

# Point-in-Time Count of Homeless in Collier County



## Homelessness in Collier County

The Hunger & Homeless Coalition and its community partners conducted the annual Point-in-Time Count on the night of January 29, 2016. On that night, **545 persons in Collier County were sleeping in a place not meant for human habitation or living in temporary shelter.**

Many individuals and families without a regular and stable place to stay are not included in this count. These persons were staying temporarily with family or friends, in a hotel or motel, or sharing a home on a more or less permanent basis with another family, often living in crowded and inadequate conditions.

While the number of persons in emergency shelter and transitional housing remains stable due to the fixed capacity rate, a sharp rise in unsheltered homelessness points to larger, systemic problems including rising rents and a shortage of housing affordable to low-wage workers.

## Families

On the night of the count, **68 households with 207 children were literally homeless.** Of these households, **3 were headed by youth under age 25 with 5 children under the age of 18.**

A more comprehensive view of family homelessness comes from the Collier County Public Schools' liaison for homeless education who reported to the Department of Education serving **597 students from the start of school until the night of the homeless count.** Included in this count are children in "doubled up" families, "couch surfing" unaccompanied youth, and children awaiting foster care placement.

## Children & Youth

**67 unaccompanied youth under age 25** were without permanent housing on the night of the count. Of these **18 were in emergency shelter** and another **11 were unsheltered.**

## 2016 Homelessness Snapshot

### Homeless Status

|                                 |            |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Literally Homeless Total</b> | <b>545</b> |
| Emergency Shelter               | 210        |
| Transitional Housing            | 118        |
| Unsheltered                     | 217        |

### Subpopulations

|                              |    |
|------------------------------|----|
| Veterans                     | 4  |
| Chronically Homeless         | 73 |
| Serious Mental Illness       | 6  |
| Chronic Substance Abuse      | 50 |
| HIV/AIDS                     | 1  |
| Victims of Domestic Violence | 65 |

### Children & Youth

|                                      |            |
|--------------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Children in Families</b>          | <b>134</b> |
| <b>Unaccompanied Youth</b>           | <b>67</b>  |
| Under age 18                         | 8          |
| Age 18 to 24                         | 59         |
| <b>Parenting Youth</b>               | <b>3</b>   |
| Under age 18                         | 0          |
| Age 18 to 24                         | 3          |
| <b>Children with Parenting Youth</b> | <b>5</b>   |

### Homeless Students

|                                 |            |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Homeless Children</b>        | <b>597</b> |
| Unaccompanied (Age 16 or older) | 111        |



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