

FACT SHEET: HOMELESSNESS IN ADDISON COUNTY/VERMONT

- The Annual Point-in-Time (PIT) Count is an unduplicated count of persons experiencing homelessness on the night of January 26, 2016. The total number of homeless Vermonters counted on that single night was **1,102**, an overall decrease in homelessness by **28%** compared to the 2015 Point-in-Time Count.
- **20%** of total households counted in the 2016 PIT statewide count had children. **47%** of households reported experiencing homelessness for the first time.
- **9.8%** of persons experiencing homelessness in the 2016 PIT Count identified as veterans.
- **20.8%** of persons experiencing homelessness in the 2016 PIT Count reported being victims of domestic violence.
- **29%** of persons in the 2016 PIT count identified as having serious mental illness. **19%** of persons identified as having a substance abuse disorder.
- **16%** of persons in the 2016 PIT count identified as having a physical disability and **5%** identified as having a developmental disability.
- During the winter of 2015/2016, Charter House-Warming Shelter and the John Graham Shelter provided space that significantly offset emergency motel stays in Addison County.
- Continuing challenges include rapid re-housing due to a lack of affordable housing and implementing strategies to best address the needs of individuals experiencing homelessness along with co-occurring disorders.

All facts sourced from the Vermont Statewide Point-in-Time 2016 Report



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