2020 Homeless Point-in-Time Count for Dayton & Montgomery County

Background
Each year, on the fourth Tuesday in January, communities throughout Ohio conduct a one-night count of persons experiencing homelessness. The 2020 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count date was January 28th. In Montgomery County, the PIT Count includes persons residing in emergency shelters – Daybreak Shelter for Youth, Gettysburg Gateway for Men, Holt Street, St. Vincent Gateway for Women & Families, and YWCA Dayton Domestic Violence shelter – or sleeping unsheltered in places not intended for housing such as wooded areas, cars, or abandoned buildings.

2020 PIT Count
In Montgomery County, a total of 642 persons in 536 households were counted. Most households, 92%, were staying in an emergency shelter on the night of January 28th; 8% were unsheltered. As indicated in the chart below, 92% of the households (495) were adult only households, 8% (40) were families with children, and <1% (1) were unaccompanied minors. The PIT Count includes 39 young adult households (ages 18-24), including 4 youth who were the head of a family household. The CoC has maintained its effective end to Veteran homelessness, with the number of Veterans decreasing from 62 in 2015 to 33 in 2020.

Note: The Point-in-Time Count does not include people who were living doubled up with family or friends or those who cycle in and out of the emergency shelters but who spent the night of January 28th with a friend or in the hospital, jail, or a treatment facility.
**Trends 2011-2020**

The number of households experiencing homelessness on the night of the PIT Count has fluctuated over time, although the number of households counted in 2020 is the second highest total in the last ten years and 10% higher than the number in 2011. The number of persons experiencing chronic homelessness – persons with a disabling condition who either “get stuck” in or cycle in and out of homelessness – is also reported on the night of the PIT Count. There has been a 77% decrease in this number since the Homeless Solutions Plan was adopted and a 68% decrease over the last ten years.