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An Act Concerning Intimidation Based on Bigotry or Bias Against Homeless People

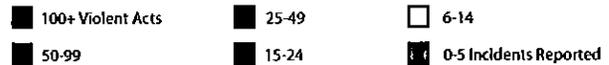
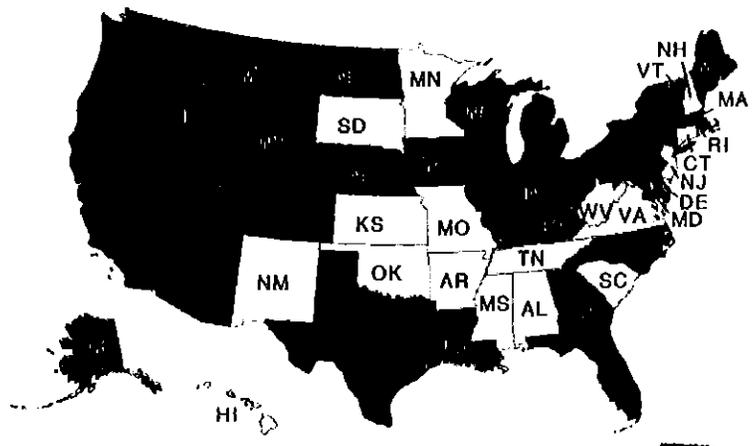
HOMELESSNESS

 affects **636,017** on a single night.
4,456 of those Americans live in **Connecticut**

Most would agree that a home equates to a high level of safety and protection. So most would probably agree that **homelessness = being unprotected.** With few safe havens available, people experiencing homelessness face the **greatest risk of harm.**

Under current hate crime law, the homeless population is **not recognized** as a protected status. Living in places not meant for human habitation subjects people to **discrimination** and **hateful acts**

California and Florida show the most **reports** of violent acts according to a recent study by the National Coalition for the Homeless



Adapted from the National Coalition for the Homeless from the 2012 Hate Crime report.

... **but** word on the streets of **Connecticut** tells a harsher story

In 2012 *alone*, **61 people** out of 305 (**that's 20%**) surveyed self reported that they had been a **victim of a violent attack** while experiencing homelessness in **Hartford, CT**

Protect the human rights and dignity of our homeless citizens

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