

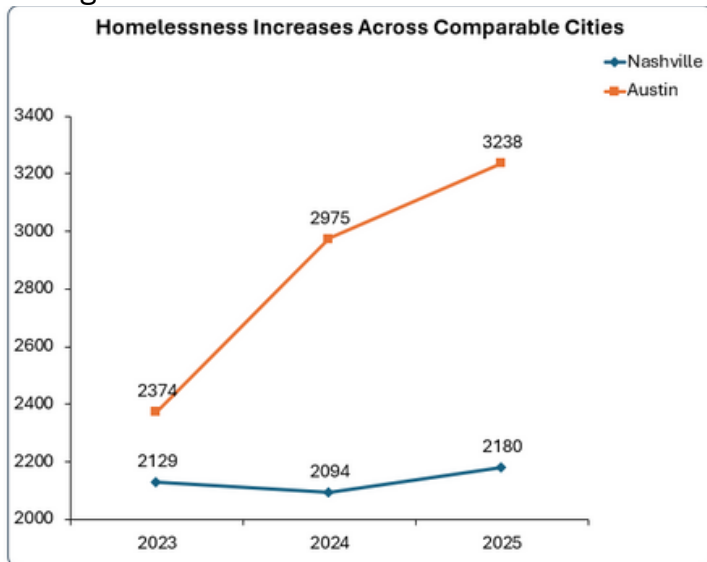
Newsletter

Office of Homeless Services

• OCTOBER 8, 2025 • ISSUE 17 • Written by: April Calvin, Director

Nashville's Homeless Data Sparks National Interest

Last month we shared comparative data showing that Nashville's increase in homelessness was only 2.4%, compared to other similarly sized cities that had increases as high as 36%.



Many other cities are watching our progress. I'm honored to share that on October 23rd, the State of Oklahoma will send a 60-member delegation to Nashville to learn from our city's housing and homelessness sector. This is yet another national collaboration that recognizes our city as a model for housing solutions. Over the past few years, Nashville has taken intentional steps to strengthen our system of care for our unhoused neighbors.

We've expanded permanent supportive housing, strengthened partnerships with outreach teams and service providers, and deepened coordination with Metro departments, faith-based organizations and local nonprofits. Through these efforts, we've been able to connect over 3800 individuals to safe, stable housing and supportive services. This progress did not happen overnight. It's the result of a shared community commitment, dedicated employees, essential health care teams, and local government who show up everyday to make a difference. It's that spirit of systematic progress that Oklahoma leaders hope to see firsthand when they come to Nashville. Their visit will include:

- Tours of our Permanent Supportive Housing developments
- Conversations with community partners
- Discussions about how cities can work together to end homelessness in sustainable and humane ways.

We're deeply humbled that Nashville is being recognized as a model for progress and even more motivated to keep improving, learning, and leading with care.

-April Calvin

Community Highlights

• OCTOBER 8, 2025

• ISSUE 17

• Written by: Demetris Chaney

Faith & Wildflowers

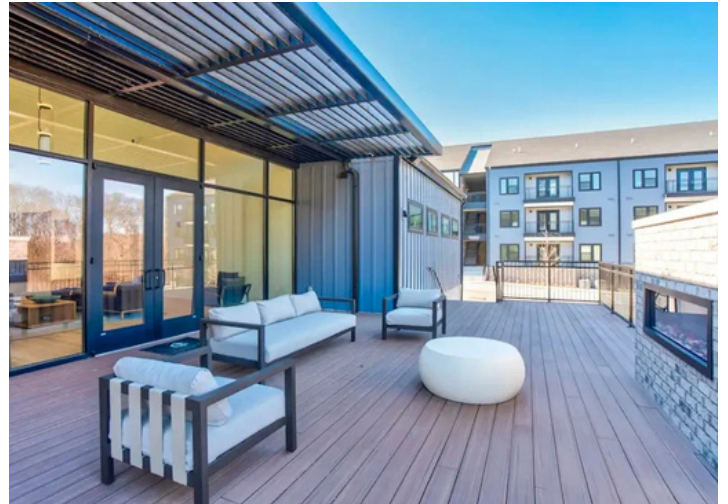
Faith & Wildflowers is on a mission to serve women seeking a hand up. Whether it's clothing, hygiene items, job readiness workshops or just someone to care, they are ready to serve. As a partner at our monthly resource fairs, Faith & Wildflowers show up with their "Hope Bus" providing clothing and hygiene items to those in need. Thank you, Faith & Wildflowers, for your commitment to serving our unhoused Nashville neighbors who need it most!



Highland East

Highland East located at 301 Ben Allen Road, held a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony last month. This development offers 238 homes with 10 homes reserved for people earning 30% and below of the area median income (AMI) and 5 homes reserved for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH). The city's goal is to create more affordable housing and we are excited to partner with Highland East.

"We are focused on housing affordability," says Mayor Freddie O'Connell.



Volunteers Needed

We're preparing our Cold Weather Shelter to ensure our neighbors have a safe and welcoming place to stay. Join us for a day of organizing supplies, setting up cots, and cleaning so every guest is met with dignity and care.

Welcome families, students, faith groups, and individuals. Bring comfortable clothes, gloves if you have them, and a heart ready to serve. Click the registration link to view time slots available.

[Register Here.](#)



Stay Connected & Informed

- OCTOBER 8, 2025
- ISSUE 17
- Written by: Demetris Chaney

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.



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**

Upcoming Resource Fair

Calling all service providers! It's almost time for our Quarterly Resource Fair at the Women's Mission! Don't miss this opportunity to connect directly with the women in need of the life-saving resources and supportive services you have to offer.

Email Clarmeshia.Taylor@nashville.gov by October 20, 2025 to confirm your attendance.

RESOURCE FAIR
at
**NASHVILLE RESCUE MISSION
WOMEN'S CAMPUS**
1716 Rosa Parks Blvd, Nashville TN 37208
OCTOBER | 30TH | 2025
11:30AM-2PM
For more information, email
Clarmeshia.Taylor@Nashville.gov

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

 @OHSNashville

 @officeofhomelesssservices.nash

 @OHSNashville