2017 Somerset County Point-In-Time Count Fact Sheet

Somerset County 2017 Overall Results

- 244 men, women and children were homeless on the night of January 24th, 2017 in Somerset County, representing 2.9% of New Jersey's total homeless population.
- This represents an increase of 26 persons (11.9%) as compared to the 2016 count.
- 3 persons were identified as chronically homeless, an increase of 2 persons, representing 1.2% of the total homeless population.
- 5 persons were unsheltered on the night of the count, an 44.4% decrease in the unsheltered homeless population since the count in 2016.
 Fig. 1. 5-Year Comparison of Total

NJ Counts Key Findings

- There was a 22.2% increase in the emergency shelter population, a 11.6% increase in the transitional housing population, and a 44.4% decrease in the unsheltered population from 2016.
- 23 of the 199 homeless households (11.6%) were

families with children under the age of 18, which included 44 children and 24 adults. Adult only households accounted for 84.9% of the homeless households and included 159 adults. In addition, there were 7 individual youth-only households; a decrease of 1 from 2016.

- 100 veterans were identified as homeless, representing an 8.7% increase from 2016.
- Among homeless adults, 69.4% identified a disabling condition. The predominant conditions identified were mental health issues and substance abuse disorders.
- 22.1% of homeless households reported no source of income and 7.5% reported that they were not receiving any non-cash benefits.
- 33 (16.6%) of the homeless households were homeless for more than one year.

This data comes from Monarch Housing Associates' NJ Counts 2017 report for Somerset County, available at <u>http://monarchhousing.org</u>. For more information, contact Monarch Housing Associates: Jay Everett – jeverett@monarchhousing.org - 908-272-5363 x232





