

THE STATE OF VETERAN HOMELESSNESS

2021

Few conditions are more harmful to individual health and welfare than homelessness. That's why the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is committed to making sure every Veteran has a safe and stable place to call home. Working in partnership with Federal, state, and local community organizations across the country, VA provides wraparound services that integrate housing, health care, employment, and education assistance programs to support at-risk Veterans and help those experiencing homelessness exit and remain stably housed. VA and its partners have dedicated unprecedented resources to help solve this problem. But there is still more work to be done. Here's how we are tackling the challenge, and how you can help.

2010-2020 ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Nearly **50%**
reduction

in Veteran homelessness since 2010.



82
communities

and three states—Connecticut, Delaware and Virginia—have effectively ended Veteran homelessness.



920,000
Veterans

and their family members permanently housed, rapidly rehoused or prevented from becoming homeless since 2010.

2020-2021 ACCOMPLISHMENTS (FY 21)



70,000
VETERANS HOUSED

The number of Veterans and their families became housed or prevented from becoming homeless.

50
STATES



The number of states covered by the national expansion of Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Shallow Subsidy initiative offering 2-year rental subsidies to eligible Veteran families.



\$64.2
MILLION DOLLARS

The amount in Grant and Per Diem capital grants awarded to 60 nonprofits to transform approximately 1,400 existing congregate transitional housing spaces into individual rooms.

60,000
PHONES



The number of disposable smartphones with 1-year unlimited data plans for Veterans in VA homeless programs to ensure that Veterans remain connected with caregivers and supports, participate in telehealth, and have access to employment and housing resources

81,000
HUD-VASH
VETERANS



The number of Veterans remained in housing through the Housing and Urban Development-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) Program.

25
PUBLICATIONS
7
BRIEFS



The number of peer-reviewed research publications and research briefs on homelessness among Veterans generated through the National Center on Homelessness among Veterans.

38,900
AND
5,800
VETERANS
ENGAGED



The number of justice-involved Veterans served by Veterans Justice Outreach and Health Care for Reentry Veterans, helping Veterans stay connected and engaged in care.

10,300
JOBS



The number of Veterans employed at exit from all VHA homeless programs and services.

150
STAND DOWNS



The number of Homeless Veteran Stand Downs events held, engaging and providing services to over 37,000 Veterans.

6,700
RIDES



The number of rides provided to over 2,700 Veterans through a newly created, national rideshare program leading to increased access to transportation for health care and other services.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO END VETERAN HOMELESSNESS?

Ending homelessness isn't just about housing – it's about building the capacity to sustain a coordinated, proactive effort to ensure Veterans who experience homelessness in the future can be rapidly rehoused and provided the support needed for long-term success. Communities that have effectively ended Veteran homelessness have resources, plans, and partnerships in place to do just that.

Visit www.va.gov/homeless/interagency.asp to learn more about the criteria for achieving the goal of ending Veteran homelessness.

If you know or encounter a Veteran who is homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless, connect them to the Homeless Coordinator at their local VA medical center, or urge them to call **1-877-4AID-VET (1-877-424-3838)**.

INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED?

Visit www.va.gov/homeless/get_involved.asp to support Veterans in your community.

We know that ending Veteran homelessness is possible, and everyone can help achieve this goal. Visit www.va.gov/homeless to learn more.