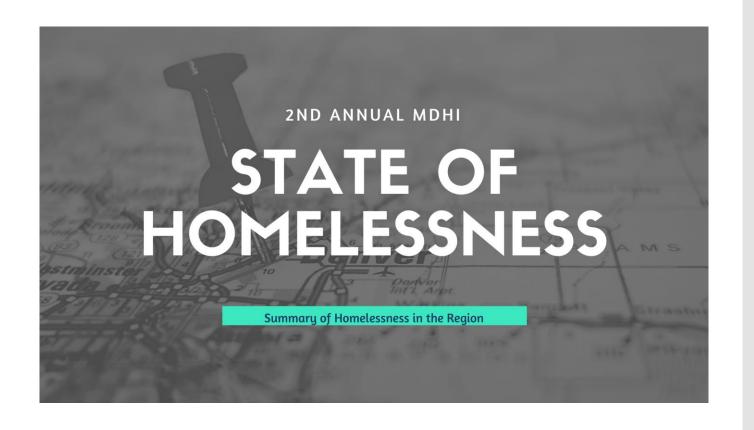
State of Homelessness Update

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Educate

Identify

Elevate

Address

Educate the public on data sources

Identify key causes of homelessness and meaningful action steps

Elevate the voice of lived expertise and the human experience Address stereotypes on homelessness and highlight racial inequity

Purpose



Overview of the Report

What this report IS:

- Crosswalk of Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS), Coordinated Entry, Point in Time (PIT), and Education date
- Effort to elevate lived expertise
- A more robust way to understand homelessness in the region overall
- Means to highlight how each data set contributes in its own way

What this report ISN'T:

- Exhaustive of all data sources
- Perfect



2021 DATA SUMMARY



Data Summary

- Total number of individuals for each data set
- Shows the type of count and overview
- PIT = Sheltered ONLY
- Decrease in MKV related to COVID-19

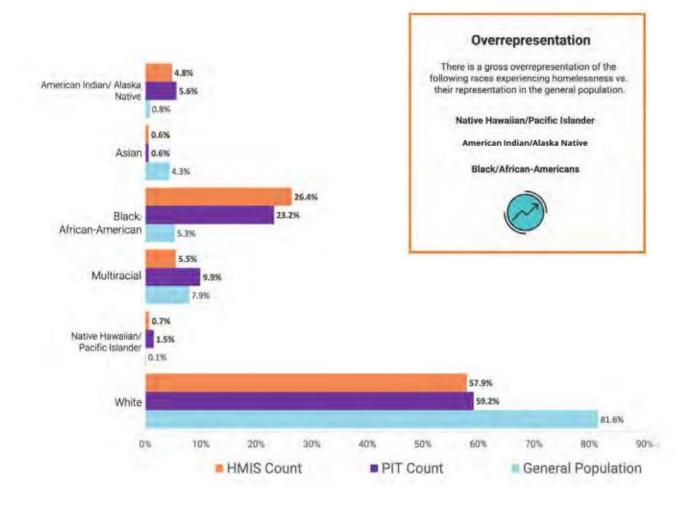


New for This Year

- Effects of COVID-19
 - 2020 to 2021 Sheltered PIT Data
 - 40% increase in those accessing emergency shelter
 - 99% increase in newly homeless staying in shelter
- Number of individuals, youth, and families whose last interaction with agencies utilizing HMIS was while staying in an unsheltered location
 - 10,870 individuals
 - 1,031 families
 - 954 youth
- Voices of youth and individuals in our community throughout



Racial Inequity



What Works: DOLA's Playbook

SHARED VISION

We can create a future where homelessness is rare and brief when it occurs, and no one gets left behind.

KEY GOALS

STOP HOMELESSNESS BEFORE IT STARTS. IDENTIFY
INDIVIDUALS AT RISK
& ENSURE THEY ARE
SAFE.

CONNECT
PEOPLE WITH
SUPPORTS THEY NEED
TO QUICKLY EXIT
HOMELESSNESS.

CREATE ACCESS TO LONG-TERM STRUCTURAL SOLUTIONS.

LEADING WITH EQUITY st practices and community-drive

Tackling homelessness through anti-racist practices and community-driven solutions is critical to eliminating racial disparities and inequitable outcomes.

CROSS-CUTTING APPROACHES

REAL-TIME, PERSON-SPECIFIC DATA

A real-time list of people experiencing homelessness by name can provide a shared understanding of who needs support, whether efforts are working, and how to best target resources.

HOUSING FOCUSED

Helping those experiencing homelessness find stable, secure, and affordable housing as soon as possible provides a foundation to effectively tackle other challenges and opportunities they face.

CROSS-SECTOR PARTNERSHIPS

Screening for social determinates of health across benefit programs, educational systems, healthcare providers, and reentry planning improves care navigation, reduces emergency system utilization, and increases stability.

PROVEN SOLUTIONS

PREVENTION & DIVERSION

Programs that identify people at high risk of homelessness and provide supports that can help them to avoid it can help reduce the number of people entering homelessness

ANTI-POVERTY SUPPORTS

Programs that provide services, supports, and benefits help struggling households lead stable, productive, fulfilling, and dignified lives. Examples include access to physical and behavioral healthcare, childcare, employment, and nutritional services.

COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEMS

Standardized and coordinated systems of care over a given geographic area can help ensure that homelessness services are provided equitably, efficiently, and effectively.

STREET OUTREACH

Street outreach programs can help to identify and help those who feel unsafe in or are otherwise unable to come into traditional shelters.

LOW-BARRIER SHELTERS

Shelters without restrictive entry requirements help create spaces in which people can feel safe and connect with resources.

RAPID RE-HOUSING

Providing families and some individuals experiencing homelessness with steeply declining subsidies for market-rate rental housing can help resolve an immediate financial crisis.

SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Combines affordable, community-based housing with access to voluntary wrap-around supportive services to help ensure safety and stability for extremely low-income households who face complex barriers and have long lengths of homelessness.

AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING

Ensuring that a given geographic area has enough affordable rental housing to meet its population's needs can help prevent families & individuals from falling into hamelessness.

HOMEOWNERSHIP SUPPORTS

Providing opportunities for low- and middleincome families to purchase homes protects them from rent increases and gentrification that can contribute to homelessness.

Additional Information can be found at: The Colorado Community Health Alliance, The National Alliance to End Homelessness, & The Center for Evidence-Based Solutions to Homelessness.

Key Takeaways

- Racial inequity is consistent across ALL data sources
- COVID-19 created many households experiencing homelessness for the first time
- The region is beginning to get real-time data versus relying on the PIT each year
- Access to affordable housing as well as services are critical to address homelessness

Report Implications

- Address the affordable housing gap and rising cost of living
- Create awareness on the current realities of homelessness
- Create a response rooted in racial equity
- Continue to further coordination and collaboration as a continuum to create solutions for all
 - 15% decrease in Veteran homelessness







In the metro-Denver region, affordability of housing plummets further.









What's Next?



Impact of Regional Coordination







DECREASE OF 15% IN VETERAN HOMELESSNESS

WORKING TOGETHER

GAINING UNDERSTANDING



ADVOCATING FOR RESOURCES



COORDINATING RESOURCES



Questions?

