

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: 10/01/2013 - 9/30/2014

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

Point In Time Count Data	National		Columbus	
	Total	% PIT change	Total	% PIT change (1/14-1/15)
Total homeless	578,424	-2%	1,721	7%
Sheltered homeless	69%	2%	88%	10%
Unsheltered homeless	31%	-10%	12%	-16%

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

SHELTERED HOMELESSNESS

AHAR Data (all people)	National (10/1/2013 - 9/30/2014)		Columbus (10/1/2014 - 9/30/2015)	
	Total	% change	Total	% change
Total homeless	1,488,465	5%	10,093	-6%

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

Emergency Shelter only	National	Columbus
All Adults	% of total	% of total
Men	62%	56%
Women	38%	44%

Columbus serves proportionally more homeless women than the national statistic.

All People	% of total	% of total
Under age 18	22%	29%
Age 18-30	23%	25%
Age 31-50	34%	31%
Age 51-61	17%	12%
Over age 62	4%	2%

Columbus serves proportionally more homeless children than the national statistic.

All People	% of total	% of total
Hispanic	16%	4%
Non-Hispanic	84%	96%
White, Non-Hispanic	40%	27%
White, Hispanic	10%	2%
African American	41%	62%
Other One Race	4%	1%
Multiple Races	5%	8%

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

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All People	% of total	% of total
Household size = 1	64%	51%
Household size = 2	9%	8%
Household size = 3	10%	14%
Household size = 4	8%	11%
Household size > 4	9%	16%

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

All Adults	% of total	% of total
Disabled adults	42%	40%
Non-disabled adults	58%	60%

Columbus serves proportionally a slightly lower level 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%	40%
Sheltered	53%	13%
Unsheltered	47%	87%

Housing	40%	47%
Staying with family	41%	45%
Staying with friends	33%	42%
Rented	23%	13%
Owned	2%	0%
PSH	1%	0%

Institutional Settings	11%	6%
Substance Abuse	30%	12%
Correctional facility	39%	27%
Hospital	15%	47%
Psychiatric facility	16%	14%

Other	8%	7%
Hotel/motel	52%	82%
Foster care	4%	0%
Other	44%	17%

Columbus serves proportionally more homeless adults becoming homeless from a housed situation and less becoming homeless at exit from an institution than the national statistic.

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Sheltered Homelessness - Length of Stay

	National	Columbus
All People	% of total	% of total
< 7 days	28%	24%
8-30 days	27%	37%
31-180 days	35%	36%
181-360 days	6%	3%
361-365	3%	0%

A homeless episode ends in less than 30 days for 61% of the Columbus' homeless population, compared to 55% nationwide.

Sheltered Homelessness - Bed Use (# of Shelter Nights)

All People	National	Columbus
Median	26	24
Average	61	40

On average, a homeless episode ends in 40 days for the Columbus' homeless population and 61 days nationwide.

ADULTS IN SHELTER AS INDIVIDUALS

Emergency Shelter only

	National	Columbus
All Adults	% of total	% of total
Men	71%	66%
Women	29%	34%

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

Under age 18	2%	0%
Age 18-30	24%	26%
Age 31-50	43%	46%
Age 51-61	25%	23%
Over age 62	6%	4%

Columbus serves proportionally younger single adults than the national statistic.

Hispanic	12%	3%
Non-Hispanic	88%	97%
White, Non-Hispanic	48%	36%
White, Hispanic	8%	1%
African American	37%	56%
Other One Race	5%	1%
Multiple Races	4%	5%

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

All Adults	% of total	% of total
Disabled adults	42%	46%
Non-disabled adults	58%	54%

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

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Adults in Shelter as Individuals - Living Situation Before Entering Shelter

	National	Columbus
All Adults	% of total	% of total
Already Homeless	43%	51%
Sheltered	50%	11%
Unsheltered	50%	89%

Housing	36%	35%
Staying with family	40%	37%
Staying with friends	36%	52%
Rented	21%	10%
Owned	2%	1%
PSH	1%	0%

Institutional Settings	13%	9%
Substance Abuse	29%	12%
Correctional facility	40%	27%
Hospital	15%	47%
Psychiatric facility	16%	14%

Other	7%	5%
Hotel/motel	47%	75%
Foster care	5%	0%
Other	49%	24%

Columbus serves proportionally more homeless single adults in shelter coming from unsheltered situations but less homeless individuals exiting an institution than the national statistic.

Adults in Shelter as Individuals - Length of Stay

	National	Columbus
All Adults	% of total	% of total
< 7 days	33%	26%
8-30 days	27%	25%
31-180 days	34%	43%
181-360 days	5%	6%
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.

Sheltered Homelessness - Bed Use (# of Shelter Nights)

	National	Columbus
Median	22	30
Average	52	55

On average, a homeless episode ends in 55 days for the Columbus' homeless single adults and 52 days nationwide.

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HOMELESS FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Emergency Shelter only	National	Columbus
All Adults	% of total	% of total
Men	22%	26%
Women	78%	74%

Columbus serves proportionally less adult women in families than the national statistic.

All People	% of total	% of total
Under age 18	61%	61%
Age 18-30	21%	24%
Age 31-50	17%	15%
Age 51-61	1%	1%
Over age 62	0%	0%

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

All People	% of total	% of total
Hispanic	24%	5%
Non-Hispanic	77%	95%
White, Non-Hispanic	25%	18%
White, Hispanic	15%	2%
African American	48%	69%
Other One Race	4%	0%
Multiple Races	7%	10%

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

All People	% of total	% of total
Household size = 2	23%	16%
Household size = 3	28%	28%
Household size = 4	23%	22%
Household size > 4	26%	34%

Columbus serves proportionally more large families than the national statistic.

All Adults	% of total	% of total
Disabled adults	21%	23%
Non-disabled adults	79%	77%

Columbus serves proportionally a slightly higher level 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	30%	9%
Sheltered	76%	33%
Unsheltered	24%	67%

Housing	60%	78%
Staying with family	45%	54%
Staying with friends	24%	30%
Rented	29%	15%
Owned	2%	0%
PSH	0%	0%

Institutional Settings	2%	1%
Substance Abuse	61%	15%
Correctional facility	21%	38%
Hospital	15%	31%
Psychiatric facility	3%	15%

Other	8%	12%
Hotel/motel	76%	91%
Foster care	1%	0%
Other	22%	9%

Columbus serves proportionally significantly more homeless adults in families in shelter coming from housed situations than the national statistic.

Homeless Families with Children - Length of Stay

	National	Columbus
All People	% of total	% of total
< 7 days	20%	23%
8-30 days	27%	49%
31-180 days	39%	28%
181-360 days	8%	0%
361-365	6%	0%

A homeless episode ends in less than 30 days for 72% of the Columbus' homeless families, compared to 46% nationwide.

Sheltered Homelessness - Bed Use (# of Shelter Nights)

All People	National	Columbus
Median	37	22
Average	81	23

On average, a homeless episode ends in 23 days for the Columbus' homeless families and 81 days nationwide.