

Connecticut Counts 2015 – New Britain

On the night of February 18, 2015, New Britain counted 172 people experiencing homelessness, including 30 children. The larger populations are shaded in the table below.

CT PIT 2015 New Britain Sheltered and Unsheltered

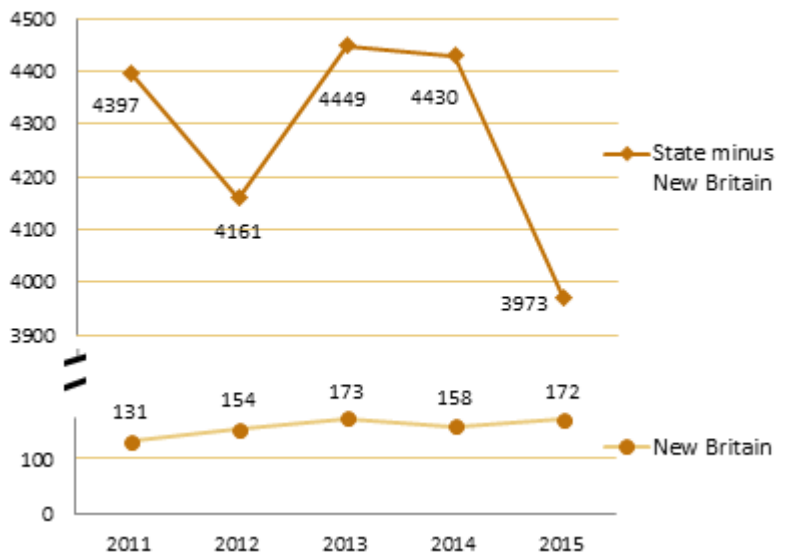
Population	# of Persons in New Britain	% of New Britain's Grand Total	# of Persons in New Britain	# of Persons in State	New Britain's Share of State #s
Adults in Families	19	11%	19	503	4%
Children in Families	30	17%	30	816	4%
Single Adults	123	72%	123	2,717	5%
Unaccompanied Children	0	0%	0	11	0%
Total	172	100%	172	4,047	4%

New Britain's total homeless count is 31% higher than in PIT 2011.

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

In New Britain, it rose by 9%.

New Britain Totals vs the Rest of the State

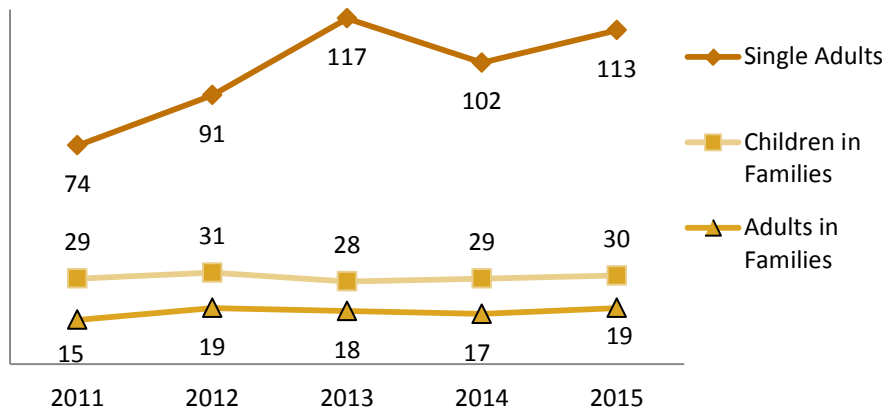


Sheltered Trends

The size of New Britain's sheltered population continues to trend upward.

It is 37% higher than in 2011, and 9% higher than last year.

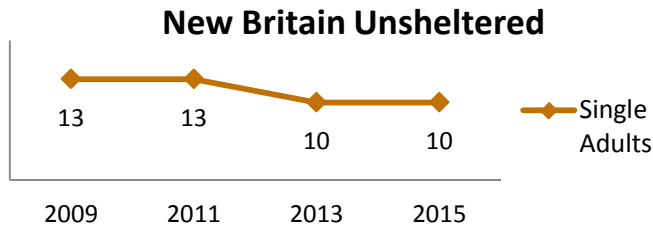
CT PIT New Britain Sheltered



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.

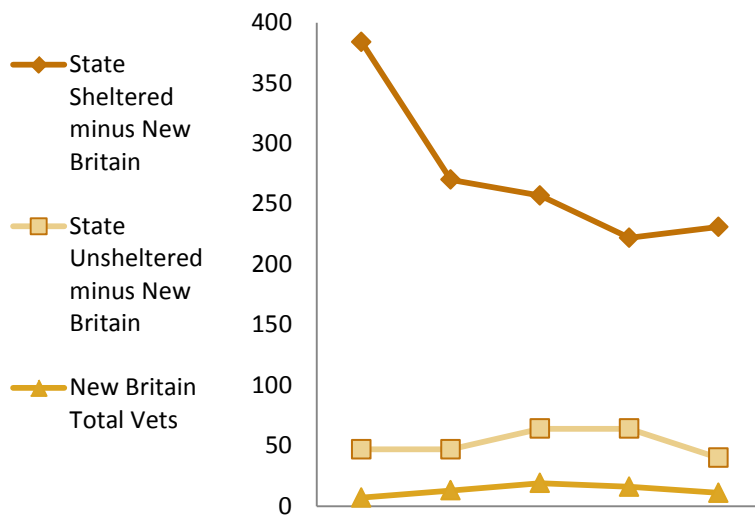


Since *CT PIT 2009*, no families have been counted in New Britain.

Homeless Veterans

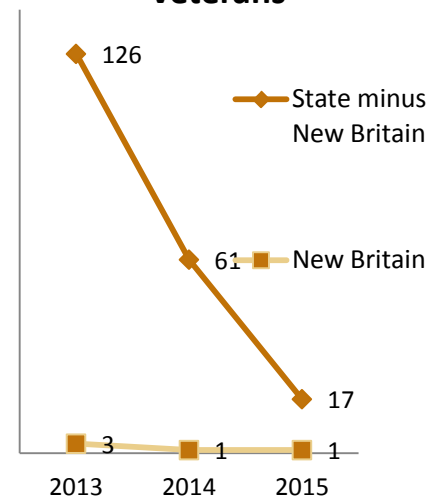
Thanks in part to a national commitment to end veteran homelessness, the number of Connecticut veterans experiencing homelessness has been trending down.

New Britain counted eleven veterans in *CT PIT 2015*, representing 4% of the state’s homeless veterans.



Chronic homelessness among veterans has dramatically declined. New Britain had one chronically homeless veteran in *CT PIT 2015*.

Chronically Homeless Veterans



Region and Population	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Sheltered - State minus New Britain	384	270	257	222	231
Unsheltered - State minus New Britain	47	47	64	64	40
New Britain Sheltered	7	13	9	6	10
New Britain Unsheltered	0	0	10	10	1
New Britain All Veterans	7	13	19	16	11

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.)

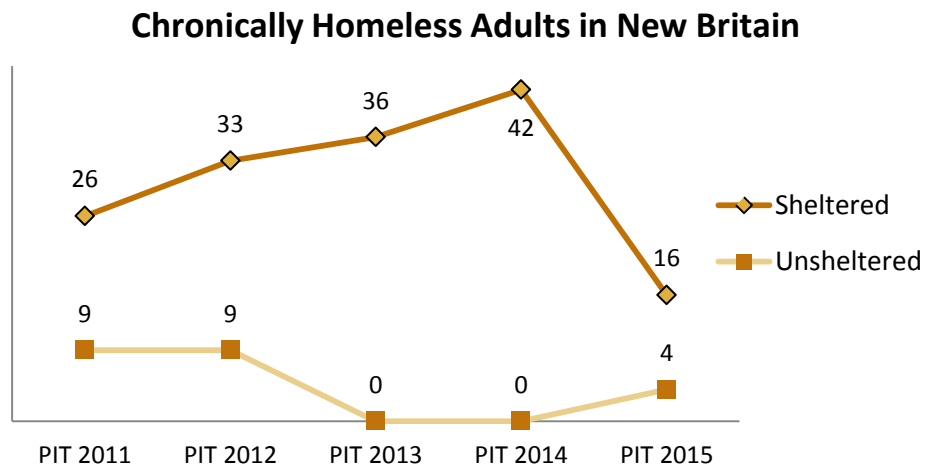
These new characteristics alone account for at least a 40% drop between last year’s chronic homelessness count and this year’s, making year-to-year comparisons problematic. The new measures do, however, lead to better estimates of those in need of long-term supportive services.

In *CT PIT 2015*, New Britain, like the state as a whole, saw a substantial drop in adults classified as chronically homeless.

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 New Britain	241	2,482	10%	297	596	50%	538	3,078	17%
New Britain	16	132	12%	4	10	40%	20	142	14%

Total chronic homelessness in New Britain dropped 52% since PIT 2014.

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 New Britain, for example, the number of people recording a serious mental illness declined by almost 56% since last year.

The drop in adults reporting chronic substance abuse was even greater: 81%.

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. New Britain’s number of homeless domestic violence survivors rose 3% from 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	21	16%	6	5%	1	1%	28	21%
Unsheltered	10	2	20%	4	40%	0	0%	2	20%
Total	142	23	16%	10	7%	1	1%	30	21%

* 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.