U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness

All In: The Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness
About USICH

• Only federal agency solely dedicated to ending homelessness

• Coordinates federal response across 19 federal agencies to help create and catalyze implementation of a federal plan

• Works with all levels of government and partners in the private sector and philanthropy to advance most efficient and effective strategies

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USICH Council

Council leaders:
Chair – VA Secretary Denis McDonough
Vice Chair – HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra

Council members represent 19 federal agencies:
How Many People Experience Homelessness in the U.S.?*

1.25 million
Experienced sheltered homelessness at some point in 2020, the last year for which complete annual HUD data are available.

1.29 million
People experiencing homelessness served by the health center program administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration within HHS, including Health Care for the Homeless programs, according to 2020 HHS data.

1.28 million
Students (not including their parents or siblings not enrolled in K-12 schools) experienced some form of homelessness during the 2019-20 school year, according to Department of Education data.

582,462
Experienced homelessness on a single night in January 2022—a .34% increase from 2020—according to HUD’s annual Point-in-Time Count.

*The data in this graphic does not reflect the COVID-19 pandemic.
How We Got Here...

• **80+** listening sessions
• **1,500** public comments, including **500 from people with lived experiences of homelessness**
• Input from **expert key informants** who reviewed with a lens for: racial equity, lived experience, tribal, and LGBTQI+
• **Nearly 2,000** comments from our 19 member agencies
## What We Heard: Biggest Challenges

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<td>• Severe shortage of safe, affordable, and accessible housing</td>
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<td>• NIMBY movement</td>
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<td>• Impact of climate change</td>
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<td><strong>Rising Rent Amid Slow Income Growth</strong></td>
<td>• Slow wage growth for lowest-paid workers</td>
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<td>• 70% of lowest-wage households spend more than ½ income on rent</td>
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<td>• Disproportionate impact of housing unaffordability</td>
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<td>• Non-employment income cannot keep up with rental costs</td>
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<td><strong>Inadequate Access to Supports</strong></td>
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<td>• Fragmented systems</td>
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<td>• Disproportionate outcomes for people of color and other historically marginalized groups</td>
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<td><strong>Unsheltered Homelessness Rising</strong></td>
<td>• Limited alternatives to unsheltered homelessness</td>
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<td>• Shelters at capacity, or high-barrier and not culturally appropriate</td>
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<td><strong>Criminalization of Homelessness</strong></td>
<td>• Harmful public narratives</td>
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<td>• “Out of sight, out of mind” policies ineffective &amp; create more trauma</td>
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<td><strong>Fatigue and Trauma Among Providers</strong></td>
<td>• Strained capacity</td>
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<td>• High-turnover</td>
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# What We Heard: Greatest Opportunities

## Unprecedented Investments
- American Rescue Plan
- CARES Act
- FY2023 President’s Budget Request

## Demonstrated Commitment
- Housing Supply Action Plan
- National Mental Health Strategy
- National Drug Control Strategy
- Executive Orders

## Lessons Learns
- Non-Congregate Shelter
- Emergency Rental Assistance
- Eviction Moratoriums
- Direct Cash Transfers

## Focus on Racial Equity
- Biden-Harris Administration Equity-Focused Executive Orders
- Opportunity for greater accountability & more equitable outcomes

## Unwavering Dedication
- Passionate and compassionate providers
- Continued perseverance
All In: Vision For the Future

This plan is built upon our vision of a nation in which no one experiences the tragedy and indignity of homelessness, and everyone has a safe, stable, accessible, and affordable home.

GOAL: Reduce homelessness 25% by 2025
GOAL: END HOMELESSNESS

SOLUTIONS

HOUSING AND SERVICES
CRISIS RESPONSE
PREVENTION

FOUNDATIONS

EQUITY
DATA AND EVIDENCE
COLLABORATION
## Foundation Pillars

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<th>Lead With Equity</th>
<th>Use Data and Evidence</th>
<th>Collaborate at All Levels</th>
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<td>Pursue equitable outcomes</td>
<td>Increase federal government capacity</td>
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<td>Increase local and state capacity</td>
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<td>Authentic collaboration</td>
<td>Create opportunity for innovation</td>
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<td>Increase access to AI/AN</td>
<td>Build research and evidence base</td>
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## Solutions Pillars

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<td>Maximize federal housing assistance</td>
<td>Government wide effort on unsheltered homelessness</td>
<td>Increase access to employment, education, mainstream opportunity</td>
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<td>Increase supply of affordable housing</td>
<td>Improve coordinated entry</td>
<td>Reduce housing instability for those existing institutions</td>
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<td>Increase supply of PSH</td>
<td>Increase availability of low-barrier shelter</td>
<td>Reduce housing instability for older adults and people with disabilities</td>
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<td>Improve effectiveness of RRH</td>
<td>Improve coordination with public health and disaster management</td>
<td>Reduce housing instability for transitioning service members</td>
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<td>Better serve needs of people with disabilities</td>
<td>Remove/reduce programmatic barriers</td>
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How USICH Will Implement *All In*

- Develop **implementation plans** with specific actions, milestones, and metrics
- **Partner with and solicit feedback** from people who have experienced homelessness and other stakeholders
- Publish **annual performance management plan**
- **Update plan annually** to reflect evolving metrics, input, and lessons
How USICH Will Measure Progress

- Overall size of homeless population
- People (including subpopulations) experiencing *sheltered and unsheltered* homelessness
- **Racial disparities** in homelessness
- **Children and youth** experiencing homelessness during school year
- **Length of time** of homeless
- **Returns to homelessness** within 6 to 12 months and within 2 years
- People who become **homeless for the first time**
- Placement in and retention of **housing from street outreach**
How All In Can Be Used Locally

- Develop **local and systems-level plans**
- Set **state and local goals** to reduce homelessness by 2025
- **Educate** partners on the causes of homelessness, challenges, and opportunities
- Hold the federal government **accountable**
- **Learn** about federal programs, existing federal actions, and new federal strategies
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