

HOMELESSNESS

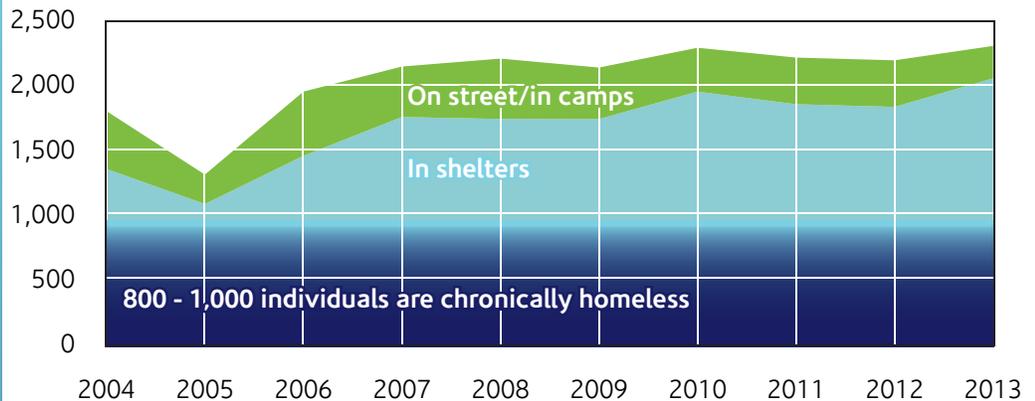


DID YOU KNOW?

- » In the NashvilleNext Community Issues survey, 61% of Nashvillians ranked homeless as a high priority.
- » The National Alliance to End Homelessness distinguishes between 8 homeless populations:
 - » Chronic homelessness
 - » Families
 - » Youth
 - » Veterans
 - » Rural homelessness
 - » Domestic violence
 - » Mental/physical health
 - » Prisoner re-entry
- » The Metro Homelessness Commission was created in 2005 to implement Nashville's 10-year *Strategic Plan to End Chronic Homelessness*.
- » Nashville Public Schools had 2,495 students registered as homeless last year. Nearly half attended elementary schools.
- » National homeless best practices are presented in five areas – prevention, emergency, supportive services/case management, long-term housing, and community coordination.
- » Permanent supportive housing and case management to assist the homeless person with their individual needs costs between \$11–\$12,000 per person per year. Psychiatric services can add another \$2,500 per year.

Nashville's homeless population

An annual point-in-time count of our homeless population shows an increase over the past ten years.



Many layers of help

120

agencies provide services to low-income and no-income clients in Nashville.

26 agencies provide 2,941 beds for the homeless, to three primary ends.



1,365 permanent supportive housing



892 transitional housing



685 emergency housing

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This background report is one of several developed to provide input to the NashvilleNext planning process and provide a starting point for broader community discussion. Any final policies and recommendations endorsed by the NashvilleNext Steering Committee for the consideration of the Metropolitan Planning Commission will be the result of the entire planning process and upcoming community engagement and discussion. This is a brief summary of the Homelessness background report. The reader is encouraged to read the entire report at www.nashvillenext.net



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On any given night, 3,000 to 4,000 individuals and families are homeless in Nashville. Homelessness has many faces. Homelessness is often categorized by chronic homelessness, families, youth, veterans, rural homelessness, domestic violence, mental/physical health, and prisoner re-entry.

The Metropolitan Homelessness Commission is an entity created by the Metro Council in 2005 to implement the city's Strategic Plan to End Chronic Homelessness in Nashville (Ten Year Plan) and reduce overall homelessness. The role of the Homelessness Commission, as identified in the Ten Year Plan, is to serve as a planning and coordination entity that brings together a collaborative effort around homelessness.

The Metropolitan Homelessness Commission has identified approximately 120 agencies that provide services to low-income and no-income clients. These service providers include hospitals, congregations that offer meals, health clinics, hotlines, government agencies, and other organizations offering a variety of services. They also include the 26 service providers that are listed on the Housing Inventory Chart as providing emergency shelter, transitional housing and permanent supportive housing for homeless individuals and families.

Cities across the nation have conducted cost studies and found that depending on the population served, the cost of providing services for a homeless person is equal to or higher than the cost of providing housing coupled with services for that person.

The report also discusses national homeless best practices in five areas – prevention, emergency, supportive services/case management, long-term housing, and community coordination.

