



Lane County 2018 Unsheltered Point in Time Count Summary

May 2018

Every year, on the last Wednesday of January, the Lane County Human Services Division conducts the annual one-night Homeless Point in Time (PIT) Count. The PIT Count is a three part survey which includes a count of the unsheltered and sheltered population of people experiencing homelessness, as well as a Housing Inventory Count (HIC).

The 2018 PIT Count was conducted on January 31, 2018. Unsheltered count locations included the streets, under bridges, parks and other places not meant for human habitation, as well as food pantries, day access centers, schools, churches, emergency shelters, and transitional housing programs.

The Point-In-Time Count provides a useful tool for understanding homelessness and year-over-year trends in our community. One-night counts are required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Oregon Housing and Community Services (State of Oregon) which provides funding for housing and services related to homelessness. The Point in Time Summary is used year-round by planning boards, nonprofits, community organizations, and policy makers on local, state and federal levels to inform their work on this issue.

Highlights of the Count:

The 2018 Count engaged an unprecedented number of community volunteers; double the number of volunteers from the previous year. A total of 300 volunteers, including 163 community members, 97 staff or volunteers with community organizations, and 32 County staff volunteered their time to conduct the unsheltered count.

Of the 1,642 people counted:

- 412 individuals were staying in Emergency Shelter
- 95 individuals were in Transitional Housing (up to 24 months) designated for people experiencing homelessness
- 1,135 men, women, and children were without shelter

Total 1,642 individuals

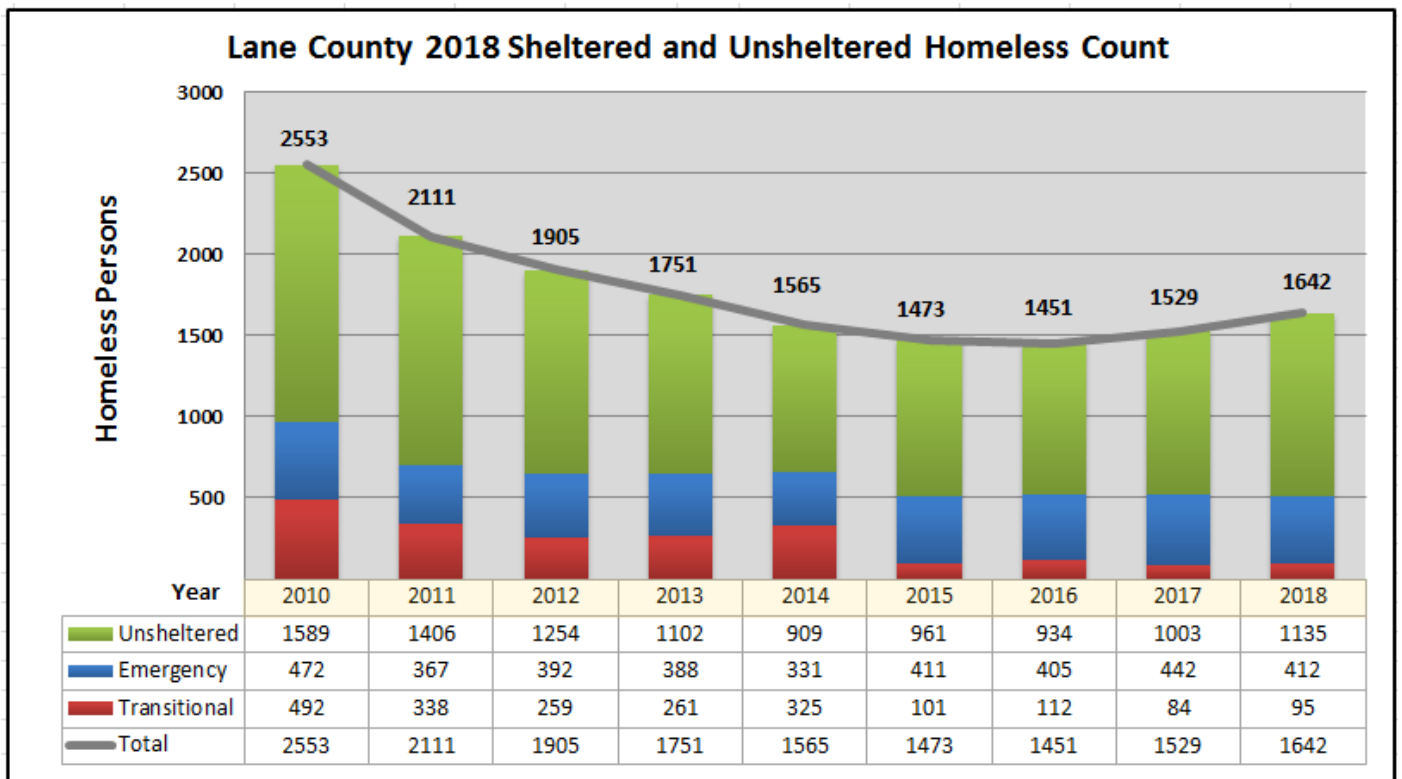
Characteristics:

- 251 family members in homeless households with children; 138 sheltered; 113 unsheltered
- 173 homeless veterans
- 713 chronically homeless people: 112 sheltered; 600 unsheltered
- 547 people self-reported a mental illness
- 412 people have chronic alcohol/substance abuse that prevents them from stable housing
- 25 unaccompanied homeless youth (under 18)

In 2017, over fifty-three thousand (53,131) people were served by agencies that track projects in ServicePoint, which is Lane County’s Client/Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). Of the 53,131 people served, over fifteen thousand (15,454) people were homeless for at least one point in 2017.

In addition:

- 1,625 unduplicated individuals were served at St. Vincent De Paul’s Egan Warming Center during 22 nights of the winter season 2017-2018.
- 2,450 homeless students attended public school in Lane County during the 2016-2017 school year (Oregon Dept. of Education). This includes those doubled up with relatives or friends.
- 503 homeless youth were served at the Looking Glass New Roads Access Center (ages 16-21) during calendar year 2017.
- 144 runaway and homeless youth stayed at Station 7 (under age 18) during calendar year 2017
- 2,315 people stayed at the Eugene Mission during CY 2017; 2,241 adults and 74 children.



For the full report, go to www.lanecounty.org/HomelessCount

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