



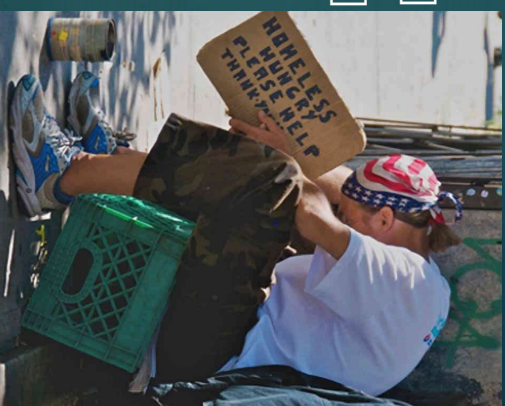
VETERANS SERVICES

CITY OF NORTH LAS VEGAS



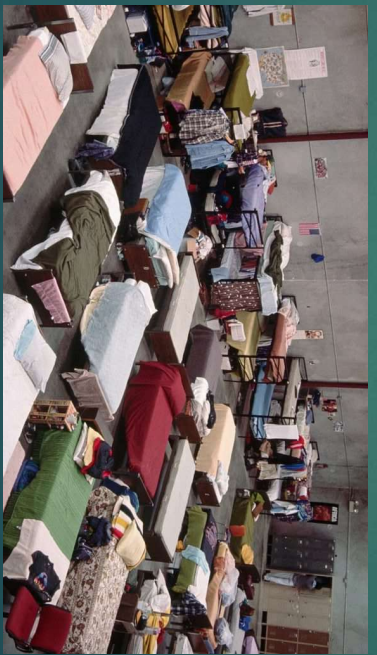
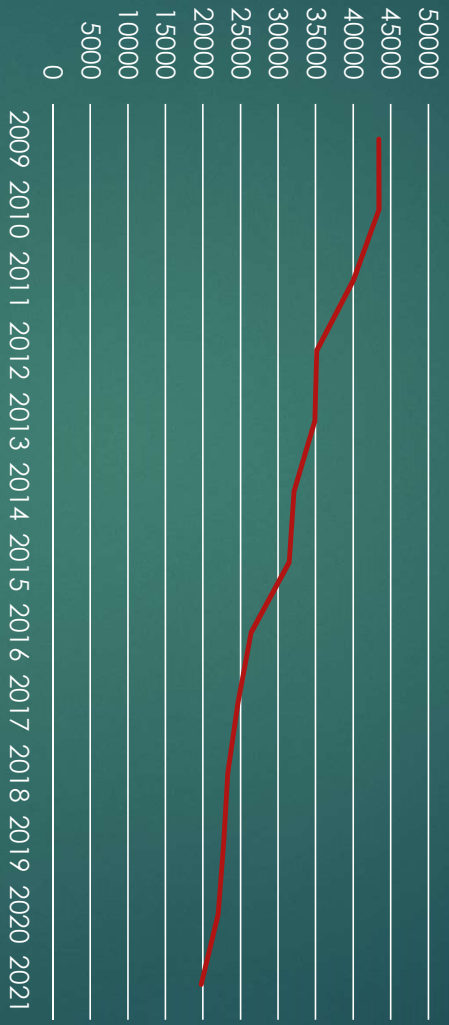
FACTS

- ▶ **In 2020, in the United States, 37,252 veterans experienced homelessness on any given night, having declined nearly 50% since 2010.** [1]
- ▶ **In 2021, in the United States, The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) estimated that 19,750 veterans experienced sheltered homelessness on any given night. 8% of all sheltered adults were veterans. Sheltered veterans consist of 11 out of every 10,000 veterans (approx. .01%).** [2]
- ▶ **In 2021, in Nevada, 475 veterans experienced homeless on any given night.** [2]
- ▶ **Nearly all (97%) sheltered veterans were individuals (i.e. without families). Of those, 15% had chronic patterns of homelessness.** [2]
- ▶ **Presence of mental disorders (substance-related disorders and/or mental illness) is the strongest predictor of becoming homeless after discharge from active duty.** Nearly 50% or more of newly homeless veterans were diagnosed with some mental disorders **PRIOR** to discharge from active duty. [3]
- ▶ **Veterans are 50% more likely to become homeless than other Americans** due to poverty, lack of support networks, and dismal living conditions in overcrowded or substandard housing. **About 1.5 million veterans are considered at-risk of homelessness.** [4]



SHELTERED HOMELESS VETERANS 2009-2021 [5]

Sheltered Veterans



HOMELESS VETERAN DEMOGRAPHICS [3]

- ▶ 20% of the Male Homeless Population Are Veterans.
- ▶ 68% Reside in Principal Cities.
- ▶ 32% Reside in Suburban/Rural Areas.
- ▶ 51% of Individual Homeless Veterans Have Disabilities.
- ▶ 50% Have Serious Mental Illness.
- ▶ 70% Have Substance Abuse Problems.
- ▶ 51% of Homeless Veterans Are White Males, Compared to 38% of Homeless Non-Veterans.
- ▶ 50% of Homeless Veterans Are Age 51 or Older, Compared to 19% of Homeless Non-Veterans.



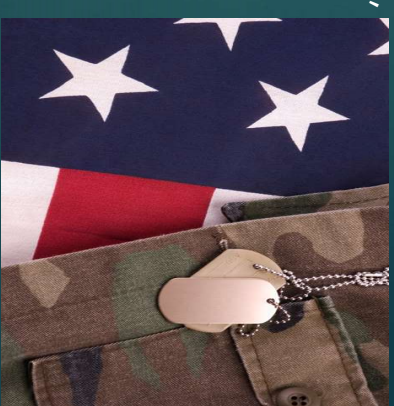
WHY ARE VETERANS HOMELESS?

- ▶ In addition to the complex set of factors influencing all homelessness – extreme shortage of affordable housing, livable income and access to health care – a large number of displaced and at-risk veterans live with lingering effects of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and substance abuse, which are compounded by a lack of family and social support networks. Additionally, military occupations and training are not always transferable to the civilian workforce, placing some veterans at a disadvantage when competing for employment.
- ▶ A top priority for homeless veterans is secure, safe, clean housing that offers a supportive environment free of drugs and alcohol.



WHAT SERVICES DO HOMELESS VETERANS NEED?

- ▶ Homeless veterans need a coordinated effort that provides secure housing and nutritional meals; essential physical health care, substance abuse aftercare and mental health counseling; and personal development and empowerment. Veterans also need job assessment, training and placement assistance.
- ▶ City of North Las Vegas strongly believes that all programs to assist homeless veterans must focus on helping veterans reach the point where they can obtain and sustain gainful employment or steady income. If not, clients will have added difficulty in finding and maintaining safe, decent, permanent housing.



CITY OF NORTH LAS VEGAS & CLARK COUNTY STATISTICS

- ▶ The 2022 Southern Nevada Point-In-Time Census Count reports that in Clark County that **5675** people experienced homelessness on any given night. Of those, **571** were veterans. [7]
- ▶ There are currently **147** reported veterans in Clark County on the community queue for eligible housing programs. [6]
- ▶ City of North Las Vegas engaged **81** veterans for FY 2021-2022. [6]
 - ▶ 15 agreed to enroll in the CNLV's Homeless Outreach and Mobile Engagement (H.O.M.E.) Program.
 - ▶ All 15 were aged 45+, with 7 of those aged 55-61 and 5 that were 62+.
 - ▶ 14 Male, 1 Female
 - ▶ 8 Caucasian, 5 African American, 1 Native American, 1 Refused to Answer
 - ▶ 2 of Those Listed Above Identified as Hispanic/Latin(o) (a)(x).





WHAT IS THE CITY OF NORTH LAS VEGAS DOING TO COMBAT HOMELESSNESS?



HOMELESS OUTREACH AND MOBILE ENGAGEMENT (H.O.M.E. TEAM)

- ▶ The City of North Las Vegas's H.O.M.E. Team is a 5-person team led by Community Services and Engagement Director, Serafin Calvo.
- ▶ The team consists of one coordinator, one technician and three outreach workers.
- ▶ The team's primary function is to meet with homeless individuals wherever they may reside in the City of North Las Vegas, regardless of terrain or location (i.e. parks, tunnels, desert, streets, etc.), and provide them with case management along with the necessary resources and referrals to help them navigate out of homelessness.



HOMELESS ENGAGEMENT

- ▶ The H.O.M.E. Team is a proactive team that surveys North Las Vegas to engage with individuals who are believed to be homeless. Additionally, the team responds to requests from government officials, business owners, concerned citizens, etc., to assist people that are reported to be homeless.
- ▶ The team collects reported data on the individuals they meet to determine an easily identifiable plan of action to help them.
- ▶ The team conducts a housing assessment to have them placed in Clark County's managed community queue for eligible housing programs that the individual qualifies for.
- ▶ In most cases, there is a waitlist for housing programs. In the interim, the team offers resources and referrals to include shelter, medical care, behavioral health counseling and substance abuse treatment, along with assistance to obtain valid identification, employment services and low-income housing.



VETERANS HOMELESS ENGAGEMENT

- ▶ Once a homeless client reports that they are a veteran, additional options are available.
- ▶ H.O.M.E. Team contacts the **VA Community Resource & Referral Center** (4461 E Charleston Blvd, Las Vegas) for veteran confirmation by providing name, SSN and DOB. If the individual is an honorably discharged veteran, they qualify for immediate housing placement.
- ▶ **The Salvation Army**
 - ▶ **Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)** program is designed to assist low-income veterans and their families in obtaining and maintaining stable housing. Supportive services can include case management, housing counseling, linkage to VA and mainstream benefits/services, temporary financial assistance to address housing barriers, life skills training, budgeting, job preparation, coping skills, housing preparation, credit repair, credit counseling, transportation assistance, and landlord/tenant mediation. Assistance from peer mentors who are veterans themselves will add to the individualized, strength-based approach of care.
 - ▶ **Veteran Rehabilitation** assists homeless veterans struggling with the disease of addiction by providing placement in the **Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC)**, a residential, clinical substance abuse treatment program. The ARC provides an intensive continuum of care program for homeless people for the treatment of substance abuse, chemical addictions, mental health, and compulsive gambling.
- ▶ **U.S. VETS Las Vegas** provides transitional and permanent housing, employment services, rapid re-housing and homeless prevention services for veterans.



VETERANS ADMINISTRATION (VA)

What Veterans Who Are Homeless or At Risk of Homelessness Should do for Help [5]

- ▶ Veterans who are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless can call or visit their local VA Medical Center (6900 North Pecos Road, North Las Vegas) or Community Resource and Referral Center (4461 East Charleston Blvd, Las Vegas) where VA staff are ready to help.
 - ▶ CRRCs provide Veterans who are homeless and at risk of homelessness with one-stop access to community-based, multiagency services to promote permanent housing, health and mental health care, career development and access to VA and non-VA benefits.
- ▶ Veterans and their families may also call 1-877-4AID-VET (1-877-424-3838) to access VA services.
- ▶ Explore www.va.gov/homeless to learn about VA programs for Veterans who are homeless and share that information with others.
- ▶ Learn how you can help by visiting www.va.gov/homeless/stakeholders.asp.



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