2017
Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Report

Image from Juneau Youth Services - Juneau, Alaska

The State of Homelessness in Alaska
9,387 clients experiencing homelessness received services and shelter from HMIS agencies in Alaska in 2017 (within the Anchorage CoC (ANC) and the Balance of State CoC (BoS)). This includes clients who were served in the following project types:

- Street Outreach
- Emergency Shelter
- Coordinated Entry (ANC Only in 2017)
- Transitional Housing
- Supportive Services
- Entering Rapid Rehousing
- Entering Permanent Supportive Housing
- Entering Other Permanent Housing
7,043 clients had stayed in Emergency Shelter with HMIS agencies in Alaska in 2017.

33% of those clients sought emergency shelter in the Alaska Balance of State, while 67% of those clients sought emergency shelter in Anchorage.

*Note that some communities throughout the State do not have actual Emergency Shelter buildings and utilize Emergency Shelter vouchers to place families and clients in motels / hotels.
Single Individuals Experiencing Homelessness
30% of clients served by HMIS projects in 2017 were single individuals.

4.3% of single individuals served were unaccompanied minors. 9.9% of single individuals served were transition age youth (18-24 years).

Families with Children Experiencing Homelessness
70% of persons experiencing homelessness in Alaska who sought services did so as members of a family with children.

Of the females served in families with children, 75.3% of them are 18 years of age and older, serving as either the head of household or other adult member within the household.
Youth ages 18-24 represent 11.8% of persons served by HMIS homeless service providers in Alaska in 2017.

This sub-population is broken nearly 50 / 50 by those who were served as a single individual and those served as part of a family with child(ren). The Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) Program provides funding for agencies specifically serving unaccompanied youth and minors.

Across the State of Alaska, there are three agencies that receive RHY Program funding. Funding supports the following project types directed to serving runaway and homeless youth:
* Street Outreach
* Emergency Shelter
* Homelessness Prevention
* Transitional Housing

75.5% of children who experience homelessness are members of a family unit.

In 2017, there were 415 unaccompanied children who received homeless services. This is about 4.3% of the total homeless population. 70% of unaccompanied children are teens (age 13-17) compared to 23% of children experiencing homelessness as members of a family unit.
9.5% of adults who sought homeless services by providers using HMIS in Alaska in 2017 were veterans.

There are many projects in Alaska dedicated specifically to preventing and ending homelessness for veterans. The Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Program funds prevention and rapid re-housing for veterans and their families. The Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) Program funds permanent supportive housing for veterans.

* Note that VASH data is not currently captured in HMIS.
Clients with a disabling condition who have been homeless continuously for 12 months or longer, or four times in three years for a total of 12 months, may be considered chronically homeless.

**Chronic Homelessness**

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<tr>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Total Clients Served</th>
<th>Chronic Homelessness by Location</th>
<th>% of Clients Served that Meet CH Definition</th>
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<tr>
<td>Anchorage</td>
<td>5,857</td>
<td>640</td>
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<td>Fairbanks</td>
<td>1,428</td>
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**8.6%** of clients served by HMIS providers in 2017 met the chronic homeless definition.

Petersburg had the highest percent of clients experiencing chronic homelessness (50.0%), out of total clients served, followed by Anchorage (10.9%) and Kenai (10.0%).
Domestic Violence and homelessness often occur together. The data provided is from HMIS and is based on a client's self-report of domestic violence. Because Victim Services Providers are prohibited from entering client-level data into HMIS, this does not include data from those organizations.

**26.3%** of clients who stated they are a victim / survivor of domestic violence also stated that they are currently fleeing that situation.

**20.1%** of clients who identified as the Head of Household stated they were a victim / survivor of domestic violence.

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### # of DV Clients by Location

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"This is no accident; it is the result of centuries of structural racism that have excluded historically oppressed people—particularly Black and Native Americans—from equal access to housing, community supports, and opportunities for economic mobility."

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Likewise, Alaska's overall American Indian / Alaska Native population is 15.3%. In contrast, the percent of clients served by providers using HMIS within Alaska in 2017 who identified as American Indian / Alaska Native was 43.2%.

Based on the most recent U.S. Census Data, Alaska's overall African American / Black population is 3.7%. In contrast, the percent of clients served by providers using HMIS within Alaska in 2017 who identified as African American / Black was 10.6%.

The overall percent of the Alaska population identifying as Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander is 1.4%. The percent of clients served by providers using HMIS who identified as Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander was 5.3%.

**SPARC Phase One Findings**
The State of Homelessness in Alaska was compiled by the Institute for Community Alliances (ICA) through the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).

ICA is a non-profit organization based in Des Moines, Iowa that provides HMIS training and support for homeless service agencies around the country. Alaska HMIS staff are located in Des Moines, Iowa; Fairbanks and Anchorage, Alaska; and San Jose, California.

ICA engages in research and produces reports on homelessness and related issues. In cooperation with state and federal agencies, private research firms, and university researchers, ICA works to inform regional and national efforts to end homelessness.

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References

Youth

Racial Disparities