RHODE ISLAND

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.

2,586 people enter homelessness each year in Rhode Island.

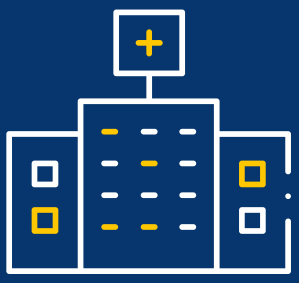
WITHIN **RHODE ISLAND:**

There are only **54** affordable rental homes for every 100 extremely low-income renter households.

Minimum wage earners must work **85** hours weekly to afford a two-bedroom rental home.

There are **156,000** people with unmet substance use treatment needs.

Mental health provider capacity meets only **48.9%** 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.

1,069 people move into permanent housing each year in Rhode Island.

WITHIN **RHODE ISLAND:**

Emergency shelter capacity can only serve **62%** of individual adults experiencing homelessness.

Available permanent housing can serve only **13%** of people experiencing homelessness.