



A snapshot of Indy's homeless populations based on the 2013 Point-in-Time report. Full report available at www.CHIPindy.org

*Faces
of
Homelessness
2013*

Key facts about homelessness in Indianapolis

OVERALL

4,800 to 8,000

Individuals in Marion County who experience homelessness over the course of a year
Individuals who were experiencing homelessness on a single night in late January 2013

1,599

- 1,455 in emergency shelters or temporary housing
- 120 unsheltered/living on the street
- 24 in safe havens

The top reasons individuals experience homelessness in Indianapolis:

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1. Job loss
2. Being asked to leave
3. Eviction

DEMOGRAPHICS

GENDER

38%/57%

The percentage of those experiencing homelessness, including children under the age of 18, who are female/male (rounding error is due to those who did not provide their gender).

AGE

35-61

Excluding children under the age of 18, the age range of the majority (69%) of adults experiencing homelessness. The majority:

- Younger females (ages 25-49), usually with families
- Older, single males (ages 35-61)

EDUCATION/EMPLOYMENT

25%

The percentage of those experiencing homelessness who are employed.

77%

The percentage of those experiencing homelessness who have a high school education or higher. Thirty percent have some college; 8% are college graduates

18%

The percentage of those experiencing homelessness who currently are in school or training.

VETERANS

25%

The percentage of those experiencing homelessness who are veterans.

80%

The percentage of veterans experiencing homelessness who are living in transitional housing.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

One-third

The number of those experiencing homelessness who belonged to a family (490, or 32%).

328

Or 22%, the number of children (ages 18 and younger) experiencing homelessness. Although fewer families are experiencing homelessness (down to 151 in 2013 from 177 in 2012), larger families are experiencing homelessness. Actually, 328×10.83 , or 3,553—the number of children (ages 18 and younger) experiencing homelessness based on the McKinney Vento definition of homelessness broadened to include those who are doubled up, or living with other families.

x10

100%

Almost all families experiencing homelessness are staying in emergency or temporary housing.

CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS

164

The number of those experiencing chronic homelessness (continually homeless for at least a year or having at least four episodes of homelessness in the past three years).

Of the 164 individuals who are experiencing chronic homelessness, 45 are living unsheltered (on the street).

MEDICAL CONDITIONS

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The top primary medical conditions of those experiencing homelessness:

- Diagnosis of a mental illness (325 individuals)
- Alcohol addiction (300 individuals)
- Drug addiction (216 individuals)

NEW CAUSES IDENTIFIED

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The number of new issues that arose due to the addition of an “Other” write-in category. The new issues:

- **Incarceration.** While almost 2 in 10 adults experiencing homelessness (18%) have a felony conviction, the percentage doubles in those who are living unsheltered (36%).
- **Domestic violence.** Almost 3 out of 10 adults experiencing homelessness reported being a victim of domestic violence (343, or about 28%). Although most are sheltered, 10% are living on the street.
- **Health.**