

## Annual Point in Time Survey – 2015

**1,134 People Homeless in Maine — on one particular night**

**472** people homeless  
in the **Portland Continuum of Care**  
(City of Portland)  
February 4, 2015

**662** people homeless  
in the **Maine Continuum of Care**  
(Balance of State)  
January 28, 2015

Where People Stayed	People Identified as Homeless		
	Maine	City of Portland	Balance of State
In Emergency Homeless Shelters	1,075	472	603
Unsheltered*	59	0	59
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,134</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>662</b>

\* Unsheltered - HUD definition

Previous Year	Maine	City of Portland	Balance of State
2014	1,200	497	703
2013	1,175	480	695
2012	1,050	390	660
2011	957	340	617
2010	885	325	560
2009	871	276	595

### Summary

The Point in Time count (PIT) is a snapshot of homelessness on one night of the year, as assigned by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

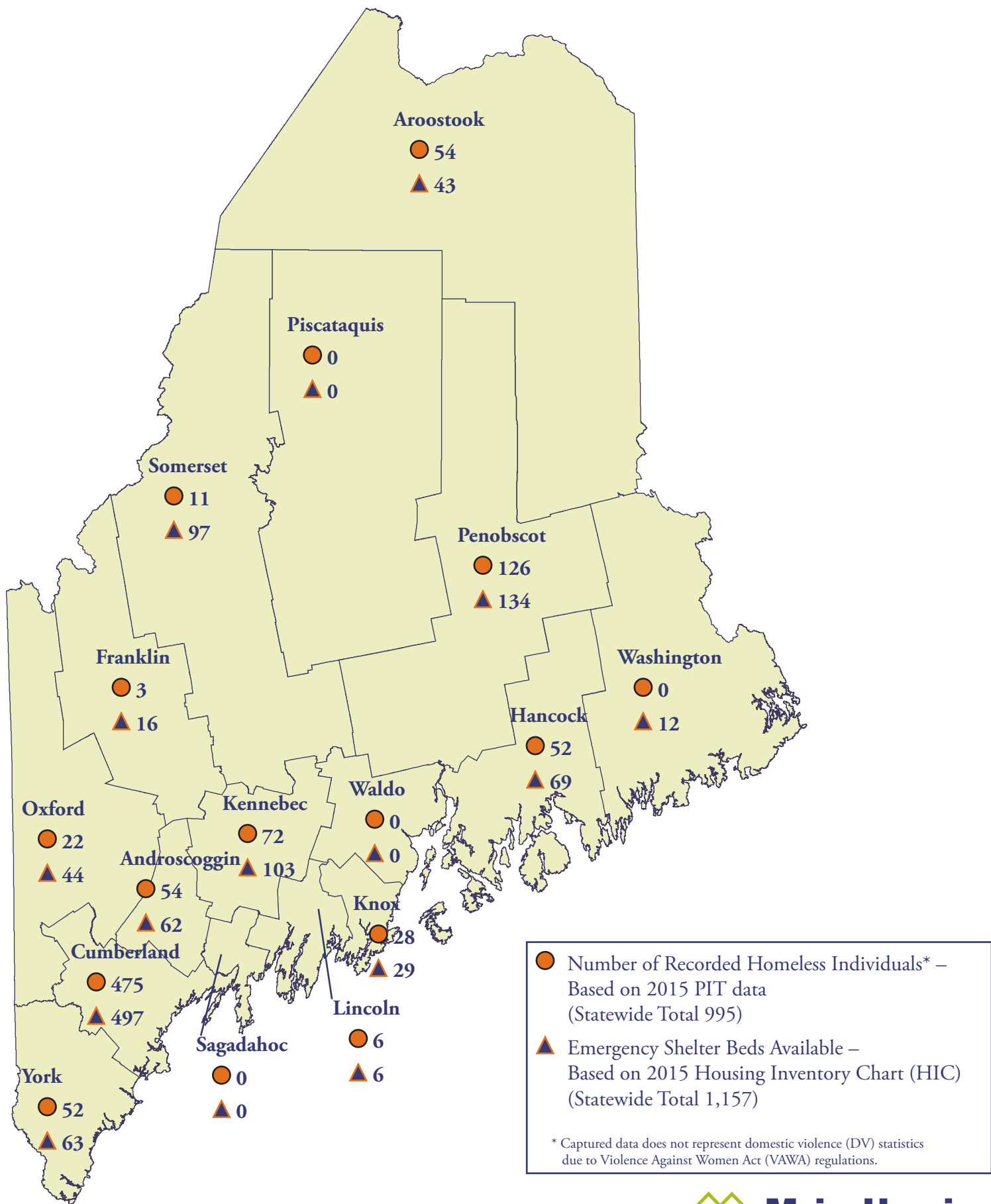
Persons counted are individuals who are literally homeless (by HUD's definition; see page 3) on the night of the count.

For the first time since 2008, there is a drop in the overall count, and the 5.5% — or 125 individuals — reduction this year may be partly due to harsh winter conditions that made it difficult for volunteers to seek out unsheltered

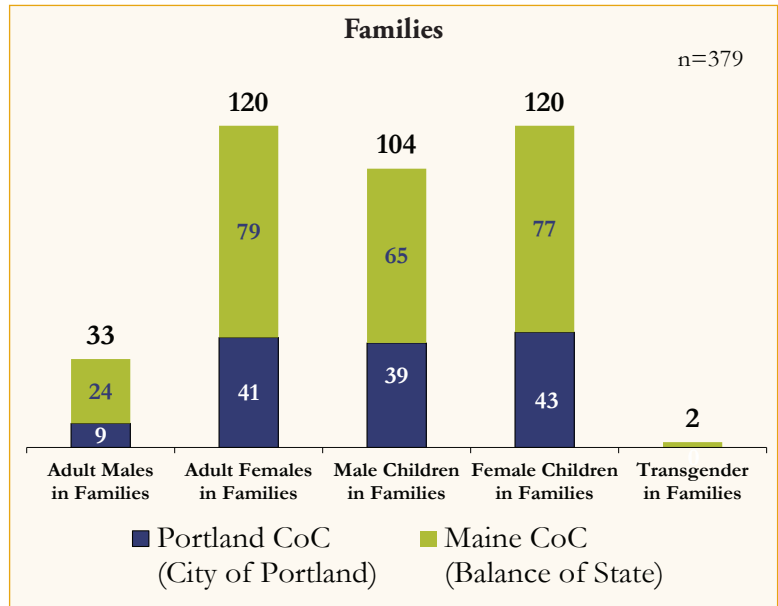
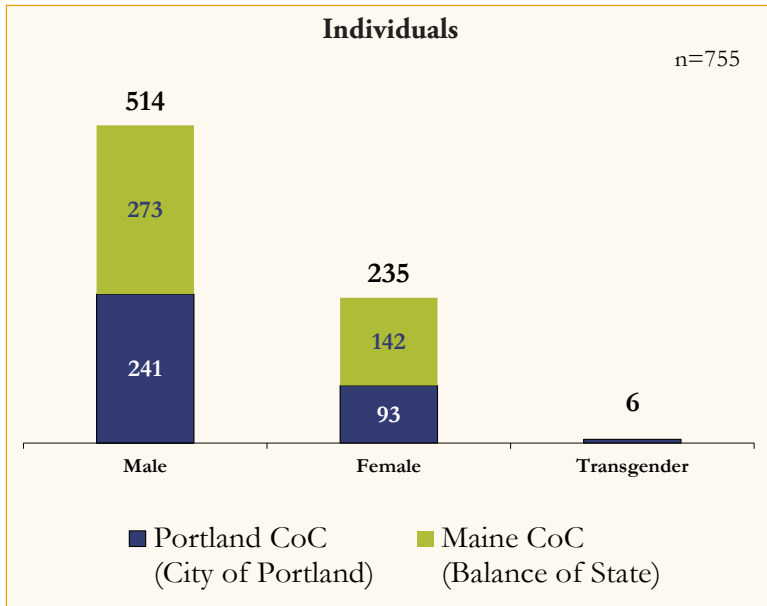
individuals. The Maine Continuum of Care (CoC) is down about 5.8% and the Portland CoC is down about 5%.

This was the first year ever in Maine that the PIT was conducted on two separate evenings because of dangerous blizzard conditions. The Maine Continuum of Care (Balance of State) conducted its count on January 28, 2015, the night chosen by HUD, while the Portland Continuum of Care (City of Portland) postponed its count to February 4, 2015 after receiving a waiver from HUD. Several CoCs in New England also postponed their counts due to inclement weather.

# Emergency Shelter Usage by County, 2015

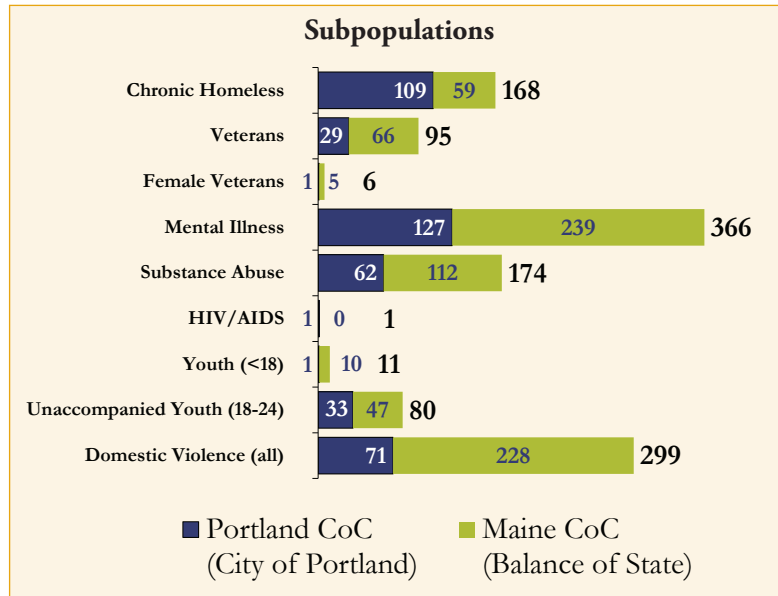


## People Identified as Homeless



A closer look at the information collected about individuals who are homeless during the 2015 PIT shows:

- Males represent 70 percent of individuals who are homeless in both Continuums of Care.
  - Almost 5 times as many females as males are the adult in families who are homeless in the Portland CoC, as well as more than 3 times as many females than males in the Maine CoC (Balance of State).
  - Approximately 26% (299) individuals counted are survivors of domestic violence.
  - Veterans who are homeless increased 10.5% statewide, representing nine individuals. In 2015, 95 veterans were counted or 8.4% of the total count, as compared with 86 individuals or 7.2% of the total count in 2014.
  - Chronic homelessness\* dropped by 8% in 2015. Chronic homelessness represented 23% of the 2014 count and 15% on this year's count. 168 people who are chronically homeless were counted in 2015. 109 people who are chronically homeless were counted in the Portland CoC which represented 23% of their population. 59 people who are chronically homeless were counted in the Maine CoC which represented 9% of their population.
- \*168 persons counted in the Point in Time survey met the definition of chronic homelessness: a homeless person with 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.



\* Clients may be a member of one or more subpopulations.

## About the Survey

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) definition of homelessness is: "An individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning the individual or family has a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not meant for human habitation or is living in a publicly operated shelter designed to provide temporary living arrangements."

All surveys/intake information used for the PIT is self reported by the client/respondent.

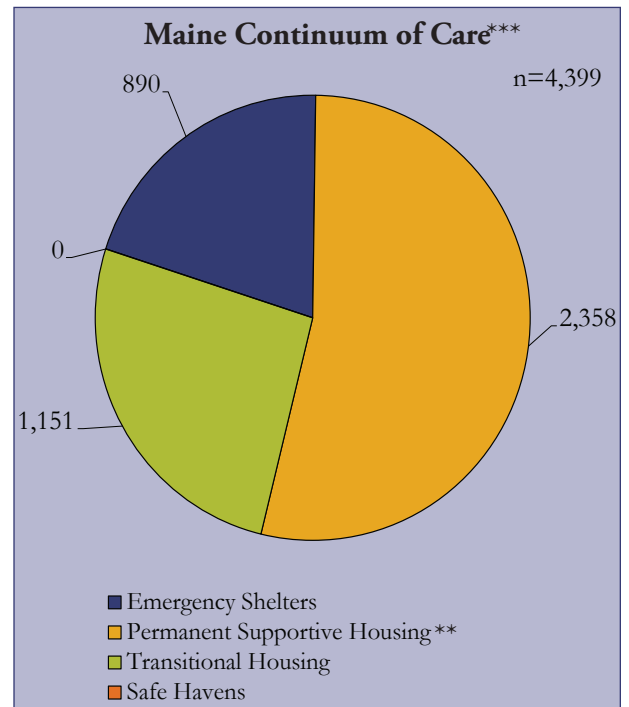
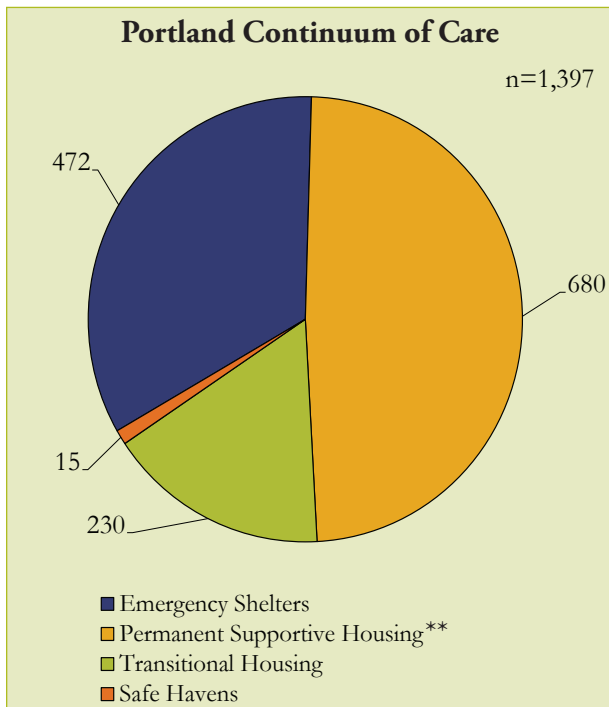
In rural areas, it may be difficult to canvass all possible locations. Volunteer groups — including veterans outreach groups — perform a tremendous amount of outreach and planning before the count to find unsheltered individuals and encourage them to reach out either to the volunteer groups or shelters on the PIT night to be counted.

Note: "n=xxx" is the total number of persons represented in the category or section.



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## Housing Inventory\*



\* Based on 2015 Housing Inventory Chart (HIC) information

\*\* All available permanent supportive resources including shelter plus care vouchers being used and available. Some of the voucher program inventories are recorded to equal the number of clients utilizing them on the night of the PIT per HUD guidance (this may throw off the Permanent Supportive Housing category, as it makes them look like they are at 100% occupancy when they might actually be over or underutilized based on what they are funded for - usually overutilized).

\*\*\*The Maine CoC shelter beds reported on HIC vary slightly from these numbers, partly because one shelter increased their beds after the HIC date and MaineHousing reports on beds occupied in hotels/motels paid for by charitable organizations like churches.

### Last Residence

County	Portland CoC		Maine CoC		Statewide	
	People	Percent	People	Percent	People	Percent
Androscoggin	7	1.5%	51	7.7%	58	5.1%
Aroostook	1	0.2%	14	2.1%	15	1.3%
Cumberland	255	54.0%	38	5.7%	293	25.8%
Franklin	0	0.0%	2	0.3%	2	0.2%
Hancock	0	0.0%	33	5.0%	33	2.9%
Kennebec	7	1.5%	51	7.7%	58	5.1%
Knox	3	0.6%	17	2.6%	20	1.8%
Lincoln	1	0.2%	14	2.1%	15	1.3%
Oxford	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Penobscot	11	2.3%	109	16.5%	120	10.6%
Piscataquis	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Sagadahoc	2	0.4%	26	3.9%	28	2.5%
Somerset	2	0.4%	18	2.7%	20	1.8%
Waldo	3	0.6%	10	1.5%	13	1.1%
Washington	0	0.0%	4	0.6%	4	0.4%
York	25	5.3%	52	7.9%	77	6.8%
Out of State	113	23.9%	59	8.9%	172	15.2%
*Other/Don't Know/Refused/Missing	42	8.9%	164	24.8%	206	18.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>472</b>		<b>662</b>		<b>1,134</b>	

\* Other/Don't Know/Refused/Missing - contains domestic violence information

### Participants (Agencies and Volunteer Groups)

Along with emergency shelters, the following agencies and volunteer groups conducted outreach in the 2015 Point in Time Count:

- Maine Military & Community Network
- Tri-County Mental Health Services
- Preble Street
- Catholic Charities of Maine/Parish Social Ministry
- PATH (Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness) at Catholic Charities of Maine
- Maine Veterans Centers
- American Legion
- Maine CareerCenters
- Veterans of Foreign Wars
- Office of U.S. Senator Angus King
- The City of Biddeford – Community Development and Block Grant Program
- Marine Corps League
- Veterans Inc.
- Washington-Hancock Community Agency
- Volunteers of America Northern New England
- Disabled American Veterans
- American Red Cross
- City of Portland