



2013 Ohio Homelessness Report

Abridged

Introduction

The *2013 Ohio Homelessness Report: Abridged* is the sixth statewide report on homelessness. This report provides a brief overview of statewide 2013 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

- 12,325 total people were homeless in Ohio in 2013, the smallest number recorded in the PIT Count since statewide reporting and analysis began in 2008. This represents a roughly 12% decrease in total homelessness between 2012 and 2013.
 - However, the vast majority of this decrease can be attributed to the Ohio Balance of State Continuum of Care (BOSCO), which reported a 25% decrease in total homelessness¹. Removing the Ohio BOSCO from the calculation shows a 4% decrease in total homelessness for the remaining eight CoCs in Ohio.

TOTAL HOMELESS BY CONTINUUM OF CARE: 2010 - 2013				
	2010	2011	2012	2013
Akron/Barberton/Summit County CoC	839	857	813	862
Canton/Massillon/Alliance/Stark County CoC	417	482	482	522
Cincinnati/Hamilton County CoC	1,008	1,275	1,654	1,326
Cleveland/Cuyahoga County CoC	2,187	2,262	2,191	2,129
Columbus/Franklin County CoC	1,387	1,418	1,434	1,488
Dayton/Kettering/Montgomery County CoC	857	986	1081	1,041
Toledo/Lucas County CoC	974	1,096	977	900
Youngstown/Mahoning County CoC	183	223	224	227
Balance of State CoC	4,555	4,431	5,121	3,830
TOTAL	12,407	13,003	13,977	12,325

¹ The Ohio BOSCO experienced a 25% decrease in total homelessness between 2012 and 2013 in part because of the temporary closure of a large Transitional Housing program for families.

Family Homelessness

- 4,714 people in households with dependent children (i.e., family households) were homeless in 2013, representing the smallest number in homeless families since 2008. 2013 family homelessness numbers equate to a 23% decrease from 2012.
 - However, the Ohio BOSCOC, which reported a 39% decrease in family homelessness between 2012 and 2013, again accounts for the majority of the decrease. In contrast, the eight urban Ohio CoCs reported a 4% decrease in family homelessness overall.
 - Two Ohio CoCs, Cleveland/Cuyahoga County CoC and Columbus/Franklin County CoC experienced increases in family homelessness, with 6% and 8% increases reported, respectively
- People in families made up 38% of the total homeless population in 2013
 - In Youngstown/Mahoning County CoC and the Ohio BOSCOC, families comprise 57% and 47% of the total homeless population respectively

TOTAL FAMILY HOMELESSNESS BY CONTINUUM OF CARE: 2010 - 2013				
	2010	2011	2012	2013
Akron/Barberton/Summit County CoC	280	315	303	297
Canton/Massillon/Alliance/Stark County CoC	169	247	231	230
Cincinnati/Hamilton County CoC	298	545	767	501
Cleveland/Cuyahoga County CoC	459	496	565	599
Columbus/Franklin County CoC	437	395	366	397
Dayton/Kettering/Montgomery County CoC	266	384	442	422
Toledo/Lucas County CoC	314	314	327	332
Youngstown/Mahoning County CoC	79	99	138	129
Balance of State CoC	2,511	2,423	2,984	1,807
TOTAL	4,813	5,218	6,123	4,714

Chronic Homelessness

- 2013 chronically homeless numbers were the lowest reported since reporting began in 2008
- In 2013, Ohio communities reported 1,658 chronically homeless in the PIT count, which represents a 16% decrease from 2012
 - Akron/Barberton/Summit County CoC and Ohio BOSCOC reported the largest declines in chronic homelessness with 44% and 38% decreases between 2012 and 2013, respectively
- Despite an overall decrease in chronic homelessness, three CoC's saw slight increases in numbers of chronically homeless: Cincinnati/Hamilton (15%), Dayton/Kettering/Montgomery county (25%), and Toledo/Lucas County (7%)

TOTAL CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS BY CONTINUUM OF CARE: 2010 - 2013				
	2010	2011	2012	2013
Akron/Barberton/Summit County CoC	156	332	208	116
Canton/Massillon/Alliance/Stark County CoC	17	89	84	71
Cincinnati/Hamilton County CoC	303	223	234	274
Cleveland/Cuyahoga County CoC	642	398	375	303
Columbus/Franklin County CoC	276	303	311	309
Dayton/Kettering/Montgomery County CoC	83	70	48	64
Toledo/Lucas County CoC	242	211	138	149
Youngstown/Mahoning County CoC	13	46	54	42
Balance of State CoC	429	492	530	330
TOTAL	2,161	2,164	1,982	1,658

Veteran Homelessness

- 1,064 sheltered and unsheltered homeless veterans were reported in Ohio's 2013 PIT Count, representing a 4% decrease from 2012
- The largest increases in veteran homelessness were reported in Canton/Massillon/Alliance/Stark County CoC (24%) and Youngstown/Mahoning County CoC (25%)
- Toledo/Lucas County CoC experienced the most significant decrease in homeless veterans (24%) in 2013

TOTAL VETERAN HOMELESSNESS BY CONTINUUM OF CARE: 2010 - 2013				
	2010	2011	2012	2013
Akron/Barberton/Summit County CoC	49	165	91	97
Canton/Massillon/Alliance/Stark County CoC	10	20	42	52
Cincinnati/Hamilton County CoC	123	192	200	175
Cleveland/Cuyahoga County CoC	355	345	334	313
Columbus/Franklin County CoC	88	187	155*	148*
Dayton/Kettering/Montgomery County CoC	139	156	136	131
Toledo/Lucas County CoC	46	104	71	54
Youngstown/Mahoning County CoC	11	12	12	15
Balance of State CoC	146	200	225	227
TOTAL	967	1,381	1,111	1,064

**Revised numbers*