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**WHAT IS CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS?**




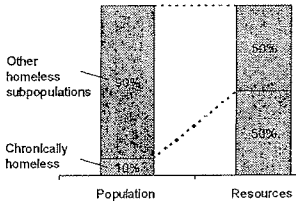
- ❖ The most visible form of homelessness; often people on the streets of our neighborhoods and communities
- ❖ Experienced by 150,000 Americans each year
- ❖ A subgroup that constitutes 10% of the homeless population
- ❖ A condition found in counties, cities, suburbs, and rural areas

  
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**WHAT ARE THE CHARACTERISTICS OF INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS?**



- ❖ Unaccompanied individuals
- ❖ Homeless for a year or more or multiple times over a several year period
- ❖ Disabled by addiction, mental illness, chronic physical illness or disability, or developmental disability
- ❖ Frequent histories of hospitalization, unstable employment, and incarceration
- ❖ Average age in the early 40s

  
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**INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS CONSUME A DISPROPORTIONATE AMOUNT OF RESOURCES**  
*10% of the homeless population consumes over 50% of the resources*








Category	Percentage
Chronically homeless (Population)	10%
Other homeless subpopulations (Population)	90%
Chronically homeless (Resources)	50%
Other homeless subpopulations (Resources)	50%


Individuals experiencing chronic homelessness are heavy users of costly public resources, including:

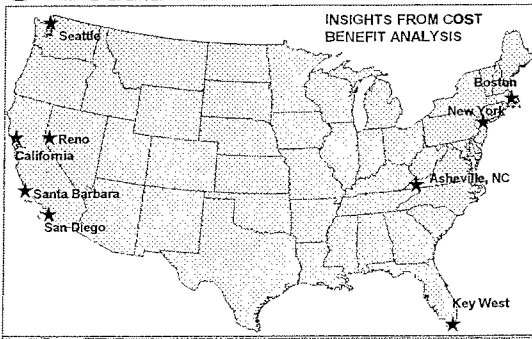
- Emergency medical services
- Psychiatric treatment
- Detox facilities
- Shelters
- Law Enforcement/Corrections

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**POLITICAL WILL AND HOMELESSNESS**

-  Moral reasons to respond to homelessness
-  Spiritual reasons to respond to homelessness
-  Cultural reasons to respond to homelessness
-  Economic reasons to respond to homelessness

  
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**INSIGHTS FROM COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS**




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### INSIGHTS FROM COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS

- "More of the same" isn't working
- The old status quo of ad hoc, uncoordinated crisis intervention isn't working
- More expensive; less effective
- Einstein observation: Definition of insanity
- Political will is impacted by economic costs and consequences

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### Constellating the National Partnership



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### INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND INTERCOMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

- Federal
- State
- County and City
- Private Sector



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### COUNCIL MEMBERS/FEDERAL PARTNERS

- U.S. Department of Agriculture
- U.S. Department of Commerce
- U.S. Department of Defense
- U.S. Department of Education
- U.S. Department of Energy
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- U.S. Department of the Interior
- U.S. Department of Justice
- U.S. Department of Labor
- U.S. Department of Transportation
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
- USA Freedom Corps
- United States Postal Service
- Social Security Administration
- General Services Administration
- Office of Management and Budget
- Corporation for National and Community Service
- White House Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives

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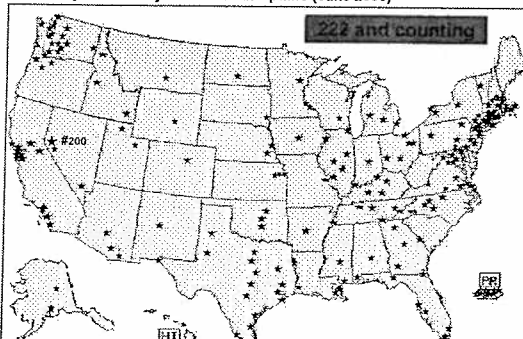
### Status of State Interagency Councils on Homelessness (June 2006)



KEY  
Shaded States = State Interagency Councils

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### City and County 10-Year Plan Update (June 2006)



222 and counting

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**KEY SHAREHOLDERS IN INCLUSIVE PARTNERSHIPS**

The most successful efforts have broad support and participation from the public, private, and non-profit sectors.

Mayor/County Executive    Agency/Department Heads    Business & Civic Leaders    Law Enforcement Officials    United Way/Chambers of Commerce    General Public

Housing Developers & Service Providers    Hospital Administrators    Academics    Librarians    Individuals experiencing Chronic Homelessness    Non-profits/foundations    Faith-based Organizations

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**ADMINISTRATION AND JURISDICTIONAL SUPPORT FOR 10-YEAR PLANS**

The 2007 Budget continues the Administration's commitment to end chronic homelessness... Through efforts of the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, the Administration's initiative to end chronic homelessness has gained traction in communities large and small across the country... Federal Interagency efforts to end chronic homelessness continue with the Departments of Health and Human Services, Veterans Affairs, and Labor participating actively. Progress is being made...  
- Budget Proposed by President, FY 2007

"The Governors support the goal of ending chronic homelessness and recognize the shared responsibility that local, state, and federal governments have in combating this social problem... and for ensuring that the state government is coordinating its efforts effectively with the federal government and with local efforts including 10-year planning efforts to end chronic homelessness."  
- Policy Statement adopted by the National Governors Association, March 2005

"The National League of Cities (NLC) supports the Bush Administration's goal to end chronic homelessness in the United States in 10 years and will help advance the planning process set forth by the Administration."  
- Resolution adopted by the National League of Cities, December 2003

"NACo endorses the Bush Administration's national goal of ending chronic homelessness in ten years... NACo encourages counties to develop 10 Year Plans incorporating the latest research... to prevent and end chronic homelessness."  
- Resolution adopted by the National Association of Counties, July 15, 2003

"The U.S. Conference of Mayors supports the 10-year planning process and strongly encourages cities to create and implement... strategic plans to end chronic homelessness in 10 years."  
- Resolution passed unanimously by the U.S. Conference of Mayors, June 2003

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UNPRECEDENTED PLANNING AND STRATEGY

**"The Tipping Point:  
How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference**

➤ Good... to Better... to Great...  
Innovations in 10-Year Plans to End Chronic Homelessness in Your Community

➤ Consumer Centric

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**KILLER B'S**

Business Plan  
Baselines  
Benchmarks  
Best Practices  
Budget

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**THE PERFORMANCE P'S**

Political Will  
Partnerships  
Prevention  
Performance  
Pricing  
Place

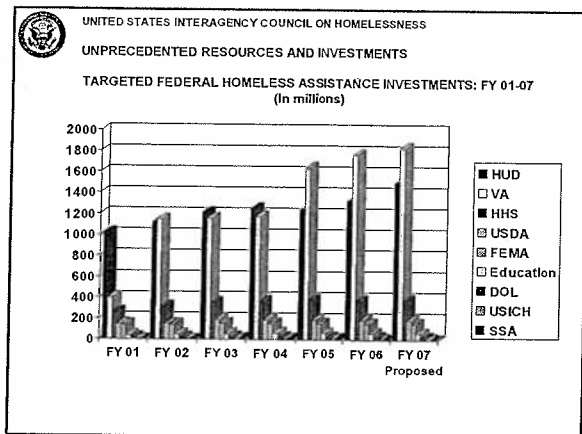
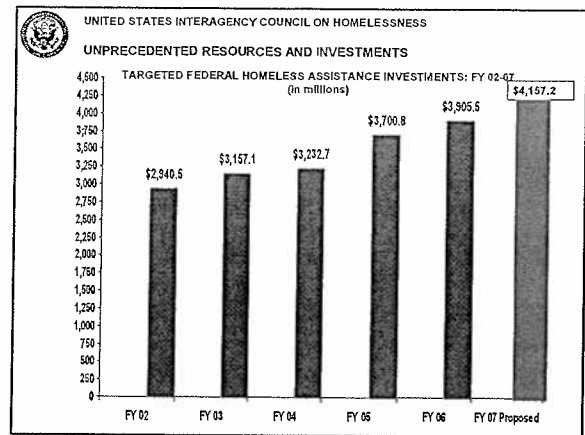
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**UNPRECEDENTED FEDERAL RESOURCES AND INVESTMENT**



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**President's FY '07 Budget:**

- ✓ An unprecedented sixth consecutive year of increased funding for federal programs serving persons who are homeless including in the \$200 million Samaritan Initiative
- ✓ An overall 7.5% increase in programs across a range of federal agencies

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**LEVERAGING OF STATE, CITY, and PRIVATE SECTOR INVESTMENT**

**RESULTS:**  
A 55-city survey of 10-Year Plan jurisdictions shows that \$2.34 billion in state, city, and private sector investment has been leveraged to create targeted permanent housing and services from 2002 to the present.

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**UNPRECEDENTED INNOVATIONS AND RESULTS**

