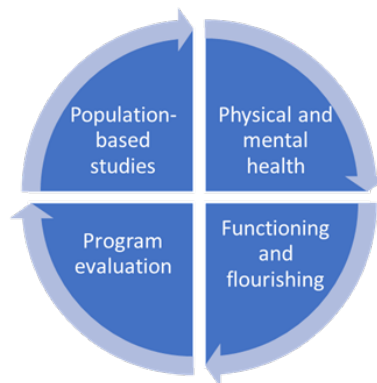




Research and Methodology

FACT SHEET

The Research and Methodology section conducts and supports research into the causes and contributing factors of Veteran homelessness; assesses the effectiveness of programs; and serves as a resource center for all research activities carried out by the Department of Veterans Affairs and by other Federal and non-Federal entities with respect to Veteran homelessness. Veteran homelessness is broadly defined and includes Veterans in various states of homelessness and housing instability, including those living in shelters, transitional housing, or precarious housing situations. There are currently over 36 [researchers affiliated with the Center](#) investigating a wide breadth of issues related to Veteran homelessness. The Center is focused on four areas of inquiry:



Population-based studies use administrative data or large-scale surveys to develop predictive or explanatory models related to housing, health, criminal justice involvement, and homelessness; and to understand characteristics, needs, prevalence, and incidence of health and social conditions in the homeless Veteran population, including subpopulations (geriatric, rural, women with children).

Physical and mental health studies focus on the identification, prevention, and treatment of medical conditions, mental illness, and substance use disorders, especially those that disproportionately affect the homeless Veteran population.

Functioning and flourishing studies investigate how to help Veterans thrive and flourish beyond housing, including social integration, employment, citizenship, money management, and other aspects of living a meaningful life.

Program evaluation studies examine existing or new models of care, including program fidelity, implementation processes, access to care, uptake of services, program effectiveness and efficiency, and staff practices and well-being, with the goal of informing programs and identifying ways to improve care for Veterans.

The Center disseminates the results of its research and data analytic work through [peer reviewed publications, reports, manuals, symposium proceedings, and briefs](#). It also hosts two ongoing webinar series, one focused on using research findings to inform policy and the other to influence practice. The [Homeless Evidence and Research Synthesis \(HERS\) Roundtable Series](#) is a virtual symposium held three times a year to convene peer researchers, subject matter experts, policy makers, and advocates to discuss research findings and develop evidence-based recommendations to inform policy and practice on key homeless issues. [Connecting Research to Practice](#) is a bi-monthly webinar that provides clinicians, program managers, and front line staff the opportunity to discuss particular research studies and how findings might be considered in planning, developing, or implementing services for homeless or formerly homeless Veterans.

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