

HOMELESSNESS IN WINSTON-SALEM AT A GLANCE



EACH YEAR, COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY CONDUCT THE POINT-IN-TIME COUNT (PIT COUNT) – A ONE-NIGHT SNAPSHOT OF HOMELESSNESS ON A PARTICULAR DATE IN JANUARY. THAT DATA IS COMPILED INTO THE ANNUAL HOMELESSNESS ASSESSMENT REPORT (AHAR), THE MOST RELIABLE NATIONAL DATASET WE HAVE.

THE LATEST DATA WE HAVE (JAN 2024 COUNT, RELEASED NOV 2025) SHOWS:

NUMBERS ARE RISING. HOMELESSNESS IS RISING NATIONWIDE, STATEWIDE, & LOCALLY

↑18%
NATIONAL INCREASE- WHICH REPRESENTS 138,866 MORE PEOPLE

THESE ARE THE HIGHEST LEVELS EVER RECORDED.



WHO IS MOST IMPACTED



FAMILIES

- 39% INCREASE YEAR-OVER-YEAR
- NEARLY 150,000 CHILDREN EXPERIENCED HOMELESSNESS
- LARGEST INCREASE OF ANY AGE



OLDER ADULTS

- ALMOST 1 IN 5 UNHOUSED PEOPLE
- OVER 104,000 INDIVIDUALS

OUR LOCAL REALITY

OUR TRENDS MIRROR THE NATIONAL CRISIS. THE SHARPEST INCREASES ARE AMONG FAMILIES AND OLDER ADULTS– THE VERY GROUPS WITH THE FEWEST RESOURCES AND LEAST SYSTEMIC SUPPORT.



WHY?

 **POST-COVID RESOURCE COLLAPSE**
COVID ERA SUPPORTS FUNCTIONED AS A SHORT-TERM PATCH, NOT A LONG-TERM SOLUTION. WHEN BENEFITS ENDED, THE NEEDS REMAINED.

 **THE BENEFITS CLIFF**
A SMALL RAISE CAN TRIGGER A LOSS OF BENEFITS. THIS PUNISHES PROGRESS AND KEEPS FAMILIES TRAPPED IN INSTABILITY.

 **THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING CRISIS**
FORSYTH COUNTY IS SHORT ~18,000 AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS. MARKET RENT FOR A 2-BEDROOM HOME IS \$2,161/MONTH. INCOME REQUIRED TO AFFORD THIS IS AROUND \$4,800/MONTH.

WHAT'S MY ROLE?

IN THE FACE OF A SYSTEM THAT IS STRETCHED BEYOND CAPACITY, WE AS THE COMMUNITY ARE CALLED TO:

- ♥ WALK WITH NEIGHBORS NAVIGATING IMPOSSIBLE SYSTEMS
- ♥ NAME THE GAPS OTHERS OVERLOOK
- ♥ BUILD COMMUNITY WHERE SYSTEMS FALL SHORT
- ♥ ADVOCATE FOR SOLUTIONS ROOTED IN DIGNITY, NOT JUST SURVIVAL

