

Humboldt Housing and Homeless Coalition



Point in Time Count 2015 Report

INTRODUCTION

Every two years, the Humboldt Housing and Homeless Coalition (HHHC) conducts a Point in Time Count of the county's homeless population. The count is not a scientific survey. Additionally, these counts, conducted across the United States, are required as an unfunded mandate by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) in order to receive funding under the Continuum of Care program. The purpose of the survey is to provide the HHHC with a snapshot of homelessness in Humboldt County at a specific point in time to gain general knowledge about trends and emerging problems and understand how to align services with the needs of our community.

The HHHC has conducted five counts: in 2005, 2009, 2011, 2013, and 2015. The counts all describe the individual's or family's status on a specific night in late January that is selected by HUD. While the interviews may occur after this date, the responses are about that night, hence "Point in Time."

Community and agency volunteers, organized and overseen by the PIT Committee, conduct the count. In 2015, the Point In Time Committee organized volunteers into seven 'hubs' by location within the County and appointed two coordinators who managed volunteers in two areas of Humboldt County: north and south. In response to community concerns around low counts in previous years and exclusion of outlying areas, the Committee increased efforts in southern and outlying areas of the county to get a more complete picture of the circumstances of homeless individuals and families. Other count improvements and changes from previous years have included increased efforts to 1) reach homeless youth, 2) identify encampments, 3) coordinate efforts with local governments and community leaders, and 4) seek increased community involvement.

METHODS

The PIT Count, in which public participation is welcomed, is a volunteer effort and the surveyors are not paid for their time or mileage. Expenses such as printing, cell phones, and incentives for respondents (new pair of socks and two dollars) are paid for through the generosity of local foundations and participating agencies. Over 30 agencies and 100 trained volunteers participated in the 2015 PIT Count. The PIT Committee held weekly meetings between July 2014 and March 2015 including an organizational assessment by a professional organizer in December 2014.

Survey

The survey was voluntary and was administered to homeless individuals who were contacted by volunteers on the streets, in rural encampments, and through local agencies and service providers. Surveys were completed by either a volunteer surveyor or they were self-administered. The choice depended on volunteer resources available, level of training for volunteers, and respondent preference. The survey included questions regarding the respondent's current living situation, geographic location, length of time they have been homeless, age, gender, race/ethnicity, income, veteran status, recent discharge from institutional settings and overall physical, social, and mental health. To avoid duplicating respondents each respondent was asked whether or not they had completed the survey in the last week.

The Point in Time count provided a 'point in time' snapshot of the number of individuals or families who were homeless on the night of Tuesday, January 27, 2015. Homeless respondents were surveyed over the course of six days: January 28th to February 2nd, 2015. Survey results were collected, processed, and analyzed by the California Center for Rural Policy using SNAP Survey and Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS).

Data

Changes in data from one survey year to another could be due to various factors other than actual changes in population and demographics. Differing methods of data collection from one survey year to another affected data results. For example, collection of data at different locations, different times of the day/week/month can provide different results as locations that are highly trafficked at one time of the day/week/month may be very lightly trafficked at a different time of the day/week/month.

Survey questions changed between 2005 and 2015 which affects some data element comparisons. Some of the changes can be attributed to changing needs of the community, including the homeless population, and HHHC initiatives to align services with community needs to inform its efforts to end homelessness. Other changes are to explore areas of interest to members of the HHHC and to inform its efforts to end homelessness. In general, the surveys of 2011, 2013, and 2015 asked consistent questions but were slightly different in some instances from the 2009 survey. In these instances the data from 2009 was not included in the graphs and tables on the following pages.

In accordance with HUD requirements, participation in the survey is voluntary and participants have the right to decline to answer any specific question. As a result, only a certain percentage of those interviewed responded to any given question. In previous years, question design and formatting required surveys with blank responses be omitted from data analysis because they skewed data results. The Point in Time Committee counteracted this dilemma by changing the survey responses to mirror HUD guidelines. Response options included: Respondent Doesn't Know, Respondent Refused, and Data Not Collected. These response options greatly reduced the amount of missing data in the 2015 count.

Humboldt County is rural in nature, with a population of 134,493, and is spread over 3,573 square miles, or 37.6 persons per square mile. The low population density presents a unique challenge to our methodology of in-person, full survey taking of the whole homeless population. Thus, accurate PIT results are often contingent on how many volunteers are able to search for and survey the homeless and volunteers' rate of success in connecting with homeless populations during the survey time period allotted.

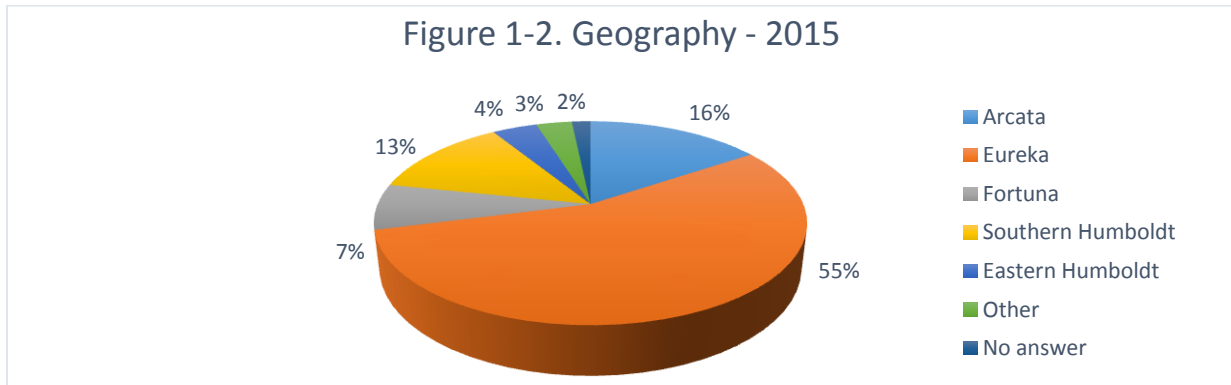
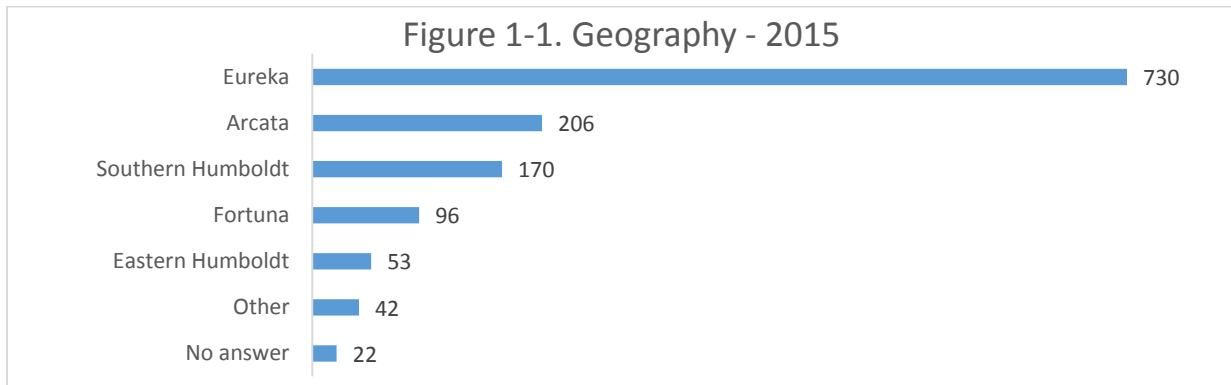
RESULTS

In 2015 the PIT Count counted and surveyed 1,319 people. In 2013, 1,054 were surveyed, in 2011, 1,626 people were surveyed, and in 2009, 1,913 people were surveyed. The variation in the number of surveys collected is not an accurate indicator of the number of homeless people living in Humboldt County because of the variation in sheltering location on any given night.

Some changes in demographics can be observed over the years between 2011 and 2015. Data from 2009 was also included in the charts below when available.

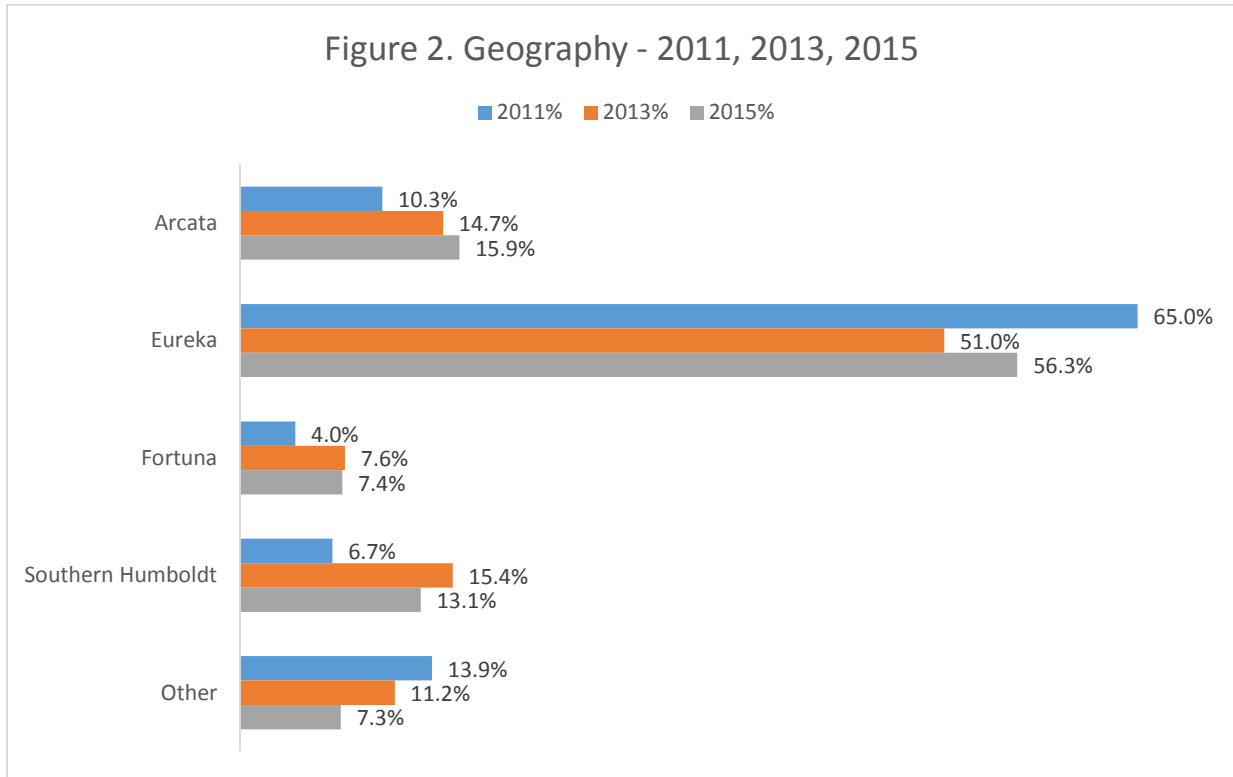
Geography

Q5. What community did you sleep in last night?



| Geography | Frequency | Percent |
|-------------------|-----------|---------|
| Arcata | 206 | 15.9% |
| Eureka | 730 | 56.3% |
| Fortuna | 96 | 7.4% |
| Southern Humboldt | 170 | 13.1% |
| Eastern Humboldt | 53 | 4.1% |
| Other | 42 | 2.8% |
| Subtotal | 1297 | |
| Missing | 22 | 1.7% |
| Total | 1319 | |

Eureka, as in previous years, has the highest proportion of homeless people followed by Arcata, Southern Humboldt, and Fortuna.



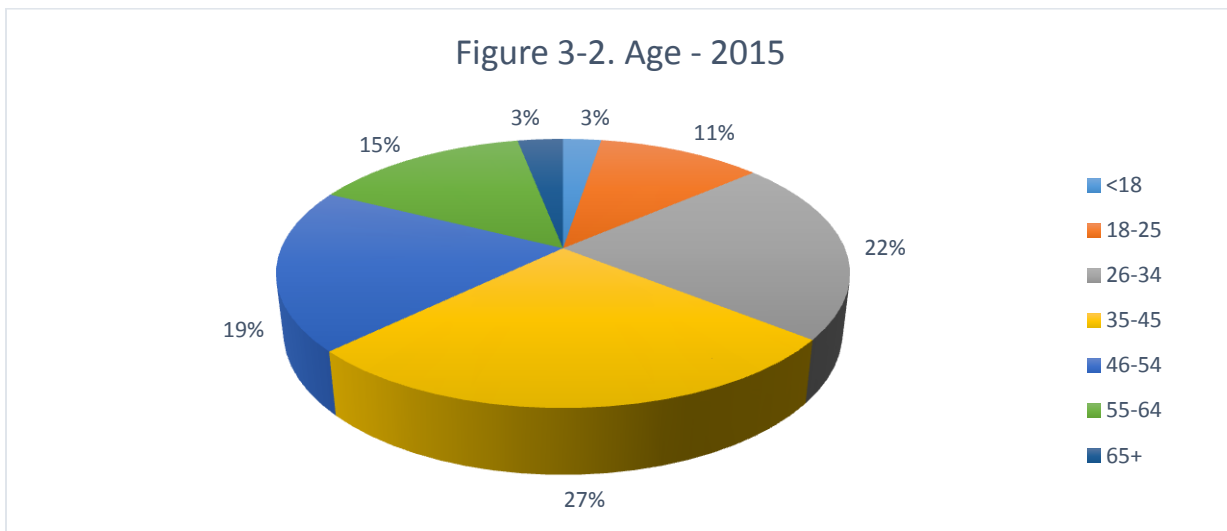
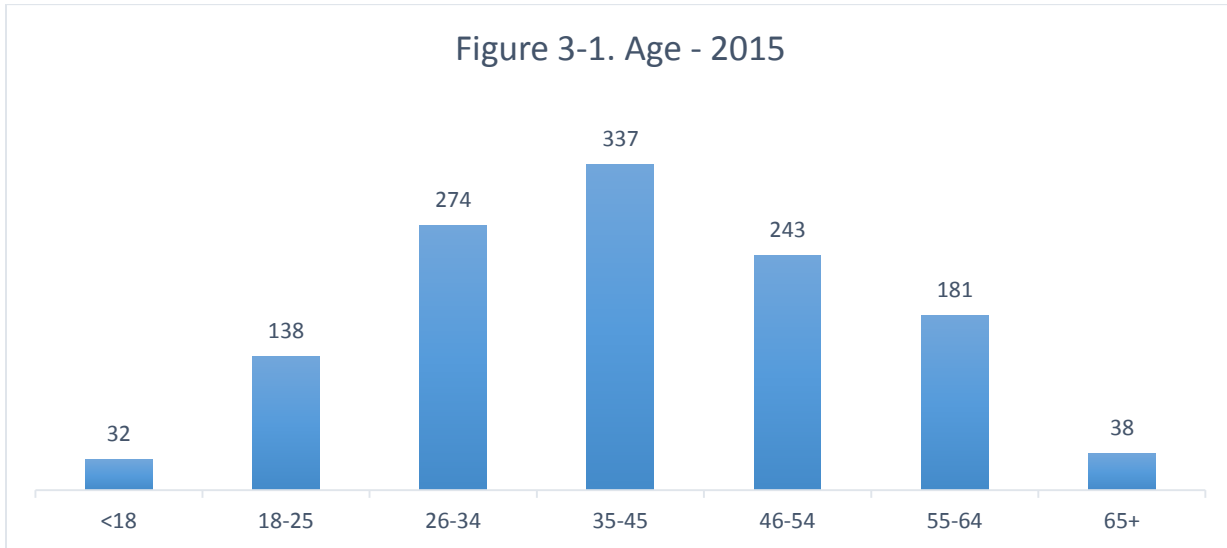
| Community | 2011 | 2011% | 2013 | 2013% | 2015 | 2015% |
|-------------------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|
| Arcata | 154 | 10.3% | 104 | 14.7% | 206 | 15.9% |
| Eureka | 970 | 65.0% | 360 | 51.0% | 730 | 56.3% |
| Fortuna | 60 | 4.0% | 54 | 7.6% | 96 | 7.4% |
| Southern Humboldt | 100 | 6.7% | 109 | 15.4% | 170 | 13.1% |
| Other | 208 | 13.9% | 79 | 11.2% | 95 | 7.3% |
| Subtotal | 1492 | | 706 | | 1297 | |
| Missing | 134 | 8.2% | 348 | 33.0% | 22 | 1.67% |
| Total | 1626 | | 1054 | | 1319 | |

The chart above compares the last 3 counts of homeless people geographically. Compared to 2013, 2015 experienced an increased percentage of respondents reporting that they had stayed in Arcata or Eureka. Compared to 2013, 2015 experienced a decrease in the percentage of respondents reporting that they had stayed in Fortuna, Southern Humboldt, or Other. However 8.2% of respondents in 2011 did not answer this question, 33% of respondents in 2013 did not answer this question, and in 2015 1.7% of respondents did not answer this question.

Eureka continues to have the highest proportion of homeless people, followed by Arcata, and Southern Humboldt.

Age

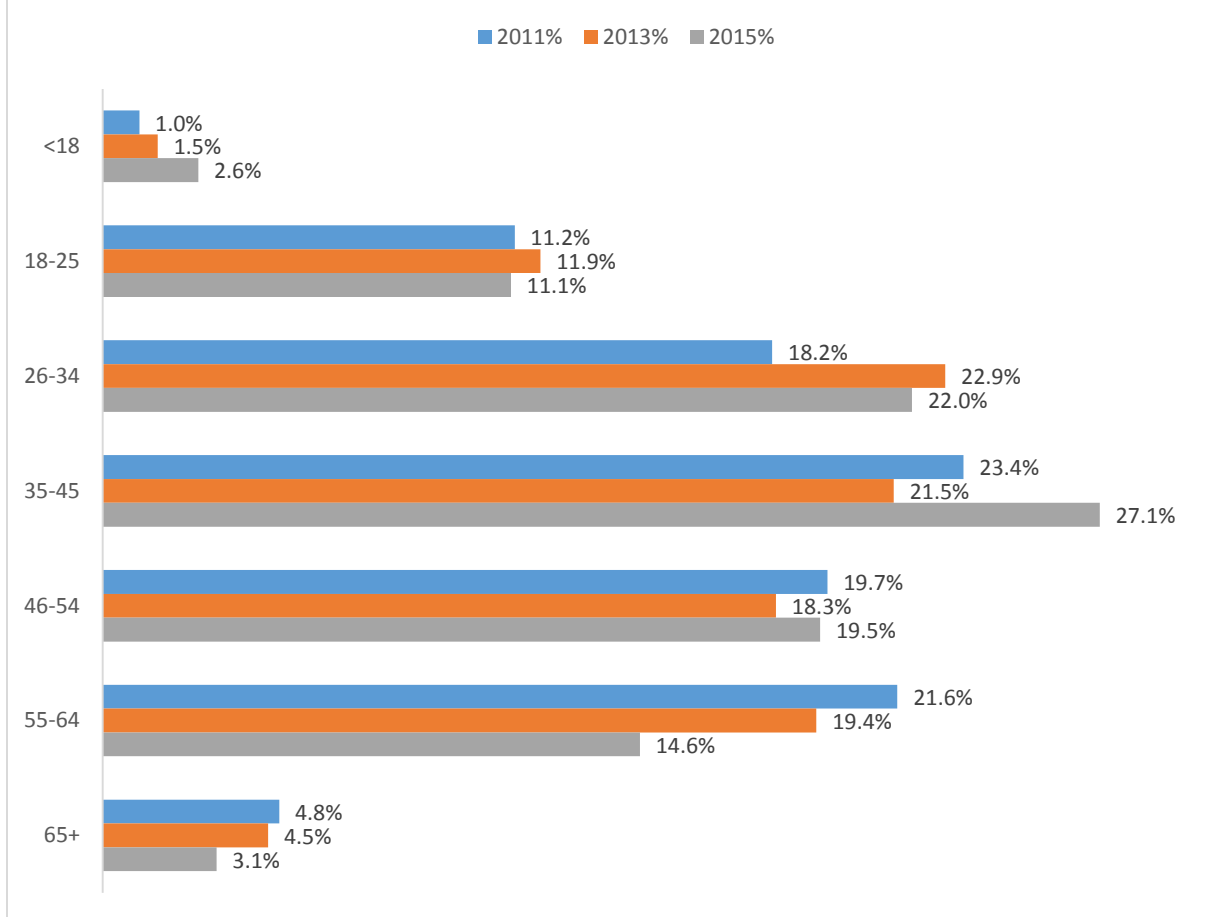
Q1. What is your age?



| Age | Frequency | Percent |
|----------|-----------|---------|
| <18 | 32 | 2.6% |
| 18-25 | 138 | 11.1% |
| 26-34 | 274 | 22.0% |
| 35-45 | 337 | 27.1% |
| 46-54 | 243 | 19.5% |
| 55-64 | 181 | 14.6% |
| 65+ | 38 | 3.1% |
| Subtotal | 1243 | |
| Missing | 76 | 5.8% |
| Total | 1319 | |

Nearly half of respondents reported that they were between the ages of 26 and 45. Only 2.6% of respondents were under the age of 18 and only 3.1% of respondents were senior citizens.

Figure 4. Age - 2011, 2013, 2015



| Age | 2011 | 2011% | 2013 | 2013% | 2015 | 2015% |
|----------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|
| <18 | 10 | 1.0% | 13 | 1.5% | 32 | 2.6% |
| 18-25 | 107 | 11.2% | 104 | 11.9% | 138 | 11.1% |
| 26-34 | 173 | 18.2% | 200 | 22.9% | 274 | 22.0% |
| 35-45 | 223 | 23.4% | 188 | 21.5% | 337 | 27.1% |
| 46-54 | 188 | 19.7% | 160 | 18.3% | 243 | 19.5% |
| 55-64 | 206 | 21.6% | 169 | 19.4% | 181 | 14.6% |
| 65+ | 46 | 4.8% | 39 | 4.5% | 38 | 3.1% |
| Subtotal | 953 | | 873 | | 1243 | |
| Missing | 673 | 41.4% | 181 | 17.2% | 76 | 5.8% |
| Total | 1626 | | 1054 | | 1319 | |

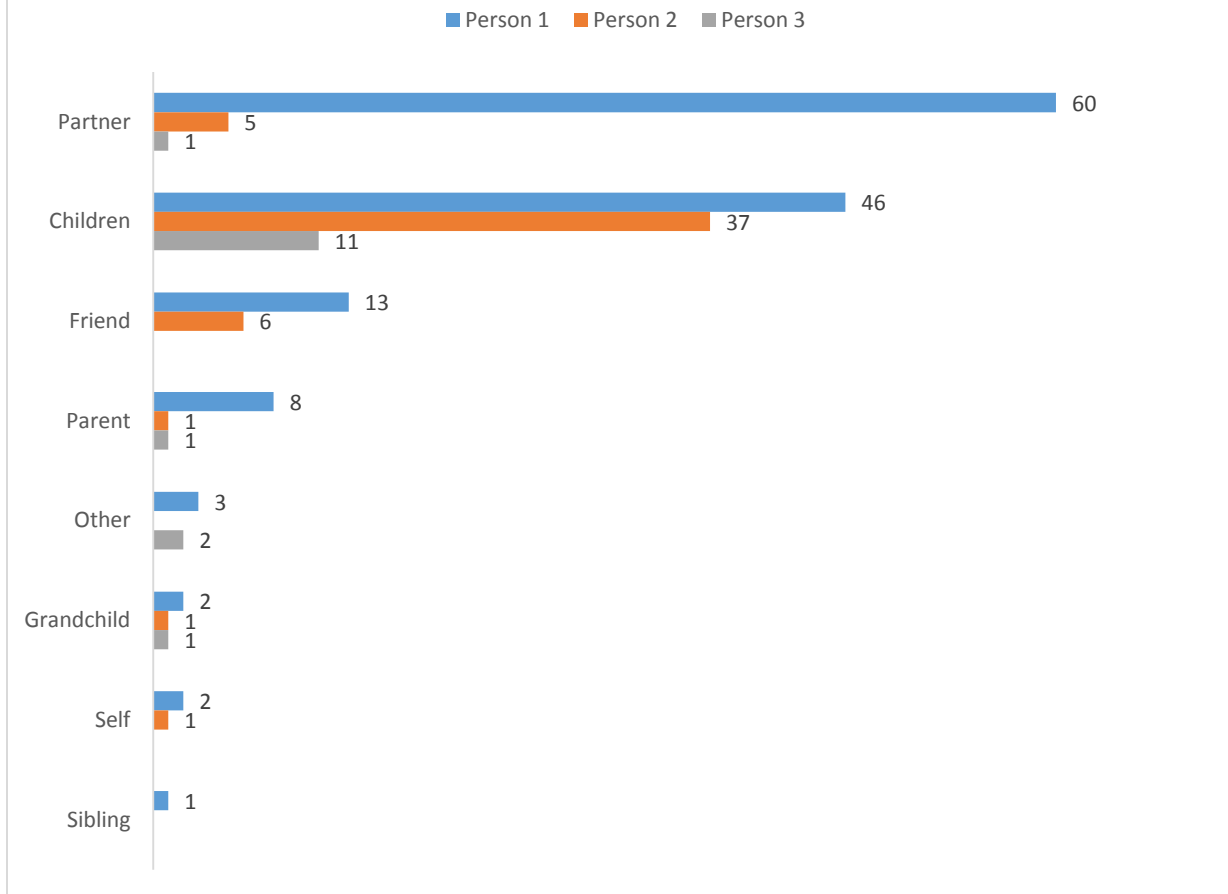
In 2011 the 35-45 age group had the highest proportion of homeless people at 23.4%.

In 2013 the 26-34 age group had the highest proportion of homeless people at 22.9%

In 2015 the 35-45 age group had the highest proportion of homeless people at 27.1%.

It appears that while the proportion of homeless senior citizens surveyed has decreased since 2011, the proportion of homeless people under the age of 18 has increased since 2011.

Figure 5. Individuals that sleep in same location as you



| | Person 1 | Person 1 % | Person 2 | Person 2 % | Person 3 | Person 3 % |
|------------|----------|------------|----------|------------|----------|------------|
| Partner | 60 | 4.5% | 5 | 0.38% | 1 | 0.07% |
| Children | 46 | 3.5% | 37 | 2.8% | 11 | 0.8% |
| Friend | 13 | 1.0% | 6 | 0.45% | 0 | 0% |
| Parent | 8 | 0.6% | 1 | 0.07% | 1 | 0.07% |
| Other | 3 | 0.23% | 0 | 0% | 2 | 0.15% |
| Grandchild | 2 | 0.15% | 1 | 0.07% | 1 | 0.07% |
| Self | 2 | 0.15% | 1 | 0.07% | 0 | 0% |
| Sibling | 1 | 0.07% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Missing | 1184 | 89.8% | 1268 | 96.1% | 1302 | 98.7% |

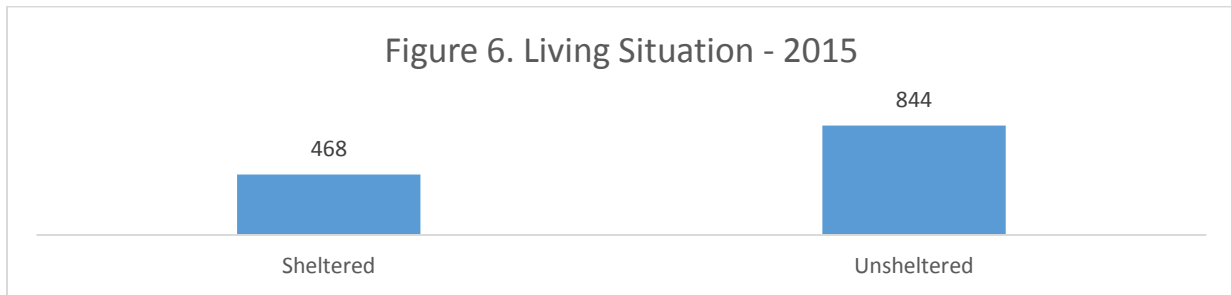
Only 10.2% of respondents reported that they had a companion with whom they sleep in the same location.

Only 3.9% of respondents reported that they had 2 companions with whom they sleep in the same location.

Only 1.3% of respondents reported that they had 3 companions with whom they sleep in the same location.

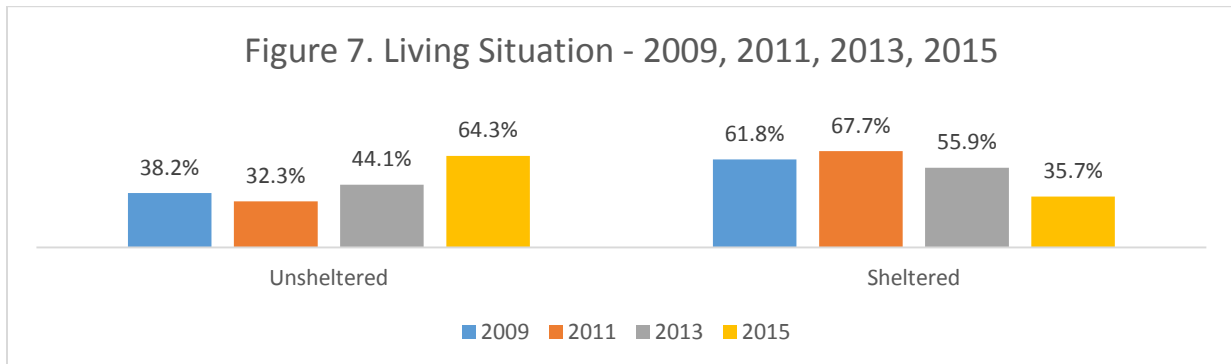
Living Situations on Night of PIT Count

Q2. Where you sheltered or unsheltered where you slept last Tuesday night, January 27, 2015?



| Living Situation | Frequency | Percent |
|------------------|-----------|---------|
| Sheltered | 468 | 35.7% |
| Unsheltered | 844 | 64.3% |
| Subtotal | 1312 | |
| Missing | 7 | 0.53% |
| Total | 1319 | |

Almost 2 out of 3 respondents reported that they were unsheltered on the night of interest in the survey. Unsheltered indicates that they were sleeping either in a car or on a street, outdoors, or in an abandoned building.



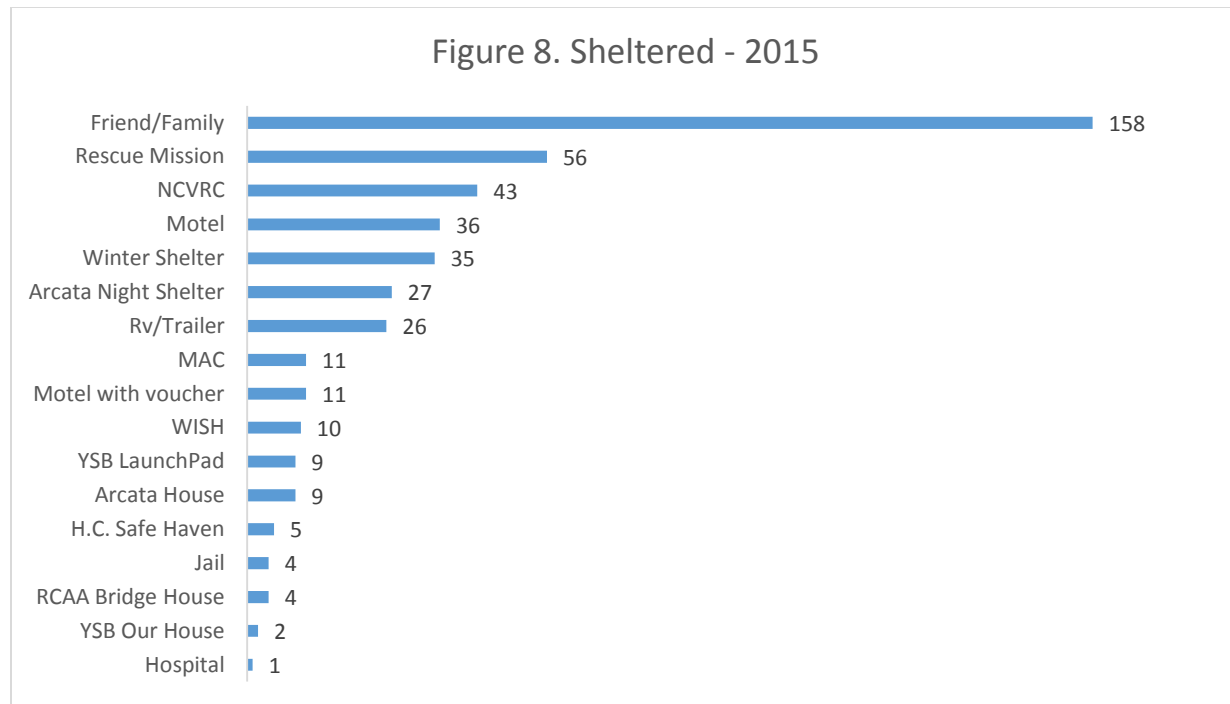
| Living Situation | 2009 | 2009% | 2011 | 2011% | 2013 | 2013% | 2015 | 2015% |
|------------------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|
| Sheltered | 842 | 61.8% | 1044 | 67.7% | 580 | 55.9% | 468 | 35.7% |
| Unsheltered | 520 | 38.2% | 499 | 32.3% | 458 | 44.1% | 844 | 64.3% |
| Subtotal | 1362 | | 1543 | | 1038 | | 1312 | |
| Missing | 551 | 28.8% | 83 | 5.1% | 16 | 1.5% | 7 | 0.53% |
| Total | 1913 | | 1626 | | 1054 | | 1319 | |

The number of respondents who report being unsheltered has increased by 23.5% since 2013 and by 32% since 2011.

In 2009 the Living Situation Summary (sheltered or unsheltered) was not collected but the Living Situation Detail (sleeping where) was collected. From the Living Situation Detail the Living Situation Summary was determined and included in this chart.

Details on the living situation of ‘sheltered’ respondents are included in the graphs and tables below.

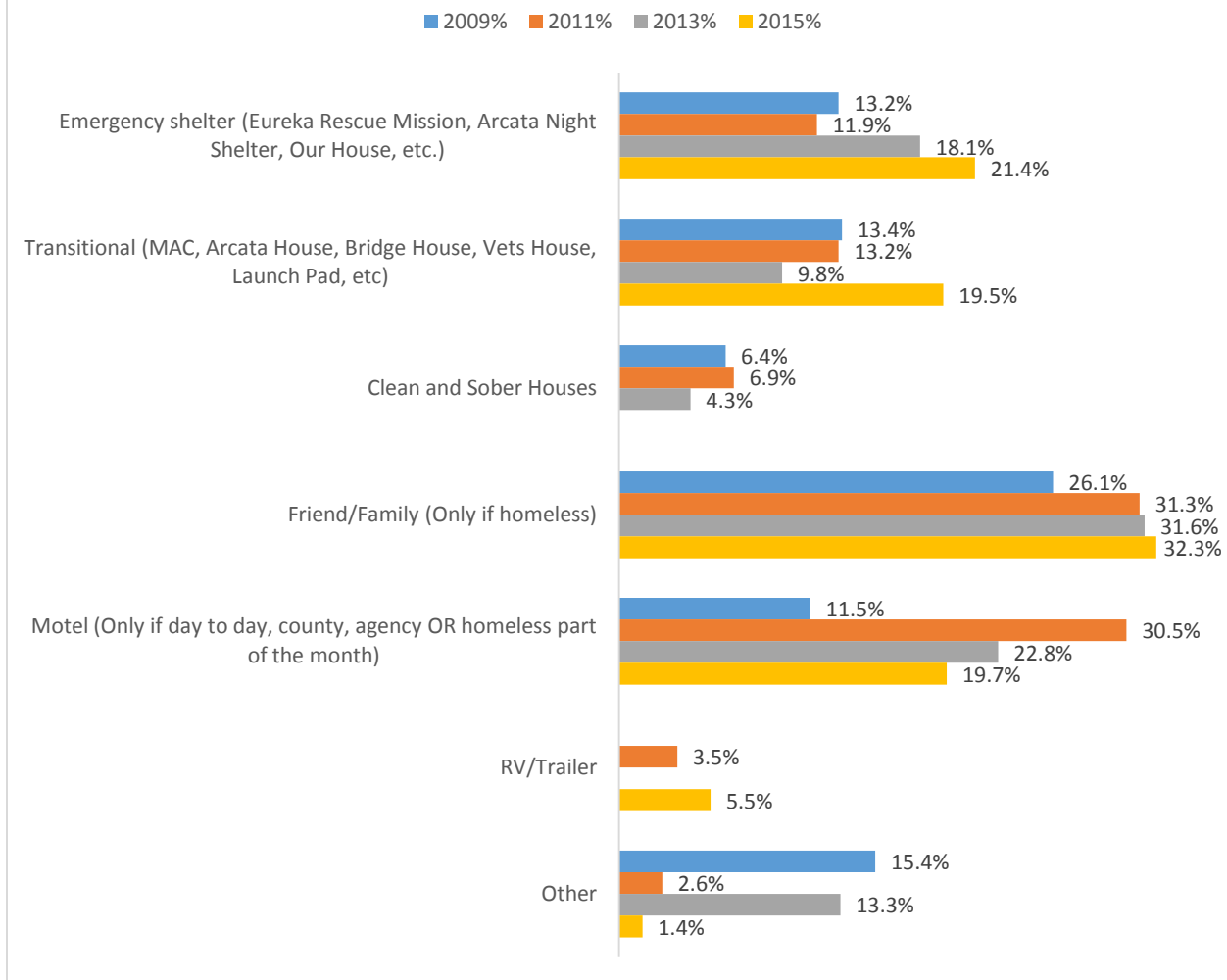
Q3. If you were sheltered, where did you sleep last Tuesday night, January 27, 2015?



| 2015 - Sheltered where (check all) | Frequency | Percent |
|------------------------------------|-----------|---------|
| Arcata Night Shelter | 27 | 5.8% |
| Arcata House | 9 | 1.9% |
| Friend/Family | 134 | 28.6% |
| H.C. Safe Haven | 5 | 1.1% |
| Hospital | 2 | 0.43% |
| Jail | 4 | 0.85% |
| MAC | 11 | 2.4% |
| Motel with voucher | 11 | 2.4% |
| Motel | 36 | 7.7% |
| NCVRC | 43 | 9.2% |
| RCAA Bridge House | 4 | 0.85% |
| Rescue Mission | 55 | 11.8% |
| RV/Trailer | 23 | 4.9% |
| Winter Shelter | 35 | 7.5% |
| WISH | 5 | 1.1% |
| YSB LaunchPad | 9 | 1.9% |
| YSB OurHouse | 2 | 0.43% |

Of those who reported that they were sheltered, 28.6% reported that they were sheltered at a friends or family member’s house on the night in question and 11.8% reported that they were sheltered at Rescue Mission.

Figure 9. Sheltered - 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015

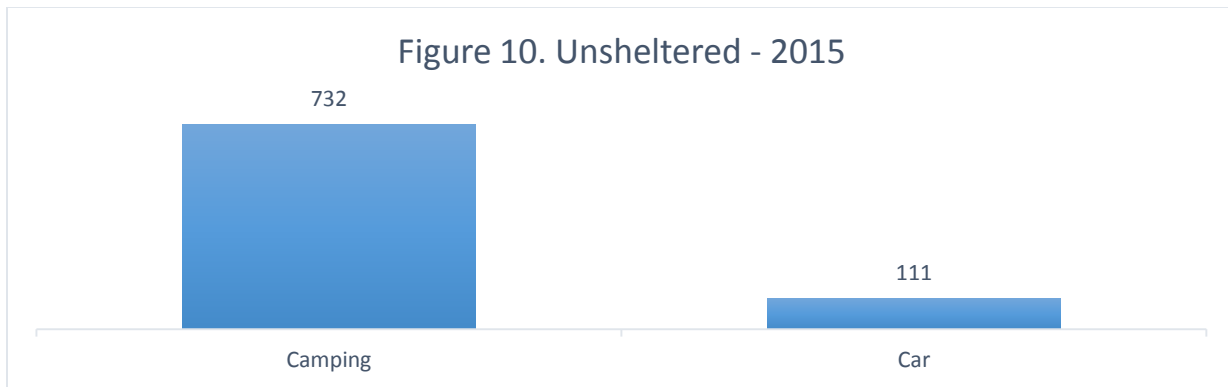


| Sheltered | 2009 | 2009% | 2011 | 2011% | 2013 | 2013% | 2015 | 2015% |
|--|------------|-------|-------------|-------|------------|-------|------------|-------|
| Emergency shelter (Eureka Rescue Mission, Arcata Night Shelter, Our House, etc.) | 111 | 13.2% | 124 | 11.9% | 105 | 18.1% | 89 | 21.4% |
| Transitional (MAC, Arcata House, Bridge House, Vets House, Launch Pad, etc) | 113 | 13.4% | 138 | 13.2% | 57 | 9.8% | 81 | 19.5% |
| Clean and Sober Houses | 54 | 6.4% | 72 | 6.9% | 25 | 4.3% | | |
| Friend/Family (Only if homeless) | 220 | 26.1% | 327 | 31.3% | 183 | 31.6% | 134 | 32.3% |
| Motel (Only if day to day, county, agency OR homeless part of the month) | 129 | 1.4% | 283 | 27.1% | 109 | 18.8% | 47 | 11.3% |
| RV/Trailer | | | 37 | 3.5% | | | 23 | 5.5% |
| Serenity Inn (2015 = winter shelter) | 85 | 10.1% | 36 | 3.4% | 23 | 4.0% | 35 | 8.4% |
| Other | 130 | 15.4% | 27 | 2.6% | 77 | 13.3% | 6 | 1.4% |
| Total | 842 | | 1044 | | 579 | | 415 | |

In order to compare where survey respondents were sheltered over the years, some of the categories from the 2015 survey were merged.

Details on the living situation of 'unsheltered' respondents are included in the graphs and tables below.

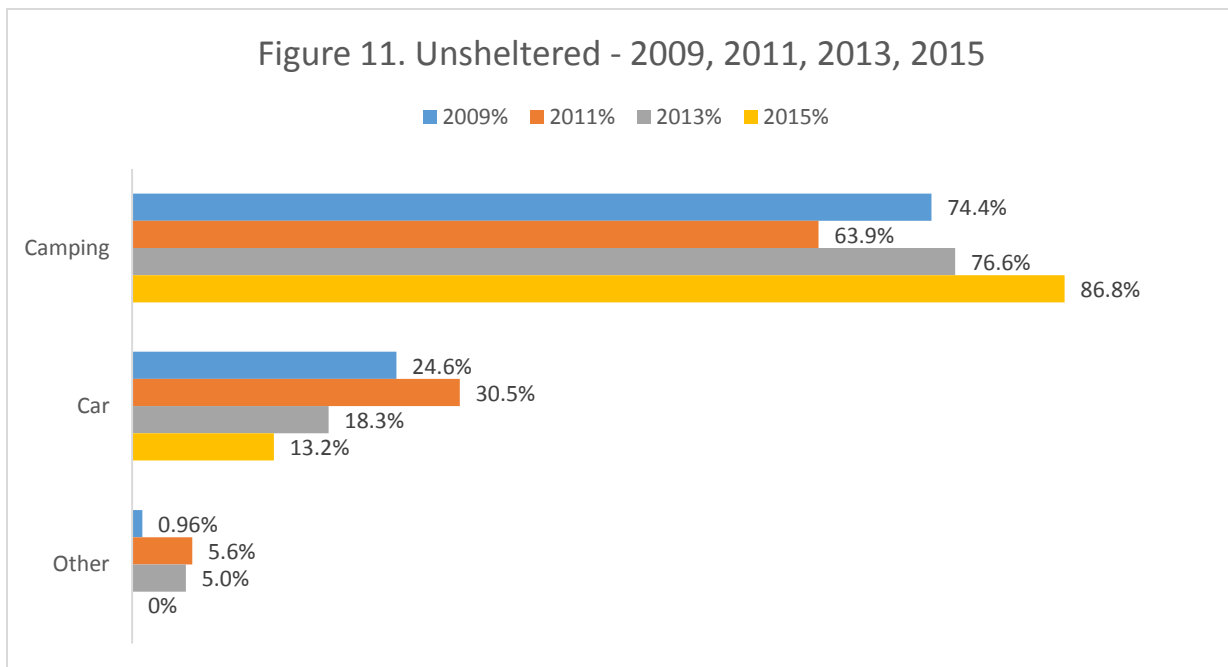
Q4. If you were unsheltered, where did you sleep last Tuesday night, January 27, 2015?



| 2015 - Unsheltered where? (check all) | Frequency | Percent |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|---------|
| Camping | 732 | 86.8% |
| Car | 111 | 13.2% |
| Total | 843 | |

86.8% of respondents reported that they were unsheltered camping, not in a car.

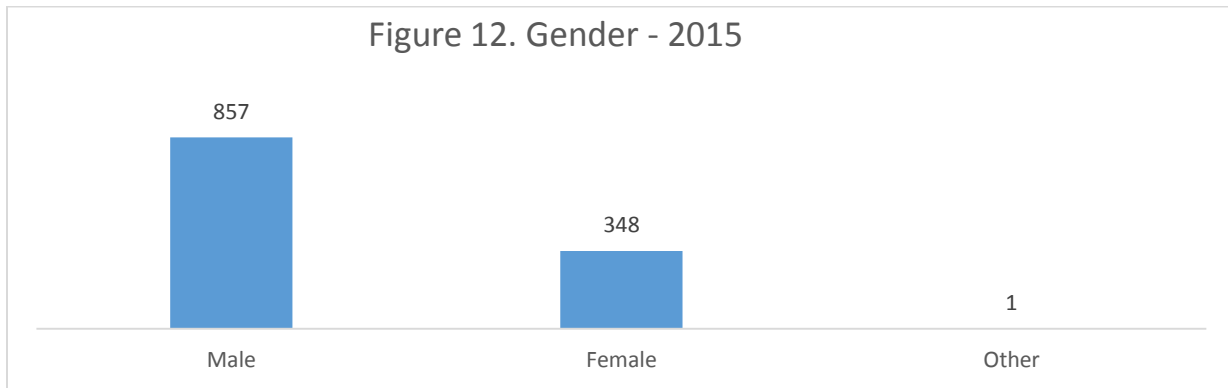
'Other' answers include: Garden shed, Dugout, and Walking around



| Unsheltered | 2009 | 2009% | 2011 | 2011% | 2013 | 2013% | 2015 | 2015% |
|-------------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|
| Camping | 387 | 74.4% | 319 | 63.9% | 351 | 76.6% | 732 | 86.8% |
| Car | 128 | 24.6% | 152 | 30.5% | 84 | 18.3% | 111 | 13.2% |
| Other | 5 | 0.96% | 28 | 5.6% | 23 | 5.0% | 0 | 0% |
| Total | 520 | | 499 | | 458 | | 843 | |

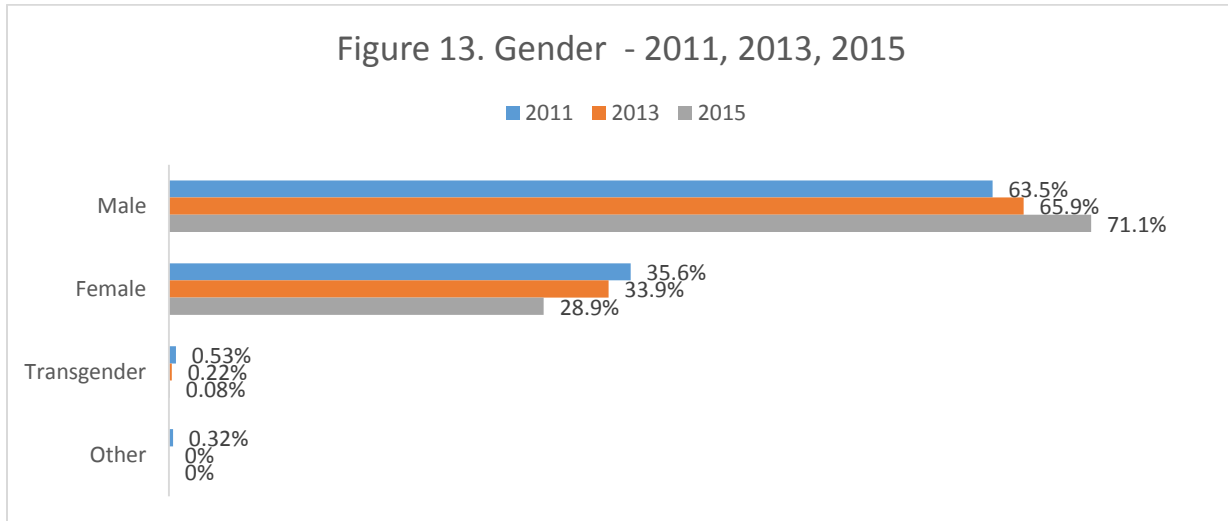
Gender, Race, and Ethnicity

Q1. What is your gender?



| Gender | Frequency | Percent |
|----------|-----------|---------|
| Male | 857 | 71.1% |
| Female | 348 | 28.9% |
| Other | 1 | 0.083% |
| Subtotal | 1206 | |
| Missing | 113 | 8.6% |
| Total | 1319 | |

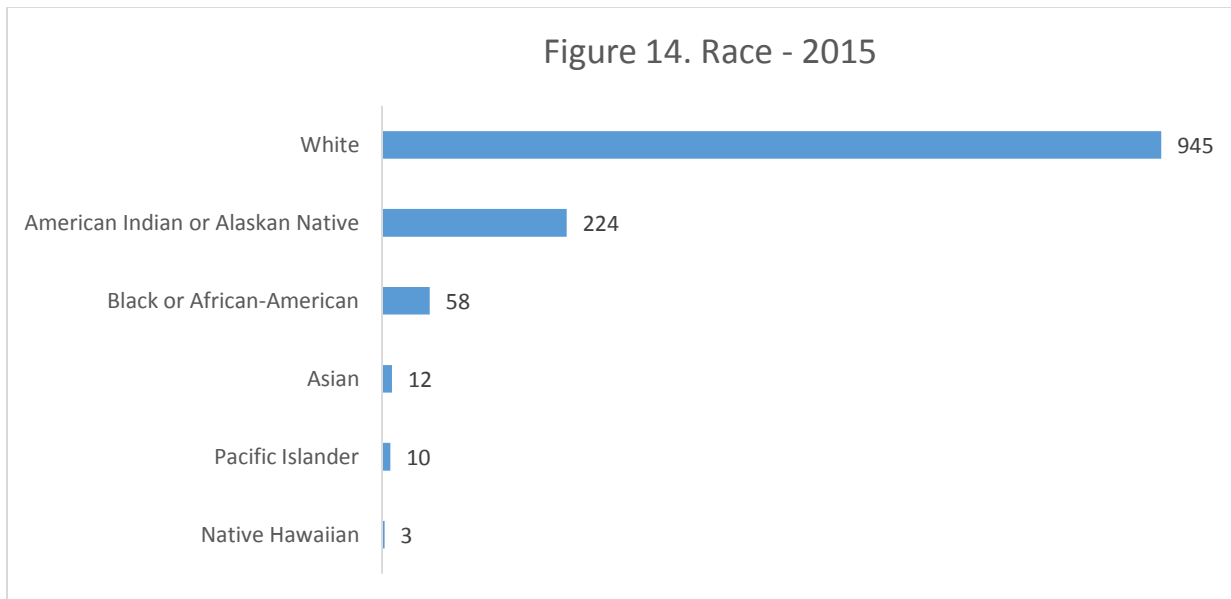
71.1% of respondents reported that they are male.



| Gender | 2011 | 2011 % | 2013 | 2013 % | 2015 | 2015 % |
|-------------|------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|
| Male | 604 | 63.5% | 596 | 65.9% | 857 | 71.1% |
| Female | 339 | 35.6% | 307 | 33.9% | 348 | 28.9% |
| Transgender | 5 | 0.53% | 2 | 0.22% | 1 | 0.083% |
| Other | 3 | 0.32% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Subtotal | 951 | | 905 | | 1206 | |
| Missing | 675 | 41.5% | 149 | 14.1% | 113 | 8.6% |
| Total | 1626 | | 1054 | | 1319 | |

The number of respondents who reported that they are male increased by 5.2% since 2013.

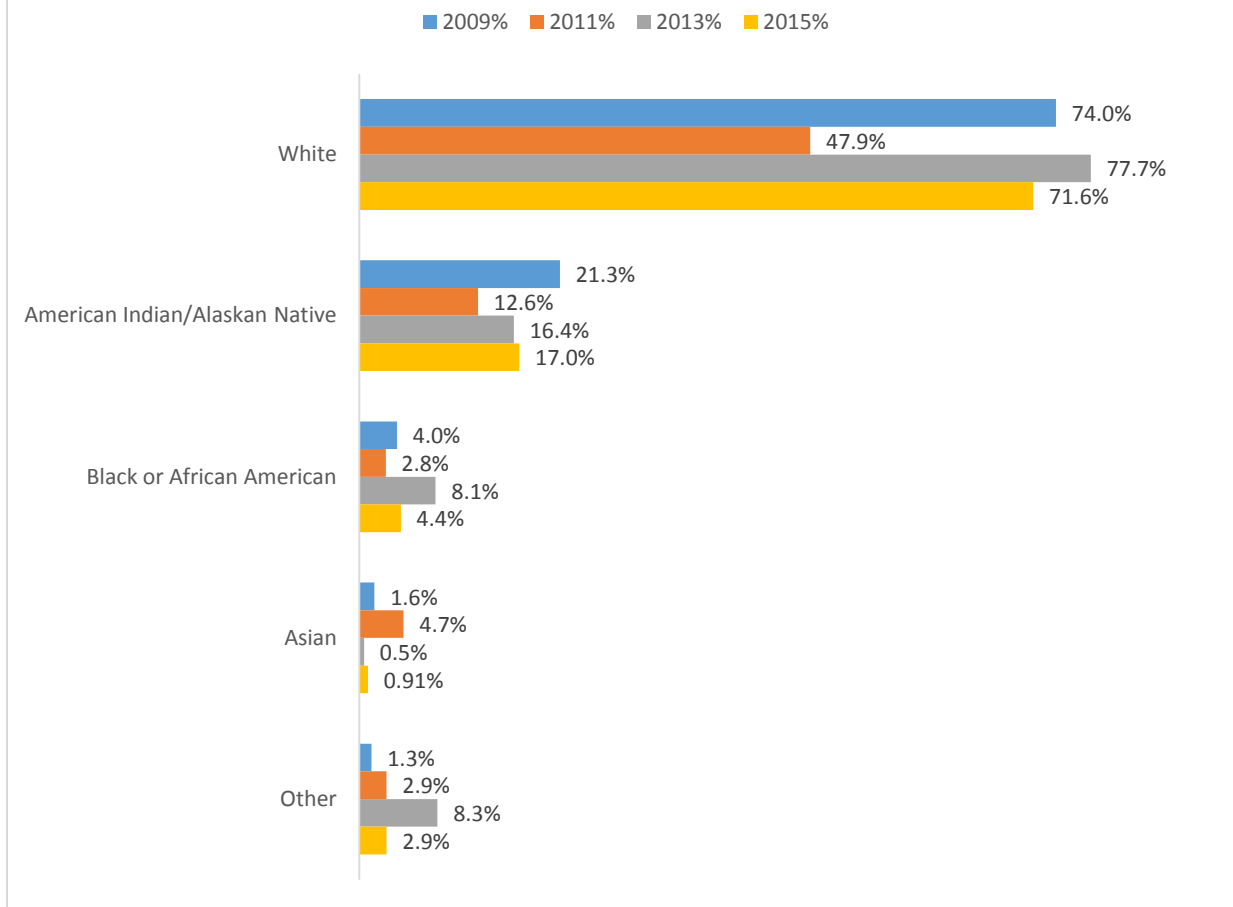
Q8. What race do you identify yourself as?



| Race (check all that apply) | Frequency |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| White | 945 |
| American Indian or Alaskan Native | 224 |
| Black or African-American | 58 |
| Asian | 12 |
| Pacific Islander | 10 |
| Native Hawaiian | 3 |
| Respondent doesn't know | 9 |
| Respondent Refused | 16 |
| Missing | 99 |

945 respondents marked white as part of their racial make-up, 224 respondents marked American Indian or Alaskan Native as part of their racial make-up, and 54 respondents marked Black or African-American as part of their racial make-up.

Figure 15. Race - 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015



| Race (check all that apply) | 2009 | 2009% | 2011 | 2011% | 2013 | 2013% | 2015 | 2015% |
|--------------------------------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|
| White | 900 | 74.0% | 679 | 47.9% | 683 | 77.7% | 945 | 71.6% |
| American Indian/Alaskan Native | 259 | 21.3% | 178 | 12.6% | 144 | 16.4% | 224 | 17.0% |
| Black or African American | 49 | 4.0% | 39 | 2.8% | 71 | 8.1% | 58 | 4.4% |
| Asian | 20 | 1.6% | 67 | 4.7% | 4 | 0.5% | 12 | 0.91 |
| Other | 16 | 1.3% | 41 | 2.9% | 73 | 8.3% | 38 | 2.9% |
| Missing | 696 | 36.4% | 208 | 19.6% | 175 | 16.6% | 99 | 7.5% |
| Total | 1913 | | 1062 | | 1054 | | 1319 | |

Of respondents who answered this question, 71.6% marked white as part of their racial make-up in 2015 compared to 77.7% in 2013, and 47.9% in 2011.

Of respondents who answered this question. 17.0% marked American Indian or Alaskan Native as part of their racial make-up in 2015 compared to 16.4% in 2013, and 12.6% in 2011.

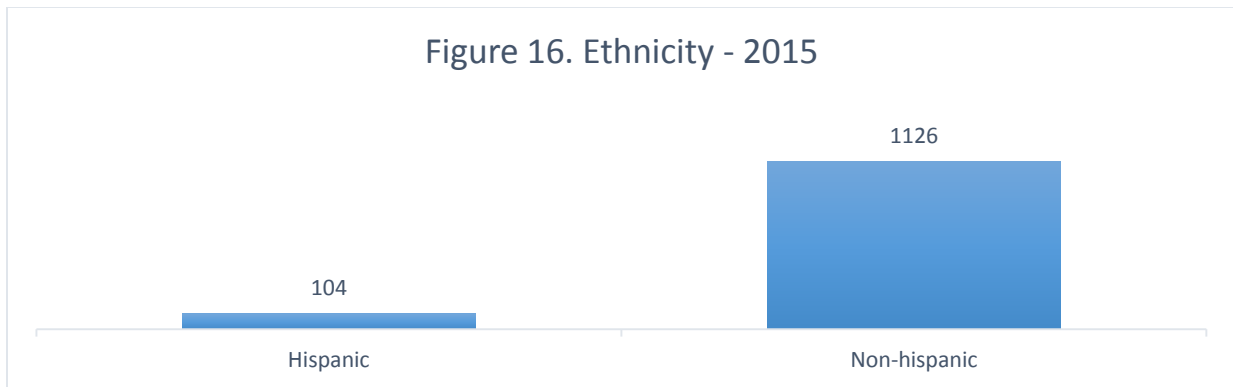
In 2009 over 35% of respondents did not answer this question.

In 2011 nearly 20% of respondents did not answer this question.

In 2013 over 16% of respondents did not answer this question.

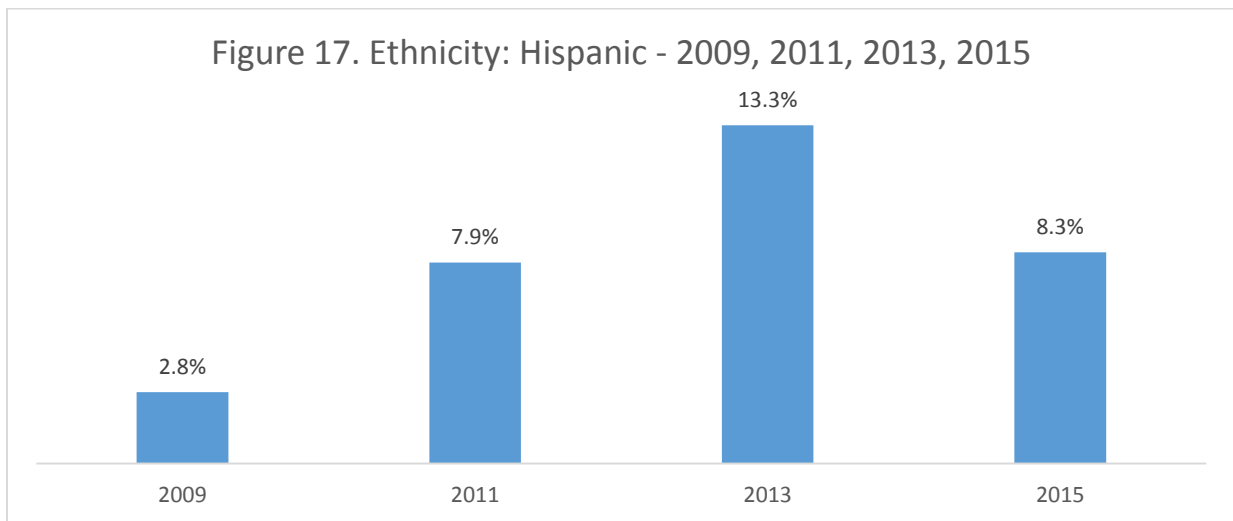
In 2015 over 7% of respondents did not answer this question.

Q7. What ethnicity do you identify yourself as?



| Ethnicity | Frequency | Percent |
|-------------------------|-----------|---------|
| Hispanic | 104 | 8.3% |
| Non-Hispanic | 1126 | 90.2% |
| Respondent refused | 15 | 0.32% |
| Respondent doesn't know | 4 | 1.2% |
| Subtotal | 1249 | |
| Missing | 70 | 5.3% |
| Total | 1319 | |

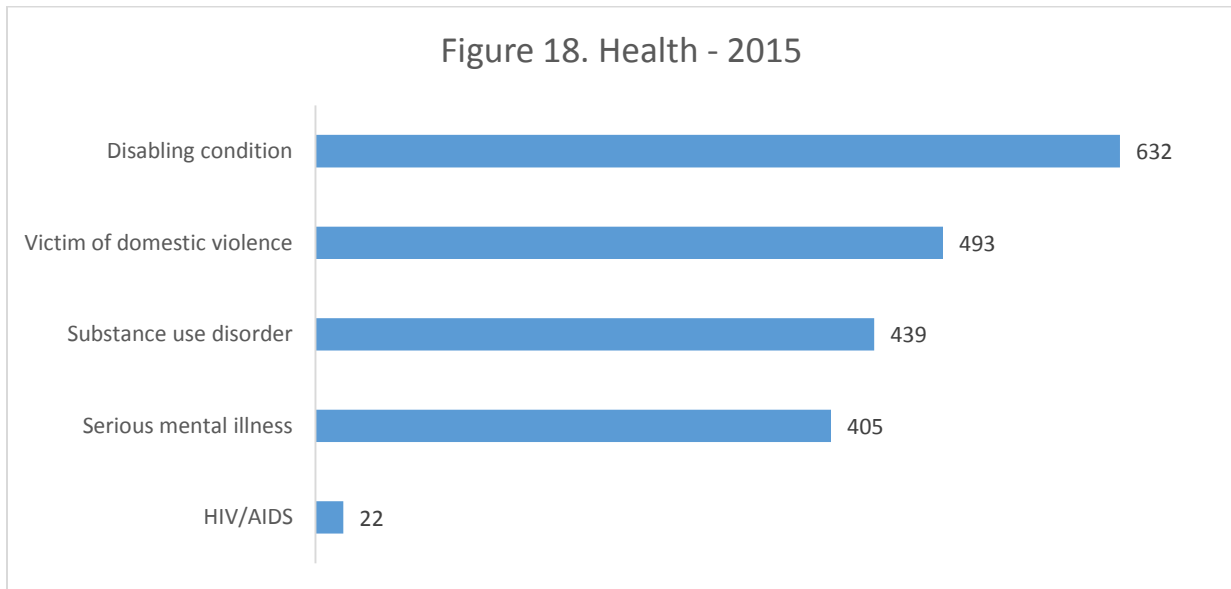
8.3% of respondents in 2015 reported that they are Hispanic.



| Ethnicity | 2009 | 2009% | 2011 | 2011% | 2013 | 2013% | 2015 | 2015% |
|-------------------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|
| Hispanic | 53 | 2.8% | 59 | 7.9% | 110 | 13.3% | 104 | 8.3% |
| Non-Hispanic | | | 633 | 85.1% | 673 | 81.6% | 1126 | 90.2% |
| Unknown | | | 18 | 2.4% | 15 | 1.8% | 4 | 0.32% |
| Decline to answer | | | 34 | 4.6% | 27 | 3.3% | 15 | 1.2% |
| Subtotal | | | 744 | | 825 | | 1249 | |
| Missing | | | 882 | 54.2% | 229 | 21.7% | 70 | 5.3% |
| Total | 1913 | | 1062 | | 1054 | | 1319 | |

Health

Q16. Please answer yes, no, or don't know regarding your health conditions in the following areas.



| 2015 - Health (check all) | Frequency | Percent |
|-----------------------------|-----------|---------|
| Disabling condition | 632 | 47.9% |
| Victim of domestic violence | 493 | 37.4% |
| Substance use disorder | 439 | 33.3% |
| Serious mental illness | 405 | 30.7% |
| HIV/AIDS | 22 | 1.67% |

47.9% of respondents in 2015 reported that they have a disabling condition.

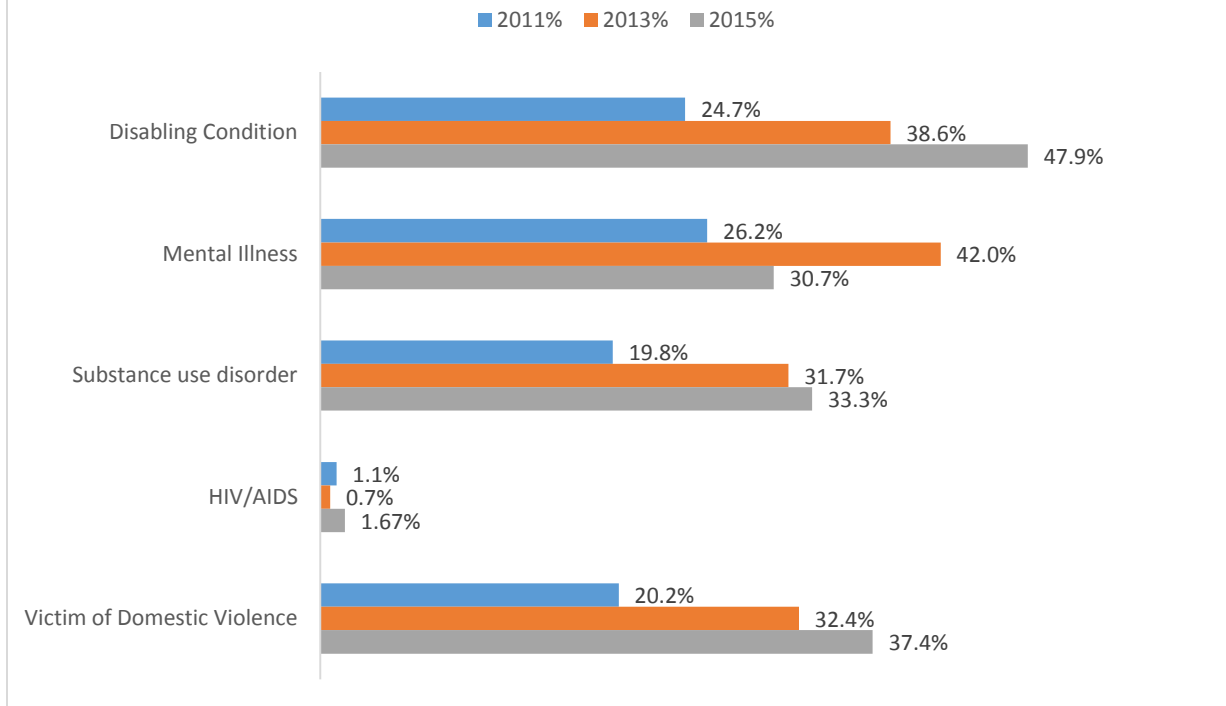
37.4% of respondents in 2015 reported that they had been a victim of domestic violence.

33.3% of respondents in 2015 reported that they have a substance use disorder.

30.7% of respondents in 2015 reported that they have a serious mental illness.

1.67% of respondents in 2015 reported that they have HIV/AIDS.

Figure 19. Health - 2011, 2013, 2015



| Health | 2011 | 2011% | 2013 | 2013% | 2015 | 2015% |
|-----------------------------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|
| Disabling Condition | 401 | 24.7% | 407 | 38.6% | 632 | 47.9% |
| Mental Illness | 426 | 26.2% | 443 | 42.0% | 405 | 30.7% |
| Substance use disorder | 322 | 19.8% | 334 | 31.7% | 439 | 33.3% |
| HIV/AIDS | 18 | 1.1% | 7 | 0.66% | 22 | 1.67% |
| Victim of Domestic Violence | 328 | 20.2% | 342 | 32.4% | 493 | 37.4% |

The percentage of respondents who reported having a disabling condition has **increased** by 9.3% since 2013.

The percentage of respondents who reported having a mental illness has **decreased** by 11.3% since 2013.

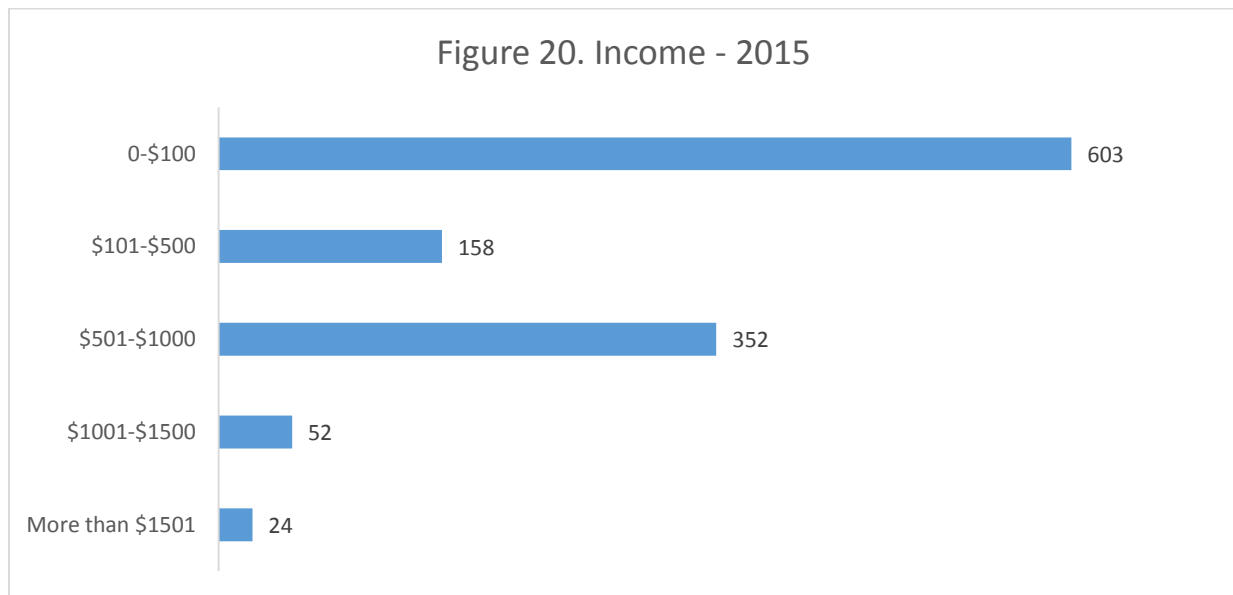
The percentage of respondents who reported having a substance use disorder has **increased** by 1.6% since 2013.

The percentage of respondents who reported having HIV/AIDS has **increased** by 0.97% since 2013.

The percentage of respondents who reported being a victim of domestic violence has **increased** by 5% since 2013.

Income

Q13. What is your total monthly income?



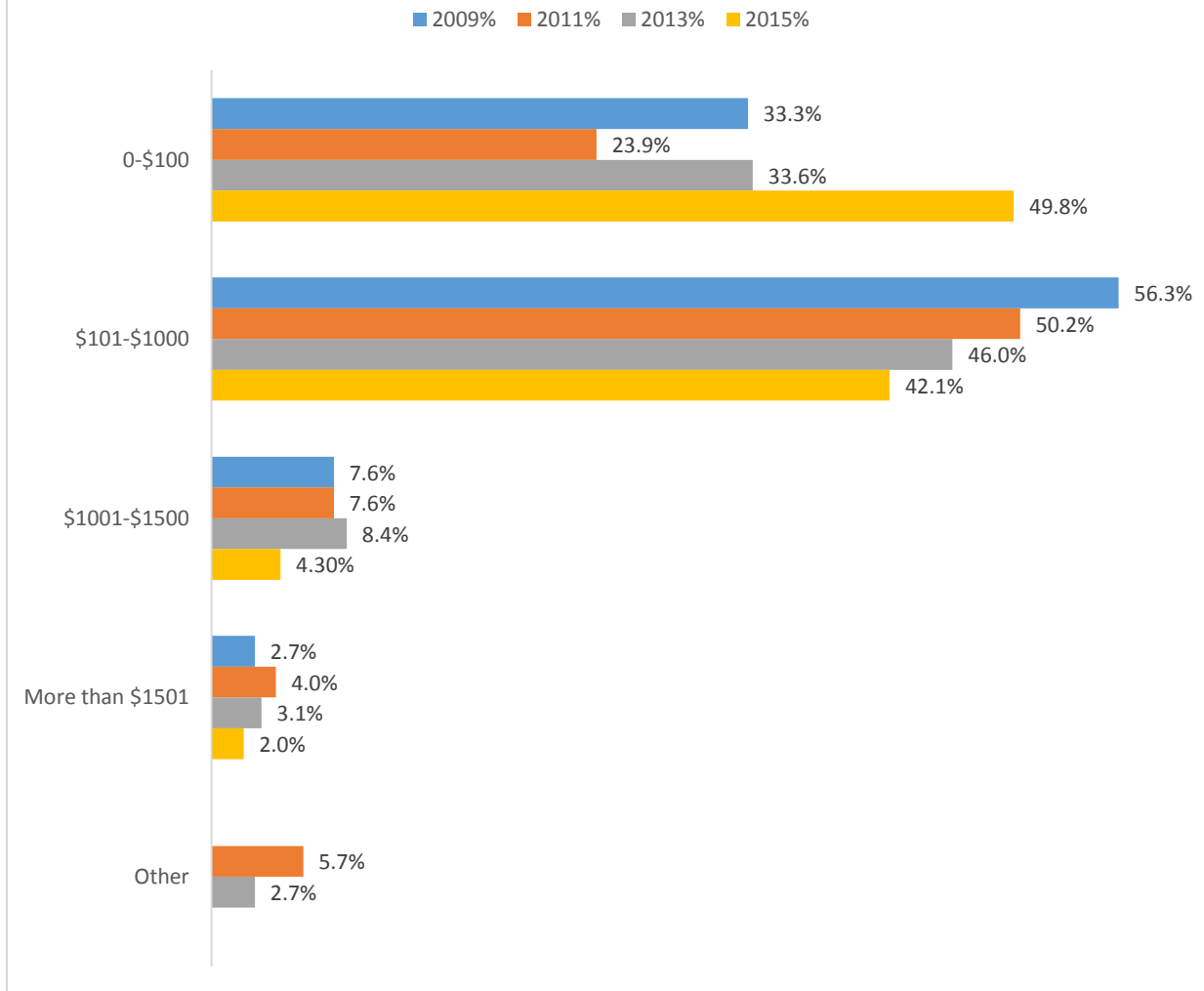
| 2015 - Income | Frequency | Percent |
|-------------------------|-----------|---------|
| 0-\$100 | 603 | 49.8% |
| \$101-\$500 | 158 | 13.0% |
| \$501-\$1000 | 352 | 29.1% |
| \$1001-\$1500 | 52 | 4.3% |
| More than \$1501 | 24 | 2.0% |
| Respondent doesn't know | 11 | 0.91% |
| Respondent refused | 11 | 0.91% |
| Subtotal | 1211 | |
| Missing | 108 | 8.2% |
| Total | 1319 | |

91.9% of respondents who answered this question reported a monthly income of \$1000 or less.

49.8% of respondents reported their total monthly income is between \$0 and \$100.

29.1% of respondents reported that their total monthly income is between \$501 and \$1000.

Figure 21. Income - 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015



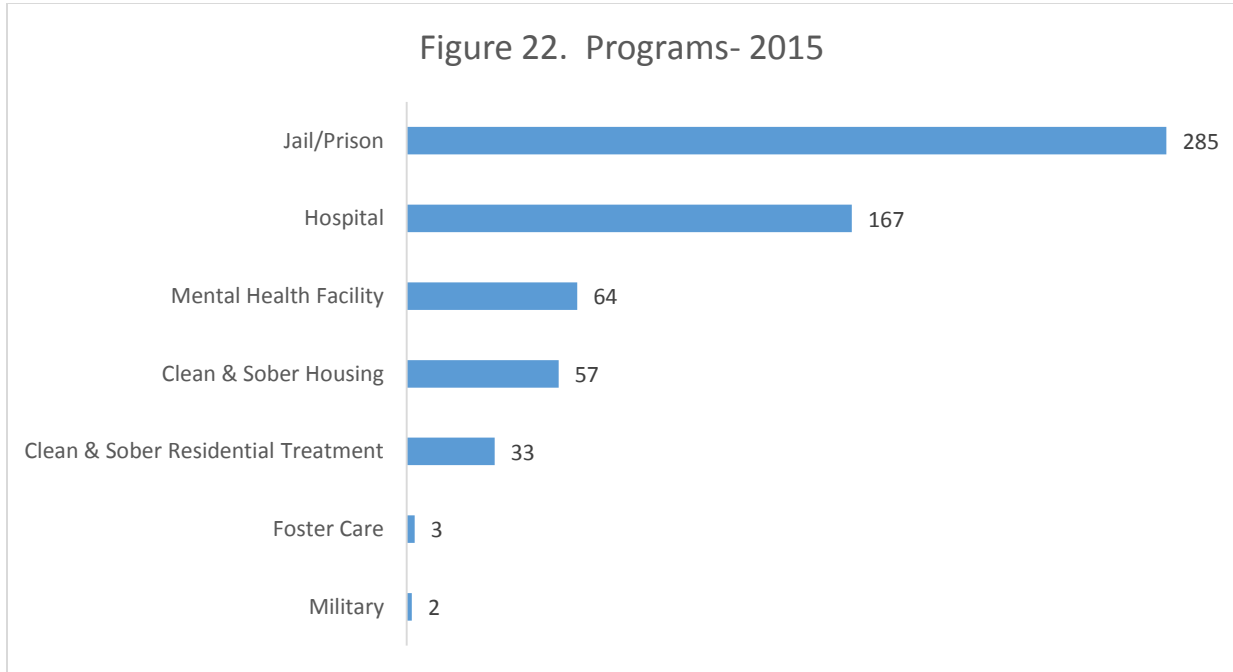
| Income | 2009 | 2009% | 2011 | 2011% | 2013 | 2013% | 2015 | 2015% |
|-------------------------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|
| 0-\$100 | 367 | 33.3% | 205 | 23.9% | 301 | 33.6% | 603 | 49.8% |
| \$101-\$1000 | 620 | 56.3% | 431 | 50.2% | 412 | 46.0% | 510 | 42.1% |
| \$1001-\$1500 | 84 | 7.6% | 65 | 7.6% | 75 | 8.4% | 52 | 4.3% |
| More than \$1501 | 30 | 2.7% | 34 | 4.0% | 28 | 3.1% | 24 | 2.0% |
| Respondent doesn't know | | | 22 | 2.6% | 11 | 1.2% | 11 | 0.91% |
| Respondent refused | | | 52 | 6.1% | 45 | 5.0% | 11 | 0.91% |
| Other | | | 49 | 5.7% | 24 | 2.7% | | |
| Subtotal | 1101 | | 858 | | 896 | | 1211 | |
| Missing | 812 | 42.4% | 768 | 47.2% | 158 | 15.0% | 108 | 8.2% |
| Total | 1913 | | 1626 | | 1054 | | 1319 | |

Respondents who reported having a monthly income between 0 and 100 dollars has increased by 16.2% since 2013.

Respondents who reported having a monthly income between 101 and 1000 dollars has decreased by 3.9% since 2013.

Discharge from Institutions

Q15. In the past 6 months, have you been discharged from any of these programs?

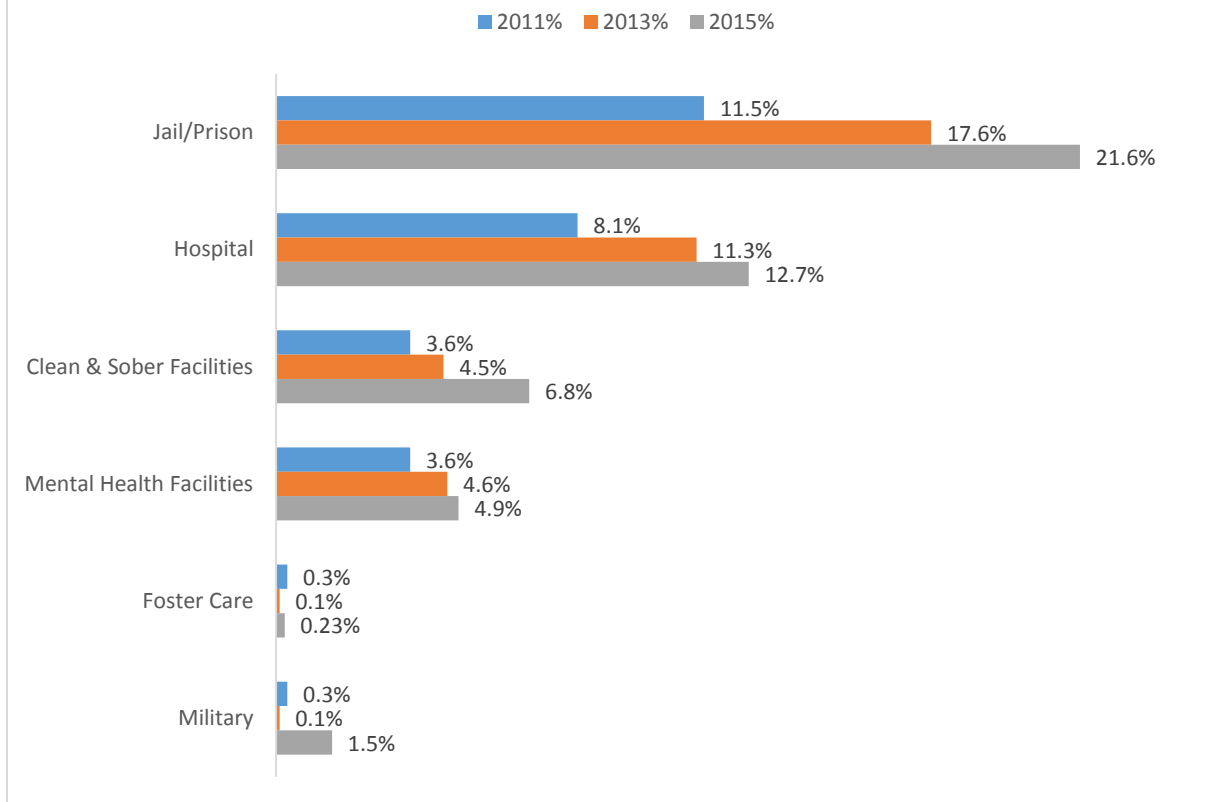


| Institutions (Check all) | Frequency |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Jail/Prison | 285 |
| Hospital | 167 |
| Mental Health Facility | 64 |
| Clean & Sober Housing | 57 |
| Clean & Sober Residential Treatment | 33 |
| Foster Care | 3 |
| Military | 2 |
| Respondent Refused | 21 |
| Respondent doesn't know | 40 |

21.6% of respondents reported that they had been discharged from Jail/Prison in the last 6 months.

12.7% of respondents reported that they had been discharged from the hospital in the last 6 months.

Figure 23. Programs - 2011, 2013, 2015



| Programs in Last 6 Months | 2011 | 2011% | 2013 | 2013% | 2015 | 2015% |
|---------------------------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|
| Jail/Prison | 187 | 11.5% | 185 | 17.6% | 285 | 21.6% |
| Hospital | 132 | 8.1% | 119 | 11.3% | 167 | 12.7% |
| Clean & Sober Facilities | 59 | 3.6% | 47 | 4.5% | 90 | 6.8% |
| Mental Health Facilities | 58 | 3.6% | 49 | 4.6% | 64 | 4.9% |
| Foster Care | 5 | 0.3% | 1 | 0.09% | 3 | 0.23% |
| Military | 5 | 0.3% | 1 | 0.09% | 2 | 1.5% |
| Unknown | 45 | 2.8% | 22 | 2.1% | 40 | 3.0% |
| Declined | 75 | 4.6% | 32 | 3.0% | 21 | 1.6% |
| Total | 1626 | | 1054 | | 1319 | |

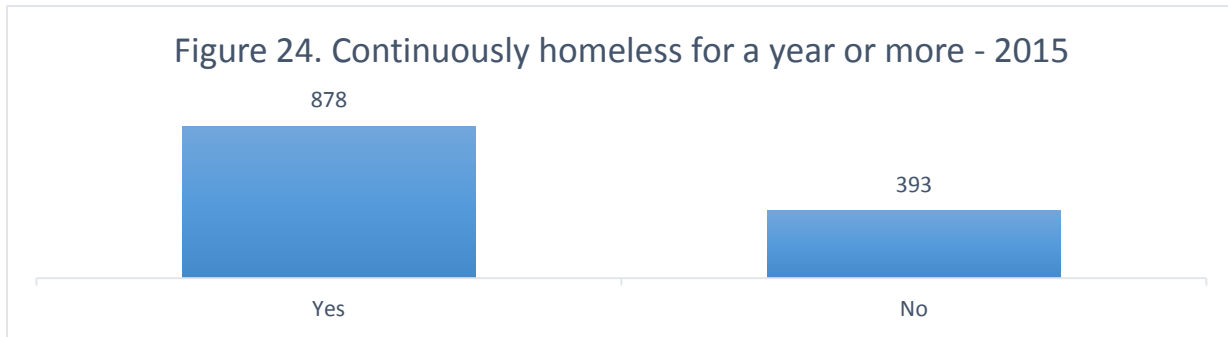
The percentage of respondents who reported having been released from jail in the last 6 months increased 10.1% since 2011.

The percentage of respondents who reported having been released from the hospital in the last 6 months increased 4.6% since 2011.

The percentage of respondents who reported having been released from clean and sober facilities in the last 6 months increased 3.2% since 2011.

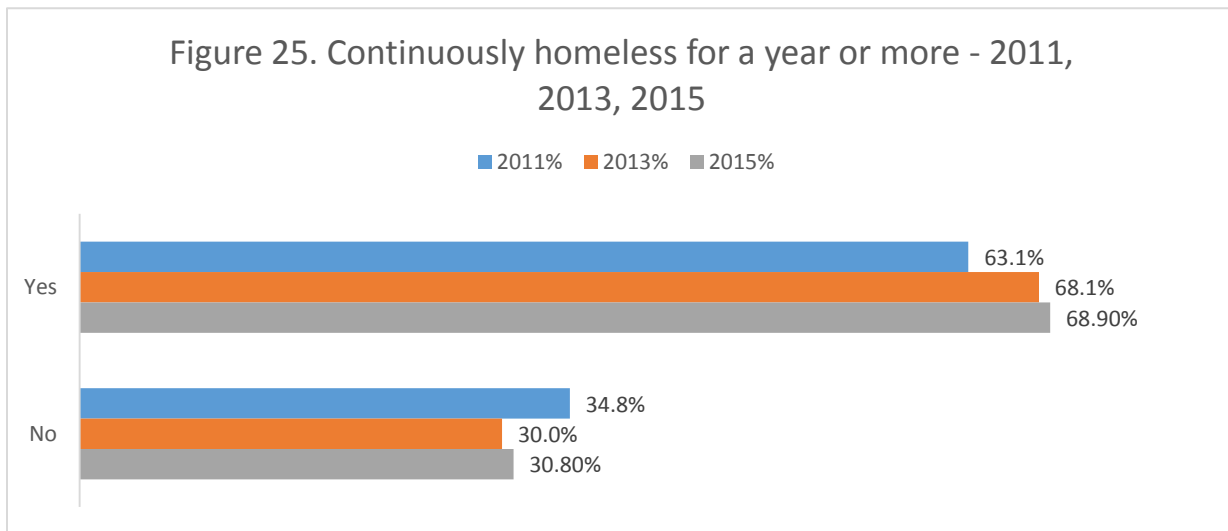
The percentage of respondents who reported having been released from mental health facilities in the last 6 months increased 1.3% since 2011.

Q9a. Have you been continuously homeless for a year or more?



| Continuously Homeless for a year or more | 2015 | 2015 % |
|--|------|--------|
| Yes | 878 | 68.9% |
| No | 393 | 30.8% |
| Unknown | 1 | 0.078% |
| Decline to answer | 3 | 0.24% |
| Subtotal | 1275 | |
| Missing | 44 | 3.3% |
| Total | 1319 | |

Nearly 69% of respondents reported that they have been consistently homeless for more than a year.



| Continuously Homeless for a year or more | 2011 | 2011 % | 2013 | 2013 % | 2015 | 2015 % |
|--|------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|
| Yes | 562 | 63.1% | 620 | 68.1% | 878 | 68.9% |
| No | 310 | 34.8% | 273 | 30.0% | 393 | 30.8% |
| Unknown | 10 | 1.1% | 11 | 1.2% | 1 | 0.078% |
| Decline to answer | 9 | 1.0% | 6 | 0.66% | 3 | 0.24% |
| Subtotal | 891 | | 910 | | 1275 | |
| Missing | 735 | 45.2% | 144 | 13.7% | 44 | |
| Total | 1626 | | 1054 | | 1319 | |

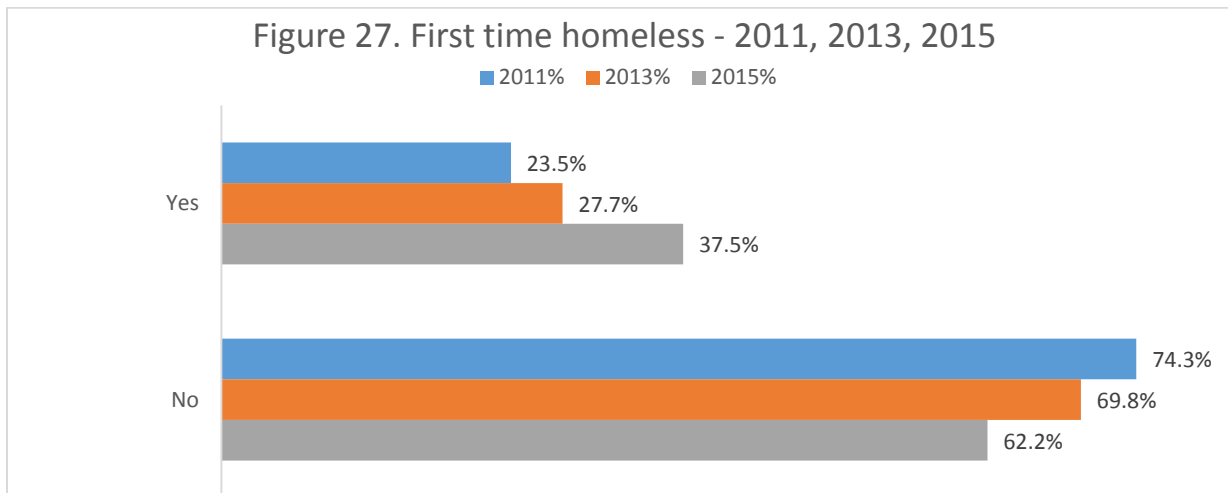
The percentage of respondents who report being homeless for a year or more has been fairly consistent since 2011.

Q9b. Is this your first time being homeless?



| First Time Homeless | 2015 | 2015% |
|---------------------|------|-------|
| Yes | 435 | 37.5% |
| No | 722 | 62.2% |
| Unknown | 2 | 0.17% |
| Decline to answer | 2 | 0.17% |
| Subtotal | 1161 | |
| Missing | 158 | 12.0% |
| Total | 1319 | |

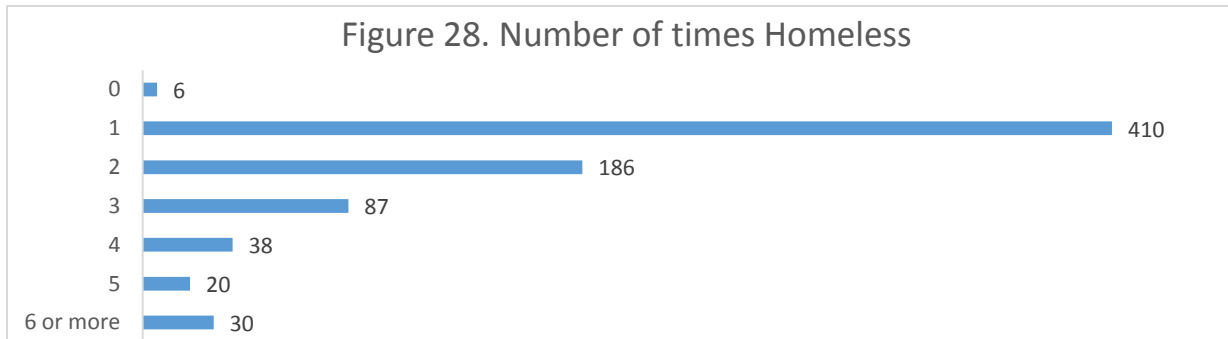
37.5% of respondents reported that this was their first time being homeless.



| First Time Homeless | 2011 | 2011 % | 2013 | 2013 % | 2015 | 2015 % |
|---------------------|------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|
| Yes | 210 | 23.5% | 249 | 27.7% | 435 | 37.5% |
| No | 663 | 74.3% | 628 | 69.8% | 722 | 62.2% |
| Unknown | 6 | 0.67% | 9 | 1.0% | 2 | 0.17% |
| Decline to answer | 13 | 1.46% | 14 | 1.56% | 2 | 0.17% |
| Subtotal | 892 | | 900 | | 1161 | |
| Missing | 734 | 45.1% | 154 | 14.6% | 158 | 12.0% |
| Total | 1626 | | 1054 | | 1319 | |

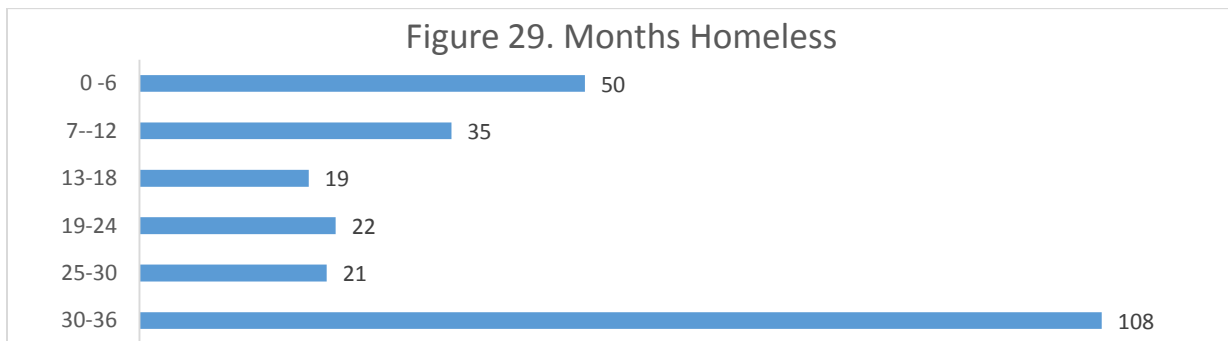
The number of respondents reporting that this was their first time being homeless increased by 9.8% between 2013 and 2015.

Q10. Number of times homeless in the past 3 years?



| Number of Times Homeless | Frequency | Percent |
|--------------------------|-------------|---------|
| 0 | 6 | 0.45% |
| 1 | 410 | 31.1% |
| 2 | 186 | 14.1% |
| 3 | 87 | 6.6% |
| 4 | 38 | 2.9% |
| 5 | 20 | 1.5% |
| 6 or more | 30 | 2.27% |
| Invalid Answer | 86 | 6.5% |
| Missing | 456 | 34.6% |
| Total | 1319 | |

Q11. If homeless 4 or more times, total number of months homeless in the past 3 years?

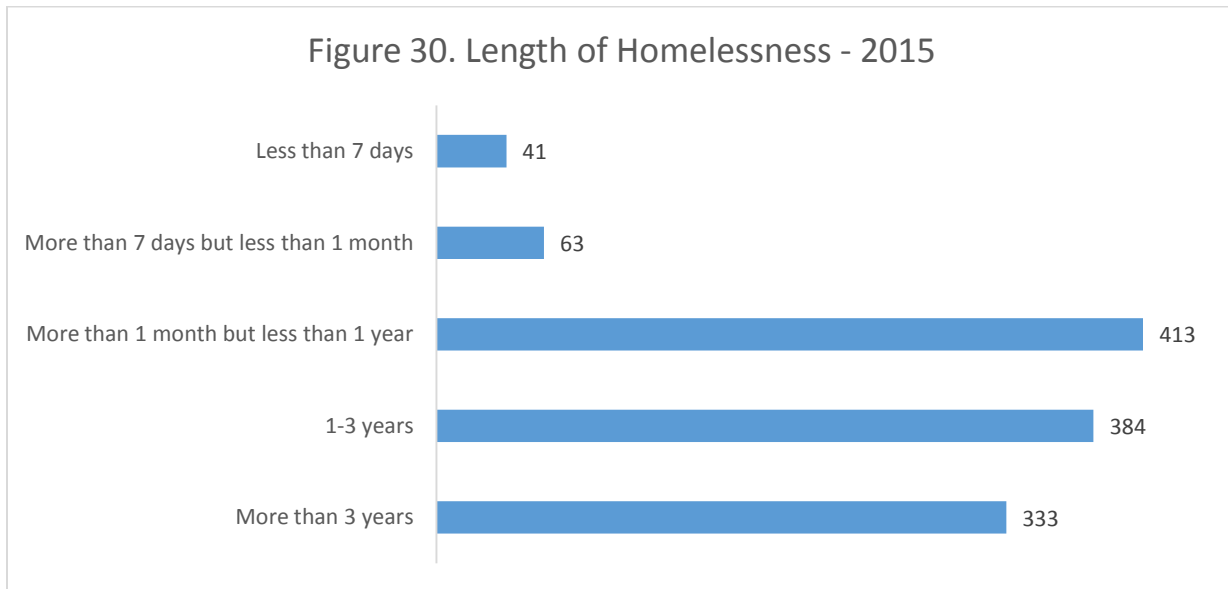


| Months Homeless | Frequency | Percent |
|-----------------|-------------|---------|
| 0-6 | 50 | 3.8% |
| 7-12 | 35 | 2.7% |
| 13-18 | 19 | 1.4% |
| 19-24 | 22 | 1.7% |
| 25-30 | 21 | 1.6% |
| 30-36 | 108 | 8.2% |
| Invalid | 18 | 1.4% |
| Missing | 1046 | 79.3% |
| Total | 1319 | |

8.2% of respondents who answered this question reported being homeless for 30 to 36 months out of the last 3 years.

Length of Homelessness

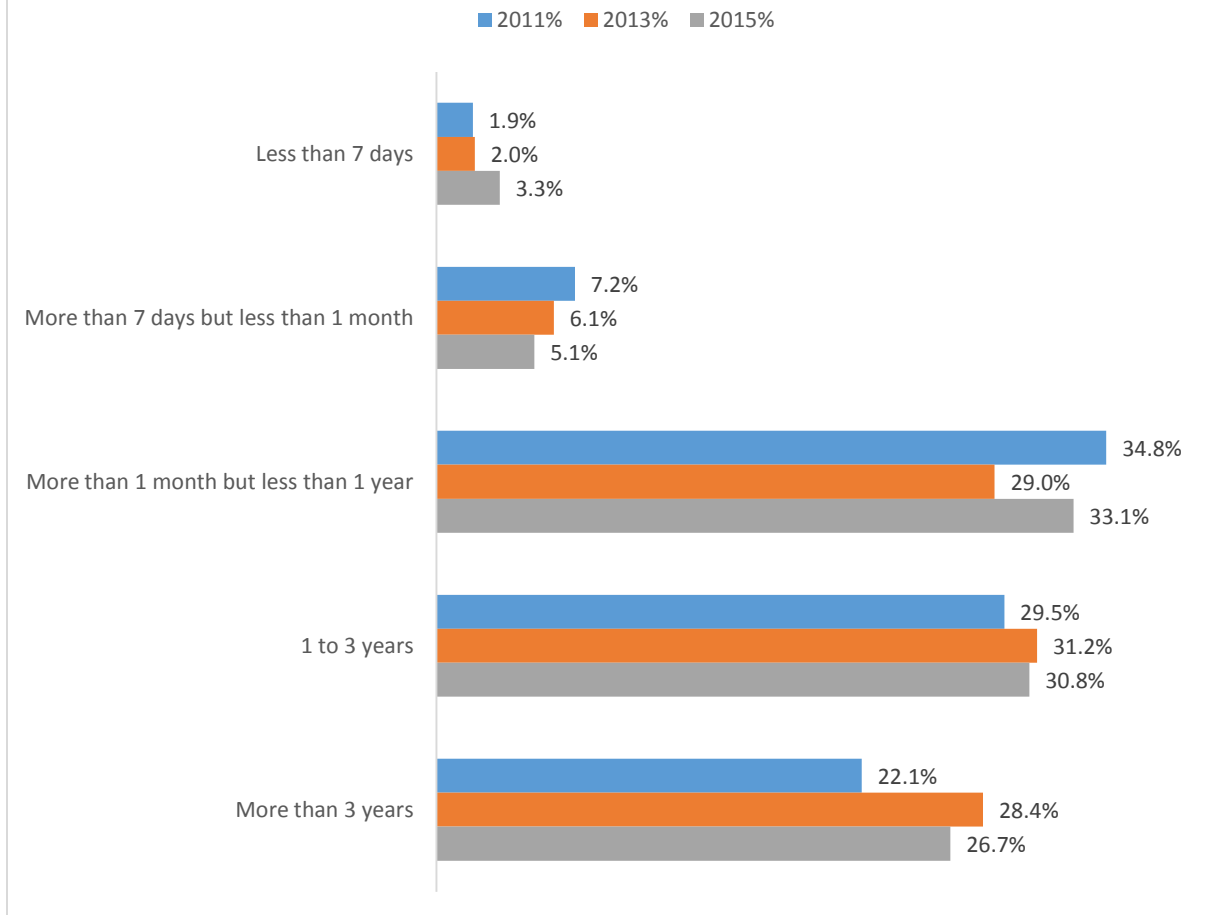
Q12. How long have you been homeless this time?



| Length of Homelessness | Frequency | Percent |
|--|-----------|---------|
| Less than 7 days | 41 | 3.3% |
| More than 7 days but less than 1 month | 63 | 5.1% |
| More than 1 month but less than 1 year | 413 | 33.1% |
| 1-3 years | 384 | 30.8% |
| More than 3 years | 333 | 26.7% |
| Respondent Doesn't know | 7 | 0.56% |
| Respondent Refused | 5 | 0.40% |
| Subtotal | 1246 | |
| Missing | 73 | 5.5% |
| Total | 1319 | |

More than 1 in 4 (26.7%) respondents reported that they had been homeless for more than 3 years. Over 3 out of 10 (30.8%) respondents reported that they had been homeless between 1 and 3 years. Almost 1 in 3 (33.1%) respondents reported that they had been homeless for more than 1 month but less than 1 year.

Figure 31. Length of homelessness - 2011, 2013, 2015



| How long homeless | 2011 | 2011 % | 2013 | 2013 % | 2015 | 2015 % |
|--|------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|
| Less than 7 days | 17 | 1.9% | 18 | 2.0% | 41 | 3.3% |
| More than 7 days but less than 1 month | 65 | 7.2% | 55 | 6.1% | 63 | 5.1% |
| More than 1 month but less than 1 year | 316 | 34.8% | 261 | 29.0% | 413 | 33.1% |
| 1 to 3 years | 268 | 29.5% | 281 | 31.2% | 384 | 30.8% |
| More than 3 years | 200 | 22.1% | 256 | 28.4% | 333 | 26.7% |
| Unknown | 23 | 2.5% | 16 | 1.78% | 7 | 0.56% |
| Decline to answer | 18 | 2.0% | 13 | 1.4% | 5 | 0.40% |
| Subtotal | 907 | | 900 | | 1246 | |
| Missing | 719 | 44.2% | 154 | 14.6% | 73 | 5.5% |
| Total | 1626 | | 1054 | | 1319 | |

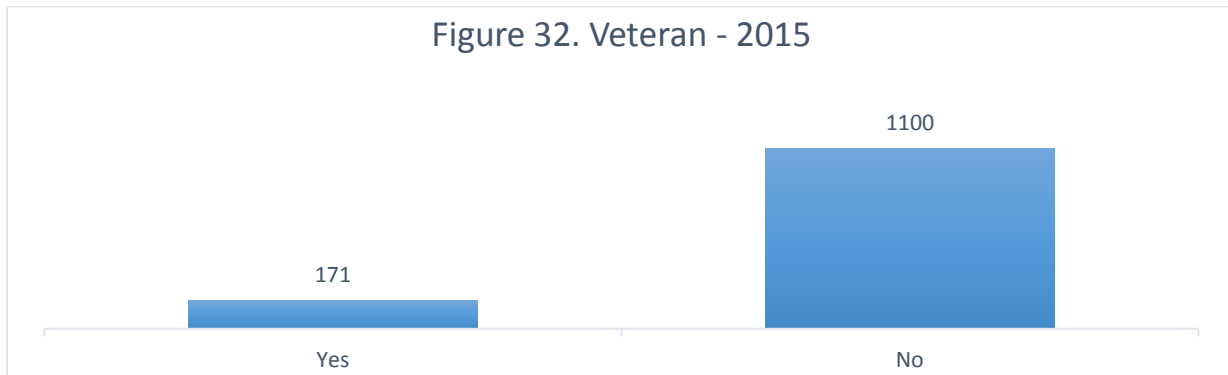
The percentage of respondents who reported that they have been homeless more than 1 month but less than one year has increased 4.1% since 2013.

The percentage of respondents who reported that they have been homeless between 1 and 3 years has decreased 0.4% since 2013.

The percentage of respondents who reported that they have been homeless more than 3 years has decreased 1.7% since 2013.

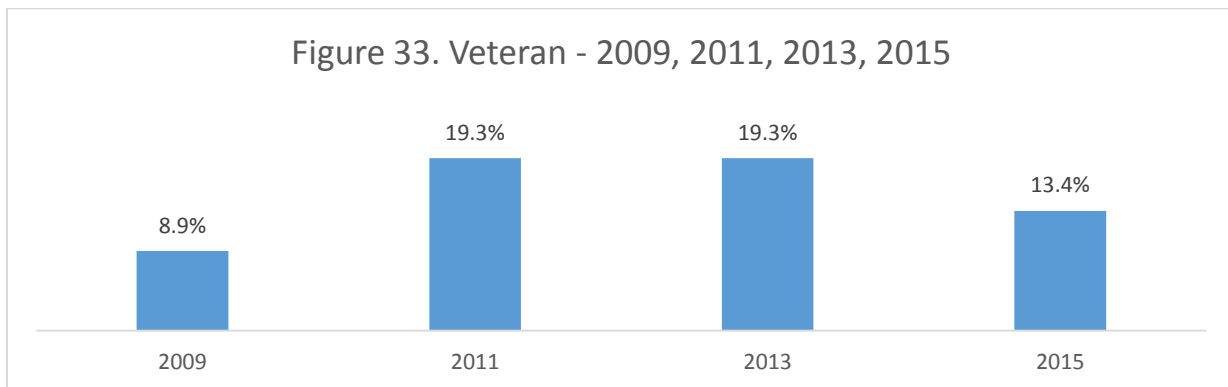
Veteran Status

Q6. Have you ever served in the U.S. Military?



| Veteran Status | Frequency | Percent |
|-------------------------|-----------|---------|
| Yes | 171 | 13.4% |
| No | 1100 | 8.6% |
| Respondent doesn't know | 1 | 0.078% |
| Respondent refused | 4 | 0.31% |
| Subtotal | 1276 | |
| Missing | 43 | 3.26% |
| Total | 1319 | |

13.4% of respondents reported that they had served in the US military.



| Veteran | 2009 | 2009 % | 2011 | 2011 % | 2013 | 2013 % | 2015 | 2015 % |
|-------------------|------------|--------|------------|--------|------------|--------|------------|--------|
| Yes | 170 | 8.9% | 174 | 19.3% | 176 | 19.3% | 171 | 13.4% |
| No | | | 715 | 79.4% | 727 | 79.8% | 1100 | 8.6% |
| Unknown | | | 2 | 0.22% | 1 | 0.11% | 1 | 0.078% |
| Decline to answer | | | 10 | 1.11% | 7 | 0.77% | 4 | 0.31% |
| Subtotal | | | 901 | | 911 | | 1276 | |
| Missing | | | 725 | 44.6% | 143 | 13.6% | 43 | 3.26% |
| Total | 1913 | | 1626 | | 1054 | | 1319 | |

The percent of respondents reporting that they have served in the US military has decreased by 5.9% since 2013. However, the raw number of veterans counted has remained around 170 since 2009.

SCHOOL REPORT

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Action (PL100-77) and amendments of the subsequent HEARTH Act contain many requirements for local educational agencies (LEA) when it comes to educating students that are experiencing homelessness. Schools must designate a staff member to be liaison for homeless families and children to assure that their special needs are met.

The Humboldt County Office of Education has a Homeless Education Coordinator that works with school liaisons. School liaisons were polled by the Homeless Education Coordinator to get a count of homeless children enrolled at each school site.

For districts that responded, a total of 548 students were considered homeless on the night of January 27, 2015. In 2013 the estimated total number of homeless students was 632.

CONCLUSION

As in previous years, data collected during the PIT Count of 2015 raises questions that are not answered in the data set. It is tempting to look at what appears to be a positive trend, such as the decline in the number of veterans that are homeless, and conclude that the HHC initiative toward Permanent Supportive Housing strategies are being realized. However when using a point in time survey, where not every homeless person in the county is sampled and no realistic total of homeless people can be estimated, concrete conclusions cannot be made.

Although the count cannot provide definitive conclusions it is a useful tool in pointing to issues that need further research and providing clarity on how to align community services with community need.

The HHHC would like to thank the many individuals and organizations that helped with the 2015 PIT Count. We are also grateful to First 5 of Humboldt County, the North Coast Grant Making Partnership, and St. Joseph Health System, and the North Coast Co-op for contributing funds to support expenses related to the count.

Humboldt County 2015 PIT Count Committee

North Coast Veterans Resource Center
Arcata House Partnership
Department of Health & Human Services
Redwood Community Action Agency
California Center for Rural Policy
Redwood Teen Challenge
Humboldt County Office of Education
At-large community members (2)

Humboldt County 2015 Hub Locations

North Coast Veteran's Resource Center – Command Center
W.I.S.H Southern Humboldt – District 1
Fortuna Adventist Community Services – District 2
Arcata House Partnership – District 3
Betty Chin Day Center – District 4
Redwood Teen Challenge – District 4
McKinleyville Family Resource Center– District 5

Appendix A

2015 Homeless Person Point-In-Time (PIT) Survey

PIT Night: January 27, 2015

Survey ID # (leave blank):

Survey Location:

Date Survey Completed (MM/DD/YYYY):

Have you been interviewed for this survey this week? (If yes, END interview)

- Yes No Decline to complete survey

1. Please provide the age, relationship, and gender for the individuals you consider to be a part of your household (i.e. sleeping in same location, etc).

| | DOB | Age | Relationship | Gender |
|----------|----------------------|-----|--------------|--------|
| Self | <input type="text"/> | | | |
| Person 1 | <input type="text"/> | | | |
| Person 2 | <input type="text"/> | | | |
| Person 3 | <input type="text"/> | | | |

2. Were you sheltered or unsheltered where you slept last Tuesday night, January 27, 2015?

- Sheltered (Go to Question 3) Unsheltered (Go to Question 4)

3. If you were sheltered, where did you sleep last Tuesday night, January 27, 2015?

- | | | | |
|---|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> MAC | <input type="checkbox"/> Arcata House | <input type="checkbox"/> Crossroads/AOD Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Jail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arcata Night Shelter | <input type="checkbox"/> RCAA Bridge House | <input type="checkbox"/> HDVS | <input type="checkbox"/> Motel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YSB Our House | <input type="checkbox"/> Friend/Family | <input type="checkbox"/> H.C. Safe Haven | <input type="checkbox"/> WISH |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YSB LaunchPad | <input type="checkbox"/> Rescue Mission | <input type="checkbox"/> Winter Shelter | <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Trailer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NCVRC | <input type="checkbox"/> Motel with voucher | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital | |

Other:

4. If you were unsheltered, where did you sleep last Tuesday night, January 27, 2015?

- Camping (street, abandoned building, outdoors, etc.) Car

Other:

5. What community did you sleep in last night?

Name of Nearest Town/Community/Zip Code

6. Have you ever served in the U.S. Military?

- Yes No Respondent Doesn't Know Respondent Refused Data not collected

7. What ethnicity do you identify yourself as?

- Non-Hispanic Hispanic Respondent Doesn't Know Respondent Refused Data not collected

8. What race do you identify yourself as?

- Black or African-American
 American Indian or Alaska Native
 Asian Native Hawaiian
 Pacific Islander White
 Respondent Doesn't Know
 Respondent Refused Data not collected

Other:

9. Please check the response that applies to you for each question.

| | Yes | No | Don't Know | Refused | Data not collected |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| A. Have you been continuously homeless for a year or more? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| B. Is this your first time being homeless? (If yes, skip to Q12) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

10. Number of times homeless in the past 3 years?

11. If 4 or more times, total number of months homeless in the past 3 years?

12. How long have you been homeless this time?

- Less than 7 days
 More than 1 month but less than 1 year
 More than 3 years
 Respondent Refused
 More than 7 days but less than 1 month
 1-3 years
 Respondent Doesn't Know
 Data not collected

13. What is your total monthly income?

- 0-100/month
 501-1000/month
 More than 1501/month
 Respondent Refused
 101-500/month
 1001-1500/month
 Respondent Doesn't Know
 Data Not Collected

14. What is the source of your monthly income?

15. In the past six months, have you been discharged from any of these programs/facilities to the streets (please check all that apply):

- Jail/Prison
 Mental Health Facility
 Clean & Sober Residential Treatment
 Respondent Refused
 Hospital
 Foster Care
 Respondent Doesn't Know
 Data Not Collected
 Clean & Sober Housing
 Military

Other

16. Please check the response that applies to you for each question.

| | Yes | No | Don't Know | Refused | Data not collected |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Do you have a disabling condition? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Do you have a serious mental illness? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Do you have a substance use disorder? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Do you have HIV/AIDS? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Have you ever been a victim of domestic violence? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

17. Other Comments/Notes