

# 2017 Union County Point-In-Time Count Fact Sheet

## Union County 2017 Overall Results

- 475 men, women and children were homeless on the night of January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in Union County, representing 5.6% of New Jersey's total homeless population.
- This represents a decrease of 37 persons (7.2%) as compared to the 2016 count.
- 43 persons were identified as chronically homeless, an increase of 126.3%, representing 9.1% of the total homeless population.
- 55 persons were unsheltered on the night of the count, a 11.3% decrease in the unsheltered homeless population since the count in 2016.

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2016

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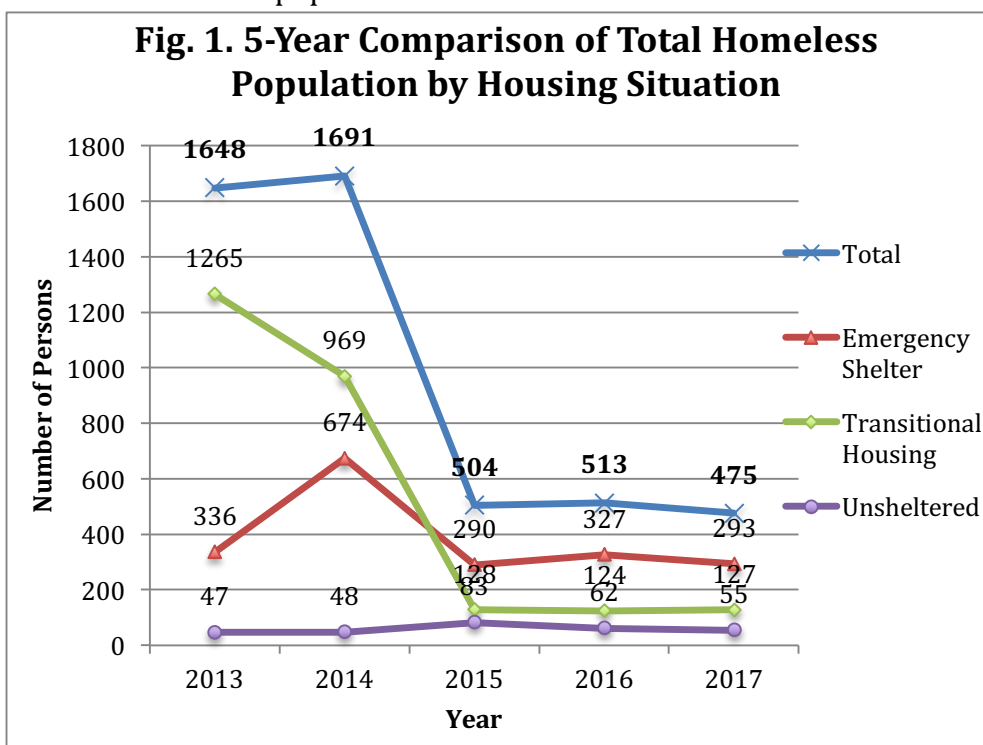
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## NJ Counts Key Findings

- There was a 10.4% decrease in the emergency shelter population, a 2.4% increase in the transitional housing population, and a 11.3% decrease in the unsheltered population from 2016.
- 90 of the 291 homeless households (30.9%) were families with children under the age of 18, including 164 children and 107 adults. Adult only households accounted for 67.7% of the homeless households, which included 200 adults. There were 4 households with only children under 18, an increase of 4 from 2016 where no youth only households were counted.
- 3 veterans were identified as homeless, 4 less than 2016.
- Among homeless adults, 50.5% identified a disabling condition. The predominant conditions identified were mental health issues and substance abuse disorders.
- 40.5% of homeless households reported no source of income and 15.5% reported that they were not receiving any non-cash benefits.
- 12.7% of the homeless households were homeless for more than one year.

**Fig. 1. 5-Year Comparison of Total Homeless Population by Housing Situation**



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

