Mercer County’s 2016 Point-In-Time Count of the Homeless

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I. Introduction

NJ Counts 2016

NJ Counts 2016, New Jersey’s annual Point-In-Time (PIT) Count of the Homeless, provides a statewide snapshot of homeless households in our communities; where they find shelter, what their needs are, and what factors contribute to making them homeless. The 2016 Count reveals important demographic and other information about families and individuals who were homeless on the night of Tuesday, January 26th, 2016 and was carried out with the help of government agencies, community-based organizations, and local volunteers.

In New Jersey, each County’s count is planned, coordinated, and carried out locally, and the information gathered enables each community to better allocate housing resources and services in order to prevent and end homelessness. The PIT Count is the only opportunity throughout the year for most communities to take a comprehensive look at the total homeless population, and is especially crucial in assessing the needs of the unsheltered homeless.

Acknowledgements

Monarch would like to thank all Point-In-Time Coordinators, homeless service providers, agencies, and volunteers who participated in NJ Counts 2016. Monarch would also like to specifically thank Bergen County for providing a Spanish translation of the 2016 paper survey tool.

Finally, a special acknowledgement is given to all the respondents who were willing to share personal information about themselves and their households’ experiences in order to help our communities better understand and assist the homeless.

Funding for coordinating New Jersey’s 2016 Point-In-Time and producing this report was provided by New Jersey’s Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency (NJHMFA).

This Report

The findings in this report are presented in the following sections:

1. Total homeless population;
2. Those experiencing chronic homelessness (families and individuals that have been homeless for a year or longer, or who have experienced at least four episodes of homelessness in the last three years in which the episodes equal at least 12 months, and have a disabled head of household); and
3. Unsheltered families and individuals;
The structure of this report is intended to provide not only an overall snapshot of the homeless population counted in the Point-In-Time, but also to focus attention on the homeless subpopulations that are the most in need, and those that represent federal funding priorities set forth by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

In addition to the main findings presented in the body of this report, Appendix A includes charts illustrating the responses to all survey questions that were part of the 2016 Point-In-Time Count.

II. Data Collection and Methodology

Requirements for the Count

As part of its Continuum of Care (CoC) application for homelessness funding, HUD requires that jurisdictions across the nation conduct a statistically reliable and unduplicated count of the homeless for one overnight period during the last 10 days of January. New Jersey’s Continuums of Care (regional networks of organizations, agencies, and community stakeholders that plan local efforts to help the homeless) conduct an annual count of sheltered homeless persons (i.e. persons in emergency shelter, transitional housing for the homeless, and Safe Haven programs) and at least a biennial count of unsheltered homeless persons.

In their Point-In-Time Count, CoCs must count and report all individuals and families who meet the criteria in paragraph (1)(i) of the homeless definition in 24 CFR 91.5 of HUD’s Homeless Definition Rule on the night designated for the count. This includes individuals and families who are:

- **Sheltered**, or “living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangement (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state, or local government programs for low-income individuals),” or

- **Unsheltered**, “with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground.”

Because this report focuses on those respondents who meet HUD’s definition of homeless, it does not include information about those who may be at risk of homelessness, precariously housed, or considered homeless under other federal statutes. Persons who, on the night of the count, were living doubled up with another household, living in illegal or overcrowded units, being discharged from a jail or health facility with no subsequent residence, scheduled to be evicted, or paying for its own motel unit were not considered...
homeless. All survey information collected for respondents who were at risk of homelessness or precariously housed was preserved and shared with each community for local planning purposes, but is not included in this report unless otherwise noted.

Data Collection Methods

Monarch Housing Associates provided each of New Jersey’s 21 counties with in-person training, online video and print training guides, a practice online survey tool, and technical assistance to aid in the data collection process for New Jersey’s 2016 Point-In-Time Count. Point-In-Time Coordinators in each county disseminated PIT training materials and helped facilitate local planning around implementation of the PIT count in their communities.

For the third year, the count of homeless persons who were sheltered on the night of the point in time was primarily taken from New Jersey’s Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), while the count for the unsheltered and those sheltered by non-HMIS programs was conducted using a Paper Survey tool, personal interviews, and agency client records. This strategy was designed in accordance with HUD guidance regarding conducting both sheltered and unsheltered Point-In-Time Counts.

The 2016 PIT Survey tool closely mirrors information collected in HMIS so that the data was comparable for important factors such as household characteristics, income, services needed, and factors contributing to homelessness. Agencies updated all HMIS data to accurately reflect the night of the count, and those with programs that were non HMIS-participating submitted information from interviews utilizing the Paper Survey tool through SurveyMonkey.

Limitations

1. HUD requires a count of sheltered homeless persons and families annually, but only a biennial count of those who are unsheltered. Even though New Jersey conducts both a sheltered and unsheltered count each year, the comprehensiveness of the unsheltered count may be influenced during the non-HUD required full count years. This report includes comparison data from 2012 to 2016. 2012, 2014 and 2016 were not HUD required full reporting years while 2013 and 2015 were.

2. The information presented in this report is based on survey interviews and agency HMIS records. In some cases, survey respondents did not answer every question completely, and homeless provider agencies did not report all client information on the night of the count. For this reason, all charts presented in this report will be based on the responses received, while all percentages will be based on the total households or individuals served and may not equal 100% in each category due to possible missing data.

3. Because the Point-In-Time Count represents only one night during the last ten days of January, it is widely accepted that the PIT will undercount the overall homeless population. Undercounting may occur due to difficulty finding those living on the street,
incomplete information for people who do not agree to complete the survey, a shortage of volunteers to cover a geographic area, or homeless persons choosing not to seek housing services on the night of the count. This data should not be viewed as a comprehensive measurement of all families and individuals who experience homelessness throughout the year, but rather as a minimum number of persons who experience homelessness in New Jersey on a given night.

De-duplication

Monarch Housing Associates collected and merged all HMIS and SurveyMonkey Point-In-Time data from each community into its combined database. Monarch generated two unique identifiers, one more general and one more in-depth, based on the identifying information for each individual record. Using a formula, these unique identifiers were compared to all identifiers for other records in the database to identify potential duplicates.

All duplicates detected through comparison of unique identifiers were then de-duplicated by the following process:

1. Multiple HMIS records where all fields match – a single record was preserved, and all duplicates were removed;
2. Multiple SurveyMonkey records where all fields match – a single record was preserved, and all duplicates were removed;
3. Comparing HMIS to SurveyMonkey records where unique identifiers, disabilities, income sources, household size, and location on the night of the count all match – the HMIS record was preserved and the SurveyMonkey duplicates were removed.

Following this de-duplication of the data, communities were given preliminary data to review all identified duplicates and records with missing data. Communities were then able to update records with missing information and/or request any additional de-duplication they determined prudent. Monarch then updated and removed additional records based on community feedback prior to completing its final analysis and report.
III. Findings for Total Homeless Population

Key Findings

- On the night of January 26th, 2016 a total of 380 households, including 465 persons, were experiencing homelessness in Mercer County, according to the 2016 Point-In-Time Count.
- A total of 20 persons in 20 households were identified as chronically homeless.
- 44 persons, in 44 in adult-only households, were unsheltered on the night of the count.

Total Homeless Population

On the night of January 26th, 2016 a total of 465 persons, in 380 households, were experiencing homelessness in Mercer County, according to the 2016 Point-In-Time Count. This is a decrease of 135 persons (22.5%) and a decrease of 113 households (22.9%) from 2015. Mercer County had 5.2% of New Jersey’s statewide homeless population in 2016.

Figure 1 shows that, in 2016, 309 homeless persons stayed in emergency shelters, 112 stayed in transitional housing, and 44 were living unsheltered on the night of the count. The number of those in emergency shelters shows a decrease of 42 persons (12%) from 2015. The total for transitional housing also showed a decrease, with 32 (22.2%) fewer persons in transitional housing. The number of unsheltered persons counted in 2016 showed the largest percentage decrease, decreasing by 58.1% (61 persons) from 2015.
Figure 1 also shows that, over the past five years, the total number of homeless persons has been trending downward in Mercer County. During the five-year period from 2012 to 2016, the overall number of homeless persons in Mercer County is down by 544 persons (53.9%). The numbers of homeless persons in emergency shelter and transitional housing have gone down by 34.4% and 74.1% since 2012 as well, respectively. Though the number has fluctuated, the overall unsheltered count is down 58.5% since 2012.

As Figure 2 shows, 18% of the homeless households in Mercer County in 2016 reported that their last permanent address prior to becoming homeless was outside of the county.

Homeless Families and Individuals

When reading the data regarding different types of homeless households, it is important for the reader to remember that, in this report, ‘household’ means “any group of persons who, if they were able to attain permanent housing, would choose to live together; and, shared the same sleeping arrangements on the night of the count.” Three different types of households are discussed below: households with adults and children under 18 (‘families’), households without children (‘individuals’), and households with only children under 18 (‘unaccompanied youth’).

Of the 380 homeless households counted in Mercer County in 2016, 47 (12.4%) were families with at least one child under the age of 18 and one adult. These families included 131 persons, 80 children under age 18, and 51 adults. The average family size was 3.03 persons. Figure 3 shows that 37 families were staying in emergency shelter (78.7%), and 10 were in transitional housing programs for the homeless (21.3%). There were no unsheltered families with adults and children identified on the night of the count. In 2016, Mercer County counted 10 fewer homeless families than in 2015, a decrease of 17.5%.
86.8% (330) of the homeless households in Mercer County were households without children under 18, and they were composed of 331 adults; 329 individuals and 1 adult only couple household with 2 persons. 204 (61.8%) of these adult-only households were staying in emergency shelters, 82 (24.8%) were in transitional housing, and 44 (13.3%) were unsheltered. Mercer County has seen the number of adult-only homeless households decrease by 104 (24%) since 2015.

There were 3 households with only children under 18 years old identified in 2016, an increase of 1 from 2015. All youth households were composed of 1 youth, and were staying in emergency shelters specifically designated for homeless youth.

Demographics

There were a total of 38 (8.2%) homeless adults between 18 and 24 years old, 344 (74%) adults over age 24, and 83 (17.8%) children under 18 years old experiencing homelessness on the night of the count. Figure 4 shows that the majority of homeless children who were under the age of 18 were between 0 and 5 years of age (49 persons, 59%). The age range most represented is adults between 45 and 54 (106 persons, 22.8%).

66.5% (309 persons) of homeless persons identified were male, 33.3% (155) were female, and 0.2% (1 person) was transgender.

62.4% of homeless persons identified their race as Black or African-American, making that the largest racial subgroup of homeless persons reported. The next largest group self-identified as White (34.8%), followed by those identifying as Multi-Racial (1.5%), American Indian/Alaska Native (1.1%) and Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian (0.9%). With regard to ethnicity, 15.5% of homeless persons identified themselves as Hispanic.
Disabilities

Figure 5 illustrates that 48% of homeless persons reported having some type of disability. 56.5% of adults 18 or older reported some type of disability compared to 7.2% of children. Figure 6 shows the number of the homeless persons that identified as having various disabilities. The most common disabilities included substance abuse disorders and mental health issues.

Among disabled adults, 53.2% reported a substance abuse disorder, making this the most prevalent disability (30.1% of all homeless adults). More disabled homeless children reported a developmental disability (50%) than any other type of disability.

Victims of Domestic Violence

On the night of the count, in Mercer County, 34 homeless households (8.9% of all households) identified as victims of domestic violence. This means that a total of 47 homeless persons who were members of those households were impacted. The majority (79.4%) of these households were adult-only households. 7 (20.6%) of the victim households were families with at least 1 adult and 1 child.
Veterans

In its plan, *Opening Doors: Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness*, the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) prioritized ending homelessness among veterans by 2015. Many communities in New Jersey have also been working hard to end homelessness among our country’s servicemen and women.

15 homeless veterans were counted on the night of the count, 16 fewer (51.6%) than in 2015. All were single individuals. The largest contingent of homeless veterans was found to be staying in Emergency Shelter (66.7%). In addition, 3 veterans were in transitional housing (20%), and 2 were unsheltered (13.3%).

Veterans experiencing homelessness in Mercer County were predominantly male (93.3%), and the most common racial background identified among them (11 veterans, 73.3%) was Black or African American; 4 (26.7%) identified as White. Figure 9 illustrates the age ranges of homeless persons in households with veterans.

None of the veterans reported being victims of domestic violence. 9 of the 15 veterans, 60%, reported having some kind of disability. Among disabled veterans, the most common disability reported was mental health issues which affected 6 veterans (66.7%). 3 veterans (33.3%) said they had substance abuse disorders, 2 (22.2%) reported chronic health conditions, and 2 (22.2%) reported having a physical disability. No veterans were connected to VA pension or disability benefits and 1 veteran (6.7%) was connected to VA healthcare benefits. 60% of veterans reported no source of income and 40% indicated they were not connected to any mainstream benefits.

Income and Benefits

Among all homeless households on the night of the count, 53.9% had no source of income and only 5.5% reported receiving earned income. The most common sources of income
among homeless households were SSI and General Assistance (GA) with 24.5%, and 14.5% receiving each, respectively. 8.9% were also receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF); 2.6% were receiving SSDI.

Figure 11 shows the average monthly income for all homeless households by housing situation.

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30.8% of homeless households reported they were not connected to any kind of non-cash benefit on the night of the count. Medicaid was the most reported non-cash benefit, and was received by 48.9% of households. 40.8% of households were receiving Food Stamps, or the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and 7.1% were receiving Medicare.

Length of Homelessness

As Figure 12 shows, 145 (38.2%) of the homeless households reported that their most recent, continuous episode of homelessness had lasted from 1 day to 1 week, 107 (28.2%) reported homelessness between 8 days and 1 month, and 33 (8.7%) had been homeless between 1 month and 1 day and 3 months. Together, this means that 285 households (75%) said they had been homeless for less than 3 months. 35 (9.2%) households reported they had been homeless more than 1 year, a 47.8% decrease from 2015.

Fig. 12. Length of Homelessness Among Households
Cause of Homelessness

When asked to share the primary factor that contributed to, or caused, their homelessness, more households attributed their homelessness to being asked to leave a shared residence (97 households, 25.5%) than any other cause. As Figure 13 shows, the next most common factor reported was eviction (14.5%) followed by a loss or reduction of job income or benefits (14.2%) and release from prison or jail (9.5%).

![Fig. 13. Cause of Homelessness by Household](image-url)

When homeless households were asked ‘what was your residence prior to your current living situation?’ more said they were staying or living with friends or family (46.3%) than any other type of residence. 13.9% reported residing in emergency shelter prior to their current living situation.
IV. Findings for the Chronically Homeless

Someone with a long-term disabling condition, who has been continually homeless for a year or more, or at least four times in the past three years, meets HUD’s definition of chronically homeless. Any family with one adult that meets this definition is considered a chronically homeless family. This definition has been updated since the 2015 point in time, in such that in order for a household to meet the episodic definition of chronically homeless, the 4 episodes must equal at least 12 months, which may lead to a decrease in the number of households that qualify as chronically homeless.

HUD currently has a goal of ending chronic homelessness by 2017. This goal reflects the urgency of helping to house those persons who have not been able to remain stably housed over the course of an extended period of time. Chronically Homeless persons are among the most vulnerable homeless groups, and providing effective supportive services and case management may be required in order to help some stay in the housing they need. Prioritization of new Continuum of Care funding opportunities has recently been giving some communities in New Jersey new resources for housing this subgroup.

Total Chronically Homeless Population

20 households, made up of 20 persons, were chronically homeless in Mercer County, according to the 2016 Point-In-Time Count. This is a decrease of 55 persons (73.3%) and 54 households (73%) from 2015. The rate of chronic homelessness as a percentage of overall homelessness decreased from 12.5% to 4.3%.

Figure 14 shows the number of chronically homeless persons who were in emergency shelters or living unsheltered in Mercer County from 2012 to 2016. Over the past five years, while the numbers have fluctuated, the total of chronically homeless persons has decreased overall (by 42 persons, 67.7%). Between 2015 and 2016, the number of
unsheltered chronically homeless persons decreased by 71.9%, from 64 to 18 persons, while the sheltered chronically homeless population decreased 81.8%, from 11 to 2.

Families and Individuals

Of the 20 chronically homeless households counted in 2015, all were households with only adult individuals. There were 18 (90%) of these households living unsheltered, an 81.8% decrease from 64 in 2015. 2 (10%) chronically homeless individuals were in emergency shelters on the night of the count, a 71.9% decrease from the 11 in 2015.

Demographics

Of the 20 total chronically homeless persons, all were above 18 years old. The largest number of chronically homeless persons (9 persons, 45%) in a single age range fell between the ages of 35 and 44 years of age. Figure 16 shows that 10% of chronically homeless persons were between 18 and 24.

75% of chronically homeless persons were male, and 25% were female.

The largest racial subgroup of homeless persons reported their race as Black or African-American (70%), and the next largest group of persons self-identified as White (20%). With regard to ethnicity, 20% of chronically homeless persons identified themselves as Hispanic.
Disabilities

In order to meet the definition of chronically homeless, at least one adult in each household must have some kind of disability. The disabilities most commonly identified were substance abuse disorders (65%) and physical disabilities (55%). The complete numbers of reported disabilities among the chronically homeless can be seen in Figure 17.

Subpopulations

On the night of the count, 2 chronically homeless persons in Mercer County reported being victims of domestic violence (10%). Both of these victims were unsheltered.

There was 1 veteran individual identified as chronically homeless on the night of the count (5%). This veteran individual was unsheltered.

Income and Benefits

Among all the chronically homeless households on the night of the count, 35% reported receiving no type of cash income. Figure 18 shows the sources of income received. The most common source of cash income among all chronically homeless households was SSI, which was received by 20%. No households reported having earned income.

40% of chronically homeless households reported they were not receiving any type of non-cash benefit on the night of the count. Food Stamps (SNAP) and Medicaid were the top reported non-cash benefits among this population, with 20% and 10% reporting receiving each, respectively.
Length of Homelessness

Figure 19 shows that 16 chronically homeless households (80%) said that their most recent, continuous episode of homelessness had lasted for more than 1 year.

Cause of Homelessness

When asked to share the primary factor that contributed to, or caused, their homelessness, the most common factor identified was loss or reduction of job income (35%). Other common factors identified were a loss or reduction of benefits, illness, and drug/alcohol abuse, each contributing 10%. Figure 20 shows all factors reported by chronically homeless households.
V. Findings for the Unsheltered Homeless

HUD’s definition of “unsheltered homeless” applies to any individual or family “with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground.”

Unsheltered homeless individuals and families are among those with the most critical housing needs in a community. The unsheltered are especially vulnerable in the cold weather and the elements, which are in evidence at the end of January when the Count takes place. The Point-In-Time survey can play an important role in helping communities understand why some of the homeless remain unsheltered, and who is included in this group.

Total Unsheltered Homeless Population

44 households, made up of 44 persons, were living unsheltered in Mercer County, according to the 2016 Point-In-Time Count. This is a decrease of 61 households and persons (58.1%) from 2015.

![Figure 21: 5 Year Comparison of Unsheltered Population](image)

Figure 21 shows the number of unsheltered persons from 2012 to 2016. Over the past five years, while the numbers have fluctuated, the total number of unsheltered persons has decreased overall. Since 2012, the number of unsheltered homeless persons counted has gone down by 62 persons, or 58.5%.

Families and Individuals

There were no families, with at least 1 adult and 1 child counted as unsheltered on the night of the count.

All of the unsheltered households counted in 2016 were adult-only individual households.
Demographics

The largest portion of the 44 unsheltered persons counted in 2016, 43.2%, were between 35 and 44 years old. There were no unsheltered children counted, and no adults over the age of 65.

34 of the 44 unsheltered persons were male (77.3%), and 10 (22.7%) were female. 31 (70.5%) identified their race as Black or African-American and 7 (15.9%) identified as White. 13.6% of unsheltered unsheltered persons identified as Hispanic.

Disabilities

28 of the 44 unsheltered persons (63.6%) reported having some disability. Among the unsheltered population with disabilities, the disabilities most commonly identified were substance abuse disorders (85.7%) and physical disabilities (46.4%). The complete numbers of reported disabilities among the unsheltered can be seen in Figure 23.

Subpopulations

On the night of the count, 5 unsheltered homeless households (11.4%) reported having victims of domestic violence. All of these were single adults. This represents a 78.3% (18 persons) decrease in the number of those identifying as victims of domestic violence as compared to 2015.

There were 2 unsheltered veterans identified on the night of the count. Both of the veterans were male.
**Income and Benefits**

Among all the unsheltered households on the night of the count, 14 (31.8%) reported having no source of cash income. The average monthly income among unsheltered households was approximately $168. 15.9% of unsheltered households received Supplemental Security Income (SSI), making it the most common source of income. Figure 24 shows all sources of income reported.

16 unsheltered households (36.4%) reported they were not receiving any type of non-cash benefit on the night of the count. Food Stamps (SNAP) and Medicaid were the top reported non-cash benefits among this group, with 18.2% of households receiving each of these benefits, respectively.

**Length of Homelessness**

As shown in Figure 25, more unsheltered homeless households reported that their households’ most recent, continuous episode of homelessness had lasted for over a year than any other length of time (52.3%). 18.2% of households reported they had been homeless between 6 months and 1 year. In all, 70.5% of unsheltered households had been homeless for more than 6 months.

**Cause of Homelessness**

When asked to share the primary factor that contributed to, or caused, their homelessness, more unsheltered households said loss or reduction of job income or benefits (22.7%) than
any other factor. As Figure 26 shows, another common factor reported included drug or alcohol abuse (18.2%).

**Fig. 26. Unsheltered Households by Cause of Homelessness**
VI. Appendix

Where did you spend the night of Tuesday, January 26, 2016?

Fig. A.1. Total Number of Households and Persons by Housing Type

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<td>Other</td>
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<td>Transitional Housing</td>
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<td>92</td>
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How long have you been in your current living situation?

Fig. A.2. Homeless Households by Length of Homelessness and Housing Type

- Emergency Shelter
- Transitional Housing
- Unsheltered

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Who was homeless with you on the night of January 26th?

Fig. A.3. Number of Persons by Age Range and Housing Type

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Legend:
- Emergency Shelter
- Transitional Housing
- Unsheltered
Fig. A.4. Number of Persons by Gender and Housing Situation

Fig. A.5. Number of Homeless Persons by Race

Fig. A.6. Number of Homeless Persons by Ethnicity
Household Characteristics – check all that apply to each person

Fig. A.7. Number of Homeless Persons by Victims of Domestic Violence, Veteran Status, and Disability

- Victims of Domestic Violence: 42
- Veterans: 15
- Mental Health Issue: 108
- Substance Abuse Disorder: 115
- Physical Disability: 80
- Developmental Disability: 17
- Chronic Health Condition: 84
- HIV/AIDS: 3
Where was your last permanent address before becoming homeless?

| Fig. A.8. Number of Homeless Households by County or State of Last Permanent Address |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Last Permanent Address – County/State | Number of Households |
| Burlington County               | 6                |
| Camden County                   | 15               |
| Cumberland County               | 5                |
| Florida                         | 2                |
| Georgia                         | 1                |
| Gloucester County               | 1                |
| Hudson County                   | 1                |
| Hunterdon County                | 1                |
| Maryland                        | 1                |
| Massachusetts                   | 1                |
| **Mercer County**               | **252**          |
| Middlesex County                | 3                |
| Monmouth County                 | 3                |
| Morris County                   | 1                |
| New York                        | 3                |
| North Carolina                  | 1                |
| Ocean County                    | 1                |
| Passaic County                  | 1                |
| Pennsylvania                    | 6                |
| Union County                    | 1                |
What was your residence prior to your current living situation?

![Fig. A.9. Number of Homeless Households by Prior Residence](chart)

- Emergency Shelter or Emergency Hotel Voucher
- Hotel/Motel Paid for Without Voucher
- Place Not Meant for Human Habitation
- Transitional Housing
- Safe Haven
- Living with Family or Friends
- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Permanent Housing Program
- Jail, Prison, or Juvenile Detention Facility
- Rooming House
- Shelter, Transitional Housing, Juvenile Detention Facility
- Psychiatric Hospital or Treatment Facility
- Substance Abuse Treatment Facility/Detox
- Temporary Assistance from Social Services
- Foster Care Home or Group Home
- Nursing Home or Other Long-Term Care Facility
- Other

Number of Households

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Which of the following sources of income or non-cash benefits do you, or anyone in your household, receive?

**Fig. A. 10. Number of Households by Source of Cash Income**

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Fig. A. 11. Number of Households by Sources of Non-Cash Benefits

- Food Stamps/SNAP: 155 households
- Medicaid: 186 households
- Medicare: 27 households
- VA Benefits: 4 households
- TANF Child Care: 14 households
- TANF Transportation: 7 households
- Other TANF-Funded Service: 3 households
- Section 8/Public Housing/Ongoing Rental Assistance: 1 household
- Receiving NO governmental benefits: 1 household

Non-Cash Benefits
What is your monthly household income?

Fig. A.12. Number of Homeless Households by Monthly Income Range

Number of Households

Income Range

$0

$1 - $499

$500 - $999

$1000 - $1499

$1500 - $1999

$2000 - $2499

$2500 - $2999

$3000 - $3499

$3500 - $3999

$4000+

Number of Households

222

91

55

8

2

1

0
Would you, or anyone in your household, like to receive any of the following services?

**Fig. A.13. Number of Homeless Households by Services Needed**
What was the primary factor that contributed to, or caused, your current living situation?

**Fig. A.14. Number of Households by Cause of Homelessness**

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