



## Big Bend CoC 2016 Point In Time (PIT) Data - Final

Big Bend CoC Coverage Area Includes Leon, Gadsden, Wakulla, Liberty, Franklin, Jefferson, Madison, and Taylor Counties.

	2013	2014	2015	2016
Total Households	876	716	696	699
Total Persons	974	805	863	869
Total Adults > 24	793	648	638	638
Total Children <18	99	87	163	167
Total Youth ages 18-24	82	70	62	64
Veterans		111	119	117
Unsheltered Persons	225	188	217	148
Chronically Homeless	259	220	129	78
Adults with Serious Mental Illness	230	250	137	166
Adults with Substance Use Disorder	368	275	112	87
Adults with HIV/AIDS	16	7	9	8
Victims of Domestic Violence	282	182	147	117

### Who is counted?

The PIT is a count of literally homeless persons and families, meaning the count only includes individuals and families who live in a place not meant for human habitation (including the streets or in their car), emergency shelter, transitional housing, and hotels paid for by a government or charitable organization on the night of 1/25/2016.

### Points of Note:

- The full PIT report includes all counties in our CoC area, other breakdowns of the data being released will include the data by county. Here is a sneak peek at the data by county:

	#persons	#households
Leon	768	609
Gadsden	42	38
Taylor	28	21
Wakulla	10	10
Jefferson	8	8
Madison	8	8
Franklin	4	4
Liberty	1	1

- Over all, in Tallahassee, the instances of homelessness decreased from 808 persons in 2015 to 768 in 2016, however our overall count of homelessness increased CoC wide do to the additional coverage and inclusion of the surrounding counties in the PIT process.

- There was a **considerable decrease in the number of chronically homeless** cases due to a few reasons; efforts were made by agencies prioritizing housing for chronically homeless and the federal definition changed on 1/15/16 to state that all chronic cases must have episodic homelessness that totals at least 12 months over the past 3 years. The former definition did not define total months of episodic homelessness.

#### **HUD language: Definition of Chronically Homeless**

For purposes of reporting in the PIT count, a chronically homeless person

- 1) Is homeless and lives in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter; and
  - 2) Has been homeless and living or residing in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter continuously for at least 1 year or on at least four separate occasions in the last 3 years where the combined length of time homeless in those occasions is at least 12 months; and
  - 3) Has a disability
- There was an overall **significant decrease in our unsheltered population** going from 217 to 148. There were great efforts from agencies to house veterans and chronic cases of homelessness this year which helped to decrease the unsheltered population. Our CoC emergency shelter capacity also increased so more clients could be accommodated in these programs.
  - Our CoC has been working hard to house Veterans and has done a great job, however the PIT count does not reflect a significant decrease in veterans experiencing homelessness due to these factors:
    1. Veteran status is self-reported during PIT data collection, meaning there may be some interview participants who state they are a vet when they are not.
    2. Our Pit this year also included any client who was actively enrolled in a SSVF-Rapid Rehousing program and was not permanently housed on the night of 1/25/16.
    3. All participants in our CoC's grant per diem program for vets were counted as literally homeless since that project is considered transitional housing.

*Biweekly Team Veteran meetings keep a fully updated master list of all veterans experiencing homelessness and validity of their veteran status is checked upon addition to that list. This group's comprehensive list shows that we have around 80 veterans counted as literally homeless as of March 2016.*

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