

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 and Urban statistics: 10/01/2015 - 9/30/2016

Local statistics: 10/01/2016 - 9/30/2017

Point In Time Count Data	National		Columbus	
	Total	% PIT change	Total	% PIT change (1/16-1/17)
Total homeless	549,928	-2.6%	1,691	-1.9%
Sheltered homeless	68%	-4.6%	80%	-2%
Unsheltered homeless	32%	1.8%	20%	0.3%

Both nationwide and in Columbus, the point in time count of homeless individuals decreased.

In Columbus, the unsheltered homeless population is proportionally lower than the national statistic.

SHELTERED HOMELESSNESS (shelter and transitional housing)

AHAR Data (all people)	National (10/1/2015 - 9/30/2016)		Columbus (10/1/2016 - 9/30/2017)	
	Total	% change	Total	% change
Total homeless	1,421,196	-4.3%	9,511	-13%

Nationwide the annual number of homeless individuals decreased. In Columbus the number also decreased. 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	63%	65%	58%
Women	37%	35%	42%

Columbus serves proportionally more homeless women than the national statistic.

All People	% of total	% of total	% of total
Under age 18	22%	21%	26%
Age 18-30	22%	22%	24%
Age 31-50	33%	34%	33%
Age 51-61	18%	18%	14%
Over age 62	5%	5%	3%

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	37%	34%	28%
White, Hispanic	11%	12%	1%
African American	43%	46%	63%
Other One Race	4%	4%	1%
Multiple Races	5%	4%	7%

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

All People	% of total	% of total	% of total
Household size = 1	65%	67%	58%
Household size = 2	8%	8%	6%
Household size = 3	10%	9%	11%
Household size = 4	8%	7%	9%
Household size > 4	9%	9%	16%

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

All Adults	% of total	% of total	% of total
Disabled adults	43%	42%	47%
Non-disabled adults	57%	58%	53%

Columbus serves proportionally more disabled individuals than the national statistic.

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Sheltered Homelessness - Living Situation Before Entering Shelter

	National	Columbus
All Adults	% of total	% of total
Already Homeless	42%	56%
Housing	39%	32%
Staying with family	44%	39%
Staying with friends	32%	51%
Rented	21%	9%
Owned	2%	1%
PSH	1%	0%
Institutional Settings	12%	7%
Substance Abuse	23%	9%
Correctional facility	41%	25%
Hospital	21%	50%
Psychiatric facility	15%	16%
Other	7%	5%
Hotel/motel	61%	93%
Foster care	4%	0%
Other	35%	7%

Columbus serves proportionally more homeless adults entering emergency shelter already homeless and fewer becoming homeless at exit from an institution than the national statistic. Since last year, the rate of "Already Homeless" increased by 9 percentage points while the "Housing" rate decreased by the same amount.

Sheltered Homelessness - Length of Stay

	National	Columbus
All People	% of total	% of total
< 8 days	28%	23%
8-30 days	25%	27%
31-180 days	37%	48%
181-360 days	7%	2%
361-365	3%	0%

A homeless episode ends in less than 30 days for 50% of the Columbus' homeless population, compared to 53% nationwide. The rate decreased by 7 percentage points since last year.

Sheltered Homelessness - Bed Use (# of Shelter Nights)

All People	National	Columbus
Median	27	38
Average	63	51

On average, a homeless episode ends in 51 days for the Columbus' homeless population and 63 days nationwide. This represents an 11 day increase since last year.

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ADULTS IN SHELTER AS INDIVIDUALS

Emergency Shelter only	National	Urban	Columbus
All Adults	% of total	% of total	% of total
Men	71%	72%	67%
Women	29%	28%	33%

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

Under age 18	3%	2%	0%
Age 18-30	23%	23%	27%
Age 31-50	41%	42%	44%
Age 51-61	26%	26%	24%
Over age 62	7%	7%	5%

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

Hispanic	12%	13%	3%
Non-Hispanic	88%	87%	97%

White, Non-Hispanic	45%	43%	35%
White, Hispanic	9%	9%	2%
African American	38%	40%	57%
Other One Race	4%	4%	1%
Multiple Races	4%	4%	5%

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

All Adults	% of total	% of total	% of total
Disabled adults	47%	46%	53%
Non-disabled adults	53%	54%	47%

Columbus serves proportionally more 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	44%	57%

Housing	National	Columbus
Staying with family	43%	36%
Staying with friends	34%	55%
Rented	20%	8%
Owned	2%	1%
PSH	1%	0%

Institutional Settings	National	Columbus
Substance Abuse	23%	10%
Correctional facility	41%	25%
Hospital	21%	49%
Psychiatric facility	15%	16%

Other	National	Columbus
Hotel/motel	55%	90%
Foster care	5%	1%
Other	40%	9%

Columbus serves proportionally more homeless adults entering emergency shelter already homeless but fewer homeless individuals exiting an institution than the national statistic. The "Already Homeless" rate increased by 6 percentage points since last year.

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Adults in Shelter as Individuals - Length of Stay

	National	Columbus
All Adults	% of total	% of total
< 8 days	34%	26%
8-30 days	26%	25%
31-180 days	33%	46%
181-360 days	5%	3%
361-365	2%	0%

A homeless episode ends in less than 30 days for 51% of the Columbus' homeless single adults compared to 60% nationwide. This represents a decrease of 5 percentage points since last year.

Sheltered Homelessness - Bed Use (# of Shelter Nights)

	National	Columbus
Median	21	34
Average	50	54

On average, a homeless episode ends in 54 days for the Columbus' homeless single adults and 50 days nationwide. This represents an increase of 12 days since last year.

HOMELESS FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Emergency Shelter only	National	Urban	Columbus
All Adults	% of total	% of total	% of total
Men	22%	22%	25%
Women	78%	78%	75%

Columbus serves proportionally slightly fewer 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%	20%	20%
Age 31-50	18%	17%	17%
Age 51-61	1%	1%	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%	28%	4%
Non-Hispanic	75%	72%	96%

White, Non-Hispanic	22%	16%	17%
White, Hispanic	16%	17%	1%
African American	52%	58%	71%
Other One Race	4%	4%	1%
Multiple Races	6%	5%	10%

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

All People	% of total	% of total	% of total
Household size = 2	22%	22%	14%
Household size = 3	28%	28%	26%
Household size = 4	23%	23%	22%
Household size > 4	27%	27%	38%

Columbus serves proportionally more large families than the national statistic and at an increasing rate.

All Adults	% of total	% of total	% of total
Disabled adults	22%	20%	27%
Non-disabled adults	78%	80%	73%

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%	53%

Housing	57%	38%
Staying with family	48%	48%
Staying with friends	25%	40%
Rented	25%	11%
Owned	2%	1%
PSH	0%	0%

Institutional Settings	2%	1%
Substance Abuse	58%	0%
Correctional facility	23%	11%
Hospital	17%	89%
Psychiatric facility	2%	0%

Other	8%	8%
Hotel/motel	84%	98%
Foster care	1%	0%
Other	15%	2%

Overall, the "already homeless" category continued to increase, from 9% two years ago to 30% last year and to 53% this year. This is a significant and very concerning increase.

Homeless Families with Children - Length of Stay

	National	Columbus
All People	% of total	% of total
< 8 days	16%	12%
8-30 days	23%	32%
31-180 days	44%	56%
181-360 days	11%	0%
361-365	6%	0%

A homeless episode ends in less than 30 days for 44% of the Columbus' homeless families, compared to 39% nationwide. This represents a decrease of 15 percentage points since last year.

Sheltered Homelessness - Bed Use (# of Shelter Nights)

All People	National	Columbus
Median	49	41
Average	91	46

On average, a homeless episode ends in 46 days for the Columbus' homeless families and 91 days nationwide. This represents an increase of 18 days since last year.

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PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING (PSH)

PSH	National	Columbus
All People	Total	Total
Total	370,415	2,632
Individuals	66%	79%
People in Families	34%	21%

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	56%	58%	63%
Women	44%	42%	37%

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

All People	% of total	% of total	% of total
Under age 18	20%	18%	13%
Age 18-30	12%	12%	9%
Age 31-50	31%	31%	35%
Age 51-61	29%	30%	37%
Over age 62	8%	9%	6%

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	88%	88%	98%

White, Non-Hispanic	37%	31%	30%
White, Hispanic	9%	9%	1%
African American	47%	53%	62%
Other One Race	3%	3%	1%
Multiple Races	4%	4%	6%

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

All People	% of total	% of total	% of total
Household size = 1	61%	65%	77%
Household size = 2	11%	10%	5%
Household size = 3	10%	9%	8%
Household size = 4	8%	7%	6%
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	87%	87%	98%

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	80%	92%
Housing	14%	6%
Staying with family	32%	7%
Staying with friends	19%	5%
Rented	32%	9%
Owned	2%	0%
PSH	15%	79%
Institutional Settings	4%	1%
Substance Abuse	55%	41%
Correctional facility	11%	3%
Hospital	14%	35%
Psychiatric facility	20%	21%
Other	2%	1%
Hotel/motel	41%	17%
Foster care	9%	0%
Other	50%	83%

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	23%	20%
1-2 years	18%	22%
2-5 years	32%	34%
> 5 years	27%	24%

A PSH stay ends in less than 2 years for 42% of the Columbus' PSH residents, compared to 41% nationwide. This represents a decrease of 7 percentage points since last year.

PSH - Destination at Move-Out

	National	Columbus
All People	% of total	% of total
Homeless	7%	9%
Housing	73%	76%
Staying with family	22%	12%
Staying with friends	8%	5%
Rented	58%	32%
Owned	2%	3%
Other PSH	10%	48%
Institutional Settings	7%	4%
Substance Abuse	15%	19%
Correctional facility	62%	69%
Hospital	14%	8%
Psychiatric facility	9%	4%
Other	13%	11%
Hotel/motel	3%	2%
Foster care	2%	0%
Other	24%	18%
Deceased	28%	35%
Missing Destination	43%	45%

Among those who exit, a higher ratio of Columbus' PSH residents exit to homelessness than the national statistic, however, we experienced a 3 percentage point drop in the rate. Housing exits increased by 12 percentage points since last year.