# 2016 HOMELESS ENUMERATION

#### Results for the Metropolitan Washington Region

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#### How Many People Are Experiencing Homelessness in our Region?

LITERALLY HOMELESS BY JURISDICTION, 2012-2016							
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Percent Change 2012 - 2016	
City of Alexandria	352	275	267	267	224	-36%	
Arlington County	451	479	291	239	174	-61%	
District of Columbia	6,954	6,865	7,748	7,298	8,350	20%	
Fairfax County	1,534	1,350	1,225	1,204	1,059	-31%	
Frederick County	285	275	246	311	349	22%	
Loudoun County	164	166	179	168	134	-18%	
Montgomery County	982	1,004	891	1,100	981	0%	
Prince George's County	641	686	654	627	544	-15%	
Prince William County	467	447	445	409	400	-14%	
TOTAL	11,830	11,547	11,946	11,623	12,215	3.3%	

NOTE: The literally homeless total above includes the unsheltered homeless.



# **Rising Family Homelessness**

HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION							
		Total Single Adults	Total Persons in Families	Total Persons in Households with ONLY Minor Children	Regional Total		
MWCOG REGION	2016	5,764	6,435	16	12,215		
	2015	5,929	5,678	16	11,623		
	2014	6,057	5,880	9	11,946		
	2013	6,115	5,405	27	11,547		
	2012	6,204	5,611	15	11,830		
2012 - 2016 Percent Change		-7.1%	14.7%	6.7%	3.3%		



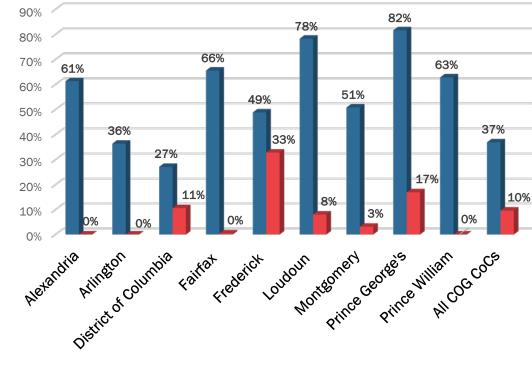
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Children represent 60% of all people in homeless families



# **Employment & Income: By the Numbers**

- **47%** of Homeless Single Adults with Income are Employed;
- **22%** of All Single Homeless Adults are Employed
- **37%** of Adults in Homeless Families are Employed Region-wide



Employed Don't Know/ No Response



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Employed Adults in Homeless Families

## **Eliminating Veteran Homelessness**

HOMELESS VETERANS BY JURISDICTION, 2012 - 2016						
Jurisdiction	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Percent Change 2012 - 2016
City of Alexandria	20	11	18	12	5	-75%
Arlington County	24	14	21	19	5	-79%
District of Columbia	531	499	408	408	350	-34%
Fairfax County	60	67	51	46	37	-38%
Frederick County	7	13	10	13	12	71%
Loudoun County	8	9	7	6	4	-50%
Montgomery County	37	31	34	24	17	-54%
Prince George's County	24	25	20	34	26	8%
Prince William County	27	23	19	18	28	4%
TOTAL	738	692	588	580	484	-34%





Photo credit: Maryland GovPics Veterans Stand Down & Homeless Services Day, Prince George's County, 2011

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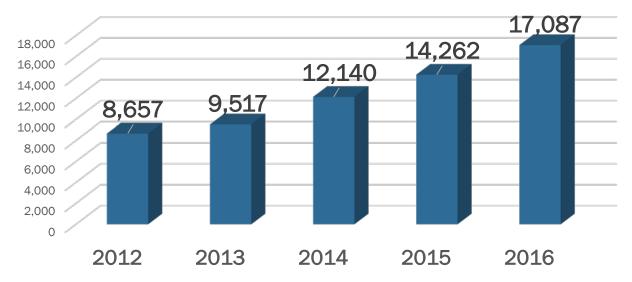


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# **Formerly Homeless: Regional Progress**



Source: MWCOG 2016



\*Data for 2014 through 2016 includes Rapid Re-Housing & Other Permanent Housing placements. Data collected prior to 2014 includes Permanent Supportive Housing only.



#### **Recommendations & Challenges to Ending Homelessness**

#### Recommendations

- Housing First
- Diversion and prevention strategies
- Affordable housing & housing subsidies- increase the supply
- Workforce development

#### Challenges

- High-cost housing market
- Limited or reduced federal funding for housing assistance programs







### **Questions?**

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