

# Connecticut Counts 2015 – Norwich/New London County

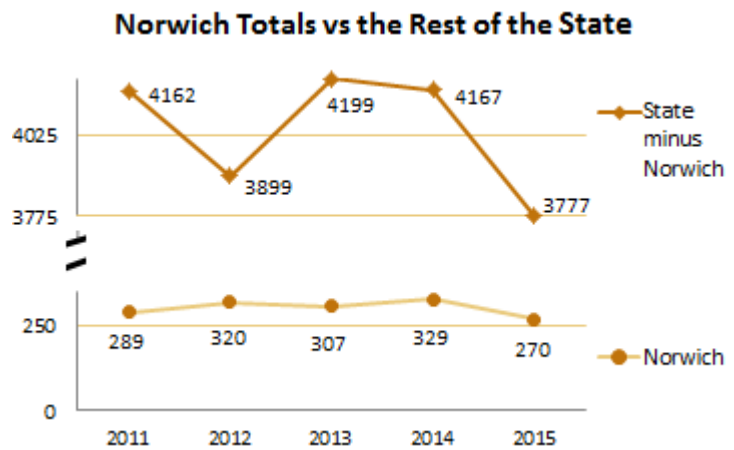
On the night of February 18, 2015, Norwich counted 270 people experiencing homelessness, including 67 children. The larger populations are shaded in the table below.

## CT PIT 2015 Norwich Sheltered and Unsheltered

Population	# of Persons in Norwich	% of Norwich's Grand Total	# of Persons in Norwich	# of Persons in State	Norwich's Share of State #s
Adults in Families	42	16%	42	503	8%
Children in Families	67	25%	67	816	8%
Single Adults	161	60%	161	2,717	6%
Unaccompanied Children	0	0%	0	11	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>4,047</b>	<b>7%</b>

Norwich's total homeless count is 7% lower than in PIT 2011.

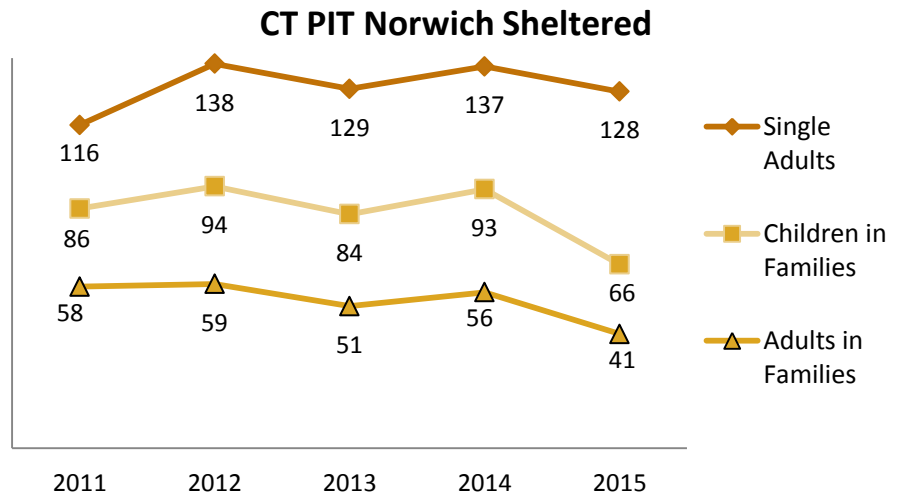
Since last year, total homelessness in the rest of the state fell 9%, in Norwich, 18%.



## Sheltered Trends

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

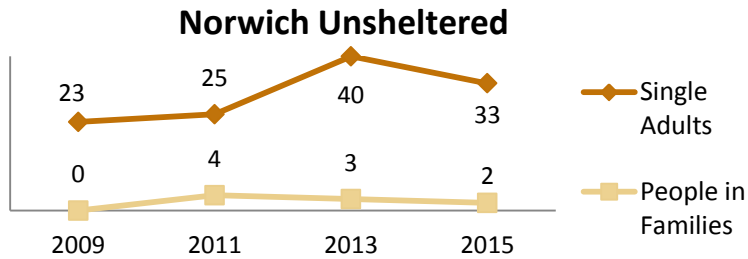
It is 10% less than in 2011, and 18% less than last year.



## 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.

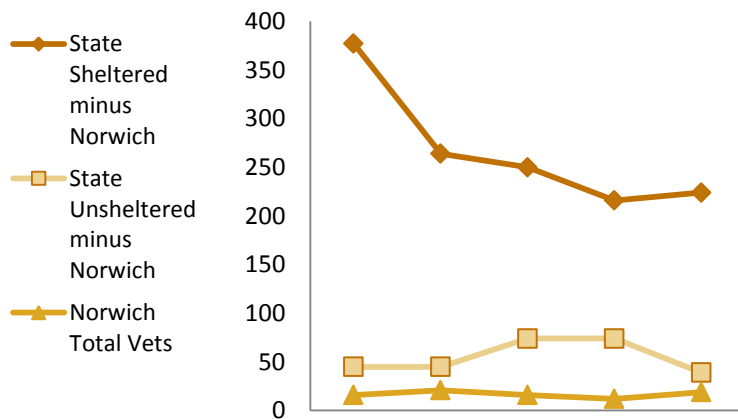


After rising for three successive PIT Counts, this year the number of men, women and children living in Norwich without shelter fell 19% from PIT 2013.

## Homeless Veterans

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

Norwich counted 19 veterans in *CT PIT 2015*, constituting 7% of the state’s homeless veterans, and its second-highest number since 2011.



Chronic homelessness among veterans has dramatically declined.

Norwich had one chronically homeless veteran in *CT PIT 2015*.

### Chronically Homeless Veterans



Region and Population	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
State Sheltered minus Norwich	377	264	250	216	224
State Unsheltered minus Norwich	45	45	74	74	39
Norwich Sheltered	14	19	16	12	17
Norwich Unsheltered	2	2	0	0	2
Norwich All Veterans	16	21	16	12	17

## 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.

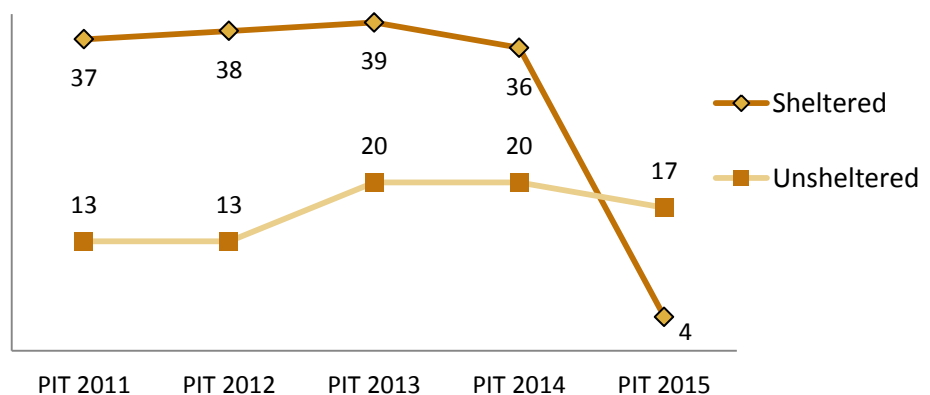
(For more information on federal data standard changes, please visit [www.cceh.org](http://www.cceh.org).)

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.

In *CT PIT 2015*, Norwich, like the state as a whole, saw a substantial drop in adults classified as chronically homeless. There were only four chronically homeless adults in shelter this year, but seventeen who were unsheltered. These 21 men and women comprised 4% of the state’s chronically homeless adults.

<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 Norwich	253	2,445	10%	284	572	50%	537	3,017	18%
Norwich	4	169	2%	17	34	50%	21	203	10%

**Chronically Homeless Adults in Norwich**



Total chronic homelessness in Norwich dropped 63% 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 Norwich, for example, the number of people recording a serious mental illness declined by 79%. 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, Norwich recorded a very modest increase of 3% 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	169	16	9%	9	5%	1	1%	59	35%
Unsheltered	34	7	21%	11	32%	0	0%	8	24%
Total	203	23	11%	20	10%	1	0.5%	67	33%

\* 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 (169) as the denominator.

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