3. MIDDLE NEED
  - More HUD rental vouchers, plan to fail
  - Greater involvement of medical in sorting

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