

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 captures people who are 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 included those living in a doubled up situation in their count efforts. The number of people living in a double up situation is not included in the official count submitted to HUD and is only captured in the section specific to doubled up in this document.

In Minnesota, the 2020 PIT 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.

Summary Points

- **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 plurality (42 percent) of those counted.
- **Half of all people counted statewide were in families (3,214) or unaccompanied youth under 25 (746)¹.** The number of people in families continues to decline (five percent) but the number of unaccompanied youth increased (nine percent) since 2019.

¹Final HUD counts of unaccompanied youth (746) differ from initial estimations (750) due to household composition limitations.

- **Although the majority of those experiencing homelessness during the PIT lived in the Metro (66 percent), homelessness in Greater Minnesota increased (17 percent) since 2019.** Unsheltered (66 percent), sheltered (three percent) and chronic (34 percent) homelessness increased in greater MN from 2019 to 2020.

Overall PIT

- Statewide, 7,940 people and 5,360 households experienced homelessness.
- 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 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.

Race/Ethnicity

- Statewide, 62 percent of people experiencing homelessness identified as non-white race and eight percent as Hispanic.
 - Statewide, 42 percent of people identify 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.
 - In Greater Minnesota, 17 percent of people identify as Native American, 16 percent as Black, eight percent as multiple races, and one percent as Asian/Pacific Islander.
- In the Metro, 72 percent of people experiencing homelessness identified as non-white race and eight percent as Hispanic
 - In the Metro, 55 percent of people identify as Black, eight percent as multiple races, seven percent as Native American, and three percent as Asian/Pacific Islander.

Unsheltered

- Statewide, 1,949 people and 1,508 households experienced unsheltered homelessness.
- 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 Metro.
- The number of people without shelter increased by 18 percent statewide, 66 percent in Greater Minnesota, and decreased by three percent in the 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.

Sheltered

- Statewide, 5,991 people and 3,852 households experienced sheltered homelessness.
- 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, 69 percent in the Metro.
- Of the people experiencing sheltered homelessness statewide, 67 percent of people were in Emergency Shelter, 33 percent in Transitional Housing, and none were in Safe Haven.
- People in shelter decreased by five percent statewide, nine percent in the 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.

Vets

- Statewide, 315 vets experienced homelessness, 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 Metro.

People in Families and Unaccompanied Youth

- Statewide, 3,214 people in families experienced homelessness, 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 Metro.
- Statewide, 746² unaccompanied youth (under 25) experienced homelessness statewide, an increase by nine percent since 2019.
 - Of the unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness statewide, 89 percent were 18-24 and 11 percent were under 18.

² Final HUD counts of unaccompanied youth (746) differ from initial estimations (750) due to household composition limitations.

- Of the unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness statewide, 47 percent were in Greater Minnesota and 53 percent in the Metro.
- Statewide, 375³ 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.

Chronic Homelessness

- Statewide, 1787 people and 83 households were chronically homeless.
- Statewide, 30 percent of people who were chronically homeless were in Greater Minnesota and 70 percent were in the 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.

Doubled Up

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.
- Statewide, 46 percent of people doubled-up were adults (25 +), 20 percent were youth (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 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.

³ Final HUD counts of children of parenting youth (213) differ from initial estimations (211) due to household composition limitations. The number of parenting youth (162) remained the same.