

THE STATE OF VETERAN HOMELESSNESS | 2023

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 ensuring 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 more work needs to be done.

Here's how we are addressing the challenge and how you can help:



2010-2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Achieved a more than 52% reduction

in Veteran homelessness since 2010. 35,574 Veterans are now experiencing homelessness on a given night, down from nearly 74,000 in 2010.

83 communities

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

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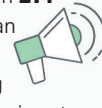
Housed more than **74,878** Veterans and their families or prevented them from becoming homeless.



Produced more than **13,250** new employment instances for Veterans who engaged in or exited from VA homeless programs or services.



Hosted more than **214** Homeless Veteran Stand Down events, engaging and providing services to over 44,653 Veterans.



Housed **35,148** as part of VA's Calendar Year (CY) 2023 Homelessness Goals (January 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023).



Engaged more than **31,400** unsheltered Veterans (current as of September 30, 2023).



Served nearly **41,693** justice-involved Veterans through Veterans Justice Outreach, and nearly 8,438 justice-involved Veterans were served by Health Care for Reentry Veterans, helping Veterans stay connected and engaged with care.



Added **160** new staff through Health Care for Homeless to enhance street and community outreach to unsheltered homeless Veterans or lead VA's local efforts to integrate into community coordinated entry systems.



Generated over **40** peer-reviewed research publications on homelessness among Veterans and five research briefs that enhance evidence-based knowledge of effective programs and services to address Veteran homelessness.



Deployed **10** mobile medical units (MMUs) to Homeless Patient Aligned Care Teams (HPACTs) to provide health care and supportive services in the community to Veterans experiencing homelessness.



Allocated nearly **\$13.1 million in funding to over 69,300 Veterans** through the expanded flexibilities authorized by the Johnny Isakson and David P. Roe, MD Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act from May 2021 through the end of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) on May 11, 2023.



Placed over **82,522** formerly homeless Veterans under lease through the Housing and Urban Development-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) program at the end of the year.



Provided nearly **494,000 rides to over 44,000 Veterans** by the end of the COVID-19 PHE through VA's National Rideshare Program at a value of over \$16 million.



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO END VETERAN HOMELESSNESS?

Ending homelessness starts with housing—and it's about building the capacity to sustain a coordinated, proactive effort to ensure Veterans who experience homelessness can be rapidly rehoused and have immediate access to supportive services for long-term success.

WE ALL HAVE A PART TO PLAY IN ENDING 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 and connect you with your nearest VA for help.

If you are a landlord or housing provider with housing units and are interested in renting to Veterans, visit <https://www.va.gov/homeless/landlords.asp> to learn how you can help.

If you are a business owner, hire Veterans. Visit <https://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.