

The 2023 State of Homelessness

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for attending our 2023 State of Homelessness presentation! The data presented tonight addresses many of the questions surrounding homelessness in Rhode Island, including:

Why does homelessness happen in our state?

Why has unsheltered homelessness dramatically increased?

What do we know about who experiences homelessness in Rhode Island?

Today, we are still struggling with rising numbers of people experiencing homelessness. NIMBYISM has continued to stifle affordable housing development and innovative ideas that could make a difference in the lives of Rhode Islanders experiencing homelessness. We have also seen encampment raids that have destabilized the already fragile lives of Rhode Islanders who do not have a place to go but back to the street.

Much of the data presented at this event is procured by our Homeless Management Information System team or during our annual Point in Time Count each January.

Additionally, we could only give a complete presentation with local and national partners like HousingWorksRI and the National Low Income Housing Coalition, whose reports contributed to this presentation. We would also like to give thanks to the State of Rhode Island and the Department of Housing for their continued partnership and support.

On behalf of everyone at the Rhode Island Coalition to End Homelessness, we hope you find this information valuable and relevant to help support your advocacy for unhoused Rhode Island neighbors.

Onward,

Kimberly Simmons
Interim Executive Director
The Rhode Island Coalition to End Homelessness

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