WEST VIRGINIA

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.

3,139 people enter homelessness each year in West Virginia.

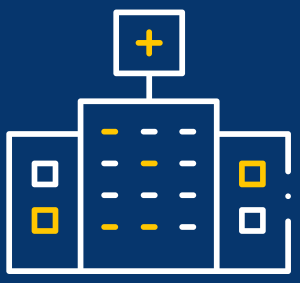
WITHIN **WEST VIRGINIA:**

There are only **55** affordable rental homes for every 100 extremely low-income renter households.

Minimum wage earners must work **87** hours weekly to afford a two-bedroom rental home.

There are **224,000** people with unmet substance use treatment needs.

Mental health provider capacity meets only **5.7%** 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.

1,351 people move into permanent housing each year in West Virginia.

WITHIN **WEST VIRGINIA:**

Emergency shelter capacity can only serve **51%** of individual adults experiencing homelessness.

Available permanent housing can serve only **7%** of people experiencing homelessness.