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2015 Point In Time (PIT) Count

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Office of Supportive Housing: Philadelphia’s Continuum of Care 2015 PIT Count

Overall Picture:

Philadelphia has fewer individuals and families experiencing homelessness. From 2014 to 2015, there is an increase in the men and women that were on the streets, in overnight cafes, or in places not meant for human habitation on January 21, 2015.

Highlights:

Families experiencing homelessness

- Decrease in family homelessness by 3% since 2014. (Decrease of 26 Households)

Sheltered single individuals experiencing homelessness

- Decrease in single men and women experiencing homelessness by 3% since 2014. (Decrease of 76 people)

Veterans experiencing homelessness

- The number of veterans experiencing homelessness continues to decrease. Since 2013,
 - The number of veterans experiencing homelessness of any kind decreased by 23%.
 - The number of unsheltered veterans experiencing street homelessness decreased by 86%.
 - Over 900 veterans have moved into housing.
 - Philadelphia has a plan to end homelessness for veterans by November 11, 2015

Unsheltered Count:

- As in every other January Point in Time count, Philadelphia counted no families in unsheltered conditions.
- The total number of unsheltered individuals was 670, an increase of 86% from 2014.
 - A code blue was in effect on the night of the count in 2014, but not in 2015. When compared to 2013, a night when a code blue was not in effect, the increase is 27%.
 - Philadelphia counted a wider geography and more neighborhoods. The largest increase was in the Kensington neighborhood.

Chronically Homeless

- There was an increase in unsheltered individuals; 50% are estimated to be chronically homeless. Due to the warmer weather and wider areas of the city that were counted homelessness among individuals increased by 21%.

Explanation(s): *Reasons for the increase in the unsheltered count:*

The count covered a broader geographic area this year in keeping with HUD’s revised CoC methodology, which requires sampling in locations where individuals have not previously been found.

The geographic coverage of zones in Center City (river to river, Spring Garden to South St.), the underground areas, and the airport were the same as in prior years. In other parts of the city – Logan, Olney, the far Northeast- the geographic coverage was increased, and nine individuals were counted. For the first time, teams counted persons in four Emergency Rooms in and outside Center City. A total of 11 people were found to be using the ER as shelter, four in Center City ERs, and seven outside of Center City.

Emergency Housing Intake:
215-686-7150

Appletree Family Intake Center (Single Women & Families)
1430 Cherry Street
M-F; 7am-3pm

The Red Shield (After Hours Reception for Single Women with Families)
715 N. Broad Street
After 4pm

Station House (After Hours Reception for Single Men)
2601 N. Broad Street
After 4pm, Weekends & Holidays
215-225-9235

House of Passage (After Hours Center for Women & Families)
48th St. and Haverford Avenue
After 4pm, Weekends & Holidays

Roosevelt Darby Center (Intake & Assessment for Single Men)
802 N. Broad Street
M-F; 7am-3pm

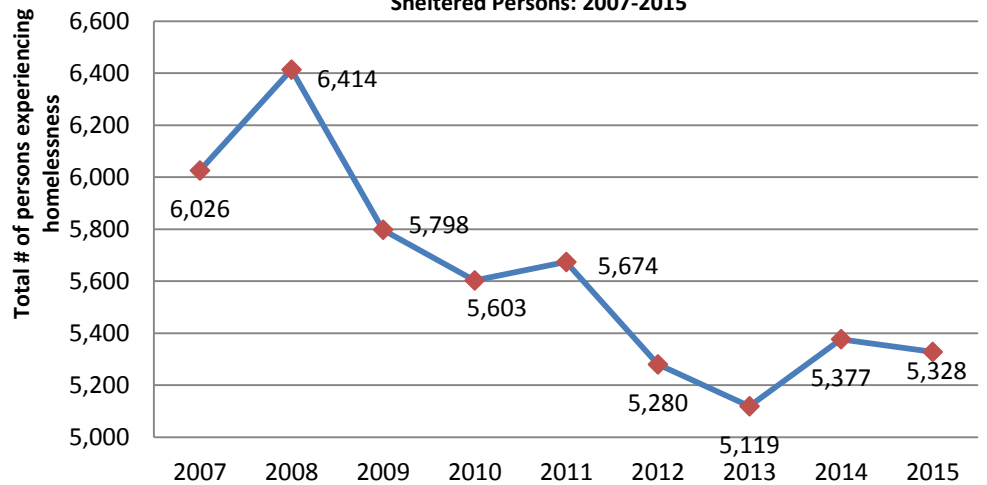
Emergency Assistance Response Unit (Walk-ins Welcome)
5252 N. 13th Street
M-Th; 9am-3pm
215-685-9087 (Information line)

Philadelphia Domestic Violence Hotline:
1-866-723-3014

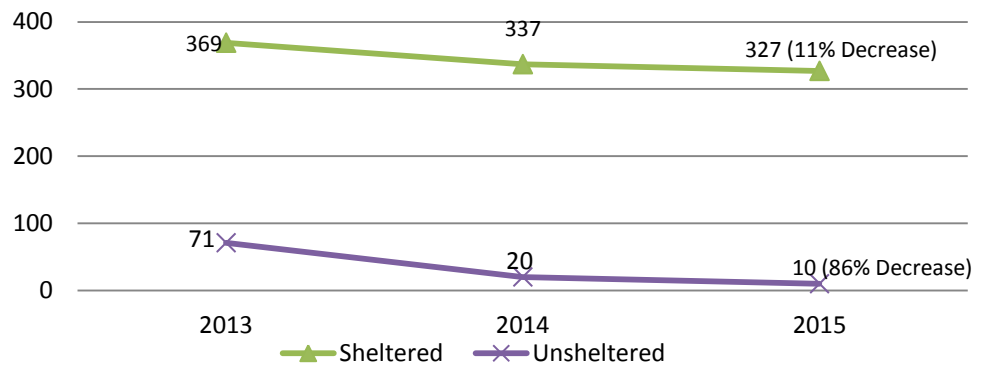
Adult Protective Services Information and Referral Hotline:
215-686-5671 or 215-686-5672

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Philadelphia Point-in-Time Homeless Count Sheltered Persons: 2007-2015



Philadelphia Point-in-Time Homeless Count Veterans: 2013-2015



Philadelphia Point-in-Time Homeless Count Unsheltered Persons: 2014-2015

