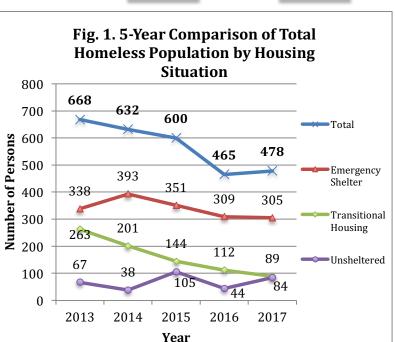
2017 Mercer County Point-In-Time Count Fact Sheet

Mercer County 2017 Overall Results

- 478 men, women and children were homeless on the night of January 24th, 2017, representing 5.6% of New Jersey's statewide homeless population.
- This represents an increase of 13 persons (2.8%) as compared to the 2016 count.
- 71 persons were identified as chronically homeless, representing 14.8% of the total homeless population.
- 84 persons were unsheltered on the night of the count, a 90.9% increase in the unsheltered homeless population since the count in 2016.

<u>NJ Counts Key Findings</u>

- There was a 1.3% decrease in the emergency shelter population, a 20.5% decrease in the transitional housing population, and a 90.9% increase in the unsheltered population.
- 40 of the 392 homeless households (10.2%) were families with children under the age of 18. There were 78 children under 18 (16.3%) who were homeless on the night of the count. Adult only households accounted for 88.5% of the homeless households.



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- 20 veterans were identified as homeless, representing a 33.3% increase from 2016.
- Among homeless adults, 57% identified a disabling condition. The predominant conditions identified were mental health issues and substance abuse disorders.
- 59.4% of homeless households reported no source of income and 25.3% of homeless households reported that they did not receive any non-cash benefits.
- 9.9% of the homeless households were homeless for more than one year.

This data comes from Monarch Housing Associates' NJ Counts 2017 report based on the Mercer County Point-In-Time Count of the Homeless available at http://monarchhousing.org. For more information, contact Monarch Housing Associates: Jay Everett – jeverett@monarchhousing.org - 908-272-5363 x232

