



KnoxHMIS 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A total of 9,339 individuals accessed homeless services from the 18 KnoxHMIS partner agencies, which is a 1% increase from 2014 (n=9,232). Eighty-three percent of active clients were *homeless*, whereas 17% were *housed and at-risk of homelessness* or *stably housed* and receiving services.

QUICK FACTS:

- The most frequent self-reported reasons for homelessness included: loss of job (16%), no affordable housing (15%), and eviction (10%)
- The average age for all active clients was 39, with the average age of females as 36 and males 42
- 13% were reported to have a disability and 57% of those indicated a mental health disability
- 11% reported veteran status
- 28% were persons in family households
- 7% were young adults ages 18-24
- 73% reported their last permanent address in Knox or a surrounding county

	Male	Female	Other/Null Gender	% of Active Clients (N=9,339)
GENDER	56%	40%	4%	100%
AGE RANGE				
0—17 years	46%	54%	1%	13%
18—24 years	49%	50%	0%	7%
25—55 years	58%	41%	0%	57%
56—61 years	71%	29%	0%	11%
62+ years	65%	35%	0%	8%
NULL Age	9%	5%	85%	4%
RACE				
White	59%	41%	0%	66%
Black or African American	58%	42%	0%	27%
Other	51%	47%	2%	2%
Null	20%	16%	64%	5%
ETHNICITY				
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	59%	41%	0%	89%
Hispanic/Latino	54%	46%	0%	3%
Null/Don't Know	33%	31%	36%	9%

Change in Number of New Clients Added (2007-2015)

Year	Percentage
2007	+12% (n=3,613)
2008	+31% (n=4,731)
2009	-21% (n=3,727)
2010	+18% (n=4,394)
2011	-26% (n=3,264)
2012	-14% (n=2,822)
2013	+30% (n=3,665)
2014	-3% (n=3,570)
2015	-8% (n=3,290)

Thirty-five percent of active clients were new to KnoxHMIS (n=3,290), which is an 8% decrease from 2014 (n=3,570). Forty-six percent of persons new to homelessness initiated services through supportive services, 23% through homeless prevention, and 13% from emergency shelter.

COORDINATION & OUTCOMES

- 1,951 individuals were placed in positive housing*, which is a 2% increase over 2014.
- 3% of persons placed in positive housing returned to emergency shelter.
- Rapid-Rehousing programs* have reduced time to housing by 53%.
- Emergency shelter programs* have reduced time to exit by 8%.
- Transitional housing programs have reduced time to exit by 18%.
- Permanent supportive housing programs increased their length of stay by 10%(*).

Further definition and reporting parameters are included in the full report.

**Ongoing reporting can be accessed through the
KNOXVILLE COMMUNITY DASHBOARD ON HOMELESSNESS
<http://www.knoxhmis.org/dashboard/>**



2016 Biennial Study on Homelessness in Knoxville-Knox County

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For the **thirty-one years** the Knoxville Homeless Coalition has collaborated with community partners in a focused effort--seeking permanent solutions to prevent, reduce and end homelessness.

The **16th Biennial Study** was conducted in January 2016 and included 249 persons experiencing homeless who were residing in shelters and outside locations throughout Knoxville, TN in order to better understand their

CHARACTERISTICS:

- 38% reported residence prior as *rental* and 23% as *staying with family/friends*
- 77% identified *emergency shelter as their most common sleeping location, whereas 31% reported a location not meant for human habitation (e.g. street, car, public place)*
- 12% reported that they are on a *housing waiting list*
- 48% reported employment issues/financial loss as contributing factors to homelessness
- 24% reported having current employment
- The average weekly income reported was \$157 a week or \$8,164 annually
- 37% reported their primary daytime activity as *working or looking for work*
- 19% reported losing government benefits during the past two years

QUICK FACTS:

- 47% reported having chronic health problems
- 46% reported hospitalization due to physical health while homeless
- 52% reported lack of health insurance
- 35% have been victims of crime while homeless
- 64% reported treatment for mental health
- 15% reported veteran status

DEMOGRAPHICS OF BIENNIAL STUDY PARTICIPANTS

Item	2014 (N=239)	2016 (N=249)
AGE		
Under 18	0%	0%
18-30	16%	15%
31-60	77%	73%
61+	5%	11%
Null	2%	1%
Mean Age:	44%	44%
GENDER		
Male	45%	46%
Female	42%	42%
Null	0%	1%
RACE		
White	73%	74%
Black or African American	18%	19%
Other	8%	7%

