

KEY FINDINGS: HOMELESSNESS

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3,111 individuals are actively experiencing homelessness in Charlotte-Mecklenburg.

As of June 2020, there were 3,111 individuals actively experiencing homelessness in Charlotte-Mecklenburg. Of these, there were 2,049 single adults; 309 families; and 508 individuals experiencing chronic homelessness. The average number of individuals experiencing homelessness between July 2019 and June 2020 was 3,165.

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Individuals actively experiencing homelessness in Charlotte-Mecklenburg.

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The average number of days in emergency shelter continues to increase.

During the last fiscal year, the average length of stay in emergency shelter was 118 days, which represents a 52-day increase from 2015. This increase is due to a number of factors, including: a lack of available and affordable permanent housing and barriers (such as source of income discrimination) that prevent households from accessing permanent, affordable housing.

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Average days in emergency shelter



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Beyond affordability, households report multiple barriers to obtaining housing.

Findings from the 2020 PIT Count Survey indicate that lack of income was the largest barrier to obtaining housing. Almost half (45%) of households reported more than one barrier to housing. In addition to income, poor credit (26%); physical/mental health (17%), criminal record (17%) and eviction record (15%) were barriers.

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Top barriers to housing

