



LOUISVILLE METRO CONTINUUM OF CARE 2014 HOMELESS CENSUS

NUMBER OF HOMELESS PEOPLE

The homeless service providers in Jefferson County, Kentucky, counted 7,697 unduplicated homeless people who were served between January 1, 2014, and December 31, 2014. This represents a 10.6% decrease in the number of homeless people last year over the year prior, including people who were sheltered (who stayed in emergency or transitional shelter) and unsheltered (who lived only on the streets or in camps). As with each year, the count of the unsheltered homeless is likely an undercount due to the difficulty in counting this population.

Sheltered homeless	7,086	15% decrease from 2013
Unsheltered homeless	611	*
Total	7,697	10.6% decrease from 2013

* The method for calculating the unsheltered homeless changed this year, so we will be able to better evaluate the trend in 2015.

HOMELESS SUBPOPULATION COUNTS

The below numbers apply to all 7,697 homeless people counted in Jefferson County last year. Please note that these subpopulations are not mutually exclusive—e.g., someone could have a disability *and* be a veteran.

Number of single individuals	5,582	18% decrease from 2013
Number of homeless families	449	29% decrease from 2013
Number of people in families	1,299	28% decrease from 2013
Number of children (age less than 18, including unaccompanied youth)	1,362	14% increase from 2013
Number of unaccompanied youth	499	11% decrease from 2013
People with disabilities	3,422	1% decrease from 2013
Victims of domestic violence	879	33% decrease from 2013
Chronically homeless	535	**
Veterans	904	1% decrease from 2013

** The chronic homeless total is an estimate. Chronic data is skewed because new questions were introduced by HUD mid-year. However, these new questions should provide a better picture of chronic homelessness in the future.

SHELTER CAPACITY

The shelter capacity is the total number of shelter beds that were available during the reporting period. ES means “emergency shelter,” and TS means “transitional shelter.”

Number of ES and TH* shelter beds in 2014	1182 (2% decrease from 2013)	
Bed utilization on an average night	ES – Singles	95%
	ES – Families	100%
	TH – Singles	79%
	TH – Families	87%

SUCCESS IN REDUCING HOMELESSNESS

Each year, the homeless services providers in Jefferson County, KY, manage to stabilize and move many homeless people into permanent housing. This table shows our community’s success doing so during 2014.

People exiting shelters to permanent housing in 2014	1,164
Percent of total homeless people entering permanent housing in 2014	16%

This census was updated in May 2016 when the 2015 census was completed, as we noticed an error in the number of unsheltered homeless people. 7,697 is the correct number of homeless people in 2014, with 611 unsheltered. For more information, please see www.louhomeless.org.