

Connecticut Counts 2015 – Middlesex County

On the night of February 18, 2015, Middlesex counted 135 people experiencing homelessness, including 21 children. The larger populations are shaded in the table below.

CT PIT 2015 Middlesex Sheltered and Unsheltered

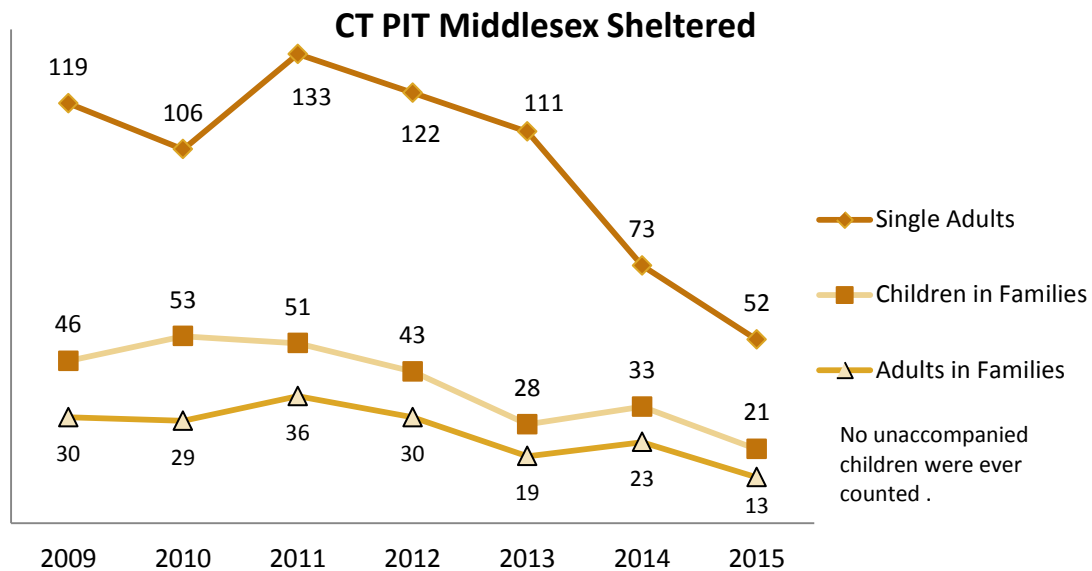
| Population | # of Persons in Middlesex | % of Middlesex's Grand Total | # of Persons in Middlesex | # of Persons in State | Middlesex's Share of State #s |
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| Adults in Families | 13 | 10% | 13 | 503 | 3% |
| Children in Families | 21 | 16% | 21 | 816 | 3% |
| Single Adults | 101 | 75% | 101 | 2,717 | 4% |
| Unaccompanied Children | 0 | 0% | 0 | 11 | 0% |
| Total | 135 | 100% | 135 | 4,047 | 3% |

Since the number of people experiencing homelessness in Middletown reached its maximum in 2011, homelessness there has declined much faster than across the state.

CT PIT Sheltered and Unsheltered

| Region | 2011 | 2013 | 2015 | % Change to 2015 | |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|------------------|-----------|
| | | | | From 2011 | From 2013 |
| State | 4,451 | 4,506 | 4,047 | -9% | -10% |
| Middlesex | 249 | 235 | 135 | -46% | -43% |

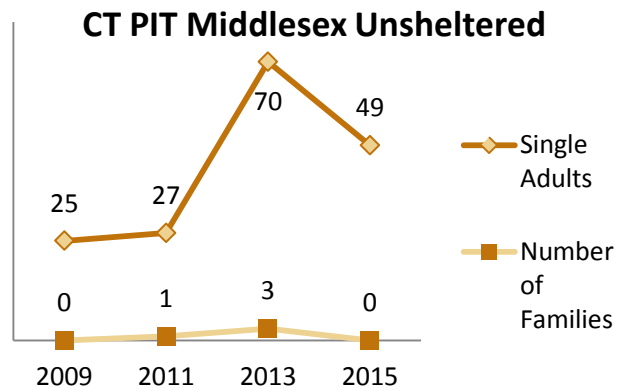
The numbers suggest that the closing shortly before CT PIT 2014 of a large transitional housing project in Middletown, together with a strong commitment to placement of former residents in permanent housing, has had a beneficial effect on homelessness in the region.



The number of **unsheltered** persons in Middlesex increased 69% from 2011 to 2015, but dropped 36% from 2013 to 2015. No unaccompanied children were counted during these years.

Those living in places not meant for human habitation have overwhelmingly been single adults.

| Year | Single Adults | Children in Families | Adults in Families | Total |
|------|---------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------|
| 2009 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 25 |
| 2011 | 27 | 1 | 1 | 29 |
| 2013 | 70 | 4 | 3 | 77 |
| 2015 | 49 | 0 | 0 | 49 |

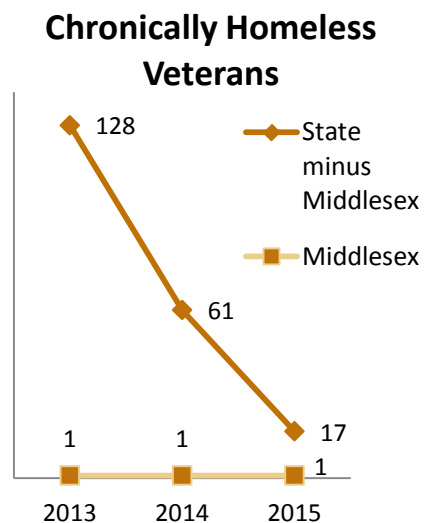
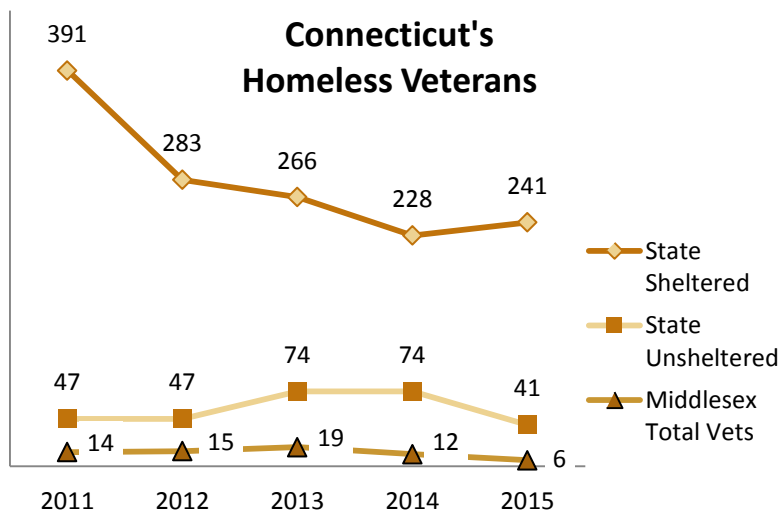


Homeless Veterans

Thanks in part to a national commitment to end veteran homelessness, the number of Connecticut veterans experiencing homelessness has been trending down. While the state numbers went up slightly this year compared to last year, Middlesex counted only two sheltered and four unsheltered veterans in *CT PIT 2015*, comprising 2% of the state’s homeless veterans.

| Veterans over Time | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
|------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| State Sheltered | 391 | 283 | 266 | 229 | 241 |
| State Unsheltered* | 47 | 47 | 74 | 74 | 41 |
| Middlesex Sheltered | 12 | 13 | 12 | 5 | 2 |
| Middlesex Unsheltered* | 2 | 2 | 7 | 7 | 4 |

Chronic homelessness among Connecticut veterans has dramatically declined.



* The Unsheltered Count is conducted only in odd years. Per HUD, the previous year’s unsheltered counts are applied to each even year.

Source: CT PIT

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 modified how to ascertain if a disability is qualifying by specifying that it is of indefinite duration, impairs the ability to live independently, and would be improved 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.

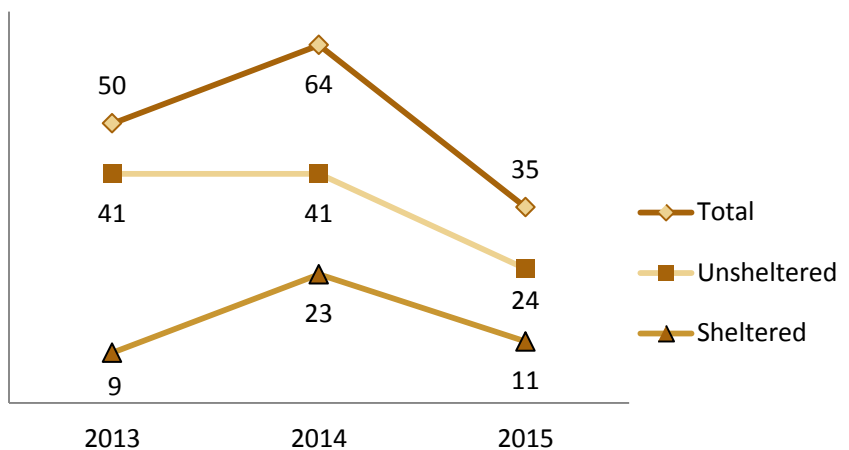
Eight percent of chronically homeless adults were found in Middlesex during this year’s PIT Count. This table illustrates how Middlesex’s chronic homelessness figures compare to state numbers.

CT PIT 2015 Chronic Homelessness (CH) in Adults

| Region | Sheltered | | | Unsheltered | | | Total | | |
|-----------|----------------|------------|-----------------|----------------|------------|-----------------|----------------|------------|-----------------|
| | # of CH Adults | All Adults | % of All Adults | # of CH Adults | All Adults | % of All Adults | # of CH Adults | All Adults | % of All Adults |
| State | 257 | 2,614 | 10% | 301 | 606 | 50% | 558 | 3,220 | 17% |
| Middlesex | 11 | 65 | 17% | 24 | 49 | 49% | 35 | 114 | 31% |

Total chronic homelessness in Middlesex has dropped 45% since last year, 30% since 2013. During the same period, statewide numbers dropped 50% since 2014, 43% since 2013.

CT PIT Middlesex Chronic Homelessness



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 Middlesex, for example, zero adults were found in shelter with substance abuse issues, a unique statistic.

CT PIT 2015 Adults with Serious Health or Safety Issues

| Balance of State | 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 | 65 | 7 | 11% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 23 | 35% |
| Unsheltered | 49 | 18 | 37% | 22 | 45% | 2 | 4% | 13 | 27% |
| Total | 114 | 25 | 22% | 22 | 19% | 2 | 2% | 36 | 32% |

* 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 (65) as the denominator.

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