



Long-term Homelessness Among Individuals and Families

2015 Minnesota Homeless Study

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Definition

This report summarizes information from Wilder Research’s 2015 homeless survey about families and individuals who could be considered “long-term homeless.” These people were identified from survey data based on a combination of their current and prior experiences of homelessness. Those identified as “long-term homeless” were living in emergency shelters, transitional housing programs, outdoors, or in other emergency arrangements, and were:

- Homeless for at least one year during the current episode, or
- Homeless for less than one year in the current episode, but homeless at least four times in the previous three years.

Background

This report represents a special analysis of the 2015 Wilder Statewide Homelessness Study. The study uses a survey weighting technique that describes the characteristics of virtually all shelter program residents based on interviews with approximately 55 percent of all homeless adults and unaccompanied youth in shelters and transitional housing programs. Because different weights are used based on the characteristics of all people at a given site, the following variations may occur:

1. Similar categories with small numbers of cases may round differently or have differing percentages based on the weights of cases.
2. Category totals may not exactly equal the sum of cases in each cell because of rounding error (for example, “1.3 + 1.4 = 2.7” would round to “1 + 1 = 3”).

Finally, readers will note that all figures in this report are point-in-time counts and not annual estimates.

Overview of tables

Section 1 shows a summary of the numbers of long-term homeless people in 2015.

Section 2 presents information about characteristics of homeless people separately for the two homeless patterns described above (one long episode currently, or multiple recent episodes) as well as for both combined. The tables in this section show information separately for two different housing settings: emergency settings (emergency shelters, battered women’s shelters, and non-shelter arrangements) and transitional housing; and for three different household types:

- Adults (men and women age 18 or older with no children with them)
- Unaccompanied minors (male and female youth age 17 or younger with no children with them)
- Parents (adults and unaccompanied youth who have at least one child of their own with them)

The last table in Section 2 summarizes these figures for people in all housing settings and household types combined.

Section 3 presents characteristics of long-term homeless adults and parents, separately for emergency settings (including unsheltered) and transitional housing, including separate tables for:

- The 7-county Twin Cities metropolitan area
- The 80 counties of greater Minnesota

Section 4 compares characteristics of adults experiencing long-term homelessness with those of all other homeless adults. The comparison is made separately for individuals and families.

Notes about terms used in the tables

“Chronic health conditions” include asthma, tuberculosis, other chronic lung or respiratory problems, high blood pressure, other chronic heart or circulatory problems, diabetes, hepatitis, and/or sexually transmitted diseases including HIV/AIDS.

“Serious mental illness” means the individual has been told by a medical professional, in the last two years, that they have any of six diagnoses identified in national health screening survey as serious and persistent mental illnesses: schizophrenia, any other paranoid or delusional disorder, manic episodes or bipolar disorder, major depression, any severe personality disorder (such as anti-social or obsessive-compulsive personality disorder),

post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), or anxiety or panic disorder. Because people with long-term disorders may not have been told of it within the previous two years, this category also includes people who received in-patient or out-patient treatment for mental illness within the past two years. Note that anxiety or panic disorder was not included before the 2015 survey, so results in 2015 are not completely comparable to those from earlier years.

“Substance abuse disorder” means the individual has been told by a medical professional, in the last two years, that they have either an alcohol abuse disorder or a drug abuse disorder, or both.

“Dual diagnosis” means that the individual has both a substance abuse disorder and a mental health disorder.

“Recent criminal history” means the individual has been in juvenile detention (for more than a week), county jail or workhouse (for a month or more), or a state or federal prison, within the past two years. This is a conservative estimate of the extent to which criminal history may be a barrier to housing and employment. In addition to the 22 percent of all long-term homeless persons for whom this was true in the 2012 survey, 52 percent report that they had been in one of these settings at some time in their lives.

Race and ethnicity: The survey asked two separate questions about race and ethnicity. The categories used in this report combine them, to classify all those who indicated a Hispanic or Latino heritage as “Hispanic/Latino,” and all non-Hispanic respondents according to their primary self-identification (including “Other/More than one race” for those who indicated two or more).

Section 1: Numbers of long-term homeless people in Minnesota, 2015

1a. People in emergency settings, including unsheltered

	Homeless at least one year	Homeless less than one year, but at least 4 times in last 3 years	Total
Adults without children	1,515	187	1,701
Unaccompanied youth (without children)	25	12	37
Parents with children	245	44	289
Total adults and unaccompanied youth	1,785	243	2,028
Total children with parents	547	88	635
Total individuals	2,332	331	2,663

1b. People in transitional housing

	Homeless at least one year	Homeless less than one year, but at least 4 times in last 3 years	Total
Adults without children	714	44	759
Unaccompanied youth (without children)	3	0	3
Parents with children	529	55	583
Total adults and unaccompanied youth	1,246	99	1,345
Total children with parents	1,031	132	1,163
Total individuals	2,277	231	2,508

1c. Total

	Homeless at least one year	Homeless less than one year, but at least 4 times in last 3 years	Total
Total adults and unaccompanied youth	3,030	342	3,372
Total children with parents	1,578	220	1,798
Total individuals	4,608	462	5,170

Section 2: Characteristics of long-term homeless people, by household type and housing setting

2a. Adults in emergency settings, including unsheltered

Demographics	Homeless at least one year N=1,515		Homeless less than one year, but at least 4 times in last 3 years N=187		Total N=1,702	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Percent women	396	26%	63	34%	459	27%
Race/ethnicity						
African American	506	34%	45	24%	551	33%
African Native	45	3%	2	1%	47	3%
American Indian	160	11%	26	14%	186	11%
Asian/Pacific Islander	16	1%	0	0%	16	1%
White, non-Hispanic	558	38%	85	46%	643	39%
Other/More than one	86	6%	8	4%	94	6%
Hispanic/Latino*	105	7%	19	11%	124	8%
Metro	1,111	73%	100	54%	1,211	71%
Greater MN	403	27%	87	47%	490	29%
Shelter type						
Domestic violence shelter	45	3%	7	4%	53	3%
Emergency	922	61%	90	49%	1,013	60%
Other/unknown shelter	547	36%	89	48%	636	37%
In MN 2 years or less	280	19%	31	17%	312	18%
Currently employed	298	20%	40	22%	337	20%
Education level						
Less than HS/GED	349	24%	50	28%	399	24%
HS/GED only	637	44%	75	41%	712	43%
Some college	477	33%	56	31%	533	32%
Mean age	43		37.5		42.3	

* Hispanic/Latino may be of any race.

2a. Adults in emergency settings, including unsheltered (continued)

Characteristics	Homeless at least one year N=1,515		Homeless less than one year, but at least 4 times in last 3 years N=187		Total N=1,702	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Serious mental illness	948	63%	121	65%	1,069	63%
Substance abuse disorder	391	26%	57	31%	448	26%
Alcohol abuse disorder	303	21%	42	23%	345	21%
Drug abuse disorder	236	16%	42	23%	278	17%
Dual diagnosis (MI & SA)	328	22%	52	28%	379	22%
Chronic health condition	829	55%	99	53%	928	54%
# with none of above	295	19%	40	22%	355	20%
Recent criminal history	440	29%	47	25%	486	29%
# with none of above	207	14%	26	14%	233	14%
Work limitation (kind or amount)	782	53%	92	52%	875	53%
Limitations in daily activities	289	20%	22	12%	311	19%
Often confused	637	43%	82	46%	720	44%
Possible brain injury	622	41%	63	34%	686	40%
Women fleeing domestic violence	135	34%	20	32%	155	34%
Service use/need						
Detox in last 2 years	277	49%	43	54%	320	50%
ER in last 6 months	709	48%	88	48%	797	48%
Total # uses, 6 months	1,942 visits	2.8 mean	241 visits	2.8 mean	2,182 visits	2.8 mean
Housing size needed						
0 bedrooms	674	45%	72	40%	747	44%
1 bedroom	617	41%	82	45%	699	42%
2 bedrooms	166	11%	19	10%	185	11%
3 bedrooms	34	2%	6	4%	40	2%
4 bedrooms	8	<1	2	1%	10	<1%
5 bedrooms	-	-	-	-	-	-
MA or other public medical benefit in past year	1,043	70%	130	70%	1,174	70%
SSI in past year	286	19%	31	17%	318	19%
MFIP in past year	41	3%	5	3%	47	3%
Veteran	142	10%	17	10%	159	10%
Average # of housing barriers	4.7		4.0		4.6	

2b. Unaccompanied youth in emergency settings, including unsheltered

Demographics	Homeless at least one year N=25		Homeless less than one year, but at least 4 times in last 3 years N=12		Total N=37	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Percent women	14	56%	10	83%	24	65%
Race/ethnicity						
African American	7	30%	5	42%	12	34%
African Native	1	4%	-	0%	1	2%
American Indian	1	4%	1	8%	2	5%
Asian/Pacific Islander	-	-	-	-	-	-
White, non-Hispanic	6	26%	2	17%	8	22%
Other/More than one	6	26%	2	17%	8	22%
Hispanic/Latino	2	9%	2	17%	4	11%
Metro	11	44%	7	58%	18	49%
Greater MN	14	56%	5	42%	19	51%
Shelter type						
Domestic violence shelter	-	-	-	-	-	-
Emergency	4	16%	6	50%	10	27%
Street/unsheltered	21	84%	6	50%	27	73%
In MN 2 years or less	3	12%	1	8%	4	11%
Currently employed	6	24%	3	25%	9	24%
Education level						
Less than HS/GED	25	100%	12	100%	37	100%
HS/GED only	0	-	0	-	0	-
Some college	0	-	0	-	0	-
Mean age	39.1		34.4		38.6	

2b. Unaccompanied youth in emergency settings, including unsheltered (continued)

Characteristics	Homeless at least one year N=25		Homeless less than one year, but at least 4 times in last 3 years N=12		Total N=37	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Serious mental illness	16	64%	7	58%	23	62%
Substance abuse disorder	1	4%	2	17%	3	8%
Alcohol abuse disorder	1	4%	-	0%	1	3%
Drug abuse disorder	1	4%	2	17%	3	8%
Dual diagnosis (MI & SA)	1	4%	2	17%	3	8%
Chronic health condition	10	40%	3	25%	13	35%
# with none of above	7	28%	4	33%	11	30%
Recent criminal history	9	36%	3	25%	12	32%
# with none of above	5	20%	4	33%	9	24%
Work limitation (kind or amount)	4	17%	3	25%	7	20%
Limitations in daily activities	1	4%	1	8%	2	6%
Often confused	8	33%	4	33%	12	33%
Possible brain injury	4	16%	3	25%	7	19%
Women fleeing domestic violence	3	21%	6	60%	9	37%
Service use/need						
Detox in last 2 years	-	-	1	100%	1	100%
ER in last 6 months	8	33%	7	58%	15	42%
Total # uses, 6 months	12 visits	2.6 mean	17 visits	2.6 mean	29 visits	2.6 mean
Housing size needed						
0 bedrooms	10	45%	4	33%	14	41%
1 bedroom	6	27%	4	33%	10	29%
2 bedrooms	4	18%	1	8%	5	15%
3 bedrooms	1	5%	2	17%	3	9%
4 or more bedrooms	1	5%	1	8%	2	6%
MA or other public medical benefit in past year	12	50%	11	100%	23	66%
SSI in past year	1	4%	2	17%	3	8%
MFIP in past year	1	4%	0	-	1	3%
Veteran	0	-	0	-	0	-
Average # of housing barriers	5.0		4.1		4.8	

2c. Parents in emergency settings, including unsheltered

Demographics	Homeless at least one year N=245		Homeless less than one year, but at least 4 times in last 3 years N=44		Total N=289	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Percent women	212	87%	42	95%	254	88%
Race/ethnicity						
African American	114	48%	18	41%	132	47%
African Native	2	<1%	0	-	2	<1%
American Indian	37	16%	3	7%	40	14%
Asian/Pacific Islander	3	1%	0	-	3	1%
White, non-Hispanic	62	26%	13	31%	76	27%
Other/More than one	10	4%	7	15%	16	6%
Hispanic/Latino	14	6%	3	7%	17	6%
Metro	155	63%	22	51%	177	61%
Greater MN	90	37%	21	49%	112	39%
Shelter type						
Domestic violence shelter	53	21%	9	20%	62	21%
Emergency	125	51%	21	48%	146	51%
Street/unsheltered	67	27%	14	32%	81	28%
In MN 2 years or less	63	26%	15	34%	78	27%
Currently employed	69	29%	12	26%	81	28%
Education level						
Less than HS/GED	50	21%	15	34%	65	23%
HS/GED only	107	45%	17	39%	124	44%
Some college	79	33%	12	27%	91	32%
Mean age	31.9		29.9		31.6	
Total accompanying children	547		88		635	

2c. Parents in emergency settings, including unsheltered (continued)

Characteristics	Homeless at least one year N=245		Homeless less than one year, but at least 4 times in last 3 years N=44		Total N=289	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Serious mental illness	162	66%	33	74%	195	67%
Substance abuse disorder	36	15%	6	14%	42	14%
Alcohol abuse disorder	19	8%	6	14%	25	9%
Drug abuse disorder	23	10%	2	5%	25	9%
Dual diagnosis (MI & SA)	33	13%	5	12%	38	13%
Chronic health condition	127	52%	27	62%	154	53%
# with none of above	51	21%	4	10%	55	19%
Recent criminal history	34	14%	3	7%	37	13%
# with none of above	41	17%	4	10%	46	16%
Work limitation (kind or amount)	98	40%	16	37%	114	40%
Limitations in daily activities	39	16%	10	22%	49	17%
Often confused	87	36%	18	42%	105	36%
Possible brain injury	73	30%	13	31%	86	30%
Women fleeing domestic violence	101	47%	19	46%	120	47%
Service use/need						
Detox in last 2 years	10	30%	0	-	10	26%
ER in last 6 months	108	44%	25	57%	133	46%
Total # uses, 6 months	288 visits	2.7 mean	59 visits	2.4 mean	347 visits	2.7 mean
Housing size needed						
0 bedrooms	5	2%	0	-	5	2%
1 bedroom	22	9%	7	17%	29	10%
2 bedrooms	105	43%	22	51%	127	44%
3 bedrooms	91	37%	13	30%	104	36%
4 or more bedrooms	21	9%	1	2%	22	8%
MA or other public medical benefit in past year	199	81%	42	96%	241	83%
SSI in past year	49	20%	4	9%	53	18%
MFIP in past year	159	65%	27	62%	186	64%
Veteran	3	1%	0	-	3	1%
Average # of housing barriers	5.0		4.1		4.8	

2d. Adults in transitional housing

Demographics	Homeless at least one year N=714		Homeless less than one year, but at least 4 times in last 3 years N=44		Total N=758	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Percent women	303	42%	13	29%	315	42%
Race/ethnicity						
African American	237	34%	15	36%	251	34%
African Native	7	1%	0	-	7	1%
American Indian	41	6%	4	9%	44	6%
Asian/Pacific Islander	7	1%	0	-	7	1%
White, non-Hispanic	332	47%	23	56%	355	48%
Other/More than one	34	5%	0	-	34	5%
Hispanic/Latino	47	7%	0	-	47	6%
Metro	549	77%	30	68%	579	76%
Greater MN	165	23%	14	32%	180	24%
In MN 2 years or less	125	18%	0	-	125	16%
Currently employed	213	30%	18	41%	231	31%
Education level						
Less than HS/GED	131	19%	6	14%	137	18%
HS/GED only	292	42%	23	42%	315	42%
Some college	278	40%	15	33%	293	39%
Mean age	40.5		31.1		39.9	

2d. Adults in transitional housing (continued)

Characteristics	Homeless at least one year N=714		Homeless less than one year, but at least 4 times in last 3 years N=44		Total N=758	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Serious mental illness	515	72%	25	57%	540	71%
Substance abuse disorder	251	35%	20	44%	271	36%
Alcohol abuse disorder	194	28%	16	37%	210	28%
Drug abuse disorder	159	23%	16	36%	175	24%
Dual diagnosis (MI & SA)	208	29%	20	44%	227	30%
Chronic health condition	404	57%	19	43%	423	56%
<i># with none of above</i>	84	12%	14	32%	99	13%
Recent criminal history	157	22%	8	18%	165	22%
<i># with none of above</i>	72	10%	12	28%	85	11%
Work limitation (kind or amount)	340	50%	18	42%	358	49%
Limitations in daily activities	134	19%	3	7%	137	18%
Often confused	261	38%	17	38%	278	37%
Possible brain injury	228	32%	20	45%	248	33%
Women fleeing domestic violence	102	34%	2	19%	104	33%
Service use/need						
Detox in last 2 years	101	44%	7	77%	108	45%
ER in last 6 months	293	42%	20	44%	313	42%
Total # uses, 6 months	680 visits	2.3 mean	66 visits	3.4 mean	746 visits	2.4 mean
Housing size needed						
0 bedrooms	254	36%	31	69%	285	38%
1 bedroom	342	49%	12	26%	353	47%
2 bedrooms	81	12%	2	5%	83	11%
3 bedrooms	19	3%	0	-	19	3%
4 or more bedrooms	0	-	0	-	0	-
MA or other public medical benefit in past year	549	78%	35	80%	585	78%
SSI in past year	118	17%	9	22%	127	17%
MFIP in past year	18	3%	3	7%	21	3%
Veteran	98	14%	6	14%	104	14%
Average # of housing barriers	4.8		3.5		4.7	

2e. Unaccompanied youth in transitional housing

Demographics	Homeless at least one year N=3		Homeless less than one year, but at least 4 times in last 3 years N=0		Total N=3	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Percent women					1	33%
Race/ethnicity						
African American					0	-
African Native					0	-
American Indian					1	-
Asian/Pacific Islander					0	-
White, non-Hispanic					1	-
Other/More than one					1	-
Hispanic/Latino					1	-
Metro					1	33%
Greater MN					2	67%
In MN 2 years or less					0	-
Currently employed					0	-
Education level						
Less than HS/GED					3	100%
HS/GED only					0	-
Some college					0	-
Mean age					16.3	

Note. Because of small numbers, figures for unaccompanied youth in transitional housing are not shown separately by homeless pattern.

2e. Unaccompanied youth in transitional housing (continued)

Characteristics	Homeless at least one year N=3		Homeless less than one year, but at least 4 times in last 3 years N=0		Total N=3	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Serious mental illness					2	67%
Substance abuse disorder					2	67%
Alcohol abuse disorder					1	33%
Drug abuse disorder					2	67%
Dual diagnosis (MI & SA)					2	67%
Chronic health condition					1	33%
# with none of above					2	67%
Recent criminal history					1	33%
# with none of above					2	67%
Work limitation (kind or amount)					1	33%
Limitations in daily activities					0	-
Often confused					0	-
Possible brain injury					0	-
Women fleeing domestic violence					0	-
Service use/need						
Detox in last 2 years					1	100%
ER in last 6 months					0	-
Total # uses, 6 months					0 visits	- mean
Housing size needed						
0 bedrooms					2	67%
1 bedroom					0	-
2 bedrooms					0	-
3 bedrooms					0	-
4 or more bedrooms					1	33%
MA or other public medical benefit in past year					3	100%
SSI in past year					0	-
MFIP in past year					0	-
Veteran					0	-
Average # of housing barriers						5.7

Note. Because of small numbers, figures for unaccompanied youth in transitional housing are not shown separately by homeless pattern.

2f. Parents in transitional housing

Demographics	Homeless at least one year N=528		Homeless less than one year, but at least 4 times in last 3 years N=55		Total N=583	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Percent women	458	87%	41	76%	499	86%
Race/ethnicity						
African American	235	46%	3	6%	238	42%
African Native	20	4%	30	55%	50	9%
American Indian	53	10%	1	2%	54	9%
Asian/Pacific Islander	11	2%	0	-	11	2%
White, non-Hispanic	140	27%	18	34%	158	28%
Other/More than one	30	6%	0	-	30	5%
Hispanic/Latino	27	5%	2	3%	28	5%
Metro	371	70%	37	67%	408	70%
Greater MN	157	30%	18	33%	175	30%
In MN 2 years or less	107	20%	34	63%	142	24%
Currently employed	222	42%	19	35%	241	41%
Education level						
Less than HS/GED	130	25%	21	50%	150	27%
HS/GED only	197	38%	10	25%	207	37%
Some college	190	37%	10	25%	200	36
Mean age	30.8		33.9		31.0	
Total accompanying children	1,031		132		1,163	

2f. Parents in transitional housing

Characteristics	Homeless at least one year N=528		Homeless less than one year, but at least 4 times in last 3 years N=55		Total N=583	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Serious mental illness	307	58%	27	50%	334	57%
Substance abuse disorder	60	11%	5	9%	64	13%
Alcohol abuse disorder	27	5%	1	2%	28	5%
Drug abuse disorder	45	9%	5	9%	50	9%
Dual diagnosis (MI & SA)	57	11%	5	9%	62	10%
Chronic health condition	238	45%	25	46%	263	45%
# with none of above	134	25%	17	31%	151	26%
Recent criminal history	38	7%	5	9%	43	7%
# with none of above	108	20%	17	31%	124	21%
Work limitation (kind or amount)	168	33%	7	13%	175	31
Limitations in daily activities	47	9%	3	5%	49	9%
Often confused	150	29%	18	33%	168	30%
Possible brain injury	109	21%	19	35%	128	22%
Women fleeing domestic violence	138	30%	7	16%	145	29%
Service use/need						
Detox in last 2 years	14	32%	5	47%	19	35%
ER in last 6 months	215	41%	26	48%	241	42%
Total # uses, 6 months	496 visits	2.4 mean	35 visits	1.4 mean	531 visits	2.3 mean
Housing size needed						
0 bedrooms	4	1%	0	-	4	1%
1 bedroom	18	3%	3	5%	21	4%
2 bedrooms	288	55%	20	37%	308	53%
3 bedrooms	175	33%	18	33%	193	33%
4 or more bedrooms	44	8%	13	24%	57	10%
MA or other public medical benefit in past year	503	96%	51	94%	554	95%
SSI in past year	61	12%	7	12%	68	12%
MFIP in past year	411	78%	50	91%	461	79%
Veteran	9	2%	1	2%	10	2%
Average # of housing barriers	4.4		3.7		4.4	

2g. Summary for all household types and all housing settings

Demographics	Homeless at least one year N=3,030		Homeless less than one year, but at least 4 times in last 3 years N=341		Total N=3,371	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Percent women	1,384	46%	169	49%	1,553	46%
Race/ethnicity						
African American	1,099	37%	85	25%	1,184	36%
African Native	75	3%	32	10%	107	3%
American Indian	292	10%	35	10%	326	10%
Asian/Pacific Islander	34	1%	0	-	34	1%
White, non-Hispanic	1,098	37%	142	42%	1,240	38%
Other/More than one	166	6%	17	5%	183	6%
Hispanic/Latino	194	7%	26	8%	220	7%
Metro	2,198	73%	196	57%	2,394	71%
Greater MN	832	27%	145	43%	977	29%
Shelter type						
Domestic violence shelter	98	3%	16	5%	114	3%
Emergency	1,051	35%	119	34%	1,170	34%
Transitional housing	1,035	34%	92	27%	1,127	33%
Street/unsheltered	635	21%	109	32%	744	22%
In MN 2 years or less	579	19%	82	24%	661	20%
Currently employed	808	27%	92	27%	899	27%
Education level						
Less than HS/GED	687	23%	104	32%	791	24%
HS/GED only	1,232	42%	125	39%	1,357	42%
Some college	1,024	35%	93	29%	1,117	34%
Mean age	39.1		34.4		38.6	
Total accompanying children	1,578		220		1,798	

2g. Summary for all household types and all housing settings (continued)

Characteristics	Homeless at least one year N=3,030		Homeless less than one year, but at least 4 times in last 3 years N=341		Total N=3,371	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Serious mental illness	1,950	64%	213	62%	2,163	64%
Substance abuse disorder	740	24%	90	26%	830	24%
Alcohol abuse disorder	546	18%	65	20%	611	18%
Drug abuse disorder	467	16%	67	20%	534	16%
Dual diagnosis (MI & SA)	628	21%	83	24%	711	21%
Chronic health condition	1,610	53%	173	51%	1,782	53%
<i># with none of above</i>	571	19%	80	23%	651	19%
Recent criminal history	679	22%	65	19%	744	22%
<i># with none of above</i>	433	14%	63	19%	496	15%
Work limitation (kind or amount)	1,393	47%	137	41%	1,530	47%
Limitations in daily activities	510	17%	39	12%	549	17%
Often confused	1,144	39%	140	42%	1,284	39%
Possible brain injury	1,036	34%	118	35%	1,254	34%
Women fleeing domestic violence	478	35%	55	32%	533	34%
Service use/need						
Detox in last 2 years	403	46%	56	54%	458	47%
ER in last 6 months	1,334	45%	166	49%	1,500	45%
Total # uses, 6 months	3,418 visits	2.6 mean	418 visits	2.6 mean	3,836 visits	2.6 mean
Housing size needed						
0 bedrooms	949	32%	107	32%	1,056	32%
1 bedroom	1,005	34%	108	32%	1,113	33%
2 bedrooms	645	21%	65	19%	710	21%
3 bedrooms	319	11%	39	12%	358	11%
4 or more bedrooms	81	3%	17	5%	98	3%
MA or other public medical benefit in past year	2,309	77%	270	80%	2,579	77%
SSI in past year	516	17%	53	16%	569	17%
MFIP in past year	631	21%	86	25%	717	22%
Veteran	252	8%	25	7%	277	8%
Average # of housing barriers	4.7		3.9		4.6	

Section 3: Characteristics of long-term homeless people, by shelter type, family type, and part of state

3a. Statewide

Demographics	Emergency settings, including unsheltered		Transitional housing		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
ADULTS WITHOUT CHILDREN	N=2,789		N=1,115		N=3,904	
Percent women	821	29%	467	42%	1,288	33%
Race/ethnicity						
African American	898	33%	351	32%	1,249	33%
African Native	66	2%	30	3%	96	3%
American Indian	248	9%	57	5%	304	8%
Asian/Pacific Islander	34	1%	18	2%	52	1%
White, non-Hispanic	1,096	40%	540	49%	1,636	43%
Other/More than one	170	6%	42	4%	212	6%
Hispanic/Latino	202	7%	61	6%	263	7%
In MN 2 years or less	567	20%	183	16%	750	19%
Currently employed	667	24%	387	35%	1,054	27%
Education level						
Less than HS/GED	591	22%	213	19%	804	21%
HS/GED only	1,151	43%	457	42%	1,608	43%
Some college	957	35%	429	39%	1,386	36%
Mean age	42.3		40.0		41.6	

3a. Statewide (continued)

Demographics	Emergency settings, including unsheltered		Transitional housing		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
PARENTS WITH CHILDREN	N=742		N=909		N=1,651	
Percent women	659	89%	768	84%	1,427	86%
Race/ethnicity						
African American	310	42%	331	37%	641	39%
African Native	17	2%	123	14%	140	9%
American Indian	77	11%	58	7%	135	8%
Asian/Pacific Islander	32	4%	30	3%	62	4%
White, non-Hispanic	189	26%	250	28%	439	27%
Other/More than one	42	6%	42	5%	84	5%
Hispanic/Latino	64	9%	62	7%	126	8%
In MN 2 years or less	251	34%	276	30%	527	32%
Currently employed	208	28%	407	45%	615	38%
Education level						
Less than HS/GED	142	20%	241	29%	383	24%
HS/GED only	301	42%	303	36%	604	39%
Some college	282	39%	292	35%	574	37%
Mean age	31.6		31.1		31.3	
Total accompanying children	635		1,163		1,798	

3a. Statewide (continued)

Characteristics	Emergency settings, including unsheltered		Transitional housing		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
ADULTS WITHOUT CHILDREN	N=2,789		N=1,115		N=3,904	
Serious mental illness	1,703	61%	756	68%	2,459	63%
Substance abuse disorder	633	23%	368	33%	1,001	26%
Alcohol abuse disorder	483	18%	288	26%	771	20%
Drug abuse disorder	394	14%	234	22%	628	16%
Dual diagnosis (MI & SA)	526	19%	302	27%	828	21%
Chronic health condition	1,512	54%	591	53%	2,103	54%
# with none of above	588	21%	173	16%	761	20%
Recent criminal history	695	25%	227	20%	922	24%
# with none of above	420	15%	147	13%	567	15%
Possible brain injury	985	35%	313	28%	1,298	33%
Service use/need						
Detox in last 2 years	432	48%	158	48%	590	48%
ER in last 6 months	1,271	46%	442	40%	1,712	45%
Total # uses, 6 months	2,182 visits	2.8 mean	746 visits	2.4 mean	2,928 visits	2.7 mean
Housing size needed						
0 bedrooms	1,149	42%	391	36%	1,540	40%
1 bedroom	1,182	43%	539	49%	1,721	45%
2 bedrooms	332	12%	138	13%	470	12%
3 bedrooms	79	3%	20	2%	99	3%
4 or more bedrooms	17	1%	7	1%	24	1%
MA or other public medical benefit in past year	1,884	68%	842	77%	2,726	71%
SSI in past year	535	19%	186	17%	721	19%
Veteran	273	10%	152	14%	425	11%

3a. Statewide (continued)

Characteristics	Emergency settings, incl. unsheltered		Transitional housing		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
PARENTS WITH CHILDREN	N=742		N=909		N=1,651	
Serious mental illness	436	59%	449	49%	885	54%
Substance abuse disorder	67	9%	85	9%	152	9%
Alcohol abuse disorder	41	6%	43	5%	84	5%
Drug abuse disorder	43	6%	66	7%	109	7%
Dual diagnosis (MI & SA)	62	8%	81	9%	143	9%
Chronic health condition	370	50%	383	42%	753	46%
# with none of above	182	25%	302	33%	484	29%
Recent criminal history	68	9%	62	7%	130	8%
# with none of above	158	21%	263	29%	421	26%
Possible brain injury	207	28%	179	20%	386	23%
Service use/need						
Detox in last 2 years	18	29%	23	32%	41	30%
ER in last 6 months	326	44%	326	36%	652	40%
Total # uses, 6 months	347 visits	2.7 mean	531 visits	2.3 mean	878 visits	2.4 mean
Housing size needed						
0 bedrooms	12	2%	12	1%	24	1%
1 bedroom	82	11%	43	5%	125	8%
2 bedrooms	317	43%	457	50%	774	47%
3 bedrooms	282	38%	298	33%	580	35%
4 or more bedrooms	48	7%	99	11%	147	9%
MA or other public medical benefit in past year	626	85%	846	94%	1,472	90%
SSI in past year	127	17%	114	13%	241	15%
Veteran	10	1%	13	1%	23	1%

3b. 7-county Twin Cities metropolitan area

Demographics	Emergency settings, incl. unsheltered		Transitional housing		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
ADULTS WITHOUT CHILDREN	N=1,893		N=793		N=2,686	
Percent women	510	27%	331	42%	840	31%
Race/ethnicity						
African American	776	42%	307	39%	1,083	41%
African Native	61	3%	15	2%	76	3%
American Indian	83	5%	28	4%	111	4%
Asian/Pacific Islander	30	2%	11	2%	41	2%
White, non-Hispanic	624	34%	344	44%	968	37%
Other/More than one	115	6%	31	4%	146	6%
Hispanic/Latino	156	8%	448	6%	200	8%
In MN 2 years or less	397	21%	114	14%	511	19%
Currently employed	463	25%	235	30%	698	26%
Education level						
Less than HS/GED	372	20%	138	18%	510	19%
HS/GED only	776	43%	325	42%	792	46%
Some college	346	30%	249	42%	1,101	42%
Mean age	43.7		41.5		43.0	
PARENTS WITH CHILDREN	N=476		N=631		N=1,107	
Percent women	419	88%	525	83%	944	85%
Race/ethnicity						
African American	260	56%	292	47%	552	51%
African Native	13	3%	116	19%	129	12%
American Indian	31	7%	23	4%	54	5%
Asian/Pacific Islander	30	6%	29	5%	59	5%
White, non-Hispanic	74	16%	88	14%	161	15%
Other/More than one	25	5%	32	5%	57	5%
Hispanic/Latino	34	7%	42	7%	76	7%
In MN 2 years or less	175	37%	206	33%	381	34%
Currently employed	138	29%	277	44%	415	38%
Education level						
Less than HS/GED	85	18%	169	30%	254	24%
HS/GED only	195	42%	207	37%	402	39%
Some college	185	40%	187	33%	372	36%
Mean age	31.6		31.5		31.5	
Total accompanying children	402		831		1,232	

3b. 7-county Twin Cities metropolitan area (continued)

Characteristics	Emergency settings, incl. unsheltered		Transitional housing		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
ADULTS WITHOUT CHILDREN	N=1,893		N=793		N=2,686	
Serious mental illness	1,090	58%	532	67%	1,622	60%
Substance abuse disorder	369	20%	259	33%	628	23%
Alcohol abuse disorder	275	15%	207	27%	482	18%
Drug abuse disorder	226	12%	148	19%	374	14%
Dual diagnosis (MI & SA)	300	16%	214	27%	514	19%
Chronic health condition	1,044	55%	453	57%	1,497	56%
<i># with none of above</i>	421	22%	125	16%	546	20%
Recent criminal history	397	21%	134	17%	531	20%
<i># with none of above</i>	312	17%	110	14%	422	16%
Possible brain injury	671	35%	234	30%	905	34%
Service use/need						
Detox in last 2 years	236	42%	130	52%	366	45%
ER in last 6 months	854	46%	337	43%	1,191	45%
Total # uses, 6 months	1,589 visits	2.9 mean	545 visits	2.1 mean	2,134 visits	2.7 mean
Housing size needed						
0 bedrooms	824	44%	316	40%	1,140	43%
1 bedroom	787	42%	382	49%	1,169	44%
2 bedrooms	207	11%	73	9%	280	11%
3 bedrooms	47	3%	8	1%	55	2%
4 or more bedrooms	8	1%	4	1%	12	1%
MA or other public medical benefit in past year	1,274	68%	600	76%	1,874	71%
SSI in past year	384	21%	127	16%	511	19%
Veteran	189	10%	104	13%	293	11%

3b. 7-county Twin Cities metropolitan area (continued)

Characteristics	Emergency settings, incl. unsheltered		Transitional housing		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
PARENTS WITH CHILDREN	N=476		N=631		N=1,107	
Serious mental illness	259	54%	292	46%	551	49%
Substance abuse disorder	35	7%	41	7%	76	6%
Alcohol abuse disorder	20	4%	21	4%	41	4%
Drug abuse disorder	24	5%	29	5%	53	5%
Dual diagnosis (MI & SA)	33	7%	39	6%	72	6%
Chronic health condition	239	50%	265	42%	504	45%
<i># with none of above</i>	123	26%	229	36%	353	32%
Recent criminal history	39	8%	34	5%	73	6%
<i># with none of above</i>	105	22%	201	32%	306	28%
Possible brain injury	119	25%	126	20%	245	22%
Service use/need						
Detox in last 2 years	9	21%	12	35%	21	28%
ER in last 6 months	212	44%	232	37%	444	40%
Total # uses, 6 months	231 visits	2.7 mean	385 visits	2.4 mean	616 visits	2.5 mean
Housing size needed						
0 bedrooms	5	1%	8	1%	13	1%
1 bedroom	61	13%	23	4%	84	8%
2 bedrooms	204	43%	312	50%	516	47%
3 bedrooms	180	38%	201	32%	381	34%
4 or more bedrooms	25	5%	86	14%	111	10%
MA or other public medical benefit in past year	409	86%	585	93%	994	90%
SSI in past year	89	19%	90	14%	179	16%
Veteran	5	1%	8	1%	13	1%

3c. Greater Minnesota

Demographics	Emergency settings, including unsheltered		Transitional housing		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
ADULTS WITHOUT CHILDREN	N=895		N=322		N=1,217	
Percent women	311	35%	136	42%	447	37%
Race/ethnicity						
African American	121	14%	44	14%	166	14%
African Native	5	1%	15	5%	20	2%
American Indian	165	19%	29	9%	274	16%
Asian/Pacific Islander	4	1%	7	2%	14	1%
White, non-Hispanic	472	54%	197	62%	946	55%
Other/More than one	55	6%	11	4%	93	5%
Hispanic/Latino	46	5%	16	5%	113	7%
In MN 2 years or less	170	19%	68	21%	238	20%
Currently employed	204	23%	152	48%	355	30%
Education level						
Less than HS/GED	219	25%	75	24%	294	25%
HS/GED only	375	43%	132	42%	507	43%
Some college	279	32%	108	34%	387	33%
Mean age	38.9		34.8		37.8	
PARENTS WITH CHILDREN	N=266		N=278		N=544	
Percent women	240	90%	243	87%	483	89%
Race/ethnicity						
African American	50	19%	39	14%	89	17%
African Native	4	2%	8	3%	12	2%
American Indian	46	17%	35	13%	81	15%
Asian/Pacific Islander	2	1%	1	<1%	3	1%
White	115	44%	162	59%	277	51%
Other/More than one	17	7%	10	4%	27	5%
Hispanic/Latino	30	11%	20	7%	50	9%
In MN 2 years or less	75	28%	70	25%	145	27%
Currently employed	70	27%	130	47%	200	37%
Education level						
Less than HS/GED	57	22%	72	26%	129	24%
HS/GED only	106	41%	95	35%	201	38%
Some college	97	37%	105	39%	202	38%
Mean age	31.5		30.2		30.7	
Total accompanying children	233		332		565	

3c. Greater Minnesota (continued)

Characteristics	Emergency settings, incl. unsheltered		Transitional housing		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
ADULTS WITHOUT CHILDREN	N=895		N=322		N=1,217	
Serious mental illness	613	68%	223	69%	836	69%
Substance abuse disorder	265	30%	108	34%	373	31%
Alcohol abuse disorder	208	24%	81	26%	288	24%
Drug abuse disorder	167	19%	87	28%	254	21%
Dual diagnosis (MI & SA)	226	25%	88	28%	314	26%
Chronic health condition	468	52%	138	43%	606	50%
<i># with none of above</i>	427	48%	184	57%	611	50%
Recent criminal history	297	33%	93	29%	390	32%
<i># with none of above</i>	598	67%	229	71%	827	68%
Possible brain injury	314	35%	79	25%	393	32%
Service use/need						
Detox in last 2 years	196	57%	28	34%	224	53%
ER in last 6 months	416	48%	104	33%	521	44%
Total # uses, 6 months	593 visits	2.5 mean	201 visits	3.8 mean	794 visits	2.8 mean
Housing size needed						
0 bedrooms	325	37%	74	24%	399	33%
1 bedroom	395	45%	157	51%	552	46%
2 bedrooms	125	14%	65	21%	190	16%
3 bedrooms	32	4%	11	4%	43	4%
4 or more bedrooms	8	1%	3	1%	11	1%
MA or other public medical benefit in past year	610	69%	242	77%	852	71%
SSI in past year	151	17%	59	19%	210	17%
Veteran	84	10%	48	15%	132	11%

3c. Greater Minnesota (continued)

Characteristics	Emergency settings, incl. unsheltered		Transitional housing		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
PARENTS WITH CHILDREN	N=266		N=278		N=544	
Serious mental illness	177	67%	157	56%	334	61%
Substance abuse disorder	32	12%	43	15%	75	14%
Alcohol abuse disorder	21	8%	22	8%	43	8%
Drug abuse disorder	19	7%	37	13%	56	10%
Dual diagnosis (MI & SA)	29	11%	41	15%	71	13%
Chronic health condition	130	49%	118	42%	248	45%
<i># with none of above</i>	59	22%	73	26%	131	24%
Recent criminal history	28	11%	28	10%	56	10%
<i># with none of above</i>	53	20%	62	22%	115	21%
Possible brain injury	87	33%	53	19%	140	26%
Service use/need						
Detox in last 2 years	9	41%	10	29%	19	34%
ER in last 6 months	115	44%	94	34%	209	39%
Total # uses, 6 months	116 visits	2.6 mean	146 visits	2.0 mean	262 visits	2.2 mean
Housing size needed						
0 bedrooms	7	3%	4	2%	11	2%
1 bedroom	21	8%	20	7%	40	7%
2 bedrooms	113	43%	144	52%	257	47%
3 bedrooms	102	38%	97	35%	199	37%
4 or more bedrooms	23	9%	12	5%	35	6%
MA or other public medical benefit in past year	216	82%	261	95%	478	88%
SSI in past year	38	14%	24	9%	62	11%
Veteran	5	2%	5	2%	10	2%

Section 4: Comparison of LTH and non-LTH homeless people

4a. Long-term homeless compared to those not chronically homeless: Individuals

Demographics	Long-term homeless N= 1,511		All others N= 2,433		Total N=3,944	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Percent women	769	32%	562	37%	1,331	34%
Race/ethnicity						
African American	791	33%	476	32%	1,267	33%
African Native	53	2%	44	3%	97	2%
American Indian	221	9%	83	6%	304	8%
Asian/Pacific Islander	22	1%	31	2%	53	1%
White, non-Hispanic	986	42%	650	44%	1,636	43%
Other/More than one	133	6%	89	6%	222	6%
Hispanic/Latino	168	7%	101	7%	2,690	7%
Metro	1,762	72%	949	63%	2,711,	69%
Greater MN	671	28%	562	37%	1,233	31%
Shelter type						
Domestic violence shelter	51	2%	75	5%	126	3%
Emergency	996	41%	701	46%	1,697	43%
Transitional housing	698	29%	353	23%	1,051	27%
Street/unsheltered	645	27%	371	25%	1,016	26%
In MN 2 years or less	426	18%	325	22%	751	19%
Currently employed	571	24%	504	34%	1,075	27%
Education level						
Less than HS/GED	559	24%	347	24%	906	24%
HS/GED only	998	42%	580	39%	1,578	41%
Some college	804	34%	550	37%	1,354	35%
Mean age	31.3		32.4		31.8	
Total accompanying children	0		0		0	

**4a. Long-term homeless compared to those not chronically homeless: Individuals
(continued)**

Characteristics	Long-term homeless N= 1,511		All others N= 2,433		Total N= 3,944	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Serious mental illness	1,610	66%	892	59%	2,502	63%
Substance abuse disorder	719	30%	289	19%	1,008	26%
Alcohol abuse disorder	553	23%	221	15%	774	20%
Drug abuse disorder	455	19%	180	12%	635	16%
Dual diagnosis (MI & SA)	606	25%	229	15%	835	21%
Chronic health condition	1,356	56%	770	51%	2,126	54%
# with none of above	404	17%	347	23%	751	19%
Recent criminal history	649	27%	287	19%	937	24%
# with none of above	292	12%	267	18%	559	14%
Work limitation (kind or amount)	1,226	51%	595	40%	1,820	47%
Limitations in daily activities	446	19%	255	17%	701	18%
Often confused	1,003	42%	484	32%	1,487	38%
Possible brain injury	932	38%	374	25%	1,306	33%
Women fleeing domestic violence	258	33%	194	35%	452	34%
Service use/need						
Detox in last 2 years	425	49%	162	46%	587	48%
ER in last 6 months	1,222	46%	612	41%	1,734	44%
Total # uses, 6 months	2,952 visits	2.7 mean	1,560 visits	2.6 mean	4,512 visits	2.7 mean
Housing size needed						
0 bedrooms	1,030	43%	532	36%	1,562	40%
1 bedroom	1,043	43%	688	46%	1,731	44%
2 bedrooms	262	11%	208	14%	470	12%
3 bedrooms	59	2%	44	3%	103	3%
4 or more bedrooms	18	1%	13	1%	31	1%
MA or other public medical benefit in past year	1,750	72%	988	67%	2,738	70%
SSI in past year	426	18%	279	19%	705	18%
MFIP in past year	68	3%	46	3%	114	3%
Veteran	261	11%	155	10%	416	11%
Average # of housing barriers	4.7		3.0		4.0	

4b. Long-term homeless compared to those not chronically homeless: Families

Demographics	Long-term homeless N= 872		All others N= 779		Total N=1,651	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Percent women	754	86%	673	86%	1,427	86%
Race/ethnicity						
African American	370	43%	271	35%	641	39%
African Native	52	6%	88	11%	140	9%
American Indian	94	11%	41	5%	135	8%
Asian/Pacific Islander	11	1%	51	7%	62	4%
White, non-Hispanic	234	27%	205	26%	439	27%
Other/More than one	46	5%	38	5%	84	5%
Hispanic/Latino	45	5%	81	11%	126	8%
Metro	585	67%	522	67%	1,107	67%
Greater MN	287	33%	257	33%	544	33%
Shelter type						
Domestic violence shelter	61	7%	133	17%	194	12%
Emergency	146	17%	254	33%	400	24%
Transitional housing	408	47%	269	34%	677	41%
Street/unsheltered	81	9%	67	9%	148	9%
In MN 2 years or less	220	25%	307	39%	527	32%
Currently employed	322	37%	293	38%	615	37%
Education level						
Less than HS/GED	215	26%	168	23%	383	24%
HS/GED only	331	40%	273	38%	604	39%
Some college	291	35%	283	39%	574	37%
Mean age	31.3		32.4		31.8	
Total accompanying children	1,798		1,985		3,783	

4b. Long-term homeless compared to those not chronically homeless: Families (continued)

Characteristics	Long-term homeless N= 872		All others N= 779		Total N= 1,651	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Serious mental illness	529	61%	356	46%	885	54%
Substance abuse disorder	106	12%	46	6%	152	9%
Alcohol abuse disorder	54	6%	30	4%	84	5%
Drug abuse disorder	75	9%	34	4%	109	7%
Dual diagnosis (MI & SA)	99	11%	44	6%	143	9%
Chronic health condition	417	48%	335	43%	752	46%
# with none of above	206	24%	278	36%	484	29%
Recent criminal history	79	9%	51	7%	130	8%
# with none of above	170	20%	251	32%	421	26%
Work limitation (kind or amount)	290	34%	214	28%	504	31%
Limitations in daily activities	99	12%	93	12%	192	12%
Often confused	274	32%	194	25%	468	29%
Possible brain injury	214	25%	172	22%	386	23%
Women fleeing domestic violence	265	35%	237	35%	502	35%
Service use/need						
Detox in last 2 years	29	32%	12	28%	41	30%
ER in last 6 months	375	43%	278	36%	653	40%
Total # uses, 6 months	878 visits	2.4 mean	647 visits	2.4 mean	1,525 visits	2.4 mean
Housing size needed						
0 bedrooms	9	1%	15	2%	24	1%
1 bedroom	50	6%	75	10%	125	8%
2 bedrooms	436	50%	338	43%	774	47%
3 bedrooms	296	34%	284	36%	580	35%
4 or more bedrooms	79	9%	67	9%	147	9%
MA or other public medical benefit in past year	794	91%	677	87%	1,472	90%
SSI in past year	121	14%	120	16%	241	15%
MFIP in past year	647	74%	489	64%	1,136	60%
Veteran	13	2%	10	1%	23	1%
Average # of housing barriers	4.5		3.0		3.8	

Comparison to 2012

This report replicates the format and calculation methods of the 2003 through 2012 reports on long-term homelessness. Study methods and questions were comparable from 2006 through 2015, so results from those four study years can be directly compared for all characteristics except serious mental illness (about which, see notes in the Overview of Tables section).

From 2012 to 2015, the total number of long-term homeless persons decreased by just 0.7 percent (37 people fewer than the 5,208 in 2012). Despite this overall stability in numbers, however, the following smaller-scale dynamics should be noted:

- Although the number of LTH adults dropped by 5%, the number of LTH children with parents increased by 9%
- Although the number of homeless persons identified in Minnesota decreased, the percentage who fit the definition of LTH increased from 56% to 59%
- Among adults, this increase in the percentage of people who were LTH was seen in each of the different shelter types including unsheltered
- The share of LTH persons staying in emergency settings (emergency shelter, domestic violence shelters, and unsheltered) decreased from 55% to 51%, while the share staying in transitional housing increased from 45% to 49%; this trend was especially notable among families with children

Year-to-year comparisons are shown in Figure 5a, including sub-totals by shelter type.

5a. Total homeless and long-term homeless adults, by year and shelter type

	2003 ^(c)		2006		2009		2012		2015	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Total adults in study	4,895		4,781	100%	5,957	100%	6,273	100%	5,538	100%
Total long-term homeless adults			2,588	54.1%	3,497	58.5%	3,510	56.0%	3,325	60.0%
Total adults in emergency and battered women's shelters^(a)	1,917		1,763	100%	2,149	100%	2,611	100%	2,413	100%
Long-term homeless adults in emergency or battered women's shelters			862	48.9%	1,126	52.4%	1,301	49.8%	1,273	52.8%
Total adults in transitional housing^(a)	2,306		1,880	100%	2,224	100%	2,127	100%	2,013	100%
Long-term homeless adults in transitional housing			1,066	56.7%	1,424	64.0%	1,299	61.1%	1,337	66.4%
Long-term homeless adults in transitional housing and with at least one chronic health condition that has not received care			222	11.8%	331	14.9%	347	16.3%	355	17.6%
Total adults interviewed in non-shelter locations^(b)	672		1,138	100%	1,584	100%	1,535	100%	1,112	100%
Long-term homeless adults not in a shelter program			660	58.0%	946	59.7%	910	59.3%	715	64.3%

(a) The actual number of adults in shelters is a known number, reported by shelter providers for the night of October 22, 2015. Survey results for sheltered adults are weighted to represent these numbers.

(b) The actual number of unsheltered adults is not known; the number shown in the table is the number who were interviewed. Survey results for unsheltered adults represent only those adults who were interviewed.

(c) Due to changes in the survey questions, long-term homelessness data from 2003 are not directly comparable to those in later years.