

# CURRENT SYSTEM OVERVIEW

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## 2,457\*

Individuals experiencing literal homelessness as of August 31, 2024 <sup>1</sup>



\* Systemwide Annual data clean-up to ensure all exits from programs are up to date

<sup>1</sup> Literal Homelessness: defined as shelter, transitional housing or unsheltered

<sup>2</sup> Nearly 92% utilization of shelter capacity this summer with higher barrier shelter having lower utilization

## Anchorage currently has the *lowest total number* of people experiencing homelessness since January 2020



Outflow (people leaving homelessness) exceeds inflow (people returning or newly experiencing homelessness) for the 9th consecutive month.

### Why does it still seem like a lot of people are outside?

- There are more small and visible encampments instead of singular large encampments.
- Local law limits encampments to 25 people.
- Lots of abandoned camps still need cleanup.

### What does it cost to move a person to housing with supports? Up to \$31,000 per year

- \$2.6M in funding for the Next Step rapid rehousing program is housing 177 people for 12 months with 200 hours of case management each.

### Where did the people go?

Outflow is primarily to housing and family reunion at 91.5%; Remaining 8.5% are exiting due to death and institutional stays over 90 days like API, long term medical care, treatment and jail/prison.

### Primary drivers of exits to housing are:

1. **Self-Resolution** - people who enter the system and resolve quickly. Almost 2/3 of the people who annually experience homelessness resolve (11,000) this way.
2. **Permanent Supportive Housing** - limited in capacity and has a need of 749 additional units.
3. **Next Step and other Rapid Rehousing** - capacity is limited with a current gap of 735 units needed based on available funding for rents and support services.

### Upcoming:

- Continue reporting camps for outreach.
- **Project Homeless Connect** at the Loussac Library – October 15<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- **Emergency Cold Weather Shelter** operations start October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

