

# One Roof Point-in-Time 2015 Numbers

2011 - 2015 data; data since 2005 available (e-mail [info@oneroofonline.org](mailto:info@oneroofonline.org)). \*\*\*

Population	Emergency Shelter					Transitional Shelter					SafeHaven			Unsheltered					Total				
	2005	2011	2013	2014	2015	2005	2011	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015	2005	2011	2013	2014	2015	2005	2011	2013	2014	2015
1. Number of households with dependent children (Families)	45	29	25	26	22	135	83	63	85	62				85	102	43	28	4	265	214	131	139	88
1a. Total number of persons in these households (adults and children)	130	75	79	71	70	409	267	204	272	185				187	212	97	71	12	726	554	380	414	267
2. Number of households without dependent children	440	273	289	313	363	674	409	352	225	252			20	658	407	336	194		1340	1079	874	829	
2a. Total number of persons in these households	440	273	289	315	364	674	409	352	225	252	31	31	20	588	714	407	340	223	1702	1396	1079	911	859
3. Number of households with ONLY children (<18 years)			5	1	11			0	0	2						5	3	1			10	4	12
3a. Total number of persons in these households (individual children <18 years)			5	1	11			0	0	2						5	3	1			10	4	12
4. Parenting youth households (households where a parent is 24 years of age or younger and has at least one dependent child under age 18)					5					5								0					10
4a. Total number of persons in parenting youth households (parenting youth and dependent children under age 18)					11					12								0					23
Total persons	570	348	373	387	443	1083	676	556	497	441	31	31	20	775	926	509	414	236	2428	1950	1469	1329	1138

Sub-Population	Sheltered					Unsheltered					Total				
	2005	2011	2013	2014	2015	2005	2011	2013	2014	2015	2005	2011	2013	2014	2015
Chronically homeless*	259	138	156	94	35	389	398	271	219	204	648	536	427	313	239
Chronically homeless families	-	-	4	1	0	-	-	2	8	1	-	-	6	9	1
Transgender	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	8
Severely Mentally Ill	382	404	283	277	203	540	426	112	146	134	922	830	395	423	337
Chronic Substance Abuse	882	664	281	300	211	434	339	154	112	130	1316	1003	435	412	341
Veterans	392	110	155	156	133	55	171	39	23	11	447	281	194	174	144
Chronically Homeless Veterans	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	13
Persons with HIV/AIDS	147	128	55	63	53	21	28	8	9	4	168	156	63	72	57
Victims of Domestic Violence	143	116	113	126	130	18	28	30	83	33	161	144	143	209	163
Unaccompanied Youth (under 25) **	2	13	5	1	56	0	36	5	3	21	2	49	10	4	75
Total persons	1653	1024	929	884	904	775	926	509	414	236	2428	1950	1469	1329	1138

Point-in-Time (PIT) acts as an annual census of a community or homeless Continuum of Care (CoC)'s homeless population. One Roof is the CoC for Jefferson, St. Clair, and Shelby Counties in central Alabama. PIT counts are used to understand changes in homelessness in a certain geographic location, determine if there are growing needs or changes happening in the homeless community, if efforts to end homelessness are successful, and to plan services in coming years. PIT counts answer the question, "How many people are experiencing homelessness on any given night this year?" PIT counts also raise awareness about homelessness through the efforts of volunteers who conduct interviews with people experiencing homelessness on the street (living in places not meant for human habitation). If you have any questions about this data or about homelessness in central Alabama, e-mail [info@oneroofonline.org](mailto:info@oneroofonline.org) or visit [www.oneroofonline.org](http://www.oneroofonline.org) to learn more.

\* The term chronically homeless refers to an individual or family with a disabling condition who has been continuously homeless (living in emergency shelter or a place not meant for human habitation) for a year or more OR has had at least four episodes of homelessness in the past three years.

\*\* In 2015, the definition for unaccompanied youth was been expanded by HUD to include individuals living in a household or by themselves with no one older than 24 years of age. In all previous years, unaccompanied youth only included individuals 18 years of age and younger.

\*\*\* This data is subject to review by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. However, the above information has been submitted by One Roof as our final data for Jefferson, St. Clair, and Shelby County's 2015 Point-in-Time count.

### **PIT 2015 Summary of Data**

One Roof is happy to finally release our Point-in-Time numbers submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for 2015. As you may know, Point-in-Time is an annual census of our community's homeless population (in Jefferson, St. Clair, and Shelby Counties), and is meant to act as a "snapshot" of what central Alabama's homeless population looks like on any given night. One Roof is thankful for the assistance of more than 120 volunteers and agency staff who took the time to collect this very important information and conduct interviews with people sleeping in unsafe spaces. We are also thankful for the participation of the individuals who were interviewed for this survey and for trusting One Roof volunteers with information about their circumstances.

While there are many significant pieces of data that can be seen in this year's PIT data, we wanted to highlight just a few of the changes worth paying attention to upon first glance:

**Current data.** You may notice that this chart only goes back to 2011. We do have additional data for 2005, 2007, and 2009 that is available in older data on our website located here. To conserve space and draw attention to recent developments, we have focused specifically on 2011 – 2015 numbers in this year's chart.

- Our 2015 PIT shows that there has been a decrease of almost 200 people experiencing homelessness since last year, and that there are 1,300 fewer people experiencing homelessness since 2005. While the struggle to end homelessness in our community is not over, this is remarkable news for central Alabama and a testament to our fantastic service providers and member agencies.
- Each category and sub-population has decreased by a minimum of 20% since 2014. Out of everyone experiencing homelessness, in 2015 there are more people who are sheltered than unsheltered at a ratio of 8 :2.

**Children and Youth.** This year, the categories of persons in "households with ONLY children," and "Unaccompanied Youth" are different from each other. "Persons in households with ONLY children" refers to children 18 years of age or younger who are experiencing homelessness and are not staying with anyone else over the age of 18. In our sub-population data, the definition of "unaccompanied youth" has *expanded to include persons under the age of 25* (rather than under the age of 18) this year.

- Our community has seen an increase in the number of younger people experiencing homelessness over the past couple of years, and we know that youth numbers are often underrepresented in PIT counts. By expanding this demographic of youth to include individuals between the ages of 18 and 24, we are trying to make sure that we look at the specific needs of this growing sub-population in central Alabama. Young adults between the ages of 18 and 24 tend to experience homelessness due aging out of the foster care system, a lack of life/work skills and experience, and other issues related to a lack of a support system during formative years where many people may still have guidance and support.
- Similarly, this is also the first year that we have separated information about parenting youth households. These households are made up of youth under the age of 24 who are also parenting a child under the age of 18. This demographic is especially vulnerable because younger parents have the same difficulties other homeless youths have, with the added difficulty of simultaneously caring for a child.