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NUMBER OF HOMELESS PEOPLE ON RISE IN OHIO

Ohio ranked as the fourth-worst state for most increase in the number of homeless people for this year compared with 2011, according to a new report by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Ohio grew its homeless population to 13,977 in the latest report, up 7.3 percent, from 13,030 in 2011, according to the HUD report. There were 1,788 chronically homeless people in Ohio, down slightly from the year before. There were 1,244 homeless veterans in Ohio, roughly the same as the year prior.

Nationwide, there were 633,782 people who were homeless in the United States, largely unchanged from the year before. More than 200,000 of those homeless were families, according to the report.

