

Tackling Homelessness Together

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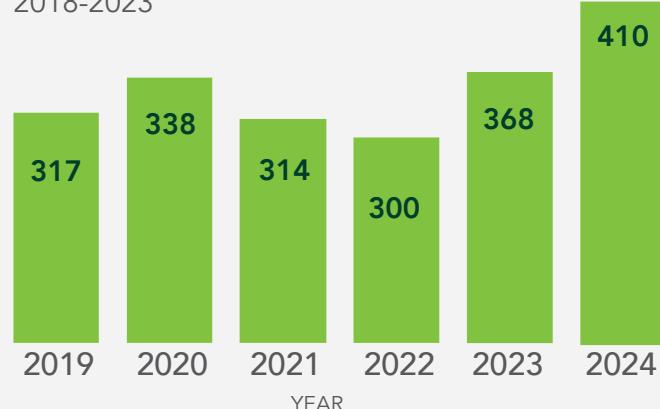
HOMELESSNESS IN RAMSEY COUNTY

Unsheltered homelessness continues to increase.

Key indicators:

- ▶ Since 2018, the number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness has nearly tripled.
- ▶ The 2024 Point-in-Time Count found **410 people were unsheltered**.
- ▶ During the first two months the Winter Warming Spaces were open during the 2024-25 winter season, the spaces had **nearly 2,500 walk through the four sites**.
- ▶ Ramsey County's family shelter **waitlist is now comprised of 90 families**.

Unsheltered Point-in-Time Count
2018-2023



Emergency shelters in Ramsey County serve regional needs.

Ramsey County accounts for:

- 9.5%** of the statewide population
- 24%** of all emergency shelter beds in the state of Minnesota

Only **one-third** of all emergency shelter entries have a last known residence in Ramsey County.

Heading Home Ramsey needs **\$75 million** in funding, or **\$15 million per year for five years**.

Reliable funding will:

- ▶ Provide and sustain shelter support and services to families, single adults and youth.
- ▶ Bridge the gap from now to the completion of new affordable rental housing.
- ▶ Move more people onto a path to housing.

Additional information



Ramsey County has significant racial disparities in homelessness.

Black or African American make up 13.7% of the population but **40.4%** of the homeless.

Native Americans account for 1.1% of the population but **4.3%** of the homeless.

Those identifying as multiracial make up 3.9% of the population but **14.1%** of the homeless.



Funding needed to bridge gap from homelessness to housing

Ramsey County has a shortage of 18,000 affordable rental housing units. The county, in collaboration with the city of Saint Paul, have committed a total of \$74 million to construct and preserve local, affordable rental housing. While these projects develop, the number of people experiencing homelessness continues to rise.

Outcomes of recent investments:

- ✓ 170 people transitioned from pandemicfunded shelters to housing in 2022.
- ✓ Winter Warming spaces tripled the number of walk through individuals from about 10,000 in 2022-23 to more than 33,000 in 2023-2024.

Statewide County Priorities

The bill reflects a true comprehensive response by allowing all 87 counties and statewide providers to access aid in three critical areas of funding needs:



Provider Need: Addresses critical funding gaps to provider community through increase in the emergency services program (ESP).



County Innovation: Acknowledges counties' fiscal cliffs caused by the end of the federal pandemic relief funding by providing a dedicated funding stream, Homeless Response Innovation Fund, for counties to provide homelessness response services with corresponding requirements and accountability for measurable results.



County-to-County Capacity Building: Incentivizes collaboration between Metro and Greater Minnesota counties and their providers to increase access to sustainable funding streams while envisioning the adoption of best practices and distribution of tool kits.



Expansion of emergency shelter capacity for families and single adults.



The Shelter Entry & Diversion Team handled more than 25,000 phone calls in 2024.

ABOUT HEADING HOME RAMSEY

Heading Home Ramsey is the HUD-mandated Continuum of Care for Ramsey County and includes more than 100 partners who work together to end homelessness, including:

1 Day at a Time | Advocates | Ain Dah Yung Center | Catholic Charities | City of Maplewood | City of St. Paul | City of Vadnais Heights | Community Medical Services | Department of Veteran Affairs Homeless Programs | Emma Norton Services | Evergreen Recovery | Face to Face Health & Counseling | Faith City Church | Guild | Interfaith Action of Greater St. Paul | Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota | M Health Fairview | Metro HRA | Metro Transit Police | Metropolitan Housing and Redevelopment Authority | Minnesota One Stop for Communities | Model Cities | Neighborhood House | Radias Health | Roseville Police Dept. | Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation | Saint Paul Promise Neighborhood | SMRLS | St. Paul Public Housing Agency | St. Paul Public Housing Agency | St. Paul Public Schools | The Listening House | Union Gospel Mission Twin Cities | Wilder | and more