

2015 WeALLCount

Data & Results: Unaccompanied Youth Count

Homelessness IS Solvable.

The Regional Task Force on the Homeless is at the forefront of our region's efforts to ensure that we have sustainable and effective solutions for addressing homelessness. Data from the WeALLCount Campaign is an essential tool in these efforts.

The count results in approximately \$16 Million in federal funding (HUD) for local homeless services. These organizations provide services for the thousands of individuals and families who experience homelessness annually in our region. The 2015 WeALLCount included a separate Youth Count to examine the specific context of youth homelessness.

GENERAL HOMELESS SUMMARY - POINT-IN-TIME COUNT

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>
Total Homeless	8,506	8,742	+2.8%
Unsheltered	3,985	4,156	+4.3%
Sheltered	4,521	4,586	+1.4%



UNACCOMPANIED HOMELESS YOUTH SUMMARY-POINT-IN-TIME COUNT*

	<u>UNDER 18</u>	<u>18-25</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Total Homeless Youth	59	566	625
Sheltered	29	244	273
Unsheltered	30	322	352
Male	17	263	280
Mental Health/Substance Abuse	13	135	148
Have College Experience	0	104	104
Former Foster Care	13	139	152

*Unsheltered estimates are extrapolated from a sample of 814 general surveys and 44 youth surveys.

SUMMARY: 211 CALLS FROM AT-RISK YOUTH (JAN 22-JAN 28, 2015)*

	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
Youth Calls	259	40%**
Under age 20	197	76%
Age 20-24	62	24%
Homeless (Self-Reported)	21	8%
Female	194	75%
Basic Needs	160	36%
Housing Needs	76	17%



*Total of 259 youth calls indicated 445 needs, which included food; housing and shelter; material goods; transportation; and utility assistance.

**% of total calls

County office of Education reports having served over 20,000 homeless youth in 2014, and utilizes a broader definition of homelessness among youth.

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