

POINT-IN-TIME COUNT of homelessness in Columbus & Franklin County

The 2018 point-in-time count of people experiencing homelessness in Columbus and Franklin County will be held on **Wednesday, January 31, 2018**.

Community Shelter Board will lead Columbus' and Franklin County's annual count of the area's sheltered and unsheltered homeless populations, including adults, youth and children. Point-in-time counts are an important method used to better understand the extent and nature of homelessness in communities across the nation.

Community Shelter Board is working in collaboration with local service providers, partner agencies and volunteers. In an effort to make sure the count is as comprehensive as possible, the count will be conducted in a number of different ways.



Data system

CSB's homeless management information system will be used to capture the number of people sheltered overnight on Jan 30.



Land count

Street outreach teams across the community will conduct counts of people on the streets and at known encampments across Franklin County during early morning hours.



Meal sites & other service points

Volunteers will conduct counts at soup kitchens and feeding sites. Service-based agencies that have clients experiencing homelessness will also conduct counts.

340

people were counted
on the streets during
the Jan 2017 count.

1,351

were counted in
shelter & transitional
housing

Interview opportunities are available at 4:30 am and 11:00 am. Contact Sara Loken to reserve a spot and receive location details.

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Community Shelter Board leads a coordinated effort to both prevent and end homelessness every day, while also assuring the immediate needs of those experiencing homelessness are met. As the community's collective impact organization for ending homelessness in Columbus and Franklin County, Community Shelter Board brings together 16 agencies across the community to work together as a cohesive system for change. With the support of a compassionate community, its system of care served more than 12,000 people last year with homelessness prevention, shelter, street outreach, rapid re-housing, and permanent supportive housing. Community Shelter Board is funded by the City of Columbus, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners, the United Way of Central Ohio, The Columbus Foundation, Nationwide Foundation, American Electric Power Foundation, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the State of Ohio, and many other public and private investors.