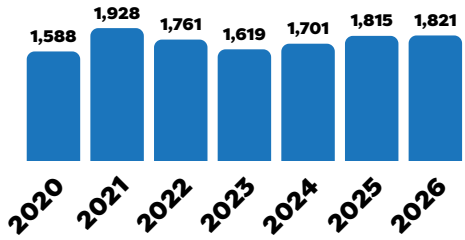
2026 Indianapolis State of Homelessness

COALITION FOR HOMELESSNESS INTERVENTION & PREVENTION

Data from the 2026 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count

Indy's PIT Count may show Signs of Plateauing



4% Increase in neighbors in shelters from 2025

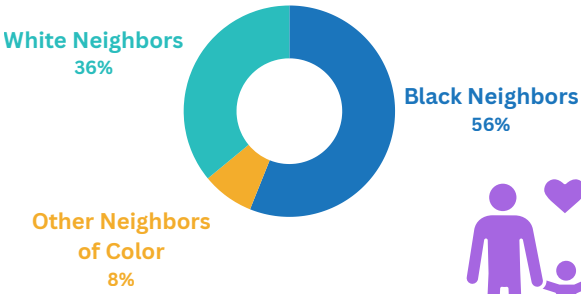
18% Decrease in neighbors outside from 2025

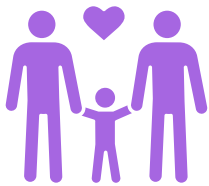
Veteran Spotlight

Indianapolis is setting the curve in addressing veteran homelessness. In 2026, our PIT Count found:

137 Veterans which represents a **51% reduction since 2019**

2026 PIT Demographics





430
Neighbors in families with 1+ minor
(-12% from 2025)

114
Unaccompanied Young Adults (18-24)
(+34% from 2025)

369
Chronically Homeless Neighbors
(-8% from 2025)

Housing is a human right.

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Why homelessness persists in Indianapolis

Between 200 and 400 individuals newly entered homelessness for the first time each month (2025).

Indy's Coordinated Entry System connects an average of 1,000+ neighbors to housing programs annually.

However, annual PIT data for 2025 and 2026 found over 200 chronically homeless neighbors "stuck" in shelter.

Additionally, our inventory of long-term and short-term housing programs has historically been stagnant.

So we are changing our system

Nobody should be living or dying on our streets.
Shelters should be part of the path from crisis back to stability, not a long-term destination.
We should support our neighbors, so they never have to enter the homeless response system.

STREETS TO HOME INDY

- Housing + Intensive Case Management for Unsheltered Neighbors
- Scaling Rehousing Capacity in Indianapolis Shelters
- Launching System-Wide Diversion Practices + Dedicated Funds

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