

2025 State of Homelessness Address: Talking Points

The State of Homelessness

Since 2021, the All-Neighbors Coalition has transformed the homeless response system in Dallas and Collin counties into a leading model for the nation. Driven by public-private partnership and continuous innovation and problem solving, we remain committed to delivering meaningful results.

Despite record high increases in the pace of new individuals and families falling into homelessness, strategic and aligned investments have helped drive down homelessness for the fourth consecutive year.

- According to the January Point-in-Time count, an estimated **3,541 people** are experiencing homelessness on any given night in Dallas and Collin counties.
- That equates to a **23% reduction** in overall homelessness and a **28% reduction** in unsheltered homelessness since 2021.
- This was accomplished by **housing close to 16,000 individuals**; integrating behavioral healthcare and housing to resolve street homelessness; and **scaling Diversion to help over 6,640 families and single adults** avoid long shelter stays through rapidly resolving their housing crises. For single adults, this intervention costs a tenth of the average shelter stay, maximizing every dollar to end homelessness.

These enhancements also led to an effective end to Veteran homelessness last year, as declared by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs.

Street to Home Phase 1: Effective End to Street Homelessness in Downtown Dallas

While data indicates progress, we acknowledge that real change means ensuring no one must live in unacceptable conditions on our streets. The All Neighbors Coalition, City of Dallas, and Downtown Dallas, Inc. (DDI) have made this a top priority through the Street to Home Initiative, which launched last year with an operation in Downtown Dallas. On Tuesday we're proud to announce that we have achieved an effective end to street homelessness in Downtown Dallas.

- Since July, 257 individuals have moved into housing with wrap around services. An additional 27 individuals with serious mental health and substance use issues are connected with higher levels of care and treatment facilities through a new workgroup launched to coordinate complex care.
- Reaching an effective end to street homelessness Downtown does not mean there will never be another person who is homeless Downtown, but rather:
 1. No one is living and sleeping on the streets of Downtown Dallas.
 2. Pathways off the street will be activated for anyone new attempting to live or sleep Downtown.
 3. Public spaces will be revitalized and remain safe for all our neighbors.

Downtown Provides Lessons for Ending Street Homelessness Across Dallas and Collin Counties

1. Integrated Behavioral Health is Essential for the Most Vulnerable
2. We Can Enhance Public Safety *and* Compassionately End Homelessness
3. Sustained Investments in Diversion & Rehousing are Critical to Keep People Off the Streets

What's Next?

Phase 2 of the Street to Home initiative will ensure the All Neighbors Coalition can:

- Maintain an effective end to street homelessness Downtown, especially with millions of new visitors expected for FIFA 2026 World Cup and development of the new Convention Center;
- Resolve high-priority, high-risk encampments at new locations across the City; and
- Begin building a sustainable system that can end street homelessness incrementally, zone by zone, across Dallas and Collin counties.