Montgomery County joined The Way Home in 2016, and was included in the 2017 Homeless Count and Survey. For accurate historical comparisons, only 2017 Count data from Houston, Harris County and Fort Bend County will be used. Montgomery County data gathered in 2017 provides a benchmark for measuring homelessness in that area and will be used in future comparisons.

**Total: 3,605**

- **Harris County**
  - Sheltered: 2,287
  - Unsheltered: 1,078
- **Fort Bend County**
  - Sheltered: 41
  - Unsheltered: 6
- **Montgomery County**
  - Sheltered: 149
  - Unsheltered: 44

**Key Findings:**

*in Houston, Harris County and Fort Bend County*

- **60% decrease** in overall homelessness since 2011.
- **82% decrease** in unsheltered chronic homelessness since 2011.
- **39%** of unsheltered homeless individuals had a high school diploma or GED. 21% had some college or a college degree or higher.
- **78%** of unsheltered homeless individuals became homeless in Houston.
- **25%** of unsheltered homeless individuals reported no income, while 20% reported panhandling for income.

**Comparing the Counts**

*in Houston, Harris County and Fort Bend County*

- Total: 2017
- Harris County: 2017
- Fort Bend County: 2017
- Montgomery County: 2017

**Permanent Housing Placements since 2012**

- Permanent Supportive Housing: 6,172
- Rapid Re-housing: 5,064

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