



Northlake Homeless Coalition

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

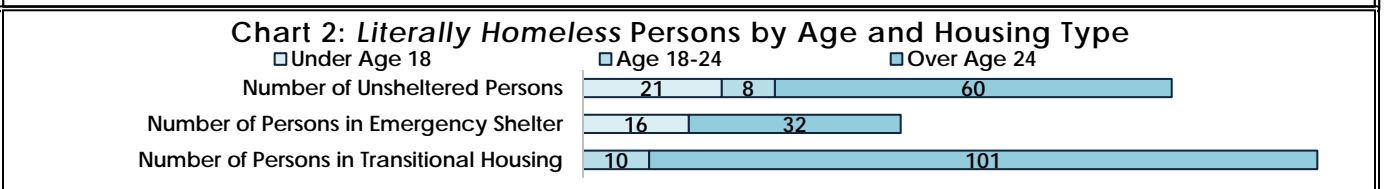
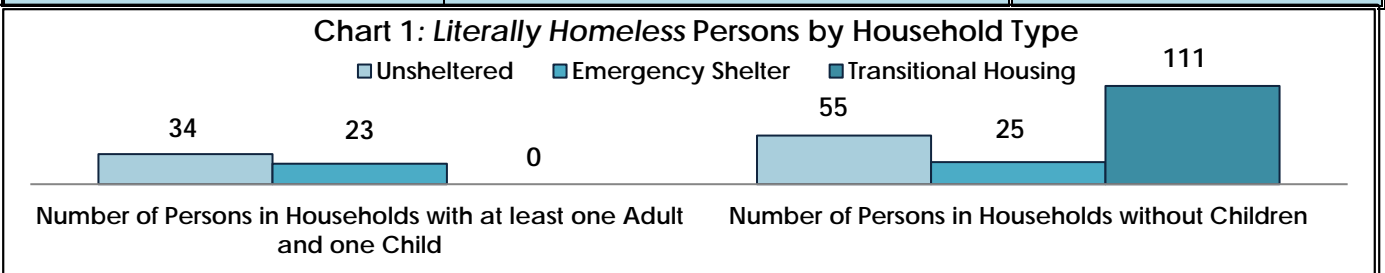
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An annual count of the number of persons experiencing homelessness was conducted during the week of January 23rd, 2017, wherein twenty-one partnering organizations of the Northlake Homeless Coalition surveyed persons within our community to identify those who are without permanent, stable housing on the night of Monday, January 23rd. In conjunction with the 2017 statewide Homeless Census in Louisiana, Region 9 counted two hundred forty-eight (248) men, women, and children who were *literally 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.

Household Type	Unsheltered ¹	In Emergency Shelter ²	In Transitional Housing ³	Total Count
Number of Households with at least One Adult and One Child	11	6	0	17 [8.8% of households]
Total Persons in Households	34	23	0	57 [23.0% of persons]
Number of Households without Children	41	25	111	177 [91.2% of households]
Total Persons in Households	55	25	111	191 [77.0% of persons]
Total Number of Households	52 [26.8%]	31 [16.0%]	111 [57.2%]	194 [100.0% of households]
Total Persons in Households	89 [35.9%]	48 [19.3%]	111 [44.8%]	248 [100.0% of persons]



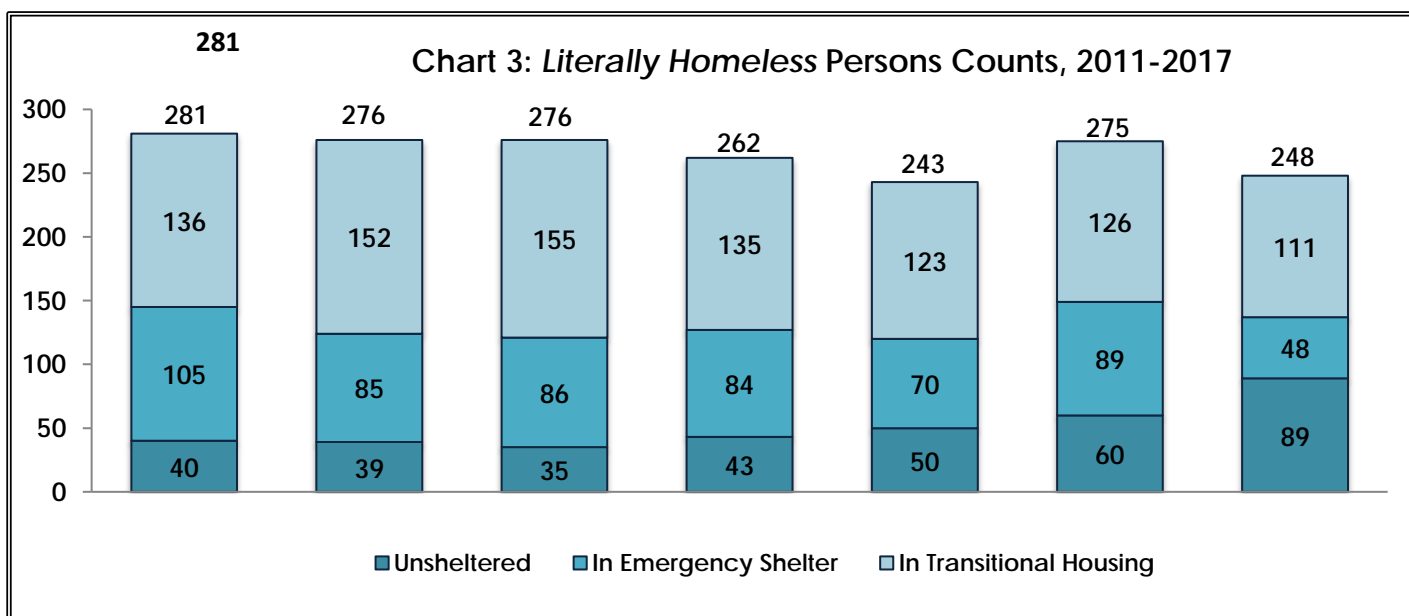
¹ Describes any location where a person may be residing that is not intended for human habitation; includes automobiles, wooded areas, sidewalks, abandoned buildings, barns, under bridges, etc.

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.

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.

I. Populations Data: The total number of persons who were identified as literally homeless on the night of the 2017 Homeless Census was a decrease of approximately ten percent (9.8%) from the 2016 count. Since 2011, we have seen a 12% decrease in the number of persons identified as experiencing literal homelessness. Of note, the reductions are visible in the number of persons in sheltered conditions, specifically with an 18% reduction in the number of persons in Transitional Housing for homeless persons and a 54% 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 123% since 2011.



II. Subpopulations Data: In addition to identifying the total number of persons who were experiencing literal homelessness on the night of January 23rd, survey 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.

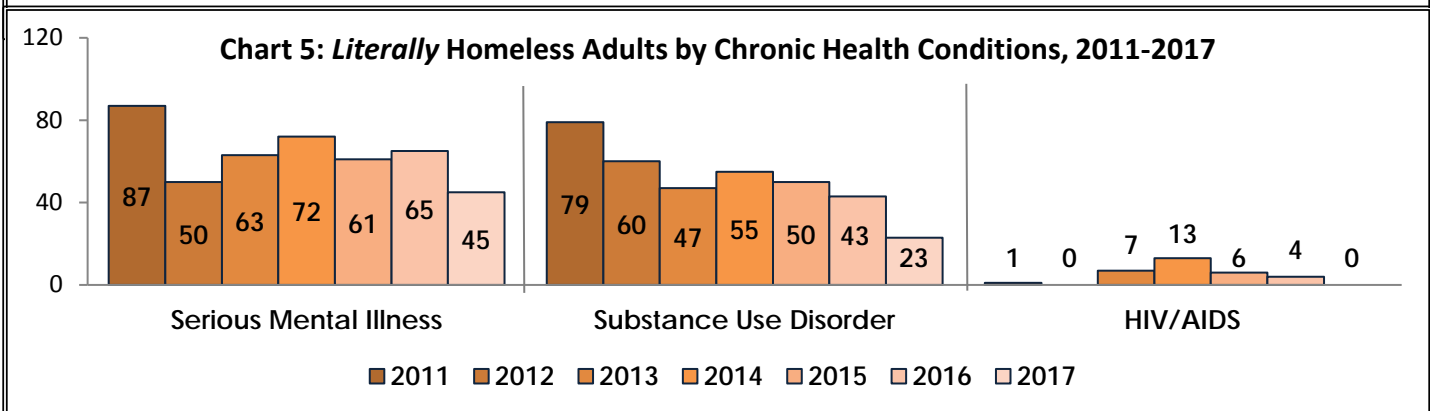
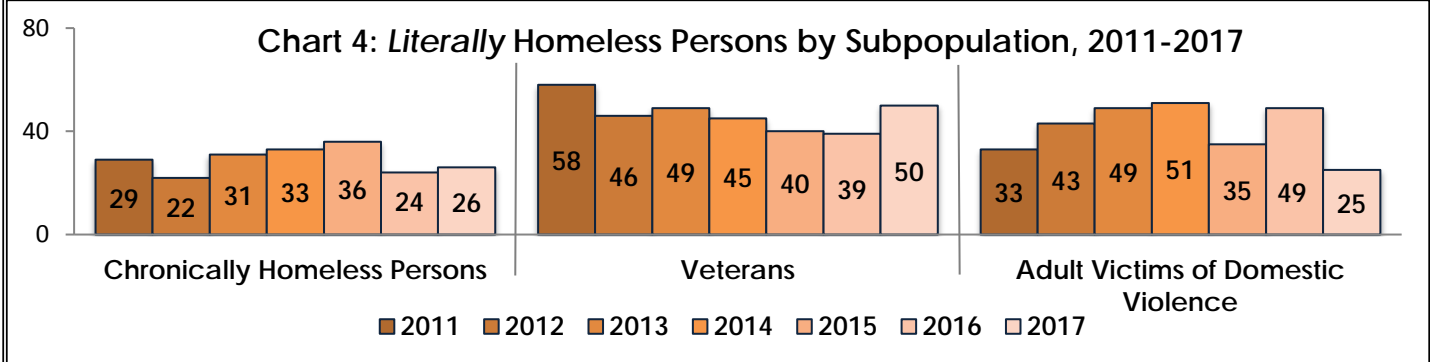
Specific findings of interest include,

- Persons identified as experiencing chronic homelessness comprised approximately twelve percent (12.4%) of the adult population, which is slightly higher than the 10% identified during the 2016 Census.
- The largest number of veterans since 2011 were counted in the 2017 census, wherein approximately one out of four adults (23.6%) self-identified as a military veteran. Also, four of those persons were identified as chronically homeless.
- Almost twelve percent (11.8%) of adult participants identified as having experienced episodes of domestic violence, which is a decrease of nine percentage points since 2016.
- Thirteen adults and children were residing in Youth Only Households, wherein everyone in the household is under the age of 25. This includes unaccompanied young adults (18-24) and parenting youth. They comprised approximately five (5.2%) of the total population.

- Approximately one out of five (21.3%) participants self-identified as having a severe and persistent mental health condition.
- Approximately one out of ten (10.9%) self-identified as having a substance use disorder.

Table 2: Counts of Literally Homeless Adults by Subpopulations - 2017

Subpopulation	Unsheltered	Sheltered	Subpopulation Count	Total Population	Percentage of Total Population
Chronically Homeless (CH) Households without Children ⁴	22	4	26	211 Adults	12%
Chronically Homeless (CH) Households with at least one Adult and one Child	0	0	0	17 Households	0%
Veterans in Households without Children	10	40	50	211 Adults	24%
Veterans in Households with at least one Adult and one Child	0	0	0	0 Households	0%
Chronically Homeless Veterans	4	0	4	26 CH Adults	15%
Victims of Domestic Violence	14	11	25	211 Adults	12%
Persons with Long-term Disabilities/Chronic Health Conditions					
Adults with a Serious Mental Illness	17	28	45	211 Adults	21%
Adults with a Substance Use Disorder	8	15	23	211 Adults	11%
Adults with HIV/AIDS	0	0	0	211 Adults	0%



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 more than one year or at least four times in the past three years.

III. Participating Organizations: Twenty-one human service agencies participated in the 2017 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.

Table 3: 2017 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		
Family Promise of St. Tammany, Slidell			X		
Freedom Worship Ministry, Slidell			X		
Fully Committed Ministries					X
Habitat for Humanity - STW, Covington			X		
House of Serenity, Ponchatoula				X	
Miramonte Center (CCC), Slidell			X		
Mount Olive Feeding Ministry, Slidell			X		
NAMI St. Tammany			X		
New Orleans Mission Project Hope, Lacombe			X		
Northlake Homeless Coalition, Multiple	X	X	X	X	X
Quad VETS, Hammond				X	
Safe Harbor, Mandeville			X		
SAFE, Hammond	X			X	X
Southeastern Louisiana University, Hammond	X	X	X	X	X
St. Tammany Parish Government, Slidell			X		
Tangipahoa Parish Government, Amite				X	
Trumpet of Truth, Slidell			X		
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Multiple	X		X	X	
Volunteers of America GNO, Multiple			X	X	X

IV. 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 23rd, 2017. 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.

Table 4: 2017 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			7	44	29	73	48	66%
Caring Center of Slidell	ST	W, W+C	1	3	10	13	8	62%
Family Promise St. Tammany	ST	FAM	1	14	0	14	7	50%
House of Serenity	T	W, M, FAM	1	4	8	12	12	100%
Fully Committed Ministry	W	W, M	0	0	4	4	4	100%
SAFE (formerly SSAP)—Emergency Shelter for DV	L, SH,T, W	W+C / DV	1	5	0	5	5	100%
Safe Harbor – Emergency Shelter for DV	ST	W, W+C / DV	3	18	2	20	7	35%
Timothy Trumpet of Truth	ST	M / SA	0	0	5	5	5	100%
Transitional Housing Beds & Units: Total			0	0	124	124	111	90%
Miramonte Center – Community Christian Concern	ST	M	0	0	12	12	10	83%
Freedom Worship Ministry	ST	M	0	0	7	7	4	57%
New Orleans Mission Project Hope	ST	M	0	0	71	71	66	93%
Quad Area CAA--Dorm- Quad VETS	T	M / VET	0	0	27	27	26	96%
Quad Area CAA--House - Quad VETS	T	M / VET	0	0	7	7	5	71%
Grand Total of All Beds & Units			7	44	153	197	159	81%
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; SMI = Severe Mental Illness; HIV: HIV/AIDS Diagnoses								

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 2017 Homeless Census. The five parishes that comprise the NHC’s Continuum of Care are Livingston, St. Helena, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, and Washington.

Household Type	In Emergency		In Transitional Housing	Total Count
	Unsheltered	Shelter		
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	6	0	0	6
Total Persons in Households	7	0	0	7
Total Number of Households	6	0	0	6
Total Persons in Households	7	0	0	7

Household Type	In Emergency		In Transitional Housing	Total Count
	Unsheltered	Shelter		
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	1	0	0	1
Total Persons in Households	5	0	0	5
Total Number of Households	1	0	0	1
Total Persons in Households	5	0	0	5

Household Type	In Emergency		In Transitional Housing	Total Count
	Unsheltered	Shelter		
Number of Households with at least One Adult and One Child	4	4	0	8
Total Persons in Households	11	14	0	25
Number of Households without Children	20	13	80	113
Total Persons in Households	27	13	80	120
Total Number of Households	24	17	80	121
Total Persons in Households	38	27	80	145

Household Type	In Emergency		In Transitional Housing	Total Count
	Unsheltered	Shelter		
Number of Households with at least One Adult and One Child	7	2	0	9
Total Persons in Households	23	9	0	32
Number of Households without Children	12	8	31	51
Total Persons in Households	13	8	31	52
Total Number of Households	20	10	31	60
Total Persons in Households	36	17	31	84

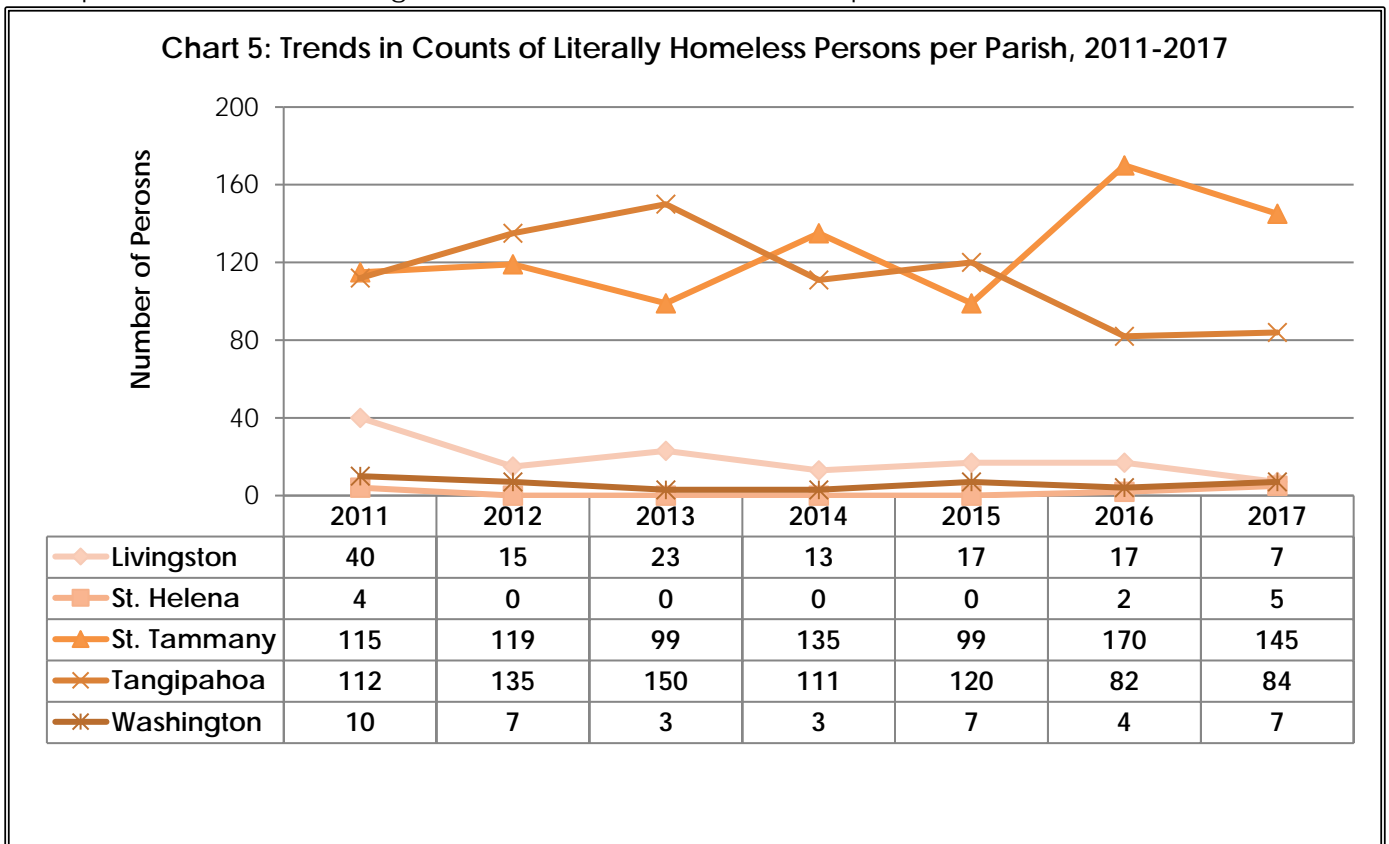
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	Unsheltered	Shelter		
Number of Households with at least One Adult and One Child	0	0	0	0
Total Persons in Households	0	0	0	0
Number of Households without Children	2	4	0	6
Total Persons in Households	3	4	0	7
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Total Persons in Households	3	4	0	7

The majority of persons identified as experiencing literal homelessness were in St. Tammany Parish, with more than half (58.5%). Of note, there was a fifteen percent (14.7%) decrease in the number of persons identified in St. Tammany parish than those identified during the previous count. This can be primarily attributed to the

reconfiguration of a transitional housing project that is now operating as Permanent Supportive Housing, and the reduction of emergency shelter beds that had been serving men. Other findings from the 2017 census include,

- In Livingston Parish, all of the seven persons identified were residing in unsheltered conditions.
- In St. Helena Parish, one household comprised of five adults was residing in a shed not intended for human habitation.
- In Tangipahoa Parish, the number of persons experiencing homelessness increased by two persons (2), even with the reduction of emergency shelter beds. There were more than three times the number of unsheltered persons identified in 2017, in comparison to 2016, thirty-six to eleven respectively.
- 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.

Chart 5 provides a temporal comparison of total population counts residing in unsheltered and sheltered conditions for 2011-2017. 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, 434 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 (67) persons were residing in Rapid Rehousing projects (PH-RRH), and three hundred sixty-seven (367) persons were in Permanent Supportive Housing (PH-PSH) for persons with long-term disabling conditions. Overall, this is a decrease of fifty-six (56) persons, or an eleven percent (11.4%), residing in Permanent Housing in comparison to the previous census. The reduction is primarily reflective of two Rapid Rehousing projects that were awaiting funding for providing housing assistance.

Table 6: 2017 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			18	61	6	67	67	100%
HOPE Center SSVF	ST, T, W	W, M, FAM/VET	2	7	1	8	8	100%
Northlake Homeless Coalition	L, SH, ST, T, W	FAM	1	3	0	3	3	100%
St. Tammany Parish CAA - CoC	ST	FAM	10	37	0	37	37	100%
St. Tammany Parish CAA - ESG	ST	W, M, FAM	4	12	5	17	17	100%
Tangipahoa Parish Sect 8 - ESG	SH,T,W	W, M, FAM	1	2	0	2	2	100%
PH-PSH Housing Beds & Units: Total			50	187	201	388	367	95%
Covington PHA - VASH	ST	W, M, FAM/VET	5	22	4	26	26	100%
Hammond PHA - VASH	T	W, M, FAM/VET	1	6	9	15	15	100%
LA Housing Corp	L, SH, ST, T, W	W, M, FAM	7	26	55	81	81	100%
NAMI — HB Apts	ST	W, M / SMI	0	0	10	10	9	90%
NAMI —HB GH	ST	W, M / SMI	0	0	8	8	8	100%
NAMI —WW GH	ST	W, M / SMI	0	0	12	12	12	100%
Slidell PHA - VASH	ST	W, M, FAM/VET	6	25	11	36	36	100%
Tangipahoa PHA - VASH	T	W, M, FAM/VET	3	9	9	18	18	100%
VOAGNO—6040	L, SH, ST, T, W	W, M, FAM	6	27	14	41	36	88%
VOAGNO —7000	L, SH, ST, T, W	W, M, FAM/ SMI	3	13	12	25	25	100%
VOAGNO—7050	L, SH, ST, T, W	W, M, FAM/ SMI	1	2	15	17	17	100%
VOAGNO—7060	L, SH, ST, T, W	W, M, FAM/ CH	8	24	7	31	16	52%
VOAGNO —7150	L, SH, ST, T, W	W, M, FAM	5	12	31	43	43	100%
VOAGNO —7170	L, SH, ST, T, W	W, M, FAM/ VET	1	7	0	7	7	100%
VOAGNO —7190	L, SH, ST, T, W	W, M, FAM / CH	4	14	4	18	18	100%
Grand Total All PH Beds & Units			68	248	207	455	434	95%

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