



MECKLENBURG COUNTY Community Support Services

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Enclosed is a copy of the report, **Charlotte-Mecklenburg Point-in-Time Count 2010-2017**. This report is part of the [Housing Instability & Homelessness Report Series](#), which is designed to better equip our community to make data-driven decisions around housing instability and homelessness.

The [Urban Institute](#) at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte prepared the report. [The Housing Advisory Board of Charlotte-Mecklenburg](#), a volunteer board appointed by the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners and the Charlotte City Council, initiated the report series in 2015. [Mecklenburg County Community Support Services](#) provides funding for the report series.

The **Charlotte-Mecklenburg Point-in-Time Count 2010-2017** report provides an annual snapshot of the number and characteristics of people experiencing homelessness on one night in January. This year's report has two significant updates to inform decision-making around housing and homelessness in the community.

For the first time, information about the capacity to house people experiencing homelessness is provided with the need captured through the Point-in-Time Count. By looking at need and capacity together, the report provides a clearer picture of how resources are used.

The 2017 report also provides historical Point-in-Time Count numbers that have been reviewed and adjusted to align with current U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) guidelines. This important change enables the report to more accurately reflect trends in homelessness.

Some findings from the report include:

- On the night of the Point-in-Time Count, there were 1,476 people experiencing homelessness.
- Overall homelessness decreased by 26% (519 people) since 2010.
- Permanent housing beds increased 321% (1,978 beds) since 2010.
(Permanent housing is a form of affordable housing that serves people experiencing homelessness.)
- Unsheltered homelessness increased 15% (28 people) from 2016 to 2017.

From 2010 to 2017, the population in Mecklenburg County grew by 17%. During significant population growth, Charlotte-Mecklenburg continues to see decreases in overall homelessness. Veteran and chronic homelessness continues to decrease as community initiatives targeting these populations work to coordinate resources and employ best practices.

However, 1,476 people were homeless on the night of January 25, 2017. Unsheltered homelessness continues to increase, even among adults with income. These successes and challenges highlight the critical role of affordable, permanent housing and underscores the need for a new, comprehensive, systemic approach to ending and preventing homelessness. We must build upon our successes and fill the gaps needed, so that all people experiencing homelessness have a path home.

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