



Homelessness in Our Town

Many of our Monadnock area neighbors live one paycheck away from homelessness. They never expect to lose their homes. But accumulating hardships force them into homelessness, and they soon exhaust their network of family and friends. They move from couch to couch. Entire families live in cars, campgrounds, in the woods, or doubled up with family.

MATS addresses homelessness at the level of its root causes, not just applying a band-aid. MATS provides a family experiencing homelessness the tools to be able to secure permanent housing and sustain it; thus breaking the cycle of homelessness. In the past year 100% of the guests who completed our program have moved on to and have remained in permanent housing.

Did You Know That:

- The median rent for a two-bedroom apartment in Hillsborough county is \$1,368 per month, Cheshire county is \$1,068.
- In just the Conval school district we had 31 children identified as homeless during the 2018/2019 school year.
- 42% of the overall homeless population in New Hampshire consists of families with children.
- Veterans comprise 7% of New Hampshire's homeless population.
- On any given day in New Hampshire, there are 1,450 people who are homeless.
- New Hampshire's vacancy rate stands at 1.96% for two-bedroom units. In comparison, the U.S. vacancy rate is 7% and in the Northeast it is 5.1%. (A vacancy rate of 4% to 5% is considered a balanced market for supply and demand.)
- Minimum wage in New Hampshire is still \$7.25 per hour.
- Today, most people in America live one paycheck away from homelessness.

Sources:

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