

The Point-in-Time (PIT) count is an annual count of sheltered and unsheltered people on a single night in January nationwide, facilitated by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). In Minnesota, a large-scale community-wide effort involving Continuum of Care (CoC) coordinators, the Institute for Community Alliance (ICA), providers, outreach workers, schools, and volunteers coordinates the PIT count across the state.

The PIT counts people experiencing homelessness who are sheltered in emergency shelter and transitional housing or are sleeping outside without shelter on a single night. This count does not capture the number of people experiencing homelessness over the course of a single year. Additionally, HUD's definition of homelessness does not include those living in a doubled-up situation. However, some of Minnesota's CoCs did include people living in a doubled-up situation in their count efforts. The number of people living in a doubled-up situation is not included in the official count submitted to HUD and is only captured in the section specific to doubled-up individuals in this document.

In Minnesota, the 2020 Point-in-Time count occurred on January 22, 2020, prior to the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States. As a result, the count does not reflect the impact of the pandemic on people experiencing homelessness in Minnesota. An increase in people experiencing unsheltered homelessness has been widely observed since the pandemic began. Additionally, safety concerns may have impacted data collection efforts during Hennepin County's overnight PIT collection. This occurrence may influence metro unsheltered comparisons between the 2019 and 2020 PIT counts. Finally, the numbers below are preliminary as HUD's review process for the 2020 count is underway.

Summary of the Point-in-Time Count in Minnesota

- **Statewide, Minnesota counted 7,940 people experiencing homelessness on the night of January 22, 2020.** This is nearly identical to 2019's PIT count (7,977).
- **The number of people experiencing unsheltered homeless continues to rise.** Statewide, 1,949 people experienced unsheltered homelessness during the 2020 PIT count. This represents an 18 percent increase from 2019 and a 145 percent increase from 2014, the lowest PIT count for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in the past decade.
- **People of color remain disproportionately represented in those experiencing homelessness.** The majority of people (62 percent) counted statewide in 2020 identified as non-white. African Americans remain the largest population (42 percent) of all persons counted.
- **Half of all people counted statewide were in families (3,214) or unaccompanied youth under the age of 25 (750).** The number of people in families continues to decline (by five percent) but the number of unaccompanied youth increased (by nine percent) since 2019.
- **Although the majority of those experiencing homelessness during the Point-in-Time count lived in the Twin Cities metro (66 percent), homelessness in Greater Minnesota increased (by**

17 percent) since 2019. Unsheltered (by 66 percent), sheltered (by three percent) and chronic (by 36 percent) homelessness increased in Greater Minnesota from 2019 to 2020.

Point-in-Time Count, Overall

- Statewide, 7,940 people and 5,360 households experienced homelessness on the night of January 22, 2020.
- Statewide, 61 percent of people were adults (25+), 12 percent were youth (18-24), and 27 were children (under 18).
- In Minnesota, 34 percent of people were in Greater Minnesota and 66 percent were in the Twin Cities metro.
- Statewide, 75 percent of people were sheltered and 25 percent were unsheltered.
- The 2020 count is nearly identical to 2019 PIT count (7,977).
 - The number of people experiencing homelessness increased by 17 percent in Greater Minnesota and decreased by eight percent in the metro from 2019.
 - The unsheltered population increased by 296 people while the sheltered population decreased by 333 people.
 - The 2020 count decreased by five percent from the overall PIT count peak (2014) in the past decade.

Point-in-Time Count, Race and Ethnicity

- Statewide, 62 percent of people experiencing homelessness identified as non-white race and eight percent as Hispanic.
 - Of those experiencing homelessness statewide, 42 percent identified as Black, 10 percent as Native American, eight percent as multiple races, and two percent as Asian/Pacific Islander.
- In Greater Minnesota, 42 percent of people experiencing homelessness identified as a non-white race and seven percent as Hispanic.
 - Of those experiencing homelessness in Greater Minnesota, 17 percent of people identified as Native American, 16 percent as Black, eight percent as multiple races, and one percent as Asian/Pacific Islander.
- In the Twin Cities metro, 72 percent of people experiencing homelessness identified as non-white race and eight percent as Hispanic.
 - Of those experiencing homelessness in the metro, 55 percent of people identified as Black, eight percent as multiple races, seven percent as Native American, and three percent as Asian/Pacific Islander.

Point-in-Time Count, Unsheltered Homelessness

- Statewide, 1,949 people and 1,508 households experienced unsheltered homelessness on the night of January 22, 2020.

- Of the people experiencing unsheltered homelessness statewide, 79 percent were adults (25+), 14 percent youth (18-24), and eight percent children (under 18).
- Statewide, 244 people in families and 1,705 individuals experienced unsheltered homelessness.
- Of the people experiencing unsheltered homelessness statewide, 42 percent were in Greater Minnesota and 58 percent in the Twin Cities metro.
- The number of people without shelter increased by 18 percent statewide, 66 percent in Greater Minnesota, and decreased by three percent in the Twin Cities metro from 2019.
 - The number of people without shelter statewide increased by 145 percent from the lowest unsheltered PIT count (2014) in the past decade.

Point-in-Time Count, Sheltered Homelessness

- Statewide, 5,991 people and 3,852 households experienced sheltered homelessness on the night of January 22, 2020.
- Of the people experiencing sheltered homelessness statewide, 56 percent were adults (25+), 11 percent youth (18 to 24), and 33 percent children (under 18).
- Statewide, 2,970 people in families and 3,021 individuals experienced sheltered homelessness.
- In Minnesota, 31 percent of people experiencing sheltered homelessness were in Greater Minnesota, and 69 percent in the Twin Cities metro.
- Of the people experiencing sheltered homelessness statewide, 67 percent of people were in Emergency Shelter and 33 percent in Transitional Housing.
- People in shelter decreased by five percent statewide, nine percent in the Twin Cities metro, and increased by three percent in Greater Minnesota.
- The number of people in shelter decreased by 21 percent from the sheltered PIT count peak (2014) in the past decade.

Point-in-Time Count, Veteran Homelessness

- Statewide, 315 vets experienced homelessness on the night of January 22, 2020, a decrease of five percent from 2019.
- Of vets experiencing homelessness statewide, 85 percent were sheltered and 15 percent unsheltered.
- Of vets experiencing homelessness statewide, 31 percent were in Greater Minnesota and 69 percent were in the Twin Cities metro.

Point-in-Time Count, People in Families and Unaccompanied Youth

- Statewide, 3,214 people in families experienced homelessness on the night of January 22, 2020, a decrease of five percent since 2019.
 - Statewide, 39 percent of people in families experiencing homelessness were in Greater Minnesota and 64 percent were in the Twin Cities metro.
- Statewide, 750 unaccompanied youth (under 25) experienced homelessness statewide, an increase by nine percent since 2019.

- Of the unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness statewide, 88 percent were 18-24 and 12 percent were under 18.
- Of the unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness statewide, 47 percent were in Greater Minnesota and 53 percent in the metro.
- Statewide, 373 parenting youth (under 25) and their children experienced homelessness.
 - Of the parenting youth and their children experiencing homelessness statewide, 51 percent were in Greater Minnesota and 49 percent were in the metro.

Point-in-Time Count, Chronic Homelessness

- Statewide, 1,787 people and 83 households were chronically homeless on the night of January 22, 2020.
- Statewide, 30 percent of people who were chronically homeless were in Greater Minnesota and 70 percent were in the Twin Cities metro.
- The number of people who were chronically homeless increased by two percent statewide, increased by 36 percent in Greater Minnesota, and decreased by eight percent in the metro from 2019.
- Chronically homeless people statewide were almost equally represented in sheltered (54 percent) and unsheltered (46 percent) locations.
- The number of chronically homeless people statewide who were unsheltered increased by 29 percent. Those who were sheltered decreased by 13 percent.

Point-in-Time Count, Doubled-Up Individuals and Households

Note: HUD’s definition of homelessness does not include those living in a doubled-up situation and HUD does not require doubled-up data collection for the PIT count. Some, but not all, Minnesota CoCs include doubled-up data in their PIT count but collection efforts are uneven across CoCs.

- Statewide, 1293 people and 702 households were living in a doubled-up situation on the night of January 22, 2020.
- Statewide, 46 percent of people doubled up were adults (age 25+), 20 percent were youth (ages 18-24), and 33 percent were children (under 18) statewide.
- Statewide, 61 percent of people doubled up were in Greater Minnesota and 39 percent were in the Twin Cities metro.
- The number of people doubled up increased by four percent statewide, by 32 percent in Greater Minnesota, and decreased by 22 percent in the metro from 2019.