The annual Point-In-Time Homeless Count is a requirement of the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the local Continuum of Care (CoC), known as The Way Home. The Count also provides a “snapshot” of the state of homelessness within The Way Home and serves as an annual benchmark. The Coalition for the Homeless serves as lead agency to The Way Home and organizes the Count as part of those responsibilities. The Way Home encompasses Houston, Pasadena, Harris County, and Fort Bend County.

**2016 Homeless Count Overview:**

- **Total:** 3,626
  - **Harris County**
    - Sheltered: 2,513
    - Unsheltered: 1,046
  - **Fort Bend County**
    - Sheltered: 63
    - Unsheltered: 4

**Key Findings:**

- **57% decrease** in overall homelessness since 2011, and a 21% decrease in overall homelessness since 2015.
- **73% decrease** in unsheltered homelessness since 2011.
- **71% of homeless individuals counted** were sheltered, compared with 64% last year, and 48% in 2011.
- **71% reduction** in chronic homelessness since 2011.
- There were **no unsheltered families with minor children** found on the night of the 2016 Homeless Count.

**Comparing the Counts**

- Permanent Housing Placements through The Way Home*
  - Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH): 5,925
  - Rapid Re-housing (RRH): 1,112


The annual Homeless Count was organized and led by the Coalition for the Homeless in consultation with the University of Texas School of Public Health and the Houston Department of Health and Human Services. For a full executive summary, visit: www.homelesshouston.org