

## Homeless Facts for Berks County

### PIT 2014 Information:

The Point in Time Count (PIT) is conducted on the last Wednesday of January. It is a HUD initiative that attempts to capture a snapshot of homelessness on a single night every year.

On January 29th 2014 in Berks County there were:

- 301 individuals and families staying in Emergency Shelters;
- 288 staying in Transitional Housing; and
- 11 persons counted as being unsheltered and staying on the streets

This year's PIT Count is higher than any previous year reported. A total of 600 unique individuals and families were staying in emergency shelter, transitional housing, or unsheltered on the night of January 29<sup>th</sup>.

Possible reasons for the increase:

- Lack of affordable housing.
- Increase in household size.
- Lack of employment that supplies a living wage.
- Better counting methods utilized to capture the true scope of homelessness in Berks County.

### **Demographics Report on PIT Information:**

#### **Emergency Shelter:**

- Ethnicity:
  - 210 Non-Hispanic (69.8%)
  - 91 Hispanic (30.2%)
- Gender:
  - 203 Males (67.4%)
  - 98 Females (32.6%)
- Age:
  - 37 Children Under the Age of 18 (12.3%)
  - 29 Persons Age 18-24 (9.6%)
  - 235 Persons Over the Age of 24 (78.1%)
- Race:
  - 192 White (63.8%)
  - 105 Black of African-American (34.9%)
  - 2 Asian (0.7%)
  - 1 American Indian or Alaska Native (0.3%)
  - 0 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (0%)
  - 1 Multiple Races (0.3%)

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### **Transitional Housing:**

- Ethnicity:
  - 174 Non-Hispanic (60.4%)
  - 114 Hispanic (39.6%)
- Gender:
  - 172 Males (59.7%)
  - 116 Females (40.3%)
- Age:
  - 91 Children Under the Age of 18 (31.6%)
  - 32 Persons Age 18-24 (11.1%)
  - 165 Persons Over Age 24 (57.3%)
- Race:
  - 204 White (70.9%)
  - 77 Black of African-American (26.7%)
  - 3 Asian (1.0%)
  - 0 American Indian or Alaska Native (0%)
  - 0 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (0%)
  - 4 Multiple Races (1.4%)

### **ESG Prevention and Rapid Rehousing Cost Savings:**

The Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) is a funding source that our community is utilizing to provide both homeless prevention and rapid rehousing services.

Between March 1<sup>st</sup> 2013 and February 28<sup>th</sup> 2014 we were able to serve 815 persons with homeless prevention dollars and 280 persons with rapid rehousing dollars.

Based on studies done by the Department of Housing and Urban Development roughly 30% of these persons were likely to have ended up in emergency or transitional housing if they hadn't received any kind of homeless prevention or rapid rehousing assistance.

### **Rapid Rehousing (RRH) and Homeless Prevention (HP) Intervention Estimated Savings over a 12 Month Period:**

- out of the 815 persons assisted through HP only 6 persons experienced a recorded episode of homelessness after receiving assistance vs the likely 255 that would have had a homeless episode if unassisted for a difference of 249
- out of the 280 persons assisted through RRH only 20 persons experienced a recorded episode of homelessness after receiving assistance vs the likely 84 that would have had a homeless episode if unassisted for a difference of 64 persons
- The average cost per RRH client is: \$591.25
- The average cost per HP client is: \$293.81

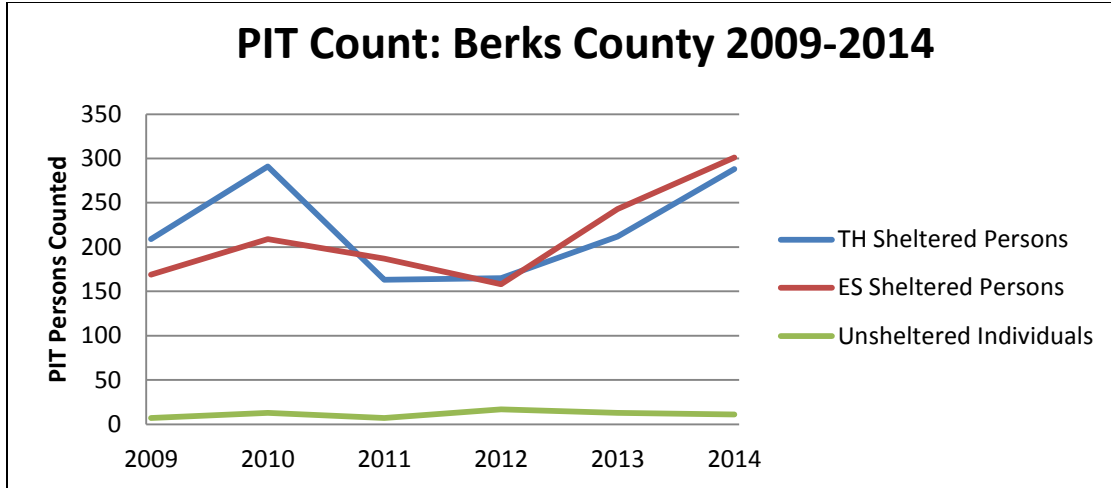
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- The average length of stay in emergency shelter as reported using AHAR statistics is: 31.63 days
- The average length of stay in transitional housing as reported using AHAR statistics is: 92.25 days
- The estimated savings over a 12 month period for ES/TH based on the costs reported by NAEH, adjusted to our population, and considering those who actually did experience a subsequent episode of homelessness is: \$173,856.38
- The estimated savings over a 12 month period for ES/TH based on the costs reported by HUD, adjusted to our population, and considering those who actually did experience a subsequent episode of homelessness is: \$570,455.70
- The estimated savings over a 12 month period for ES/TH based on the costs provided by the Opportunity House, adjusted to our population, and considering those who actually did experience a subsequent episode of homelessness is: \$252,644.09

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<u>2014 PIT</u>	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing	Unsheltered
<b>Subpopulation Information (All Clients)</b>			
Chronically Homeless Individuals	60	39	2
Chronically Homeless Families	3	2	
Total Number of Persons in Chronically Homeless Families	6	7	
Adults with Serious Mental Illness (Adults Only)	58	56	3
Adults with Substance Use Disorder (Adults Only)	62	96	3
Adults with HIV/AIDS (Adults Only)	3	0	
Victims of Domestic Violence (Optional/Adults Only)	39	41	
Total Vets	25	17	1
<b>Households with at Least One Adult and One Child</b>			
Total Number of Households	23	48	
Total Number of Persons	64	146	
# of Persons Ages 18 to 24	9	15	
# of Persons Over Age 24	18	40	
# of Person Under 18	37	91	
<b>Gender (Adults and Children)</b>			
of Female	45	91	
of Male	19	55	
of Transgender	0	0	
<b>Ethnicity (Adults and Children)</b>			
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	25	68	
Hispanic/Latino	39	78	
<b>Race (Adults and Children)</b>			
White	36	89	
Black of African-American	27	51	
Asian	0	2	
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	
Multiple Races	1	4	
<b>Households without Children</b>			
Total Number of Households	234	141	11
Total Number of Persons	237	142	11
# of Persons Ages 18 to 24	20	17	1
# of Persons Over Age 24	217	125	10
# of Persons Under 18	0	0	
<b>Gender</b>			
Female	53	25	1
Male	184	117	10
Transgender	0	0	
<b>Ethnicity</b>			
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	185	106	11
Hispanic/Latino	52	36	
<b>Race</b>			
White	156	115	9
Black of African-American	78	26	2
Asian	2	1	
American Indian or Alaska Native	1	0	
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	
Multiple Races	0	0	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>11</b>

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PIT DATE	Total Emergency Shelter	Total Transitional Housing	Unsheltered Total Persons	Total Persons
1/29/2014	301	288	11	600
1/30/2013	243	212	13	468
1/25/2012	158	165	17	340
1/26/2011	187	163	7	357
1/24/2010	209	291	13	513
1/28/2009	169	209	7	385

READING ESG Persons Assisted: 3/1/13-3/1/14			
RRH Total	280	HP Total	815
RRH 30% Homeless Recidivism	84	HP 30% Shelter Recidivism	244.5
RRH Actual Homeless Recidivism	20	HP Actual Shelter Recidivism	6
% Actual Recidivism	7.14%	% Actual Recidivism	0.73%

Average Cost of RRH Clients and HP Clients based on Providers Spending	
Rapid Rehousing	\$591.25
Homeless Prevention	\$293.81

Different Estimates of Cost per night for Emergency Shelter		
\$ 9.50	\$ 28.00	\$25.09
Different Estimates of Cost per night for Transitional Housing		
\$ 14.50	\$ 50.00	\$12.45

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<b>Average LOS (in nights) March 2013-March 2014</b>			
<b>Emergency Shelter Families LOS nights</b>		<b>Emergency Shelter Individuals LOS nights</b>	
	AVG	AVG	Average total for Both IND and FAM
	37.75	25.5	31.63
Avg. Cost Per person LOW EST	\$358.63	\$242.25	\$300.44
Avg. Cost Per person HIGH EST	\$1,057.00	\$714.00	\$885.50
Avg. Cost Per person Opp House	\$947.15	\$639.80	\$793.48
Difference in Cost for RRH (low)	(\$232.62)	(\$349.00)	(\$290.81)
Difference in Cost for HP (low)	\$64.82	(\$51.56)	\$6.63
Difference in Cost for RRH (high)	\$465.75	\$122.75	\$294.25
Difference in Cost for HP (high)	\$763.19	\$420.19	\$591.69
Difference in Cost for RRH (Opp)	\$355.90	\$48.55	\$202.23
Difference in Cost for HP (Opp)	\$653.34	\$345.99	\$499.66
<b>Transitional Housing Families LOS nights</b>		<b>Transitional Housing Individuals LOS nights</b>	
	AVG	AVG	AVG
	104.5	80	92.25
Avg. Cost Per person LOW EST	\$1,515.25	\$1,160.00	\$1,917.63
Avg. Cost Per person HIGH EST	\$5,225.00	\$4,000.00	\$6,612.50
Avg. Cost Per person Opp House	\$1,301.03	\$996.00	\$1,646.52
Difference in Cost for RRH (low)	\$924.00	\$568.75	\$1,030.75
Difference in Cost for HP (low)	\$1,221.44	\$866.19	\$1,476.90
Difference in Cost for RRH (high)	\$4,633.75	\$3,408.75	\$5,725.63
Difference in Cost for HP (high)	\$4,931.19	\$3,706.19	\$6,171.78
Difference in Cost for RRH (Opp)	\$709.78	\$404.75	\$759.64
Difference in Cost for HP (Opp)	\$1,007.22	\$702.19	\$1,205.79

*Costs were developed using HUD estimated costs per night for Emergency and Transitional Housing as well as the actual operating budget from the Opportunity House for their Shelter and Transitional Housing Programs. The Average LOS was developed using HUD Data Standards.*

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<b>Client break down for those who actually did experience homelessness after assistance and the adjusted rate projected to the entire population served:</b>					
	<u>ESI</u>	<u>ESF</u>	<u>THI</u>	<u>THF</u>	<u>Totals</u>
RRH	8	8	1	3	20
HP	4	0	2	0	6
RRH % out of 20	40%	40%	5%	15%	100%
HP% out of 6	66.70%	0%	33.30%	0%	100%
<b>Extrapolated estimates based on actual shelter recidivism during 12 month sample.</b>					
RRH 280	112	112	14	42	280
HP 815	544	0	271	0	815
RRH Difference Actual vs. Estimate	104	104	13	39	260
HP Difference Actual vs. Estimate	540	0	269	0	809
30% OF RRH after minus actual	31.2	31.2	3.9	11.7	78
30% of HP after minus actual	162	0	80.7	0	242.7

<b>Total Estimated Savings over a 12 Month Period</b>					
	<u>ESI</u>	<u>ESF</u>	<u>THI</u>	<u>THF</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Total Possible Savings Based on Low Estimate RRH	\$7,558.20	\$11,189.26	\$4,524.00	\$17,728.43	\$40,999.88
Total Possible Savings Based on High Estimate RRH	\$22,276.80	\$32,978.40	\$15,600.00	\$61,132.50	\$131,987.70
Total Possible Savings Based on Opp House Estimate RRH	\$19,961.76	\$29,551.08	\$3,884.40	\$15,222.05	\$68,619.29
Total Possible Savings Based on Low Estimate HP	\$39,244.50	\$0.00	\$93,612.00	\$0.00	\$132,856.50
Total Possible Savings Based on High Estimate HP	\$115,668.00	\$0.00	\$322,800.00	\$0.00	\$438,468.00
Total Possible Savings Based on Opp House Estimate HP	\$103,647.60	\$0.00	\$80,377.20	\$0.00	\$184,024.80

\*\* Calculated using the separate family and individuals cost calculations which are different because of LOS instead of the average LOS for ES/TH.