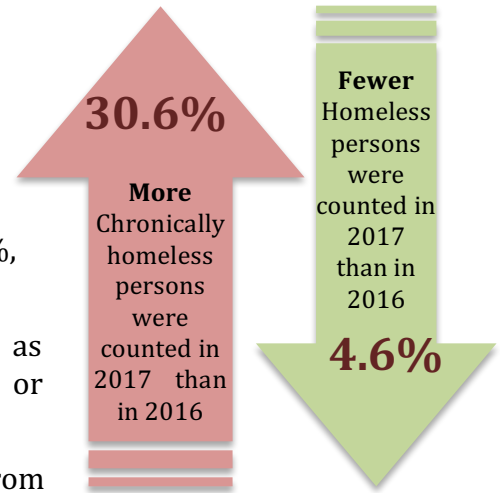


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NJ Counts 2017 Overall Results

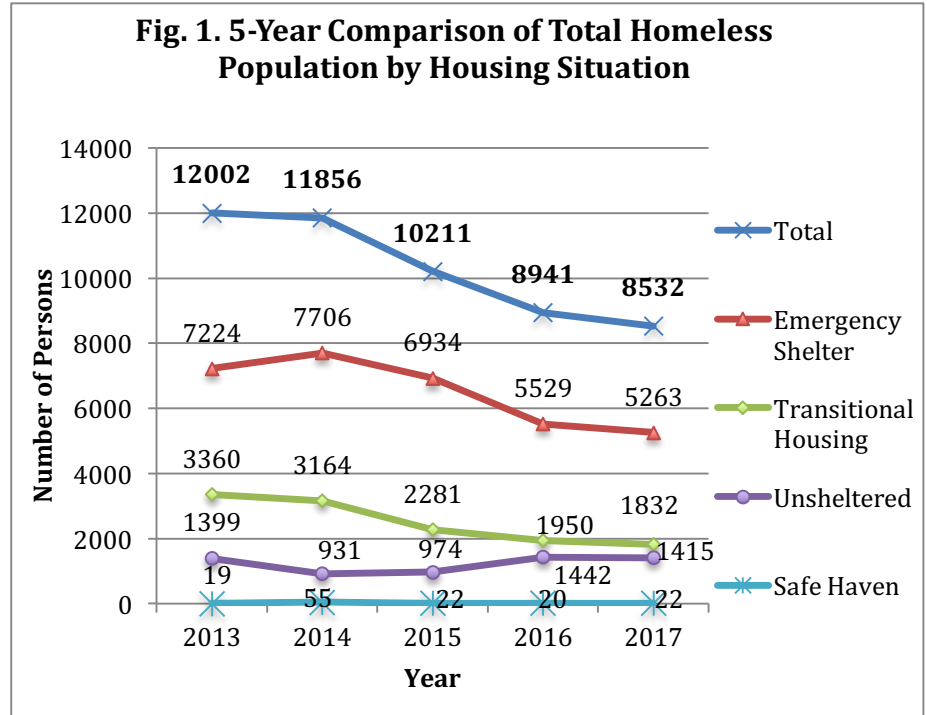
- 8,532 homeless men, women and children were counted across the state of New Jersey on the night of the Point-in-Time Count.
- This was an overall decrease of 409 persons, or 4.6%, compared to the 2016 count.
- 1,092 persons, in 992 households, were identified as chronically homeless, an increase of 256 persons, or 30.6%, compared to the 2016 count.
- 1,415 persons were unsheltered; a decrease of 1.9% from the 1,442 persons counted in 2016.



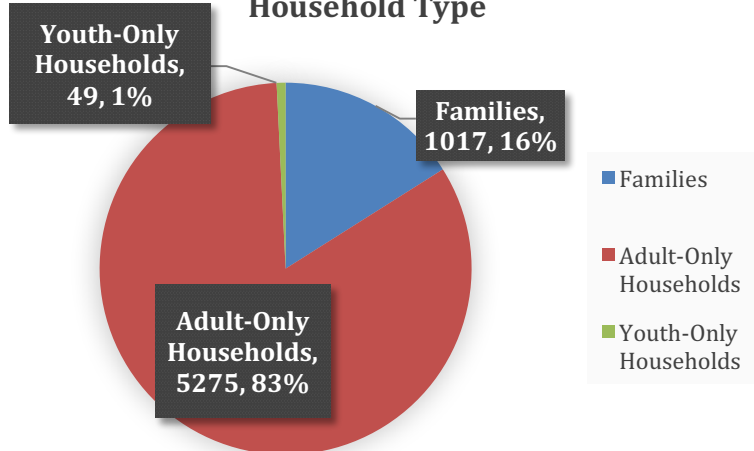
NJ Counts 2017 Key Findings

- The number of homeless persons in emergency shelter, transitional housing and those unsheltered decreased 4.8%, 6.1% and 1.9% respectively. The overall homeless population in New Jersey has decreased at an average rate of 8% per year over the last 5 years.
- 1,017 (16%) of the 6,340 homeless households counted through NJ Counts 2017 were families with children under the age of 18. There was a 10.9% decrease in homeless families as compared to 2016.
- 49 unaccompanied youth households under 18 were identified in the count. This represents a 44.1% increase in the homeless unaccompanied youth population.

Fig. 1. 5-Year Comparison of Total Homeless Population by Housing Situation

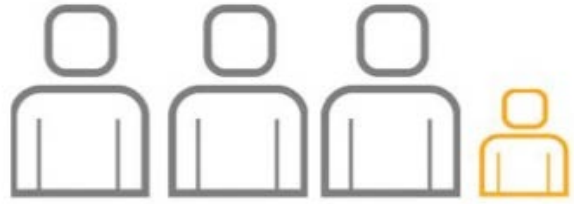


Number and Percentage of Households by Household Type



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- 1,939 children under the age of 18 were homeless. Of these children, 977 (50.4%) were five years of age or younger, and 962 (49.6%) were between the ages of six and seventeen. Children under the age of 18 represented 22.7% of the homeless population.



About 1 in every 4 homeless persons in New Jersey was a **child** on the night of the count

- 583 veteran persons were identified in 2017, representing a 4.3% increase from 2016. 16 veterans were unsheltered on the night of the count.
- 46.2% of homeless persons reported some type of disability. Among homeless adults over the age of 18, 57.3% reported a disability. The most prevalent disability reported was mental health issue.
- 20% of households reported that they had been homeless for more than one year.
- 38.7% of homeless households indicated they had no source of income while 18.9% of homeless households indicated they were not connected to any kind of non-cash mainstream benefit.
- 17.9% of homeless households indicated they were staying with friends and family immediately prior to becoming homeless.
- Top factors contributing to homelessness were: being asked to leave a shared residence (20.6%), eviction (13.8%) and loss or reduction of job income or benefits (12.8%)
- Essex County had the highest percentage of the statewide homeless population (24%), followed by Hudson County (9.6%) and Burlington County (7.1%).

Number of Homeless Persons by County and Percentage of State Total		
County	Total Homeless Persons	% of Total NJ Homeless
Atlantic	422	4.9%
Bergen	302	3.5%
Burlington	604	7.1%
Camden	540	6.3%
Cape May	119	1.4%
Cumberland	151	1.8%
Essex	2,048	24.0%
Gloucester	128	1.5%
Hudson	822	9.6%
Hunterdon	130	1.5%
Mercer	478	5.6%
Middlesex	546	6.4%
Monmouth	299	3.5%
Morris	378	4.4%
Ocean	224	2.6%
Passaic	449	5.3%
Salem	17	0.2%
Somerset	244	2.9%
Sussex	99	1.2%
Union	475	5.6%
Warren	57	0.7%
Total	8,532	100%

This data comes from Monarch Housing Associates' NJ Counts 2017 Statewide Point-in-Time report available at Monarch's website: www.monarchhousing.org

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