

Costs of Homelessness (statistics, research, studies and reports):

Pathways Vermont Housing First Program ([here](#); under: **Serving the Underserved**; excerpted; **highlight**, added for emphasis):

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The program targets the most vulnerable individuals , especially those who have “fallen through the cracks” of the system of care.

- The population served by Pathways’ Housing First program have experienced long histories of homelessness, involvement with corrections, frequent contact with emergency services and long periods of institutionalization.
- The program has supported 100+ individuals with long stays in hospitals, prisons and other institutional settings to successfully transition into the community.
- **The average daily “cost” of homelessness for this population is approximately \$91.51.**

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The Cost of Homelessness Facts (via **Green Doors**, [here](#); Austin, Texas; excerpted):

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How much does homelessness cost the taxpayer?

- People struggling with homelessness are often frequent users of emergency departments. On average, they visit the emergency room five times per year. The highest users of emergency departments visit weekly. Each visit costs \$3,700; that's \$18,500 spent per year for the average person and \$44,400 spent per year for the highest users of emergency departments.
- People struggling with homelessness spend, on average, 3 nights per visit in the hospital which can cost over \$9,000.
- Not only does homelessness cause health problems, "homeless people have higher rates of chronic health problems than the general population. This takes the form of higher rates of illnesses such as high blood pressure, heart disease, diabetes, lung disease, and HIV disease" (Dr. Margot Kushel, Associate Professor of Medicine in Residence, UCSK/ SF General Hospital).
- 80% of emergency room visits made by people struggling with homelessness is for an illness that could have been treated with preventative care.

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***Must-Read* post:**

[The Health and Social Costs of Homelessness](#) (via **The Medical Care Blog**)

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***Must-Read* Report:**

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([here](#); via Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; 3/1/2007)

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The Economics of Homelessness (via Urban Economics; Kevin Corinth; University of Chicago; May 14, 2013), [here](#).

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The Cost of Homelessness: A Perspective from the United States

(Dennis P. Culhane; University of Pennsylvania; 1/1/2008; **European Journal of Homelessness**. 2.1 (2008): 97-114.), [here](#).

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