

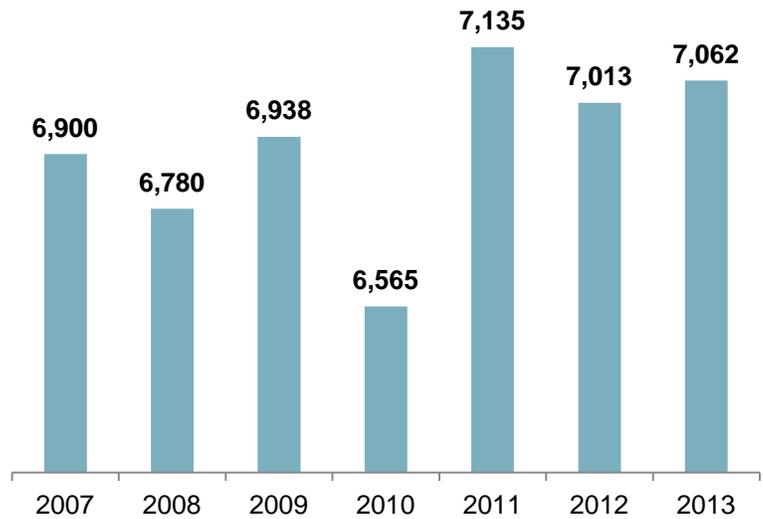


The Face of Homelessness



Strategies to End Homelessness leads a coordinated system of care for the homeless and those at-risk of becoming homeless throughout Cincinnati/Hamilton County.

HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE HOMELESS* IN HAMILTON COUNTY?



*Slept in a place not meant for human habitation (such as on the streets, under a bridge, etc.), or were a resident of an emergency shelter.

WHO ARE THE HOMELESS IN HAMILTON COUNTY?



58%
are male and
42%
are female



9%
of adults are
veterans



30%
are children under
the age of 18



8%
are children not
accompanied by an
adult

The unmet needs of homeless families

In 2013, only 30% of the people who requested placement into an emergency shelter for themselves and their children could be accommodated.

Working with community partners, Strategies to End Homelessness will release a comprehensive plan to address the unmet needs of homeless families in late 2015.

¹ Homeless in Cincinnati – 2013 Annual Data Report, the Partnership Center Ltd.

² Center for Problem-Oriented Policing

³ 2013 STEH Progress Report on Ending Homelessness

Debunking MYTHS of Homelessness

- MYTH:** The homeless population is made up of older men.
- REALITY:** Homelessness is a community-wide problem that doesn't discriminate. It affects men, women and children in every stage of life. Annually, there are over 850 homeless families in Cincinnati, with 80% of those families headed by a single mom. Locally, 43% of the homeless population is under the age of 25.¹
- MYTH:** You can help the homeless by giving spare change to panhandlers.
- REALITY:** While it is still important to acknowledge and be respectful towards panhandlers, a more effective and sustainable way to give is to donate or volunteer at your local homeless services agency. Studies have found that only a small percentage of homeless people panhandle and only a small percentage of panhandlers are homeless.²
- MYTH:** Homelessness is often a permanent situation.
- REALITY:** The average length of stay in our emergency shelter system is 37 days. Our goal is to reduce this number even more, so people are able to exit to stable housing more quickly.
- MYTH:** Homeless people are homeless by choice.
- REALITY:** No one begins life with the goal of becoming homeless. Extraordinary circumstances can result in ordinary people losing a job, escaping an abusive relationship, or suffering from medical or mental health condition, which can result in a person being homeless.
- MYTH:** There is no solution to homelessness.
- REALITY:** Homelessness is a problem which can be solved. With our partner agencies, we first offer cost-effective homelessness prevention services, followed by high quality shelter and housing solutions targeted toward helping people return to independence.³



*Help us bring
homelessness to an end*

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