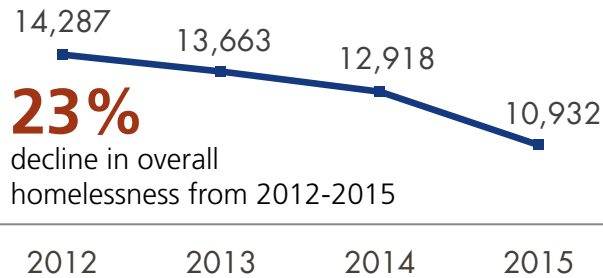


## Federal Investments are Helping to End Homelessness in CT

Homelessness is an unacceptable and expensive problem, but one we can solve. Investments to coordinate homeless resources and support interventions that work (including, rapid re-housing, permanent supportive housing, affordable housing) are paying off, with progress to end homelessness in Connecticut.

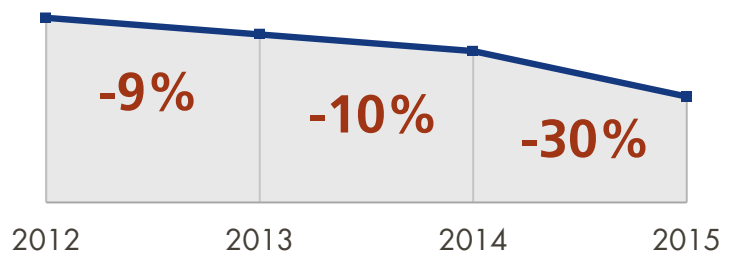
**10,932** people experienced homelessness across Connecticut in 2015, a four-year low.

### Annual Statewide Homeless Population



Chronic homelessness declined **30%** from 2014 to 2015 as we ramped up efforts to house CT's most vulnerable residents.

### Annual Drop in Chronic Homelessness



Source: Homeless Management Information System Annual Data

## Housing Works



Permanent Supportive Housing (housing+services) can cut system costs by **70%**

**85%** of rapidly re-housed households do not return to shelter within 3 years

## Federal Policy Priorities

### ✓ Invest in Solutions that End Homelessness

Provide at least the \$2.487 billion the House included in its T-HUD bill for HUD's McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants program to create substantial resources toward ending homelessness for youth, people with disabilities, and families and to house tens of thousands more homeless Americans.

### ✓ Foster Collaboration by Supporting USICH

Extend the sunset date of the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) from 2017 to 2020 and maintain its current funding level of \$3.6 million, facilitating the strategic use of Congressional investments.

### ✓ End Family Homelessness by 2020

Introduce or support legislation to dedicate \$11 billion in mandatory spending to a Homeless Assistance to Families program to fund enough rapid re-housing and targeted Section 8 vouchers to house every child who is on the streets/in shelters, and provide more resources to address the worst instances of housing poverty for families.

### ✓ Reform Our Mental Health System

Support the passage of S. 2680, the Mental Health Reform Act of 2016, and bring this bill and H.R. 2646, the Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act of 2016, to a conference committee. This legislation would provide treatment and recovery for homeless individuals suffering from mental illness; increased funding for outreach programs (PATH); and efforts to strengthen the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) strategies to end chronic homelessness.

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## Statewide Successes in Ending Homelessness

- **2016 CT Point-in-Time Count shows 3,911 total individuals counted – the lowest count in CT and a 13% decrease since the statewide PIT began in 2007.** The 2016 Point-in-Time also shows a significant decline in chronic homelessness (long term homelessness with a severe disability) with a 20% decrease since 2015.
- **Connecticut officially ends Veteran homelessness.** This is the second major milestone in ending homelessness in Connecticut. Connecticut was federally designated in 2015 as the first state ever to end chronic Veteran homelessness and in 2016 as the second state to end all Veteran homelessness.
- **CT is on track to end chronic homelessness by the end of 2016.** Chronic homelessness is long-term homelessness of people with disabilities. Those experiencing chronic homelessness tend to cycle in and out of expensive public systems—including emergency services, hospitals, and jails. We are ending chronic homelessness by identifying and prioritizing those most in need and quickly moving them into housing, while saving lives and taxpayer dollars. Since October 2015, CT providers have housed more than 501 individuals experiencing chronic homelessness.

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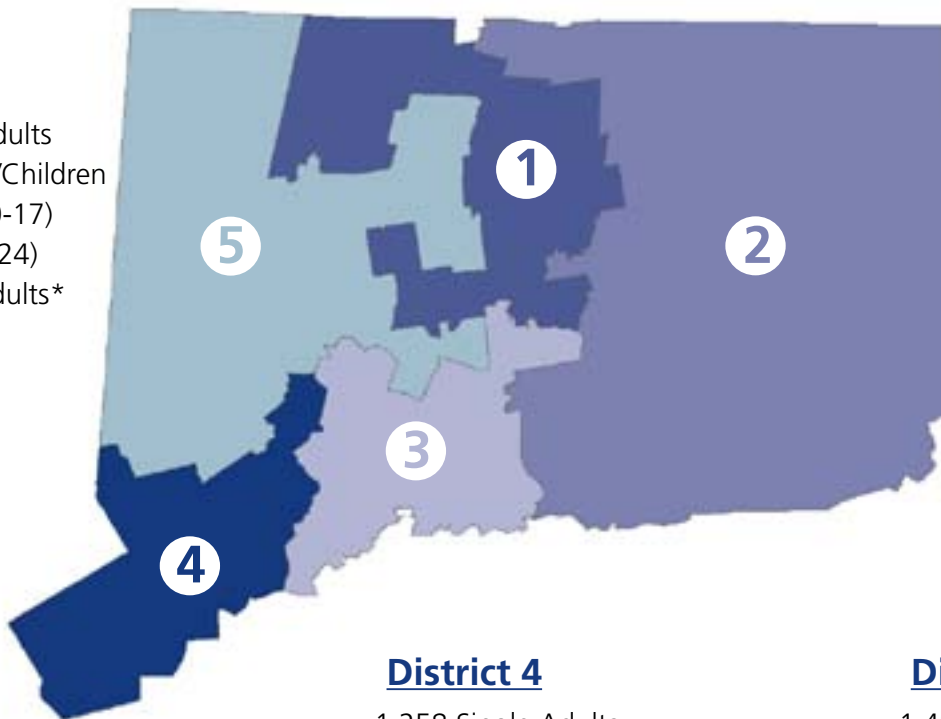
## Homelessness in Connecticut's Congressional Districts

### District 1

- 2,699 Single Adults
- 284 Families w/Children
- 492 Children (0-17)
- 353 Youth (18-24)
- 206 Chronic Adults\*
- 209 Veterans

### District 2

- 901 Single Adults
- 158 Families w/Children
- 279 Children (0-17)
- 139 Youth (18-24)
- 32 Chronic Adults\*
- 68 Veterans



### District 5

- 1,268 Single Adults
- 177 Families w/Children
- 300 Children (0-17)
- 166 Youth (18-24)
- 86 Chronic Adults\*
- 134 Veterans

### District 4

- 1,258 Single Adults
- 246 Families w/Children
- 468 Children (0-17)
- 163 Youth (18-24)
- 118 Chronic Adults\*
- 159 Veterans

### District 3

- 1,480 Single Adults
- 260 Families w/Children
- 483 Children (0-17)
- 201 Youth (18-24)
- 87 Chronic Adults\*
- 198 Veterans

Source: Homeless Management Information System, FFY15 annual data

\*Number of Chronic Adults is an estimate of each District's Zero: 2016 housing placement target; housing placement targets and district proportions based on FFY15 annual HMIS data.

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