

Parents and Children Are the Majority of Shelter Residents

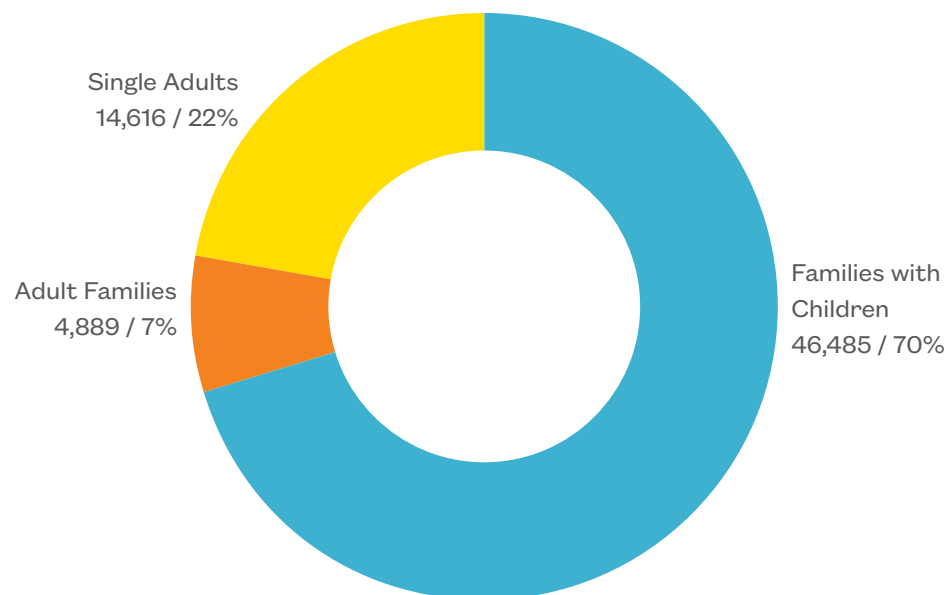
In December 2014, one out of every five people living in a New York City homeless shelter was a child age five or under.¹

Over two-thirds (70%) of all people living in shelter at the end of 2014 were parents and their children.

The large number and rapid growth of children living in shelter is a crisis; however, while in shelter the opportunity exists to address their developmental needs in order to promote their educational and emotional growth.

Individuals in Shelter, by Family Type

December 2014



Note: Percentages do not add to 100% due to rounding. Figure refers to the number of unduplicated individuals living in shelters at some point in December 2014.

Source: New York City Department of Homeless Services, *DHS Data Dashboard Fiscal Year to Date 2015*.

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