

Analysis of National and Local Homelessness Data
Derived from Point-in-Time (PIT) Count Data and the Annual Homeless Assessment Report Data

Reporting Timeframe

National statistics: 10/01/2014 - 9/30/2015

Local statistics: 10/01/2015 - 9/30/2016

Point In Time Count Data	National		Columbus	
	Total	% PIT change	Total	% PIT change (1/15-1/16)
Total homeless	564,708	-2%	1,724	0.2%
Sheltered homeless	69%	-2%	80%	-9%
Unsheltered homeless	31%	-1%	20%	71%

Nationwide the point in time count of homeless individuals decreased, but in Columbus the number increased. However, the unsheltered homeless population is lower, proportionally, than the national ratio.

SHELTERED HOMELESSNESS (shelter and transitional housing)

AHAR Data (all people)	National (10/1/2014 - 9/30/2015)		Columbus (10/1/2015 - 9/30/2016)	
	Total	% change	Total	% change
Total homeless	1,484,576	-0.3%	10,924	4%

Nationwide the annual number of homeless individuals slightly decreased, while in Columbus the number increased. The sheltered number includes individuals in emergency shelters and transitional housing.

Emergency Shelter only	National	Urban	Columbus
All Adults	% of total	% of total	% of total
Men	62%	64%	58%
Women	38%	36%	42%

Columbus serves proportionally more homeless women than the national statistic.

All People	% of total	% of total	% of total
Under age 18	22%	21%	28%
Age 18-30	22%	22%	25%
Age 31-50	34%	35%	33%
Age 51-61	17%	18%	13%
Over age 62	4%	5%	2%

Columbus serves proportionally more homeless children and young adults than the national statistic.

All People	% of total	% of total	% of total
Hispanic	17%	18%	4%
Non-Hispanic	83%	82%	96%

White, Non-Hispanic	38%	34%	28%
White, Hispanic	11%	12%	2%
African American	41%	45%	62%
Other One Race	5%	5%	1%
Multiple Races	5%	4%	8%

Columbus serves proportionally less hispanics and more african americans than the national statistic.

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All People	% of total	% of total	% of total
Household size = 1	65%	67%	56%
Household size = 2	9%	8%	7%
Household size = 3	10%	9%	12%
Household size = 4	8%	7%	10%
Household size > 4	9%	9%	15%

Columbus serves proportionally less single adults and more large families than the national statistic.

All Adults	% of total	% of total	% of total
Disabled adults	41%	39%	47%
Non-disabled adults	59%	61%	53%

Columbus serves proportionally a higher number of disabled individuals than the national statistic.

Sheltered Homelessness - Living Situation Before Entering Shelter

	National	Columbus
All Adults	% of total	% of total
Already Homeless	41%	47%

Housing	National	Columbus
Staying with family	42%	41%
Staying with friends	33%	46%
Rented	23%	11%
Owned	2%	1%
PSH	1%	1%

Institutional Settings	National	Columbus
Substance Abuse	24%	8%
Correctional facility	42%	27%
Hospital	18%	54%
Psychiatric facility	16%	11%

Other	National	Columbus
Hotel/motel	52%	90%
Foster care	3%	1%
Other	45%	9%

Columbus serves proportionally more homeless adults entering emergency shelter already homeless and less becoming homeless at exit from an institution than the national statistic.

Sheltered Homelessness - Length of Stay

	National	Columbus
All People	% of total	% of total
< 8 days	28%	22%
8-30 days	26%	36%
31-180 days	35%	42%
181-360 days	6%	1%
361-365	5%	0%

A homeless episode ends in less than 30 days for 57% of the Columbus' homeless population, compared to 54% nationwide.

Sheltered Homelessness - Bed Use (# of Shelter Nights)

All People	National	Columbus
Median	27	25
Average	68	40

On average, a homeless episode ends in 40 days for the Columbus' homeless population and 68 days nationwide.

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ADULTS IN SHELTER AS INDIVIDUALS

Emergency Shelter only	National	Urban	Columbus
All Adults	% of total	% of total	% of total
Men	70%	71%	69%
Women	30%	29%	31%

Columbus serves proportionally slightly more single adult women than the national statistic.

Under age 18	2%	2%	0%
Age 18-30	24%	23%	27%
Age 31-50	43%	43%	47%
Age 51-61	25%	26%	22%
Over age 62	6%	7%	4%

Columbus serves proportionally more younger single adults than the national statistic.

Hispanic	13%	14%	3%
Non-Hispanic	87%	86%	97%

White, Non-Hispanic	46%	43%	35%
White, Hispanic	9%	9%	1%
African American	37%	40%	57%
Other One Race	5%	5%	1%
Multiple Races	4%	3%	5%

Columbus serves proportionally less hispanics and more african american single adults than the national statistic.

All Adults	% of total	% of total	% of total
Disabled adults	45%	43%	52%
Non-disabled adults	55%	58%	48%

Columbus serves proportionally a higher number of disabled single adults than the national statistic.

Adults in Shelter as Individuals - Living Situation Before Entering Shelter

	National	Columbus
All Adults	% of total	% of total
Already Homeless	42%	51%

Housing	National	Columbus
Staying with family	42%	37%
Staying with friends	35%	52%
Rented	21%	9%
Owned	2%	1%
PSH	1%	1%

Institutional Settings	National	Columbus
Substance Abuse	24%	8%
Correctional facility	42%	28%
Hospital	18%	53%
Psychiatric facility	16%	11%

Other	National	Columbus
Hotel/motel	46%	85%
Foster care	4%	1%
Other	50%	14%

Columbus serves proportionally more homeless adults entering emergency shelter already homeless but less homeless individuals exiting an institution than the national statistic.

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Adults in Shelter as Individuals - Length of Stay

	National	Columbus
All Adults	% of total	% of total
< 8 days	33%	27%
8-30 days	27%	29%
31-180 days	32%	42%
181-360 days	5%	2%
361-365	3%	0%

A homeless episode ends in less than 30 days for 56% of the Columbus' homeless single adults compared to 60% nationwide.

Sheltered Homelessness - Bed Use (# of Shelter Nights)

	National	Columbus
Median	22	25
Average	56	42

On average, a homeless episode ends in 42 days for the Columbus' homeless single adults and 56 days nationwide.

HOMELESS FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Emergency Shelter only

	National	Urban	Columbus
All Adults	% of total	% of total	% of total
Men	22%	23%	23%
Women	78%	78%	77%

Columbus serves proportionally the same level of adult women in families as the national statistic.

All People	% of total	% of total	% of total
Under age 18	61%	61%	62%
Age 18-30	20%	21%	21%
Age 31-50	17%	17%	15%
Age 51-61	1%	2%	1%
Over age 62	0%	0%	0%

Columbus serves proportionally similar demographics in families as the national statistic.

All People	% of total	% of total	% of total
Hispanic	25%	27%	4%
Non-Hispanic	75%	73%	96%

White, Non-Hispanic	22%	16%	18%
White, Hispanic	16%	15%	2%
African American	50%	58%	68%
Other One Race	5%	5%	1%
Multiple Races	7%	6%	11%

Columbus serves proportionally less hispanics and more african americans in families than the national statistic.

All People	% of total	% of total	% of total
Household size = 2	23%	23%	16%
Household size = 3	28%	28%	27%
Household size = 4	23%	23%	23%
Household size > 4	26%	27%	34%

Columbus serves proportionally more large families than the national statistic.

All Adults	% of total	% of total	% of total
Disabled adults	21%	19%	29%
Non-disabled adults	79%	81%	71%

Columbus serves proportionally a higher number of disabled individuals in families than the national statistic.

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Homeless Families with Children - Living Situation Before Entering Shelter

	National	Columbus
All Adults	% of total	% of total
Already Homeless	33%	30%

Housing	57%	57%
Staying with family	44%	51%
Staying with friends	26%	34%
Rented	29%	14%
Owned	2%	1%
PSH	0%	1%

Institutional Settings	2%	1%
Substance Abuse	51%	0%
Correctional facility	28%	17%
Hospital	18%	78%
Psychiatric facility	4%	6%

Other	9%	12%
Hotel/motel	79%	97%
Foster care	1%	0%
Other	20%	3%

Overall, the "already homeless" category increased from 9% last year to 30% this year. This significant change may be attributable to a change in the coordinated point of access provider. We will continue to monitor this rate.

Homeless Families with Children - Length of Stay

	National	Columbus
All People	% of total	% of total
< 8 days	16%	16%
8-30 days	25%	43%
31-180 days	42%	41%
181-360 days	9%	0%
361-365	9%	0%

A homeless episode ends in less than 30 days for 59% of the Columbus' homeless families, compared to 41% nationwide.

Sheltered Homelessness - Bed Use (# of Shelter Nights)

All People	National	Columbus
Median	47	25
Average	94	28

On average, a homeless episode ends in 28 days for the Columbus' homeless families and 94 days nationwide.

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PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING (PSH)

PSH	National	Columbus
All People	Total	Total
Total	347,776	2,633
Individuals	65%	81%
People in Families	35%	19%

Columbus serves proportionally significantly more single adults in PSH than the national statistic.

	National	Urban	Columbus
All Adults	% of total	% of total	% of total
Men	55%	57%	64%
Women	45%	44%	36%

Columbus serves proportionally more homeless men in PSH than the national statistic.

All People	% of total	% of total	% of total
Under age 18	21%	19%	12%
Age 25-30	13%	12%	10%
Age 31-50	32%	31%	37%
Age 51-61	27%	29%	36%
Over age 62	8%	8%	5%

Columbus serves proportionally more older adults and fewer children than the national statistic.

All People	% of total	% of total	% of total
Hispanic	12%	12%	2%
Non-Hispanic	89%	88%	98%

White, Non-Hispanic	38%	32%	31%
White, Hispanic	9%	9%	1%
African American	46%	52%	61%
Other One Race	3%	3%	1%
Multiple Races	4%	4%	6%

Columbus serves proportionally less hispanics and more african americans than the national statistic.

All People	% of total	% of total	% of total
Household size = 1	60%	63%	80%
Household size = 2	11%	10%	5%
Household size = 3	11%	10%	6%
Household size = 4	9%	8%	5%
Household size > 4	10%	9%	4%

Columbus serves proportionally more single adults than families, compared to the national statistic.

All Adults	% of total	% of total	% of total
Disabled adults	82%	82%	93%

Columbus serves proportionally a higher number of disabled single adults than the national statistic, per federal requirements.

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Places Adults in PSH Stayed before Entering PSH

	National	Columbus
All Adults	% of total	% of total
Homeless	79%	90%

Housing	14%	8%
Staying with family	33%	6%
Staying with friends	20%	6%
Rented	31%	8%
Owned	2%	0%
PSH	14%	81%

Institutional Settings	4%	2%
Substance Abuse	54%	39%
Correctional facility	12%	6%
Hospital	12%	33%
Psychiatric facility	22%	22%

Other	3%	0%
Hotel/motel	38%	11%
Foster care	7%	0%
Other	55%	89%

Columbus serves proportionally significantly more adults entering PSH as homeless, in compliance with federal requirements.

PSH - Length of Stay

	National	Columbus
All People	% of total	% of total
< 1 year	24%	26%
1-2 years	19%	23%
2-5 years	32%	29%
> 5 years	25%	21%

A PSH stay ends in less than 2 years for 49% of the Columbus' PSH residents, compared to 43% nationwide.

PSH - Destination at Move-Out

	National	Columbus
All People	% of total	% of total
Homeless	6%	12%

Housing	66%	64%
Staying with family	21%	21%
Staying with friends	9%	6%
Rented	61%	59%
Owned	2%	2%
Other PSH	7%	12%

Institutional Settings	7%	3%
Substance Abuse	18%	12%
Correctional facility	57%	65%
Hospital	14%	18%
Psychiatric facility	11%	6%

Other	22%	21%
Hotel/motel	3%	11%
Foster care	2%	2%
Other	23%	18%
Deceased	25%	34%
Missing Destination	47%	36%

Among those who exit, a higher ratio of Columbus' PSH residents exit to homelessness than the national statistic.