



## 2017 Point-In-Time Homeless Count

Yamhill County

January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Presented by

The Yamhill Community Action Partnership

### Background

The 2017 Point-In-Time Homeless Count was conducted on Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017. YCAP was the lead agency in planning and implementing the county wide Count, with the assistance of many community partners and 42 volunteers who conducted surveys with homeless persons on the day of the Count. Additionally, police in each community and the Yamhill County Sheriff conducted early morning drive throughs around the county.

Several donors also made the event possible through financial and in-kind donations. Among these with Give-A-Little, Service Integration Teams, Just Serve, Radical Rubies, McMinnville Sandwich Express, and both McMinnville and Newberg Bi-Mart locations. These donors were essential to the success of the Homeless Count and allowed us to provide incentives for survey completion, such as bus passes, as well as necessary survival supplies to persons experiencing homelessness that were encountered (coats, gloves, hats, socks, sleeping bags, hydro flasks, etc.) Many locations also donated space to host drop-site locations. These included: Amity Assembly of God Church, Dayton Christian Church, Grand Sherimina Food Bank, Willamina Public Library, River St. Church of God, Youth Outreach, Zion Lutheran Church (Newberg), The COOP, St. Barnabus, McMinnville First Baptist Church, Carlton First Baptist Church. Additionally, other meal sites allowed a trained PIT person to drop in and conduct surveys at locations including: COOP Saturday breakfast, St. Peter's Catholic Church, and the Dayton Food Bank.

There were 11 Drop-Sites this year. One in every community in Yamhill County except for Yamhill, Lafayette, and Dundee, as there was almost zero turn out at those sites last year. Every site was equipped with either snacks or a meal and supplies. Volunteers were also present at each site to conduct surveys. Street counts also swept each community in Yamhill County in the morning and in the afternoon, with volunteers conducting surveys with persons living in places not meant for human habitation.

A new addition to the PIT Count this year was a veteran specific site at McMinnville First Baptist Church. Veteran service providers were present to speak to persons about veteran services including the local Veteran Service Officer, the Veteran Resource Coordinator from NWSDS, the Work Source veteran worker, a representative from the Portland VA, YCAP's Supportive Services for Veteran Families Case Manager, and a representative from the Veteran's Helpline.

## Count Results

### Sheltered Persons

Blanchet Farms
5 Rock Ranch
Helping Hands Men's Shelter
Helping Hands Women's Shelter
Henderson House
Love INC
TTRS House
YC Union Gospel Mission
YCAP Shelters
YCAP Youth Outreach Emergency and Transitional Shelter

Surveys were conducted with persons living in sheltered locations around the County on January 25<sup>th</sup>. See the specific survey locations to the left. Staff at these shelter locations were trained to conduct the surveys, or in some cases, PIT volunteers traveled to the shelter location to complete the surveys with shelter residents. Overall, **223** persons were counted as living in some type of shelter on the night of the Homeless Count in Yamhill County.

- **Gender:** 111 Females, 109 males, 1 Transgendered person (M to F)
- **Domestic Violence:** 92 Fleeing DV (73 Females and 19 men)
- **Disability:** 139 had a disability
- **Head of Household:** 73 households headed by a female, 89 Male headed households

**Quick Comparison:** 167 sheltered persons were counted in the 2016 PIT Count. This shows a 56 person increase in this year's sheltered count. The two biggest factors that seem to have caused a higher sheltered count this year are the expansion of the Yamhill County Gospel Rescue Mission and the expansion of the Helping Hands Men's Shelter, both of which added new emergency shelter beds within the last year. The increased sheltered count also is a factor in the decreased unsheltered count.

### Unsheltered Persons

Unsheltered persons include those living in places not meant for human habitation (car, tent, streets...)

#### Unsheltered Persons Individual and Household Numbers

Total Unsheltered Persons 2017	Total Unsheltered Households 2017
<b>270</b>	<b>169</b>

Total Individuals Unsheltered 2017	Total Persons in Families Unsheltered 2017
<b>163</b>	<b>107</b>

Total Family Households Unsheltered 2017
<b>35</b>

#### Gender of Unsheltered Persons

Female Unsheltered 2017	Male Unsheltered 2017	Transgender Unsheltered 2017
<b>145</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>3</b>

#### Ethnicity of Unsheltered Persons

Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino Unsheltered 2017	Hispanic/Latino Unsheltered 2017
<b>232</b>	<b>38</b>

#### Race of Unsheltered Persons

White Homeless 2017	White Sheltered 2017	White Unsheltered 2017	Black Homeless 2017	Black Sheltered 2017	Black Unsheltered 2017	Asian Homeless 2017	Asian Sheltered 2017	Asian Unsheltered 2017
<b>467</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>

## Race of Unsheltered Persons Cont..

American Indian or Alaska Native Homeless 2017	American Indian or Alaska Native Sheltered 2017	American Indian or Alaska Native Unsheltered 2017	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander Homeless 2017	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander Sheltered 2017	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander Unsheltered 2017	Multiple Races Homeless 2017	Multiple Races Sheltered 2017	Multiple Races Unsheltered 2017
5	3	2	0	0	0	15	6	9

### Quick Comparison

In the 2016 Count, 558 unsheltered persons were counted. This shows a 288 person decrease in unsheltered count this year. This decrease does not hold equally true for all unsheltered populations, such as veterans, youth and chronically homeless persons, whose populations grew or remained similar.

There are two clear contributing factors to the reduction in unsheltered persons. The first is an increase of available shelter beds in the county since last year, allowing more persons experiencing homelessness to be sheltered, as opposed to living unsheltered. Additionally, there was a significant increase of precariously housed persons. This could be caused by an increased focus on assisting unsheltered persons to find temporary housing situations when no permanent housing options were available to them. In October 2016, 4 months before the PIT Count, YCAP implemented the Homeless Prevention and Shelter Diversion program which focused heavily on keeping housed persons housed and getting unsheltered persons off the street, into temporary housing situations. This program could also have an impact of reduced unsheltered numbers.

## Precariously Housed Persons

The precariously housed households consist of those households that are living doubled up or “couch surfing” as their housing option. During the 2017 Homeless Count, **573** precariously housed persons, consisting of 280 households were counted. Demographics for persons counted in this situation are listed to the right.

- **Gender:** 228 Males, 326 Females
- **Head of Household:** 76 Households headed by males, 184 households headed by females.
- **Domestic Violence:** 32 Fleeing DV (26 Females and 6 males)
- **Disability:** 72 persons a disability

### Quick Comparison

In the 2016 Count, 472 precariously housed persons were counted. This was the category with a significant increase, with an increase of 101 persons counted.

## Homeless Sub-populations: Veterans, Youth, Chronic Homelessness

There are various sub-populations among persons experiencing homeless that have been tracked year to year to measure progress in ending homelessness among certain special populations. The three subpopulations tracked in the 2017 Homeless Count were veterans, unaccompanied youth, and those experiencing chronic homelessness. Data on each of these populations is provided below.

### Veterans

#### Veteran Individual and Household Numbers

Number of Veterans 2017	Number of Veteran Sheltered 2017	Number of Veteran Unsheltered 2017	Number of People in Veteran Households 2017	Number of People in Veteran Households Sheltered 2017	Number of People in Veteran Households Unsheltered 2017
<b>33</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>

#### Veteran Gender

Total Female Veterans 2017	Female Veterans Sheltered 2017	Female Veterans Unsheltered 2017	Total Male Veterans 2017	Male Veterans Sheltered 2017	Male Veterans Unsheltered 2017	Total Transgender Veterans 2017	Transgender Veterans Sheltered 2017	Transgender Veterans Unsheltered 2017
<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

#### Veteran Ethnicity

Total Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino Veterans 2017	Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino Veterans Sheltered 2017	Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino Veterans Unsheltered 2017	Total Hispanic/Latino Veterans 2017	Hispanic/Latino Veterans Sheltered 2017	Hispanic/Latino Veterans Unsheltered 2017
<b>32</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

#### Veteran Race

Total White Veterans 2017	White Veterans Sheltered 2017	White Veterans Unsheltered 2017
<b>33</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>14</b>

## Chronically Homeless Veterans

Total Chronically Homeless Veteran 2017	Sheltered Chronically Homeless Veteran 2017	Unsheltered Chronically Homeless Veteran 2017
<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>

## Quick Comparison

In the 2016 PIT Count, 26 veterans were identified as literally homeless (sheltered and unsheltered). The count of homeless veterans increased by 7 persons this year. This could potentially be a result of having a veteran specific site on the day of the count drawing more veterans experiencing homelessness to be counted.

## Unaccompanied Youth

### Youth Individual and Household Numbers

Total Youth Persons 2017	Youth Persons Sheltered 2017	Youth Persons Unsheltered 2017	Total Youth Households 2017	Youth Households Sheltered 2017	Youth Households Unsheltered 2017
<b>89</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>46</b>

### Age of Youth

Total Unaccompanied Youth Children (under 18) 2017	Unaccompanied Youth Children (under 18) Sheltered 2017	Unaccompanied Youth Children (under 18) Unsheltered 2017	Total Unaccompanied Youth Adults (18 - 24) 2017	Unaccompanied Youth Adults (18 - 24) Sheltered 2017	Unaccompanied Youth Adults (18 - 24) Unsheltered 2017
<b>14</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>40</b>

### Gender of Youth

Total Unaccompanied Youth Female Homeless 2017	Unaccompanied Youth Female Sheltered 2017	Unaccompanied Youth Female Unsheltered 2017	Total Unaccompanied Youth Male Homeless 2017	Unaccompanied Youth Male Sheltered 2017	Unaccompanied Youth Male Unsheltered 2017	Total Unaccompanied Youth Transgender Homeless 2017	Unaccompanied Youth Transgender Sheltered 2017	Unaccompanied Youth Transgender Unsheltered 2017
<b>29</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>

### Ethnicity of Youth

Total Unaccompanied Youth Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino Homeless 2017	Unaccompanied Youth Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino Sheltered 2017	Unaccompanied Youth Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino Unsheltered 2017	Total Unaccompanied Youth Hispanic/Latino Homeless 2017	Unaccompanied Youth Hispanic/Latino Sheltered 2017	Unaccompanied Youth Hispanic/Latino Unsheltered 2017
<b>62</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>

Unaccompanied Youth American Indian or Alaska Native Homeless 2017	Unaccompanied Youth Indian or Alaska Native Sheltered 2017	Unaccompanied Youth Indian or Alaska Native Unsheltered 2017	Unaccompanied Youth Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander Homeless 2017	Unaccompanied Youth Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander Sheltered 2017	Unaccompanied Youth Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander Unsheltered 2017	Unaccompanied Youth Multiple Races Homeless 2017	Unaccompanied Youth Multiple Races Sheltered 2017	Unaccompanied Youth Multiple Races Unsheltered 2017
4	1	3	0	0	0	4	0	4

### Race of Youth

Total Unaccompanied Youth White Homeless 2017	Total Unaccompanied Youth White Sheltered 2017	Total Unaccompanied Youth White Unsheltered 2017	Total Unaccompanied Youth Black Homeless 2017	Total Unaccompanied Youth Black Sheltered 2017	Total Unaccompanied Youth Black Unsheltered 2017	Total Unaccompanied Youth Asian Homeless 2017	Total Unaccompanied Youth Asian Sheltered 2017	Total Unaccompanied Youth Asian Unsheltered 2017
63	24	39	2	0	2	0	0	0

### Parenting Youth

Total Parenting Youth Persons 2017	Persons in Parenting Youth Sheltered 2017	Persons in Parenting Youth Unsheltered 2017	Total Parenting Youth Household 2017	Parenting Youth Household Sheltered 2017	Parenting Youth Household Unsheltered 2017
16	9	7	7	4	3

**Quick Comparison**  
 84 unaccompanied youth were identified in the 2016 PIT Count. The count of homeless youth increased by 5 persons this year. The parenting youth held steady at 16 persons, the same as the 2016 count. Note: An additional youth survey addendum was conducted this year. See results of that additional survey in the Youth Survey Report.

### Chronic Homelessness

#### Chronically Homeless Persons and Households

Total Chronic Homeless Persons 2017	Sheltered Chronic Homeless Persons 2017	Unsheltered Chronic Homeless Persons 2017	Total Chronic Homeless Persons in Family 2017	Sheltered Chronic Homeless Persons in Family 2017	Unsheltered Chronic Homeless Persons without Children 2017	Total Chronic Family Households 2017	Sheltered Chronic Family Households 2017	Unsheltered Chronic Family Households 2017
71	37	34	19	14	5	5	4	1

Total Chronic Homeless Persons without Children 2017	Sheltered Chronic Homeless Persons without Children 2017	Unsheltered Chronic Homeless Persons without Children 2017
52	23	29

**Quick Comparison**  
 In the 2016 PIT Count, 75 chronically homeless persons were identified. Four fewer chronically homeless persons were counted this year. **Note: the chronically homeless definition was changed by HUD between the 2016 and 2017 count, making it more difficult to qualify as chronically homeless. So, the decrease in this count does not necessarily indicate an actual decrease in local chronic homeless**

## Summary

The overall count for 2017 was 1,066 sheltered, unsheltered, and precariously housed persons. This is compared to the 2016 count number, which was at 1,197. This indicates a decrease of 131 persons. There are a few factors that should be noted when comparing these two numbers. The first is that there was a decrease in number of PIT volunteers this year, which required us to limit our street outreach teams. Secondly, several community partners that participated in filling forms with their clientele in the 2016 Count did not participate or participated to a lesser extent this year.

While overall numbers decreased, several population groups increased or remained similar, indicating a growing or continued need for housing among these populations. Populations that grew, despite overall person decrease this year, included veterans and unaccompanied youth. Persons experiencing chronic homelessness remained at a similar level to last year.



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