

Connecticut Counts 2015 – New Haven

On the night of February 18, 2015, New Haven counted 567 people experiencing homelessness, including 111 children. The larger populations are shaded in the table below.

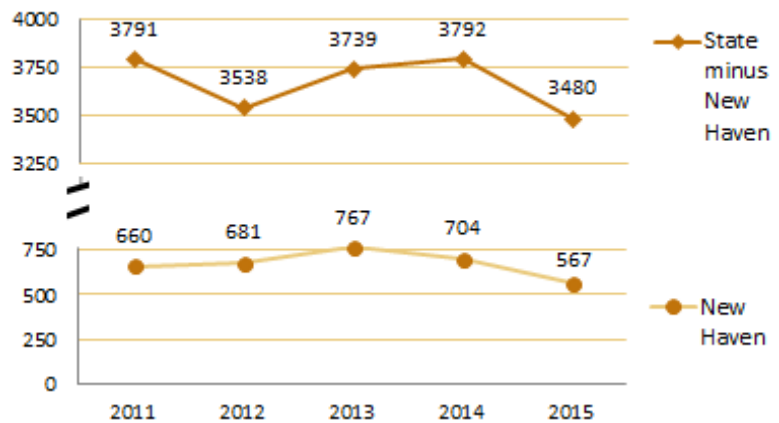
CT PIT 2015 New Haven Sheltered and Unsheltered

| Population | # of Persons in New Haven | % of New Haven's Total | # of Persons in New Haven | # of Persons in State | New Haven's Share of State #s |
|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Adults in Families | 81 | 14% | 81 | 503 | 16% |
| Children in Families | 111 | 20% | 111 | 816 | 14% |
| Single Adults | 375 | 66% | 375 | 2,717 | 14% |
| Unaccompanied Children | 0 | 0% | 0 | 11 | 0% |
| Total | 567 | 100% | 567 | 4,047 | 14% |

New Haven's total homeless count is 9% lower than in PIT 2011.

Since last year, total homelessness in the rest of the state fell 11%, in New Haven, 10%.

New Haven Totals vs the Rest of the State

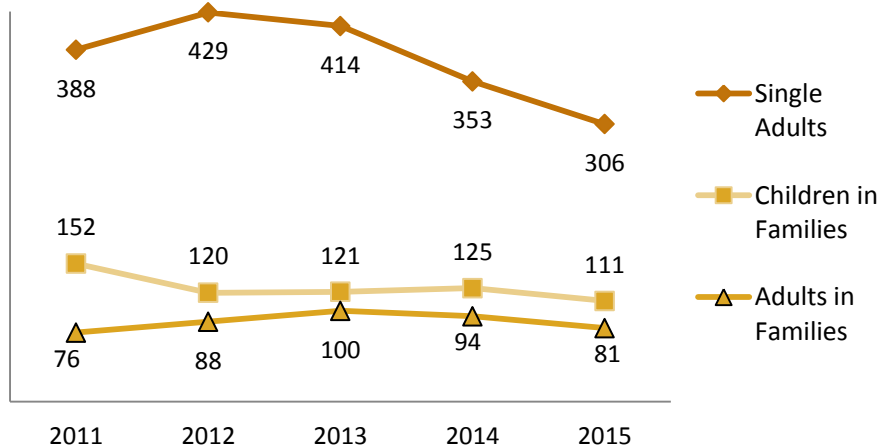


Sheltered Trends

The size of New Haven's sheltered population continues to trend downward.

It is 19% less than in 2011, and 13% less than last year.

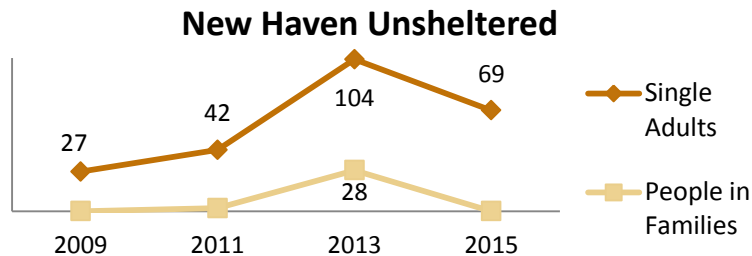
CT PIT New Haven Sheltered



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.

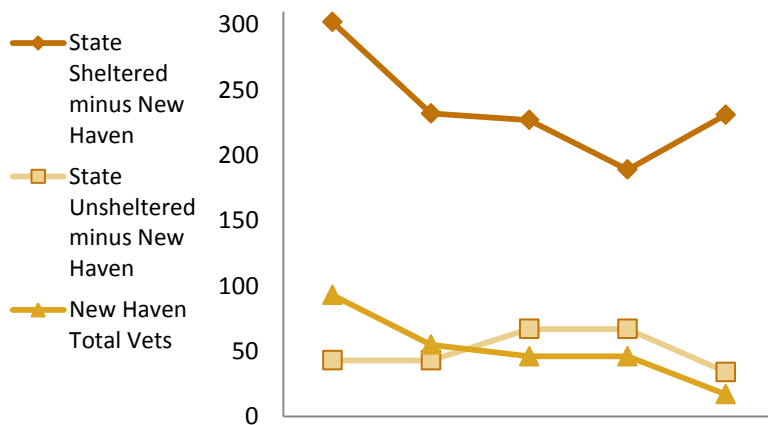


After rising for three successive PIT Counts, this year the number of men and women living in New Haven without shelter fell 48% from PIT 2013.

Homeless Veterans

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

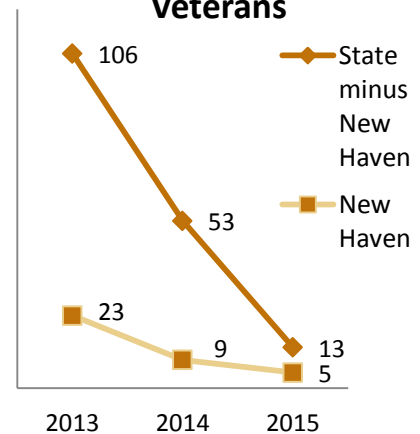
New Haven counted 17 veterans in *CT PIT 2015*, constituting 7% of the state’s homeless veterans, and a 63% drop since last year’s PIT count.



Chronic homelessness among veterans has dramatically declined. New Haven had five chronically homeless veterans in *CT PIT 2015*, 28% of those counted statewide.

| Region and Population | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
|-----------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| State Sheltered minus New Haven | 302 | 232 | 227 | 189 | 231 |
| State Unsheltered minus New Haven | 43 | 43 | 67 | 67 | 34 |
| New Haven Sheltered | 89 | 51 | 39 | 39 | 10 |
| New Haven Unsheltered | 4 | 4 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| Total New Haven Vets | 93 | 55 | 46 | 46 | 17 |

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.)

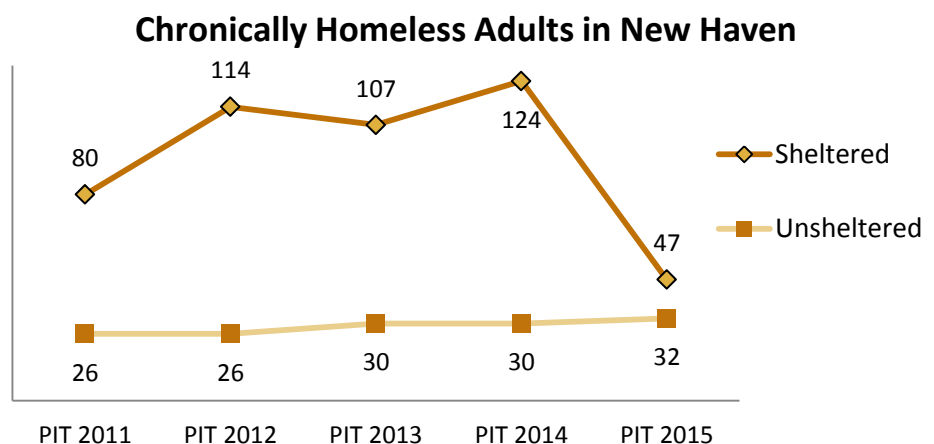
These new characteristics alone account for at least a 40% drop between last year’s chronic homelessness count and this year’s, making year-to-year comparisons problematic. The new measures do, however, lead to better estimates of those in need of long-term supportive services.

In *CT PIT 2015*, New Haven, 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 Haven | 210 | 2,227 | 9% | 269 | 537 | 50% | 479 | 2,764 | 17% |
| New Haven | 47 | 387 | 12% | 32 | 69 | 46% | 79 | 456 | 17% |

Total chronic homelessness in New Haven dropped 49% 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 Haven, for example, the number of people recording a serious mental illness declined by over two thirds since last year’s PIT Count, more than three times times greater than any previous decline from one year to the next. The drop in adults reporting chronic substance abuse was even greater: 89%.

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 Haven, however, did not follow this trend, showing a 12% decrease in this figure.

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 | 387 | 51 | 13% | 7 | 2% | 18 | 5% | 37 | 10% |
| Unsheltered | 69 | 16 | 23% | 25 | 36% | 0 | 0% | 8 | 12% |
| Total | 456 | 67 | 15% | 32 | 7% | 18 | 4% | 45 | 10% |

* 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 (387) as the denominator.

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