

2012-2013-2014 Winter Point-in-Time Count Comparisons

The annual Point-in-Time Count (PIT) provides a one-night snapshot of unduplicated sheltered and unsheltered persons experiencing homelessness as defined by the Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD). Keeping with HUD's guidance that the count occurs during the last ten days of January, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG) Homeless Services Planning & Coordinating Committee designates the last Wednesday of January for the Washington Metropolitan region. Program staff count "sheltered" persons by paper survey and through the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) database. A manual count of "unsheltered" persons who sleep outdoors or in other places not meant for human habitation (e.g., under bridges) is conducted with the leadership of the Homeless Services/PATH Coordinator and a team of Community Services Board (CSB) staff and community volunteers.

The January 29, 2014, count identified a total of 267 persons experiencing homelessness. Reflected below are the 2012, 2013 and 2014 City of Alexandria comparisons. MWCOG's [Homelessness in Metropolitan Washington](http://www.mwcoq.org) reports can be accessed at www.mwcoq.org.

PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS	2012		2013		2014		% Change 2012 - 2013	% Change 2013 - 2014
Total Persons	352[†]		275		267		-22%	-3%
HOUSEHOLD DEMOGRAPHICS	2012		2013		2014		% Change 2012 - 2013	% Change 2013 - 2014
HOUSEHOLDS WITHOUT CHILDREN								
Men	157	74%	135	73%	128	72%	-14%	-5%
Women	56	26%	50	27%	51	28%	-11%	2%
Total Households	213[†]		185		179		-13%	-3%
HOUSEHOLDS WITH ADULTS & CHILDREN								
Total Households	49		33		32		-33%	-3%
Single Parent Households	47	96%	31	94%	30	94%	-34%	-3%
Adults	51		38		36		-25%	-5%
Children	88		52		52		-41%	0%
Total Persons in Households	139		90		88		-35%	-2%
LOCATION ON THE NIGHT OF THE COUNT	2012		2013		2014		% Change 2012 - 2013	% Change 2013 - 2014
Unsheltered	22	6%	29	11%	23	9%	32%	-21%
Sheltered	330 [†]	94%	246	89%	244	91%	-25%	-1%
Total Persons	352[†]		275		267		-22%	-3%
HOUSEHOLDS WITHOUT CHILDREN								
Unsheltered	22	10%	29	16%	23	13%	32%	-21%
Winter Shelter	48	22%	35	19%	40	22%	-27%	14%
Emergency Shelter	78	37%	81	44%	89	50%	4%	10%
Emergency Shelter for Registered Sex Offenders	-	-	4	2%	2	1%	-	-50%
Transitional Housing	53 [†]	25%	24	13%	15	8%	-55%	-38%
Safe Haven	12	6%	12	6%	10	6%	0%	-17%
Total Households	213[†]		185		179		-13%	-3%
HOUSEHOLDS WITH ADULTS & CHILDREN								
Unsheltered	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0%	0%
Winter Shelter	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0%	0%
Emergency Shelter	24	49%	15	45%	12	37.5%	-38%	-20%
Transitional Housing	25	51%	18	55%	20	62.5%	-28%	11%
Total Households	49		33		32		-33%	-3%
CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS	2012		2013		2014		% Change 2012 - 2013	% Change 2013 - 2014
Households without Children	60	28%	69	37%	63	35%	15%	-9%
Households with Adults & Children	0	0%	1	<1%	0	0%	0%	-100%
SUBPOPULATIONS (ALL ADULTS)[‡]	2012		2013		2014		% Change 2012 - 2013	% Change 2013 - 2014
Veterans	20	8%	11	5%	18	8%	-45%	64%
Chronic Substance Abuse	61	23%	48	22%	53	25%	-21%	10%
Serious Mental Illness	45	17%	44	20%	65	30%	-2%	48%
Co-Occurring (formerly Dual-Diagnosis)	50	19%	25	11%	32	15%	-50%	28%
Physical Disability	17	6%	11	5%	19	9%	-35%	73%
Chronic Health Conditions	43	16%	36	16%	23	11%	-16%	-36%
HIV/AIDS	10	4%	6	3%	4	2%	-40%	-33%
Institutional Discharge [^]	46	22%	33	15%	14	6.5%	-28%	-58%
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	2012		2013		2014		% Change 2012 - 2013	% Change 2013 - 2014
Homeless Due to Domestic Violence								
Total Households	27	10%	16	7%	11	5%	-41%	-31%
Single Women	8	14%	4	8%	3	6%	-50%	-25%
Women w/Minor Children	19	41%	12	39%	8	28%	-37%	-33%
Children	32	32%	20	38%	11	21%	-38%	-45%
Total Persons	59	17%	36	13%	22	8%	-39%	-39%

[†]Numbers include 23 homeless persons served in CSB substance abuse and mental health treatment transitional housing program beds not specifically designated to serve the homeless. Per HUD's guidance, effective 2013 the counts only include persons served in beds designated for the homeless. There were an additional 14 persons on the night of the 2013 count and an additional 19 persons on the night of the 2014 count being served in CSB substance abuse and mental health treatment transitional housing programs who were in fact literally homeless upon entry but could not be included in the enumeration.

- Data not collected.

[‡]Persons counted include singles and adults in families, and may be counted in more than one subpopulation.

[^]Hospital, Jail/Prison, Mental Health Facility, Foster Care, Long-Term Care Facility, etc.