2016 Annual Homeless Point in Time Count

HIGHLIGHTS

1,451 people were counted during Lane County’s 2016 Annual Point in Time Count
This number includes homeless community members who were counted in a myriad of locations including the streets, under bridges, in parks, at food pantries, day access centers, schools, churches, emergency shelters, and transitional housing programs for homeless persons on January 27, 2016. 124 staff and volunteers from 32 organizations assisted.

Of the 1,451 people counted:
- 405 individuals were staying in Emergency Shelter
- 112 individuals were living in Transitional Housing (up to 24 months) designated for people who are homeless
- 934 men, women, and children were without shelter

Total 1,451 individuals

Highlights of the count:
- 224 family members in homeless households with children; 129 sheltered; 95 unsheltered
- 162 homeless veterans: 52 sheltered; 110 unsheltered:
- 574 chronically homeless people: 86 sheltered; 488 unsheltered
- 434 people have a mental illness
- 232 people have chronic alcohol/substance abuse issues
- 13 unaccompanied homeless youth (under 18)

Other Factors
- 12,167 individuals who were homeless sought social services through Lane County Human Services Division funded programs during Calendar Year (CY) 2015. 4,646 had a long-term disability and 942 were veterans.
- 949 unduplicated individuals were served at the St. Vincent de Paul Egan Warming Center during 12 nights of the winter season at 14 faith-based sites and the Lane Community College during the 2015-16 winter season.
- 2,156 homeless students attended public school in Lane County during the 2014-15 school year (Oregon Dept. of Education).
- 258 homeless youth were served at the Looking Glass New Roads Access Center, (ages 16-21) CY 2015
- 165 runaway and homeless youth stayed at Station 7 (under age 18) during CY 2015
- 2,298 people stayed at the Eugene Mission during CY 2015

Unique to This Year’s Count
- 1.5% decrease of overall count between the 2015 and 2016 Counts. (A 31% decrease from 2011 to 2016)
- Veterans organizations made a concerted effort to count homeless veterans.
- 644 formerly homeless people live in permanent housing designated for homeless people on the night of the count.

Cost of Homelessness (updated October 2016, Lane County Human Services Division)
Homelessness affects all Lane County residents because people without shelter may require costly support services:
- $237-$1,900 cost of a visit to the Sacred Heart Hospital Emergency Room –Riverbend and University District
- $2,613-$3,045 daily cost of care at Sacred Heart’s In-Patient Behavioral Health Unit, acute psychiatric care
- $800-$1,500 cost of visit to McKenzie-Willamette Hospital Emergency Room
- $650 daily cost of in-patient detoxification services at Willamette Family Treatment’s Buckley Center
- $171 daily cost per inmate at the Lane County Jail
- $87 daily cost per inmate at the Springfield Jail

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