

- How many homeless patrons does your staff encounter on a daily basis?
- What does regular interaction look like?



Homelessness in the Centennial State

HUD's annual Point-In-Time survey provides a snapshot of the number of persons experiencing homelessness in Colorado. **In January of 2014 Colorado counted 10,028 homeless persons.**

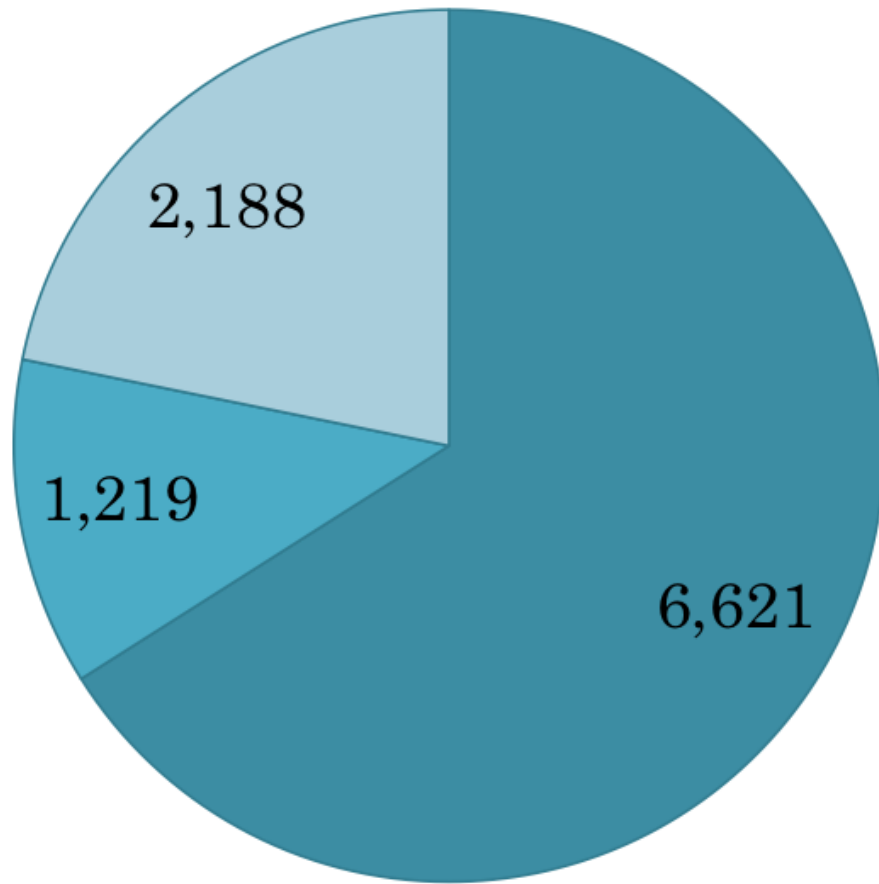


Homelessness typically results from an economic crisis, which could be caused by any number of circumstances:

- loss of a job
- housing-related costs
- relationship ending or family break-up
- sudden and/or prolonged illness
- substance abuse
- severe and persistent mental illness
- physical and intellectual disabilities
- other life-altering situations



Regional Differences



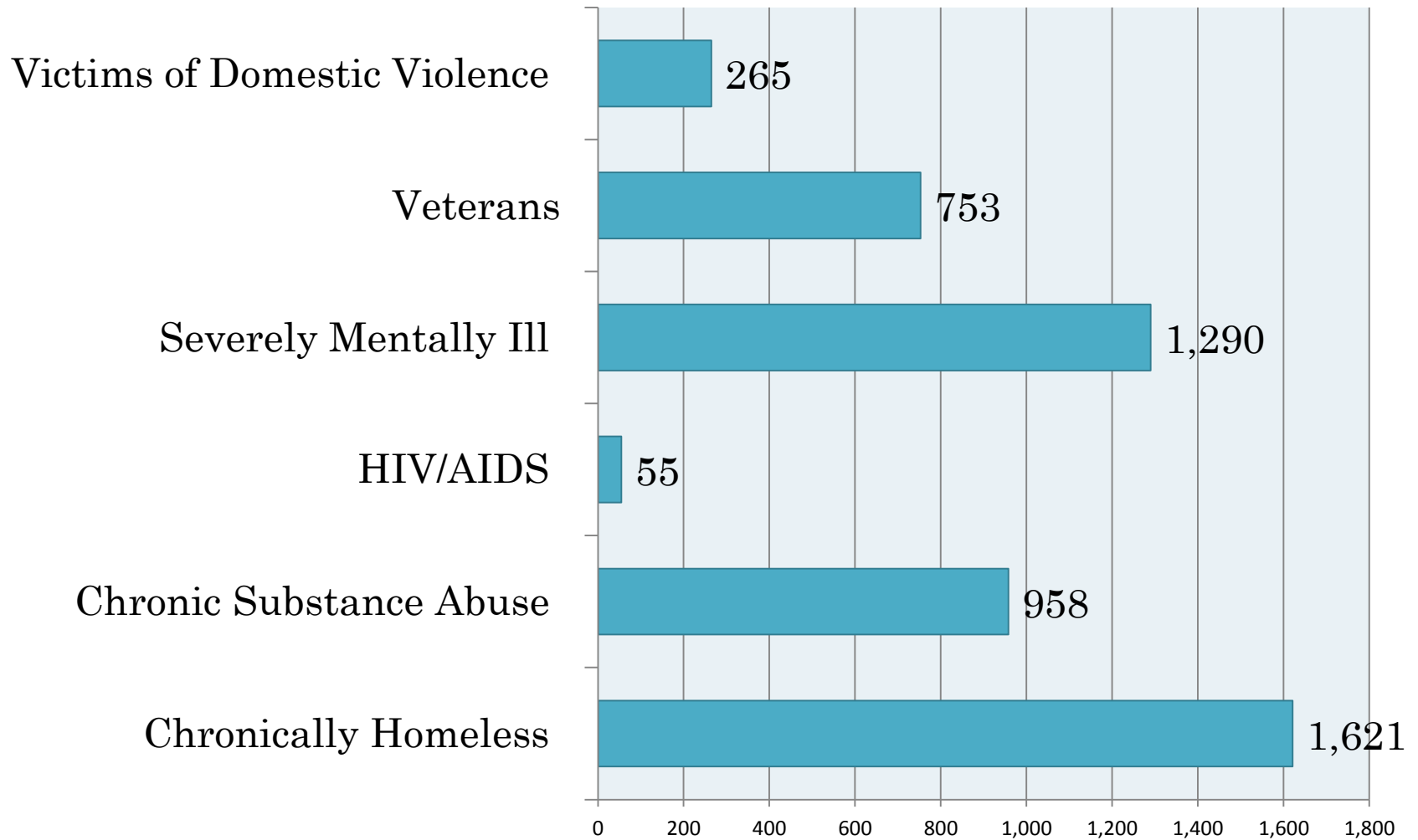
■ Denver Metro ■ Colorado Springs ■ Balance of State

Nationally, 75-84% of people remain in the same area where they lived before they became homeless

Daily and Periodic Mobility Patterns of the Urban Homeless
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Colorado's Homeless Sub-populations



HUD defines **chronic homelessness** as “either having lived on the streets or any place not meant for human habitation for more than 1 year, *or* having slept on the street or any place not meant for human habitation more than 4 times over the past 3 years, *and* having at least one identified disability.”

- *Substance abuse*
- *Severe mental illness*
- *Chronic physical illness*
- *Posttraumatic stress disorder*
- *Traumatic brain injury (TBI)*
- *Developmental disability*
- *HIV/AIDS*



Housing First



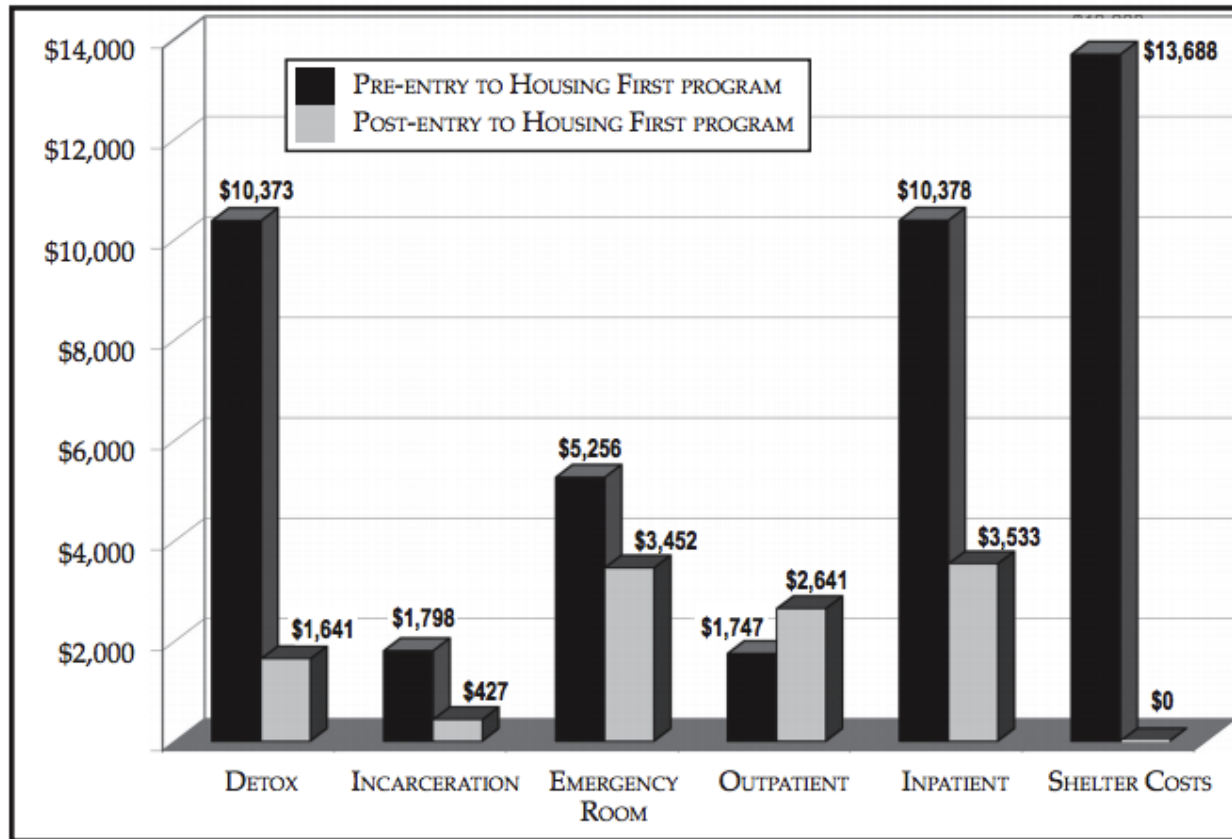
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Permanent Supportive Housing:

Affordable rental housing combined with wraparound support designed to help keep individuals housed and provide access to primary and behavioral health services.

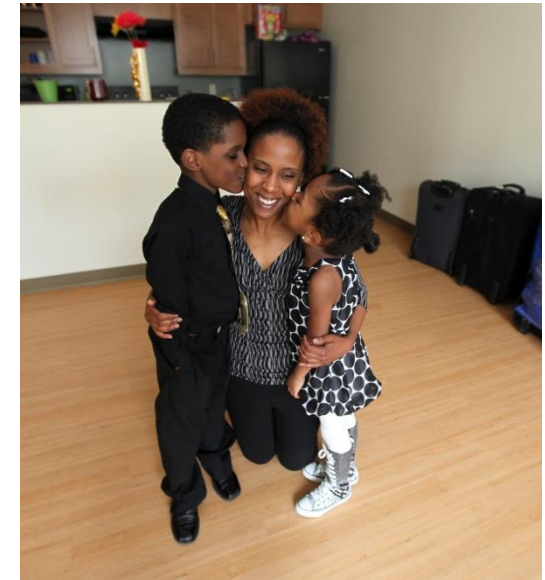


CHANGE IN AVERAGE SERVICE COSTS



Denver Housing First Cost Benefit Analysis Colorado Coalition for the Homeless

Average annual
costs savings of
\$31,545



1. Housing is healthcare
2. Homelessness is a really bad treatment plan