

2015 Ohio Homelessness Report



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Abridged

Introduction

The 2015 Ohio Homelessness Report: Abridged is the seventh statewide report on homelessness. This report provides a brief overview of statewide 2015 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count data on key items as well as comparisons to previous years' data. A summary of key findings can be found below.

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.

Definitions

Continuums of Care (CoC) are local planning bodies responsible for coordinating the full range of homelessness services in a geographic area, which may cover a city, county, metropolitan area or an entire state.

Chronically homeless are homeless individuals with disabilities who have either been continuously homeless for a year or more or have experienced at least four episodes of homelessness in the last three years.

Chronically homeless people in families are people experiencing homelessness in families (with at least one adult and one child) in which the head of household has a disability and has either been continuously homeless for a year or more or has experienced at least four episodes of homelessness in the last three years.

Key Findings

Total Homelessness

- 11,167 total people were homeless in Ohio in 2015, the smallest number recorded in the PIT Count since statewide reporting and analysis began in 2008. This represents a roughly 5.55% decrease in total homelessness between 2014 and 2015.

TOTAL HOMELESS BY CONTINUUM OF CARE: 2011 – 2015					
Continuum of Care	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Akron/Barberton/Summit County CoC	857	813	862	870	760
Canton/Massillon/Alliance/Stark County CoC	482	482	522	531	472
Cincinnati/Hamilton County CoC	1275	1654	1326	1043	1063
Cleveland/Cuyahoga County CoC	2262	2191	2129	2103	1943
Columbus/Franklin County CoC	1418	1434	1488	1614	1721
Dayton/Kettering/Montgomery County CoC	986	1081	1041	791	971
Toledo/Lucas County CoC	1096	977	900	809	564
Youngstown/Mahoning County CoC	223	224	227	256	368
Balance of State CoC	4431	5121	3830	3806	3320
TOTAL	13030	13977	12325	11823	11182

Family Homelessness

- 3618 people in households with dependent children (i.e., family households) were homeless in 2015, representing the smallest number in homeless families since tracking began in 2008. 2015 family homelessness numbers equate to a 12.19% decrease from 2014.
 - Two Ohio CoCs, Dayton/Kettering/Montgomery County and Youngstown/Mahoning experienced increases in family homelessness, with 52.4% and 196.67% increases reported, respectfully.

TOTAL FAMILY HOMELESSNESS BY CONTINUUM OF CARE: 2011 – 2015					
Continuum of Care	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Akron/Barberton/Summit County CoC	315	303	297	291	253
Canton/Massillon/Alliance/Stark County CoC	247	231	230	272	228
Cincinnati/Hamilton County CoC	545	767	501	284	244
Cleveland/Cuyahoga County CoC	496	565	599	530	393
Columbus/Franklin County CoC	395	366	397	466	337
Dayton/Kettering/Montgomery County CoC	384	442	422	208	317
Toledo/Lucas County CoC	314	327	332	326	164
Youngstown/Mahoning County CoC	99	138	129	90	267
Balance of State CoC	2423	2984	1807	1652	1414
TOTAL	5218	6123	4714	4119	3617

Chronic Homelessness

- 2015 chronically homeless numbers were the lowest reported since reporting began in 2008.
- In 2015, Ohio communities reported 1,245 chronically homeless in the PIT count, which represents a 14.04% decrease from 2014.
 - Toledo/Lucas and Cincinnati/Hamilton reported the largest declines in chronic homelessness with 60.75% and 36.9% decreases between 2014 and 2015, respectfully.
- Despite an overall decrease in chronic homelessness, two CoC's saw increases in number of chronically homeless: Cleveland/Cuyahoga 30.56% and Balance of State 5.32%.

TOTAL CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS BY CONTINUUM OF CARE: 2011 – 2015					
Continuum of Care	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Akron/Barberton/Summit County CoC	332	208	116	219	157
Canton/Massillon/Alliance/Stark County CoC	89	84	71	71	67
Cincinnati/Hamilton County CoC	223	234	274	252	175
Cleveland/Cuyahoga County CoC	398	375	303	166	217
Columbus/Franklin County CoC	303	311	309	257	207
Dayton/Kettering/Montgomery County CoC	70	48	64	39	27
Toledo/Lucas County CoC	211	138	149	107	42
Youngstown/Mahoning County CoC	46	54	42	88	84
Balance of State CoC	492	530	330	282	297
TOTAL	2164	1982	1658	1481	1273

Veteran Homelessness

- 1,183 sheltered and unsheltered homeless veterans were reported in Ohio's 2015 PIT Count, representing a 4.29% decrease from 2014.
- The largest increases in veteran homelessness were reported in Balance of State 20.95% and Canton/Massillon/Alliance/Stark 4%.
- Toledo/Lucas experienced the most significant decrease in homeless veterans 35.29% in 2015.

TOTAL VETERAN HOMELESSNESS BY CONTINUUM OF CARE: 2011 – 2015					
Continuum of Care	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Akron/Barberton/Summit County CoC	165	91	97	120	63
Canton/Massillon/Alliance/Stark County CoC	20	42	52	25	26
Cincinnati/Hamilton County CoC	192	200	175	192	203
Cleveland/Cuyahoga County CoC	345	334	313	329	326
Columbus/Franklin County CoC	187	155	148	156	129
Dayton/Kettering/Montgomery County CoC	156	136	131	128	114
Toledo/Lucas County CoC	104	71	54	51	33
Youngstown/Mahoning County CoC	12	12	15	25	35
Balance of State CoC	200	225	227	210	254
TOTAL	1381	1266	1212	1236	1183

Youth Homelessness

2015 was the first year that youth was counted in this manner; hence there are no comparable numbers to statistically liken these to.

TOTAL YOUTH HOMELESSNESS BY CONTINUUM OF CARE: 2015	
Continuum of Care	2015
Akron/Barberton/Summit County CoC	112
Canton/Massillon/Alliance/Stark County CoC	75
Cincinnati/Hamilton County CoC	130
Cleveland/Cuyahoga County CoC	166
Columbus/Franklin County CoC	246
Dayton/Kettering/Montgomery County CoC	167
Toledo/Lucas County CoC	79
Youngstown/Mahoning County CoC	19
Balance of State CoC	368

TOTAL	1362
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