



Homelessness in Idaho 2014 Point-In-Time Count Report Region One Supplement



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Introduction

The U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds local homeless assistance and prevention networks called Continuums of Care (CoC). In addition to organizing, delivering and reporting on housing and services for people who are experiencing homelessness, CoCs are required to complete a one-night point in time count of homeless persons during the last ten days in January.

Idaho's 10th annual Point-In-Time (PIT) count was conducted on January 29, 2014. The data from this count helps determine the amount of funding awarded for homeless programs across the state, as well as report changes among the homeless population and raise public awareness of homelessness. Data from the one-night PIT count and the longitudinal data collected by the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) are the primary sources used to measure the progress in meeting the national strategic goal of preventing and ending homelessness.

Opening Doors, Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness

In 2010 the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness released *Opening Doors, Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness*. The Plan is the nation's first comprehensive strategy to prevent and end homelessness. It outlines an interagency collaboration that aligns mainstream housing, health, education and human services to prevent Americans from experiencing homelessness in the future. Opening Doors is focused on four key goals; 1) End chronic homelessness by 2015; (2) Prevent and end Veterans homelessness by 2015; (3) Prevent and end homelessness for families, youth, and children by 2020; (4) Set a path to end all types of homelessness. Data from the PIT Count can be used as one measure to see if the CoCs are on track to meet these goals.

Statewide Point-in-Time Count

The annual Point-In-Time Count Report is produced by Idaho Housing and Finance Association

Point-In-Time Count Reports can be accessed online at

<http://www.idahohousing.com/ihfa/grant-programs/homeless-management-information-system-hmis.aspx>

Participating Shelter/Housing Programs

Bonner County Homeless Task Force
Family Promise of North Idaho
Idaho Housing and Finance Association
North Idaho Violence Prevention Center
Post Falls Police - Victim Services Unit
St Pius X Catholic Church
St Vincent de Paul - Coeur D'Alene
Union Gospel Mission

PIT Count Results

On the night of January 29, 2014 the PIT Count identified 522 homeless men, women and children in Region One. This represents a 38% overall increase from 2013 although still below the numbers reported in 2010 and 2011.

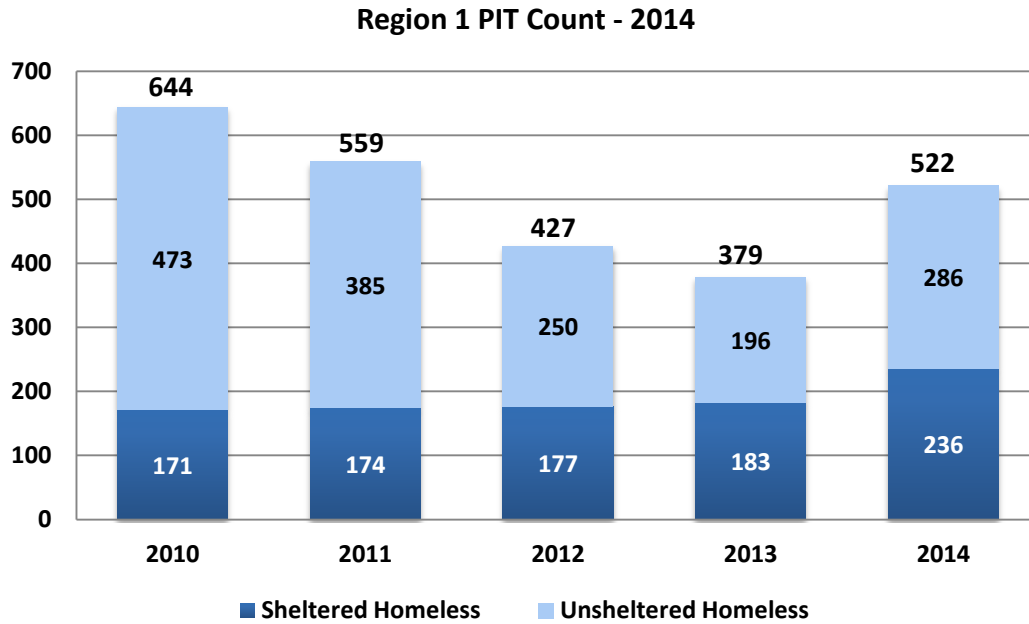


Figure 1

The unsheltered homeless account for 55% of all of Region One’s homeless persons in 2014.

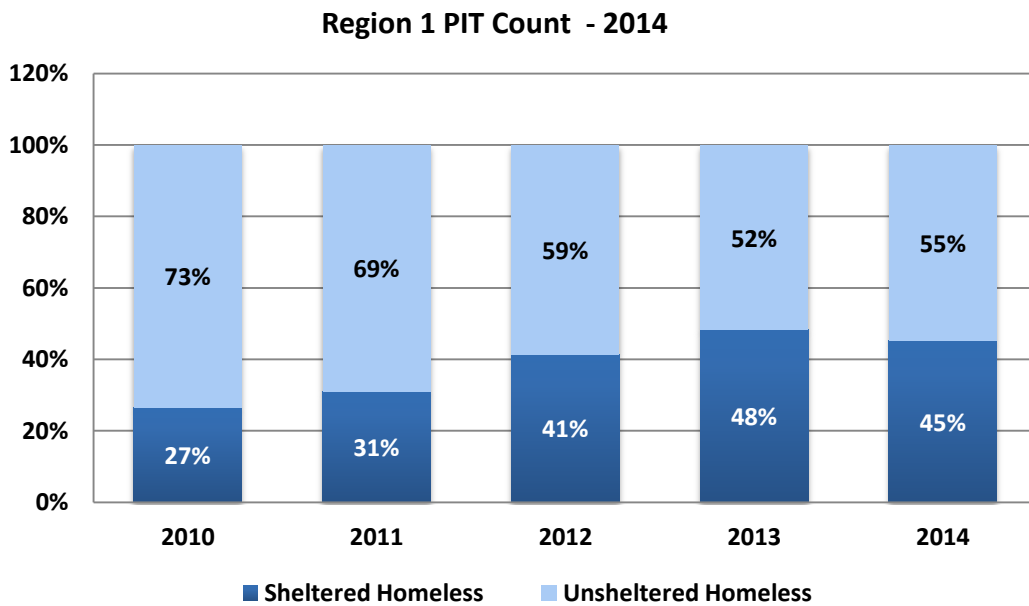


Figure 2

Households

Persons in All Adult Households and Persons in Households with Children

The PIT Count Report breaks out households into two categories: All Adult Households and Households with Children. All Adult Households consist of single individuals or households of adult members only. This includes married couples and households where all members are age 18 year or older. Households with Children are all households that have at least one minor child. This includes households of only children such as unaccompanied youth and adolescent parents and their children.

The number of homeless in Households with Children is rising at a greater rate than All Adult Households. In 2013 42% of the homeless were in Households with Children and in 2014 it increased to 50%.

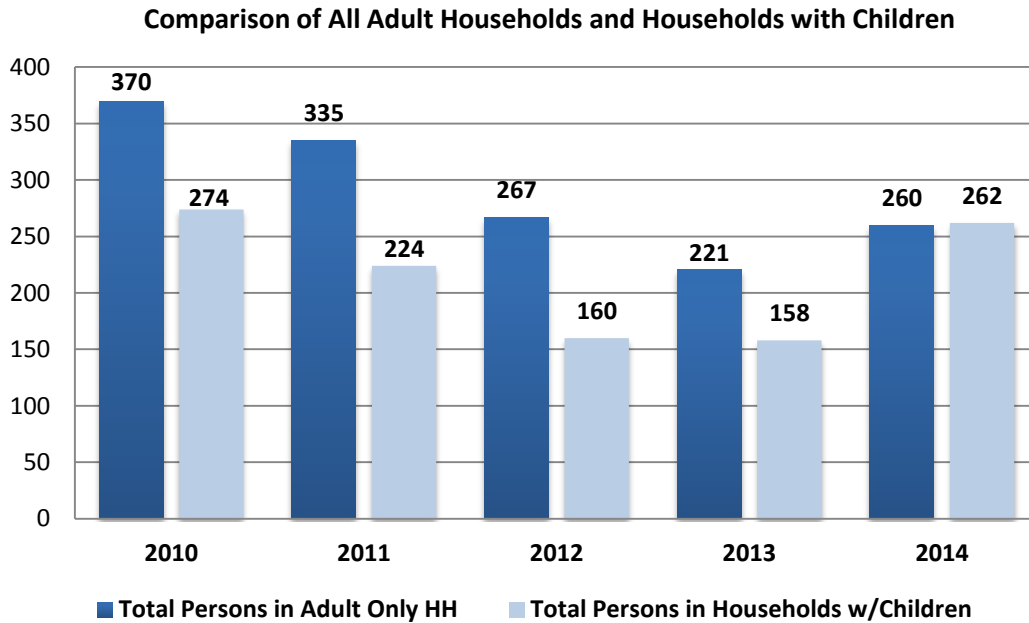


Figure 3

In Region One, the majority of persons in All Adult Households are unsheltered while the opposite is true for Households with Children.

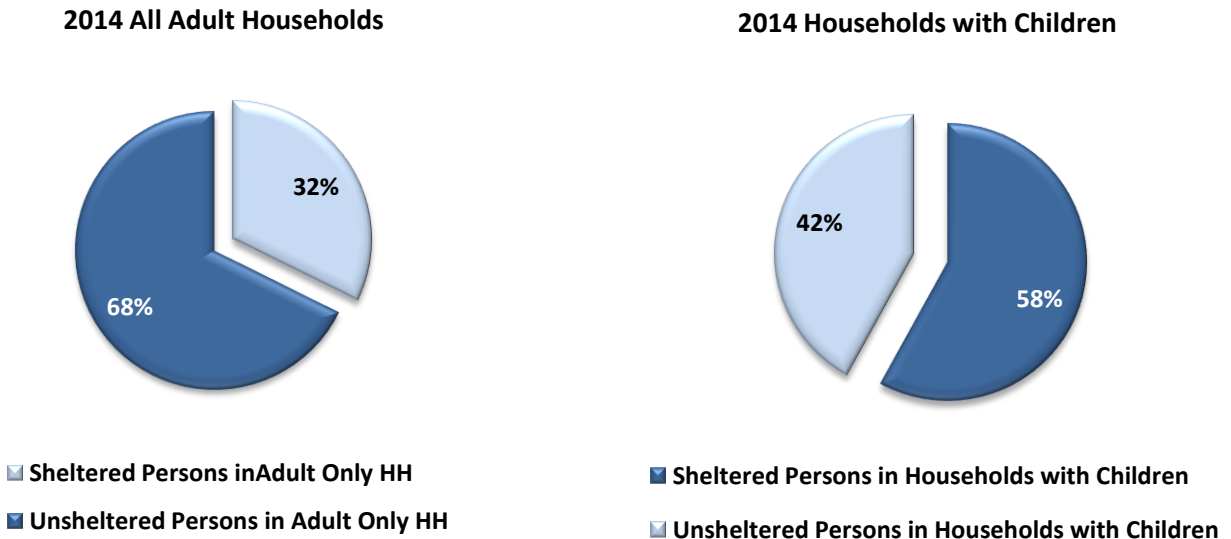


Figure 4

Households with Children

(Opening Doors goal: End family homelessness by 2020)

The PIT Count places an emphasis on identifying households with children. While the PIT Count is primarily a count of persons, knowing the number of family households, not just how many people are in families, is vital in meeting the goals set by Opening Doors.

In 2014 there were 80 Households with Children with a total of 262 persons. Compared to last year, this is a 66% increase in the number of persons in Households with Children and a 43% increase in the number of households.

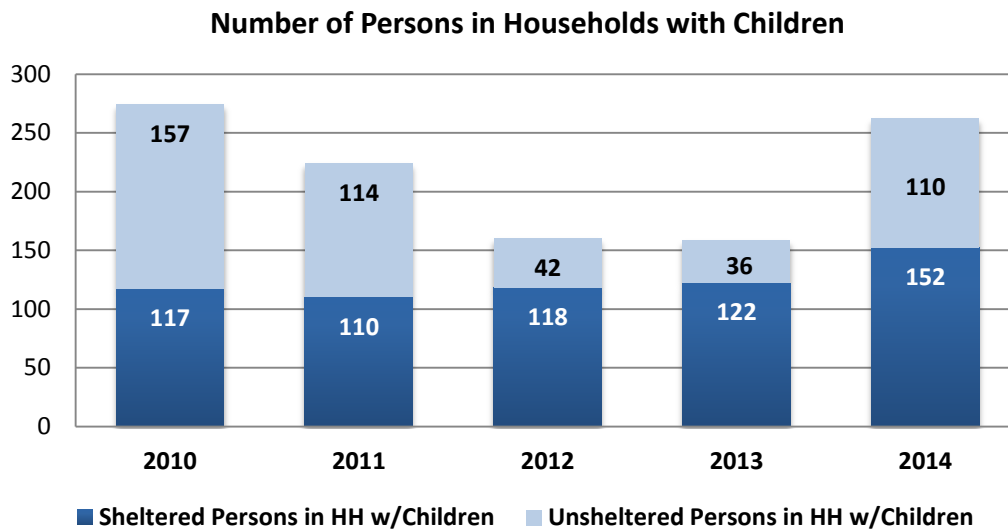


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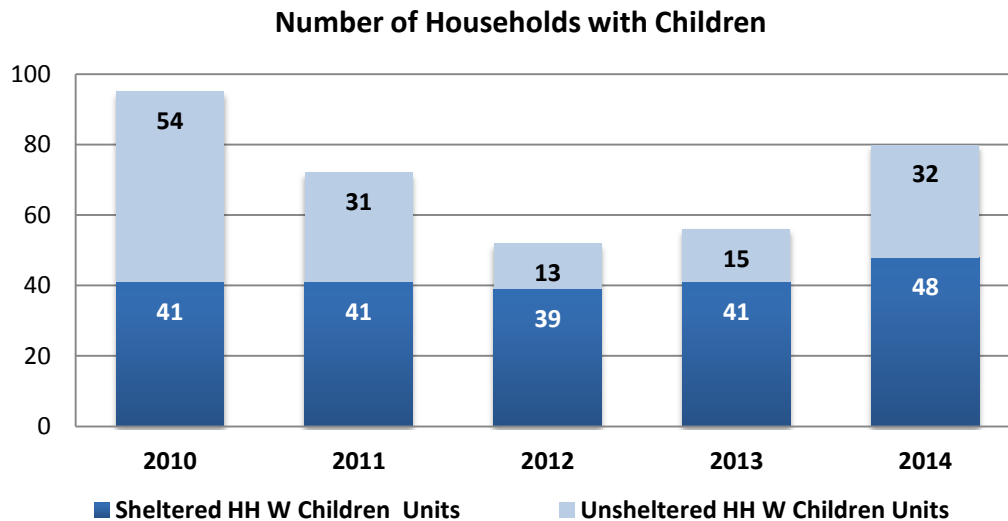
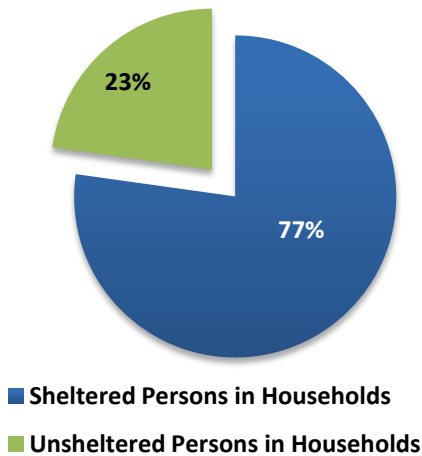


Figure 6

Households with Children

After several years of a decline, not only did the total number of persons in Households with Children increase but the percentage of **unsheltered** within the persons in Households with Children increased substantially from 2013. In 2013 only 23% of all homeless persons in Households with Children were unsheltered on the night of the PIT, while in 2014 that rose to 42%.

2013 Households with Children



2014 Households with Children

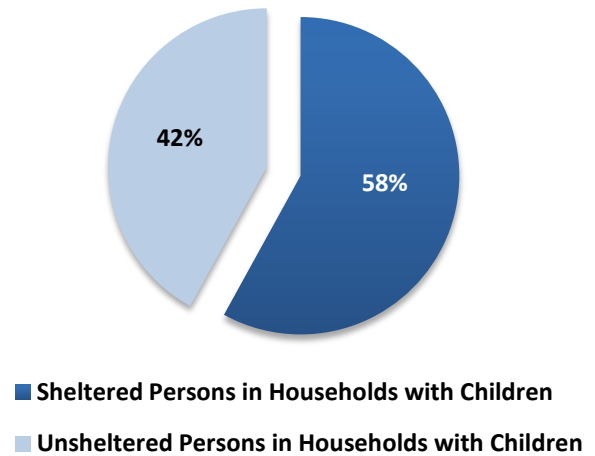


Figure 7

All Adult Households

In 2014 All Adult households account for 50% of the total Region One homeless population. Within the All Adult Household category, 68% were sleeping in an unsheltered situation on the night of the count. This is a slight decrease from 2013 when 72% were unsheltered.

Number of Persons in All Adult Households

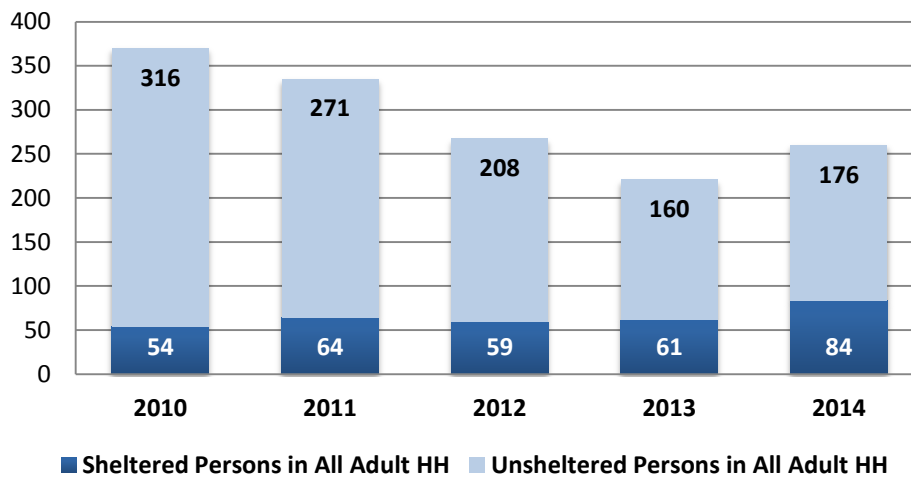


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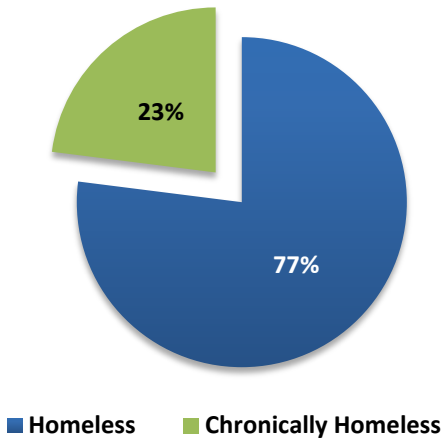
Chronically Homeless

(Opening Doors goal: End chronic homelessness by 2015)

A Chronically Homeless Person is defined as an unaccompanied homeless individual with a disabling condition, or a family with at least one adult member who has a disabling condition, who has either been continuously homeless for a year or more OR has had at least four episodes of homelessness in the past three years. Additionally, to be counted they must have been sleeping in a place not meant for human habitation (e.g. living on the streets) and/or in emergency shelter.

There is virtually no change in the total percentage of chronically homeless in Region One from 2013, but the composition of who is chronically homeless has changed substantially from 2013.

2013 Percentage Homeless that are Chronically Homeless



2014 Percentage Homeless that are Chronically Homeless

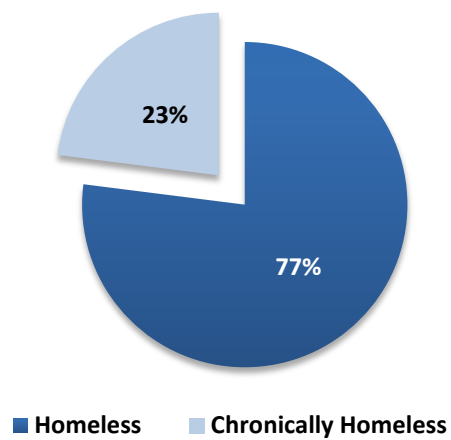
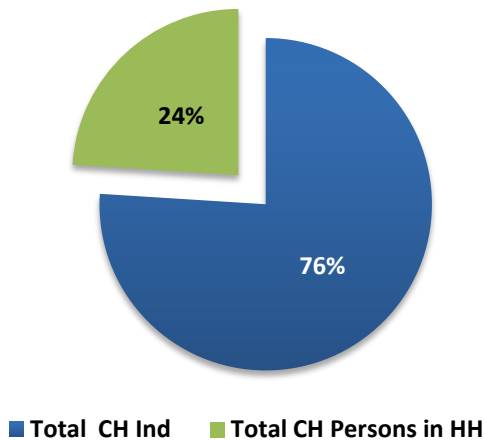


Figure 9

Within the Chronically Homeless population itself the percentage of chronically homeless families has increased from 24% in 2013 to 31% in 2014. This may indicate that you are reducing the number of chronically homeless individuals at a faster rate than chronically homeless families or that families are beginning to be homeless for longer periods of time.

2013 Chronically Homeless



2014 Chronically Homeless

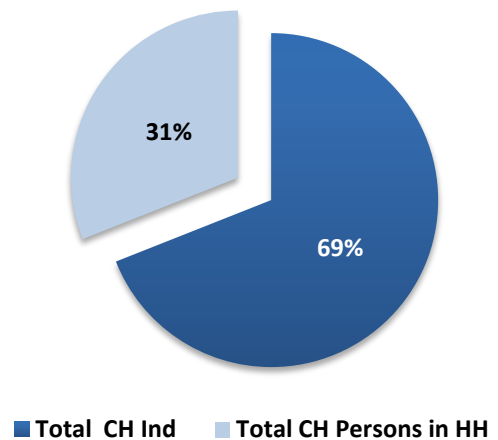


Figure 10

Veterans

(Opening Doors goal: End Veteran homelessness by 2015)

The percentage of homeless veterans within the general homeless population continues to decline. Most likely this decrease reflects the regional efforts to strategically access resources targeted for homeless veterans such the Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) and Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) projects available across the state. Veterans and families in the VASH and SSVF programs are not included in the PIT Count.

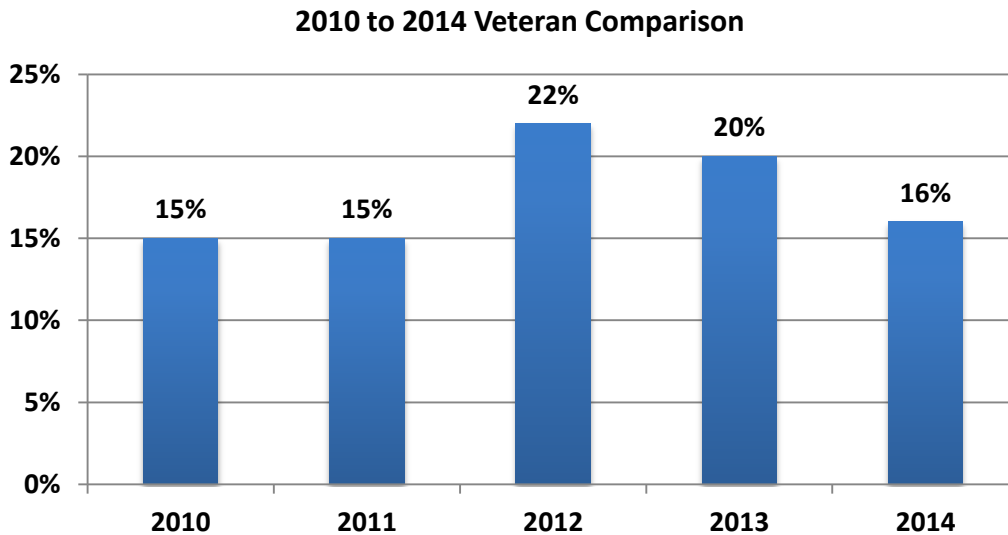


Figure 11

Although there seems to be a large proportionate increase of unsheltered veterans versus sheltered veterans from 2013, this may reflect the transition of veterans from shelters to VASH and SSVF projects, while the unsheltered veterans continue to not access services at shelters, transitional housing projects or the SSVF or VASH programs.

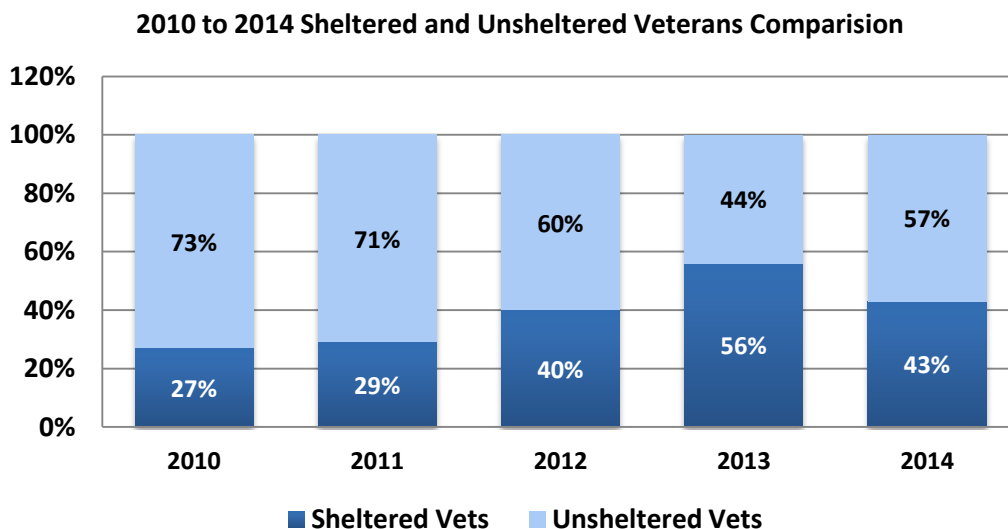


Figure 12

Subpopulations

Subpopulation counts look at specific demographics by sheltered and unsheltered situations. The subpopulations reported below are for all adults in both All Adult Households and Households with Children within sheltered or unsheltered situations in the 2014 enumeration.

Figure 13 reports on the percentage of sheltered homeless adults that identified as being in at least one of the subpopulations listed and Figure 14 represents the unsheltered homeless adults. Note: Adults may be counted in more than one subpopulation category.

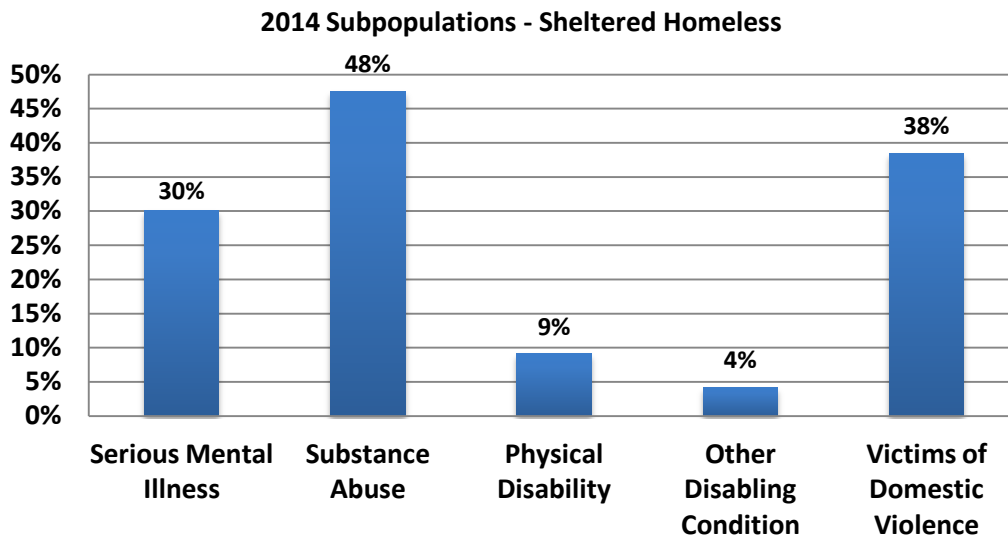


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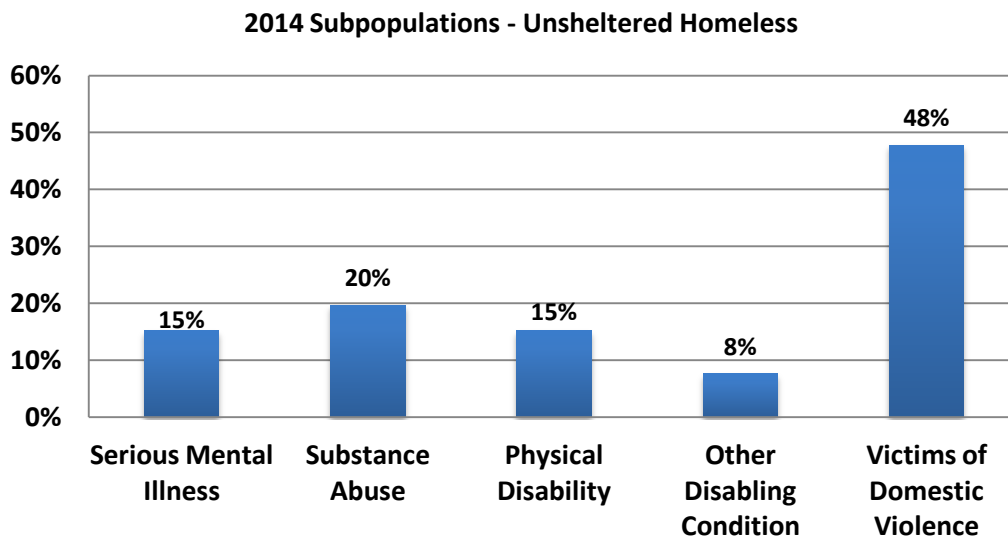


Figure 14

Unsheltered Homeless Only

Unsheltered homeless are persons who were staying on the streets, in a vehicle or other places not meant for habitation on the night of the count. Surveys collect additional information to better understand this segment of the homeless population that is not accessing available residential programs for the homeless. Data in Figures 15-18 were asked of only the Individual or Head of Household.

On the night of January 29, 2014 there a total of 199 unsheltered households with a total of 286 persons; 176 persons in All Adult Households and 110 persons in Households with Children. Figure 15 represents the percentage of unsheltered persons in All Adult Households and Households with Children.

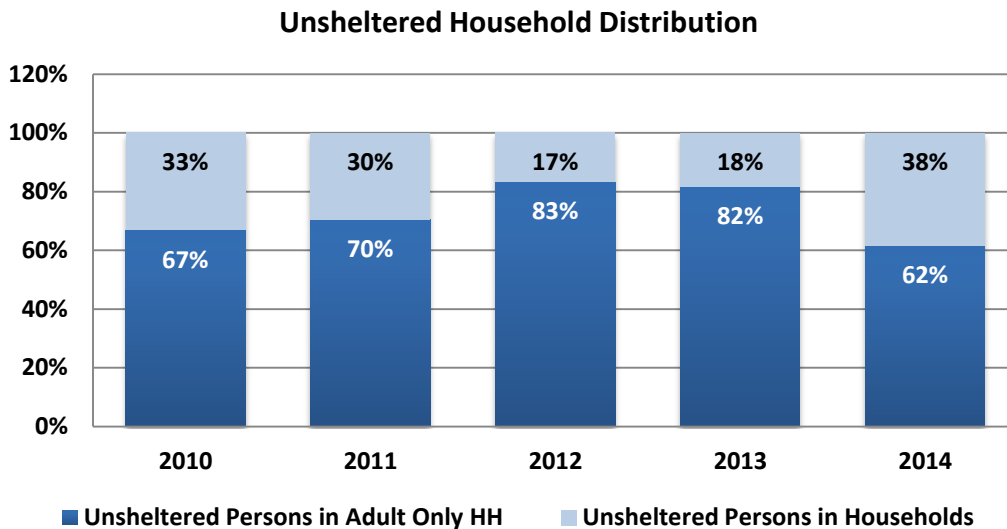
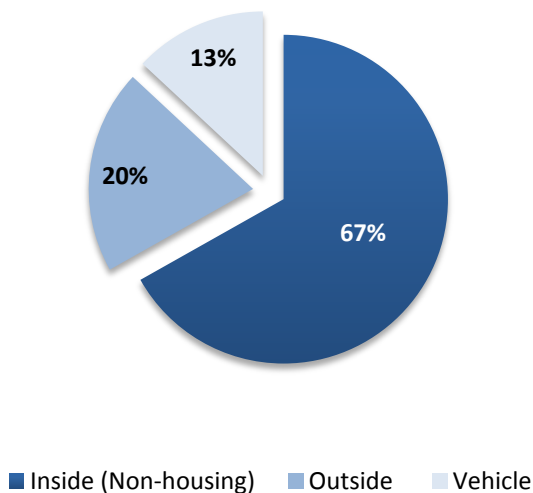


Figure 15

Living Situations & Episodes of Homelessness

Individuals and Head of Households were asked to identify where they spent the night of January 29th and how many homeless episodes they had experienced. In 2014 13% spent the night in a vehicle, 20% outside and 67% in inside non-housing. First time homeless accounted for 16%, while 59% are experiencing chronic episodes of homelessness.

2014 Unsheltered Homeless Situation



2014 Extent of Homelessness

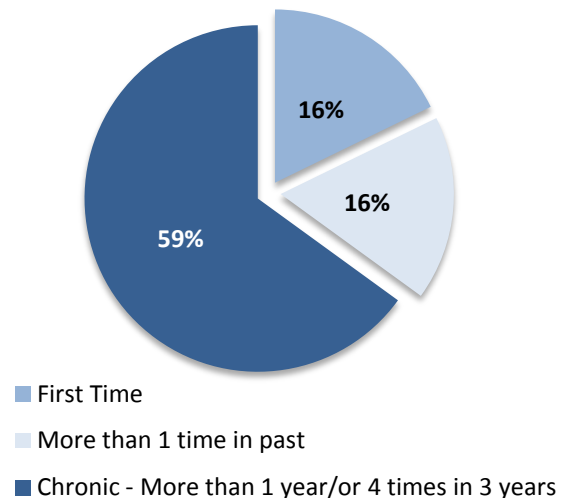


Figure 16

Length of Stay

When asked how long the individual or household had been in their current episode of homelessness 28% had been in an unsheltered situation for one week and 28% have been for one year or longer.

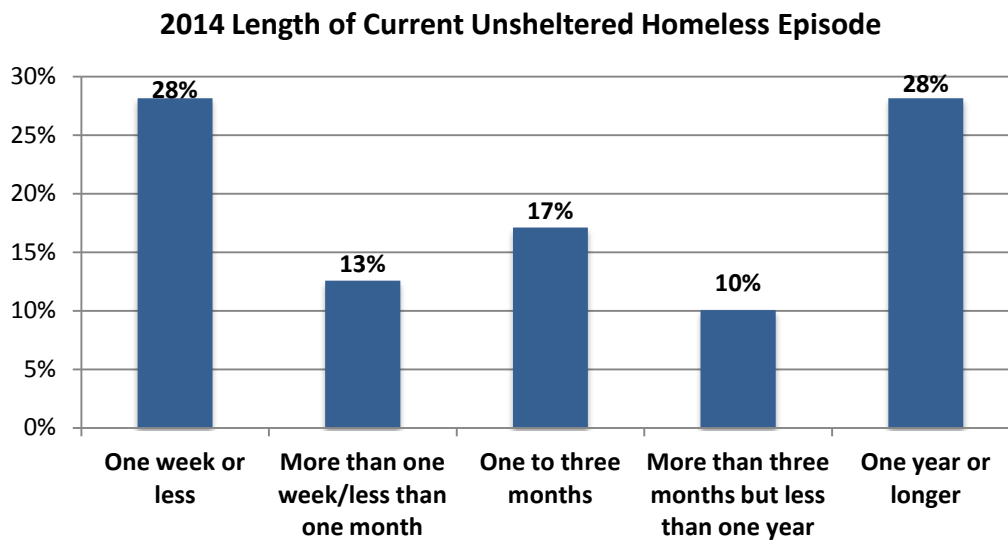


Figure 17

Area at Time of Homelessness

Of the 199 unsheltered individuals and households surveyed, 71% were living in Idaho when they became homeless and of those 53% became homeless in Region One.

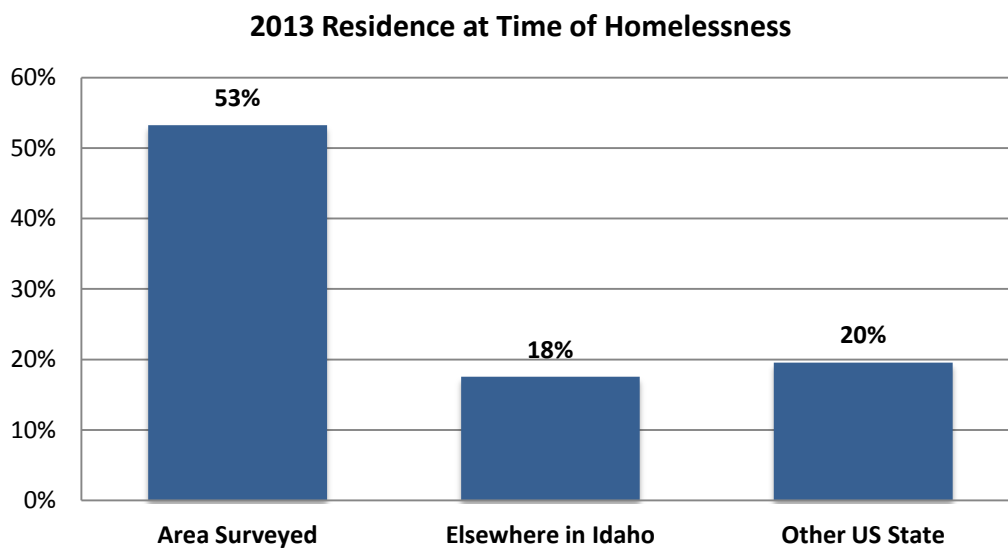


Figure 18

Reasons Cited for Homelessness

Individuals and heads of households were asked to identify situations that caused their homelessness. Multiple responses were valid for each respondent.

2014 Top 5 Situations Causing Homelessness

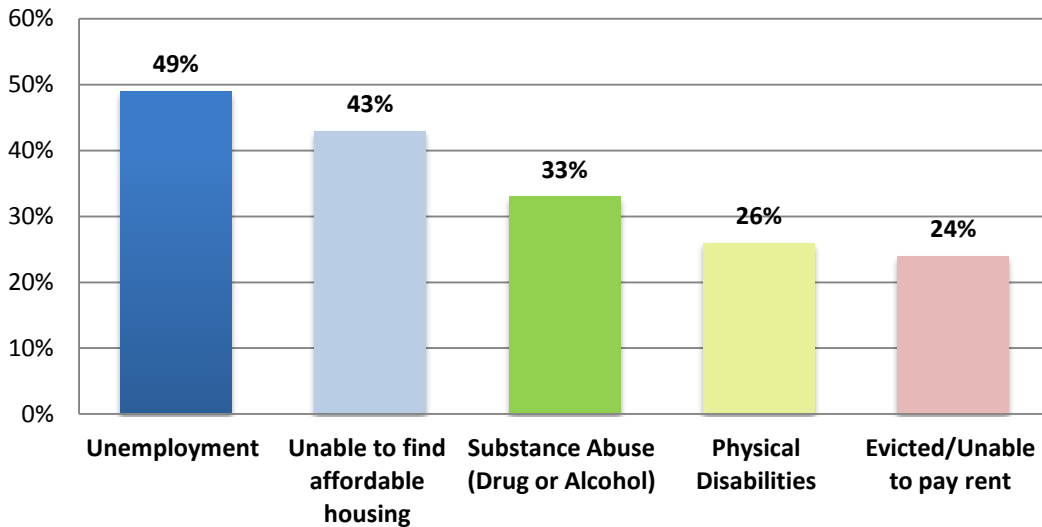


Figure 19

Region One accounts for 25% of all homeless persons in the state on the night of the count and 55% of all unsheltered homeless persons.

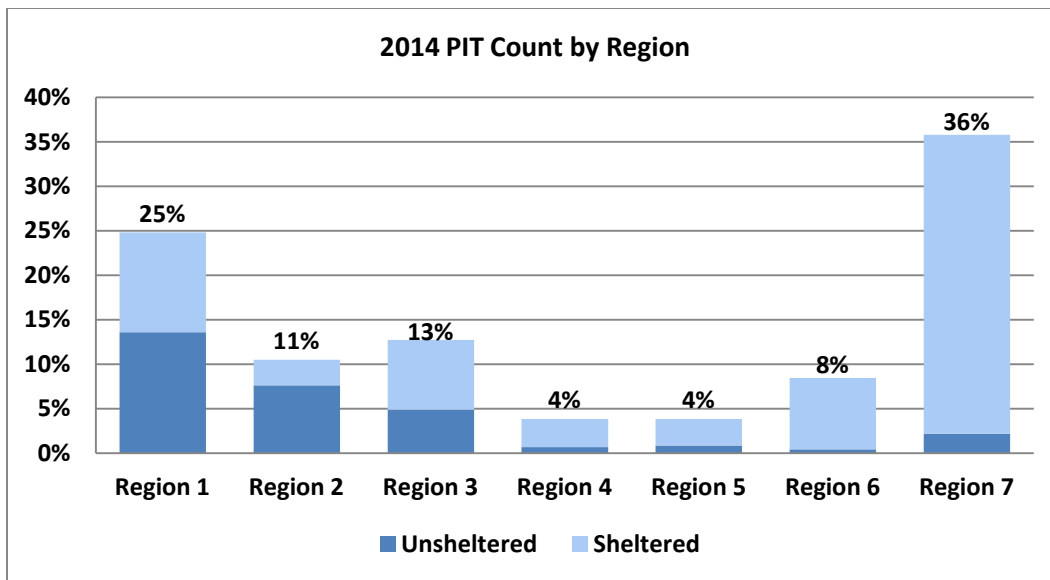


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