

# Why do veterans experience homelessness?

Veterans are at a significantly increased risk of homelessness if they have low socioeconomic status, a mental health disorder, and/or a history of substance abuse



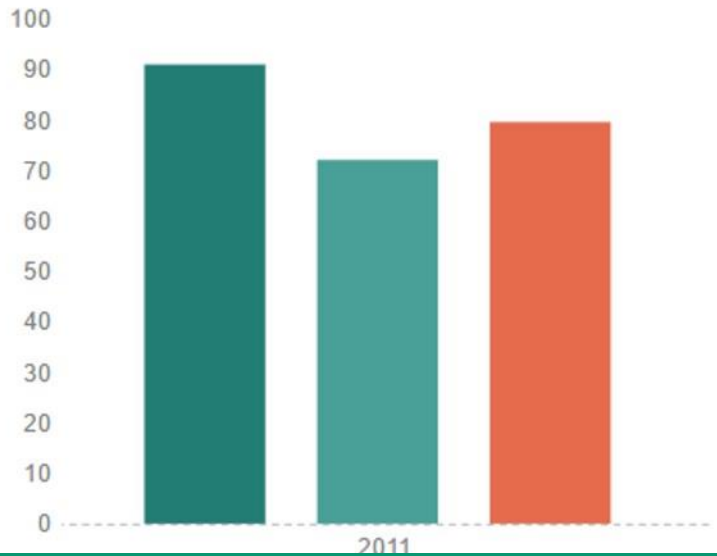
## Veterans continue to fight their own fights

According to Homeward's 9th summer Point-in-Time count, 696 individuals & families were homeless. Of those counted, 22.7 % indicated that they were veterans and:

**90.9%** Have received counseling for mental health problems in their lifetime.

**72.0%** Are currently in recovery from alcohol abuse.

**79.5%** Are currently in recovery from drug addiction.



## Higher risks due to trauma, PTSD and brain injuries.

WHILE SERVING, VETERANS ARE AT HIGHER RISK OF EXPERIENCING TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURIES AND DEVELOPING POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER (PTSD), BOTH ARE CONSIDERED SUBSTANTIAL RISK FACTORS FOR HOMELESSNESS.



To help them reach a safe home, again, our veterans have supporting services available through the office of Veterans Affairs and HomeAgain staff members at our Veterans' Transitional Housing facility.



For more information on our Veterans' Season and how we helped end, functionally, Veterans' Homelessness go to:

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