

## POINT-IN-TIME COUNT of homelessness in Columbus & Franklin County

The 2016 point-in-time count of people experiencing homelessness in Columbus and Franklin County was held on January 27, 2016.

Community Shelter Board lead Columbus' and Franklin County's annual count of the area's sheltered and unsheltered homeless populations, including adults, youth and children. Point-in-time counts are conducted across the nation in late January in compliance with a funding requirement by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**1,724**  
people were counted  
during the Jan 2016 count.  
1,244 in shelter  
339 unsheltered  
141 in transitional housing

Community Shelter Board worked in collaboration with local service providers, provider agencies, and volunteers. In an effort to improve count accuracy, some new approaches were combined with time-tested strategies to count people in a number of different ways.



### Data system

CSB's homeless management information system was used to capture the number of people sheltered overnight leading up to Jan 27.



### Land count

Street outreach teams across the community conducted counts of people on downtown streets and at known encampments during early morning hours.



### Meal sites

Volunteers conducted counts at soup kitchens and feeding sites.



### Service providers

Service-based agencies that have clients experiencing homelessness conducted counts.



### Magnet events

Magnet events were held throughout the day at warming stations and other places where people experiencing homelessness congregate.

For information about the 2017 event, contact Erin Maus at [emaus@csb.org](mailto:emaus@csb.org).

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