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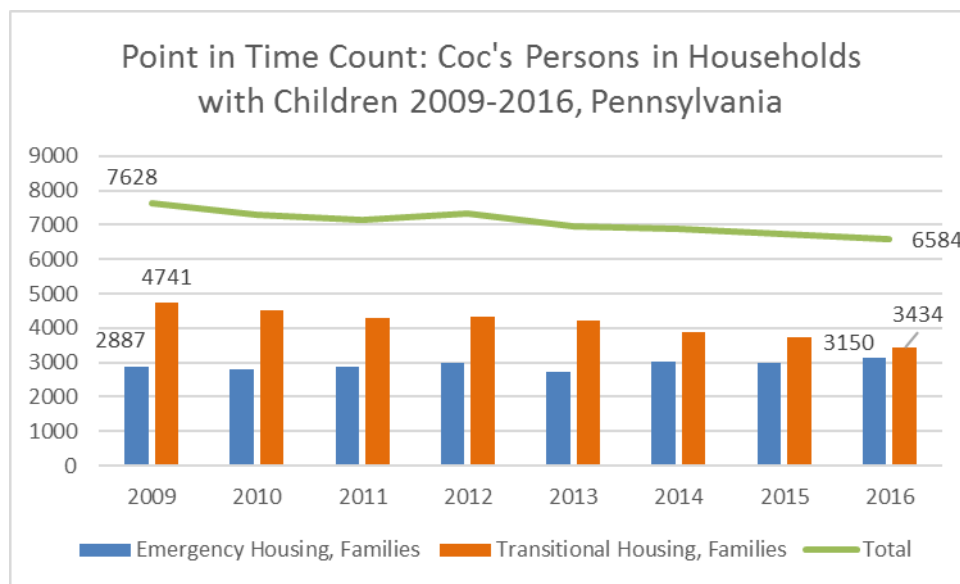
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## Point in Time (PIT) summaries of *families* counted in emergency/transitional housing or on the street experiencing homelessness in Pennsylvania, FY 2009 to FY 2016

The chart below shows numbers of homeless “persons in households with children” while either in shelter or living outdoors according to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).<sup>1</sup> The term “persons in households with children” is HUD’s term for families to distinguish from individual persons who are not accompanied by family members.

Please note that this data comes from what HUD posts onto their web site and **may be different** at the local Continuum of Care (CoC) database for a variety of valid reasons.

Also, please note that these numbers represent what the CoC regions reported as the total number of homeless persons in families identified in a single day/night in January and does not represent the total number of people who experience homelessness in those regions.



## EMERGENCY HOUSING (EH)

This chart suggests:

- **Ten** of the regions reported **more** persons in families in emergency housing since 2012. **Four** regions reported identifying **fewer** persons in families.
- Several regions have consolidated recently. The two new regions, Eastern, PA and Western, PA report **increases** from 2015 to 2016.
- Since 2009, **263 more persons** in families were identified (served) in EH in Pennsylvania.

Summary of Pennsylvania's Point in Time Count for "Persons in Households with Children," or Family members, in EMERGENCY HOUSING, FY 2009-2016										
CoC Region	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	# Change '12-'16	% Change '12-'16
<i>Beaver Co.</i>	34	40	29	17	17	29	38	48	31	182%
<i>Berks Co.</i>	48	42	32	29	55	64	61	47	18	62%
<i>Bucks Co.</i>	81	61	57	68	50	45	44	63	-5	-7%
<i>Central Pa</i>	228	247	247	236	228	247	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>Chester Co.</i>	33	24	39	37	39	60	71	79	42	114%
<i>Delaware Co.</i>	216	200	181	193	127	111	118	110	-83	-43%
<i>Eastern Pa*</i>							470	473	3	1%
<i>Erie Co.</i>	109	26	121	104	61	58	33	51	-53	-51%
<i>Harrisburg/Dauphin</i>	84	69	69	60	64	63	75	71	11	18%
<i>Lackawanna Co.</i>	25	18	28	27	25	39	13	36	9	33%
<i>Lancaster Co.</i>	69	86	87	72	73	95	61	116	44	61%
<i>Luzerne Co.</i>	13	42	15	16	23	24	26	18	2	13%
<i>Montgomery Co.</i>	103	96	91	106	77	90	90	102	-4	-4%
<i>Northeast Pa</i>	91	109	103	173	155	164	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>Northwest Pa</i>	52	97	80	98	56	57	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>Philadelphia</i>	1,504	1,462	1,386	1,467	1,394	1,512	1,512	1,482	15	1%
<i>Pittsburgh/Allegheny Co.</i>	100	75	138	107	116	183	132	189	82	77%
<i>Southwest Pa</i>	97	89	135	109	109	101	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>Western Pa *</i>							145	162	17	12%
<i>York Co.</i>			45	77	67	70	91	103	26	34%
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	<b>2,887</b>	<b>2,783</b>	<b>2,883</b>	<b>2,996</b>	<b>2,736</b>	<b>3,012</b>	<b>2,980</b>	<b>3,150</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>5%</b>

Table 1: Eastern consolidated Central PA and Northeast PA, and Western PA consolidated Northwest PA and Southwest PA

## TRANSITIONAL HOUSING (TH)

This chart suggests:

- Since 2009, **1,307 fewer persons** in families were identified (served) in transitional housing in Pennsylvania.
- Several regions have consolidated recently. The two new regions, Eastern, PA and Western, PA report **decreases** from 2015 to 2016.
- **Ten** regions reported fewer persons in families being served in TH, while **four** showed it served more than in 2012.

Summary of Pennsylvania's Point in Time Count for "Persons in Households with Children," or Family members, in TRANSITIONAL HOUSING, FY 2009-2016										
CoC Region	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	# Change '12-'16	% Change '12-'16
<i>Beaver Co.</i>	47	21	25	26	24	22	32	25	-1	-4%
<i>Berks Co.</i>	114	128	94	86	137	157	115	118	32	37%
<i>Bucks Co.</i>	215	244	268	246	265	263	245	262	16	7%
<i>Central Pa</i>	424	401	304	340	357	335	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>Chester Co.</i>	138	139	166	178	104	113	113	94	-84	-47%
<i>Delaware Co.</i>	290	251	217	167	168	141	49	49	-118	-71%
<i>Eastern Pa*</i>							677	614	-63	-9%
<i>Erie Co.</i>	74	49	46	111	90	76	88	69	-42	-38%
<i>Harrisburg/Dauphin</i>	96	81	100	89	97	96	123	124	35	39%
<i>Lackawanna Co.</i>	113	122	126	141	135	131	103	90	-51	-36%
<i>Lancaster Co.</i>	214	214	168	249	186	146	123	78	-171	-69%
<i>Luzerne Co.</i>	58	42	49	68	36	53	48	42	-26	-38%
<i>Montgomery Co.</i>	180	162	167	165	203	153	159	133	-32	-19%
<i>Northeast Pa</i>	366	362	390	326	306	288	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>Northwest Pa</i>	76	64	54	99	101	112	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>Philadelphia</i>	1,746	1,545	1,466	1,337	1,181	1,117	1,140	1,200	-137	-10%
<i>Pittsburgh/Allegheny Co.</i>	411	468	414	453	549	395	373	212	-241	-53%
<i>Southwest Pa</i>	179	217	174	196	219	222	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>Western Pa *</i>							280	250	-30	-11%
<i>York Co.</i>			53	71	66	49	76	74	3	4%
<b>Pennsylvania Totals</b>	<b>4,741</b>	<b>4,510</b>	<b>4,281</b>	<b>4,348</b>	<b>4,224</b>	<b>3,869</b>	<b>3,744</b>	<b>3,434</b>	<b>-914</b>	<b>-21%</b>

Table 2: Eastern consolidated Central PA and Northeast PA, and Western PA consolidated Northwest PA and Southwest PA

**Notes:**

1. According to HUD, the Point in Time Count is a count of sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons on a single night in January. HUD requires that Continuums of Care conduct an annual count of homeless persons who are sheltered in emergency shelter, transitional housing, and Safe Havens on a single night. See <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/hdx/guides/pit-hic/> The twenty regions identified above have changed over time. “Northeast PA” and “Central PA” merged to become “Eastern PA.” “Northwest PA” and “Southwest PA” merged to become “Western PA.”
2. According to HUD, “These data are used to measure homelessness on a local and national level and are published annually on HUD’s HUD Exchange website, which can be viewed by CoCs and the general public. PIT count data are also provided annually to Congress as part of the Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR). The AHAR is used by Congress, HUD, other federal departments, and the general public to understand the nature and extent of homelessness. HUD’s PIT count data has become increasingly important as a measure of our local and national progress related to preventing and ending homelessness, especially with relation to our progress towards meeting the goals of Opening Doors: Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness. Therefore, it has become necessary to ask for more detailed information and to ensure that the data submitted to HUD are as complete and accurate as practicable.” (source: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/PIT-Count-Methodology-Guide.pdf>)

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.hudexchange.info/manage-a-program/coc-housing-inventory-count-reports/>