KEY FINDINGS: HOMELESSNESS
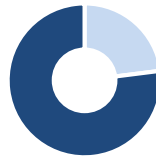
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There are 2,106 individuals who were identified by name as actively homeless and in need of housing as of June 30, 2019 according to the newly released One Number.

2,106

Individuals experiencing homelessness as of June 30, 2019.

23% were part of a family.

SO WHAT?

This report is the first time that the One Number has been reported in Charlotte-Mecklenburg. The One Number uses data from the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) to generate a "by-name" list of individuals and households known to be experiencing sheltered and unsheltered homelessness. By using this more accurate method, the One Number can be used to analyze movement into and out of homelessness.

2

Apart from housing affordability, unemployment was the biggest barrier to finding housing.

27%

of PIT Count Survey respondents named unemployment as their biggest barrier to finding housing, apart from affordability.

SO WHAT?

Unemployment and underemployment are leading causes of homelessness in Mecklenburg County. In order to rent without being cost-burdened, individuals would need to be employed full-time earning at least $17.25 per hour.

3

The average number of days in emergency shelter increased from FY17 to FY18.

105 days on average to exit

ES ⟶ **PH**

The average length of stay in Emergency Shelter (ES) before entering permanent housing (PH) in FY18 was 105 days, a 28 day increase from FY17.

SO WHAT?

Change in length of stay is an important indicator of whether the community is making progress on homelessness being rare, brief, and nonrecurring. The increase in number of days in shelter was due to multiple factors including lack of affordable housing units, need for increased subsidies and/or vouchers, and depth of supportive service needs for a specific portion of shelter residents.