

# King County One Night Count

## *Summary of 2016 Data*



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The 36th annual One Night Count of people who are homeless in King County took place on the night of January 29, 2016.

<b>2016 One Night Count</b>	
Unsheltered	4,505
Emergency Shelter	3,200
Transitional Housing	2,983
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,688</b>

The One Night Count (also known as a “point-in-time count”) has two components:

1. A Street Count of people who are homeless and surviving on the streets / without shelter. The Seattle King County Coalition on Homelessness (SKCCH), with financial support from All Home, implements the street count. Information about the methodology for the street count and results of the One Night Count for 2016 and prior years can be found on their website at <http://www.homelessinfo.org/onc.html>.
2. A count and collection of demographic information about the people being served in emergency shelter and transitional housing programs on that same night. This information is collected in two ways:
  - a. Data from Safe King County’s Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) is used for those emergency shelter and transitional housing programs that participate in the HMIS.
  - b. A survey is completed by staff of emergency shelter and transitional housing programs across King County that do not participate in HMIS.

In 2016, 74 emergency shelter programs and 110 transitional housing programs provided data, which is summarized in the tables below.

The survey information provides a snapshot of homelessness in our community - a true picture of the people who were homeless and finding shelter in emergency shelter and transitional housing programs on the night of January 29, 2016. When referring to these figures, however, it is important to note that while these data provide an accurate “point-in-time” picture of those being sheltered, the profile cannot necessarily be generalized to the broader population of people who are homeless and on the streets as they may have different characteristics.

With thanks to the emergency shelter and transitional housing programs in King County for their contributions to the 2016 data, and for the work they do every day for and with people who are homeless.

**Table 1: Sheltered individuals by household type and type of program**

2016 One Night Count		
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing
Families with children	778	2,148
Single adult men	1783	585
Single adult women	621	215
Single adult transgendered persons	4	10
Unaccompanied minors	14	15
Couples without children	0	10
Subtotal	<b>3,200</b>	<b>2,983</b>
<b>TOTAL Number of People</b>	<b>6,183</b>	

**Table 2: Ages of individuals in shelters and transitional housing**

2016 One Night Count			
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing	All
Birth to 5 years	196	503	699
6-12 years	194	467	661
13-17 years	84	228	312
18-25 years	229	404	633
26-54 years	1755	1094	2849
55-64 years	590	243	833
65 years and older	152	44	196
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,200</b>	<b>2,983</b>	<b>6,183</b>

**Table 3: Race and ethnicity of individuals served in shelters and transitional housing programs (by percentage of homeless and general populations)**

2016 One Night Count					
	Sheltered Homeless Population			General Population	
	ES	TH	Combined		
White	52%	49%	2,668	43%	70.1%
African American/Black	30%	33%	2,393	39%	6.7%
Multi-racial	7%	5%	567	9%	4.9%
Asian/Pacific Islander	7%	11%	355	6%	17.2%
Native American/ Alaska	4%	2%	200	3%	1.1%
Hispanic	18%	13%	948	15%	9.4%
<b>Total number of people</b>			<b>6,183</b>		

Notes: General Population data from: <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/53/53033.html>.

**Table 4: Reported disabilities and selected health conditions**

2016 One Night Count			
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing	All
Mental illness	543	542	<b>1,085</b>
<i>(serious mental illness: a subset of above)</i>	382	223	605
Alcohol or substance abuse	407	410	<b>817</b>
<i>(chronic substance abuse: a subset of above)</i>	209	215	437
Physical disability	308	380	<b>688</b>
HIV/AIDS	9	17	<b>26</b>

**Table 5: Individuals identified as Veterans**

2016 One Night Count					
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing	Safe Haven	Unsheltered	All
Male	263	221	2	114	600
Female	19	25	0	4	48
Transgender	2	4	0	2	8
Other/ refused	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>656</b>

Note: Total includes unsheltered veterans.

**Table 6: Individuals identified as Chronically Homeless**

2016 One Night Count				
	Emergency Shelter	Safe Haven	Unsheltered	TOTAL
Single adult men	308	9	271	588
Single adult women	95	15	85	195
Single adult transgendered	0	0	2	2
Persons in households with children	29	0	0	29
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>814</b>

Note: Total includes unsheltered persons who are chronically homeless.

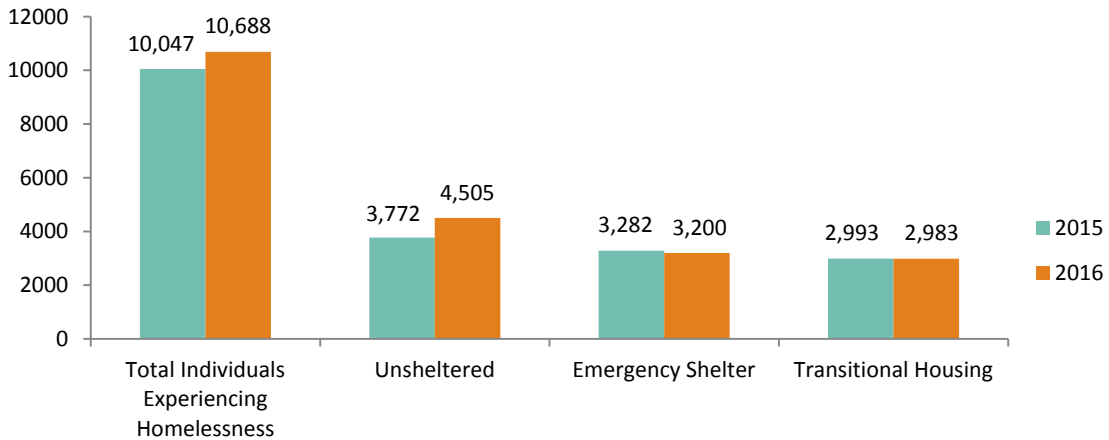
**Table 7: Composition of households served**

<b>2016 One Night Count</b>			
<b>Household Type</b>	<b>Emergency Shelter</b>	<b>Transitional Housing</b>	<b>All</b>
Single Male	1,783	585	2,373
Single Female	621	215	845
Single adult transgendered persons	4	10	
Unaccompanied minor (under 18)	14	13	27
Couple without children	0	5	5
<b>TOTAL Households without children</b>	<b>2,422</b>	<b>828</b>	<b>3,250</b>
Couple with children	47	198	245
One adult (HH headed by an adult female)	186	443	629
One adult (HH headed by an adult male)	11	17	28
One minor (HH headed by female under age 18)	0	2	2
<b>TOTAL Households with children</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>904</b>
<b>Total Households</b>	<b>2,666</b>	<b>1,488</b>	<b>4,154</b>

**Table 8: Comparisons between 2015 and 2016 One Night Count**

	2015 One Night Count	2016 One Night Count	Change
Total Individuals Experiencing Homelessness	10,047	10,688	+ 6.3%
Unsheltered	3,772	4,505	+ 19.4%
Emergency Shelter	3,282	3,200	- 2.5%
Transitional Housing	2,993	2,983	- 0.3%
Chronically Homeless	815	814	-0.1%
<i>(unsheltered chronically homeless: subset of above)</i>	351	358	+2.0%
Veterans	668	656	-1.8%
<i>(unsheltered veterans: subset of above)</i>	109	120	+10.1%

**Comparison between 2015 and 2016:  
Overall Trends**



**Comparison between 2015 and 2016:  
Chronically Homeless and Veterans**

