

# ENDING VETERAN HOMELESSNESS

Legislative Point Paper

## PROBLEM:

- The Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) annual Point-In-Time (PIT) count provides an estimate that approximately **32,882 veterans are currently experiencing homelessness in the United States**, including Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia.
- **Veterans** make up a disproportionate share of the homeless adult population, **representing about 8% to 9% of all homeless adults** across these regions.
- Despite significant progress made since 2009, with both sheltered and unsheltered veteran homelessness decreasing by 49 percent, considerable work remains to be done to ensure that no veteran is left without stable housing.
- Persistence of this issue highlights the need for continued efforts and innovative solutions in **addressing the root causes of homelessness among veterans**.

## KEY POINTS:

- As of January 2024, **32,882 veterans were experiencing homelessness**.
- **Female veterans are the fastest-growing demographic** among the U.S. homeless population.
- VA has helped house or prevent more than 800,000 veterans and their families from experiencing homelessness since 2010.

## WHAT CONGRESS CAN DO:

1. **Allocate additional funding for programming that addresses veteran homelessness among women veterans.**
2. **Provide a higher allocation of project-based HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) vouchers for homeless veterans.**
3. **Ensure enhanced-use leasing specifically provides permanent benefits, resources, and services to the veteran community.**



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EXPERIENCING  
HOMELESSNESS IN  
THE UNITED STATES

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