Homelessness has become a major problem in the United States today. It represents the culmination of several of the flaws in society. Homelessness is caused by a variety of things, but is most commonly attributed to poverty, housing opportunities, personal factors that may include medical issues, natural disasters, and unexpected emergencies. Although the national homelessness rates have actually decreased over the past four years, many urban areas have seen an increase in the homeless population.
Homeless Rate per 1000 people (only states with below median unemployment in 2008 but above median unemployment in 2005)

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