

Homelessness in Connecticut

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CT Coalition to
End
Homelessness

Voices from Connecticut¹

“Unemployment, recession effects, poverty, trauma: it is all here. We see it every day.”

“There is just not enough affordable housing.”

“More and more families, working families, are unable to sustain themselves in independent housing.”

“Demand for services is at a fever-pitch. We have never seen anything like this before.”



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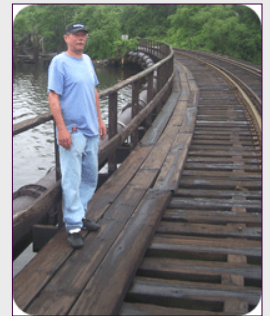
“There is nothing unique about homelessness in Connecticut. And it is unacceptable everywhere.”

Throughout the nation as in Connecticut, homeless individuals come from rural and urban areas. They serve in the military, are displaced by violence, trauma and a faltering economy, and are disabled by medical and mental health conditions. Solutions must be as diverse as the reasons for becoming homeless.

In Connecticut there are approximately 4,154 people experiencing homelessness on any given day.²

This number includes:

- 2,902 single adults
- 430 families
- 801 children in families
- 18 unaccompanied youths



Eighteen percent (18%) of single adults and 32% of adults in families were currently working.

‘Rent problems’ was the most common reason for homelessness among both single adults and adults in families. Domestic violence was the second most common reason among adults in families (21%).

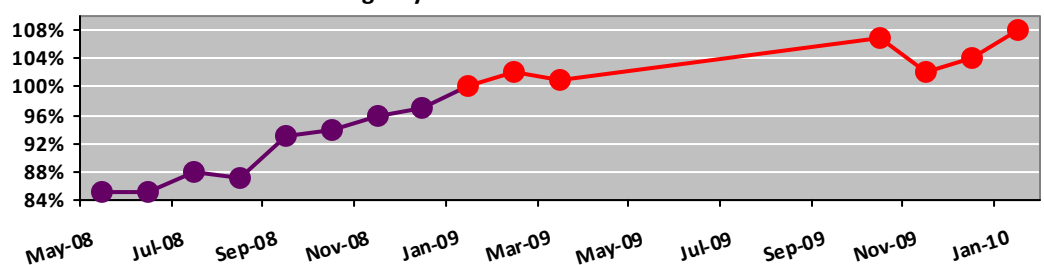
Thirteen percent (13%) of all sheltered single adults had served in the military.

Thirty-eight percent (38%) of single adults and eighteen percent (18%) of adults in families reported suffering from a health condition that limits their ability to work, get around, and care for themselves.

Thirty-four percent (34%) of sheltered single adults and sheltered adults in families were chronically homeless.

When the economy falters and the safety net fails, there is no where else to go

Emergency Shelter Utilization in Connecticut³



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"We have come together and housed our neighbors because of successful collaborations. We still have a long way to go and we are up for the challenge. We are honored to face this challenge."

"Homelessness remains a serious problem—there are known solutions but they require appropriate funding."

"I see cases every day that I know in my heart could have been prevented."

"Homelessness is not the end of the road."



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We can END Homelessness in Connecticut

Eight ways to end homelessness...

1. Permanent Supportive Housing
2. Rental Assistance
3. Security Deposit Guarantees
4. Eviction and Foreclosure Prevention
5. Rapid Re-housing
6. Training and Education for Jobs that Pay
7. Health Insurance
8. Income Supports (child care, food, cash assistance)



For more information on solutions to END homelessness, visit
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About the Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness

The Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness is a research-driven, community rooted statewide organization which seeks to end homelessness in Connecticut. Our tools: leadership development, community engagement and organizing, advocacy, field mobilization, data collection and analysis and communications.

Endnotes:

- ¹ *What Does Homelessness Look Like in Your Area?* Online survey, CT Coalition to End Homelessness, June 2, 2010.
- ² *Connecticut Counts, 2009*, CT Coalition to End Homelessness, August 2009.
- ³ *CT DSS Emergency Shelter Utilization Report*, CT Coalition to End Homelessness, June 2010.

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