

Connecticut Counts 2015 – Bristol

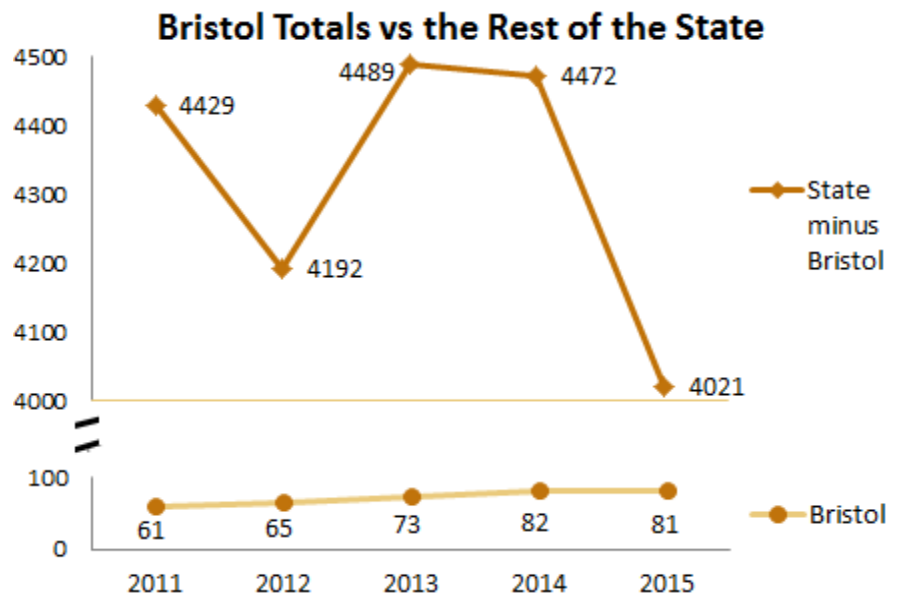
On the night of February 18, 2015, Bristol counted 81 people experiencing homelessness, including 17 children. The larger populations are shaded in the table below.

CT PIT 2015 Bristol Sheltered and Unsheltered

Population	# of Persons in Bristol	% of Bristol's Grand Total	# of Persons in Bristol	# of Persons in State	Bristol's Share of State #s
Adults in Families	9	11%	9	503	2%
Children in Families	17	21%	17	816	2%
Single Adults	55	68%	55	2,717	2%
Unaccompanied Children	0	0%	0	11	0%
Total	81	100%	81	4,047	2%

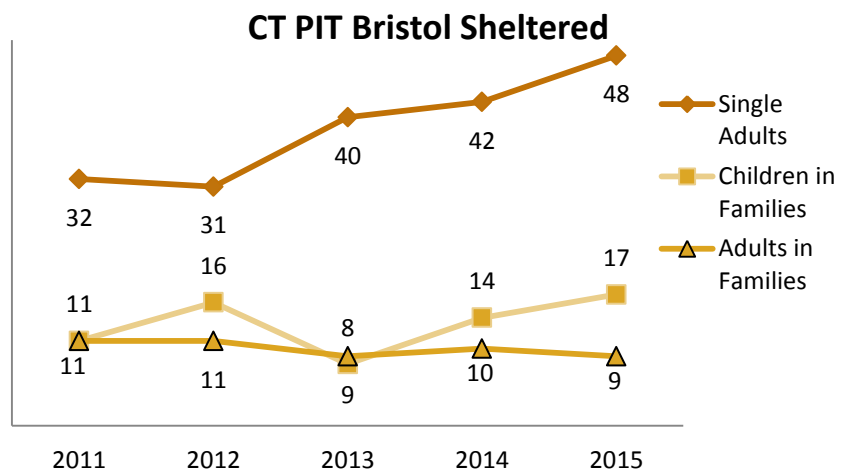
Bristol's total homeless count is 33% higher than in PIT 2011.

Since last year, total homelessness in the rest of the state fell 10%, in Bristol 1%.



Sheltered Trends

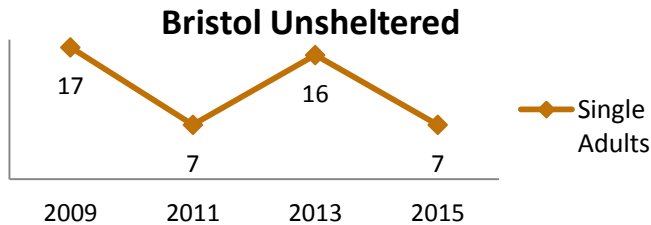
The size of Bristol's sheltered population continues to trend upwards. It is 37% higher than in 2011, and 12% higher than CT PIT 2014.



Unsheltered Trends

The unsheltered count is conducted only in odd-numbered years. Per HUD, in an even year the previous year’s unsheltered counts are applied.

This year, two events may have had a significant effect on the unsheltered count. First, the count took place during a week that was bitterly cold, which tends to reduce temporarily the number of people sleeping outdoors or in other places not meant for human habitation. Second, enhanced canvassing efforts helped volunteers connect with more people experiencing homelessness.



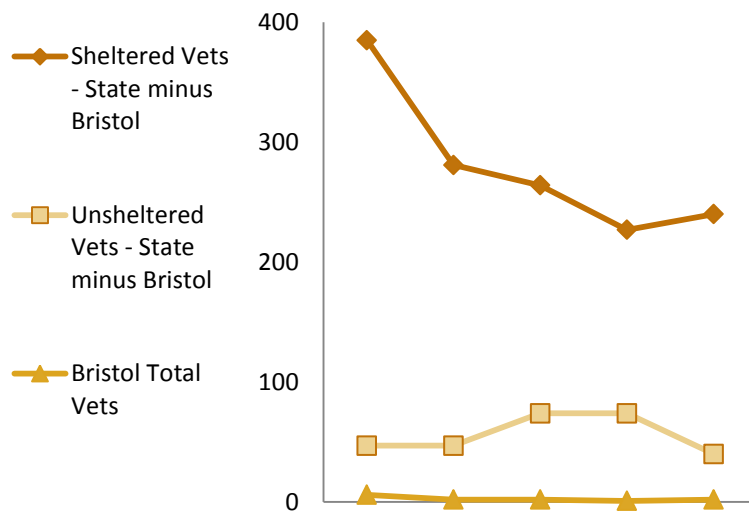
Since *CT PIT 2009*, no families have been counted in Bristol.

The number of unsheltered men and women since the last unsheltered PIT count declined by 56%.

Homeless Veterans

Thanks in part to a national commitment to end veteran homelessness, the number of Connecticut veterans experiencing homelessness has been trending down.

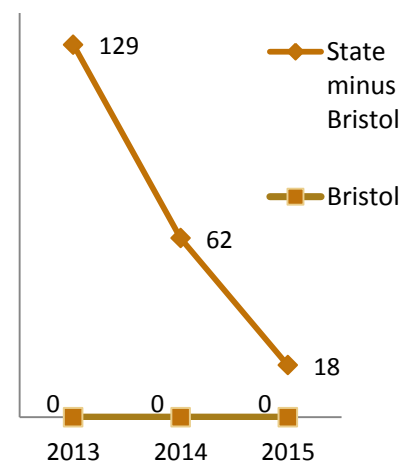
Bristol counted two veterans in *CT PIT 2015*, representing 1% of the state’s homeless veterans.



Chronic homelessness among veterans has dramatically declined.

Bristol has had no chronically homeless veterans in the past three PIT counts.

Chronically Homeless Veterans



Region and Population	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Sheltered Vets - State minus Bristol	385	281	264	227	240
Unsheltered - State minus Bristol	47	47	74	74	40
Bristol Sheltered Vets	6	2	2	1	1
Bristol Unsheltered Vets	0	0	0	0	1
Bristol Total Vets	6	2	2	1	2

Chronically Homeless Adults

Chronic homelessness status is assigned to an adult who has long-term and/or numerous occasions of homelessness, with an accompanying disability. In 2014, HUD clarified the chronic homelessness definition by characterizing qualifying disabilities as those of indefinite duration, impairing the ability to live independently, and which would improve with stable housing.

(For more information on federal data standard changes, please visit www.cceh.org.)

These new characteristics alone account for at least a 40% drop between last year’s chronic homelessness count and this year’s, making year-to-year comparisons problematic. The new measures do, however, lead to better estimates of those in need of long-term supportive services.

The number of adults in Bristol who were chronically homeless in CT PIT 2015 was three, an all-time low. They were all unsheltered.

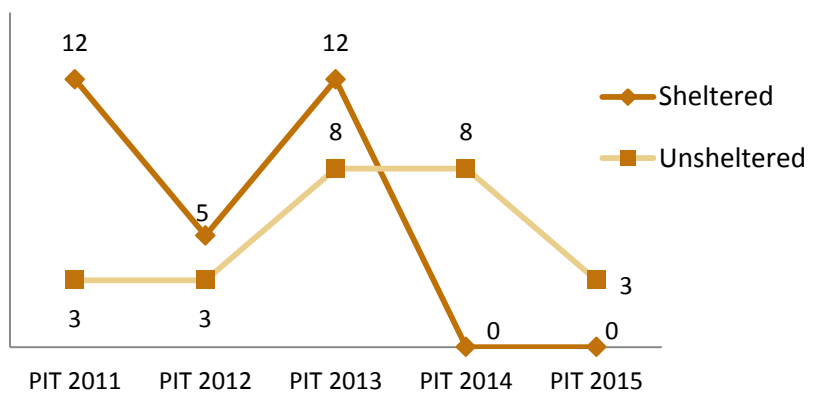
CT PIT 2015 Chronic Homelessness (CH)

Region	Sheltered			Unsheltered			Total		
	# of CH Adults	All Adults	% of All	# of CH Adults	All Adults	% of All	# of CH Adults	All Adults	% of All
State	257	2,614	10%	301	606	50%	558	3,220	17%
State minus Bristol	257	2,557	10%	298	599	50%	555	3,156	18%
Bristol	0	57	0%	3	7	43%	3	64	5%

Total chronic homelessness in Bristol dropped 63% since PIT 2014.

In the state, it dropped 50%.

Chronically Homeless Adults in Bristol



Health and Safety

CT PIT collects data on a number of common service needs that are shared by a large proportion of individuals facing homelessness. By drawing out information on these health needs, more targeted interventions that allow a focus on well-being in addition to housing can be developed.

The changes in the federal data standards have modified downward the numbers of those who are counted as having a disability. In Bristol, for example, the number of people recording a serious mental illness declined by 76%, those recording chronic substance abuse, 75%.

The question about survivors of domestic violence has actually broadened over time. It no longer applies only to those for whom domestic violence was the proximate cause of their homelessness, but to anyone who’s been a victim at any time in his or her life. Not surprisingly, therefore, this category does not show the decline in *CT PIT 2015* found in counts for severe and long-lasting disabilities. Bucking the statewide trend, however, Bristol showed a 64% decrease since last year.

CT PIT 2015 Adults with Serious Health or Safety Issues

Fairfield County	All Adults*	Severe Mental Illness		Chronic Substance Abuse		HIV/ AIDS		Domestic Violence Survivors	
		Number	% of All Adults	Number	% of All Adults	Number	% of All Adults	Number	% of All Adults
Sheltered	57	7	12%	5	9%	1	2%	3	5%
Unsheltered	7	1	14%	3	43%	0	0%	1	14%
Total	64	8	13%	8	13%	1	2%	4	6%

* The denominator for each percentage is the total number of the region’s adults as displayed in the “All Adults” column. In the “Sheltered” row, for example, all the percentages use the total number of *sheltered* adults (57) as the denominator.

Please see <http://cceh.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/CT-Counts-v2-1.pdf> for detailed *CT PIT 2015* numbers.