

Greater Virginia Peninsula Homelessness Consortium



2014 POINT IN TIME COUNT RESULTS

The 2014 Point-in-Time Count was conducted across the 6 jurisdictions that comprise the Greater Virginia Peninsula Homelessness Consortium (GVPHC), including the cities of Hampton, Newport News, Poquoson, Williamsburg, and the counties of James City and York. Due to inclement weather, the GVPHC received a waiver from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allowing the Count to be rescheduled from the evening of January 30, 2014 and the morning of January 31, 2014 to February 12, 2014, and February 13, 2014, to more effectively demonstrate homelessness in the region. The count was conducted using both paper surveys and data reported in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).

The sheltered count was conducted in all identified emergency shelter and transitional housing programs across the region on the evening of February 12. Provider staff and volunteers worked to collect the required information from all shelter persons with either direct input into the HMIS or via interview and the completion of survey forms. Teams of volunteers canvassed known locations on the morning of February 13 and completed surveys to collect the required information on all unsheltered homeless persons identified during the count. Persons who chose to participate in the Count completed the survey, which identifies respondents based on initials and date of birth to develop a unique client identifier to eliminate duplicates. The survey consists of additional questions to identify subpopulations, including veterans and HIV-positive persons, and those who have experienced domestic violence, mental illness, or substance abuse. Persons are identified as chronically homeless if they have a disability and have been homeless more than one year or at least four times in the last three years.

Overall, **525** persons were identified as being homeless in the 2014 Point-in-Time Count, compared to 533 counted in January 2013. The sheltered count for the Greater Virginia Peninsula increased from the previous year due to the extreme weather conditions experienced on the night of the Count. Winter storms forced many persons who would normally sleep outside to seek out emergency shelter offered by local providers. Additionally, the Continuum of Care increased coverage at winter and thermal shelters in the area which were not previously included, therefore increasing the count. Conversely, the unsheltered count on the morning of February 13, 2014 was delayed due to the winter storm, resulting in encampments that were occupied to be abandoned by the time they were accessible to outreach workers. It is important to keep in mind that some people may have refused to be counted or did not present for services that day and were therefore not counted. The inclement weather also caused many homeless persons to seek shelter in hotels/motels (paid for by self) or with friends and family. These individuals could not be counted because they did not meet the HUD definition of homeless.

The following table shows a breakdown of the 2014 Point-in-Time Count Results, both regionally, as well as, by jurisdiction.

POINT-IN-TIME COUNT	2014 RESULTS GREATER VIRGINIA PENINSULA	HAMPTON	NEWPORT NEWS	WILLIAMSBURG	POQUOSON	JAMES CITY COUNTY	YORK COUNTY
Total Number of Homeless Persons Counted	525	243	181	28	0	73	0
<i>2013 Total Number of Homeless Persons</i>	533	246	204	37	0	46	0
Total Number Sheltered	497	224	172	28	0	73	0
Total Number Unsheltered	28	19	9	0	0	0	0
Total Number of Families*	60	24	13	7	0	16	0
Total Number of Persons in Families*	184	72	40	18	0	54	0
Total Number of Unsheltered Families	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Number of Adult Only Households	335	168	139	10	0	18	0
Total Number of Persons in Adult Only Households	341	171	141	10	0	19	0
Total Number of Unsheltered Persons in Adult Only Households	28	19	9	0	0	0	0

HOMELESS SUBPOPULATIONS							
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Total Number of Chronically Homeless Individuals	123	74	44	3	0	2	0
Total Number of Chronically Homeless Families	3	1	1	1	0	0	0
Total Number of Veterans	79	44	32	0	0	3	0
Total Number of Female Veterans**	18	7	11	0	0	0	0
Total Number of Domestic Violence Victims	61	23	12	2	0	24	0
Total Number of Individuals with a Substance Abuse Problem	116	77	31	4	0	4	0
Total Number of Individuals with a Mental Illness	98	70	27	0	0	1	0
Total Number of HIV-positive Individuals	4	3	1	0	0	0	0

*Total number of families and total number of persons in families include both sheltered and unsheltered households with at least one adult and one child.