

THE ECONOMICS OF HOMELESSNESS

HOMELESS SUMMIT

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The counterintuitive truth about homelessness is that the solution costs far less than the problem.

SHELTER IS CHEAPER

\$19.00 A NIGHT IN SHELTER

- VS -

\$26.00 A NIGHT RENTAL ASSISTANCE

AVERAGE MONTHLY COST OF HOUSING SOMEONE WHILE HOMELESS



SHELTER BED
\$570



JAIL
\$1,350



HOSPITAL BED
\$10,700



RENTAL ASSISTANCE
\$733

COSTS OF HOMELESSNESS – MEDICAL

- Ambulance Transports

- Emergency Room
- Hospital/Overnight
- Outpatient Medical

- Prescription Drug Costs

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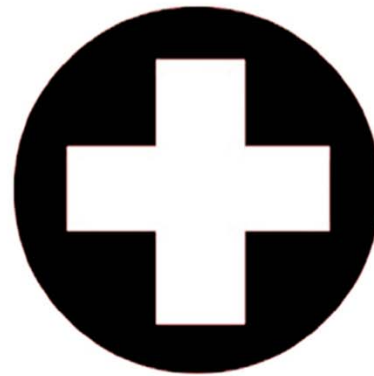
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COSTS OF HOMELESSNESS - MENTAL HEALTH

- Outpatient Mental Health

- Detox/Substance Abuse Treatment

- Inpatient Medical or Psychiatric

- Medicaid reimbursements

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COSTS OF HOMELESSNESS - PRISON & JAILS

- Contact on the Street

AVERAGE MONTHLY COST OF HOUSING SOMEONE WHILE HOMELESS

- Citation/Arrest

- Incarceration



Crime/Court Costs — Booking Costs/Police

Contacts/Productivity loss from Crime Victims

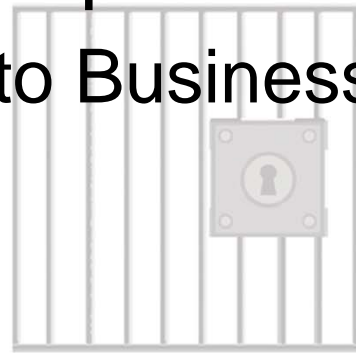
COSTS OF HOMELESSNESS - INTANGIBLES

AVERAGE MONTHLY COST OF HOUSING SOMEONE WHILE HOMELESS

- Negative Impacts



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Impacts to Business/Consumer Buying

COSTS OF HOMELESSNESS - HOUSING

- Emergency Sheltering Costs

- Supportive Housing Costs
 - Short-Term and Permanent

- Program Costs (Housing and Staff)
 - Supportive Services



RENTAL
ASSISTANCE
\$733

AVERAGE MONTHLY COST OF HOUSING SOMEONE WHILE HOMELESS



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\$574



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\$10,700

BY INTERVENTION

CHRONICALLY HOMELESS

NEW and FIRST TIME HOMELESS

PERSONS AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS

AFFORDABILITY



Out of Reach 2016: Texas

Working at minimum wage **\$7.25**/hr | Each week you have to work **78 HOURS!** To afford a modest 1-bedroom apartment at Fair Market Rent

Affordable Rent for Low Income Households

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| MINIMUM WAGE WORKER | \$377 /mo |
| HOUSEHOLD AT 30% OF AREA MEDIAN INCOME | \$483 /mo |
| WORKER EARNING AVERAGE RENTER WAGE | \$887 /mo |

Fair Market Rent

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|----------------------------|------------------|
| 1-BEDROOM FAIR MARKET RENT | \$733 /mo |
| 2-BEDROOM FAIR MARKET RENT | \$915 /mo |

AFFORDABILITY

| <u>Housing Wage</u> | <i>Texas</i> | <i>Denton County</i> |
|---|----------------|----------------------|
| ZERO-BEDROOM | \$12.17 | \$12.83 |
| <u>Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Payment</u> | <i>Texas</i> | <i>Denton County</i> |
| SSI MONTHLY PAYMENT | \$733 | \$733 |
| RENT AFFORDABLE TO SSI RECIPIENT | \$220 | \$220 |
| 1 TWO-BEDROOM | 97 | 105 |
| THREE-BEDROOM | 131 | 142 |
| FOUR-BEDROOM | 161 | 180 |

**HOW CAN
ENDING HOMELESSNESS
TRANSFORM COMMUNITIES
AND
REDUCE COSTS**