

Auckland City Street Count Results 2016.

ABSTRACT

On the night of the 22nd of May The Auckland Rough Sleepers Initiative conducted its 10th Street Count.

Since 2004 The Auckland Rough Sleepers Initiative has conducted regular “Street counts” to identify people sleeping rough within a 3km radius of the Sky Tower in Auckland city.

The 2016 Street Count was conducted on Sunday evening 22 May, beginning at 6 pm and was completed by midnight. The weather was mainly fine with showers in the later phase of the count.

The count was carried out by 31 staff drawn from the four major NGO’S based in the Central Business District and from local and central government organisations that have knowledge of or interest in rough sleepers.

Tourists who were identified on the night were not counted. Where it was not possible to positively identify someone as a rough sleeper they were not included in the count.

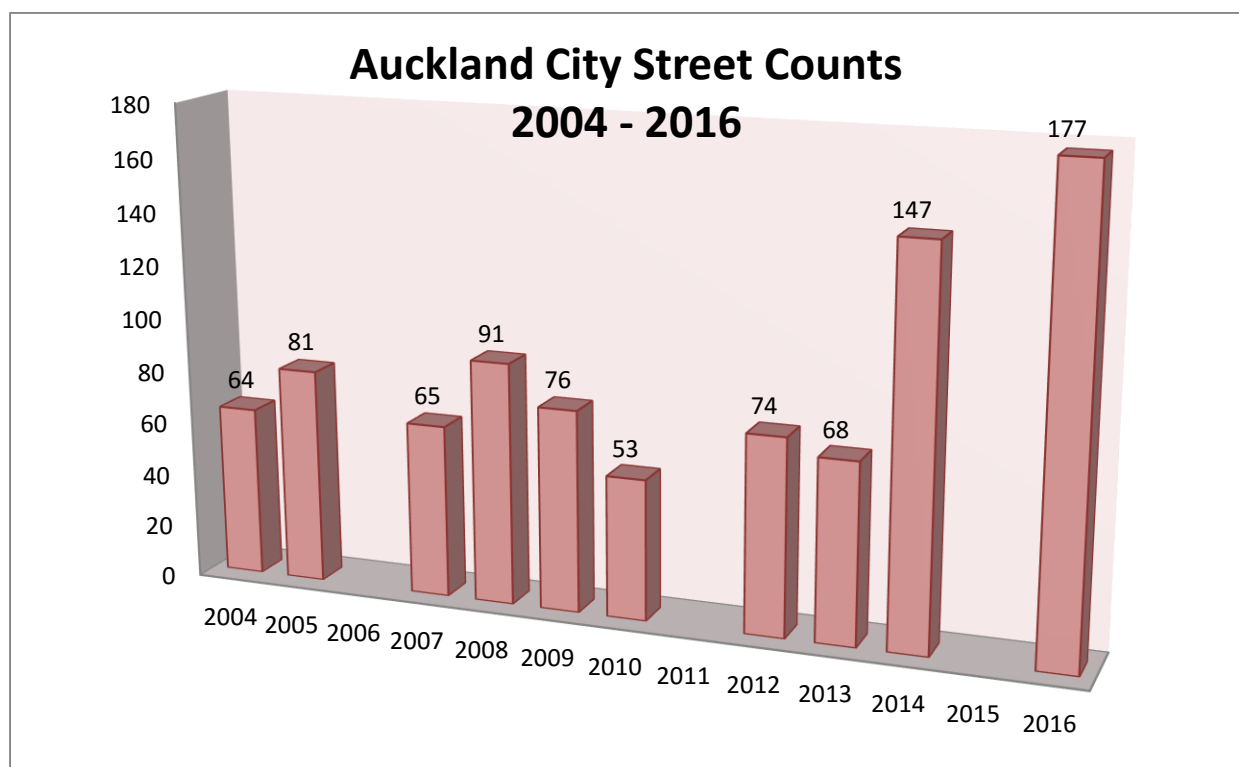
FINDINGS

On the night of the count **177** people were found to be **sleeping rough** in the count area.

A further **51** people who might otherwise have slept rough were located in **temporary accommodation** at James Liston Hostel or were patients on the Auckland Hospital site including general hospital wards, Te Whetu Tawera (the Auckland District Health Board’s Acute Mental Health Unit for adults) and Starship Hospital.

By combining the two figures **228** people can be said to have been homeless on the night of the count. Whilst some of those in temporary accommodation may well become housed many will return to the streets on their release from hospital, police cells or prison.

COMPARISON TO PREVIOUS COUNTS.



Gender

2016			2014		
Male	121	68%	Male	115	78.23%
Female	45	25%	Female	31	21.08%
Diverse	7	4%	Diverse	-	-
Unknown	4	2%	Unknown	1	.68%

Ethnicity

2016			2014		
Maori	93	53%	Maori	63	42.8%
Pacific	16	9%	Pacific	10	8.90%
European	58	33%	European	45	30%
Other	1	1%	Other	3	2.04%
Unknown	9	5%	Unknown	26	17.68%

Notes to Comparisons.

As a percentage and actual number more women were identified as rough sleeping with a comparative drop in men identified as sleeping rough.

The rise in the number of women identified as rough sleeping continues the trend of previous year's counts.

Rough sleepers identified as Maori have increased from 42% to 53% compared to the 2014 street count.

66% of those counted were known to the count volunteers.

EXTRAPOLATION

- **177** Rough sleepers were found on the night
- A conservative estimate would suggest that the count failed to find a further **25** people sleeping rough on the night of the count.
- It is conservatively estimated that at least **200+** people were sleeping rough on the night of the count.
- If those persons found in temporary accommodation on the night of the count were added to the 177 rough sleepers found and the 25 estimated rough sleepers not found then the total number of those sleeping rough in the Auckland CBD is likely to be at least **250**.

At 147 the last street count passed the 100 mark for the first time.