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## VERMONT POINT-IN-TIME ANNUAL STATEWIDE COUNT OF THE HOMELESS



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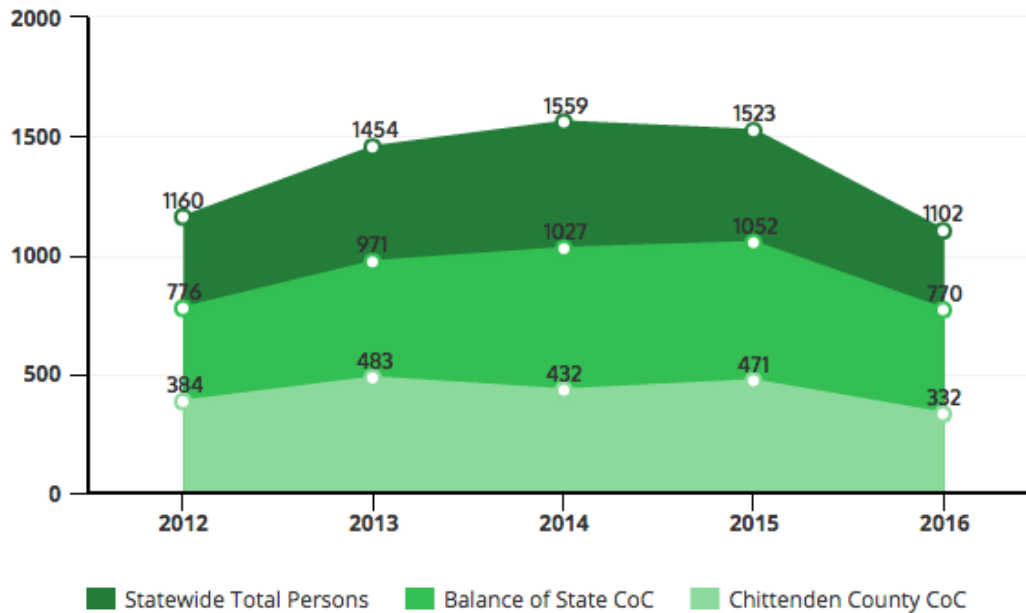
## SUMMARY

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The Annual Point-in-Time (PIT) Count is an unduplicated count of persons experiencing homelessness on the night of January 26, 2016. The total number of homeless Vermonters counted on that single night was 1,102.

The 2016 Point-In-Time Count showed an overall decrease in homelessness by 28% compared to the 2015 Point-in-Time Count. Of the households counted statewide 156 had children, or 20% of total households counted. That is a decrease of 22% from last year.

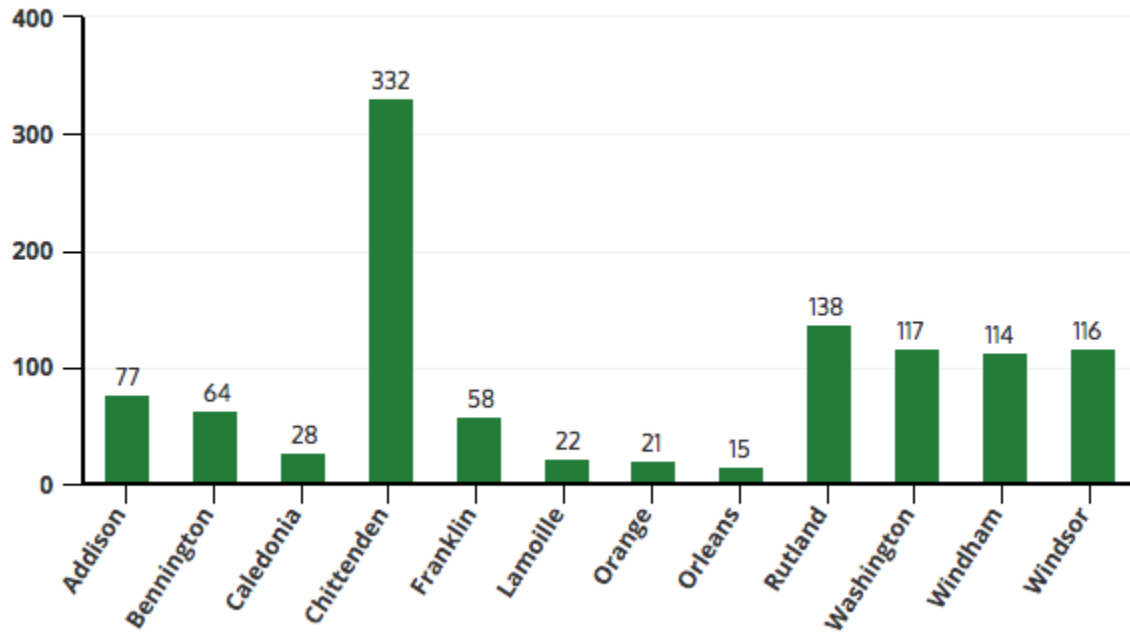
Annual VT Point-in-Time Counts of HUD Homelessness  
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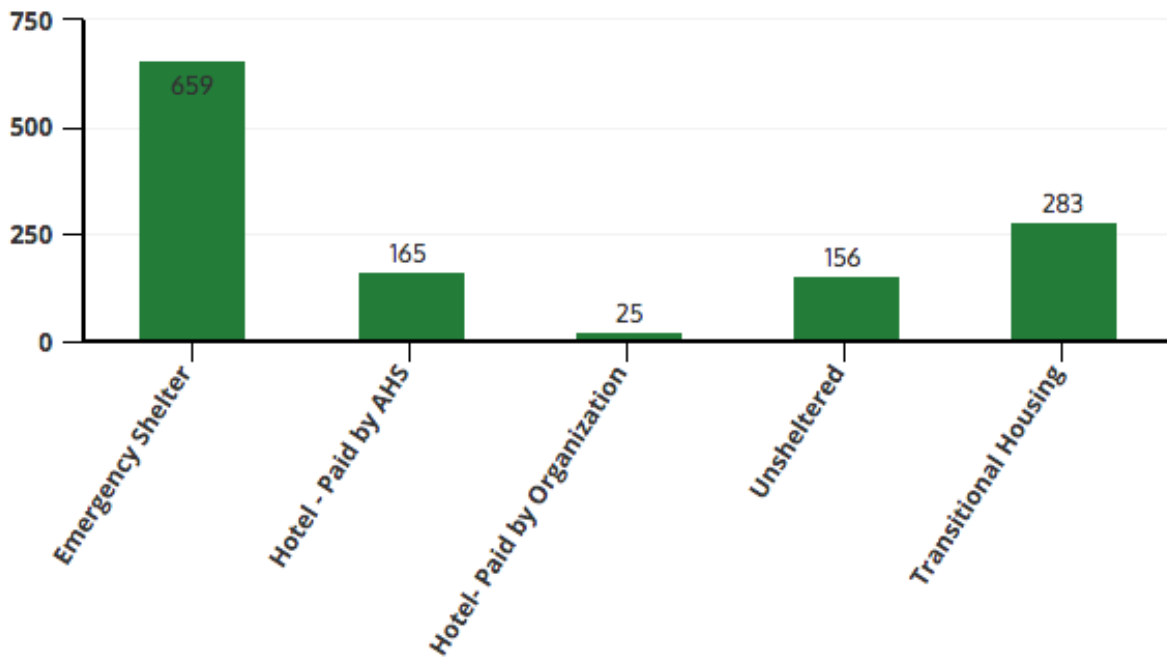
Statewide, a decrease of 25% was seen in chronic homelessness. “Chronic homelessness” means that people have been homeless for longer periods of time (and often homeless more often) and, that they have a disability. (The full definition is available at <http://nlihc.org/article/hud-publishes-final-ruledefinition-chronic-homelessness>). Over the past two years there have been many efforts to end chronic homelessness in Vermont such as the 100,000 Homes Campaign and an increase of Permanent Supportive Housing.

The report comes from data collected for the Annual Point-in-Time (PIT) Count, an unduplicated count of persons experiencing homelessness on the night of January 26, 2016. The Count and its findings were supported by Vermont’s two Continua (Chittenden County and Balance of State). These networks are comprised of homeless and human service organizations, housing agencies, and other partners that strive to eliminate homelessness throughout Vermont, with coordination provided by the Vermont Agency of Human Services, the City of Burlington, the Vermont State Housing Authority, and United Ways of Vermont.

### 2016 Total Persons



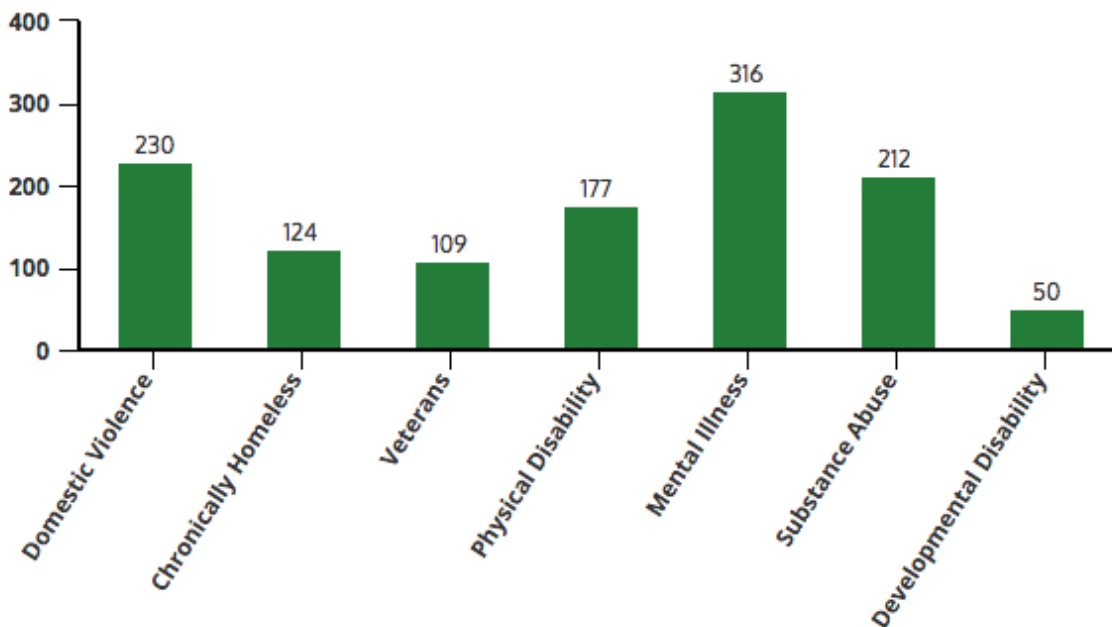
### Statewide Total - Locations of Homelessness



## Key Notes:

- Total persons found homeless on one night decreased by 28% from the 2015 count.
- 124 persons identified as chronically homeless, a 25% statewide decrease from the 2015 count.
- 156 households had children, or 20% of total households counted.
- 109 persons identified as veterans, 23% lower than last year's total of 141 persons.
- The number of unsheltered persons, those living outdoors or taking shelter in a place unfit for human habitation, was 156 persons. This is a slight increase from last year's total.
- 230 persons reported as victims of domestic violence; a 10% decrease over 2015. That count does NOT include children impacted - domestic violence is defined as between intimate partners so children are not counted.
- 371 households identified as being homeless for the first time, or 47% of total households counted.
- Significant portions of those who are homeless have disabilities. Persons in the count with disabilities may have more than one disabling condition.
  - 316 persons identified as having a serious mental illness, or 29% of the total persons.
  - 212 persons identified as having a substance abuse disorder, or 19% of the total persons.
  - 177 persons identified as having a physical disability and 50 persons identified as having a developmental disability, or 16% and 5% of the total persons counted respectively.

## Statewide Subpopulation Data



Every year, the Point-in-Time Count provides a snapshot of how many people are literally homeless on a single night. The findings are used by Vermont's two Continua of Care in their funding applications to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. In addition, the PIT Count provides local communities and state policy makers with an understanding of current challenges and need, areas to target limited funding for appropriate housing and services, and the ability to track overall progress. There are other, more expansive, definitions of homelessness which include those who are doubled up, at risk of losing their housing or otherwise precariously housed, and it's important to acknowledge that issues of housing security extend beyond those included in the PIT Count.