

Clackamas County

2013 Point-in-Time Count of Homeless Individuals



Every two years Clackamas County takes part in a nationwide effort to count homeless individuals who are sheltered within homeless assistance programs and those people who are unsheltered, living on the streets. This year's count took place on the night of January 30th.

Nationally homelessness is defined within two categories for the purpose of this count. The US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) defines the homeless as:

- Those people who are sheltered within Emergency Shelters and Transitional Housing Programs
- Those people who are unsheltered, staying in places not meant for people to live, such as in cars, parks, abandoned buildings, and on the street

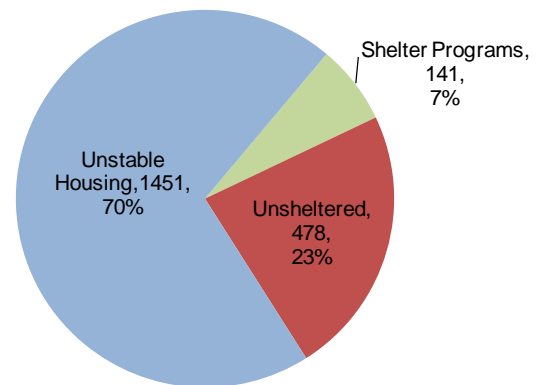
The State of Oregon uses a broader definition of homelessness, which includes those people who are in unstable living situations due to loss of housing and economic hardship.

In Clackamas County the count of homeless individuals is conducted by combined efforts of county staff and volunteers. 157 volunteers took part in the 2013 count in Clackamas. Homeless individuals were surveyed at 92 sites, including food pantries, faith based organizations, shelters, schools, and outdoor areas.

2070 homeless people were counted

- 141 people were counted within emergency shelter and transitional housing programs
- 478 people were counted among the unsheltered
- 1451 people were counted as living in doubled-up or unstable housing due to economic hardship
- 191 people counted this year were chronically homeless or in chronically homeless families*

*Chronically homeless refers to those who have a disabling condition and have been homeless for a year or more or 4 or more times in the past 3 years.

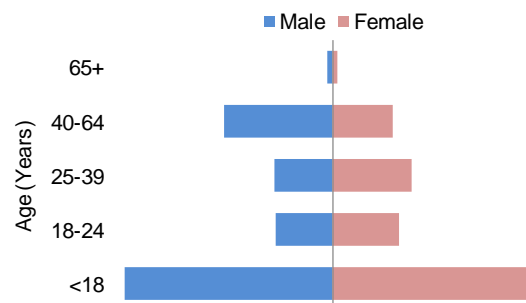


Demographics of Individuals Surveyed during the Point-in-Time Count

Homeless Count by Age and Gender (2013)

Age	Total	Male	Female	Unknown*
All Ages	2070	1036	970	64
< 18	965	481	458	26
18 to 24	292	133	153	6
25 to 39	326	136	183	7
40 to 64	406	251	139	16
65+	26	13	12	1
Unknown*	55	22	25	8

*Given the nature of the count, some homeless people may be unwilling or unable to provide certain information.



Homeless Families

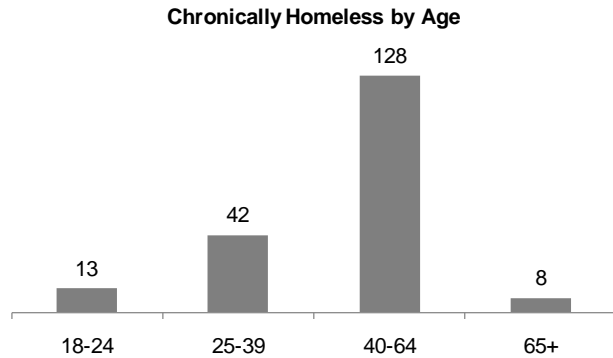
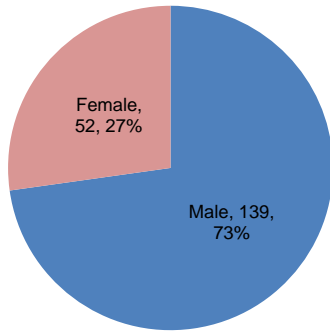
1160 individuals in households made up of adults with children were counted among the homeless in 2013. This includes 618 children counted by School District Homeless Student Liaisons who are known to be in families, but for whom the makeup of their household is not known.

- 201 individuals in households with more than one homeless adult but no children were counted
- 15 individuals in households of multiple children without an adult were counted
- 638 single person households were counted

Chronically Homeless

HUD defines a chronically homeless individual as a person over the age of 18, with a disabling condition, who has been homeless continually for a year or longer or has had 4 or more episodes of homelessness in the past 3 years. A chronically homeless family is a household with at least one adult meeting the above criteria.

191 Chronically Homeless individuals were counted. The chronically homeless in Clackamas County are predominantly male, and between 40 and 64 years old.



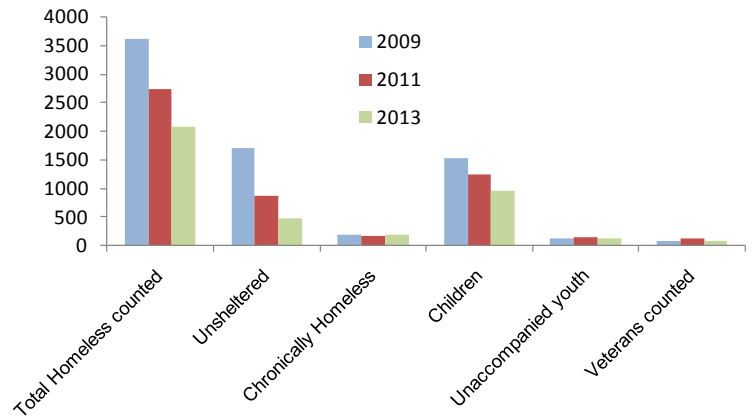
Homeless Veterans

During the 2013 count 75 homeless individuals reported that they had served in the US Armed Forces.

The Point-in-Time Count since 2009

Homeless Count Totals 2009, 2011, and 2013

	2013	2011	2009
Total Homeless counted	2070	2747	3614
Unsheltered	478	869	1699
Chronically Homeless	191	157	196
Children	965	1236	1530
Unaccompanied youth	113	147	132
Veterans counted	75	120	74



The total number of homeless counted in 2013 is 25% lower than the 2011 count total. Counts are also lower in number of unsheltered individuals (↓45%); homeless children (↓22%); and homeless veterans (↓38%).

The number of chronically homeless individuals counted increased 22% from 2011 to 2013.

Caution should be taken in identifying trends in the number of homeless counted across years.

Many factors affect the results of the Point-in-Time Count. Count methodology, volunteer availability, agency staff involvement, and weather all impact the count.

Clackamas County Social Services and Community Development Divisions have focused extensively on preventing homelessness, and re-housing individuals who become homeless over the past several years. However it is unlikely this fully explains the drop in the number of homeless individuals counted.

Causes of Homelessness

Individuals surveyed for the count were asked what factors contributed to them becoming homeless. They answered yes or no to a list of possible causes, and could answer yes to as many reasons as they felt applied to them.

Contributing factor	Count	Contributing factor	Count
Couldn't Afford Rent	675	Drugs or Alcohol in the Home	138
Unemployment	674	Drug or Alcohol Abuse	131
Domestic Violence	312	Pregnancy	49
Kicked Out by Family / Friends	270	Child Abuse	46
Credit	259	Homeless by Choice	41
Eviction	256	Foreclosure	39
Medical Problems	227	Gambling	27
Poor Rental History	188	Property Sold	21
Mental/Emotional Disorder	184	Ran Away	18
Criminal History	172	Manufactured Home Park Closure	2

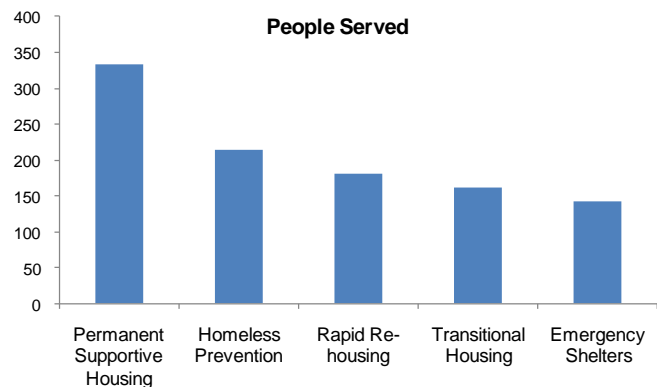
- 236 homeless individuals reported substance abuse
- 201 reported having a mental health disorder
- 7 reported having HIV / AIDS

Clackamas County Services to Homeless Individuals

In Clackamas County there are 5 types of programs which address the housing needs of those experiencing homelessness: Homeless Prevention, Emergency Shelter, Rapid Re-housing, Transitional Housing, and Permanent Supportive Housing.

Between October 1, 2011 and September 30, 2012*:

- 215 people were served in Homeless Prevention Programs
- 143 people were served in Emergency Shelters
- 181 were served through Rapid Re-housing Programs
- 161 were housed in Transitional Housing
- 334 were housed in Permanent Supportive Housing



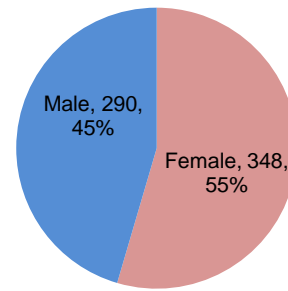
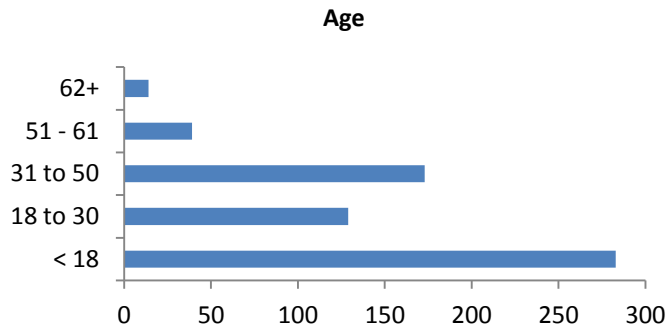
*Includes only persons reported in HUD AHAR and HPRP APR submissions

Clackamas County produces an Annual Homeless Assessment Report or AHAR, which looks at a year's worth of Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) data on services provided by our Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, and Permanent Supportive Housing programs*. The report serves as a tool for identifying the characteristics of persons experiencing homelessness who are served in our County and, when paired with Point-in-Time data, can be used to identify potential gaps in services. It is Point-in-Time and AHAR data that HUD uses to inform Congress of the state of homelessness in the US.

*the AHAR does not include data on those served through Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Programs.

Demographics of Individuals Served in Clackamas County Homelessness Programs*

*Those programs included in the Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR)



Homeless Families

189 adults and 283 children in households containing both adults and children were counted among the homeless in the AHAR.

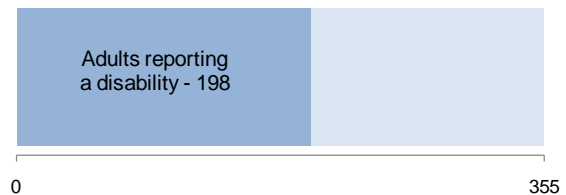
- 18 adults were in households with more than one homeless adult but no children
- 1 child only household was counted
- 148 single person households were counted

Homeless Veterans

During the AHAR reporting period, 38 homeless individuals reported that they had served in the US Armed Forces.

Disabled Adults

56% of adults served in Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, and Permanent Supportive Housing programs **reported being disabled**. The highest concentrations of these adults were served in Permanent Supportive Housing Programs, representing 79% of all adults served.



Living Situations Prior to Entering Homeless Programs

The AHAR looks at the housing situations of individuals just prior to coming into homeless programs. Adults entering the programs are asked, at intake, where they were staying the night before they sought assistance.

Prior living situation	Count	Prior living situation	Count
Place not meant for habitation	71	Substance abuse treatment / detox	5
Emergency shelter	69	Psychiatric facility	5
Staying with family	66	Owned by client (no subsidy)	3
Transitional housing	44	Rental by client (other subsidy)	2
Staying with friends	44	Hospital	1
Hotel or motel (no voucher)	10	Other	2
Rental by client (VASH subsidy)	9	Missing	5

The [full text](#) of the Clackamas County Annual Homeless Assessment Report is available on the Clackamas County website.

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