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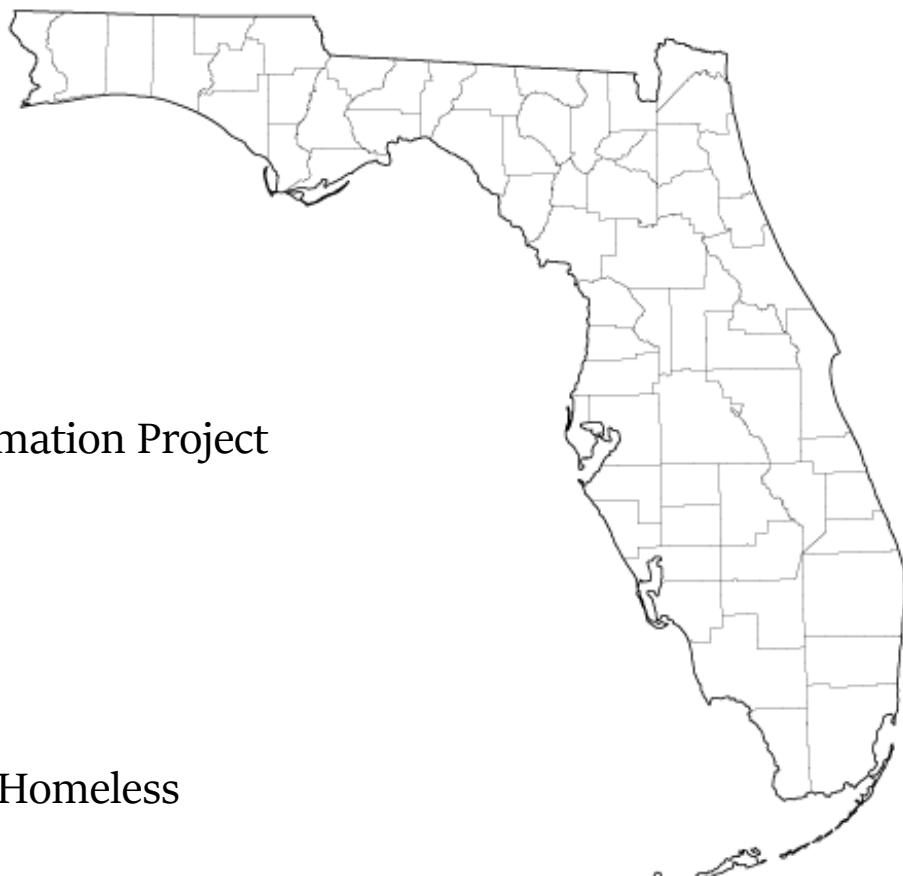
2016 Homeless Census Estimates and

Funding Need to End

Chronic Homelessness

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Report Highlights

Highlights from this 2016 NHIP report on Florida Homelessness as reported by the 27 Homeless Continuums of Care include:

1) Florida one-day homeless estimates fell 7% from 35,900 in 2015 to 33,466 in 2015. Homeless estimates have fallen 43% since 2011.

2) Unsheltered homeless estimates fell 10% from 17,017 to 15,361, while sheltered estimates fell 4% from 18,883 to 18,105.

3) One-day estimates of veteran homelessness fell 35% from 3,926 in 2015 to 2,902 in 2016.

4) Unsheltered veteran homeless estimates fell 44% , while sheltered estimates fell 30%. Homeless veteran estimates have fallen 48% since 2011.

5) Homeless prevalence density averaged 176 persons per 100,000 population with a range between 69 and 856 among the 27 Continuum areas.

6) Estimated annual prevalence of homelessness in Florida was calculated at 83,665 persons with a prevalence density of 440 per 100,000, or approximately 1 out of every 227 residents.

7) Total chronic homelessness is estimated at 5,649 persons with 1,251 persons living in emergency shelters and 4,398 persons living in unsheltered locations.

8) A total of 5,230 Permanent Supportive Housing units are designated for chronically homeless households representing 51% of all non-VASH Permanent Supportive Housing units.

Annual Funding Need to End Chronic Homelessness

The NHIP completed an analysis of the funding need of Florida Continuums necessary to house all identified chronically homeless households in order to meet the national initiative to house non-veteran chronically homeless households. Comparing the number of chronic households with the remaining undesignated, Permanent Supportive Housing units, an estimate of the number of additional PSH units and necessary funding support for each Continuum was calculated.

The results found a **funding need for 2,881 vouchers for Permanent Supportive Housing units across the 27 Florida Continuums at an annual cost of $34.2 million** to support rental subsidies, case management and project administration, or $11.638 annual cost per chronically homeless household. For more details, see the report page "State of Florida: Funding Need to End Chronic Homelessness" contained in this report.

Report Caveats and Limitations

The report is prepared by the National Homeless Information Project (NHIP) for the Florida Coalition for the Homeless. The report analyzes the most recently data available on estimate of homeless prevalence at each of the 27 Florida Continuums. Where information from 2016 was not available, data from 2015 is substituted since it represents the most current publicly available data.

The NHIP acknowledges that the accuracy of the data reported herein is subject to several types of errors: 1) Author error in the calculation and transcription of data from many different sources, 2) Error from the Continuum data due to the lack of sufficient resources in many communities to carry out homeless census counts in a rigorous fashion, and 3) Error endogenous

to homelessness due to the difficulty in collecting complete and accurate data on persons experiencing homelessness.

Homeless data typically suffer from both overestimation due to poor measurement techniques and underestimation due to the inability to identify all persons residing in a situation defined as homeless by the federal government. The NHIP encourages persons to provide feedback on potential errors found in the report so that the report can be further updated.

Sincerely,

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P.S. And please excuse any typos!

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State of Florida: Chronic Homelessness Prevalence

Households defined as chronically homeless by the federal government meet several criteria including having an adult with a long-term disability and experiencing homelessness for one year or longer or four homeless episodes within three years that equal 12 months or longer. The 2016 Point in Time count attempts to identify the number of chronically homeless households in each of the 27 Continuums. The table below shows the total number of chronically homeless individuals and the percentage who met the federal definition. Overall, a total of 5,649 persons were estimated to be chronically homeless in 2016. This represent a drop of 14% from 6,540 in 2015.

CoC Number	CoC Name	Total Chronically Homeless	Sheltered Emergency	Sheltered Chronically Homeless	% Sheltered Chronic	Unsheltered Homeless	Unsheltered Chronically Homeless	% Unsheltered Chronic Homeless
FL-500	Sarasota/Bradenton/Manatee, Sarasota Counties CoC	299	419	40	10%	664	259	39%
FL-501	Tampa/Hillsborough County CoC	247	631	55	9%	769	192	25%
FL-502	St. Petersburg/Clearwater/Largo/Pinellas County CoC	605	1,118	141	13%	1,139	464	41%
FL-503	Lakeland/Winter Haven/Polk County CoC	81	201	15	7%	260	66	25%
FL-504	Daytona Beach/Daytona/Volusia, Flagler Counties CoC	191	233	13	6%	581	178	31%
FL-505	Fort Walton Beach/Okaloosa, Walton Counties CoC	269	168	26	15%	357	243	68%
FL-506	Tallahassee/Leon County CoC	78	555	56	10%	148	22	15%
FL-507	Orlando/Orange, Osceola, Seminole Counties CoC	106	769	82	11%	133	24	18%
FL-508	Gainesville/Alachua, Putnam Counties CoC	258	291	37	13%	425	221	52%
FL-509	Fort Pierce/St. Lucie, Indian River, Martin Counties CoC	77	97	0	0%	2,134	77	4%
FL-510	Jacksonville-Duval, Clay Counties CoC	330	907	186	21%	441	144	33%
FL-511	Pensacola/Escambia/Santa Rosa County CoC	197	366	140	38%	182	57	31%
FL-512	Saint Johns County CoC	35	112	6	5%	809	29	4%
FL-513	Palm Bay/Melbourne/Brevard County CoC	76	174	2	1%	183	74	40%
FL-514	Ocala/Marion County CoC	66	196	1	1%	528	65	12%
FL-515	Panama City/Bay, Jackson Counties CoC	26	40	6	15%	136	20	15%
FL-517	Hendry, Hardee, Highlands Counties CoC	327	79	29	37%	758	298	39%
FL-518	Columbia, Hamilton, Lafayette, Suwannee Counties CoC	215	68	6	9%	1049	209	20%
FL-519	Pasco County CoC	475	159	42	26%	860	433	50%
FL-520	Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Sumter Counties CoC	29	186	6	3%	292	23	8%
FL-600	Miami/Dade County CoC	447	1963	110	6%	982	337	34%
FL-601	Ft Lauderdale/Broward County CoC	412	813	142	17%	782	270	35%
FL-602	Punta Gorda/Charlotte County CoC	72	57	6	11%	254	66	26%
FL-603	Ft Myers/Cape Coral/Lee County CoC	84	205	20	10%	183	64	35%
FL-604	Monroe County CoC	125	186	7	4%	270	118	44%
FL-605	West Palm Beach/Palm Beach County CoC	450	327	28	9%	825	422	51%
FL-606	Naples/Collier County CoC	72	210	49	23%	217	23	11%
	TOTALS	**5649**	**10,530**	**1,251**	**12%**	**15,361**	**4,398**	**29%**

A total of 1,251 persons living in emergency were estimated to be chronically homeless, or 12% of all persons living in emergency shelters. Unsheltered homelessness totaled 15,361 persons with a chronic homeless rate of 29% or 4,398 persons. It is common for the unsheltered chronically homeless rate to be 2 to 5 times higher than the sheltered rate since difficult-to-serve persons often live unsheltered for many years. Due to the difficulty of collecting accurate data on disability and homeless tenure, it is instructive to compare the rates of chronic homelessness across the 27 Continuums to identify outliers that may represent methodological problems with local calculations. Unsheltered chronic rates less than 15% (FL-509, FL-512, FL-606) are at high likelihood for error. Among emergency shelters counts, rates less than 5% (FL-509, FL-512, FL-513, FL-514, FL-520, FL-604) would also be at high likelihood for underestimation. The NHIP believes that the chronic homeless definition does not meet rigorous standards for accurate estimation purposes. Tenure of homelessness alone as recorded in a Continuum's HMIS should be criteria, not self-reported sufficient highly inaccurate disability and homelessness history.

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State of Florida: Homeless One-Day Estimates 2015 and 2016

A comparison between one-day homeless estimates in 2015 and 2016 reveals decreases in both sheltered (4% decrease) and unsheltered homelessness (10% decrease). Statewide across the 27 Continuums, the estimate of one-day homelessness taken from the annual Point-in-Time count held each January yielded a 7 percent drop in homelessness from 35,900 to 33,466. Seven (7)

Continuums showed an increase in homelessness, while 20 Continuums reported decreases in one-day prevalence. These data continue a trend of decreasing homelessness since 2010 in the State of Florida. It must be re-membered that these data are estimates and reflect only a one-day prevalence. An estimate of annual prevalence is also contained in this report.

CoC Number	CoC Name	Total Homeless, 2016	Sheltered Homeless, 2016	Unsheltered Homeless, 2016	Total Homeless, 2015	Sheltered Homeless, 2015	Unsheltered Homeless, 2015	Total Difference 2016-2015	Sheltered Change 2016-2015	Unsheltered Change 2016-2015
FL-500	Sarasota/Bradenton/Manatee, Sarasota Counties CoC	1,468	804	664	1,198	721	477	270	83	187
FL-501	Tampa/Hillsborough County CoC	1,817	1,048	769	1,931	1,175	756	-114	-127	13
FL-502	St. Petersburg/Clearwater/Largo/Pinellas County CoC	2,777	1,638	1,139	3,387	2,215	1,172	-610	-577	-33
FL-503	Lakeland/Winter Haven/Polk County CoC	635	375	260	464	227	237	171	148	23
FL-504	Daytona Beach/Daytona/Volusia, Flagler Counties CoC	1,005	424	581	1,325	550	775	-320	-126	-194
FL-505	Fort Walton Beach/Okaloosa, Walton Counties CoC	629	272	357	683	272	411	-54	0	-54
FL-506	Tallahassee/Leon County CoC	869	721	148	863	646	217	6	75	-69
FL-507	Orlando/Orange, Osceola, Seminole Counties CoC	1,613	1,480	133	2,112	1,820	292	-499	-340	-159
FL-508	Gainesville/Alachua, Putnam Counties CoC	844	419	425	870	317	553	-26	102	-128
FL-509	Fort Pierce/St. Lucie, Indian River, Martin Counties CoC	2,382	248	2,134	2,412	236	2,176	-30	12	-42
FL-510	Jacksonville-Duval, Clay Counties CoC	1,959	1,518	441	1,853	1,427	426	106	91	15
FL-511	Pensacola/Escambia/Santa Rosa County CoC	798	616	182	1,014	538	476	-216	78	-294
FL-512	Saint Johns County CoC	1,064	255	809	1,161	198	963	-97	57	-154
FL-513	Palm Bay/Melbourne/Brevard County CoC	827	644	183	1,072	684	388	-245	-40	-205
FL-514	Ocala/Marion County CoC	823	295	528	787	259	528	36	36	0
FL-515	Panama City/Bay, Jackson Counties CoC	310	174	136	317	183	134	-7	-9	2
FL-517	Hendry, Hardee, Highlands Counties CoC	1,071	313	758	1,218	278	940	-147	35	-182
FL-518	Columbia, Hamilton, Lafayette, Suwannee Counties CoC	1,145	96	1049	1,115	66	1,049	30	30	0
FL-519	Pasco County CoC	1019	159	860	1,019	159	860	NA	NA	NA
FL-520	Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Sumter Counties CoC	595	303	292	731	267	464	-136	36	-172
FL-600	Miami/Dade County CoC	4,235	3,253	982	4,152	3,145	1,007	83	108	-25
FL-601	Ft Lauderdale/Broward County CoC	2,302	1,520	782	2,615	1,796	819	-313	-276	-37
FL-602	Punta Gorda/Charlotte County CoC	388	134	254	562	162	400	-174	-28	-146
FL-603	Ft Myers/Cape Coral/Lee County CoC	439	256	183	614	300	314	-175	-44	-131
FL-604	Monroe County CoC	575	305	270	615	301	314	-40	4	-44
FL-605	West Palm Beach/Palm Beach County CoC	1,332	507	825	1,421	596	825	-89	-89	0
FL-606	Naples/Collier County CoC	545	328	217	389	345	44	156	-17	173
	TOTALS	**33,466**	**18,105**	**15,361**	**35,900**	**18,883**	**17,017**	**-2,434**	**-778**	**-1,656**
	% CHANGE 2015-2016							**-7%**	**-4%**	**-10%**

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State of Florida: One Day Homeless Veterans Estimates 2015 and 2016

The national initiative to end homelessness among military veterans has brought an enormous amount of funding to support VASH subsidized housing vouchers and service-connected disability compensation for veterans. The influx of over 6,500 VASH vouchers in Florida at the cost of over $60 million per year has helped to reduce veteran homelessness in Florida by nearly 50 percent in the last 5 years. The table below presents data for the last two years on one day estimates of veterans homelessness for each of the 27 Florida Continuums. Overall, veteran homelessness fell precipitously over the past year (35% decrease) with 22 of the 27 Continuums reporting decreases. The five Continuums that did report increases tended to be small in magnitude (less than 15). Key factors contributing to decreases include better point-in-time estimation procedures, declining veteran population in addition to the availability of VASH rental assistance. Many Continuums are working towards eliminating chronic homelessness among veterans.

CoC Number	CoC Name	Homeless Veterans, 2015	Sheltered Homeless Veterans, 2015	Unsheltered Homeless Veterans, 2015	Homeless Veterans, 2016	Sheltered Homeless Veterans, 2016	Unsheltered Homeless Veterans, 2016	% Total Homeless Veterans 2015-16	% Sheltered Homeless Veterans 2015-16	% Unsheltered Homeless Veterans 2015-16
FL-500	Sarasota/Bradenton/Manatee, Sarasota Counties CoC	152	95	57	161	99	62	6%	4%	8%
FL-501	Tampa/Hillsborough County CoC	313	161	152	181	112	69	-73%	-44%	-120%
FL-502	St. Petersburg/Clearwater/Largo/Pinellas County CoC	589	447	142	380	269	111	-55%	-66%	-28%
FL-503	Lakeland/Winter Haven/Polk County CoC	44	14	30	42	20	22	-5%	30%	-36%
FL-504	Daytona Beach/Daytona/Volusia, Flagler Counties CoC	110	26	84	36	23	13	-206%	-13%	-546%
FL-505	Fort Walton Beach/Okaloosa, Walton Counties CoC	117	50	67	37	10	27	-216%	-400%	-148%
FL-506	Tallahassee/Leon County CoC	113	86	27	117	88	29	3%	2%	7%
FL-507	Orlando/Orange, Osceola, Seminole Counties CoC	320	275	45	231	225	6	-39%	-22%	-650%
FL-508	Gainesville/Alachua, Putnam Counties CoC	217	125	92	123	47	76	-76%	-166%	-21%
FL-509	Fort Pierce/St. Lucie, Indian River, Martin Counties CoC	68	5	63	50	3	47	-36%	-67%	-34%
FL-510	Jacksonville-Duval, Clay Counties CoC	184	128	56	130	104	26	-42%	-23%	-115%
FL-511	Pensacola/Escambia/Santa Rosa County CoC	167	122	45	112	86	26	-49%	-42%	-73%
FL-512	Saint Johns County CoC	24	5	19	36	9	27	33%	44%	30%
FL-513	Palm Bay/Melbourne/Brevard County CoC	193	139	54	160	147	13	-21%	5%	-315%
FL-514	Ocala/Marion County CoC	95	60	35	108	73	35	12%	18%	0%
FL-515	Panama City/Bay, Jackson Counties CoC	40	12	28	39	10	29	-3%	-20%	3%
FL-517	Hendry, Hardee, Highlands Counties CoC	0	0	0	12	12	0	100%	100%	NR
FL-518	Columbia, Hamilton, Lafayette, Suwannee Counties CoC	139	27	112	140	28	112	1%	4%	0%
FL-519	Pasco County CoC	114	44	70	100	30	70	-14%	-47%	0%
FL-520	Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Sumter Counties CoC	62	21	41	49	30	19	-27%	30%	-116%
FL-600	Miami/Dade County CoC	236	213	23	157	126	31	-50%	-69%	26%
FL-601	Ft Lauderdale/Broward County CoC	247	137	110	210	129	81	-18%	-6%	-36%
FL-602	Punta Gorda/Charlotte County CoC	65	36	29	65	55	10	0%	35%	-190%
FL-603	Ft Myers/Cape Coral/Lee County CoC	62	34	28	19	12	7	-226%	-183%	-300%
FL-604	Monroe County CoC	93	34	59	87	45	42	-7%	24%	-40%
FL-605	West Palm Beach/Palm Beach County CoC	157	71	86	115	29	86	-37%	-145%	0%
FL-606	Naples/Collier County CoC	5	5	0	5	4	1	0%	-25%	100%
	TOTALS	**3,926**	**2,372**	**1,554**	**2,902**	**1,825**	**1,077**	**-35%**	**-30%**	**-44%**

State of Florida: 2016 Homelessness Estimates by Facility/Condition

Understanding the distribution of homeless persons by their condition (sheltered or unsheltered) or type of homeless facility (emergency or transitional) is important is understanding the critical needs of this population. The table below shows the distribution of all persons defined as homeless according to the federal definition among these three types of facilities/conditions. Unsheltered homelessness, the most acute form, is the highest priority to eliminate since persons live in places considered not fit for human habitation. A

review of the prevalence shows a very wide range of unsheltered homelessness from 92% in FL-518 to 8% in FL-507. The statewide unsheltered average is 46 percent. An addition 31% percent of persons were found living in Emergency shelters with 23% of persons residing in transitional housing. Some advocates argue that transitional housing dwellers should not be considered homeless since their residential status is akin to or often better than living in Public Housing and they may reside in transitional housing for up to 2 years.

CoC Number	CoC Name	Total Homeless, 2016	Sheltered Emergency, 2016	Sheltered Transitional 2016	Unsheltered Homeless, 2016	% Emergency	% Transitional	% Unsheltered
FL-518	Columbia, Hamilton, Lafayette, Suwannee Counties CoC	1,145	68	28	1049	6%	2%	92%
FL-509	Fort Pierce/St. Lucie, Indian River, Martin Counties CoC	2,382	97	151	2,134	4%	6%	90%
FL-519	Pasco County CoC	1019	159	0	860	16%	0%	84%
FL-512	Saint Johns County CoC	1,064	112	143	809	11%	13%	76%
FL-517	Hendry, Hardee, Highlands Counties CoC	1,071	79	234	758	7%	22%	71%
FL-602	Punta Gorda/Charlotte County CoC	388	57	77	254	15%	20%	65%
FL-514	Ocala/Marion County CoC	823	196	99	528	24%	12%	64%
FL-605	West Palm Beach/Palm Beach County CoC	1,332	327	180	825	25%	14%	62%
FL-504	Daytona Beach/Daytona/Volusia, Flagler Counties CoC	1,005	233	191	581	23%	19%	58%
FL-505	Fort Walton Beach/Okaloosa, Walton Counties CoC	629	168	104	357	27%	17%	57%
FL-508	Gainesville/Alachua, Putnam Counties CoC	844	291	128	425	34%	15%	50%
FL-520	Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Sumter Counties CoC	595	186	117	292	31%	20%	49%
FL-604	Monroe County CoC	575	186	119	270	32%	21%	47%
FL-500	Sarasota/Bradenton/Manatee, Sarasota Counties CoC	1,468	419	385	664	29%	26%	45%
FL-515	Panama City/Bay, Jackson Counties CoC	310	40	134	136	13%	43%	44%
FL-501	Tampa/Hillsborough County CoC	1,817	631	417	769	35%	23%	42%
FL-603	Ft Myers/Cape Coral/Lee County CoC	439	205	51	183	47%	12%	42%
FL-502	St. Petersburg/Clearwater/Largo/Pinellas County CoC	2,777	1,118	520	1,139	40%	19%	41%
FL-503	Lakeland/Winter Haven/Polk County CoC	635	201	174	260	32%	27%	41%
FL-606	Naples/Collier County CoC	545	210	118	217	39%	22%	40%
FL-601	Ft Lauderdale/Broward County CoC	2,302	813	707	782	35%	31%	34%
FL-600	Miami/Dade County CoC	4,235	1963	1290	982	46%	30%	23%
FL-511	Pensacola/Escambia/Santa Rosa County CoC	798	366	250	182	46%	31%	23%
FL-510	Jacksonville-Duval, Clay Counties CoC	1,959	907	611	441	46%	31%	23%
FL-513	Palm Bay/Melbourne/Brevard County CoC	827	174	470	183	21%	57%	22%
FL-506	Tallahassee/Leon County CoC	869	555	166	148	64%	19%	17%
FL-507	Orlando/Orange, Osceola, Seminole Counties CoC	1,613	769	711	133	48%	44%	8%
	TOTALS	33,466	10,530	7,575	15,361	31%	23%	46%

State of Florida: Designated Beds for Chronic Homelessness

One of the primary strategies for the national initiative to end chronic homelessness directs Continuums to prioritize their Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) units for individuals and families who meet the federal definition for chronic homelessness. New projects funded by HUD must serve only chronically homeless households, while existing projects are encouraged to designate units that turnover to current chronically homeless households. The table below displays the number and percentage of PSH units that are currently filled by chronically homeless persons and the number that remain open that can be designated as turnover occurs. The percentage of Florida PSH beds currently designated is 51%, or 5,249 out of 10,329 PSH units. Great variation is present among the 27 Continuums ranging from 100% to 0% as reported in each Continuum's 2016 Housing Inventory Charts.

CoC Number	CoC Name	Chronically Homeless, 2016	CH PSH Beds (non-Vash)	PSH Beds (non-vash)	Non-Designated, Non-VASH Chronic PSH Beds	% Chronic Non-VASH CH Designated Beds
FL-500	Sarasota/Bradenton/Manatee, Sarasota Counties CoC	299	72	144	72	50%
FL-501	Tampa/Hillsborough County CoC	247	405	598	193	68%
FL-502	St. Petersburg/Clearwater/Largo/Pinellas County CoC	605	254	567	313	45%
FL-503	Lakeland/Winter Haven/Polk County CoC	81	0	155	155	0%
FL-504	Daytona Beach/Daytona/Volusia, Flagler Counties CoC	191	32	131	99	24%
FL-505	Fort Walton Beach/Okaloosa, Walton Counties CoC	269	42	42	0	100%
FL-506	Tallahassee/Leon County CoC	78	177	177	0	100%
FL-507	Orlando/Orange, Osceola, Seminole Counties CoC	106	1339	1379	40	97%
FL-508	Gainesville/Alachua, Putnam Counties CoC	258	0	33	33	0%
FL-509	Fort Pierce/St. Lucie, Indian River, Martin Counties CoC	77	134	218	84	61%
FL-510	Jacksonville-Duval, Clay Counties CoC	330	473	600	127	79%
FL-511	Pensacola/Escambia/Santa Rosa County CoC	197	121	166	45	73%
FL-512	Saint Johns County CoC	35	0	0	0	NA
FL-513	Palm Bay/Melbourne/Brevard County CoC	242	2	240	238	1%
FL-514	Ocala/Marion County CoC	66	5	21	16	24%
FL-515	Panama City/Bay, Jackson Counties CoC	26	0	0	0	NA
FL-517	Hendry, Hardee, Highlands Counties CoC	327	46	57	11	81%
FL-518	Columbia, Hamilton, Lafayette, Suwannee Counties CoC	215	27	27	0	100%
FL-519	Pasco County CoC	475	NR	NR	NR	NR
FL-520	Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Sumter Counties CoC	29	29	43	14	67%
FL-600	Miami/Dade County CoC	447	982	3756	2774	26%
FL-601	Ft Lauderdale/Broward County CoC	412	544	881	337	62%
FL-602	Punta Gorda/Charlotte County CoC	72	10	67	57	15%
FL-603	Ft Myers/Cape Coral/Lee County CoC	84	9	107	98	8%
FL-604	Monroe County CoC	125	46	179	133	26%
FL-605	West Palm Beach/Palm Beach County CoC	450	481	692	211	70%
FL-606	Naples/Collier County CoC	72	19	49	30	39%
	TOTALS	**5,815**	**5,249**	**10,329**	**5,080**	**51%**

State of Florida: Funding Need To End Chronic Homelessness

Using data from the Housing Inventory Charts and the Point-In-Time Homeless Counts of each of the 27 Florida Continuums and employing the successful VASH model methodology, the NHIP has projected the funding need for each Continuum to effectively end chronic homelessness in their community. The table below displays the number of designated and undesignated PSH beds available in each Continuum and their current chronic homeless count. The housing gap is calculated by subtracting the available non-designated beds from the most recent chronic count. For Continuums with more undesignated beds than chronically homeless persons, a minimum allotment of 25 housing vouchers is assigned to ensure sufficient capacity. Funding is calculated on an annual basis using the FMR and a per capita rate for supportive services and program administration. The total projection of $34+ million to support 2,881 new vouchers for chronically homeless persons could be provide by the State of Florida or the Federal government through a number of mechanisms.

CoC Number	CoC Name	Chronically Homeless, 2016	Open Non-Designated Chronic PSH Beds	Gap Need (PIT chronic minus Undesignated beds)	Continuum FMR (Efficiency Unit)	Annual Housing and Support Costs
FL-500	Sarasota/Bradenton/Manatee, Sarasota Counties CoC	299	72	227	711	$ 2,844,764
FL-501	Tampa/Hillsborough County CoC	247	193	54	668	$ 648,864
FL-502	St. Petersburg/Clearwater/Largo/Pinellas County CoC	605	313	292	668	$ 3,508,672
FL-503	Lakeland/Winter Haven/Polk County CoC	81	155	25	684	$ 305,200
FL-504	Daytona Beach/Daytona/Volusia, Flagler Counties CoC	191	99	92	553	$ 978,512
FL-505	Fort Walton Beach/Okaloosa, Walton Counties CoC	269	0	269	658	$ 3,200,024
FL-506	Tallahassee/Leon County CoC	78	0	78	693	$ 960,648
FL-507	Orlando/Orange, Osceola, Seminole Counties CoC	106	40	66	748	$ 856,416
FL-508	Gainesville/Alachua, Putnam Counties CoC	258	33	225	637	$ 2,619,900
FL-509	Fort Pierce/St. Lucie, Indian River, Martin Counties CoC	77	84	25	698	$ 309,400
FL-510	Jacksonville-Duval, Clay Counties CoC	330	127	203	616	$ 2,312,576
FL-511	Pensacola/Escambia/Santa Rosa County CoC	197	45	152	690	$ 1,866,560
FL-512	Saint Johns County CoC	35	0	35	616	$ 398,720
FL-513	Palm Bay/Melbourne/Brevard County CoC	242	238	25	538	$ 261,400
FL-514	Ocala/Marion County CoC	66	16	50	546	$ 527,600
FL-515	Panama City/Bay, Jackson Counties CoC	26	0	26	657	$ 308,984
FL-517	Hendry, Hardee, Highlands Counties CoC	327	11	316	471	$ 3,050,032
FL-518	Columbia, Hamilton, Lafayette, Suwannee Counties CoC	215	0	215	682	$ 2,619,560
FL-519	Pasco County CoC	475	NR	25	668	$ 300,400
FL-520	Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Sumter Counties CoC	29	14	25	608	$ 282,400
FL-600	Miami/Dade County CoC	447	2,774	25	774	$ 332,200
FL-601	Ft Lauderdale/Broward County CoC	412	337	75	773	$ 995,700
FL-602	Punta Gorda/Charlotte County CoC	72	57	25	606	$ 281,800
FL-603	Ft Myers/Cape Coral/Lee County CoC	84	98	25	681	$ 304,300
FL-604	Monroe County CoC	125	133	25	999	$ 399,700
FL-605	West Palm Beach/Palm Beach County CoC	450	211	239	765	$ 3,150,020
FL-606	Naples/Collier County CoC	72	30	42	720	$ 530,880
	TOTALS	**5,815**	**5,080**	**2,881**	**NA**	**$ 34,155,232**

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State of Florida: Homeless Density Prevalence

While population estimates can provide information on areas of Florida with the largest population of persons experiencing homelessness, it is important to understand which areas have the highest density of persons experiencing homelessness. To derive these numbers, the one day estimate of homelessness is divided into the Continuum population. For comparison purposes , this number is multiply by 100,000 in order to give an easily understood and comparable prevalence rate. The table below is sorted from highest density to lowest density among the 27 Florida Continuums. FL-518 reports the highest homeless prevalence with an estimated 856 homeless persons per 100,000 population . The Continuum with the lowest prevalence density is FL-603 with only 69 homeless persons per 100,000 population. While the Miami-Dade Continuum reports the highest overall total of homeless persons

CoC Number	CoC Name	CoC Population 2016	Total PIT Homeless, 2016	Total PIT Homeless per 100,000	PIT Sheltered, 2016	Total PIT sheltered Homeless per 100,000	PIT Unsheltered Homeless, 2016	Total Unsheltered Homeless per 100,000
FL-518	Columbia, Hamilton, Lafayette, Suwannee Counties CoC	133,833	1,145	856	96	72	1049	784
FL-604	Monroe County CoC	74,213	575	775	305	411	270	364
FL-512	Saint Johns County CoC	197,115	1,064	540	255	129	809	410
FL-517	Hendry, Hardee, Highlands Counties CoC	251,330	1,071	426	313	125	758	302
FL-509	Fort Pierce/St. Lucie, Indian River, Martin Counties CoC	568,157	2,382	419	248	44	2,134	376
FL-502	St. Petersburg/Clearwater/Largo/Pinellas County CoC	920,015	2,777	302	1,638	178	1,139	124
FL-505	Fort Walton Beach/Okaloosa, Walton Counties CoC	242,442	629	259	272	112	357	147
FL-514	Ocala/Marion County CoC	333,503	823	247	295	88	528	158
FL-602	Punta Gorda/Charlotte County CoC	161,276	388	241	134	83	254	157
FL-519	Pasco County CoC	468,194	1,019	218	159	34	860	184
FL-508	Gainesville/Alachua, Putnam Counties CoC	408,718	844	206	419	103	425	104
FL-500	Sarasota/Bradenton/Manatee, Sarasota Counties CoC	712,581	1,468	206	804	113	664	93
FL-506	Tallahassee/Leon County CoC	432,369	869	201	721	167	148	34
FL-511	Pensacola/Escambia/Santa Rosa County CoC	456,374	798	175	616	135	182	40
FL-510	Jacksonville-Duval, Clay Counties CoC	1,139,426	1,959	172	1,518	133	441	39
FL-504	Daytona Beach/Daytona/Volusia, Flagler Counties CoC	593,569	1,005	169	424	71	581	98
FL-600	Miami/Dade County CoC	2,549,075	4,235	166	3,253	128	982	39
FL-606	Naples/Collier County CoC	328,209	545	166	328	100	217	66
FL-513	Palm Bay/Melbourne/Brevard County CoC	545,667	827	152	644	118	183	34
FL-501	Tampa/Hillsborough County CoC	1,257,913	1,817	144	1,048	83	769	61
FL-601	Ft Lauderdale/Broward County CoC	1,784,889	2,302	129	1,520	85	782	44
FL-515	Panama City/Bay, Jackson Counties CoC	295,089	310	105	174	59	136	46
FL-503	Lakeland/Winter Haven/Polk County CoC	610,295	635	104	375	61	260	43
FL-605	West Palm Beach/Palm Beach County CoC	1,339,221	1,332	99	507	38	825	62
FL-507	Orlando/Orange, Osceola, Seminole Counties CoC	1,882,437	1,613	86	1,480	79	133	7
FL-520	Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Sumter Counties CoC	712,668	595	83	303	43	292	41
FL-603	Ft Myers/Cape Coral/Lee County CoC	633,968	439	69	256	40	183	29
	TOTALS	19,032,546	33,466	176	18,105	95	15,361	81

with 4,235 persons sheltered or unsheltered homeless in the one-day 2016 count, its prevalence rate of 166 is actually below the State of Florida average of 176 homeless persons per 100,000 residents. Unsheltered homelessness, the most severe condition of homelessness, displays a very wide range among the 27 Florida Continuums with a high of 784 persons in FL-518 and a low of 7 persons in FL-507. While the homeless prevalence rate in Florida mirrors the U.S. average of 177 persons experiencing homelessness on a one-day count, the unsheltered prevalence rate in Florida of 95 persons is 74 percent higher than the U.S. average of 54 persons per 100,000. States with tropical or temperate climates or known to have major tourist spots including Florida, California and Hawaii continue to report above average levels of unsheltered homelessness compared to the national average.

State of Florida: Estimated Annual Prevalence

Most national reports of homelessness focus solely on the one day counts gathered each January by communities. While this count is important, it lacks the more comprehensive approach of estimation how many people experience homelessness throughout the year. Most epidemiological studies typically report annual prevalence as a way of measuring progress towards ending a particular disease or epidemic. Similarly, it is important that statistics on homeless prevalence be discussed in the same manner. In order to generate annualized estimates, the NHIP uses a 2.5 factor of the one day prevalence count. The factor rate is drawn from the analysis of data released from the HUD AHAR report, historical estimates of homelessness and the knowledge and experience of the NHIP author. The fact

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FL-604	Monroe County CoC	74,213	575	775	1,438	1,937
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	TOTALS	19,032,546	33,466	176	83,665	440

that most methodologically-rigorous annualized counts of homelessness are not produced continues to be a severe problem in understanding the issue. While the AHAR report provides annual estimates on sheltered homelessness, the lack of unsheltered data continues to be a gross absence in understanding the true prevalence of homelessness. The NHIP continues to advocate for additional funding to help Continuums better track unsheltered homeless as well as ensuring all shelters report data to their community HMIS. The paucity of funding from the federal government to remedy this issue stands in contrast to the serious nature of the problem. The data presented in the above table estimates that 440 out of every 100,000 Floridians experience homelessness annually, or 1 in every 227 citizens. Annual prevalence ranges from a high of 2,139 in FL-518 to a low of 1 in 173 in FL-603.

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