



MECKLENBURG COUNTY Community Support Services

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Attached is a copy of the report, “**Charlotte-Mecklenburg Point-in-Time Count**” for 2016. This report kicks off the [2016 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. Mecklenburg County Community Support Services provided funding for the report series.

The goal of this report is to describe the number and characteristics of persons experiencing homelessness – in a shelter and on the streets – on a single night in January 2016. The report also examines trends in homelessness by including historical point-in-time count data beginning in 2009.

Some findings include:

- Overall homelessness decreased by 36 percent (1,006 persons) since 2010.
- Chronic homelessness decreased by 39 percent (110 persons) from 2015 to 2016.
- Veteran homelessness decreased by 19 percent (36 persons) from 2015 to 2016.
- Family homelessness decreased by 14 percent (108 persons) from 2015 to 2016.

The Point-in-Time Count is federally mandated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for all communities receiving federal funds through the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants Program. While it is a requirement, we also complete the Point-in-Time Count because it helps our community.

With each year that we take on the Point-in-Time Count, Charlotte-Mecklenburg has improved its data collection and reporting process. Through the analysis of all of our years of data, we are now in an even better position to assess real progress. We have achieved substantial results in ending chronic and veteran homelessness and are beginning to see promising results in family and youth homelessness.

However, we still have much work to do to close the gap for all individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Through this report, we are continuing to raise awareness around the issues of homelessness and the continued need in our community for effective housing solutions.

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