

# 2012 Ohio Homelessness Report



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**YEAR FIVE:  
A Snapshot of Ohio's Homeless Numbers  
During a 24-hour Period in 2012**

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## Abridged

### Introduction

The *2012 Ohio Homelessness Report: Abridged* is the fifth statewide report on homelessness. This report provides a brief overview of statewide 2012 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count data on key items as well comparisons to previous years data.

A summary of key findings can be found below. More detailed PIT Data for each Ohio Continuum of Care (CoC) can be found in the following pages.

A PIT Count is a statistically reliable, unduplicated count of homeless persons in a community, in sheltered or unsheltered locations, during one day. The numbers derived from a PIT Count do NOT represent the total number of people homeless during the course of the year – only those homeless on one day. Sheltered locations are considered to be emergency shelters, transitional housing programs (for homeless persons), or safe havens; and unsheltered locations include streets, cars, or other places not meant for human habitation.

### Key Findings

#### *Total Homelessness*

- 13,977 total people were homeless in Ohio in 2012, representing the largest number of homeless reported in the PIT Count since statewide reporting and analysis began in 2008
- Total homelessness in Ohio increased by 7% between 2011 and 2012

TOTAL HOMELESS BY CONTINUUM OF CARE: 2008 - 2012					
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Akron/Barberton/Summit County CoC	734	800	839	857	813
Canton/Massillon/Alliance/Stark County CoC	917	402	417	482	482
Cincinnati/Hamilton County CoC	1,133	1,128	1,008	1,275	1,654
Cleveland/Cuyahoga County CoC	2,272	2,236	2,187	2,262	2,191
Columbus/Franklin County CoC	1,341	1,380	1,387	1,418	1,434
Dayton/Kettering/Montgomery County CoC	884	861	857	986	1,081
Toledo/Lucas County CoC	779	945	974	1,096	977
Youngstown/Mahoning County CoC	236	186	183	223	224
Balance of State CoC	4,055	4,770	4,555	4,431	5,121
TOTAL	12,821	12,708	12,407	13,003	13,977

#### *Family Homelessness*

- 5,589 people in households with dependent children (i.e., families) were homeless in 2012, representing the largest number in families homeless since 2008
- Family homelessness increased by about 17% between 2011 and 2012

- People in families made up 44% of the total homeless population in 2012
  - In Youngstown/Mahoning County CoC and the Ohio Balance of State CoC (BOSCO), families comprise 62% and 58% of the total homeless population, respectively

TOTAL FAMILY HOMELESSNESS BY CONTINUUM OF CARE: 2008 - 2012					
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Akron/Barberton/Summit County CoC	247	251	280	315	303
Canton/Massillon/Alliance/Stark County CoC	401	175	169	247	231
Cincinnati/Hamilton County CoC	390	359	298	545	767
Cleveland/Cuyahoga County CoC	452	493	459	496	565
Columbus/Franklin County CoC	490	387	437	395	366
Dayton/Kettering/Montgomery County CoC	364	335	266	384	442
Toledo/Lucas County CoC	261	348	314	314	327
Youngstown/Mahoning County CoC	115	100	79	99	138
Balance of State CoC	2,283	2,446	2,511	2,423	2,984
TOTAL	5,003	4,894	4,813	5,218	6,123

#### *Chronic Homelessness*

- In 2012, Ohio communities reported 1,982 chronically homeless in the PIT Count, which represents an 8% decrease from 2011
  - Akron/Barberton/Summit County CoC and Toledo/Lucas County CoC reported the largest declines in chronic homelessness with 37% and 34.6% decreases between 2011 and 2012, respectively
- 2012 chronically homeless numbers were the lowest reported since 2010

TOTAL CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS BY CONTINUUM OF CARE: 2008 - 2012					
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Akron/Barberton/Summit County CoC	183	101	156	332	208
Canton/Massillon/Alliance/Stark County CoC	119	55	17	89	84
Cincinnati/Hamilton County CoC	269	268	303	223	234
Cleveland/Cuyahoga County CoC	698	584	642	398	375
Columbus/Franklin County CoC	450	271	276	303	311
Dayton/Kettering/Montgomery County CoC	74	52	83	70	48
Toledo/Lucas County CoC	245	312	242	211	138
Youngstown/Mahoning County CoC	29	7	13	46	54
Balance of State CoC	364	537	429	492	530
TOTAL	2,431	2,187	2,161	2,164	1,982

*Veteran Homelessness*

- 1,244 sheltered and unsheltered homeless veterans were reported in Ohio’s 2012 PIT Count, representing a 10% decrease from 2011
  - Akron/Barberton/Summit County CoC and Toledo/Lucas County CoC experienced the largest declines in veteran homelessness reporting 44.8% and 31.7% decreases between 2011 and 2012, respectively
  - In contrast, Canton/Massillon/Alliance/Stark County CoC reported a 110% increase in veteran homelessness between 2011 and 2012 – 22 homeless vets reported in 2011 and 42 reported in 2012

TOTAL VETERAN HOMELESSNESS BY CONTINUUM OF CARE: 2008 - 2012					
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Akron/Barberton/Summit County CoC	13	25	49	165	91
Canton/Massillon/Alliance/Stark County CoC	15	14	10	20	42
Cincinnati/Hamilton County CoC	140	139	123	192	200
Cleveland/Cuyahoga County CoC	385	362	355	345	334
Columbus/Franklin County CoC	135	142	88	187	133
Dayton/Kettering/Montgomery County CoC	101	75	139	156	136
Toledo/Lucas County CoC	48	67	46	104	71
Youngstown/Mahoning County CoC	23	11	11	12	12
Balance of State CoC	92	153	146	200	225
TOTAL	952	988	967	1,381	1,244