



HOMELESSNESS Partnering Strategy

2017 Community Progress Indicators Report: HALIFAX¹

Community Progress Indicators (CPI) Reports use a standard set of indicators to produce a detailed portrait of homelessness in the community, and document the impact of a community's efforts to reduce and prevent homelessness. Shelter data provided by the community's emergency shelters (e.g., through the Homeless Individuals and Families Information System-HIFIS), is supplemented by contextual data drawn from Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), Statistics Canada (National Household Survey and Labour Force Survey) as well as project results of HPS-funded projects and Point-in-Time Counts.

220 beds
7 shelters

Participating Shelters:

Adsum House Emergency Shelter

Barry House

Bryony House

(closed Aug. 30 to Dec. 17, 2016)

Metro Turning Point Centre

Phoenix Youth Shelter

Phoenix Youth Out of the Cold Shelter

(open winters only from Fall 2010 to Spring 2017)

The Salvation Army-Centre of Hope

Community Portrait

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Change
Rental vacancy rates	3.2%	3.8%	3.4%	2.6%	2.3%	↓
Average rent: Bachelor	\$703	\$716	\$731	\$758	\$780	↑
Average rent: 1-bedroom	\$785	\$800	\$833	\$845	\$881	↑
Average rent: 2-bedroom	\$976	\$1,005	\$1,048	\$1,063	\$1,109	↑
Local unemployment rate	6.5%	6.1%	6.3%	6.1%	6.8%	↑

	2006	2011	2016	Change
Population	372,858	390,328	403,390	↑
Number of people living in subsidized housing	N/A	10,205	9,900	↓
Median household income after tax ²	\$45,908	\$53,399	\$59,240	↑
Core housing need: ³ Approximate # households	20,200	20,415	22,845	↑
Core housing need: % of households	13.6%	13.0%	13.7%	↑
Core housing need: Average shelter cost/month	\$682	\$798	\$911	↑
Core housing need: median depth of need ⁴	\$2,026	\$2,311	\$2,642	↑
Severe housing need: % of households	5.8%	5.7%	5.9%	↑

¹ Unless otherwise indicated, all indicators are provided for the census metropolitan area geographical designation for Halifax.

² Statistics Canada introduced a new standard of measurement for median household income after tax on March 21, 2016.

³ A household is said to be in **CORE HOUSING NEED** if its housing does not meet one or more of the adequacy, suitability, or affordability standards, and it would have to spend 30% (**SEVERE HOUSING NEED**: 50%) or more of its before-tax income to access acceptable local housing. Acceptable housing is adequate in condition, suitable in size, and affordable.

Adequate housing does not require any major repairs, according to residents.

Suitable housing has enough bedrooms for the size and makeup of households, according to National Occupancy Standard requirements.

Affordable housing costs less than 30% of before-tax household income.

⁴The median depth of need is the median budget shortfall for households in core housing need to overcome affordability problems.

Homelessness Partnering Strategy (HPS) Results

Between April 1, 2014 and March 31, 2017, HPS funding recipients in Halifax were allocated \$8,183,250 across 45* projects, for activities including Housing First, Support Services, Data Collection and Use, Capital Investments and Coordination of Resources.

The indicators in this section show achievements by the community in preventing and reducing homelessness for the period from April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017. Data is specific to projects funded by the HPS, based on outcomes reported by project sponsors to Employment and Social Development Canada.

Indicators	2016-17
Number of people placed in stable housing through HPS-funded interventions, including Housing First	107
Percentage of people who received a Housing First intervention that were placed into stable housing within 30 days	52%
Percentage of people who were in stable housing 6 months following a Housing First placement	84%
Percentage of Housing First clients who, 12 months following placement, were in stable housing or had successfully exited the program	81%
Number of people that received a Housing Loss Prevention intervention	372
Number of people diverted from homelessness through discharge planning from a correctional or other facility	12

*The number of HPS funded projects has been revised from the 2016 CPI report.

Point-in-Time Counts

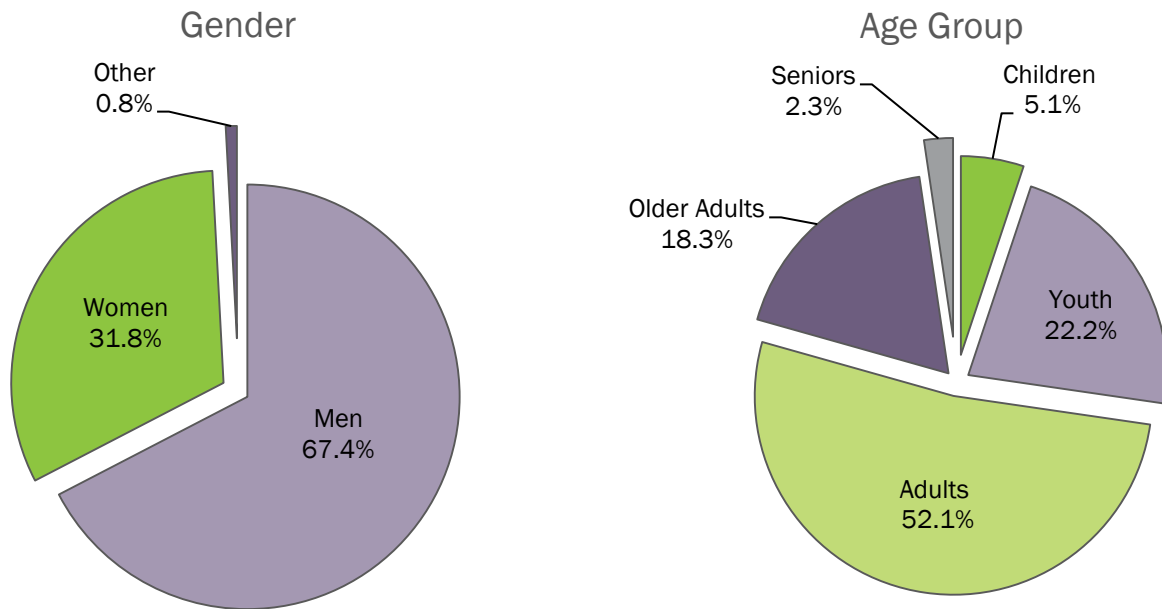
PiT counts provide a snapshot of homelessness within a community, providing an estimate of the number of people experiencing homelessness, both sheltered and unsheltered, on the day of the count.

Indicators	2016	2018
Point-in-Time Count Sheltered	178	197
Unsheltered	20	19
Total	198	216

Emergency Shelter Use in Halifax in 2017

Indicators	2017
Total number of shelter users in 2017	1,670
Individual shelter users who accessed a shelter as part of a family	177 (10.6%)

Gender and Age of Shelter Users in 2017



CHILDREN: 16 years of age or younger, and accompanied by an adult

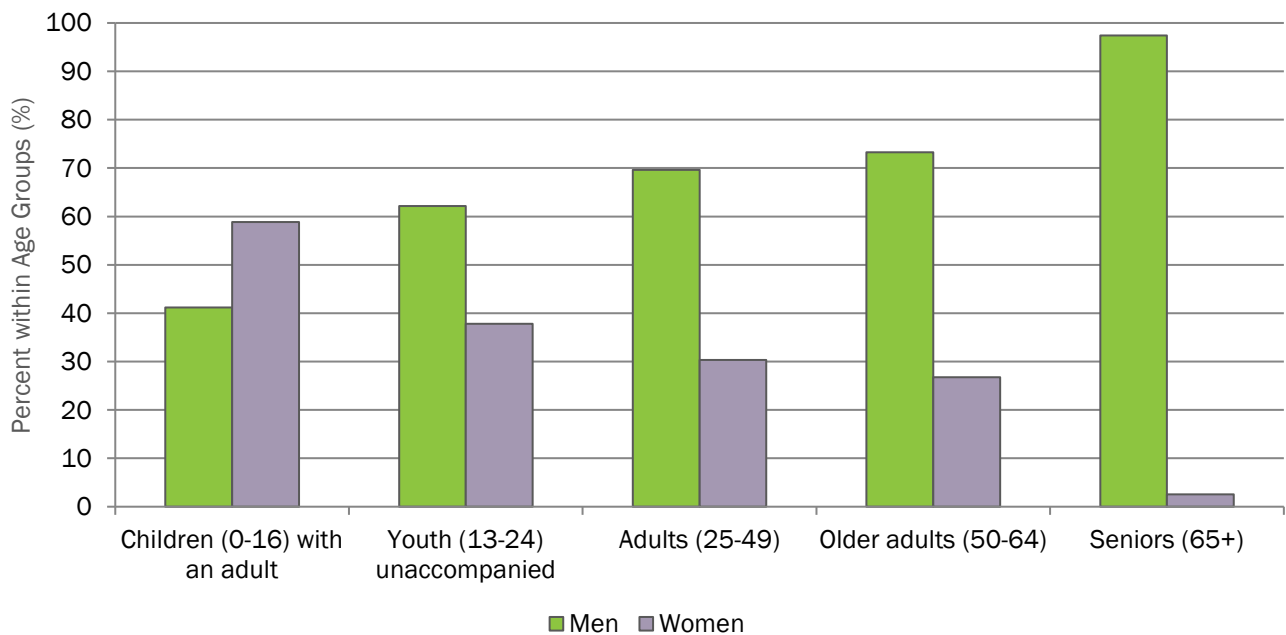
YOUTH: 17-24, and individuals between the ages of 13 and 16 that accessed a shelter unaccompanied by an adult

ADULTS: 25-49 years of age

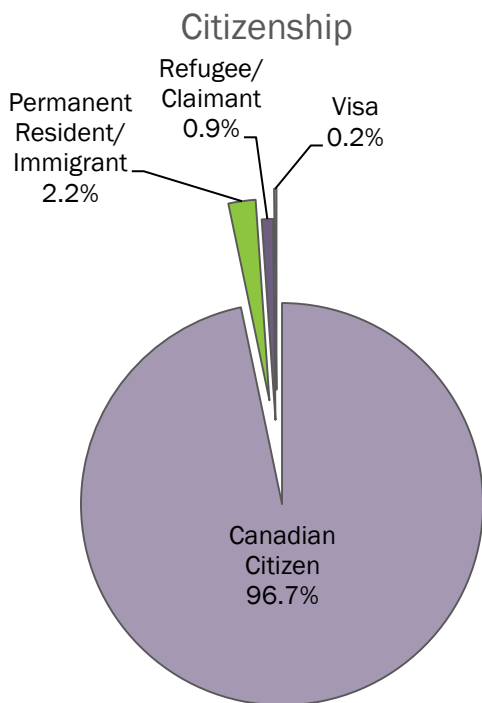
OLDER ADULTS: 50-64 years of age

SENIORS: 65 years of age and older

Gender by Age Group

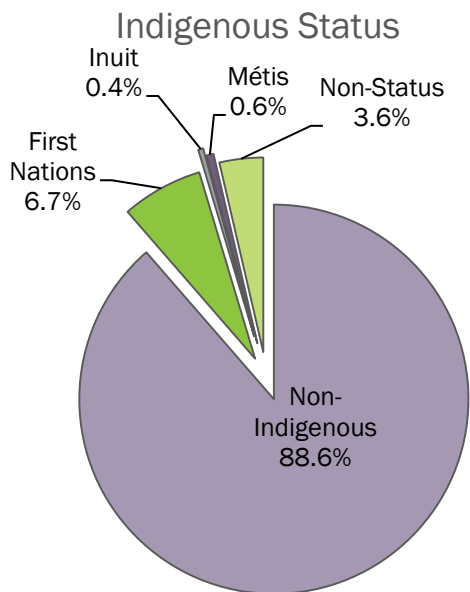


Characteristics of Shelter-Using Subpopulations in 2017

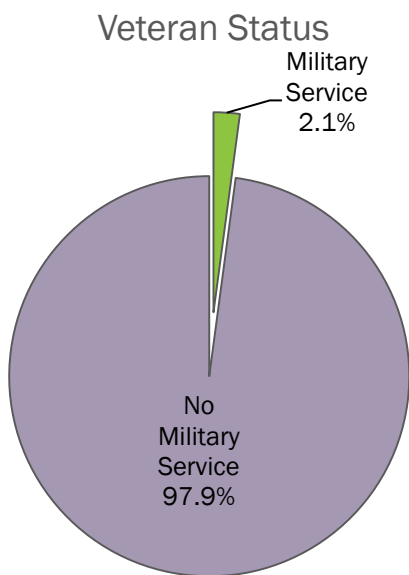


47.1% non-Canadian shelter users were women whereas 29.8% of Canadian shelter users were women.

Indigenous youth between the ages of 13 and 24 comprise 25.4% of all Indigenous shelter users.

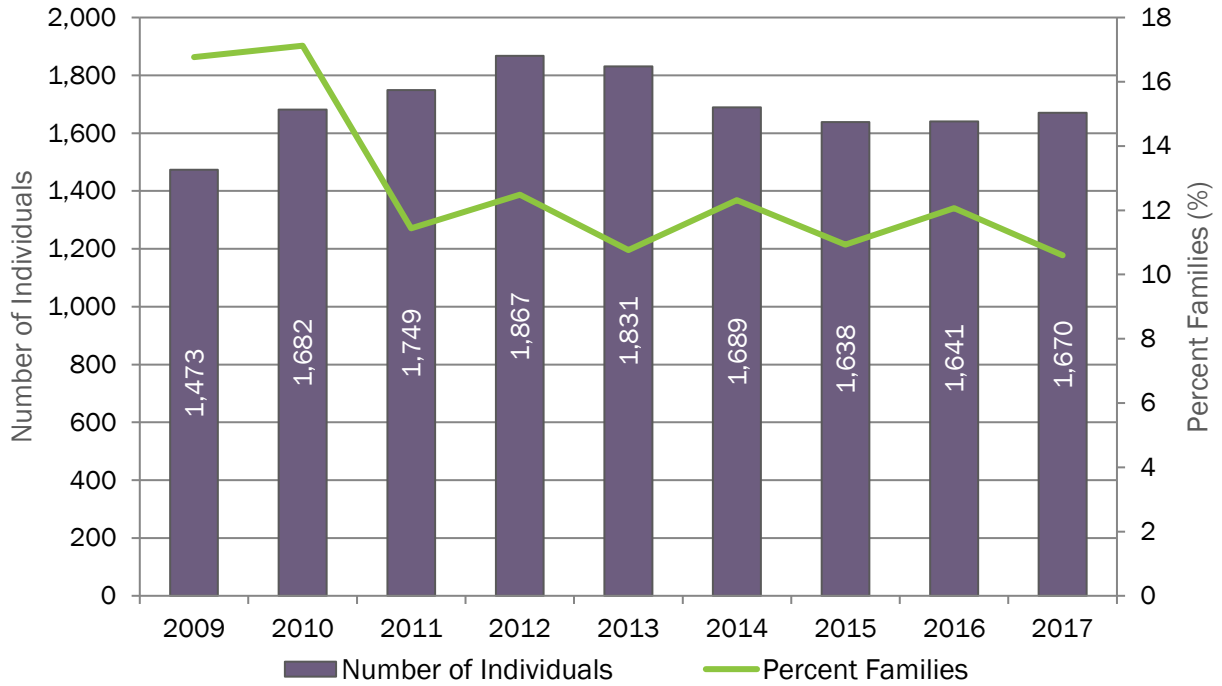


28.6% of veterans were women and 71.4% were men. However, the rate of veteran shelter use between men (2.2%) and women (2.0%) was comparable.

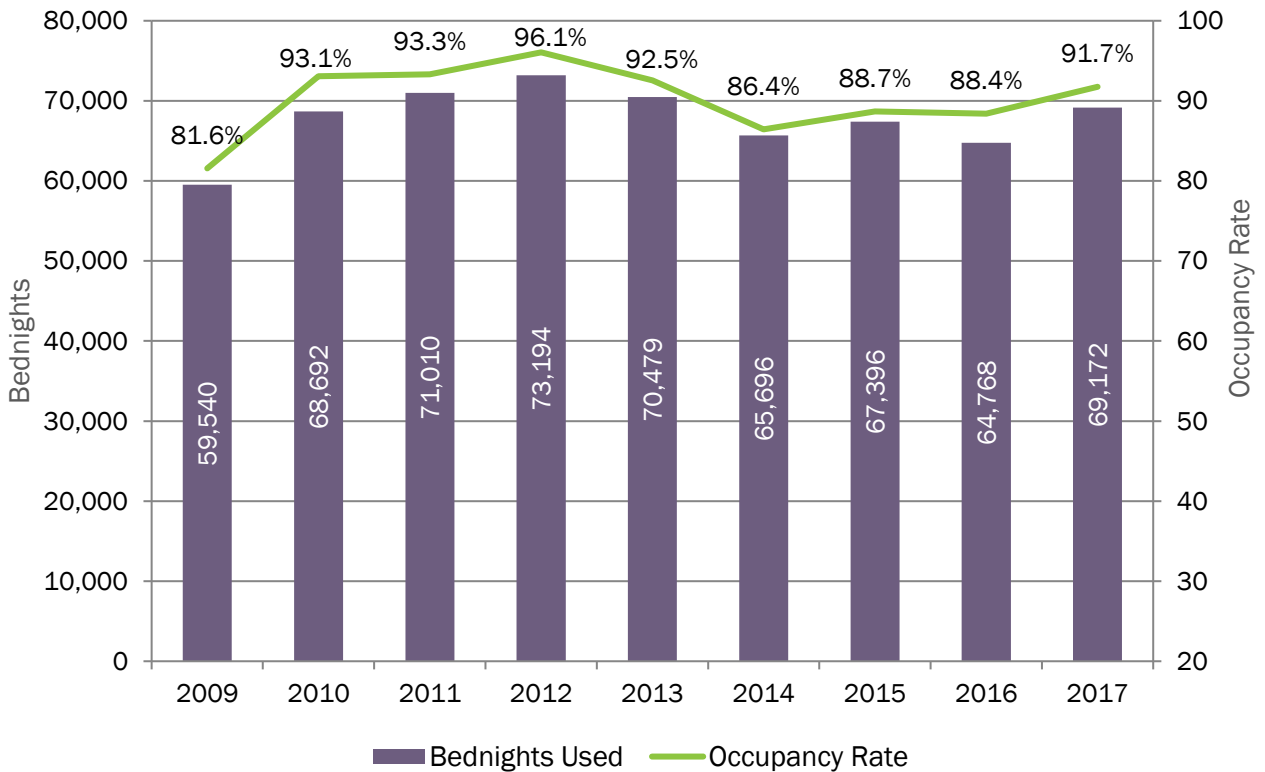


Community Progress 2009-2017*

Shelter Users by Year



Bednights and Occupancy Rate

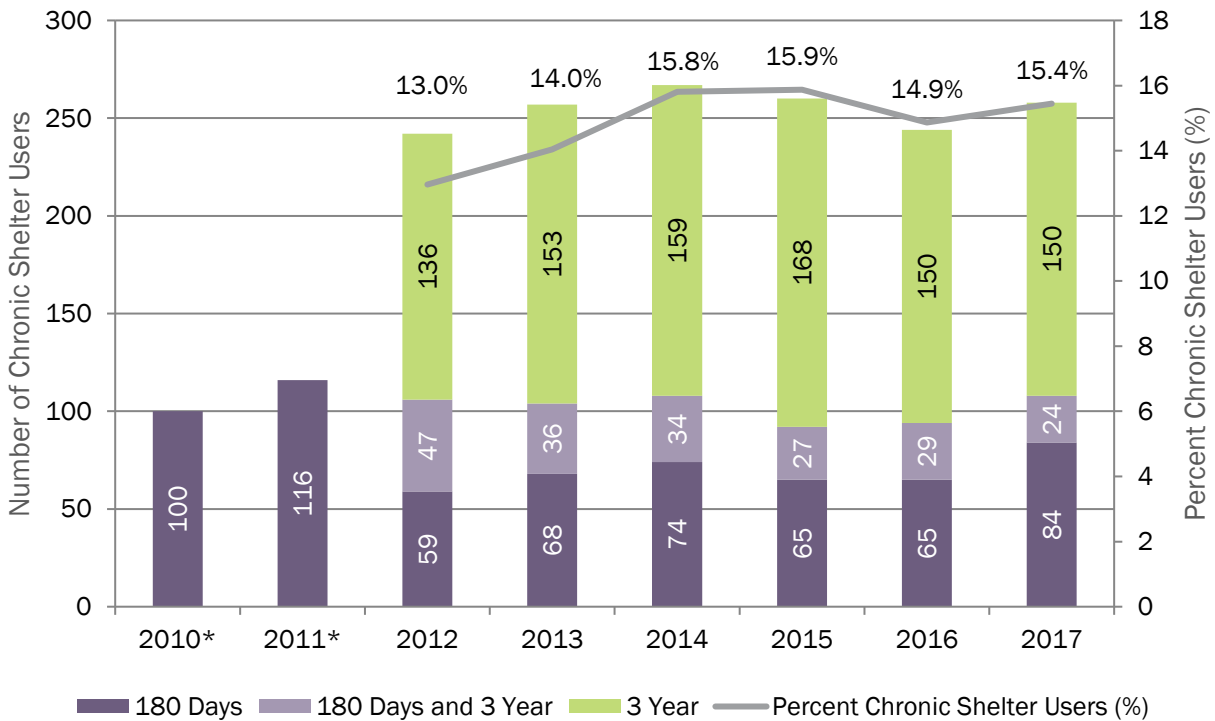


*Figures may vary from previous reports, reflecting retroactive changes to the data

As of 2017, a **CHRONIC SHELTER USER** stayed at shelters:

- at least once in each of the past 3 years, counting backwards from their last shelter stay; OR
- for a combined 180 or more nights over the period of 365 days prior to their last shelter stay; OR
- for a combined 180 days in the past year AND at least once in each of the 3 years prior to their last shelter stay.

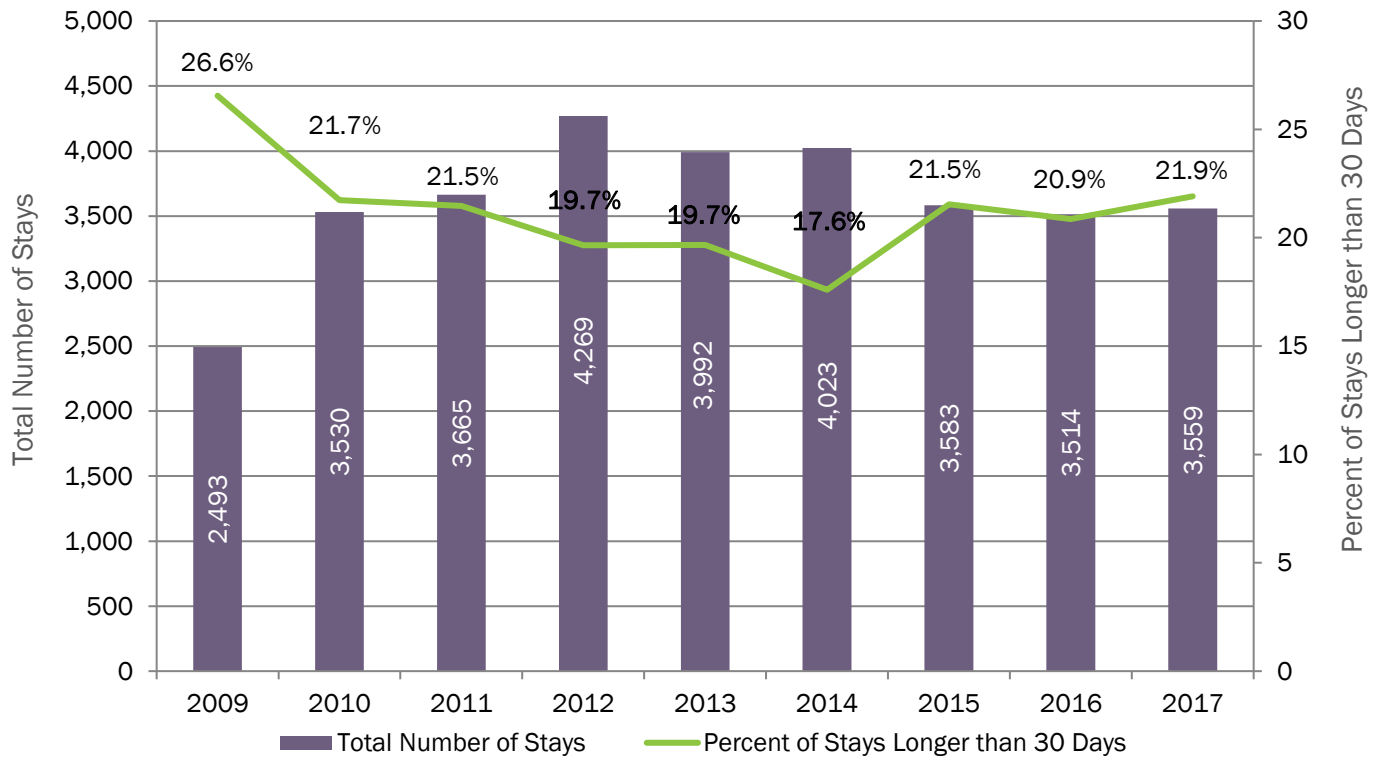
Chronic Shelter Users By Year



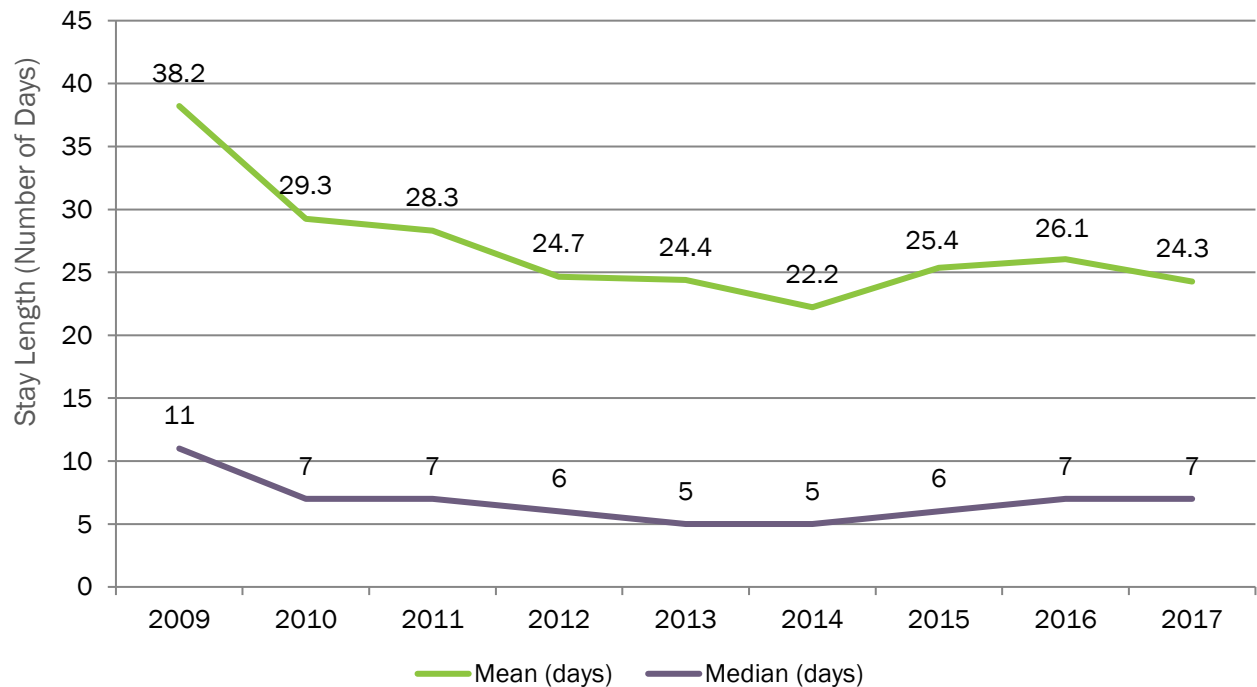
	Total Number of Shelter Users	Total Number of Chronic Shelter Users	Percent Chronic Shelter Users
2017	1,670	258	15.4%
2016	1,641	244	14.9%
2015	1,638	260	15.9%
2014	1,689	267	15.8%
2013	1,831	257	14.0%
2012	1,867	242	13.0%

*Complete shelter data is unavailable prior to 2010. Missing data prohibit an accurate calculation of the number of chronic shelter users staying once in each of the 3 years prior to their last stay for the period of 2010-2011.

Total Number of Stays and Percent Longer than 30 Days

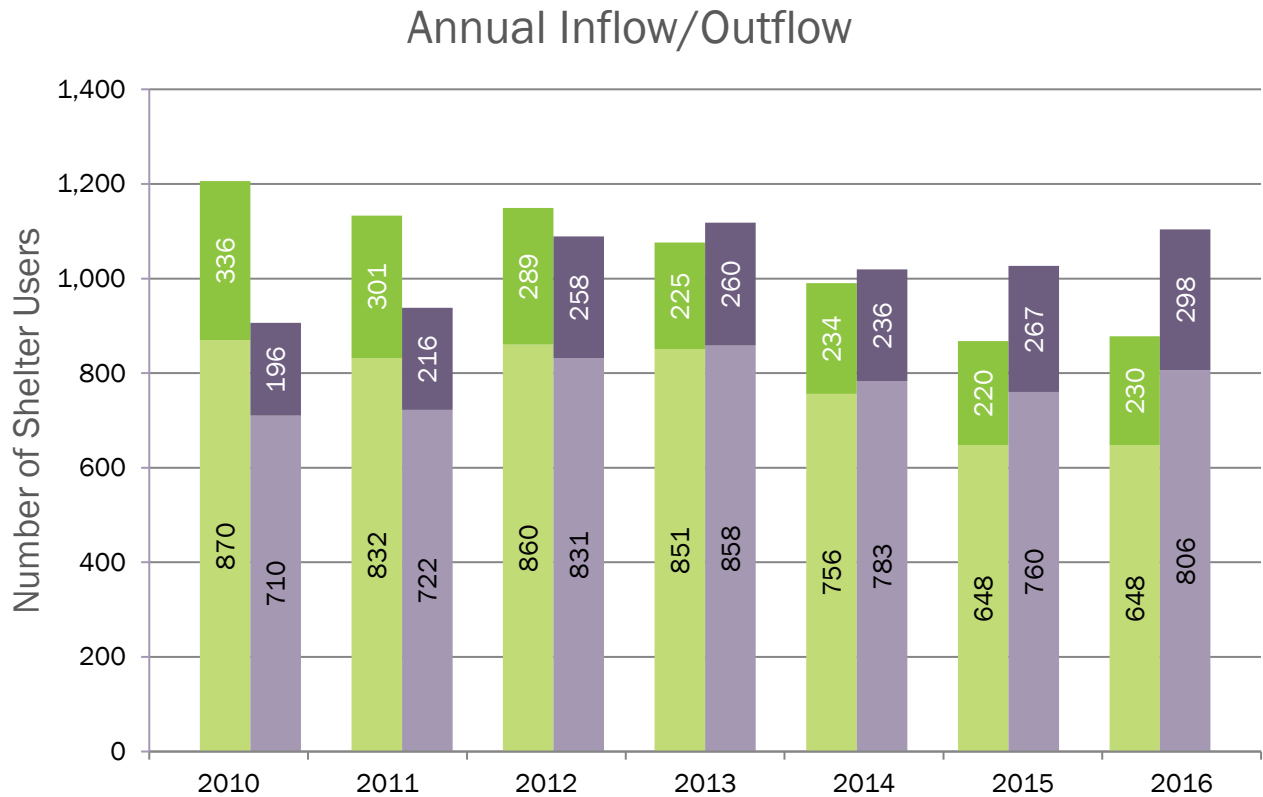


Mean and Median Stay Length (Days)



Annual Inflow/Outflow

The following chart measures the number of shelter users entering and exiting the shelter system each year between 2009 and 2017. The first and last years of the study period are not included.



Number of shelter users staying at a shelter for the **first time**

■ # Shelter users who **did not** return the following year
■ # Shelter users who returned the following year

Number of shelter users staying at a shelter for the **last time**

■ # Shelter users who **did not** have a shelter stay in the previous year
■ # Shelter users who had a shelter stay in the previous year