

# Key Findings

**On a single night in January 2013, there were 610,042 people experiencing homelessness in the United States, including 394,698 people who were homeless in sheltered locations and 215,344 people who were living in unsheltered locations.**

## All Homeless People

- In January 2013, 610,042 people were homeless on a given night. Most (65 percent) were living in emergency shelters or transitional housing programs and 35 percent were living in unsheltered locations.
- Nearly one-quarter (23 percent or 138,149) of all homeless people were children, under the age of 18. Ten percent (or 61,541) were between the ages of 18 and 24, and 67 percent (or 410,352) were 25 years or older.
- Homelessness declined by nearly 4 percent (or 23,740 people) between 2012 and 2013, and by 9 percent (or 61,846) since 2007.
- Between 2007 and 2013, unsheltered homelessness has declined by 23 percent (or 65,143), and by 7 percent (or 28,283) over the past year.
- Major city CoCs accounted for 45 percent of all homeless people; smaller city, county, and regional CoCs accounted for 41 percent, and 14 percent of people experiencing homelessness were counted in Balance of State (BoS) or statewide CoCs.

## Homelessness by Household Type

- In January 2013, 387,845 people were homeless as individuals (64 percent of all homeless people). Just under half (48 percent or 184,718 individuals) were living in unsheltered locations.
- The number of homeless individuals declined by nearly 2 percent (or 6,534) since 2012, and by 8 percent (or 35,532) since 2007.
- There were 222,197 homeless people in families on a single night in January 2013, accounting for 36 percent of all homeless people (and 50 percent of people living in sheltered locations).
- Fifty-eight percent of all homeless people in families were children (or 130,515), 9 percent

were between the ages of 18 and 24 (or 20,814), and 32 percent were 25 years or older (or 70,868).

- Homelessness among persons in families declined by 7 percent (or 17,206) between 2012 and 2013, and by 11 percent (or 26,314) between 2007 and 2013. This decline is entirely composed of unsheltered people in families.

## Homelessness among Subpopulations

- On a single night in 2013, 109,132 people were chronically homeless. Nearly 85 percent (or 92,593) were homeless as individuals. Approximately 15 percent (or 16,539) were people in families.
- Chronic homelessness among individuals declined by 7 percent (or 7,301) over the past year, and by 25 percent (or 31,240) between 2007 and 2013.
- There were 57,849 homeless veterans on a single night in January 2013. Sixty percent were located in shelters or transitional housing programs, and 40 percent were in unsheltered locations. Just under 8 percent (4,456) were female.
- Homelessness among veterans has declined each year since 2010. Between 2012 and 2013, veteran homelessness declined by 8 percent (or 4,770). Homelessness among veterans declined by 24 percent (or 17,760) between 2009 and 2013.
- There were 46,924 unaccompanied homeless children and youth on a single night in 2013. Most (87 percent or 40,727) were youth between the ages of 18 and 24, and 13 percent (or 6,197) were children under the age of 18.
- Half of unaccompanied children and youth (23,461 or 50 percent) were unsheltered in 2013.