

THE STATE OF VETERAN HOMELESSNESS

2022

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 become 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 addressing the challenge, and how you can help.



2010-2022 ACCOMPLISHMENTS



More than **55%**
reduction

in Veteran homelessness since 2010. 33,129 Veterans are now experiencing homelessness on a given night, down from nearly 74,000 in 2010.



83

communities

and 3 states—Connecticut, Delaware, and Virginia—effectively ended Veteran homelessness.



986,000

Veterans

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

2021-2022 ACCOMPLISHMENTS (FY 22)



64,200

**VETERANS AND
THEIR FAMILIES**

became housed or were 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.



\$137

MILLION

in supplemental Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) grant funding was provided to support Veterans with Housing Choice Vouchers and connect them with landlords from whom to rent, provide incentives to encourage landlords to rent to Veterans, and cover move-in expenses to improve Veterans' quality of life by giving them essential items and home furnishings to help turn their house into a home.

72,000

SMARTPHONES



and other internet-connected devices were distributed to Veterans through the VA Homeless Telehealth Initiative.



80,500

**FORMERLY
HOMELESS
VETERANS**

were under lease through the Housing and Urban Development-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) program at the end of the year.

11,800

**VETERANS
EMPLOYED**

at exit from all VHA homeless programs and services.



14

**PEER-REVIEWED
STUDIES**

7

**RESEARCH
BRIEFS**



The number of peer-reviewed studies and research briefs on homeless Veterans through the National Center on Homelessness among Veterans.

40,000

**JUSTICE-INVOLVED
VETERANS**



were served by Veterans Justice Outreach and nearly 6,600 justice-involved Veterans were served by Health Care for Reentry Veterans, helping Veterans stay connected and engaged with care.

90

**CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT
GRANTS**



implemented that were awarded in 2021 and 2022 to transform existing transitional housing spaces into safer, more individualized living environments for Veterans.

190

**STAND
DOWNS**



The number of Homeless Veteran Stand Down events held, engaging and providing services to over 38,300 Veterans.

269,000

RIDES



were given to more than 32,000 Veterans since the start of the national rideshare program, leading to increased access to transportation for health care and other services.



25

**MOBILE
MEDICAL
UNITS
(MMUS)**

were given to Homeless Patient Aligned Care Teams (HPACTs) to provide healthcare and supportive services in the community to Veterans experiencing homelessness.

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.

YOU CAN HELP END VETERAN HOMELESSNESS

- Visit www.va.gov/homeless/get_involved.asp to support Veterans in your community.
- If you are a Veteran who is homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness, call the National Call Center for Homeless Veterans at 877-424-3838 for assistance. It is staffed 24/7 with trained counselors who can talk with you right now and connect you with your nearest VA for assistance.
- If you are a landlord or housing provider with housing units, and are interested in renting to Veterans, visit www.va.gov/homeless/landlords.asp to learn how to help.
- If you are a business owner, hire Veterans. Visit www.va.gov/homeless/cec-contacts.asp to connect with your local VA Community Employment Coordinator.
- We know that ending Veteran homelessness is possible, and everyone can help achieve this goal. Visit www.va.gov/homeless to learn more.