2015 Annual Homeless Point in Time Count

HIGHLIGHTS

1,473 people were counted during Lane County’s 2015 Annual Point in Time Count (formerly called the One Night Homeless Count).

This number includes homeless community members who were counted in a myriad of locations including the streets, under bridges, in parks, at food pantries, day access centers, schools, churches, emergency shelters, and transitional housing programs on January 28, 2015. Approximately 124 staff and volunteers from 28 organizations counted homeless people this year.

Of the 1,473 people counted:
- 656 individuals were staying in Emergency Shelter
- 101 individuals were living in Transitional Housing (up to 24 months) designated for people who are homeless
- 716 men, women, and children were without shelter

Total 1,473 individuals

Highlights of the count:
- 223 family members in homeless households with children; 151 sheltered; 72 unsheltered
- 210 homeless veterans: 110 sheltered; 100 unsheltered:
- 697 chronically homeless people: 318 sheltered; 379 unsheltered
- 398 people have a mental illness
- 206 people have chronic alcohol/substance abuse issues
- 23 unaccompanied homeless youth (under 18)

Other Factors
- 11,668 individuals who were homeless sought social services through Lane County Human Services Division funded programs during FY 2014.
- 948 unduplicated individuals were served at the Egan Warming Center during 10 nights of the winter season at 9 faith-based sites and the Lane County Wheeler Pavilion during the 2014-2015 winter seasons (St. Vincent de Paul).
- 2,154 homeless students attended public school in Lane County during the 2013-14 school year (Oregon Dept. of Education).
- 508 homeless youth were served at the Looking Glass New Roads Access Center, (ages 16-21) FY 2013-14
- 146 runaway and homeless youth stayed at Station 7 (under age 18), FY 2013-14

Unique to This Year’s Count
- 19% decrease of overall count between 2015 and 2013 Counts
- 10 new sites participated (Rest Stops, Opportunity Village and Occupy Medical and others)
- 224 Transitional Housing beds have been re-purposed to Permanent Housing beds (not included in the Count).
- Veterans organizations made a concerted effort to count homeless veterans
- An additional 669 people live in permanent housing designated for homeless people on that night.
- Law Enforcement shared locations with Count organizers to increase the accuracy of the Count