

Homelessness: Need Assessment Update

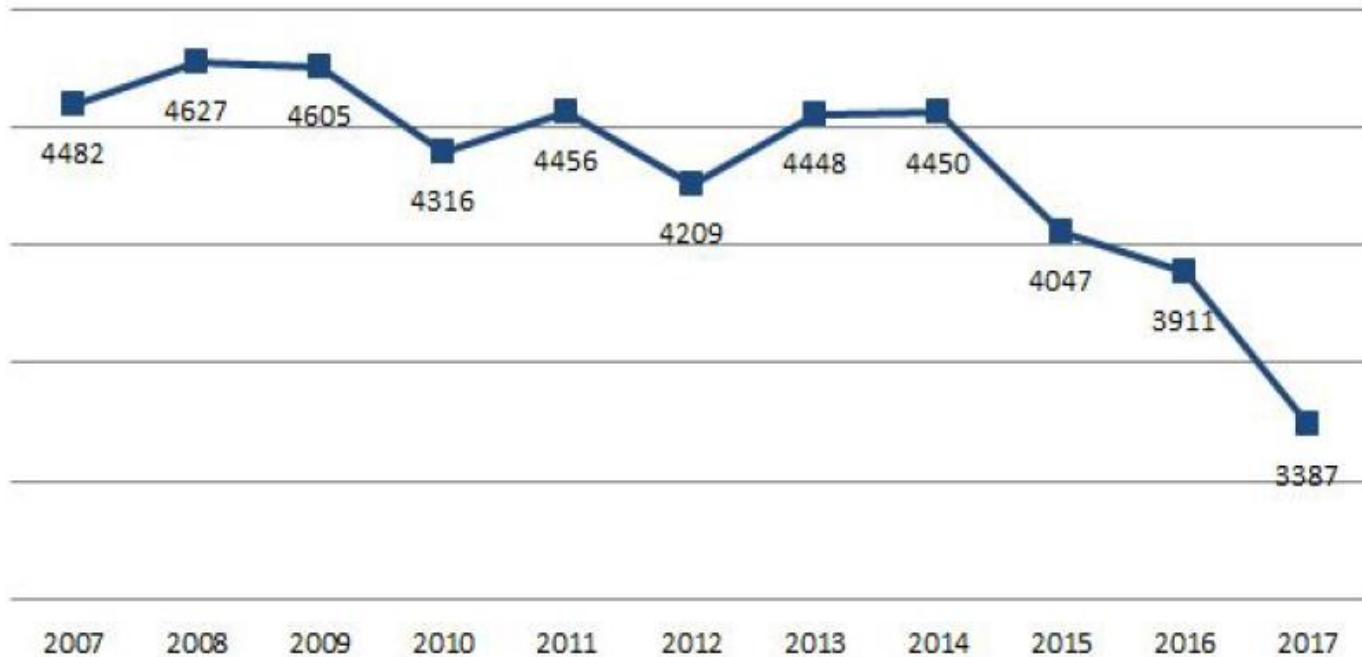
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Update Homelessness: Connecticut Making Progress

- Since 2014, great strides in CT to decrease the number of people who are homeless
 - Collective effort b/t state government, local non-profits and federal resources
 - CAN 211 (Coordinated Access Network)
 - CCEH (CT Coalition to End Homelessness)
- In 2016 CT was one of two states to end all homelessness among veterans
- In 2016, CT was the first state to match a housing resource to every single chronically homeless
 - *Zero:2016*, which is a targeted initiative to end chronic homelessness in the state by the end of 2016
- **January 2017, the Point-In-Time count showed a third straight year of declining homelessness and the lowest homeless count on record since 2007**
- CT next goal: End homelessness among families and youth.

Point in Time CT: 2017

Figure 1: Total Homeless Population Since 2007



Total Count: 3,387 total individuals, down 13% and 24% from 2016 and 2007

Chronically Homeless

HUD's definition of "Chronically Homeless":

- A. Person who has experienced homelessness, as defined as living in a place not meant for human habitation, in an emergency shelter, or a safe haven for the last 12 months continuously
- B. Person who has experienced homelessness on at least 4 occasions in the last 3 years and cumulatively for at least 12 months.
- C. Person who is disabled and fits above criteria

Shift to prioritize those who have been homeless for very long periods of time

- Require more consistent engagement and assistance to exit homeless

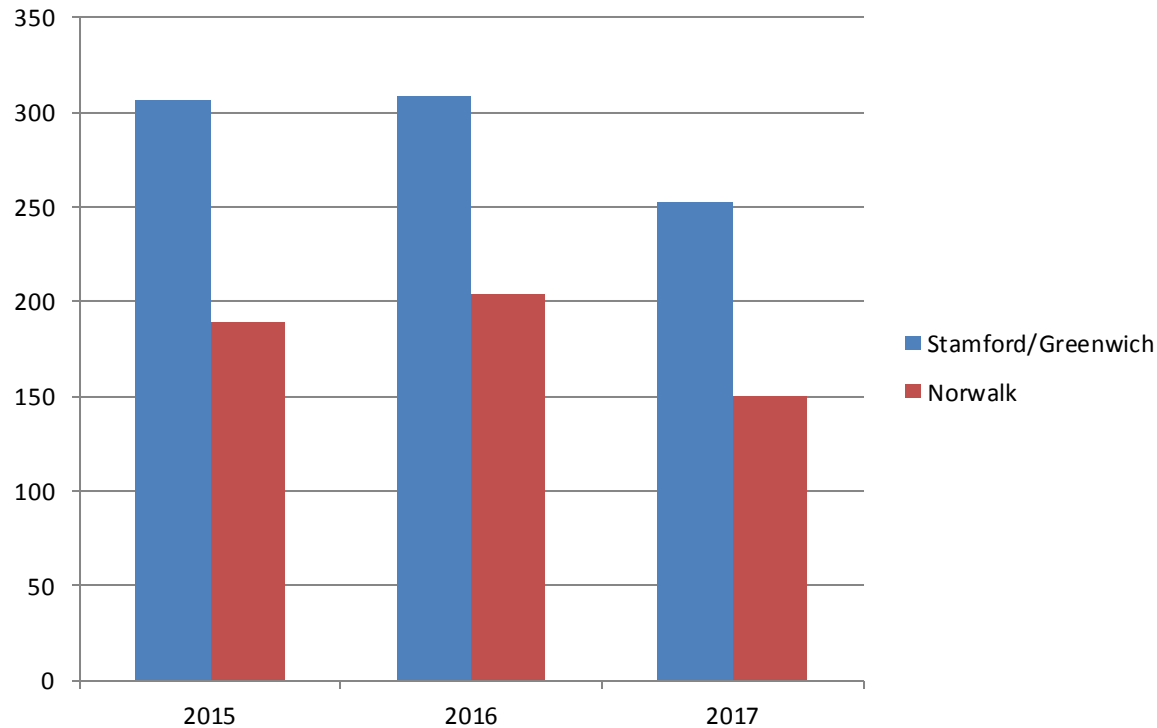
Chronic Homeless: 60% decrease since 2014; down 11% since 2016.

- Every chronically homeless person can be connected to permanent housing
- When new episode of chronic homelessness occurs, that person can be matched to housing within 90 days

Homelessness - Current Count: Stamford/Greenwich and Norwalk

- PIT Count 2017

- Decrease of almost 18% from 2015 to 2017 for Stamford/Greenwich
- Decrease of 20.6% from 2015 to 2017 for Norwalk



Homelessness: Areas of Concern

- Youth Homelessness
 - The number of children in shelters and transitional housing in Stamford-Greenwich/Norwalk increased almost 60% from 2012 to 2016.
 - The number of youth (ages 18-24) living on the streets in CT increased from 96 in 2012 to 130 in 2016 (defined as with prior living situation place not meant for human habitation)
- The rate of HIV/Aids increased 3% from 2015 to 2017 while the state of CT's rate declined over 20% during the same time period.
- The Stamford-Norwalk area remains the 5th most expensive housing market in the nation.
 - Stamford-Norwalk housing costs are 208% of the national average

Goal: Provide Sustainable Affordable Housing and Promote Self-Sufficiency

Indicators	Measurement	Baseline Value	Baseline Score
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # of people transitioning to permanent housing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # of housing placements (considering housing availability) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grantees to provide
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$ in funds allocated to recipients focused on homelessness and affordable housing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CFD grants given to entities focused on the above goal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FY 2016 and FY 2017 TCF allocations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TCF staff to determine
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> %age of homeless persons employed at exit and average hourly wage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # of job placements per total clients hourly wage per job placement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grantees to provide
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Homelessness among vulnerable populations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medical and behavioral health services connected to housing stability – mental health, substance abuse, physical health/wellness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grantees to provide