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: 10/01/2016 - 9/30/2017; 2018 Point-in-Time Count 10/01/2017 - 9/30/2018; 2018 Point-in-Time Count Local statistics:

	National			Columbus
Point In Time Count Data	Total	% PIT change	Total	% PIT change (1/17-1/18)
Total homeless	552,830	0.3%	1,807	6.9%
Sheltered homeless	64.8%	-0.7%	84.1%	12.4%
Unsheltered homeless	35.2%	2.3%	15.9%	-15.3%

Both nationwide and in Columbus, the point in time count of homeless individuals increased, but the increase in Columbus was significantly higher. In Columbus, the unsheltered homeless population decreased significantly and remains proportionally lower than the national statistic.

SHELTERED HOMELESSNESS (shelter and transitional housing)

	National (10/1/2016 - 9/30/2017)		Columbus (:	10/1/2017 - 9/30/2018)
AHAR Data (all people)	Total	% change	Total	% change
Total homeless	1,416,908	-0.3%	9,821	3.3%

Nationwide the annual number of homeless individuals 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	23%	21%	29%
Age 18-30	21%	22%	21%
Age 31-50	33%	33%	32%
Age 51-61	18%	18%	14%
Over age 62	5%	6%	4%

Columbus serves proportionally more homeless children than the national statistic.

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

White	37%	33%	28%
White, Hispanic	11%	12%	1%
African American	43%	47%	64%
Other One Race	4%	4%	1%
Multiple Races	5%	4%	6%

Columbus serves proportionally fewer Hispanics and significantly more African Americans than the national statistic

All People	% of total	% of total	% of total
Household size = 1	65%	67%	58%
Household size = 2	9%	9%	6%
Household size = 3	10%	9%	11%
Household size = 4	7%	7%	10%
Household size > 4	9%	8%	15%

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

All Adults	% of total	% of total	% of total
Disabled adults	44%	44%	48%
Non-disabled adults	56%	56%	52%

Columbus serves proportionally more disabled individuals than the national statistic.

Sheltered Homelessness - Living Situation Refore Entering Shelter

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All Adults	% of total	% of total
Already Homeless	48%	59%

Housing	36%	31%
Staying with family	44%	49%
Staying with friends	31%	42%
Rented	22%	9%
Owned	2%	0%
PSH	1%	0%

Institutional Settings	11%	6%
Substance Abuse	23%	13%
Correctional facility	41%	13%
Hospital	21%	62%
Psychiatric facility	15%	12%

Other	5%	4%
Hotel/motel	70%	95%
Foster care	6%	1%
Other	24%	4%

Columbus serves proportionally more homeless adults entering emergency shelter from homeless situations and fewer becoming homeless at exit from an institution than the national statistic. The local "Already Homeless" rate increased by 3 percentage points since last year.

Sheltered Homelessness - Length of Stay

	National	Columbus
All People	% of total	% of total
< 8 days	29%	21%
8-30 days	25%	25%
31-180 days	36%	52%
181-360 days	7%	2%
361-365	3%	0%

A homeless episode ends in less than 30 days for 46% of the Columbus' homeless population, compared to 54% nationwide. The local rate decreased by 4 percentage points since last year, while the 31-180 days range increased by 4 percentage points. The nationwide rates remained unchanged.

Sheltered Homelessness - Bed Use (# of Shelter Nights)

All People	National	Columbus
Median	27	33
Average	65	52

On average, a homeless episode ends in 52 days for the Columbus' homeless population and 65 days nationwide. Locally, this represents a 1 day increase since last year.

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 more single adult women than the national statistic.

Under age 18	3%	3%	6%
Age 18-30	22%	22%	23%
Age 31-50	41%	41%	42%
Age 51-61	26%	26%	23%
Over age 62	8%	8%	6%

Columbus serves proportionally more underage and young single adults than the national statistic. A slight increase in adults over 62 is noted across all areas.

Hispanic	13%	14%	4%
Non-Hispanic	87%	86%	96%
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White, Non-Hispanic	44%	41%	33%
White, Hispanic	9%	9%	2%
African American	39%	41%	59%
Other One Race	4%	5%	1%
Multiple Races	4%	4%	5%

Columbus serves proportionally fewer Hispanics and more African American single adults than the national statistic with a two percentage point increase since last year.

All Adults	% of total	% of total	% of total
Disabled adults	49%	49%	55%
Non-disabled adults	51%	51%	45%

Columbus serves proportionally more disabled single adults than the national statistic, with a two percentage point increase since last year.

Adults in Shelter as Individuals - Living Situation Before Entering Shelter

National	Columbus
% of total	% of total
50%	61%
	% of total

Housing	32%	29%
Staying with family	43%	48%
Staying with friends	33%	46%
Rented	21%	6%
Owned	2%	0%
PSH	1%	0%

Institutional Settings	13%	7%
Substance Abuse	22%	13%
Correctional facility	41%	13%
Hospital	22%	61%
Psychiatric facility	15%	13%

Other	5%	3%
Hotel/motel	64%	93%
Foster care	7%	2%
Other	29%	5%

Columbus serves proportionally more homeless adults entering emergency shelter from homeless situations but fewer homeless individuals exiting an institution than the national statistic. The local "Already Homeless" rate increased by 4 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%	29%
8-30 days	26%	25%
31-180 days	32%	43%
181-360 days	6%	3%
361-365	2%	0%

A homeless episode ends in less than 30 days for 54% of the Columbus' homeless single adults compared to 60% nationwide. Locally, this represents an increase of 3 percentage points since last year.

Sheltered Homelessness - Bed Use (# of Shelter Nights)

	National	Columbus
Median	22	28
Average	53	52

On average, a homeless episode ends in 52 days for the Columbus' homeless single adults and 53 days nationwide. Locally, this represents a decrease of 2 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%	27%
Women	78%	78%	73%

Columbus serves proportionally fewer adult women in families as the national statistic.

All People	% of total	% of total	% of total
Under age 18	61%	61%	60%
Age 18-30	20%	20%	19%
Age 31-50	18%	17%	19%
Age 51-61	1%	2%	2%
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	26%	28%	5%
Non-Hispanic	74%	72%	95%

White, Non-Hispanic	21%	16%	20%
White, Hispanic	16%	17%	1%
African American	52%	58%	70%
Other One Race	5%	4%	1%
Multiple Races	6%	5%	8%

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%	23%	14%
Household size = 3	30%	29%	26%
Household size = 4	22%	22%	24%
Household size > 4	26%	26%	36%

Columbus serves proportionally more large families than the national statistic.

All Adults	% of total	% of total	% of total
Disabled adults	22%	20%	25%
Non-disabled adults	78%	80%	75%

Columbus serves proportionally a higher number of disabled individuals in families than the national statistic, with a 2 percentage point decrease since last year.

Homeless Families with Children - Living Situation Before Entering Shelter

	National	Columbus
All Adults	% of total	% of total
Already Homeless	38%	50%

Housing	53%	42%
Staying with family	48%	51%
Staying with friends	25%	33%
Rented	25%	15%
Owned	2%	1%
PSH	0%	0%

Institutional Settings	2%	1%
Substance Abuse	51%	5%
Correctional facility	23%	18%
Hospital	23%	77%
Psychiatric facility	3%	0%

Other	7%	7%
Hotel/motel	91%	97%
Foster care	1%	0%
Other	8%	3%

Overall, the "Already Homeless" category is starting to decrease, after rising from 30% two years ago to 53% last year, down to 50% this year, due to the impact of the "Overnight" shelter use by families waiting to be assessed for shelter eligibility.

Homeless Families with Children - Length of Stay

	National	Columbus
All People	% of total	% of total
< 8 days	16%	10%
8-30 days	25%	27%
31-180 days	42%	63%
181-360 days	10%	0%
361-365	7%	0%

A homeless episode ends in less than 30 days for 37% of the Columbus' homeless families, compared to 41% nationwide. Locally, this represents a decrease of 7 percentage points since last year, and is the first time since the national statistic exceeds the local one.

Sheltered Homelessness - Bed Use (# of Shelter Nights)

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All People	National	Columbus
Median	46	46
Average	90	52

On average, a homeless episode ends in 52 days for the Columbus' homeless families and 90 days nationwide. Locally, this represents an increase of 6 days since last year.

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING (PSH)

PSH	National	Columbus
All People	Total	Total
Total	376,086	2,520
Individuals	66%	79%
People in Families	34%	21%

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

	National	Urban	Columbus
All Adults	% of total	% of total	% of total
Men	57%	59%	63%
Women	43%	41%	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%	11%	9%
Age 31-50	29%	29%	34%
Age 51-61	29%	31%	36%
Over age 62	10%	11%	8%

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

All People	% of total	% of total	% of total
Hispanic	14%	14%	2%
Non-Hispanic	86%	86%	98%
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White, Non-Hispanic	37%	31%	30%
White, Hispanic	10%	11%	1%
African American	45%	50%	63%
Other One Race	4%	4%	1%
Multiple Races	4%	4%	5%

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%	76%
Household size = 2	11%	10%	6%
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%	96%

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

Places Adults in PSH Stayed before Entering PSH

National	Columbus
% of total	% of total
81%	81%
13%	17%
28%	2%
17%	3%
35%	10%
2%	0%
18%	85%
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Institutional Settings	4%	1%
Substance Abuse	52%	28%
Correctional facility	11%	0%
Hospital	15%	39%
Psychiatric facility	22%	33%

Other	2%	1%
Hotel/motel	39%	9%
Foster care	8%	0%
Other	53%	91%

Columbus serves a proportionally similar percentage of adults entering PSH as homeless, compared to the national statistic. Locally, the "homeless" rate decreased by 11 percentage points since last year, impacted by the transition of a large PSH project from CHN to YMCA.

PSH - Length of Stay

	National	Columbus
All People	% of total	% of total
< 1 year	22%	26%
1-2 years	18%	17%
2-5 years	31%	29%
> 5 years	29%	28%

A PSH stay ends in less than 2 years for 43% of the Columbus' PSH residents, compared to 40% nationwide. This represents an increase of 1 percentage point since last year.

PSH - Destination at Move-Out

Other PSH

	National	Columbus
All People	% of total	% of total
Homeless	7%	9%
Housing	72%	74%
Staying with family	21%	13%
Staying with friends	9%	8%
Rented	56%	24%
Owned	2%	1%

Institutional Settings	7%	4%
Substance Abuse	18%	21%
Correctional facility	59%	71%
Hospital	15%	4%
Psychiatric facility	8%	4%

Other	14%	13%
Hotel/motel	2%	5%
Foster care	3%	1%
Other	24%	19%
Deceased	35%	59%
Missing Destination	36%	16%

Among those who exit, a higher ratio of Columbus' PSH residents exit to homelessness than the national statistic. Columbus' housing exits decreased by 2 percentage points since last year.

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