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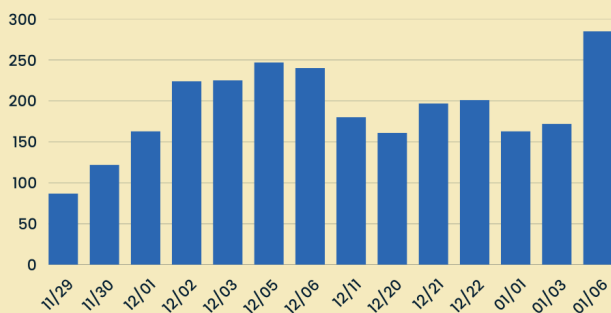
Progress Amid Challenges: Nashville's Homelessness Declines as Nation Sees Rise

HUD's 2024 Annual Homelessness Assessment Report (AHAR) to Congress revealed an 18% national increase in homelessness. However, Nashville experienced a slight decrease during the same time frame, reflecting progress in addressing this critical issue.

As we prepare for the 2025 Point In Time (PIT) Count on January 23 (or January 30 in case of inclement weather), additional volunteers are needed. This year's PIT Kickoff will feature remarks from Mayor Freddie O'Connell.

The Office of Homeless Services (OHS) continues to enhance its data-driven processes by improving data collection. Below are key data points highlighting the progress made possible through the collaboration of local government, nonprofit partners, and the dedication of our community members and volunteers.

2024-2025 PEOPLE SHELTERED



This data reflects the number of days open and the number of people served per night. The average number of people served is 183. Metro Overflow Shelter served 2,382 people from November 29, 2024-January 3, 2025.

2024 1912 PEOPLE HOUSED



47%

898
Individuals

Directly from outdoor
settings or places not meant
for habitation.

32%

616
Individuals

From Emergency Shelters.

21%

398
Individuals

From other vulnerable situations, including
transitional housing and domestic violence
scenarios.

A total of 1,912 people were housed by community partners from January-December.

Cold Weather Shelter

OHS is operating Nashville's 2024-2025 Cold Weather Overflow shelter and utilizing the local HMIS Database for operations. With 15 days of sheltering, noticeable trends include:

- 48 years old was the average age of shelter guests
- 93% have disabling conditions,
- 44% are not connected to any service providers,
- 11 guests have moved into permanent housing

There is more work to be done. Let's make 2025 the most successful year for our unhoused Nashville neighbors.

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Breaking Barriers: Homeless Deaths Drop 45% as Nashville Expands Housing and Support Programs

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The Office of Homeless Services working in partnership with local service providers and non-profits have made significant strides in addressing the crisis of homelessness, leading to a notable 45% reduction in mortality among the unhoused population in just 2 years. Over the past four years, the data reflects both the challenges and the progress made:

- **2021: 203 deaths**
- 2022: 204 deaths
- 2023: 193 deaths
- **2024: 113 deaths (year-to-date)**

**In reviewing this data, 21 were housed at the time of death, 74 were homeless at death and 18 passed with their housing status unknown.

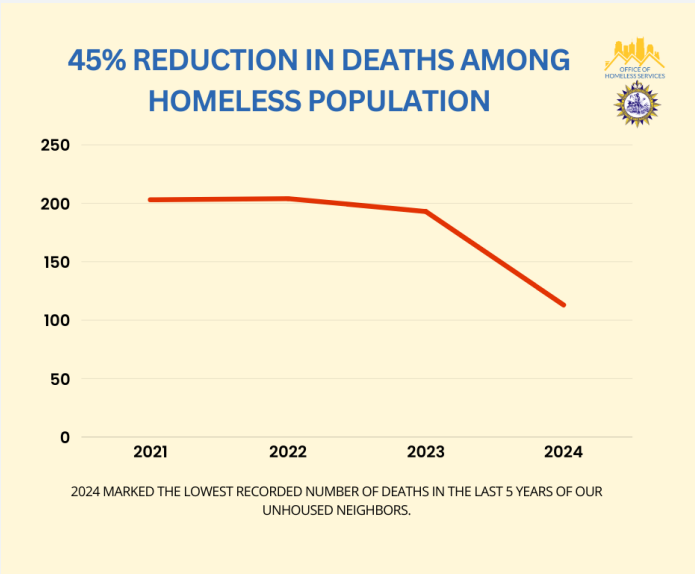
2024 marked the lowest recorded number of deaths in the last 5 years, a testament to the coordinated efforts of our office, service providers, and community partners. Initiatives such as increased funding, expanded housing support, encampment support, and outreach programs have all played a critical role in this success.

Increase In Affordable Housing

The Office of Homeless Services has increased the Low Barrier Housing inventory for our service providers from **147** locations to **327** locations within the last 16 months. The launch of Padmission on November 15th, a software program designed to offer easier access to housing options was a strategic part of OHS' overall plan to end homelessness. Over 350 community partners now have real time access to viable housing options through Padmission.

The Affordable Housing Gap Financing provided **930** affordable units to the city of Nashville. Within those units, **182** were dedicated to our unhoused population.

As we continue to increase housing inventory, we are also seeking solutions for increased rental subsidies.



While we celebrate this progress, we recognize there is still much work to be done. Despite the 45% reduction this year, 113 deaths are still too many. Every life lost highlight the urgency of our mission to secure housing, deliver vital services, and address the root causes of homelessness-the need for more affordable housing.

