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**PIT DATA**

On a single night in January 2013…

86,455 people were chronically homeless as individuals. This is a 28.2% decline since 2007.

22.4% of homeless individuals are chronically homeless.

Chronically homeless people in sheltered & unsheltered locations:
- 66% were located in sheltered locations
- 34% were located in unsheltered locations

Over 75% were unsheltered in CA, FL, OR, HI, LA, MS.

Over half of all chronically homeless people were located in CA, FL, NY, and TX.

**KEY TERM**

**CHRONICALLY HOMELESS INDIVIDUAL** refers to an individual with a disability who has been continuously homeless for 1 year or more or has experienced at least 4 episodes of homelessness in the last 3 years.
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Starting in 2007, data were only gathered on adults chronically homeless as individuals. Beginning in 2013, the definition of chronic homelessness was expanded to include people in families where the head of household met the definition of chronically homeless, and 2013 was the first year of baseline estimates of the number of chronically homeless people in families. However, this section only includes chronically homeless individuals.

On a single night in January 2013
- 86,455 adults were chronically homeless, representing 22.4 percent of all homeless individuals in the U.S.
- About two-thirds (66%) of chronically homeless individuals were in unsheltered locations, and about one-third (34%) were in shelter programs.

Between January 2012 and January 2013
- The one-night estimate of chronically homeless individuals dropped by 10.6 percent (10,206 fewer people).
- The number of chronically homeless individuals using shelter programs dropped by 9.9 percent or 3,229 fewer people, and the number in unsheltered locations dropped 10.9 percent or 6,977 fewer people.

Between January 2007 and January 2013
- The one-night estimate of chronically homeless individuals dropped by 28.2 percent or 34,033 fewer people.
- Of all homeless individuals, the share that was chronically homeless declined from 29 percent in 2007 to 23.4 percent in 2013.
- The number of chronically homeless individuals in unsheltered locations dropped by 27.5 percent or 21,683 fewer people, and the number using shelter dropped by 29.6 percent or 12,350 fewer people.

Data Source: PIT 2007–2013
Includes Puerto Rico and U.S territories

The one-night estimate of chronically homeless individuals dropped by 10,206, a 10.6% decline, from 2012, and it dropped by 34,033, a 28.2% decline, from 2007.
By State

On a single night in January 2013

- Four states represented more than half of all chronically homeless individuals: California (34.5%), Florida (9.2%), New York (4.8%), and Texas (5.6%).

Between 2012 and 2013

- 36 states and D.C. had declines in the number of chronically homeless individuals, totaling 11,202 fewer people. Four states represented nearly half of the total decrease: Louisiana (1,728 fewer people), Texas (1,345), Nevada (1,112) and California (941).
- 14 states had increases in the number of chronically homeless individuals, but the total was only 1,041 more people. Two states represented nearly one third of the total increase: Arkansas (204 more people) and Oklahoma (136).

Between 2007 and 2013

- The number of chronically homeless individuals dropped in 38 states, totaling 34,430 fewer people. Together, California (11,093 fewer people), Texas (3,161) and New York (2,431) represented 48.5 percent of the total decrease.
- 12 states and D.C. had increases in the number of chronically homeless individuals, but the total was only 2,021 more people. Louisiana (453 more people), Florida (315) and Hawaii (253) represented half of the total increase.

Data Source: PIT 2007–2013
Excludes Puerto Rico and U.S. territories
See Part 1 of the 2013 AHAR for more details on PIT estimates by state (www.hudexchange.info)
By State and Sheltered Status

On a single night in January 2013

- In 20 states, more than half of the chronically homeless individual population was unsheltered. Six states had over 75 percent in unsheltered locations: CA (85.7% or 25,071 people), FL (79.3% or 6,170 people), OR (75.9% or 1,856 people), HI (79.4% or 819 people), LA (77.6% or 788 people), and MS (85% or 347 people).
- In three states—Maine, Delaware and Nebraska—at least 80 percent of the chronically homeless individual population was sheltered rather than in unsheltered locations.
- Over half of all unsheltered chronically homeless individuals in the United States were in CA (34.5%), FL (9.2%), TX (5.6%), and NY (4.8%).

Between January 2012 and January 2013

- The number of chronically homeless individuals using shelter programs dropped or remained constant in 31 states and D.C., totaling 4,251 fewer people, and rose in 19 states, totaling only 966 more people.
- 30 states and D.C. had decreases or remained constant in the number of unsheltered chronically homeless individuals, totaling 7,859 fewer people, and 20 states had increases in unsheltered chronically homeless individuals, but it totaled only 983 more people.

Between January 2007 and January 2013

- 38 states and D.C. had a decline in the number of sheltered chronically homeless individuals, totaling 13,264 fewer people, and 12 states had an increase, totaling 1,242 more people.
- The number of unsheltered chronically homeless individuals dropped in 34 states, totaling 22,885 fewer people. California alone represented 40.7 percent of the overall decrease.

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