

King County One Night Count

Summary of 2015 Data



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The 35th annual One Night Count of people who are homeless in King County took place on the night of January 22, 2015.

2015 One Night Count	
Unsheltered	3,772
Emergency Shelter	3,282
Transitional Housing	2,993
TOTAL	10,047

The One Night Count (also known as a “point-in-time count”) has two components:

1. A Street Count of people who are homeless and surviving on the streets / without shelter. The Seattle King County Coalition on Homelessness (SKCCH), with financial support from the Committee to End Homelessness in King County (CEHKC), implements the street count. Information about the methodology for the street count and results of the One Night Count for 2015 and prior years can be found on their website at <http://www.homelessinfo.org/onc.html>
2. A count and collection of demographic information about the people being served in emergency shelter and transitional housing programs on that same night. This information is collected in two ways:
 - a. Data from Safe Harbors, King County’s Homeless Management Information System (HMIS; <http://safeharbors.org/default.htm>) is used for those emergency shelter and transitional housing programs that participate in the HMIS.
 - b. A survey is completed by staff of emergency shelter and transitional housing programs across King County that do not participate in Safe Harbors.

In 2015, 79 emergency shelter programs and 115 transitional housing programs provided data, which is summarized in the tables below.

The survey information provides a snapshot of homelessness in our community - a true picture of the people who were homeless and finding shelter in emergency shelter and transitional housing programs on the night of January 22, 2015. When referring to these figures, however, it is important to note that while these data provide an accurate “point-in-time” picture of those being sheltered, the profile cannot necessarily be generalized to the broader population of people who are homeless and on the streets as they may have different characteristics.

NOTE: The complete listing of emergency shelters and transitional housing programs in King County is in the Inventory of Homeless Units and Beds at <http://safeharbors.org/homelessprogramchart.htm>. Severe weather shelters were not open on the night of the 2015 count.

With thanks to the emergency shelter and transitional housing programs in King County for their contributions to the 2015 data, and for the work they do every day for and with people who are homeless.

Table 1: Sheltered individuals by household type and type of program

2015 One Night Count		
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing
Families with children	983	2,063
Single adult men	1,793	579
Single adult women	492	344
Unaccompanied minors	12	7
Couples without children	2	0
Subtotal	3,282	2,993
TOTAL Number of People	6,275	

Table 2: Ages of individuals in shelters and transitional housing

2015 One Night Count			
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing	All
Birth to 5 years	231	519	750
6-12 years	213	454	667
13-17 years	94	227	321
18-25 years	268	388	656
26-54 years	1,797	1,168	2,965
55-64 years	548	204	752
65 years and older	131	33	164
TOTAL	3,282	2,993	6,275

Table 3: Race and ethnicity of individuals served in shelters and transitional housing programs (by percentage of homeless and general populations)

2015 One Night Count					
	Sheltered Homeless Population				General Population
	ES	TH	Combined		
African American/Black	41%	45%	2,665	42%	6.6%
White	45%	37%	2,561	41%	70.8%
Multi-racial	6%	11%	526	8%	4.7%
Native American/ Alaska	3%	2%	184	3%	1.9%
Asian/Pacific Islander	6%	6%	351	6%	16.7%
Hispanic	11%	13%	761	12%	9.2%
Total number of people	6,275				

Notes: General Population data from: <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/53/53033.html>. Totals are more than 100% and exceed the total number of individuals in shelters and transitional housing because individuals are identified by race and ethnicity separately in the data, while both race and ethnicity are presented in this table. For the Point-in-Time Count, HUD does not allow unknown race to be reported; data are extrapolated for all individuals based on individuals for whom race is identified.

Table 4: Reported disabilities and selected health conditions

2015 One Night Count			
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing	All
Mental illness	529	539	1,068
<i>(serious mental illness: a subset of above)</i>	344	251	595
Alcohol or substance abuse	434	445	879
<i>(chronic substance abuse: a subset of above)</i>	242	178	420
Physical disability	330	359	689
HIV/AIDS	15	9	24

Table 5: Individuals identified as Veterans

2015 One Night Count					
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing	Safe Haven	Unsheltered	All
Male	276	239	2	97	614
Female	12	28	1	7	48
Transgender		1		2	3
Other/ refused				3	3
TOTAL	288	268	3	109	668

Note: Total includes unsheltered veterans.

Table 6: Individuals identified as Chronically Homeless

2015 One Night Count				
	Emergency Shelter	Safe Haven	Unsheltered	TOTAL
Male	348	18	256	622
Female	88	10	93	191
Transgender			1	1
Other			1	1
TOTAL	436	28	351	815

Note: Total includes unsheltered persons who are chronically homeless.

Table 7: Composition of households served

2015 One Night Count			
Household Type	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing	All
Single Male	1,793	579	2,372
Single Female	492	344	836
Unaccompanied minor (under 18)	12	7	19
Couple without children	1	0	1
TOTAL Households without children	2,229	930	3,228
Couple with children	100	154	254
One adult (HH headed by an adult female)	172	510	682
One adult (HH headed by an adult male)	10	20	30
One minor (HH headed by female under age 18)		3	3
TOTAL Households with children	282	687	969
Total Households	2,580	1,617	4,197

Table 8: Comparisons between 2014 and 2015 One Night Count

	2014 One Night Count	2015 One Night Count	Change
Total Individuals Experiencing Homelessness	9,294	10,047	+ 8.1%
Unsheltered	3,123	3,772	+ 20.8%
Emergency Shelter	2,906	3,282	+ 12.9%
Transitional Housing	3,265	2,993	- 8.3%
Chronically Homeless	1,021	815	-20.2%
<i>(unsheltered chronically homeless: subset of above)</i>	507	351	-30.8%
Veterans	718	668	-7.8%
<i>(unsheltered veterans: subset of above)</i>	128	109	-14.8%

