



# HOMELESSNESS COUNSELING

## DID YOU KNOW?

In FY 2018, HUD approved counselors provided one-on-one homeless prevention counseling services to over

**14,245**  
clients

**27%** of homeless or potentially homeless households

obtained temporary or permanent housing after receiving Housing Counseling Services.

**OVER 6.7 MILLION**

Poor households were burdened with severe housing costs and paid over half of their income in housing in 2017.

Data proves that funding from Supported Services for Veteran Families and HUD's Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Vouchers is working. Veteran homelessness has decreased

**↓38%** since 2007

## TOP 5 BENEFITS

OF HOMELESSNESS COUNSELING

- 01 Avoid or transition from homelessness
- 02 Minimize the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness
- 03 Obtain financial assistance from federal, state, and local sources
- 04 Get access to emergency housing solutions
- 05 Plan for sustainable self-sufficiency

## HOMELESSNESS COUNSELING WORKS

Recent increases in federal funding have aided in reducing homelessness. The number of beds in permanent supportive housing expanded by over 90% between 2007 and 2018, to over 360,000. Beds for the chronically homeless accounted for approximately half of this increase.

From 2007–2015 total homelessness fell 15%. The number of homeless veterans dropped 38%, the number of chronically homeless individuals was down by 19%, and the number of homeless people in families declined by 23%. At the same time, however, the number of homeless people - mostly adults - living on their own declined by only 10%.

Source: National Alliance to End Homelessness 2019 State of Homelessness report -

<https://endhomelessness.org/homelessness-in-america/homelessness-statistics/state-of-homelessness-report/>