

U.S. NEWS

Rise in Homelessness

Homelessness in the U.S. hit record levels this year.

A federal report released Friday revealed that over 771,000 people—roughly 23 out of every 10,000 Americans—experienced homelessness in 2024, an 18% increase from 2023 and the highest level since 2007. Homelessness among families with children rose 39%, affecting 150,000 children.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development attributed the rise to inflation, stagnant wages, affordable housing shortages, natural disasters, and an influx of migrants overwhelming shelters in cities like Chicago, New York City, and Denver.

On a more positive note, veteran homelessness dropped 8% to around 32,000. Cities like Dallas (down 16%) and L.A. (down 5%) saw decreases after preventative actions taken in recent years. [Review the full report.](#)

Verse to dwell on when considering everyone made in God's image... *"Finally, all of you be like-minded and sympathetic, love one another, and be compassionate and humble, not paying back evil for evil or insult for insult but, on the contrary, giving a blessing, since you were called for this, so that you may inherit a blessing."*

1 Peter 3:8–9 (CSB) ([read full passage](#))