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2015 Narrative
Sheltered & Unsheltered Count

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Arizona Department of Housing
2015 Unsheltered and Sheltered Count Data
Balance of State Continuum of Care

OVERVIEW: The Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH) is the Lead Agency for Balance of State Continuum of Care (BOSCOC). The U. S. Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD) requires that communities that provide services to persons who are experiencing homelessness and receive HUD funding for housing projects must convene a continuum of care. The BOSCOC has many responsibilities including:
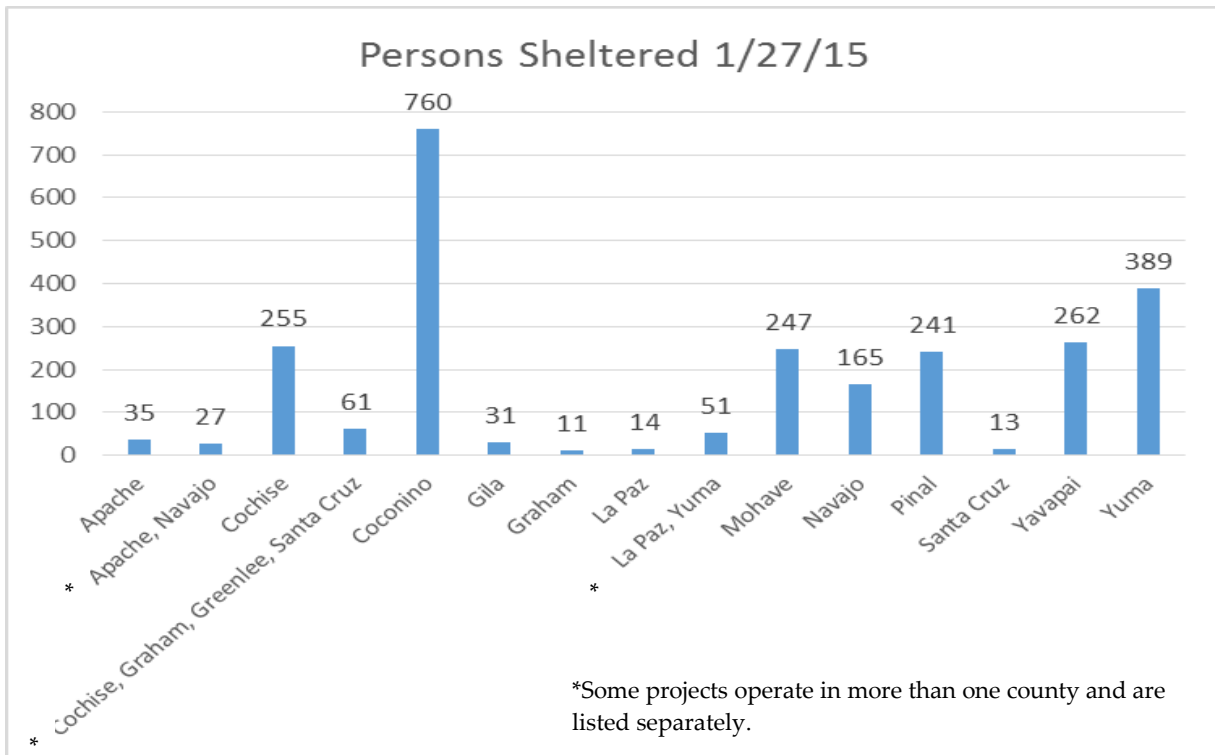
- **Planning and implementing** services for persons who are experiencing homelessness in thirteen counties in Arizona including Apache, Cochise, Coconino, Gila, Graham, Greenlee, La Paz, Mohave, Navajo, Pinal, Santa Cruz, Yavapai and Yuma.

- Through the Arizona Department of Housing as fiscal agent, the BOSCOC **makes permanent supportive housing, transitional housing and rapid re-housing services available** to persons who are experiencing homelessness in the counties identified above.

- **The Yearly Sheltered Count –** As required by HUD, the number of persons who are in emergency shelter, transitional housing and permanent housing must be counted in a single point of time count that takes place annually during the last week in January. This count includes agencies that receive HUD funding as well as those that do not. Most agencies enter data in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). Some agencies, such as domestic violence programs do not participate in HMIS. In those cases ADOH requests information for the count from those individual agencies. HUD considers only those in emergency shelter and transitional housing as "homeless". Those in permanent housing are counted to give an overall picture of persons housed by homeless service providers, but are not considered in the official homeless count.

- **The Unsheltered Count –** In addition to the sheltered count, HUD also requires continuums of care to count persons who are unsheltered, also on a point in time date during the last week of January every other year. ADOH provides coordination for this effort statewide, but local coordinators and volunteers in communities throughout the BOSCOC complete the count. In 2013 the BOSCOC decided to conduct unsheltered counts in the summer in those years when the HUD required count does not take place. The purpose of the counts at different times of the year is to assess how individuals move throughout the state based on the changes in weather.

2015 SHELTERED and UNSHELTERED COUNT
The following provides a summary of statewide data. See the full data report for additional information.

Sheltered Count – Persons staying in emergency shelter including domestic violence shelters or living in housing provided by a transitional housing or permanent supportive housing program are included in this report. **It is important to note however, that HUD defines the sheltered homeless count as including only those persons in emergency shelter and transitional housing since persons in permanent housing are no longer experiencing homelessness.** Persons are counted regardless of whether the program received funding from HUD or not. If agencies enter data in HMIS, that data is used in the count. If agencies do not participate in HMIS, ADOH requests those organizations to complete a brief survey. Information was collected for persons who were sheltered in one of these programs on the evening of January 27, 2015. The highlights of the count are as follows:

- 112 projects are represented in the count. The chart that follows illustrates persons housed across all types of project by county on the night of January 27, 2015:

Persons Sheltered 1/27/15

County	Count
Apache	35
Apache, Navajo *	27
Cochise	255
Cochise, Graham, Greenlee, Santa Cruz *	61
Coconino	760
Gila	31
Graham	11
La Paz	14
La Paz, Yuma *	51
Mohave	247
Navajo	165
Pinal	241
Santa Cruz	13
Yavapai	262
Yuma	389

*Some projects operate in more than one county and are listed separately.

- Of all the programs, 35.71% (40) were emergency or temporary shelter; 11.61% (13) were transitional housing; 32.14% (36) were permanent supportive housing, 8.04% (9) were other permanent housing and 12.50% (14) were rapid re-housing programs.

- Of all the beds (2,659), 34.83% (926) were emergency or temporary shelter beds; 9.63% (256) were transitional housing beds; 16.10% (428) beds designated for rapid re-housing; 34.75% (924) permanent supportive housing beds and 4.70% (125) other types of permanent housing.

- The overall utilization rate of all beds on the night of January 27, 2015 was 96.35%, an increase of 12.29% over the utilization rate of 85.8% in 2013.

Unsheltered Count

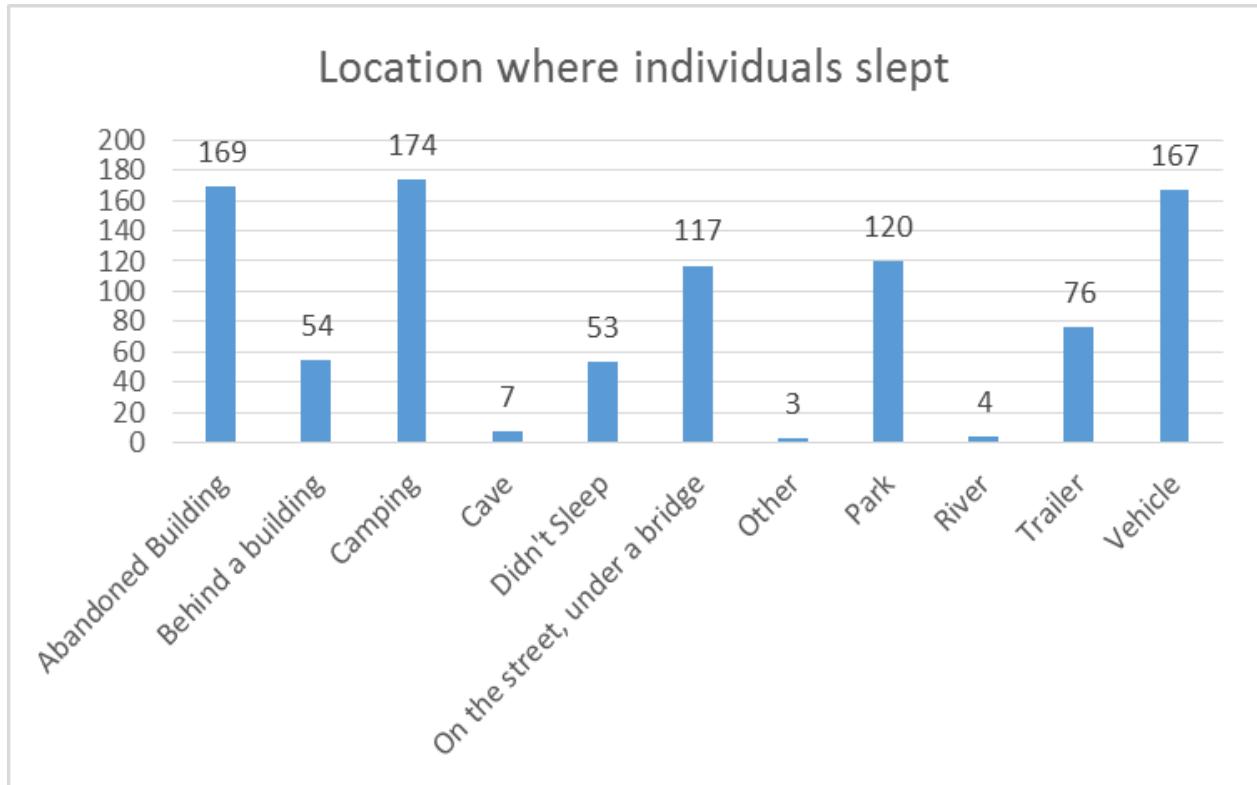Arizona conducted the unsheltered count during the last week in January 2015. Persons were included in the count from all thirteen counties in the continuum. There were coordinators in each county who recruited and coordinated 205 volunteers to conduct the count. Persons who came to locations such as feeding programs were asked if they would participate in a brief survey which provided the data for the count. Persons who participated were offered a small gift such as socks and/or hygiene items for participating. A total of 1,064 surveys were collected statewide of which 944 (89%) were included in the final count. Surveys that were not used in the final unsheltered count included individuals who reported that they had spent the previous night in a shelter, in a friend's home, or in a motel room among others. Only persons who slept in a place not meant for human habitation, such as a car, on the street, in a riverbed, in the forest or some similar location were counted. The following provides an overview of the surveys collected by county:
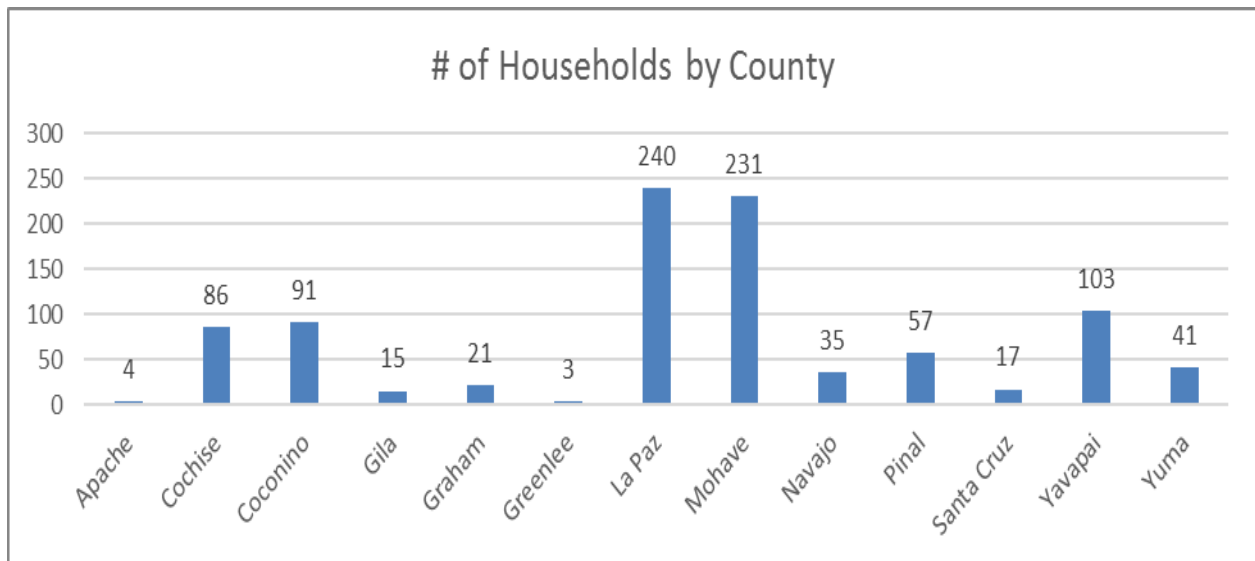

The 944 households included in the survey had a total of 1,305 individuals in those households. The majority of persons were single person households. The following provides an overview by type of household ("unaccompanied children" is defined as children who present as a household):
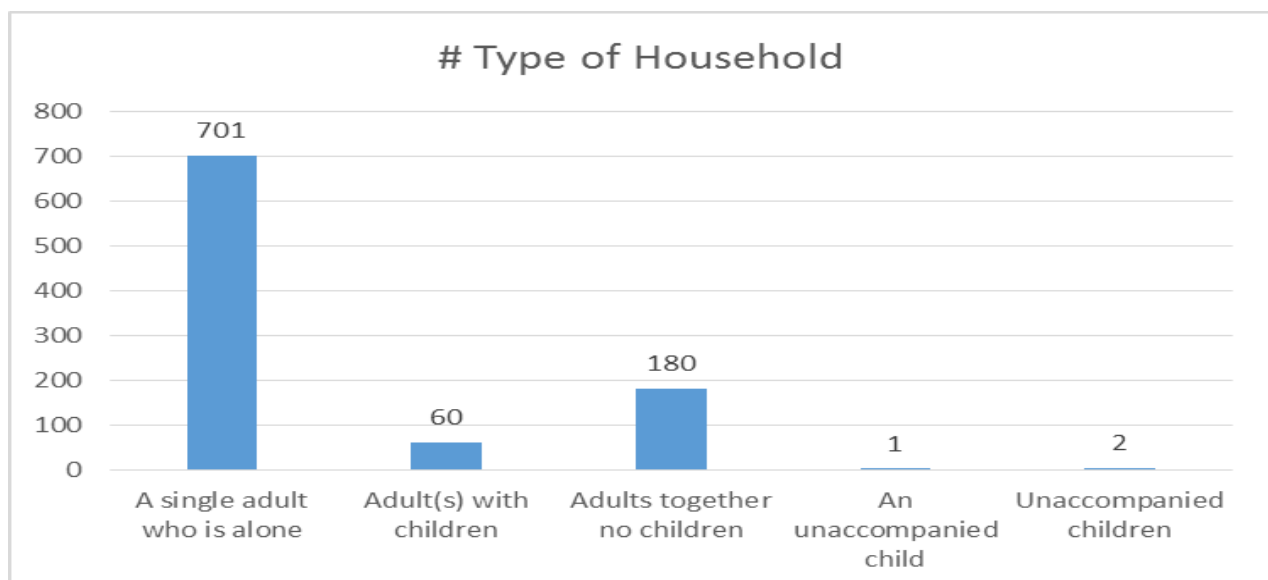
Persons slept in a variety of locations on the night before they participated in the count. The majority of persons were camping out in the forest, mountains or desert, staying in a vehicle or sleeping in an abandoned structure. The following provides a summary of where individuals indicated that they spent the night before the count:

Location where individuals slept

Location	Count
Abandoned Building	169
Behind a building	54
Camping	174
Cave	7
Didn't Sleep	53
On the street, under a bridge	117
Other	3
Park	120
River	4
Trailer	76
Vehicle	167

- 78.16% of all persons included in the survey were over 24; 8.35% were between 18 and 24, and 7.13% were under 18. Age was not available for 6.36% of the persons counted.

- The majority of individuals were male (60.15%), with females representing approximately a third of those counted (33.49%). Less than 1% of individuals counted identified has transgender. Gender was not available for 6.28% of individuals in households.

- 17.24% of all individuals in households were Hispanic.

- The majority of persons in households identified as White (70.96%) followed by Native Americans (16.32%). Additionally, 2.99% were African American and 1% were Asian. A total of 4.29% identified as multiple races and information was not available for 4.44% of individuals.

- The majority of persons (30.51%) have experienced homelessness for more than 24 months. The next highest category was those persons who have experienced homelessness between 7 and 11 months (19.39%).

How long without a home
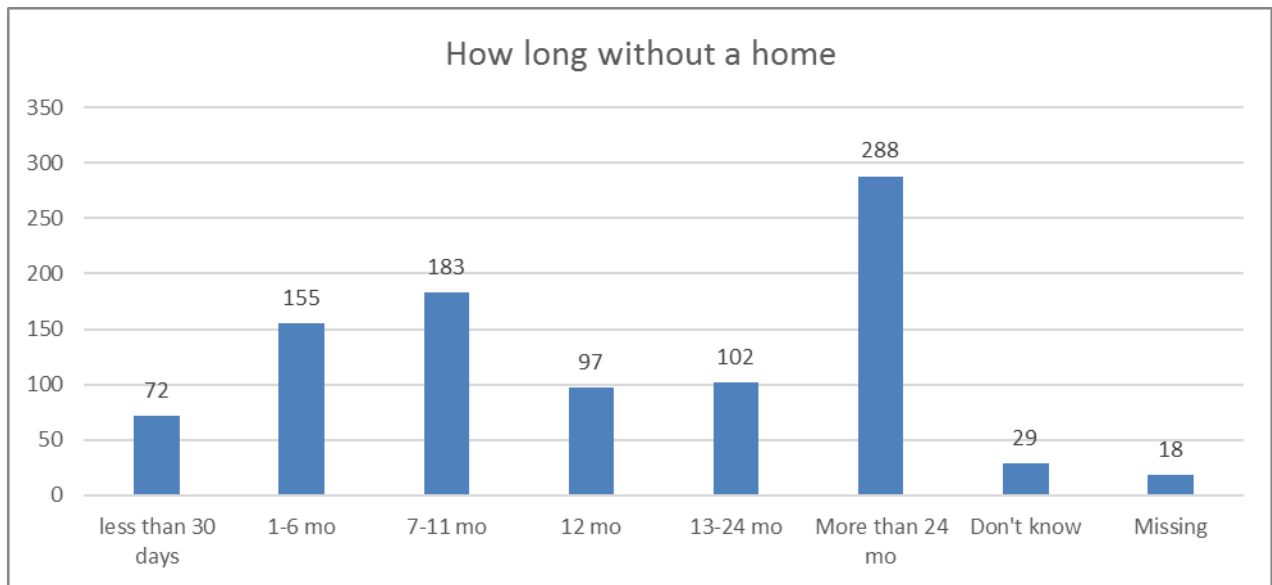
- 41.10% of persons indicated they had served in the armed forces. And additional 2.22% indicated that a member in their household had been part of the armed forces.

- Individuals reported multiple conditions with substance use (29.13%) being the most frequently reported followed by a mental health issue (21.70%). (Individuals were able to report multiple conditions.)

Conditions Reported
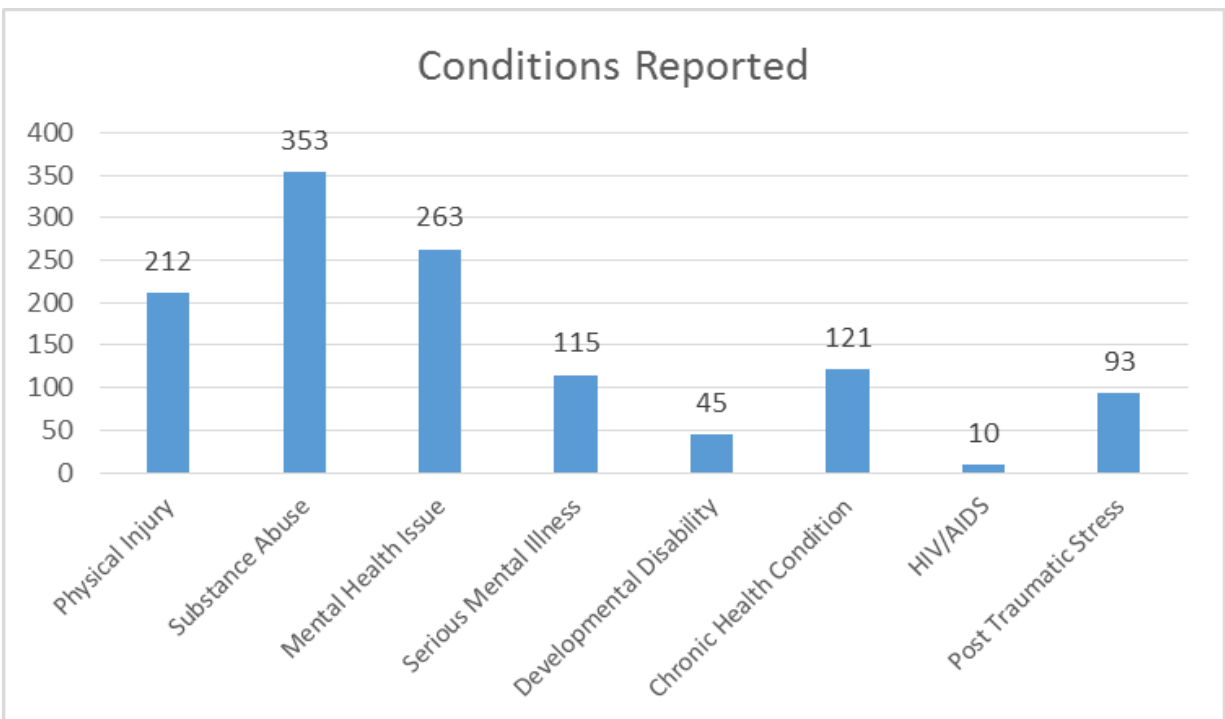
- 17.58% of persons indicated they had been victims of domestic violence.

- Of the 944 households, 406 (43%) reported experiencing homelessness for a year or more or have had four or more episodes of homelessness during the past three years. Individuals also reported one or more disabling conditions. These households included 522 individuals. These households/individuals meet the HUD definition of experiencing chronically homelessness.

Data for the shelter and unsheltered count that took place in 2015 is included in this report and includes both statewide data as well as information for each county. For further information about the Balance of State Continuum of Care, please contact Karia Basta, Special Needs Administrator, Arizona Department of Housing, karia.basta@azhousing.gov.

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Summary
Balance of State Continuum of Care
(All counties except Maricopa and Pima)

Balance of State
2015 Point In Time Report
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Statewide Unsheltered Count Data Summary							
County	# of Households	%					
Apache	4	0.42%					
Cochise	86	9.11%					
Coconino	91	9.64%					
Gila	15	1.59%					
Graham	21	2.22%					
Greenlee	3	0.32%					
La Paz	240	25.42%					
Mohave	231	24.47%					
Navajo	35	3.71%					
Pinal	57	6.04%					
Santa Cruz	17	1.80%					
Yavapai	103	10.91%					
Yuma	41	4.34%					
	944						
County	# of Persons in Households	%					
Apache	8	0.61%					
Cochise	90	6.90%					
Coconino	151	11.57%					
Gila	15	1.15%					
Graham	39	2.99%					
Greenlee	4	0.31%					
La Paz	355	27.20%					
Mohave	311	23.83%					
Navajo	52	3.98%					
Pinal	75	5.75%					
Santa Cruz	19	1.46%					
Yavapai	141	10.80%					
Yuma	45	3.45%					
	1305	100.00%					
Q1 Type of Household	# Type of Household	%					
A single adult who is alone	701	74.26%					
Adult(s) with children	60	6.36%					
Adults together no children	180	19.07%					
An unaccompanied child	1	0.11%					
Unaccompanied children	2	0.21%					
	944						
Veteran Status	#	%					
A member of household	21	2.22%					
I am a veteran	388	41.10%					
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Where did you sleep	#	%				
Abandoned Building	169	17.90%				
Behind a building	54	5.72%				
Camping	174	18.43%				
Cave	7	0.74%				
Didn't Sleep	53	5.61%				
On the street, under a bridge	117	12.39%				
Other	3	0.32%				
Park	120	12.71%				
River	4	0.42%				
Trailer	76	8.05%				
Vehicle	167	17.69%				
	944					
How long without home	#	%				
less than 30 days	72	7.63%				
1-6 mo	155	16.42%				
7-11 mo	183	19.39%				
12 mo	97	10.28%				
13-24 mo	102	10.81%				
More than 24 mo	288	30.51%				
Don't know	29	3.07%				
Missing	18	1.91%				
	944					
How many times without home	#	%				
first time	260	27.54%				
once before	222	23.52%				
twice before	125	13.24%				
three times	67	7.10%				
four or more	163	17.27%				
don't know	71	7.52%				
Missing	36	3.81%				
	944	100.00%				

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Conditions reported by person interviewed	#	%				
Physical Injury	212	17.49%				
Substance Abuse	353	29.13%				
Mental Health Issue	263	21.70%				
Serious Mental Illness	115	9.49%				
Developmental Disability	45	3.71%				
Chronic Health Condition	121	9.98%				
HIV/AIDS	10	0.83%				
Post Traumatic Stress	93	7.67%				
	1212					
Conditions reported about other adult(s) in household	#	%				
Physical Injury	21	8.37%				
Substance Abuse	56	22.31%				
Mental Health Issue	73	29.08%				
Serious Mental Illness	56	22.31%				
Developmental Disability	7	2.79%				
Chronic Health Condition	17	6.77%				
HIV/AIDS	5	1.99%				
Post Traumatic Stress	16	6.37%				
	251					
Q6 Victim of domestic Violence	#	%				
yes	166	17.58%				
Reason(s) for being homeless	#	%				
Housing Costs	194	13.58%				
Household Family Dispute	105	7.35%				
No Employment	471	32.96%				
Employment not sufficient	89	6.23%				
Eviction	92	6.44%				
Home situation not safe	38	2.66%				
Broke down traveling	13	0.91%				
Partner passed away	32	2.24%				
Substance abuse issues	126	8.82%				
Criminal Justice involvement	48	3.36%				
by choice	85	5.95%				
Income not sufficient	136	9.52%				
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Have employment	#	%				
All are employed full time	20	2.12%				
All part-time	31	3.28%				
None have employment	671	71.08%				
retired	1	0.11%				
Some are, some aren't	25	2.65%				
Some full, some part-time	27	2.86%				
Missing	169	17.90%				
	944					
Length in Arizona	#	%				
Less than 30 days	34	3.60%				
2-6 months	87	9.22%				
7-11 months	162	17.16%				
12 months	64	6.78%				
13-24 months	68	7.20%				
more than 24 months	277	29.34%				
all my life	198	20.97%				
don't know	27	2.86%				
missing	27	2.86%				
	944					
Spend winter and summer in different places	#	%				
yes	149	15.78%				
no	748	79.24%				
missing	47	4.98%				
	944					

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Under 18	18-24	Over 24	Don't know/missing			
93	109	1020	83	1305		
7.13%	8.35%	78.16%	6.36%	100.00%		
Females	Males	M to F	F to M	Don't know/missing		
437	785	0	1	82	1305	
33.49%	60.15%	0.00%	0.08%	6.28%		
Hispanic						
225						
17.24%						
White	African American	Asian	Native American	Multiple Races	Don't know/missing	
926	39	13	213	56	58	1305
70.96%	2.99%	1.00%	16.32%	4.29%	4.44%	

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	Information related to Persons who meet the definition of Chronically Homeless					
County	# of households that meet the definition of chronic homelessness					
Apache	1	0.25%				
Cochise	60	14.78%				
Coconino	47	11.58%				
Gila	2	0.49%				
Graham	10	2.46%				
Greenlee	2	0.49%				
La Paz	73	17.98%				
Mohave	104	25.62%				
Navajo	10	2.46%				
Pinal	18	4.43%				
Santa Cruz	10	2.46%				
Yavapai	45	11.08%				
Yuma	24	5.91%				
	406					
County	# of persons in households that meet the chronic homeless definition					
Apache	5	0.96%				
Cochise	61	11.69%				
Coconino	76	14.56%				
Gila	2	0.38%				
Graham	13	2.49%				
Greenlee	2	0.38%				
La Paz	106	20.31%				
Mohave	128	24.52%				
Navajo	13	2.49%				
Pinal	20	3.83%				
Santa Cruz	11	2.11%				
Yavapai	59	11.30%				
Yuma	26	4.98%				
	522	100.00%				

Point-in-Time Count Veterans AZ-500 Arizona Balance of State CoC

Inventory Count Date: 1/27/2015
Population: Sheltered and Unsheltered Count

Persons in Households with at least one Adult and one Child

	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Total Number of Households	3	1	22	26
Total Number of Persons	5	2	89	96
Total Number of Veterans	3	1	22	26

Gender (veterans only)	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Female	0	0	8	8
Male	3	1	14	18
Transgender (male to female)	0	0	0	0
Transgender (female to male)	0	0	0	0

Ethnicity (veterans only)	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	3	0	6	9
Hispanic/Latino	0	1	16	17

Point-in-Time Count Veterans AZ-500 Arizona Balance of State CoC

Race (veterans only)	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
White	2	1	17	**20**
Black or African-American	0	0	0	**0**
Asian	0	0	0	**0**
American Indian or Alaska Native	1	0	3	**4**
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	**0**
Multiple Races	0	0	2	**2**

Inventory Count Date: 1/27/2015
Population: Sheltered and Unsheltered Count

Persons in Households without Children

	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
Total Number of Households	45	58	0	387	**490**
Total Number of Persons	45	58	0	509	**612**
Total Number of Veterans	45	58	0	387	**490**

Gender (veterans only)	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
Female	2	3	0	102	**107**
Male	43	55	0	285	**383**
Transgender (male to female)	0	0	0	0	**0**
Transgender (female to male)	0	0	0	0	**0**

Ethnicity (veterans only)	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	41	56	0	91	**188**
Hispanic/Latino	4	2	0	296	**302**

Race (veterans only)	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
White	32	50	0	308	**390**
Black or African-American	3	5	0	11	**19**
Asian	1	1	0	4	**6**
American Indian or Alaska Native	9	2	0	53	**64**
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	**0**
Multiple Races	0	0	0	11	**11**

Point-in-Time Summary Veterans for AZ-500 - Arizona Balance of State CoC

Date of PIT Count: 1/27/2015
Population: Sheltered and Unsheltered Count

Total Households and Persons

	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
Total Number of Households	48	59	0	409	**516**
Total Number of Persons	50	60	0	598	**708**
Total Number of Veterans	48	59	0	409	**516**

Gender

	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
Female	2	3	0	110	**115**
Male	46	56	0	299	**401**
Transgender (male to female)	0	0	0	0	**0**
Transgender (female to male)	0	0	0	0	**0**

Ethnicity

	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	44	56	0	97	**197**
Hispanic/Latino	4	3	0	312	**319**

Race

	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		

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White	34	51	0	325	**410**
Black or African-American	3	5	0	11	**19**
Asian	1	1	0	4	**6**
American Indian or Alaska Native	10	2	0	56	**68**
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	**0**
Multiple Races	0	0	0	13	**13**

Point-in-Time Subpopulations Summary for AZ-500 - Arizona Balance of State CoC

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Chronically Homeless Subpopulations

	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency Shelters	Safe Haven		
Chronically Homeless Individuals	20	0	455	**475**
Chronically Homeless Families (Total Number of Families)	0		17	**17**
Chronically Homeless Families (Total Persons in Household)	0		67	**67**

Chronically Homeless Veterans

	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency Shelters	Safe Haven		
Chronically Homeless Individuals	4	0	184	**188**
Chronically Homeless Families (Total Number of Families)	0		9	**9**
Chronically Homeless Families (Total Persons in Household)	0		39	**39**

Other Homeless Subpopulations

	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total
	Persons in emergency shelters, transitional housing and safe havens		
Adults with a Serious Mental Illness	31	171	**202**
Adults with a Substance Use Disorder	26	409	**435**
Adults with HIV/AIDS	1	15	**16**
Victims of Domestic Violence	186	166	**352**

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Persons in Households with at least one Adult and one Child

	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Total Number of Households	105	38	59	**202**
Total Number of persons (Adults & Children)	**343**	**121**	**215**	679
Number of Persons (under age 18)	202	76	89	**367**
Number of Persons (18 - 24)	31	10	34	**75**
Number of Persons (over age 24)	110	35	92	**237**

Gender (adults and children)	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Female	231	85	109	**425**
Male	112	36	106	**254**
Transgender (male to female)	0	0	0	**0**
Transgender (female to male)	0	0	0	**0**

Ethnicity (adults and children)	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	220	71	173	**464**
Hispanic/Latino	123	50	42	**215**

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Race (adults and children)	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
White	215	80	114	**409**
Black or African-American	16	6	6	**28**
Asian	0	0	2	**2**
American Indian or Alaska Native	89	31	76	**196**
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	4	0	**4**
Multiple Races	23	0	17	**40**

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Persons in Households with only Children

	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Total Number of Households	23	2	4	29
Total Number of children (under age 18)	23	2	4	29

Gender (adults and children)	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Female	11	0	1	12
Male	12	2	3	17
Transgender (male to female)	0	0	0	0
Transgender (female to male)	0	0	0	0

Ethnicity (adults and children)	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	17	1	3	21
Hispanic/Latino	6	1	1	8

Race (adults and children)	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
White	12	1	4	**17**
Black or African-American	1	0	0	**1**
Asian	0	0	0	**0**
American Indian or Alaska Native	5	1	0	**6**
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1	0	0	**1**
Multiple Races	4	0	0	**4**

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Persons in Households without Children

	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
Total Number of Households	485	120	0	881	**1,486**
Total Number of persons (Adults)	**485**	**123**	**0**	**1,086**	**1,694**
Number of Persons (18 - 24)	34	15	0	75	**124**
Number of Persons (over age 24)	451	108	0	1,011	**1,570**

Gender (adults and children)	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
Female	183	49	0	367	**599**
Male	301	74	0	718	**1,093**
Transgender (male to female)	1	0	0	1	**2**
Transgender (female to male)	0	0	0	0	**0**

Ethnicity (adults and children)	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	400	106	0	904	**1,410**
Hispanic/Latino	85	17	0	182	**284**

Race (adults and children)	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
White	345	99	0	866	**1,310**
Black or African-American	27	9	0	33	**69**
Asian	3	1	0	11	**15**
American Indian or Alaska Native	100	12	0	137	**249**
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2	0	0	0	**2**
Multiple Races	8	2	0	39	**49**

Date of PIT Count: 1/27/2015
Population: Sheltered and Unsheltered Count

Total Households and Persons

	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
Total Number of Households	613	160	0	944	**1,717**
Total Number of Persons	851	246	0	1,305	**2,402**
Number of Children (under age 18)	225	78		93	**396**
Number of Persons (18 to 24)	65	25	0	109	**199**
Number of Persons (over age 24)	561	143	0	1103	**1,807**

Gender

	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
Female	425	134	0	477	**1,036**
Male	425	112	0	827	**1,364**
Transgender (male to female)	1	0	0	1	**2**
Transgender (female to male)	0	0	0	0	**0**

Ethnicity

	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	637	178	0	1080	**1,895**
Hispanic/Latino	214	68	0	225	**507**

Race

	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		

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White	572	180	0	984	**1,736**
Black or African-American	44	15	0	39	**98**
Asian	3	1	0	13	**17**
American Indian or Alaska Native	194	44	0	213	**451**
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	3	4	0	0	**7**
Multiple Races	35	2	0	56	**93**

Methodology for AZ-500 - Arizona Balance of State CoC

Sheltered Population Total

1. What data source(s) was used to produce the total number of people included in the sheltered population (staying in an emergency shelter, Safe Haven, or transitional housing) on the night of the count?

- HMIS Data

- Provider survey(s)

2. Were you able to collect information about the number of people being sheltered on the night of the count from all emergency shelters, Safe Havens, and transitional housing projects listed on your HIC or only some?

- All providers gave the required information

4. What method(s) were used to obtain the highest quality count of your sheltered population?

- Reviewed HUD guidance and/or trainings on conducting a PIT count

- Ensured HMIS data was reviewed and complied with data quality standards (e.g., complete and up-to-date demographic data, such as gender)

- Written instructions to providers

- Reminded/followed-up with providers about the count to maximize participation

- Compared the counts to other internal data sources and resolved inconsistencies

- Compared the counts to last year's counts and explained the changes

5. Did your approach to collecting PIT counts of sheltered populations differ from your approach to collecting PIT counts of sheltered subpopulations?

No

3. What information or method(s) was used to de-duplicate the count of the total number of people included in the sheltered population?

  - Blitz count of persons in shelters (i.e., count occurred at same time to avoid double counting)

Sheltered Subpopulation

6. What data source(s) was used to produce the demographic and subpopulation included in the sheltered population (staying in an emergency shelter, Safe Haven, or transitional housing) on the night of the count?

- HMIS Data

- Provider survey(s)

7. Were you able to collect information about the demographic and subpopulation characteristics of all sheltered people or only some?

- All sheltered people

8. What method(s) were used to obtain the highest quality demographic and subpopulation information about your sheltered population?

- Reviewed HUD guidance and/or trainings on conducting a PIT count

- Written instructions to providers

- Reminded/followed-up with providers about the count to maximize participation

- Compared the counts to other internal data sources and resolved inconsistencies

- Compared the counts to last year's counts and explained the changes

Unsheltered Population

9. What approach was used to count the total number of people included in the unsheltered population during the PIT count?

- "Night of the count" canvassing (i.e., PIT volunteers canvass entire CoC geography or known locations on the night of the count)

- "Post-night of the count" surveys within 7 days following the PIT count night (e.g., "service-based count" at locations where people who are homeless go for assistance)

9a. How much of your community was canvassed on the night of the count?

- A subset of areas (e.g., known locations or specific neighborhoods, blocks, census tracts, or other geographies) within my community was canvassed

9b. In areas that were canvassed, did you count all unsheltered people in those areas or a sample of people?

- All people encountered during the count

9a1. Were certain areas within your CoC geography specifically excluded because the CoC had reason to believe there were no unsheltered people in those areas?

No

9a2. How did you select the areas for canvassing?

- Areas were not selected randomly, but an effort was made to use local knowledge to target known locations (e.g., areas with known concentrations of unsheltered homeless people)

9a3. Did you adjust the information in some way (e.g., statistical adjustment or extrapolation) to account for the CoC's entire geography?

No

10. What information or method(s) was used to de-duplicate the total count of people in the unsheltered population?

- Comparison of personally identifying information (PII), such as name, date of birth, and Social Security Number

- Comparison of unique client identifiers (not PII)

- Blitz count of unsheltered people (i.e., canvassing of different areas occurred at same time to avoid double counting)

- Interview/survey question(s) with screening questions (e.g., have you already completed a count survey)

11. What information or method(s) was used to produce an unduplicated total count of homeless people across your sheltered and unsheltered populations?

- Comparison of unique client identifiers (not PII)

- Blitz count of persons in unsheltered locations (i.e., sheltered and unsheltered counts occurred at same time to avoid double counting)

12. What method(s) were used to obtain the highest quality count of total unsheltered people in your unsheltered population?

- Reviewed HUD guidance and/or trainings on conducting an unsheltered count

- Written instructions to canvassers

- Trained canvassers on the data collection requirements/forms/process

- Developed maps and/or used Geographic Information System (GIS) tools to support the count

- Pilot tested the data collection process prior to the PIT count

- Reminded/followed-up with canvassers about the count to maximize participation

- Compared the count to last year's count and explained the changes

13. Did your approach to collecting the total count of unsheltered people differ from your approach to collecting demographic and subpopulations data about unsheltered people?

No

Unsheltered Subpopulations

14. What approach was used to collect demographic and subpopulation data about unsheltered people included in the unsheltered population during the PIT count?

- Surveys/interviews of people identified within 7 days following the night of the PIT count night who may have been unsheltered on the night of the PIT count (e.g., "service-based" surveys at locations where people who are homeless go for assistance)

15a. How did you select those people?

- People were not selected randomly, and the selection was driven by practicality or expediency (e.g., people willing and able to complete a survey on the night of the PIT count)

15b. Did you adjust the information in some way (e.g., statistical adjustment or extrapolation) to account for all persons in all projects?

No

15. Were all people who were encountered during canvassing on the night of the count or during post night of the count PIT activities asked to complete a survey/interview?

   - A subset of people was surveyed

16. What method(s) were used to obtain the highest quality demographic and subpopulation data on unsheltered people included in your unsheltered subpopulations?

   - Reviewed HUD guidance and/or trainings on conducting an unsheltered count

   - Written instructions to canvassers

   - Trained canvassers on the data collection requirements/forms/process

   - Pilot tested the data collection process prior to the PIT count

   - Compared the count to last year's count and explained the changes

Annual Comparison

17. When compared to last year, please indicate whether the sheltered and unsheltered count increased, decreased, or stayed the same. Describe the specific factors that may have resulted in the increase, decrease, or no change.

17a. Compared to last year, the 2015 sheltered count:

   - Increased

Explain:

The sheltered count for 2015 is 851-ES, 246-TH, and 1409-PH. The sheltered count for 2014 was 1029-ES, 320-TH and 926-PH. The AZ BOS COC had and increased in shelter persons due to an increase in the number of persons in PH. Specific factors that may have resulted in the increase in the implementation of coordinated entry through the use of the VI-SPDAT, the addition of PH beds through reallocation and the increase availability of VASH vouchers.

17b. Compared to last year, the 2015 unsheltered count:

- Increased

Explain:

The AZ BOS COC had its last unsheltered count in 2013 with a total of 1049 persons counted. In the 2015 count there were 1305 persons counted. Specific factors the contributed to this increase included better weather in the colder parts of the state, planning that started in late summer and volunteer resources available in counties that generally had not had a significant count in past years.