Who are the homeless in Northeast Louisiana in 2018?

Results of the Jan. 2018 point in time (one-day) count of the homeless in the 12 Northeastern LA Parishes

- Total number of persons homeless on Jan. 22: 187 (a small increase from the 187 in 2017)
- Number of homeless individuals (homeless alone): 76 (same as in 2017)
- Number of homeless families (groups including children under 18): 34 families (down slightly from 36 in 2017)
- Number of homeless youth under 18: 77 (up from 71 in 2017)
- Number of homeless youth under 25: 95 (virtually unchanged from 93 in 2017)
- Number of homeless youth under 18 without an adult with them: 0 (down from 16 in 2017)
- Number living in temporary housing: 179 (up from 160 in 2017)
- Number living on streets: 8 (down 68% from 25 in 2017)
- Number of homeless Veterans: 1 (down from 5 in 2017)
- Number of homeless Veteran families/households: 1
- Number of chronically homeless (repeatedly over long periods): 10 (down from 13 in 2017)

Number persons homeless in the 12-parish region because of (note: persons may list more than one reason):
- Domestic violence: 35 (18.7% of total homeless population)
- Chronic substance abuse: 2 (1.07% of total homeless population)
- Severe mental illness 5 (2.7% of total homeless population, down from 13 in 2016)
  (All others did not designate one of these reasons)

How do we compare to national averages (from 2017 AHAR report to Congress by U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development):
- In U.S. 65% of homeless were in temporary housing in U.S. vs. 95.7% in NELA
- In U.S. 35% of homeless were unsheltered vs. 4.3% in NELA
- In U.S. 20.7% are children under 18 vs. 41.2% in NELA
- In U.S. 67% of homeless are individuals vs. 40.6% in NELA
- In U.S. 33% are families with children vs. 59.4% in NELA
- In U.S. 15.7% are chronically homeless vs. 5.3% in NELA
- In U.S. 7.2% are Vets vs. .53% in NELA

What does this mean about number of homeless each year?

Based on research, a local rule of thumb is used of ten times the number of point in time homeless are homeless each year = 1,870

How many youth are homeless each year?

Homeless youth are difficult to count because they tend to be far less visible than the homeless population as a whole unless they are in a shelter with their families. To estimate the number, using the definition of “youth” as under persons 18, the 2018 count was 77, or an annualized total of 770.