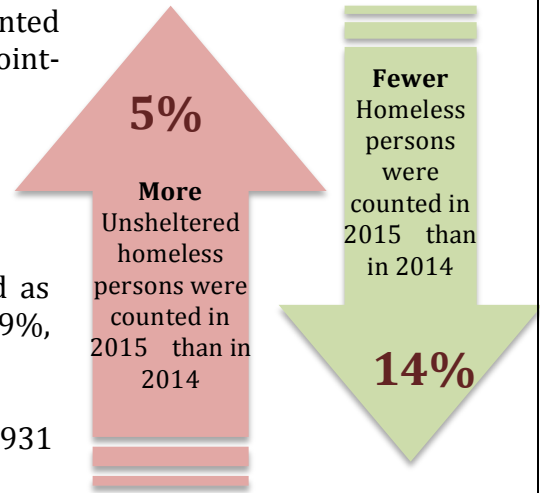


# 2015 New Jersey Point-In-Time Count Fact Sheet

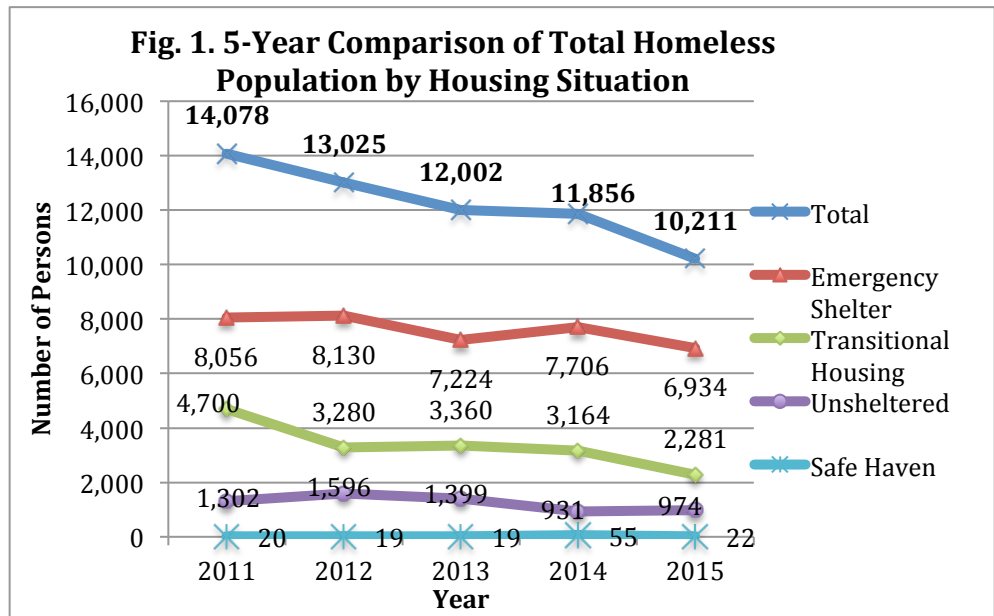
## NJ Counts 2015 Overall Results

- 10,211 homeless men, women and children were counted across the state of New Jersey on the night of the Point-in-Time Count.
- This was an overall decrease of 1,645 persons, or 13.9%, compared to the 2014 count.
- 1,425 persons, in 1,249 households, were identified as chronically homeless, a decrease of 74 persons, or 4.9%, compared to the 2014.
- 974 persons were unsheltered; up 4.6% from the 931 persons counted in 2014.

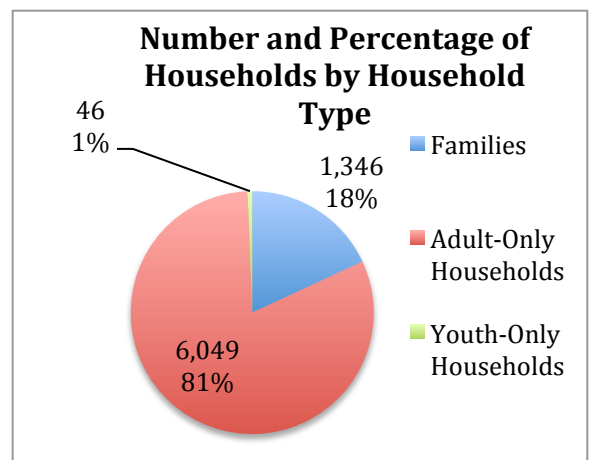


## NJ Counts 2015 Key Findings

- The number of homeless persons in emergency shelter, transitional housing and safe havens decreased 10%, 27.9% and 60% respectively. The overall homeless population in New Jersey has decreased at an average rate of 7.6% per year over the last 5 years.

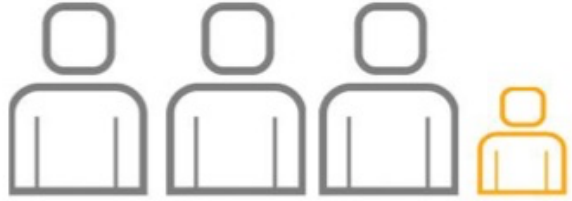


- 1,346 (18.1%) of the 7,441 homeless households counted through NJ Counts 2015 were families with children under the age of 18. There was a 21% decrease in homeless families as compared to 2014.
- 46 unaccompanied youth under 18, were identified in the count. This represents a 33.3% reduction in the homeless unaccompanied youth population.



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- 2,471 children under the age of 18 were homeless. Of these children, 1,278 (51.7%) were five years of age or younger, and 1,193 (48.3%) were between the ages of six and seventeen. Children under the age of 18 represented 24.2% of the homeless population



About 1 in every 4 homeless persons in New Jersey was a **child** on the night of the count

- 695 veteran households with 738 persons were identified in 2015, representing an 11.9% increase from 2014. 80 veteran households with 85 persons were unsheltered on the night of the count.
- 42% of homeless persons reported some type of disability. Among homeless adults over the age of 18, 52.4% reported a disability. The most prevalent disability reported was mental health issues.
- 17.9% of households reported that they had been homeless for more than one year.
- 36% of homeless households indicated they had no source of income while 23.9% of homeless households indicated they were not connected to any kind of non-cash mainstream benefit.
- 37.1% of homeless households indicated they were staying with friends and family immediately prior to becoming homeless.
- Top factors contributing to homelessness were: being asked to leave a shared residence (21.4%), loss or reduction of job income or benefits (16.8%), and eviction (12.7%).
- Essex County had the highest percentage of the statewide homeless population (16.9%), followed by Burlington County (13.2%) and Hudson County (8.9%).

Number of Homeless Persons by County and Percentage of State Total		
County	Total Homeless Persons	% of Total NJ Homeless
Atlantic	548	5.4%
Bergen	341	3.3%
Burlington	1,347	13.2%
Camden	611	6%
Cape May	157	1.5%
Cumberland	201	2%
Essex	1,723	16.9%
Gloucester	120	1.2%
Hudson	917	8.9%
Hunterdon	140	1.4%
Mercer	600	5.9%
Middlesex	604	5.9%
Monmouth	456	4.5%
Morris	348	3.8%
Ocean	605	5.9%
Passaic	459	4.5%
Salem	38	0.3%
Somerset	342	3.3%
Sussex	57	0.6%
Union	504	4.9%
Warren	58	0.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,211</b>	<b>100%</b>

This data comes from Monarch Housing Associates' NJ Counts 2015 Statewide Point-in-Time report available at Monarch's website: [www.monarchhousing.org](http://www.monarchhousing.org)

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