Every two years, Multnomah County and the City of Portland have worked together on a comprehensive “point-in-time” count of children and adults experiencing homelessness.

This year, volunteers and outreach workers asked where those neighbors slept the night of Feb. 22: in emergency shelter, in transitional housing or somewhere else not considered fit for human habitation. Communities nationwide must conduct counts to remain eligible for federal grant funding.

This year’s count, with 11.6 percent fewer people counted sleeping without shelter, speaks to the promise of our community’s unprecedented investments in rent assistance, housing placements and more than 600 new beds of shelter.

Last budget year, partners in our community initiative to end homelessness, A Home for Everyone, helped more than 25,600 people, providing a record 4,600 housing placements and a record 6,600 people served in shelter. Through three-quarters of the 2017 fiscal year, those providers have already reached another record for shelter access and are ahead of last year’s pace in housing placements.

Who’s Homeless in Multnomah County in 2017?

Homelessness By Gender

- **Overall Adult Population**
  - Men: 61.3%
  - Women: 36.2%
  - Transgender: 1.1%
  - Another Identifier: 0.4%
  - Unknown: 1%

- **Homelessness By Gender**
  - **Shelter Status, All Ages**
    - Male: 37.1%
      - Emergency Shelter: 18.5%
      - Transitional Housing: 25.5%
      - Unsheltered: 32.3%
    - Female: 44.4%
      - Emergency Shelter: 17.9%
      - Transitional Housing: 49.8%
      - Unsheltered: 32.3%
    - Transgender: 27.3%
      - Emergency Shelter: 20.5%
      - Transitional Housing: 52.3%
      - Unsheltered: 27.3%

Homelessness By Family Status

- **Families with Children**
  - Unsheltered: 62.7%
  - Sheltered (emergency shelter and transitional housing): 37.3%

- **Individual Adults**
  - Unsheltered: 38.2%
  - Sheltered (emergency shelter and transitional housing): 61.8%

Chronic Homelessness

- **Chronically Homeless**
  - Unsheltered: 47.8%
  - Sheltered (emergency shelter and transitional housing): 52.2%

- **Not Chronically Homeless**
  - Unsheltered: 47.8%
  - Sheltered (emergency shelter and transitional housing): 52.2%
Racial Disparities Persist, Despite Some Progress

Changes in Key Populations’ Share of the Unsheltered Count, 2015-17

Overall Homelessness on the West Coast, 2015-17

Unsheltered Homelessness on the West Coast

Widening Gap Between Rents and Incomes in Portland

For a full review of the Multnomah County, Oregon, Homelessness Point-In-Count Report visit: ahomeforeveryone.net