KEY FINDINGS: HOMELESSNESS

1. **3,111 individuals are actively experiencing homelessness in Charlotte-Mecklenburg.**

As of June 2020, there were 3,111 individuals actively experiencing homelessness in Charlotte-Mecklenburg. Of these, there were 2,049 single adults; 309 families; and 508 individuals experiencing chronic homelessness. The average number of individuals experiencing homelessness between July 2019 and June 2020 was 3,165.

2. **The average number of days in emergency shelter continues to increase.**

During the last fiscal year, the average length of stay in emergency shelter was 118 days, which represents a 52-day increase from 2015. This increase is due to a number of factors, including: a lack of available and affordable permanent housing and barriers (such as source of income discrimination) that prevent households from accessing permanent, affordable housing.

3. **Beyond affordability, households report multiple barriers to obtaining housing.**

Findings from the 2020 PIT Count Survey indicate that lack of income was the largest barrier to obtaining housing. Almost half (45%) of households reported more than one barrier to housing. In addition to income, poor credit (26%); physical/mental health (17%), criminal record (17%) and eviction record (15%) were barriers.