

# Connecticut Counts 2015 – Hartford Continuum of Care

On the night of February 18, 2015, Hartford counted 753 people experiencing homelessness, including 120 children. The larger populations are shaded in the table below.

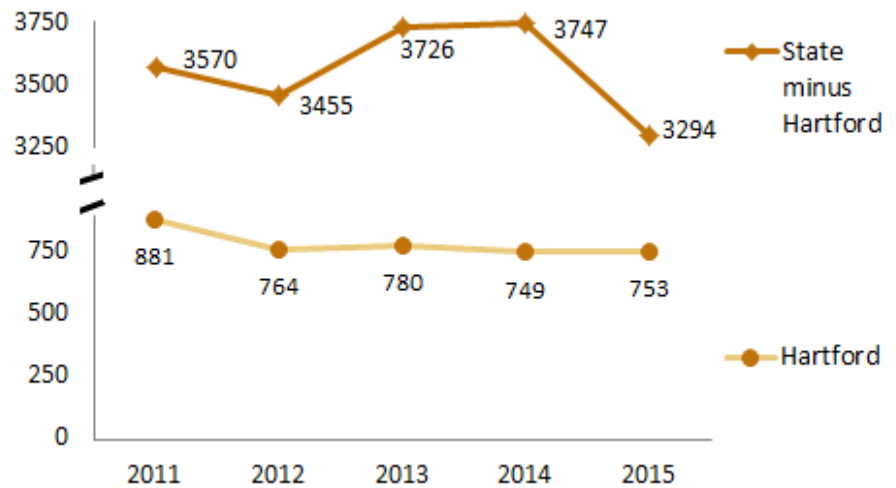
## CT PIT 2015 Hartford Sheltered and Unsheltered

Population	# of Persons in Hartford	% of Hartford's Total	# of Persons in Hartford	# of Persons in State	Hartford's Share of State #s
Adults in Families	72	10%	72	503	14%
Children in Families	120	16%	120	816	15%
Single Adults	561	75%	561	2,717	21%
Unaccompanied Children	0	0%	0	11	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>753</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>753</b>	<b>4,047</b>	<b>19%</b>

Since 2011, the number of people experiencing homelessness in Hartford declined 15%.

Since last year total homelessness in the rest of the state fell 10%, while in Hartford it increased 1%.

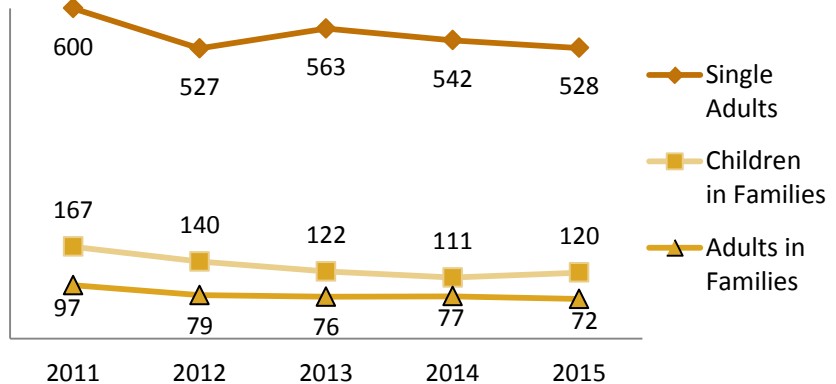
## Hartford PIT Totals vs the Rest of the State



## Sheltered Trends

This year's total number of sheltered clients in Hartford (720) is 17% less than in 2011, 1% less than in 2014.

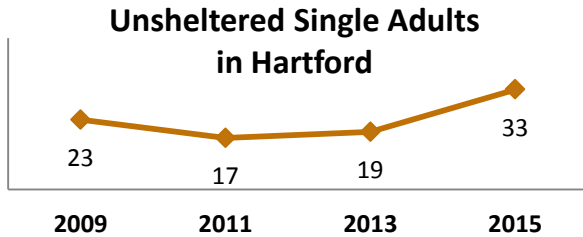
## CT PIT Hartford Sheltered



## 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.



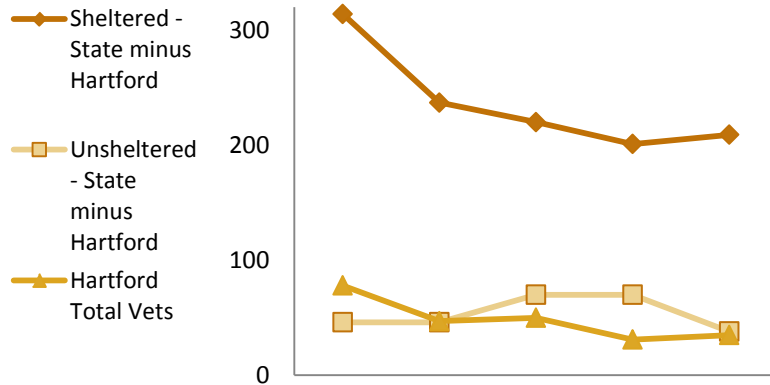
No Hartford families or unaccompanied children have been counted among the unsheltered since 2009. The 33 men and women in Hartford represent 5% of all unsheltered people in CT PIT 2015.

Whereas the State saw a 32% drop in unsheltered homelessness, Hartford’s numbers increased by 74%.

## Homeless Veterans

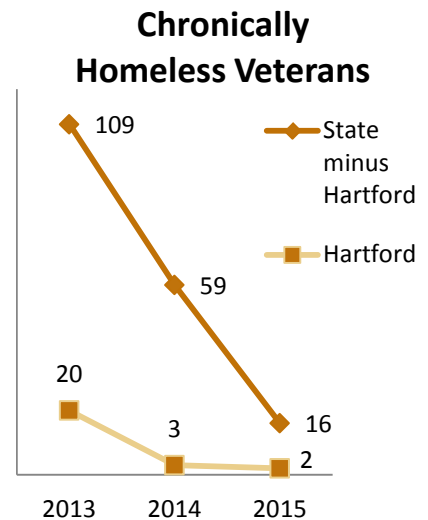
Thanks in part to a national commitment to end veteran homelessness, the number of Connecticut veterans experiencing homelessness has been trending down.

Hartford counted 35 veterans in CT PIT 2015, constituting 12% of the state’s homeless veterans and a 13% increase from Hartford’s CT PIT 2014 veterans. In the rest of the state, 7% fewer veterans were counted since last year.



Veterans	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Sheltered – State minus Hartford	314	237	220	201	209
Unsheltered – State minus Hartford	46	46	70	70	38
Hartford Sheltered	77	46	46	27	32
Hartford Unsheltered	1	1	4	4	3
Hartford Total Vets	78	47	50	31	35

Chronic homelessness among Connecticut veterans has dramatically declined. Two chronically homeless veterans were found in Hartford during CT PIT 2015.



## 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](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 targeting of those most in need of permanent supportive housing.

Eleven percent of the state’s chronically homeless adults were found in Hartford during this year’s PIT Count. This table illustrates how Hartford’s chronic homelessness figures compare to the rest of the state. Note that Hartford’s unsheltered and unsheltered chronic numbers have always been exceptionally low. In each of the 2011 and 2013 unsheltered counts, there were only six chronically homeless adults; there were 14 in *CT PIT 2015*.

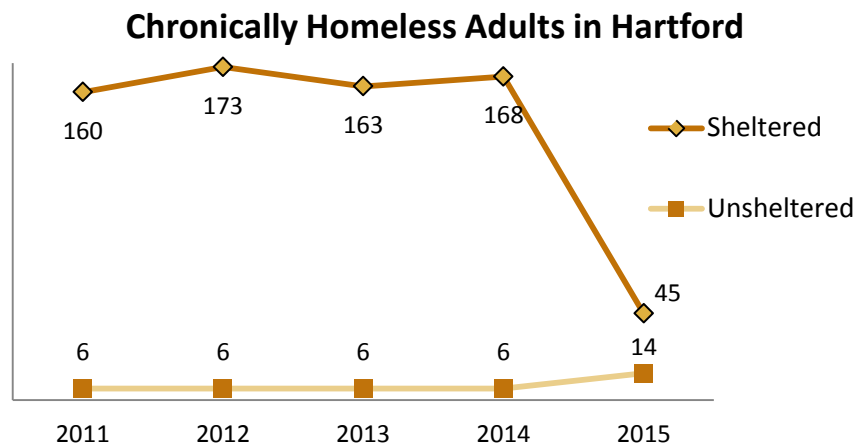
Like the state numbers for chronic homelessness, Hartford’s were relatively stable until this year’s sizable drop.

### 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%
State minus Hartford	212	2,014	11%	287	573	50%	499	2,587	19%
Hartford	45	600	8%	14	33	42%	59	633	9%

Total chronic homelessness in Hartford dropped 66% since last year.

In the rest of the state, the drop was 47%.



## 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 Hartford, for example, the number of people recording a serious mental illness declined by over two thirds (68%). The drop in adults reporting chronic substance abuse was even greater: 84%.

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, Hartford showed a 76% 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	600	67	11%	41	7%	11	2%	68	11%
Unsheltered	33	5	15%	15	45%	0	0%	6	18%
Total	633	72	11%	56	9%	11	2%	74	12%

\* 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 (600) as the denominator.

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