

2016 Athens-Clarke County Homeless Point-In-Time Count

What is the Point-in-Time Count?

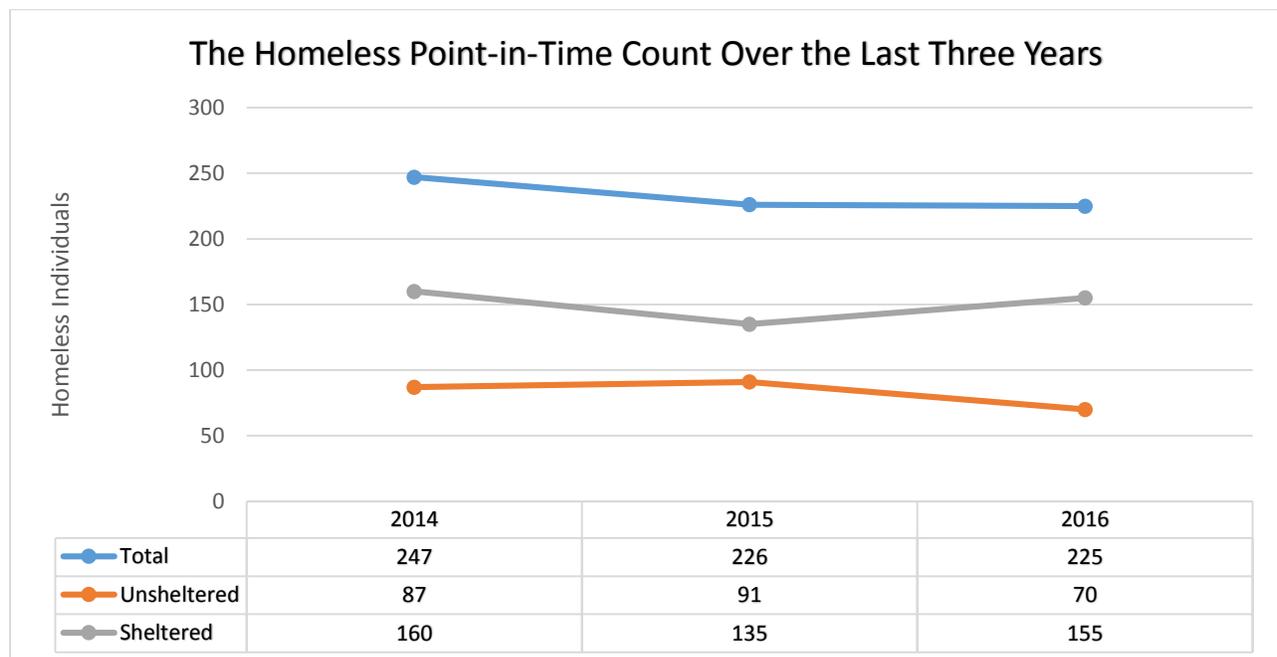
The Point-in-Time count is a count of sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons on a single night in January. HUD requires that Continuums of Care, such as Athens-Clarke County, conduct an annual count of homeless persons who are sheltered in emergency shelter, transitional housing, and Safe Havens on a single night as well as those living in places not meant for human habitation, in cars, on the streets, etc. Athens-Clarke County’s Point-in-Time count took place on the evening of January 27th, 2016.

Why is the PIT important?

Point-in-time counts are important because they establish the dimensions of the problem of homelessness and help policymakers and program administrators track progress toward the goal of ending homelessness. Collecting data on homelessness and tracking progress can inform public opinion, increase public awareness, and help communities create and provide resources that will lead to the eradication of the problem.

Homeless Count Results:

The number of homeless individuals counted in the 2016 Homeless Point-in-Time count is roughly the same as last year. During the 2015 count a total of 226 unique individuals were counted -- 135 sheltered homeless individuals and 91 unsheltered homeless individuals. This year, a total of 225 unique individuals were counted – 155 sheltered homeless individuals (15% more people) and 70 unsheltered homeless individuals (22% fewer people).



Demographic Details:

Gender:	60% are men, 40% are women
Age:	72% are adults, 8% are young adults (ages 18-24), and 20% are children
Race:	41% are white, 56% are African-American, 3% are American Indian, Asian, or Multiple Races
Hispanic/Latino:	5% identify as Hispanic/Latino
Veteran:	6% served in the military

Barriers to Housing:

Mental Illness:	33% of adults surveyed suffer with a Serious Mental Illness
Physical Disability:	30% of adults surveyed suffer with a Physical Disability
Substance Abuse:	22% of adults surveyed suffer with a Substance Abuse Disorder
Domestic Violence Survivors:	33% of individuals surveyed are Victims of Domestic Violence

What caused the increased number of sheltered homeless individuals?

During the 2015 Point-in-Time Count the Salvation Army was renovating their emergency shelter and had fewer beds available due to construction. Now that all renovations have been completed, the Salvation Army is able to serve up to 70 homeless individuals. The increase in shelter beds has resulted in a reduction in the number of unsheltered homeless individuals and an increase in the number of sheltered homeless in Athens-Clarke County.

What shelter is available?

Available shelter beds:

Athens Area Homeless Shelter	24 beds in 6 family rooms	Families
Bigger Vision	35 beds (mid-Oct to mid-April)	Single men and women
Interfaith Hospitality Network	14 beds for 3 families	Families
Project Safe	16 beds total	Single women and families
Salvation Army	70 beds total	Single men, women, and families
AIDS Athens hotel vouchers	Varies	Single men, women, and families
Total	At least 118 year round beds	