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HUD Releases 2021 Annual Homeless Assessment Report

In a [press release](#) published last week, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced that it has released its [2021 Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress](#). Here are the key findings of the report:

- On a single night in 2021, more than 326,000 people were experiencing sheltered homelessness in the United States.
- The number of people staying in sheltered locations decreased by eight percent between 2020 and 2021.
- The number of sheltered people in families with children declined considerably between 2020 and 2021, while the number of sheltered individuals remained relatively flat.
- Between 2020 and 2021, the reported inventory available for people experiencing homelessness remained relatively flat, but occupancy rates declined.
- The share of emergency shelter beds for people experiencing sheltered homelessness located in non-congregate settings increased by 134 percent.
- Between 2020 and 2021, the number of veterans experiencing sheltered homelessness decreased by 10 percent.
- On a single night in 2021, 15,763 people under the age of 25 experienced sheltered homelessness on their own as “unaccompanied youth.”
- The number of sheltered individuals with chronic patterns of homelessness increased by 20 percent between 2020 and 2021.



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