



Northlake Homeless Coalition

**Highlights of 2018
Louisiana Homeless
Census
Point-in-Time Count**

Region 9: Livingston, St. Helena, St. Tammany,
Tangipahoa, and Washington Parishes

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An annual count of the number of persons experiencing homelessness was conducted during the week of January 22nd, 2018, wherein twenty-one partnering organizations of the Northlake Homeless Coalition surveyed persons within our community to identify those who are without permanent, stable housing on the night of Monday, January 22nd. In conjunction with the 2018 statewide Homeless Census in Louisiana, Region 9 counted one hundred ninety-four (194) men, women, and children who were experiencing *literal homeless* in the parishes of Livingston, St. Helena, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, and Washington. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) defines a person as literally homeless only when he/she resides in:

- A place not meant for human habitation, such as cars, parks, sidewalks, abandoned buildings, etc.
- An emergency shelter,
- Or a transitional housing program for persons who were unsheltered or residing in an emergency shelter prior to entering the program.

Why the Homeless Census Matters: Data derived from the Homeless Census provides the community partners of the Northlake Homeless Coalition with a critical “snapshot” of homelessness and the services that are in place to respond. This information is imperative to better understand how homelessness is changing, to inform the public at large, and to measure our progress towards preventing and ending homelessness. Single points in time also allow for communities to concentrate efforts for consistent data collection and integration from all service providers within the catchment area.

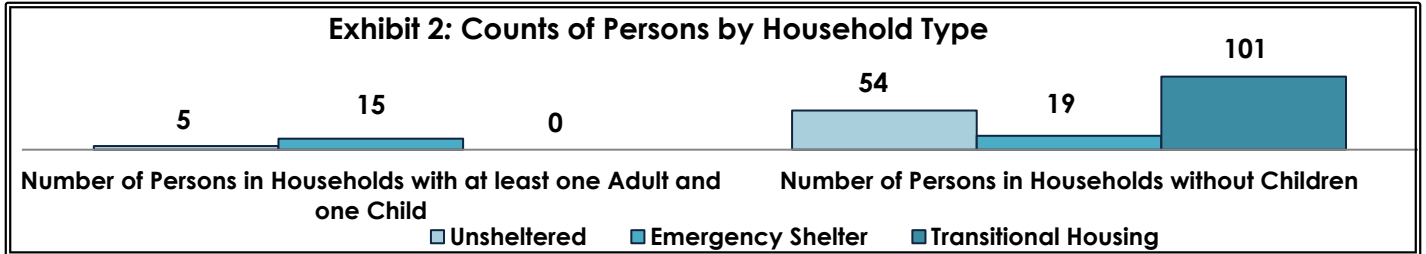
Exhibit 1: 2018 Region 9 Homeless Census: Summary of Literally Homeless Adults and Children				
Household Type	Unsheltered¹	In Emergency Shelter²	In Transitional Housing³	Total Count
Number of Households with at least One Adult and One Child	2	5	0	7 [4% of households]
Total Persons in Households	5	15	0	20 [10% of persons]
Number of Households without Children	48	18	101	167 [96% of households]
Total Persons in Households	54	19	101	174 [90% of persons]
Total Number of Households	50 [29% of households]	23 [13% of households]	101 [58% of households]	174 [100% of households]
Total Persons in Households	59 [30% of persons]	34 [18% of persons]	101 [52% of persons]	194 [100% of persons]

¹ Describes any location where a person may be residing that is not intended for human habitation; includes automobiles, wooded areas, sidewalks, abandoned buildings, barns, under bridges, etc.

² Emergency shelters provide a temporary places to stay for newcomers, travelers, people who are in crisis, or homeless individuals in the community.

³ Transitional Housing for formerly homeless persons provide extended shelter stays and supportive services for homeless individuals and/or families with the goal of helping them live independently and transition into permanent housing; stays are generally longer than two weeks but typically 60 days or more and, in many cases, up to two years or more; may be configured for specialized groups within the homeless population such as people with substance abuse problems, homeless mentally ill, homeless domestic violence victims, veterans, or homeless people with AIDS/HIV.

I. 2018 Populations Data: A total of 194 persons were identified as experiencing homelessness within the five parishes, with 30 percent of persons (59) in unsheltered conditions and 70 percent (135) in sheltered locations. Of persons in unsheltered locations, most (92% or 54) were in households without children, wherein all persons in the households are age 18 years or older. Of persons in sheltered locations, the majority (89% or 120) were in households without children also. Notably, the sheltered households with at least one adult and one child, were all residing in emergency shelters.



Overall, nine out of ten persons experiencing homelessness were adults (93% or 181), with the remaining 7 percent (13) identifying as being age 17 years or younger. Approximately, 30 percent of persons in emergency shelters (10) were children, and 5 percent (3) of unsheltered persons were also children. No persons younger than 18 years of age were identified as residing in transitional housing.

Exhibit 3: Counts of Persons by Age and Living Situation

	Under Age 18	Age 18-24	Over Age 24
Number of Unsheltered Persons	3	3	53
Number of Persons in Emergency Shelter		10	2
Number of Persons in Transitional Housing	6		95

More than two-thirds of identified persons experiencing homelessness were males (78% or 151), with the remaining 22% reporting as female (42) or transgender (1). Females comprised one-third of unsheltered persons (31% or 18) and almost three-quarters of persons in emergency shelters (71% or 24). All persons identified in transitional housing were male (99% or 100) or transgender (1% or 1).

Exhibit 4: Counts of Persons by Gender and Living Situation

	Female	Male	Transgender
Number of Unsheltered Persons	18	41	
Number of Persons in Emergency Shelter		24	10
Number of Persons in Transitional Housing		100	1

Two out three persons reported in the census identified their race as white (66% or 128), with 51 persons (26%) identifying their race as Black or African American. Twelve persons identified as multi-racial (3 or 7%), and 3 persons identified as American Indian/Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, or didn't report a racial identity (1%).

Exhibit 5: Counts of Persons by Race and Living Situation

	White	Black or African-American	Multiple Races	American Indian/Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, or Doesn't Know
Number of Unsheltered Persons	41	14	4	
Number of Persons in Emergency Shelter	27	3	4	
Number of Persons in Transitional Housing	60	34	4	3

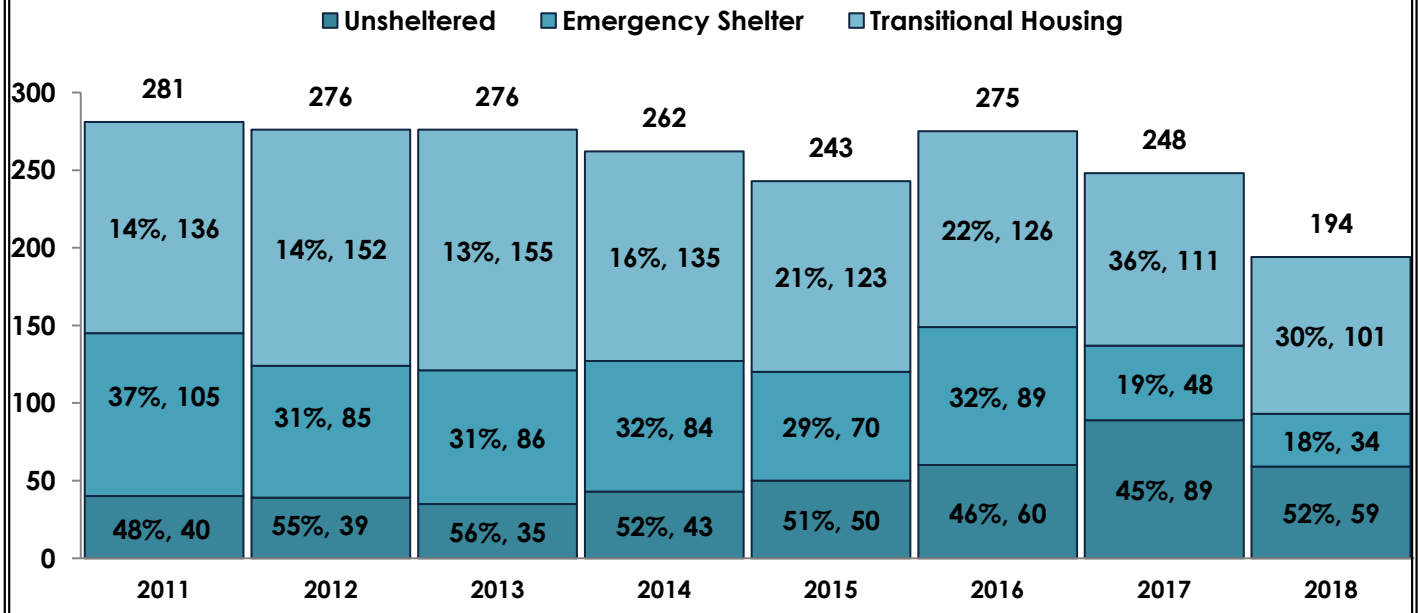
Six percent of counted persons identified their ethnicity as Hispanic or Latino (11). One out of ten unsheltered persons was Hispanic or Latino (10% or 6), while percent of sheltered persons were non-Hispanic or non-Latino (129).

Exhibit 6: Counts of Persons by Ethnicity and Living Situation

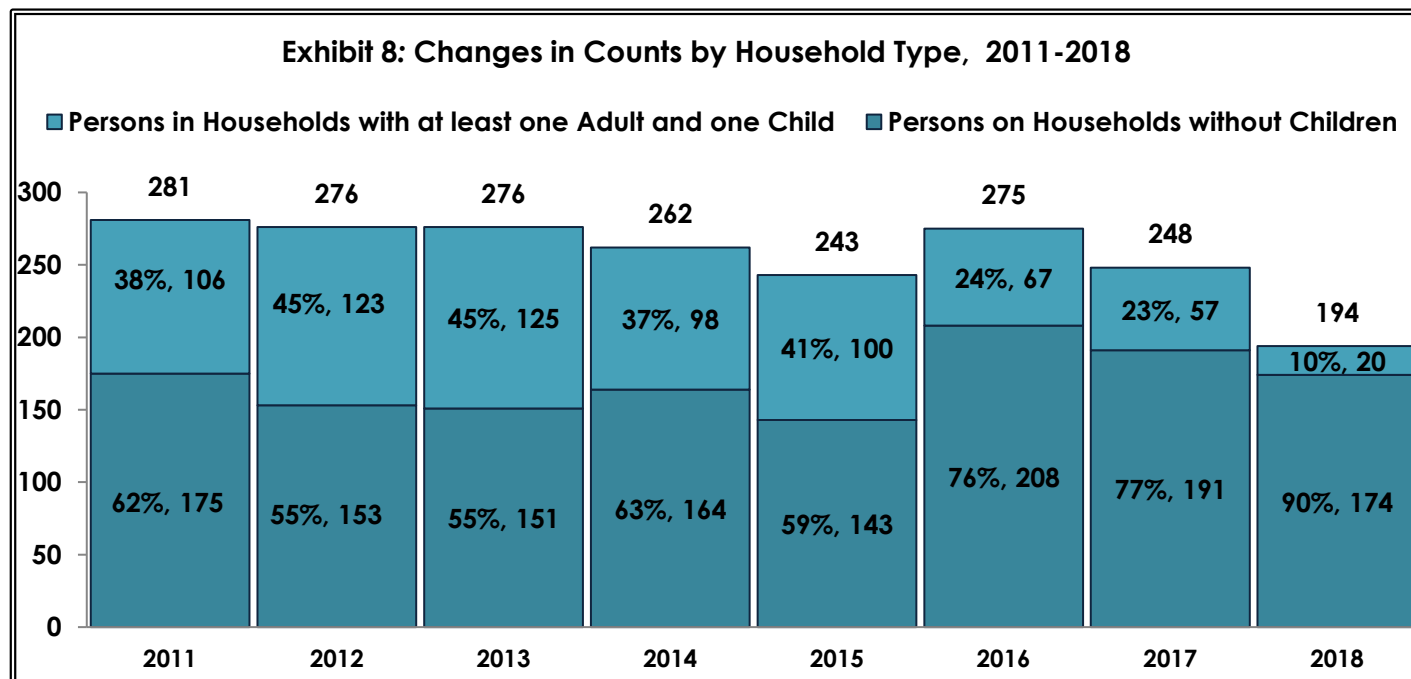
	Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino Hispanic/Latino Doesn't Know	Doesn't Know
Number of Unsheltered Persons	53	6	
Number of Persons in Emergency Shelter	33	1	
Number of Persons in Transitional Housing	96	4	1

II. Changes in Homelessness: The total number of persons who were identified as literally homeless on the night of the 2018 Point-in-Time Homeless Census (PIT Count) decreased by twenty-two percent (21.8%) from the 2017 count, with the greatest reductions reported for persons in households with at least one adult and one child (64.9%). Since 2011, we have seen a 31% decrease in the number of persons identified as experiencing literal homelessness [Chart 2]. Of note, the reductions are visible in the number of persons in sheltered conditions, specifically with a 26% reduction in the number of persons in Transitional Housing for homeless persons and a 68% reduction in the number of persons in Emergency Shelters. It is also important to recognize that the number of persons who were identified as residing in unsheltered conditions has increased by 40% since 2011, albeit there was a 37% decrease between the 2017 and 2018 counts (89 persons and 59 persons, respectively).

Exhibit 7: Changes in Counts by Living Situation, 2011-2018



Historically, since 2011, the majority of persons identified as experiencing homelessness on the night of the PIT Count are persons who are residing in households without children. The number of persons in households with at least one adult (age 18 years or older) and one child (age 17 years or younger) has steadily declined since 2015, with the smallest count and ratio occurring in the 2018 census [Chart 3].



III. 2018 Subpopulations Data and Changes in Subpopulation Counts: In addition to identifying the total number of persons who were experiencing literal homelessness on the night of January 22nd, survey participants and project participants were asked questions that allowed for identifying the number of persons that can be defined as members of special populations, or sub-populations, as stated by HUD. Areas of interest include certain long-term disabling health conditions, chronic homelessness, Veterans of the United States Military, and persons fleeing domestic violence.

Findings include,

- Persons identified as experiencing patterns of chronic homelessness comprised approximately 13 percent of the adult population, which is slightly higher than the 12 percent identified during the 2017 Census. None of the households with at least one adult and one child were identified as experiencing chronic homelessness in 2018 or 2017
- Approximately one out of four adults were military veterans (23% or 42), with 83 percent of the identified persons residing in sheltered locations (35). Also, four of those persons were identified as chronically homeless. Comparatively, in 2017, 50 veterans were identified as experiencing homelessness, wherein they comprised 24 percent of the adult population. Eighty percent of the count were residing in sheltered locations. None of the identified veterans were residing in a household with at least one adult and one child in 2018 or 2017.
- Five of the identified military veterans were experiencing chronic homelessness and were in unsheltered living conditions, which is one more person than the total number of chronically homeless veterans counted in 2017. Twenty-one percent of the total number of persons experiencing patterns of chronic homelessness were military veterans in 2018, while 15 percent of chronically homeless persons in 2017 identified as military veterans.
- Four percent of adult participants identified as experiencing the current episode of homelessness because they are fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking (8). This was a change from previous subpopulation counts, wherein rates were reported on persons who identified as having experienced these circumstances at some point in their lives.

- Approximately one out of three adult participants self-identified as having a severe and persistent mental health condition (30% or 55), with twenty-nine percent of them residing in unsheltered conditions (16). The number and ratio of persons identified with this condition increased from 2017 (45 or 21%), with 38 percent of them residing in unsheltered locations (17).
- Twenty-four adult participants identified as having a substance use disorder (13%) in 2018, with 96 percent residing in a sheltered location. Eleven percent of 2017 participants self-identified as having the same condition (23).
- Two adult participants self-identified as an HIV/AIDS diagnosis (1%) in 2018, both of whom were in a sheltered location. No persons were identified with similar conditions in 2017.

Exhibit 9: Counts of Adults by Subpopulations - 2018

Subpopulation	Unsheltered	Sheltered	Subpopulation Count	Total Population	Percentage of Total Population
Chronically Homeless (CH) Households without Children ⁴	22	2	24	181 Adults	13%
Chronically Homeless (CH) Households with at least one Adult and one Child	0	0	0	7 Households	0%
Veterans in Households without Children	7	35	42	181 Adults	23%
Veterans in Households with at least one Adult and one Child	0	0	0	0 Households	0%
Chronically Homeless Veterans	5	0	5	24 CH Adults	21%
Persons Fleeing Domestic Violence	1	7	8	181 Adults	4%
Persons with Long-term Disabilities/Chronic Health Conditions					
Adults with a Serious Mental Illness	16	39	55	181 Adults	30%
Adults with a Substance Use Disorder	1	23	24	181 Adults	13%
Adults with HIV/AIDS	0	2	2	181 Adults	1%

Exhibit 10: Changes in Counts of Adults by Subpopulation, 2011-2018

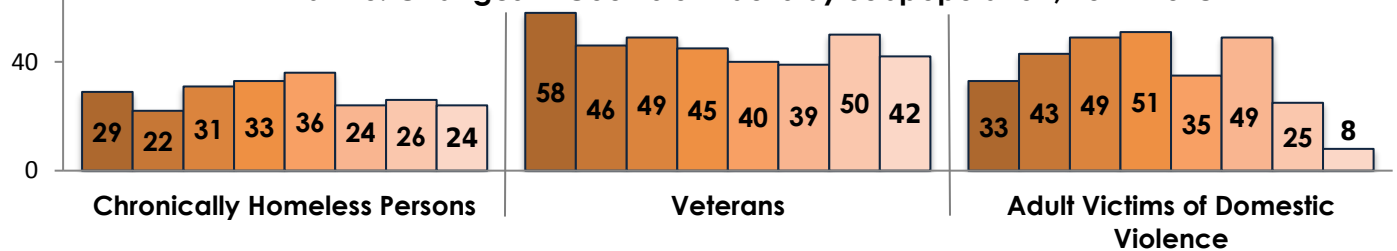
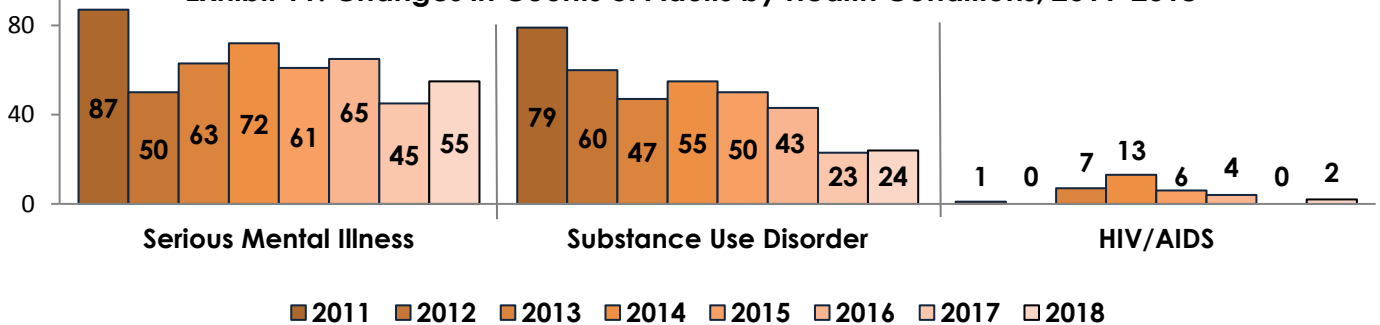


Exhibit 11: Changes in Counts of Adults by Health Conditions, 2011-2018



⁴ An individual or adult family member who has a long-term disabling condition and has been homeless in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation for 12 months or longer or had four episodes that amount to 12 months or longer.

IV. Participating Organizations: Twenty-one human service agencies participated in the 2018 census by directly surveying persons seeking/accessing their assistance, or welcoming volunteers to conduct interviews with their consumers, during the week of the count. These service providers included emergency shelters, transitional housing programs, feeding programs, motel voucher programs, and Permanent Supportive Housing programs.

Exhibit 12: 2018 Homeless Census Participating Organizations

Organization Name and Location	Parish of Survey Respondent/Volunteer Surveyor				
	Livingston	St. Helena	St. Tammany	Tangipahoa	Washington
Caring Center of Slidell			X		
Community Christian Concern, Slidell			X		
Family Promise of St. Tammany, Slidell			X		
Freedom Worship Ministry, Slidell			X		
Good Samaritan Ministry, Slidell			X		
Miramonte Center (CCC), Slidell			X		
Mount Olive Feeding Ministry, Slidell			X		
NAMI St. Tammany, Mandeville			X		
New Orleans Mission Hope Lodge, Lacombe			X		
Northlake Homeless Coalition, Multiple	X	X	X	X	X
Quad VETS, Hammond				X	
Quality Care Outreach Ministries, Bogalusa					X
Rebuild Livingston, Denham Springs	X				
Safe Harbor, Mandeville			X		
SAFE, Hammond	X			X	X
START Corporation, Multiple	X	X	X	X	X
St. Tammany Parish Government, Slidell			X		
Southeastern Louisiana University, Hammond	X	X	X	X	X
Tangipahoa Parish Government, Amite				X	
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Multiple	X		X	X	
Volunteers of America GNO, Multiple	X	X	X	X	X

V. Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing Utilization on Night of Homeless Census: A component of the Homeless Census is the enumeration of Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing stock by provider and the number of beds being utilized on the night of January 22nd, 2018. The following table details the number of beds and units of Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing that comprise the housing inventory for the region, as of the Census date, and the respective rates of occupancy.

Exhibit 13: 2018 Housing Inventory of Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing Beds								
Housing/Program Type	Parishes Served/ Location of Services	Populations Served / Eligible Subpopulations	Households with Children		Households without Children # of Beds	Total # of Beds	# of Beds Occupied	Utilization Rate
			# of Units	# of Beds				
Emergency Shelter Beds and Units: Total			6	25	24	54	34	63%
Caring Center of Slidell	ST	W, W+C	1	3	10	13	11	85%
Family Promise St. Tammany	ST	FAM	3	14	0	14	7	50%
SAFE	L, SH, T, W	W, W+C / DV	2	4	1	5	0	0%
Safe Harbor	ST	W, W+C / DV	2	8	4	12	9	75%
Quality Care Outreach Ministries	W	M	0	0	10	10	7	70%
Transitional Housing Beds & Units: Total			0	0	126	126	101	80%
Miramonte Center – Community Christian Concern	ST	M	0	0	12	12	6	50%
Freedom Worship Ministry	ST	M	0	0	7	7	3	43%
New Orleans Mission Project Hope	ST	M	0	0	73	73	67	92%
Quad Area CAA--Quad VETS	T	M / VET	0	0	34	34	25	74%
Grand Total of All Beds & Units			6	25	150	180	135	75%
Parishes Served /Location of Services Key = L: Livingston; SH: St. Helena; ST: St. Tammany; T: Tangipahoa; W: Washington Populations Served Key = W: Adult Women; M: Adult Men; C: Children; FAM: Families Subpopulations Served Key = DV: Domestic Violence Victims; VET: US Military Veterans								

V. Counts by Parish: The following series of charts exhibits the number of persons identified as literally homeless, with the counts organized by the parishes where respondents resided during the night of the 2018 Homeless Census. The five parishes that comprise the NHC's Continuum of Care are Livingston, St. Helena, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, and Washington.

Exhibit 14a: Livingston Parish: Summary of Literally Homeless Adults and Children in 2018				
Household Type	Unsheltered	In Emergency Shelter	In Transitional Housing	Total Count
Number of Households with at least One Adult and One Child	0	0	0	0
Total Persons in Households	0	0	0	0
Number of Households without Children	3	0	0	3
Total Persons in Households	4	0	0	4
Total Number of Households	3	0	0	3
Total Persons in Households	4	0	0	4

Exhibit 14b: St. Helena Parish: Summary of Literally Homeless Adults and Children in 2018				
Household Type	Unsheltered	In Emergency Shelter	In Transitional Housing	Total Count
Number of Households with at least One Adult and One Child	0	0	0	0
Total Persons in Households	0	0	0	0
Number of Households without Children	2	0	0	2
Total Persons in Households	2	0	0	2
Total Number of Households	2	0	0	2
Total Persons in Households	2	0	0	2

Exhibit 14c: St. Tammany Parish: Summary of Literally Homeless Adults and Children in 2018				
Household Type	Unsheltered	In Emergency Shelter	In Transitional Housing	Total Count
Number of Households with at least One Adult and One Child	1	5	0	6
Total Persons in Households	2	15	0	17
Number of Households without Children	25	11	76	112
Total Persons in Households	27	12	76	115
Total Number of Households	26	16	76	118
Total Persons in Households	29	27	76	132

Exhibit 14d: Tangipahoa Parish: Summary of Literally Homeless Adults and Children in 2018				
Household Type	Unsheltered	In Emergency Shelter	In Transitional Housing	Total Count
Number of Households with at least One Adult and One Child	2	0	0	2
Total Persons in Households	3	0	0	3
Number of Households without Children	18	0	25	43
Total Persons in Households	21	0	25	46
Total Number of Households	20	0	25	45
Total Persons in Households	24	0	25	49

Exhibit 14e: Washington Parish: Summary of Literally Homeless Adults and Children in 2018				
Household Type	Unsheltered	In Emergency Shelter	In Transitional Housing	Total Count
Number of Households with at least One Adult and One Child	0	0	0	0
Total Persons in Households	0	0	0	0
Number of Households without Children	0	7	0	7
Total Persons in Households	0	7	0	7
Total Number of Households	0	7	0	7
Total Persons in Households	0	7	0	7

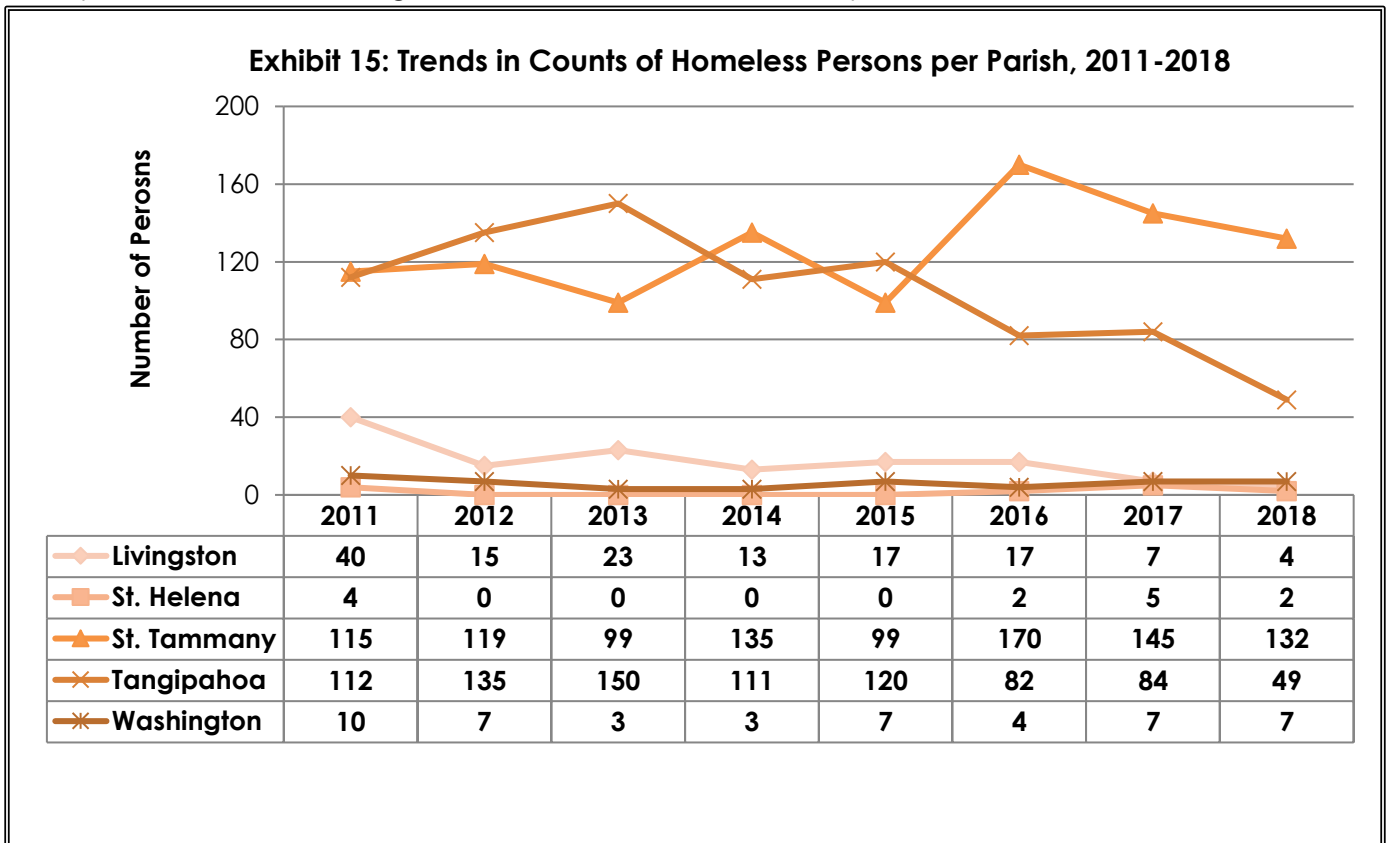
More than two-thirds of the total count of persons experiencing homelessness on the night of the PIT count were located in St. Tammany Parish (68% or 132); 58 percent of the total count was in St. Tammany in 2017. Thirteen fewer people were identified than in 2017, with 9 fewer persons in unsheltered conditions and 4 fewer persons occupying transitional housing beds. The largest reduction in overall count by parish from the

previous year was in Tangipahoa, wherein the number of persons experiencing homelessness decreased by 35 or 42%. Twelve fewer persons were identified in unsheltered conditions, and 6 fewer persons were residing in transitional housing. The principal difference was 17 fewer persons in emergency shelter, which resulted from 0 reported persons occupying beds at a domestic violence shelter and the designation of a facility no longer identified as an emergency shelter.

Other findings from the 2018 census include,

- In Livingston Parish, all of the 4 persons identified were residing in unsheltered conditions, which was 3 fewer than the 2017 census.
- In St. Helena Parish, the 2 persons identified as experiencing homelessness on the night of the PIT Count were residing in unsheltered conditions, which is 3 fewer than the previous year.
- In Washington Parish, a ministry began providing emergency shelter beds for four persons (4), and additional three (3) persons were identified as residing in unsheltered conditions.

Exhibit 15 provides a temporal comparison of total population counts residing in unsheltered and sheltered conditions for 2011-2018. In looking at the number of persons identified as experiencing literal homelessness per parish, persons were identified in all 5 parishes. As with all previous counts, the largest counts of persons were residing in St. Tammany and Tangipahoa parishes. Geographically-speaking, these parishes also have the greatest concentration of service providers.



VI. Permanent Housing Data Comparison: In addition to identifying persons who are experiencing literal homelessness, during the same data collection period, 592 persons were identified as living in Permanent Housing (PH); persons enrolled in PH are no longer identified as experiencing literal homelessness. Of these men, women, and children, sixty-seven (221) persons were residing in Rapid Rehousing projects (PH-RRH), and three hundred sixty-seven (371) persons were in Permanent Supportive Housing (PH-PSH) for persons with long-term disabling conditions. Overall, this is an increase of 158 persons, or 36 percent, residing in Permanent Housing in comparison to the previous census. The growth is most visible for the additional 154 Rapid Rehousing beds that are funded through a Community Development Block Grant for Disaster Recovery in Livingston Parish and HUD Continuum of Care grants.

Exhibit 16: 2018 Housing Inventory of Permanent Housing Beds

Housing/Program Type	Parishes Served/ Location of Services	Populations Served / Eligible Persons	Households with Children		Households without Children # of Beds	Total # of Beds	# of Beds Occupied	Utilization Rate
			# of Units	# of Beds				
PH-RRH Beds and Units: Total			58	186	35	221	221	100%
Northlake Homeless Coalition - CoC	L, SH, ST, T, W	FAM	10	29	0	29	29	100%
Rebuild Livingston – CDBGDR	L	W, M, FAM	12	48	28	76	76	100%
St. Tammany Parish CAA - CoC	ST	FAM	6	13	0	13	13	100%
St. Tammany Parish CAA - ESG	ST	W, M, FAM	2	6	0	6	6	100%
SAFE	L, SH, T, W	W, W+C / DV	15	48	0	48	48	100%
Tangipahoa Parish Sect 8 - ESG	SH,T,W	W, M, FAM	13	42	7	49	49	100%
PH-PSH Housing Beds & Units: Total			45	171	201	372	370	99%
Covington PHA - VASH (2017)	ST	W, M, FAM/VET	5	22	4	26	26	100%
Hammond PHA - VASH (2017)	T	W, M, FAM/VET	1	6	9	15	15	100%
NAMI — HB Apts	ST	W, M / SMI	0	0	10	10	10	100%
NAMI —HB GH	ST	W, M / SMI	0	0	8	8	8	100%
NAMI —WW GH	ST	W, M / SMI	0	0	12	12	11	92%
Slidell PHA – VASH (2017)	ST	W, M, FAM/VET	6	25	11	36	36	100%
Start Corp	L, SH, ST, T, W	W, M, FAM	7	26	55	81	80	99%
Tangipahoa PHA – VASH	T	W, M, FAM/VET	2	13	10	23	23	100%
VOASELA—6040	L, SH, ST, T, W	W, M, FAM	8	19	10	29	29	100%
VOASELA —7000	L, SH, ST, T, W	W, M, FAM/ SMI	2	10	8	18	18	100%
VOASELA—7050	L, SH, ST, T, W	W, M, FAM/ SMI	3	8	9	17	17	100%
VOASELA—7060	L, SH, ST, T, W	W, M/ CH	0	0	17	17	17	100%
VOASELA—7070	L, SH, ST, T, W	W, M/ CH	0	0	10	10	10	100%
VOASELA—7150	L, SH, ST, T, W	W, M, FAM	7	27	21	48	48	100%
VOASELA —7170	L, SH, ST, T, W	W, M, FAM/ VET	1	5	2	7	7	100%
VOASELA —7190	L, SH, ST, T, W	W, M, FAM / CH	3	10	5	15	15	100%
Grand Total All PH Beds & Units			103	357	236	593	591	100%

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Eligible Persons Key = CH: Chronically Homeless; DV: Domestic Violence Victims; VET: Military Veterans; SMI = Severe Mental Illness