King County
One Night Count

Summary of 2015 Data

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The 35th annual One Night Count of people who are homeless in King County took place on
the night of January 22, 2015.

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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 the
   Committee to End Homelessness in King County (CEHKC), implements the street count.
   Information about the methodology for the street count and results of the One Night Count
   for 2015 and prior years can be found on their website at
   [http://www.homelessinfo.org/onc.html](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 Harbors, King County’s Homeless Management Information
      System (HMIS; [http://safeharbors.org/default.htm](http://safeharbors.org/default.htm)) 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 Safe Harbors.

In 2015, 79 emergency shelter programs and 115 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 22, 2015. 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.

NOTE: The complete listing of emergency shelters and transitional housing programs in King
County is in the Inventory of Homeless Units and Beds at
[http://safeharbors.org/homelessprogramchart.htm](http://safeharbors.org/homelessprogramchart.htm). Severe weather shelters were not open on
the night of the 2015 count.

With thanks to the emergency shelter and transitional housing programs in King County for their
contributions to the 2015 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

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<tr>
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<th>Emergency Shelter</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Families with children</td>
<td>983</td>
<td>2,063</td>
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<tr>
<td>Single adult men</td>
<td>1,793</td>
<td>579</td>
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<td>Single adult women</td>
<td>492</td>
<td>344</td>
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<tr>
<td>Unaccompanied minors</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>7</td>
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<td>Couples without children</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td><strong>Subtotal</strong></td>
<td><strong>3,282</strong></td>
<td><strong>2,993</strong></td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL Number of People</strong></td>
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Table 2: Ages of individuals in shelters and transitional housing

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<tr>
<td>Birth to 5 years</td>
<td>231</td>
<td>519</td>
<td>750</td>
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<td>6-12 years</td>
<td>213</td>
<td>454</td>
<td>667</td>
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<tr>
<td>13-17 years</td>
<td>94</td>
<td>227</td>
<td>321</td>
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<tr>
<td>18-25 years</td>
<td>268</td>
<td>388</td>
<td>656</td>
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<tr>
<td>26-54 years</td>
<td>1,797</td>
<td>1,168</td>
<td>2,965</td>
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<td>55-64 years</td>
<td>548</td>
<td>204</td>
<td>752</td>
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<td>65 years and older</td>
<td>131</td>
<td>33</td>
<td>164</td>
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Table 3: Race and ethnicity of individuals served in shelters and transitional housing programs (by percentage of homeless and general populations)

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<th>Sheltered Homeless Population</th>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>ES</td>
<td>TH</td>
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<tr>
<td>African American/Black</td>
<td>41%</td>
<td>45%</td>
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<tr>
<td>White</td>
<td>45%</td>
<td>37%</td>
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<td>Multi-racial</td>
<td>6%</td>
<td>11%</td>
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<td>Native American/Alaska</td>
<td>3%</td>
<td>2%</td>
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<td>Asian/Pacific Islander</td>
<td>6%</td>
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<td>Hispanic</td>
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Notes: General Population data from: http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/53/53033.html. Totals are more than 100% and exceed the total number of individuals in shelters and transitional housing because individuals are identified by race and ethnicity separately in the data, while both race and ethnicity are presented in this table. For the Point-in-Time Count, HUD does not allow unknown race to be reported; data are extrapolated for all individuals based on individuals for whom race is identified.
Table 4: Reported disabilities and selected health conditions

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<tr>
<td>Mental illness</td>
<td>529</td>
<td>539</td>
<td>1,068</td>
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<tr>
<td>(serious mental illness: a subset of above)</td>
<td>344</td>
<td>251</td>
<td>595</td>
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<tr>
<td>Alcohol or substance abuse (chronic substance abuse: a subset of above)</td>
<td>434</td>
<td>445</td>
<td>879</td>
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<tr>
<td>Physical disability</td>
<td>330</td>
<td>359</td>
<td>689</td>
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<tr>
<td>HIV/AIDS</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>24</td>
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Table 5: Individuals identified as Veterans

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<tr>
<td>Male</td>
<td>276</td>
<td>239</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>97</td>
<td>614</td>
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<tr>
<td>Female</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>28</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>48</td>
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<tr>
<td>Transgender</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>Other/ refused</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>TOTAL</td>
<td>288</td>
<td>268</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>109</td>
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Note: Total includes unsheltered veterans.

Table 6: Individuals identified as Chronically Homeless

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<tr>
<td>Male</td>
<td>348</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>256</td>
<td>622</td>
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<td>Female</td>
<td>88</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>93</td>
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<td>Transgender</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other</td>
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<tr>
<td>TOTAL</td>
<td>436</td>
<td>28</td>
<td>351</td>
<td>815</td>
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Note: Total includes unsheltered persons who are chronically homeless.
### Table 7: Composition of households served

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<tr>
<td>Single Male</td>
<td>1,793</td>
<td>579</td>
<td>2,372</td>
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<td>Single Female</td>
<td>492</td>
<td>344</td>
<td>836</td>
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<tr>
<td>Unaccompanied minor (under 18)</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>19</td>
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<tr>
<td>Couple without children</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>1</td>
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<tr>
<td>TOTAL Households without children</td>
<td>2,229</td>
<td>930</td>
<td>3,228</td>
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<tr>
<td>Couple with children</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>154</td>
<td>254</td>
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<tr>
<td>One adult (HH headed by an adult female)</td>
<td>172</td>
<td>510</td>
<td>682</td>
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<tr>
<td>One adult (HH headed by an adult male)</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>30</td>
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<tr>
<td>One minor (HH headed by female under age 18)</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>3</td>
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<tr>
<td>TOTAL Households with children</td>
<td>282</td>
<td>687</td>
<td>969</td>
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<td><strong>Total Households</strong></td>
<td><strong>2,580</strong></td>
<td><strong>1,617</strong></td>
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Table 8: Comparisons between 2014 and 2015 One Night Count

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<th>2015 One Night Count</th>
<th>Change</th>
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<tr>
<td>Total Individuals Experiencing Homelessness</td>
<td>9,294</td>
<td>10,047</td>
<td>+ 8.1%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Unsheltered</td>
<td>3,123</td>
<td>3,772</td>
<td>+ 20.8%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Emergency Shelter</td>
<td>2,906</td>
<td>3,282</td>
<td>+ 12.9%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Transitional Housing</td>
<td>3,265</td>
<td>2,993</td>
<td>- 8.3%</td>
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<td>Chronically Homeless (unsheltered chronically homeless: subset of above)</td>
<td>1,021</td>
<td>815</td>
<td>-20.2%</td>
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<td>Veterans (unsheltered veterans: subset of above)</td>
<td>718</td>
<td>668</td>
<td>-7.8%</td>
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Comparison between 2014 and 2015:

- Overall Trends
- Chronically Homeless and Veterans