TRANSGENDER VETERANS
AND HOMELESSNESS

WHAT DO WE KNOW?

TRANSGENDER VETERANS FACE A HIGHER RISK OF HOMELESSNESS THAN NON-TRANSGENDER VETERANS.

An estimated one out of three transgender individuals have experienced homelessness at some point in their lives.\(^1\)

Homelessness among Veterans receiving care from the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) is three times higher for transgender Veterans than for non-transgender Veterans.\(^2\)

ADVERSE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS INCREASE RISK OF HOMELESSNESS.

- 57% Rejected by biological family
- 28% Avoided health care from fear of discrimination
- 26% Physically assaulted
- 2x Unemployment rate
- 1/4 Fear of mistreatment prevented more than one quarter of transgender Veterans experiencing homelessness from staying in a shelter

Transgender individuals, including Veterans, face high rates of stigma, family rejection, violence, and unemployment.\(^3\)

WHAT IS VA DOING?

VHA MONITORS HOUSING INSTABILITY AMONG VETERANS AND OFFERS SUPPORTIVE PROGRAMS TO THOSE IN NEED.

Among Veterans experiencing homelessness, the rate of transgender Veterans using VHA programs is 37% greater than for non-transgender Veterans.\(^4\)

VHA MEETS TRANSGENDER VETERANS’ NEED FOR HEALTH CARE, HOMELESS PROGRAMS.

Transgender Veterans are more likely than their non-transgender peers to use specific VHA Homeless Programs, including Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development-VA Supportive Services (HUD-VASH).\(^4\)

VHA PROVIDES EVIDENCE-BASED, COMPASSIONATE, AND RESPECTFUL SERVICES TO ALL VETERANS.

LEARN MORE

Access the following resources to learn how VHA ensures all services are delivered to transgender Veterans experiencing homelessness in a welcoming, respectful environment.

- VA Homeless Programs [www.va.gov/homeless](http://www.va.gov/homeless)
- VA LGBT Health Program [www.patientcare.va.gov/LGBT](http://www.patientcare.va.gov/LGBT)
- VHA Patient Care Services LGBT Training [www.patientcare.va.gov/LGBT/LGBT_Veteran_Training.asp](http://www.patientcare.va.gov/LGBT/LGBT_Veteran_Training.asp)

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