On the night of January 26, Fairfield County counted 895 people experiencing homelessness, 223 of them children.

Connecticut also counted 8 unaccompanied children, 7 in the Fairfield County Continuum of Care (which does not include Danbury).

Source: CT PIT 2016

The 7.5% statewide increase in this year’s unsheltered count is mainly due to temperatures about 20° higher than last year. Even so, the state’s count of all people experiencing homelessness was 3.4% lower this year.

Zero 2016
Since last year’s PIT Count, Connecticut reached functional zero* for veterans, including chronically homeless (CH) vets. We hope to reach the same goal for all chronically homeless people by the end of 2016.

* What does functional zero mean? It means having the systems and resources in place so that when people in the target population (veterans, chronically homeless) are identified, they can be rehoused quickly. It does not mean that no veteran will ever experience homelessness again, or that no one will ever again become chronically homeless.
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 using this information about health and safety needs, more targeted interventions that allow a focus on well-being in addition to housing can be developed.

Homeless Adults in the Fairfield County with Health or Safety Issues

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Housing Inventory in Fairfield County, by Program and Household Type

- **Family Beds**
  - Emergency Shelter (year-round beds): 300
  - Transitional Housing: 136
  - Permanent Supportive Housing: 950

- **Beds for Adults without Children**
  - Emergency Shelter (year-round beds): 260
  - Transitional Housing: 109
  - Permanent Supportive Housing: 535

What is CCEH?

The Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness, in partnership with members and communities throughout the state, creates change through leadership, advocacy, and building the capacity of members and the field to respond to environmental challenges. Our collective mission is to prevent and end homelessness in Connecticut.

Please visit [www.cceh.org](http://www.cceh.org) for more information about CT PIT 2016 and Zero 2016.