

5 Things you should know about Homelessness in Florida

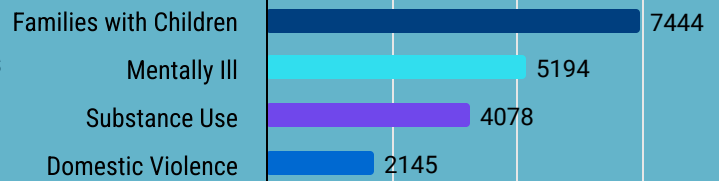
01 Florida Leads the Nation in Reducing Homelessness

The Florida Legislature's investment in the Homeless CoCs has resulted in a significant decrease in homelessness. Florida led the nation and had the largest absolute decrease in homelessness of any state from 2007-2023, a decrease of 17,313 or 36%. When adjusted for population, Florida saw a 47% decrease in homelessness from 2007-2023.



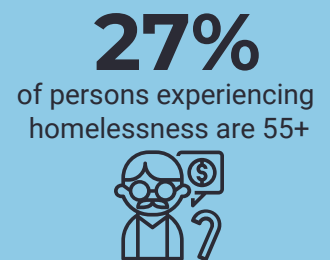
02 Flexibility is Key to Addressing Needs of Subpopulations

The State Funded Homeless Challenge Grant flexibility is key to addressing the various needs of individuals experiencing homelessness. The flexibility allows the CoC to provide client focused individualized supports.



03 Homelessness Among the Elderly is Growing

Elderly individuals are being faced with increasing costs and increased rents. The average 1 bedroom rental is \$1,311. According to the Social Security Administration, an average SSI check is \$1,777. The largest age group of homelessness is 55-64; a total of 8,372 individuals are 55 and over.



04 Permanent Supportive Housing is Cost Effective

Permanent Supportive Housing is a cost-effective strategy for moving chronically homeless persons into homes. 96% of persons enrolled in PSH remain stably housed. PSH is housing with the appropriate client-centered supportive services they need - not something they need to achieve before housing. This approach saves lives and money.



05 Affordable Housing (with supports) is the Solution

According to the Government Accountability Office (GAO) report, with every \$100 increase in rent, you will see a 9% increase in homelessness. With the nearly \$200 increase in rent from 2020-2023, Florida saw a 11.9% increase in homelessness. Affordable Housing is the solution to this ongoing issue. We've shown that client-centered supportive services (services to remain in housing) is key to solving their unique reason for becoming homeless.