

CURRENT SYSTEM OVERVIEW

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2,457*

Individuals experiencing literal homelessness as of August 31, 2024 ¹




* Systemwide Annual data clean-up to ensure all exits from programs are up to date

¹ Literal Homelessness: defined as shelter, transitional housing or unsheltered

² Nearly 92% utilization of shelter capacity this summer with higher barrier shelter having lower utilization

Anchorage currently has the *lowest total number* of people experiencing homelessness since January 2020



Outflow (people leaving homelessness) exceeds inflow (people returning or newly experiencing homelessness) for the 9th consecutive month.

Why does it still seem like a lot of people are outside?

- There are more small and visible encampments instead of singular large encampments.
- Local law limits encampments to 25 people.
- Lots of abandoned camps still need cleanup.

What does it cost to move a person to housing with supports? Up to \$31,000 per year

- \$2.6M in funding for the Next Step rapid rehousing program is housing 177 people for 12 months with 200 hours of case management each.

Where did the people go?

Outflow is primarily to housing and family reunion at 91.5%; Remaining 8.5% are exiting due to death and institutional stays over 90 days like API, long term medical care, treatment and jail/prison.

Primary drivers of exits to housing are:

1. **Self-Resolution** - people who enter the system and resolve quickly. Almost 2/3 of the people who annually experience homelessness resolve (11,000) this way.
2. **Permanent Supportive Housing** - limited in capacity and has a need of 749 additional units.
3. **Next Step and other Rapid Rehousing** - capacity is limited with a current gap of 735 units needed based on available funding for rents and support services.

Upcoming:

- Continue reporting camps for outreach.
- **Project Homeless Connect** at the Loussac Library – October 15th from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- **Emergency Cold Weather Shelter** operations start October 23rd.

