

Newsletter

Office of Homeless Services

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Positioned for Growth & Prepared for Change

Increased Budget for Increased Impact

Beyond the celebratory events of the holiday season, let's reflect on the relevance of housing as a human right for our Nashville neighbors. As Nashville Davidson County's FY26 budget season begins, OHS shares sincere gratitude to Mayor Freddie O'Connell and his Administration, the Metro Finance Team, and the Metro Council. Their approval of the OHS' comprehensive request is a significant step towards ensuring housing as a human right for our Nashville neighbors. This budget supports our partnerships with more than 47 nonprofit providers, outreach teams, and housing agencies, thereby expanding access to vital services, including permanent supportive housing, emergency shelter, medical respite, recovery services, and family crisis services. These life-saving funds have already enabled swift action, bringing hope and optimism by changing the lives and sleeping arrangements of individuals.

City Prioritizes Safety and Housing During Pre-Fourth of July Relocation Effort.

This summer, our city faced a critical challenge: protecting the lives of individuals living in the fallout zone of Fourth of July fireworks near Nissan Stadium. From June 28th through July 1st, 36 unhoused Nashville neighbors living there were safely relocated into Interim Housing and Affordable Gap Loan units. **"This effort was unique. It was an emergency, and we responded. Metro's American Rescue Plan Act**

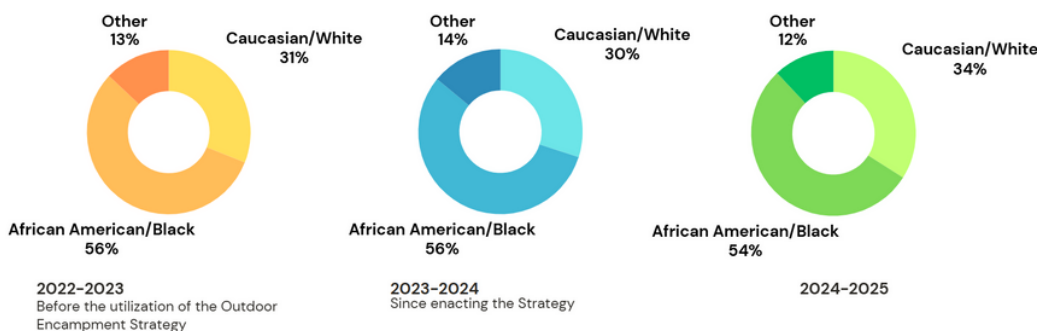
(ARPA) funding, dedicated to homelessness, allowed us to move quickly", said April Calvin, Director of the Office of Homeless Services. **"Everyone we engaged was ready to go. They want housing and we are committed to making that goal a reality."** (See the full press release [here](#).)

With safety as our top priority, OHS, alongside Metro departments and community partners, like the Hospitality Hub and the Low Barrier Housing Collective responded swiftly and compassionately. Following the recent successful transition of 107 individuals from the Anthes Drive encampment, an additional 36 individuals living near the riverfront were also moved into safe, indoor housing. These neighbors are now receiving ongoing wraparound support from OHS and its provider network—including case management, healthcare access, housing navigation, and transportation assistance—ensuring that housing is just the beginning of a path toward stability and permanent solutions.

A Commitment to All Unhoused Nashvillians

Because we consider and pursue all housing solutions to meet the various needs of our community, we are pleased to report that the diverse distribution of people housed remains consistent over time, reinforcing our goal to ensure that everyone regardless of background has access to safety, support, and a path to permanent housing.

Demographic Snapshot



-April Calvin

Director, Office of Homeless Services



OHS Outreach Team members and Director, April Calvin

Housing Inventory Count & Funding Impacts

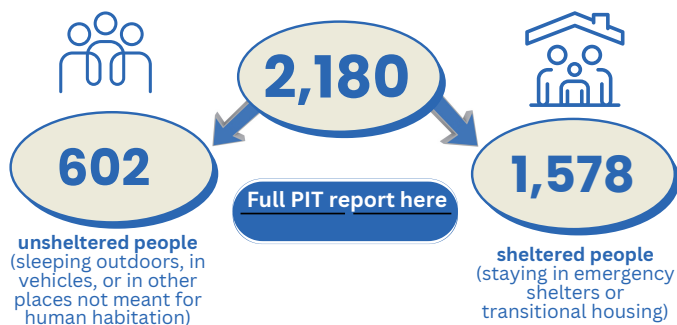
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Point-In-Time Count (PIT)

Each year, communities across the country conduct a Point-in-Time (PIT) Count—a one-night census of people experiencing homelessness. This effort is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and helps guide federal funding and local planning for homeless services. 2180 people were counted as experiencing homelessness on the night of January 23, 2025. This is a 4.1% increase since January 2024.



Community partners and city leaders participated in Nashville's 2025 PIT Count.



More than 100 participants joined the effort.

Major Ethan Frizzell, Area Commander of the Salvation Army in Southwest Florida and speaker at the 2025 Homelessness Symposium stated, **"The primary driver of the rate of homelessness experienced is housing pressure. While Nashville is actively engaged in tamping down housing pressure, the system that rehouses Nash Neighbors is throttled in success. But don't be dismayed, while persons being served in the system are still literally homeless, thus still counted, the speed of rehousing and the strength of the system is increasing."**

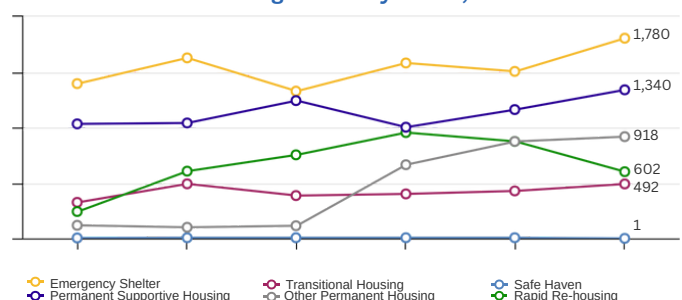
Housing Inventory Count (HIC)

Every year, Nashville participates in a critical effort that directly impacts the funding we receive to serve our unhoused neighbors: the Housing Inventory Count (HIC). The HIC is a snapshot of all the beds and housing programs available to people experiencing homelessness or who were recently homeless. It's part of a national requirement from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and helps determine how much federal funding cities like Nashville receive for homeless services. This data also informs the Annual Homelessness Assessment Report to Congress. On the night of January 23, 2025, Nashville reported:

- **69%** of our emergency and temporary shelter beds were in use.
- **92%** of our permanent housing beds were occupied.

This shows the demand for long-term housing solutions. Metro's investment in the FY26 Budget for Non-traditional Rapid Rehousing will support an increase in occupancy for permanent housing beds. By counting beds and understanding how many are filled, we ensure every dollar of federal support is backed by real data and that our community continues to build toward a future where everyone has a place to call home.

Nashville Housing Inventory Count, 2020-2025



Extreme Heat Data and Resources

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From June 22nd-June27th, OHS' Outreach Team hit the streets delivering life- saving resources to all 4 Nashville quadrants (see data image). The goal is to meet people where they are and provide the necessary support and assistance during extreme temperatures. Assisting one unhoused neighbor suffering from dehydration, reminded us why this work and access to safe shelter is urgent. OHS works closely with the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to determine our response efforts. View footage below of "A Day and Life of OHS Outreach Workers During a Heat Response."

[Click Here](#)



Where to Turn During Extreme Heat

For a complete list of resources serving Nashville's unhoused neighbors, visit <https://www.nashville.gov/departments/office-homeless-services>

NASHVILLE RESCUE MISSION

- **Hours:** Daily, 24/7
- **Services:** Food, case management, beds, clothing, showers
- **Getting there:** #52B bus, 616 7th Ave.

ROOM IN THE INN

- **Hours:** Monday – Friday, 6AM – 2PM
- **Showers** 6AM -11AM | Arrive by 6AM to reserve a spot
- **Services:** Lunch tickets are available starting at 10:15AM or until they run out.
- **Getting there:** #8 bus

CCF RESOURCE HUB

- **Hours:** Monday-Friday, 9AM – 3PM , Sunday 10AM – 1PM & open until 5PM on extreme heat days.
- **Services:** Day Shelter,
- **Getting there:** #4 bus 511 S. 8th St.

CITY ROAD CHAPEL

- **Hours:** Monday & Wednesday, 7AM – 1PM
- **Services:** Showers, laundry, bus passes, food bags, day shelter, Coordinated Entry (9AM-12PM)
- **Getting there:** #56 bus 701 Gallatin Pike S.

OFFICE OF HOMELESS SERVICES

- **Hours:** 9AM-12PM (on days of extreme heat).
- **Services:** Mobilized throughout the city.
Water distribution
Cool ride bus passes distributed within known camps and throughout the city.
Dispatch rides available from 1PM-4PM. Call 615-844-3399 to schedule pick up.
Bug spray
Sunscreen
Cool towels
Service coordination & Coordinated Entry

NASHVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

- **Hours:** Visit <https://library.nashville.gov/locations>
- **Bus Route Locations:** Bellevue, Bordeaux, Donelson, Madison, and Southeast.
- **Services:** Locations have air conditioning, restrooms, and drinking fountains, as well as computers and power outlets for charging phones and other devices.
The Main Library is temporarily closed.

OPEN TABLE NASHVILLE

- **Hours:** Green Street: Wednesdays from 3:00–5:00 PM
- Trinity Community Commons: Tuesdays from 4:30–6:30 PM
- First Evangelical Lutheran Church: Mondays from 10:00 AM–12:00 PM
- **Services:** Fridays (Downtown & Surrounding Areas): Outreach teams distribute meals and supplies, focusing on specific encampments and individuals they are actively supporting.
- **Outreach Supplies:** Seasonal items are available at all locations listed above. Supplies include bottled water, cooling towels, sunscreen, bug spray, and bus passes.

Stay Connected & Informed

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Hundreds Attend Metro's First State of Homelessness Symposium

Hundreds joined to hear national speakers (Dr. Tsemberis, Roseann Haggerty, Major Frizzell and Dr. Richard Cho) and Mayor, Freddie O'Connell discuss local and national changes impacting homelessness. Mayor O'Connell reminded us that, the issue of homelessness cannot be solved by Metro government alone. It requires everyone working together. The 2025 State of Homelessness Symposium served as both a progress report and a powerful call to action.

[Footage Here](#)



Emergency Services Response Efforts



Ongoing Community Trainings



Monthly Resource Fairs



For more information on current events and ways to connect, visit our socials:



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