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National Alliance to End Homelessness

The economy just doesn't work for a rapidly-growing number of Americans across urban, suburban, and rural communities alike. **Wages that do not keep up with the cost of living, a shortage of affordable housing, a broken healthcare system, and a weak social safety net force people out of their homes and into homelessness** every single week.

## **11,335** people enter homelessness each year in Maryland.

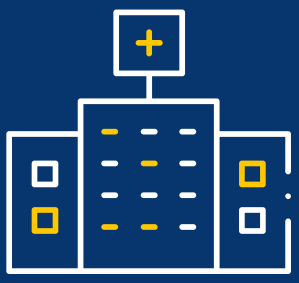
### WITHIN **MARYLAND:**

There are only **34** affordable rental homes for every 100 extremely low-income renter households.

Minimum wage earners must work **104** hours weekly to afford a two-bedroom rental home.

There are **782,000** people with unmet substance use treatment needs.

Mental health provider capacity meets only **22.1%** of estimated community need.



**Homelessness response systems are stuck between a rock and a hard place.** They have become the default safety net for every other system's shortcomings — and they're being stretched beyond their limits.

## **4,571** people move into permanent housing each year in Maryland.

### WITHIN **MARYLAND:**

Emergency shelter capacity can only serve **85%** of individual adults experiencing homelessness.

Available permanent housing can serve only **18%** of people experiencing homelessness.