

# Connecticut Counts 2015 – Danbury

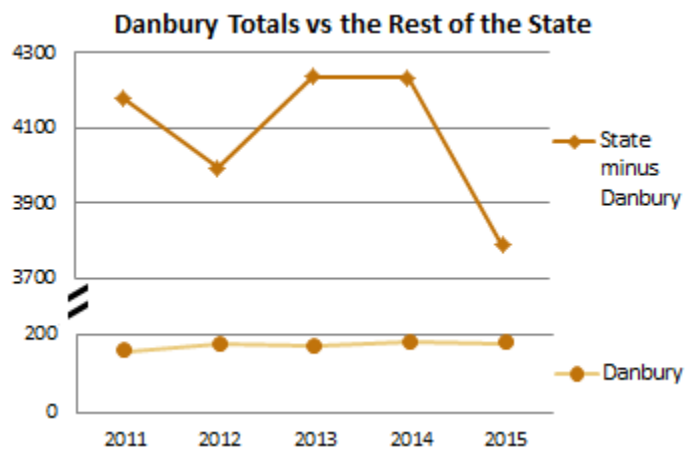
On the night of February 18, 2015, Danbury counted 176 people experiencing homelessness, including 22 children. The larger populations are shaded in the table below.

## CT PIT 2015 Danbury Sheltered and Unsheltered

Population	# of Persons in Danbury	% of Danbury's Total	# of Persons in Danbury	# of Persons in State	Danbury's Share of State #s
Adults in Families	14	8%	14	503	3%
Children in Families	22	13%	22	816	3%
Single Adults	140	80%	140	2,717	5%
Unaccompanied Children	0	0%	0	11	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>4,047</b>	<b>4%</b>

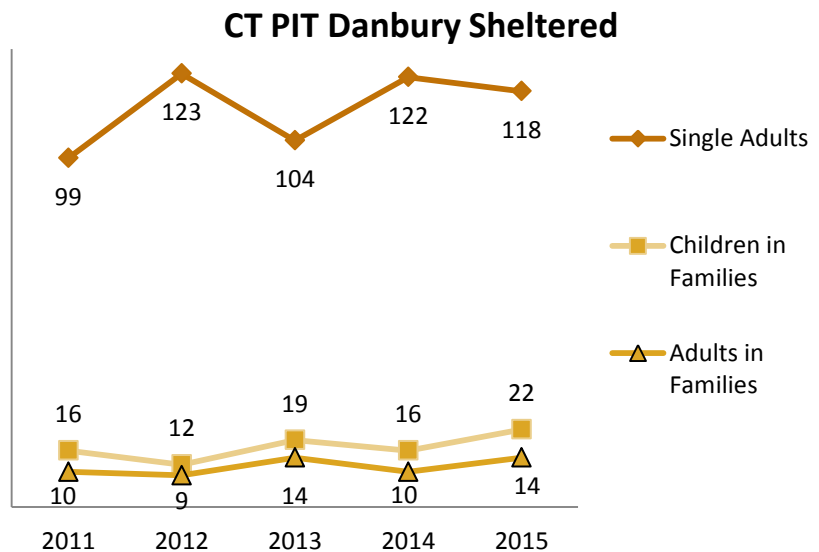
Danbury's total homeless count is 13% higher than in PIT 2011.

Since last year, total homelessness in the rest of the state fell 10%, in Danbury 3%.



## Sheltered Trends

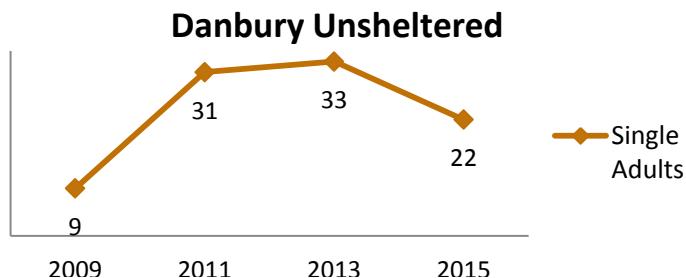
This year's total number of sheltered clients in Danbury (261) is 23% less than on PIT night in 2011, 4% less than 2014.



## 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.



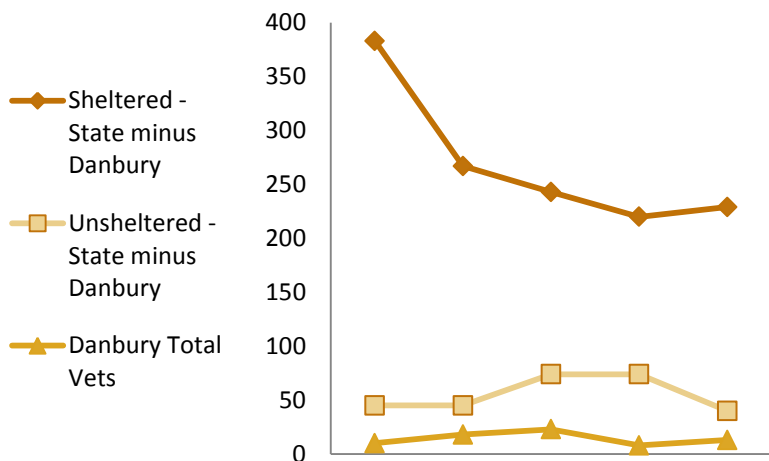
Since *CT PIT 2009*, no families have been counted in Danbury.

The number of unsheltered men and women since the last unsheltered PIT Count declined by one third.

## Homeless Veterans

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

Danbury counted 13 veterans in *CT PIT 2015*, representing 4% of the state’s homeless veterans, and a 63% increase since last year.

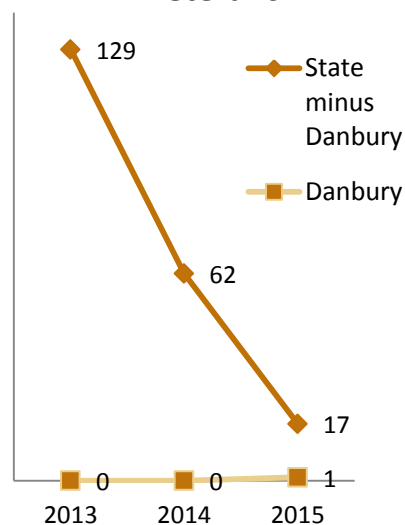


Region and Population	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Sheltered Vets – State minus Danbury	383	267	243	220	229
Unsheltered Vets – State minus Danbury	45	45	74	74	40
Danbury Sheltered Vets	8	16	23	8	12
Danbury Unsheltered Vets	2	2	0	0	1
Danbury All Vets	10	18	23	8	13

Chronic homelessness among veterans has dramatically declined.

Danbury had one chronically homeless veteran this year.

### Chronically Homeless Veterans



## 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](http://www.cceh.org).)

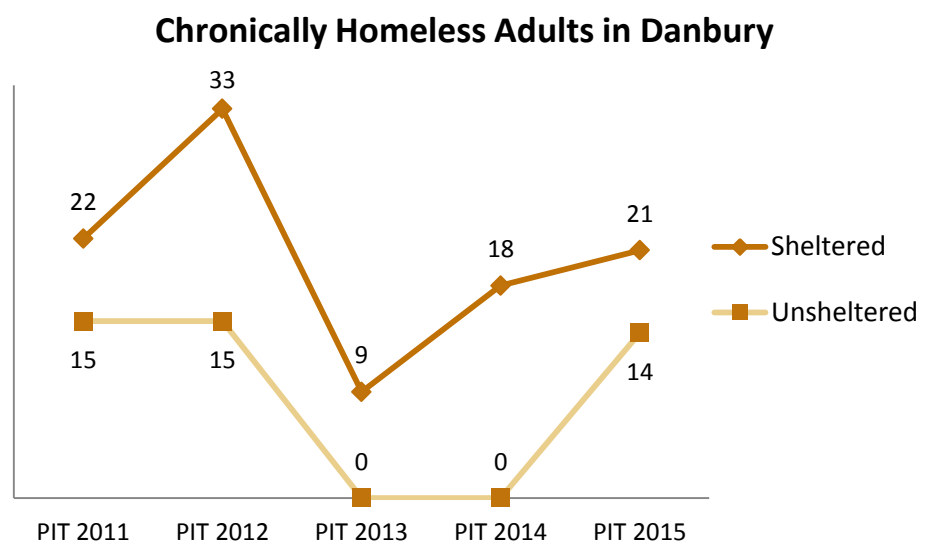
These new characteristics alone account for at least a 40% drop between last year’s chronic homelessness count and this year’s, making year-to-year comparisons problematic. The new measures do, however, lead to better estimates of those in need of long-term supportive services.

Danbury did not follow this year’s statewide trend of diminished numbers of chronically homeless adults. It’s number of chronic homeless men and women almost doubled since last year’s Point in Time Count.

<b>CT PIT 2015 Chronic Homelessness (CH)</b>									
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 Danbury	212	2,482	9%	287	584	49%	499	3,066	16%
Danbury	21	132	16%	14	22	64%	35	154	23%

Total chronic homelessness in Danbury increased 94% since last year’s PIT.

In the state, it dropped 50%.



## 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 Danbury, for example, the number of people recording a serious mental illness declined by 62% since last year. The drop in adults reporting chronic substance abuse was even greater: 73%.

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. In fact, Danbury showed a 24% increase 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	132	16	12%	11	8%	7	5%	23	17%
Unsheltered	22	6	27%	10	45%	1	5%	3	14%
Total	154	22	14%	21	14%	8	5%	26	17%

\* 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 (132) as the denominator.

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