- How many homeless patrons does your staff encounter on a daily basis?
- What does regular interaction look like?
Homelessness in the Centennial State

HUD’s annual Point-In-Time survey provides a snapshot of the number of persons experiencing homelessness in Colorado. *In January of 2014 Colorado counted 10,028 homeless persons.*
Homelessness typically results from an economic crisis, which could be caused by any number of circumstances:

- loss of a job
- housing-related costs
- relationship ending or family break-up
- sudden and/or prolonged illness
- substance abuse
- severe and persistent mental illness
- physical and intellectual disabilities
- other life-altering situations
Nationally, 75-84% of people remain in the same area where they lived before they became homeless.

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Colorado's Homeless Sub-populations

- Victims of Domestic Violence: 265
- Veterans: 753
- Severe Mentally Ill: 1,290
- HIV/AIDS: 55
- Chronic Substance Abuse: 958
- Chronically Homeless: 1,621
HUD defines **chronic homelessness** as “either having lived on the streets or any place not meant for human habitation for more than 1 year, or having slept on the street or any place not meant for human habitation more than 4 times over the past 3 years, and having at least one identified disability.”

- Substance abuse
- Severe mental illness
- Chronic physical illness
- Posttraumatic stress disorder
- Traumatic brain injury (TBI)
- Developmental disability
- HIV/AIDS
Housing First

http://thedailyshow.cc.com/videos/Lntv3q/the-homeless-homed
Permanent Supportive Housing:
Affordable rental housing combined with wraparound support designed to help keep individuals housed and provide access to primary and behavioral health services.
1. Housing is healthcare
2. Homelessness is a really bad treatment plan

Average annual costs savings of $31,545