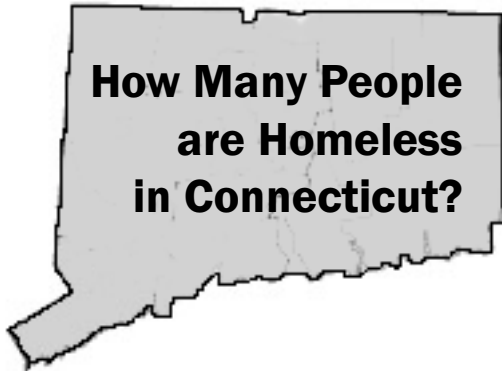


FACTS ABOUT HOMELESSNESS IN CONNECTICUT

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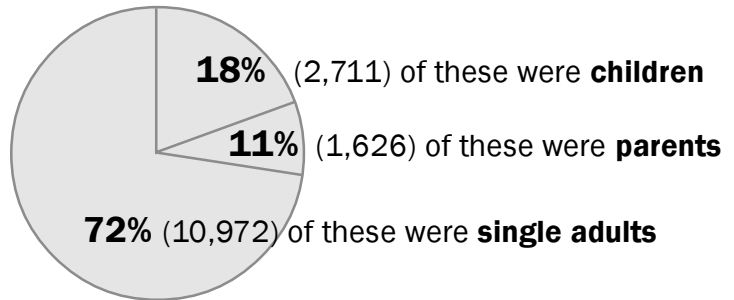


- **33,000 people in CT experience homelessness in a 12 month period;**
- **13,000 of these are children;**
- This equates to 20,000 household in need of housing over the course of a year.

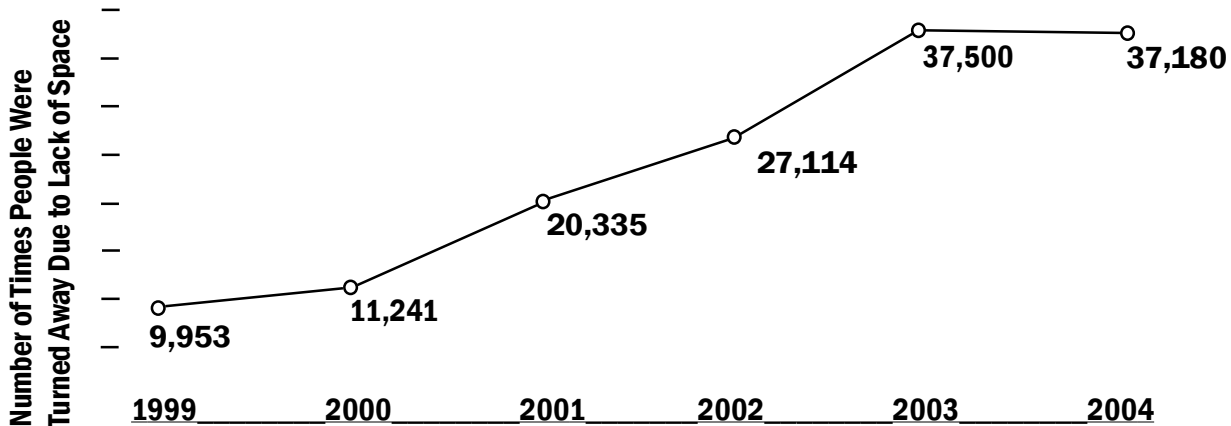
Data for Connecticut derived from recent studies on homelessness conducted by the Urban Institute, Washington D.C. and the University of Pennsylvania and from the 2000 Census Data.

Of These, How Many People Entered the Emergency Shelter System?*

15,309 people used the shelters in CT between Oct. 2003-Sept 2004



How often do shelter staff have to say no to a request for shelter simply because there is no more space?*



What is happening in local communities because of the increased requests for shelter?

In **15 Locations across Connecticut**, volunteers working with local government, faith based groups, funders, and shelter staff are opening “No Freeze” shelters to accommodate the overflow from the emergency shelters. The “No Freeze” shelters are temporary, operating with little or no financial support.

There were approximately 495 “No Freeze” beds available in the winter of 2004-2005.

*These numbers apply only to the emergency shelters that receive state funding. They do not include the women and children living in domestic violence shelters or in other shelter programs that are not funded by the state.