

# Connecticut Counts 2015 – Norwalk

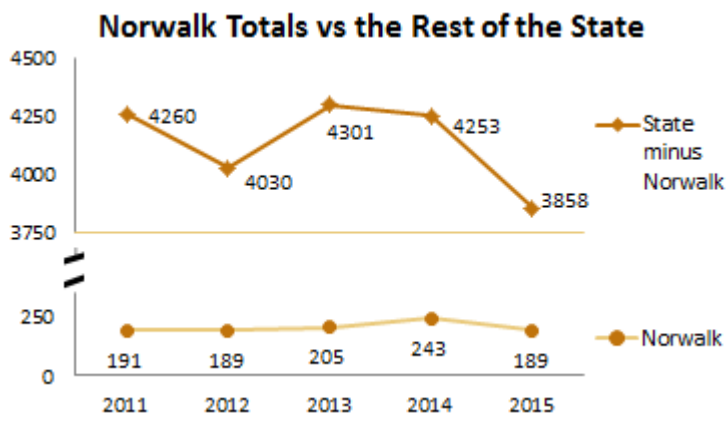
On the night of February 18, 2015, Norwalk counted 189 people experiencing homelessness, including 30 children. The larger populations are shaded in the table below.

## CT PIT 2015 Norwalk Sheltered and Unsheltered

Population	# of Persons in Norwalk	% of Norwalk's Grand Total	# of Persons in Norwalk	# of Persons in State	Norwalk's Share of State #s
Adults in Families	17	9%	17	503	3%
Children in Families	30	16%	30	816	4%
Single Adults	142	75%	142	2,717	5%
Unaccompanied Children	0	0%	0	11	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>4,047</b>	<b>5%</b>

Since 2011, the total number of people experiencing homelessness in Norwalk has declined 1%.

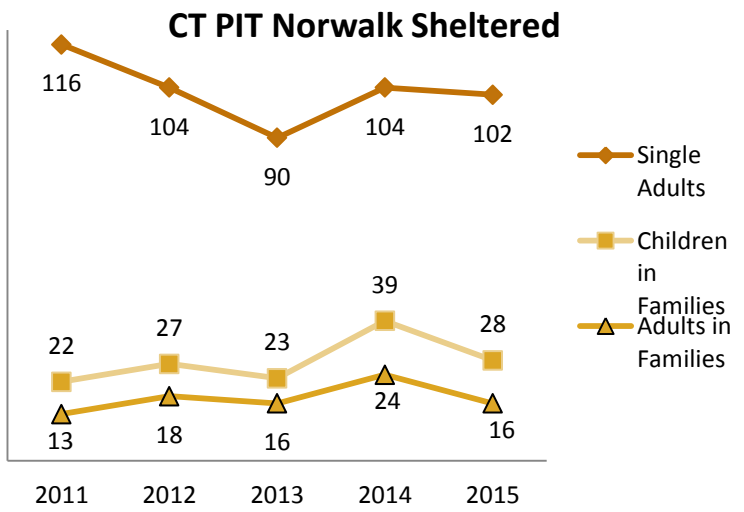
Since last year, total homelessness in the rest of the state fell 9%, in Norwalk 22%.



## Sheltered Trends

This year's total number of sheltered clients in Norwalk (146) is almost the same as in 2011 (151).

It is, however, 13% lower than last year's PIT Count.

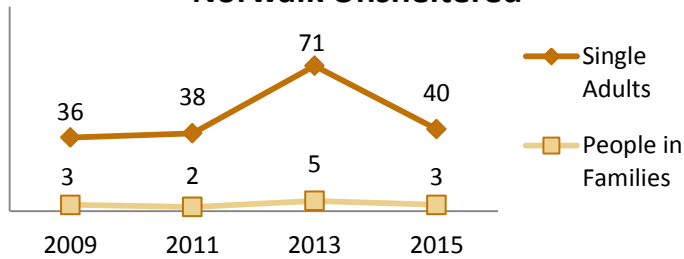


## Unsheltered Trends

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.

**Norwalk Unsheltered**

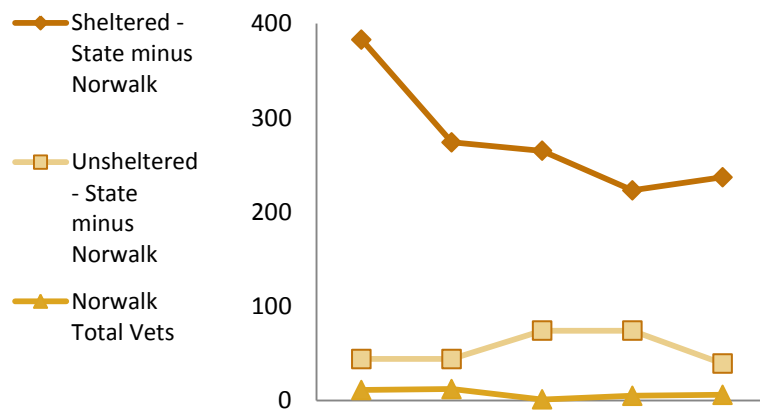


Most of this year’s drop in Norwalk’s homeless count was due to the decrease in the number of unsheltered single adults, which was unusually high two years ago.

## Homeless Veterans

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

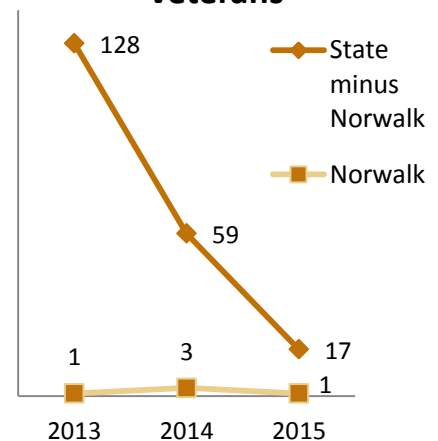
Norwalk counted six veterans in *CT PIT 2015*, comprising 2% of the state’s homeless veterans.



Chronic homelessness among veterans has dramatically declined.

Norwalk had one chronically homeless veteran this year.

**Chronically Homeless Veterans**



Region and Population	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Sheltered Vets - State minus Norwalk	383	274	265	223	237
Unsheltered Vets - State minus Norwalk	44	44	74	74	39
Norwalk Sheltered Vets	8	9	1	5	4
Norwalk Unsheltered Vets	3	3	0	0	2
Norwalk Total Vets	11	12	1	6	6

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

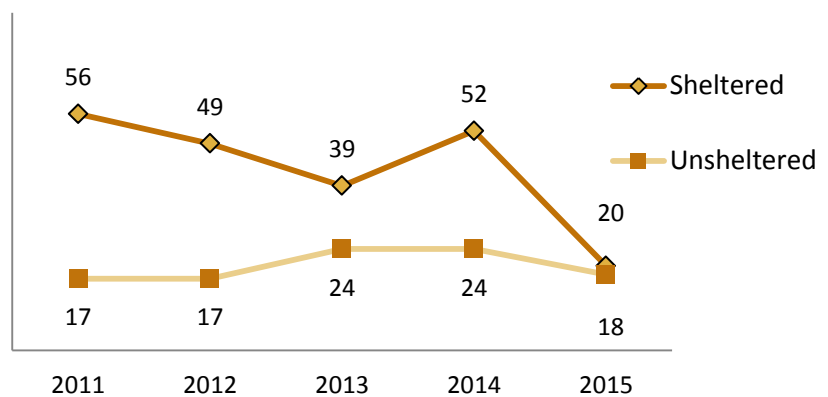
Seven percent of the state’s chronically homeless adults were found in Norwalk during this year’s PIT Count. This table illustrates how Norwalk’s chronic homelessness figures compare to the rest of the state.

### 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 Norwalk	237	2,496	9%	283	565	50%	520	3,061	17%
Norwalk	20	118	17%	18	41	44%	38	159	24%

Total chronic homelessness in Norwalk and in the state each dropped 50% since *CT PIT 2014*

### Chronically Homeless Adults in Norwalk



## 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 Norwalk, for example, the number of people recording a serious mental illness declined by 79% from last year. The drop was almost as great for adults reporting chronic substance abuse: 74%.

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 statewide decline in *CT PIT 2015* found in counts for severe and long-lasting disabilities. Nevertheless, Norwalk showed a 57% decrease 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	118	8	7%	9	8%	1	1%	7	6%
Unsheltered	41	9	22%	15	37%	0	0%	8	20%
Total	159	17	11%	24	15%	1	1%	15	9%

\* 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 (118) as the denominator.

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