

Newsletter

Office of Homeless Services

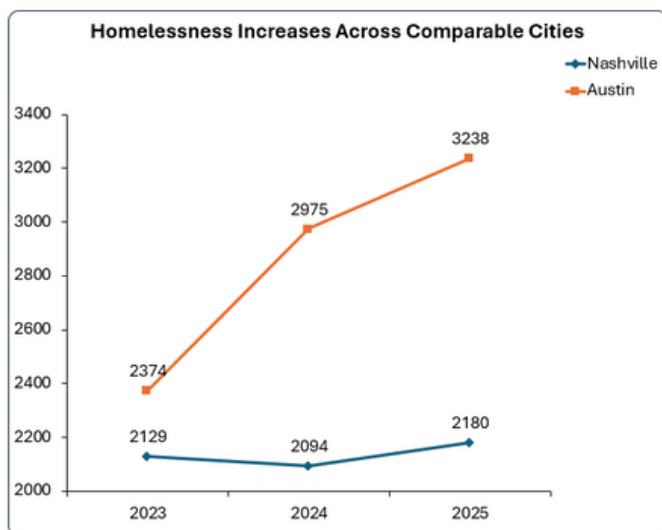
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A Time of Celebration, Clarity, and Call to Action

We are awaiting this year's Annual Homelessness Assessment Report (AHAR) as we have encouraging news about our city's efforts to address homelessness. While many cities of similar size have experienced dramatic increases, Nashville has managed to hold the line with only a 2.4% increase despite ongoing challenges such as housing pressures, stagnant wages, and systemic issues. Recent Point-in-Time (PIT) count data from comparable cities show significantly higher increases.

- Austin 36%
- Raleigh 27%
- Denver 8%
- Louisville 6%

*Nationally, homelessness rose 18% in 2024.



This achievement speaks to the dedication of our community partners. Their commitment, the collaboration of city departments and community organizations ensures that Nashville is responding to homelessness in a way that fosters stability and long-term success.

Our office has strategically expanded to reduce systematic gaps through:

- Managing Coordinated Entry
- Operating the Cold Weather Shelter
- Responding to emergencies
- Providing onsite services at local shelters
- IPS job placements

We've recently added a dedicated Veterans Systems Lead and continue collaborating closely with local agencies, offering training, and support. Each of these resources play a critical role in helping our neighbors survive and thrive. This work is never done alone. Over 47 partnering agencies deliver housing, healthcare, outreach, and supportive services every day. These agencies are the heartbeat of Nashville's homelessness response system. Challenges remain but the progress is real.

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Community Highlights

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Celebrating the Legacy of Preston “PT” Bailey, Jr.



Image of Preston Bailey

The Nashville community is mourning the loss Preston Bailey, known to many as “PT.” He was a devoted father, friend, husband and servant to many. In a recent interview with Darly Murray, CEO of Welcome Home Ministries, he expressed his deep appreciation for PT’s dedication to the organization and the lasting impact his life made on all who knew him. Murray says, *“Preston set a standard that we will continue to follow.”*

[“PT” Video
Tribute with
WHM](#)

Strobel House Celebrates One Year of Service

Strobel House celebrated its One-Year Anniversary. Thank you to Mayor Freddie O’Connell, elected officials, community partners, council members, Homeless Planning Council, Depaul staff and OHS staff. Your presence made the residents feel supported. There is still more work to do, more lives to save, and more Strobel Houses to build.



Chuck Levesque, Depaul CEO, (L) presented with a retirement plaque by April Calvin, Director of OHS (R)



James J., (L) and Steve R. (R) at Strobel Celebration

[Strobel House
Video Tribute](#)

Stay Connected & Informed

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Renew Your Weather Alert Subscription-One Time Only

Have you renewed your OHS weather alerts subscription yet? This is the **ONLY TIME** you'll need to do it to keep receiving life-saving information.

Stay informed about extreme weather. Get updates on emergency resources like shelters, cooling stations, and more. Text OHSALERT to 888-777 now to continue receiving alerts. It's fast, free, and could save a life.



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Are You In a Housing Crisis?



HOW TO ACCESS THE COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM

If you are facing housing instability, a housing crisis or literal homelessness, please call to speak with a Coordinated Entry Phone Line Specialist for available resource options.

Coordinated Entry Phone Line:
615-862-6444

- Hours: Monday-Friday 8a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Coordinated Entry Specialist assess all calls.
- The assessment can take up to an hour.

Lace Up and Make A Difference

Join us for the 2nd Annual Office of Homeless Services 5K Run & Walk, part of Metro Makes a Difference!

Friday, October 3, 2025

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Ravenwood Park | Stones River Greenway
(Donelson-Hermitage)

\$25 Recommended Donation / Runner

*People with lived experience are encouraged to join us at no cost.



REGISTER NOW FOR THE 2ND ANNUAL 5K RUN & WALK!

Are you ready to pound the pavement and conquer new fitness goals all for a great cause? We can all make a difference with **Metro Makes a Difference!** This fundraiser offers an exhilarating 5K Run & Walk event that promises excitement, community, a whole lot of fun for the entire family, and end with outdoor activities and games like basketball and cornhole!

- Friday**
October 3, 2025
- Start From**
4:00pm - 6:00pm
- Ravenwood Park**
Stones River Greenway
Donelson-Hermitage

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REGISTER HERE



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