

Home Illinois: A Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness in Illinois

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Executive Order 2021-21:

“Illinois’ legacy to future generations will be a State that values the dignity of human life and the right for everyone to have a home”

**Vision Statement: Guiding
Commitment To Work Towards
Functionally Ending
Homelessness In Illinois**

Today's Agenda

Current Landscape

Progress and Investments

Listening Session

Current Landscape of Homelessness in Illinois



Homelessness by the Numbers: 120,857 Persons Annually

- Annually, 44,063 people in 27,733 households are served in Illinois' literal homeless system, of whom an estimated:
 - 18% are living with severe mental illness
 - 12% experience chronic substance abuse
 - 5% are veterans
 - 8% are survivors of domestic violence
 - 6% are unaccompanied youth ages 18-24
 - 5% Are parenting youth or children of parenting youth
- 76,794 children, from infants through 12th grade, experienced doubled-up homelessness in 2020-21 school year

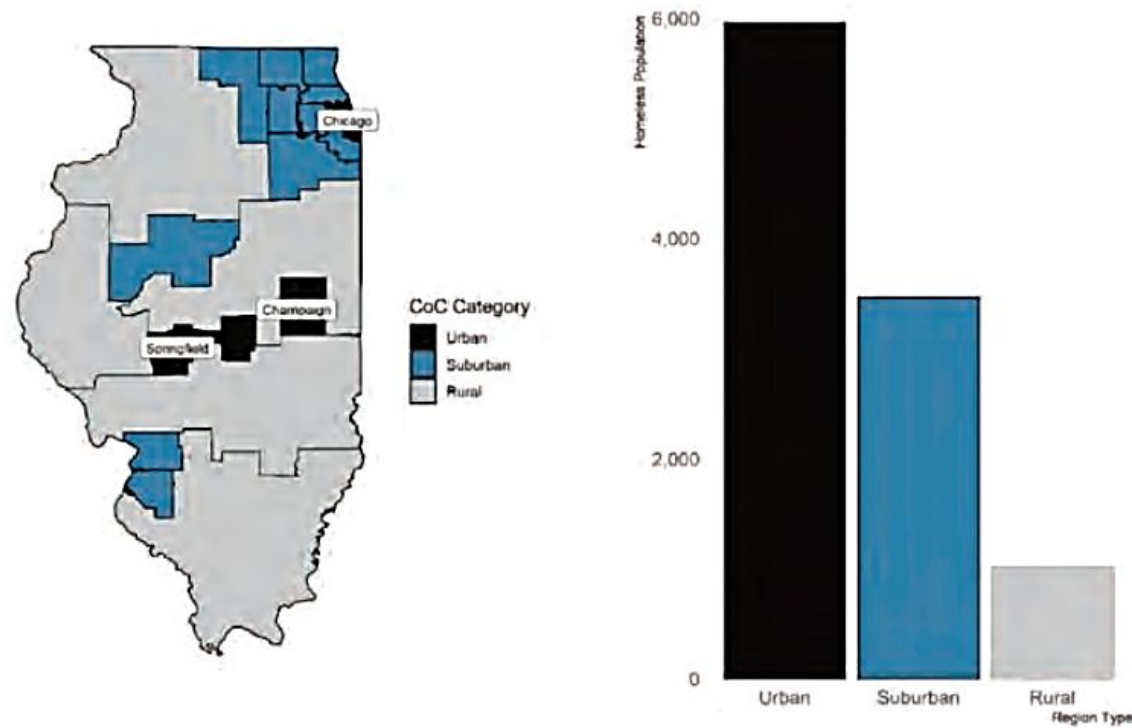
FY22 IDHS funded emergency shelter turn-aways: **9,837 individuals and 2,651 children**

Average wait time for access to homeless housing resource in Chicago: **803 days**

Geography of Homelessness

60% of Illinoisans experiencing homelessness in 2020 reside in Cook County

Point-in-Time Counts from January, 2020



Racial Disparities in Poverty & Homelessness

Black people make up **14%** of Illinois' residents, but:



30% of Illinoisans experiencing poverty



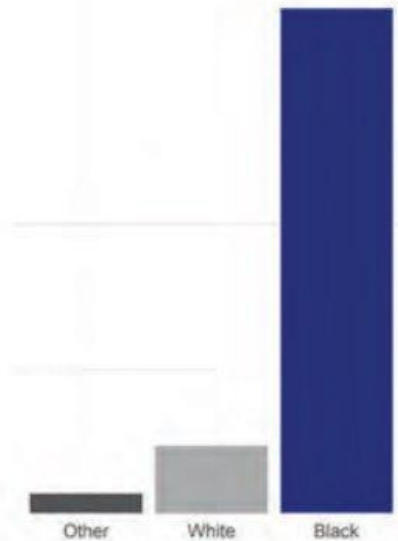
61% of Illinoisans experiencing homelessness.



Black people are **eight times** more likely to experience homelessness than white people in Illinois.

Illinois Homeless Population Prevalence per 100k by Race, 2020

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Source: HUD Data Exchange, FYT Counts (2020)
US Census Bureau, PL 94-171 Redistricting Data (2020)

Current Progress and Investments in Preventing and Ending Homelessness

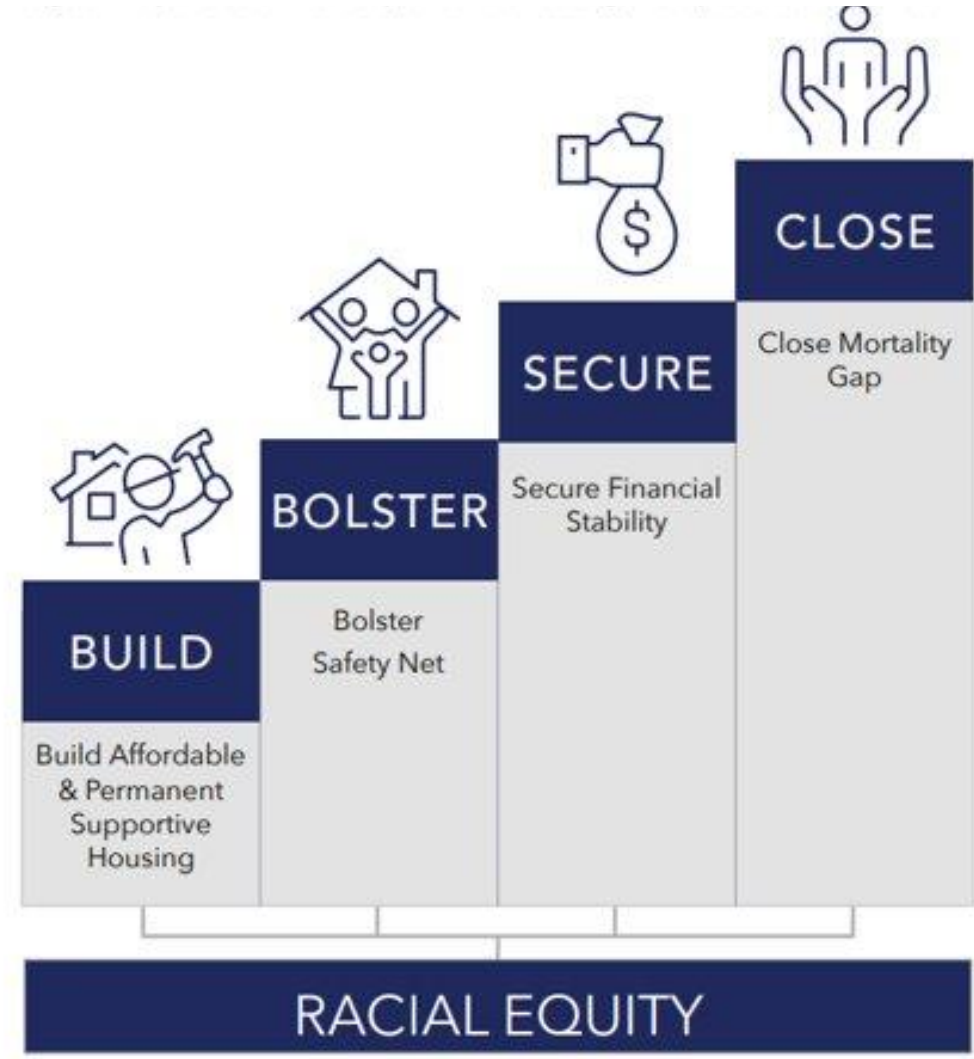


- **Interagency Task Force on Homelessness**
- **Community Advisory Council on Homelessness**
 - **Youth Homelessness Subcommittee**



Plan to Prevent & End Homelessness: *Home Illinois* Framework

- Inventory of 100+ policy, program or process activities across 17 State agencies
- Foundational goal: ending the racial disparity that exists in homelessness





Home Illinois:



Change

Change the narrative on the root causes of homelessness

Realize

Realize the vision of the Executive Order through a transformational initiative to be implemented over four years

Convene

Convene local jurisdictions, health systems and private funders to meet goals of ending homelessness

Lead

Lead a successful state-led approach to end homelessness, setting an example for interior states



Functional Zero: A Measurable Metric for Success

- **“Functional Zero”** is a sustainable milestone where a community has measurably solved homelessness.
- Once achieved, when an Illinoisian reaches out for help, there is a clear path to access that resource and the appropriate resource on the other side
- Homelessness within Functional Zero is:
 - Rare
 - Brief
 - Non-recurring
 - Equitable

Executive Order 2021-21 Parallel:

“Whereas, the current crisis has created waves of economic instability which have affected Illinoisans most vulnerable to housing insecurity. It requires the strengthening of our State’s safety nets so that homelessness becomes an experience that is **rare, brief and non-recurring...**”

Realizing Home Illinois 2024-2026

1. How would you describe the impact of the current Home Illinois Plan (2022-2024), inclusive of the work of the Community Advisory Council and the Interagency Task Force on Homelessness? What has worked or not worked from this first plan?



Listening
Session:

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2. What should be the priorities for the next plan (2024-2026)?

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3. In order to end homelessness, we will need to prevent people from becoming homeless. What homelessness prevention strategies should we advance?



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4. In order to end homelessness, we will need to increase the availability of housing and services. What does your community need to increase housing and service delivery?

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5. What support does your agency and/or CoC need in data collection and analysis?

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6. What type of training and technical assistance does your community need?

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7. Is there anything we have not asked you today that you think is important for us to understand?



Thank you so much for your time and contributions today!