



## 2019 JULY POINT-IN-TIME COUNT OF HOMELESSNESS MADISON/DANE COUNTY

### I. BACKGROUND

The Point-in-Time Count of Homelessness (PIT) provides a snapshot of people who are experiencing homelessness on a given night in a community. The Homeless Services Consortium of Dane County (HSC) conducts a PIT twice a year, on the fourth Wednesday of January and July. This year's July PIT was on the night of July 24, 2019.

The PIT has two components:

- **Sheltered counts** collect information on people who are sleeping in emergency shelters and transitional housing programs. Most of the information is gathered from the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) used by nearly all homeless services agencies in Dane County. Community partners that do not use HMIS submit comparable reports to the CoC. The following shelters and transitional housing programs were included in the count:
  - Emergency Shelters: The Salvation Army of Dane County Family Shelter, Single Women Shelter, and Medical Voucher Program; YWCA Madison Family Shelter; Porchlight Men's Drop-In Shelter; and Domestic Abuse Intervention Services Emergency Shelter and Motel Voucher Program
  - Transitional Housing Programs: Briarpatch Transitional Living Program; The Road Home Dane County Second Chance Apartment; YWCA Madison Empower Home; Porchlight Spring Street Veterans Transitional Housing; and The Salvation Army of Dane County Holly House\*
- **Unsheltered counts** capture information on people who are sleeping outside, in a vehicle, in a tent, or other places not suitable for human habitation. Teams of volunteers go to "known locations" identified by outreach workers, police officers, parks staff, and other service providers on the night of PIT and conduct surveys. Additional post-counts are conducted at strategic locations following the PIT. This year, 49 staff and volunteers from HSC participated in the unsheltered and post counts. The weather was mild for the unsheltered count: high of 85, low of 60, and around 70 degrees during the main part of the count (10pm-2am).

This enumeration is one of several ways to understand the levels and trends of homelessness in our community. Since the PIT is a snapshot of homelessness for one night, many more people experiencing homelessness over the course of a year are not counted in the PIT. A separate report, Longitudinal

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\* Two transitional housing programs that were included in previous PIT counts, Port St. Vincent de Paul and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton House, were not included in this year's PIT based on the review of the HUD's homeless transitional housing program definition.

System Analysis (formerly Annual Homeless Assessment Report), captures the unduplicated number of people served in the homeless services agencies using HMIS throughout the year. The community's Coordinated Entry Housing Priority Lists identify the number of people who report being homeless and in need of housing.

It is important to note that this count excludes individuals and families who are "doubled up" with friends or other families in private homes or living in hotels or motels. While the U.S. Department of Education's definition of homelessness includes children who are living in such arrangements, these families are not included in the PIT, per HUD requirement. Individuals in institutions are also not included.

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## II. KEY FINDINGS

### On a Single Night in July 2019

**650 people experiencing homelessness were identified in Madison/Dane County on the night of the 2019 July PIT.**

- 34 percent or 221 persons were in households with children (families), representing 60 families.
- 65 percent or 424 persons were in households without children (individuals).
- 22 percent or 140 persons were children under age 18.
- Nine percent or 61 persons were young adults age 18-24. 26 were parenting youth.
- 22 percent or 142 persons were considered chronically homeless†.
- Seven percent or 44 persons were veterans.
- 37 percent or 238 persons stayed in unsheltered locations such as on the street, in vehicles, in tents, or other places not suitable for human habitation.

Black or African Americans are considerably overrepresented among the homeless population compared to the overall Dane County population. While accounting for six percent of the Dane County population, African Americans accounted for 48 percent of all people identified as experiencing homelessness.

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† Chronically Homeless Individual refers to an individual with a disability who has been continuously homeless for one year or more or has experienced at least four episodes of homelessness in the last three years where the combined length of time homeless in those occasions is at least 12 months. Chronically Homeless People in Families refers to people in families in which the head of household has a disability and has either been continuously homeless for one year or more or has experienced at least four episodes of homelessness in the last three years where the combined length of time homeless in those occasions is at least 12 months.

## Since 2018

**There was no significant change in the total number of persons experiencing homelessness from the previous year, 640 persons to 650 persons.**

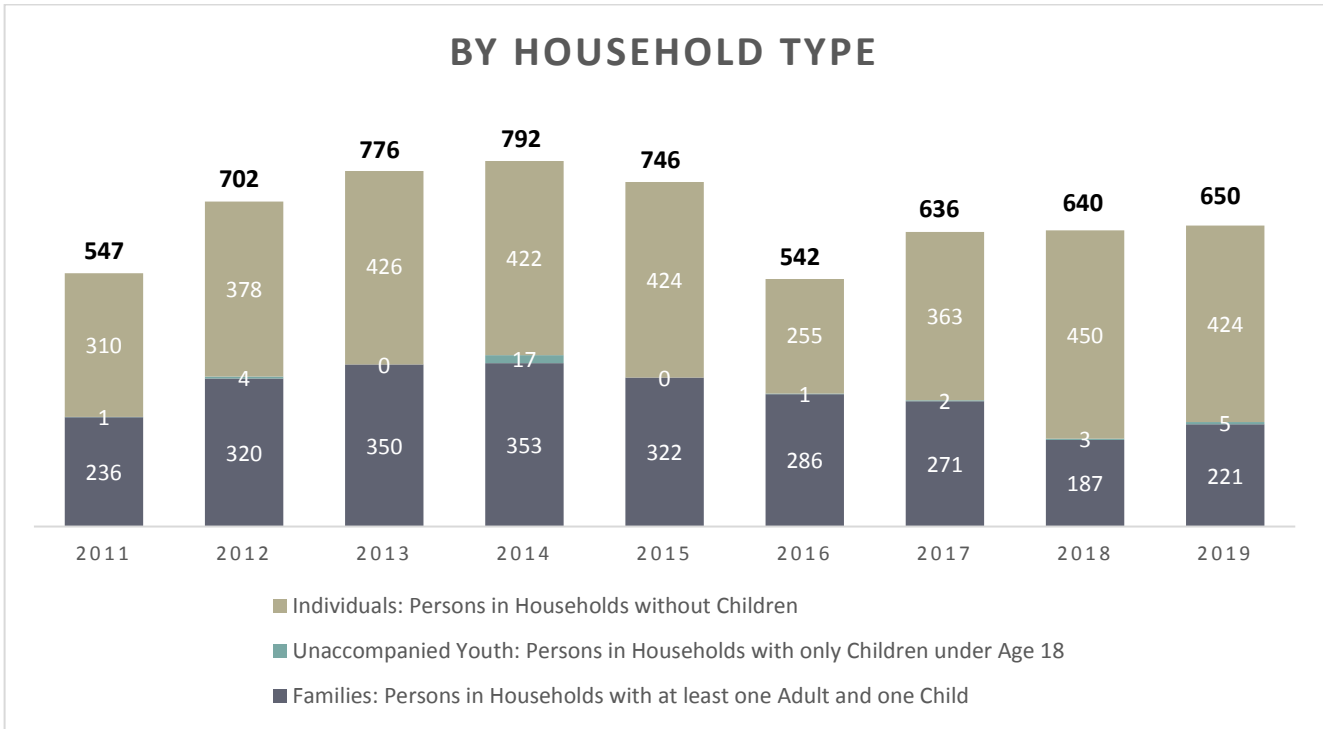
- The number of persons in households without children (individuals) decreased by 6 percent or 26 persons.
- The number of persons in families increased by 18 percent or 34 persons. The number of families increased from 54 families to 60 families.
- The number of people experiencing chronic homelessness increased by 17 percent or 21 persons.
- The number of veterans experiencing homelessness slightly decreased by 5 persons.
- Excluding transitional housing programs, the number of persons experiencing homelessness either at emergency shelters or unsheltered locations increased by three percent or 17 persons, from 527 in 2018 to 544 in 2019.

## Since 2014

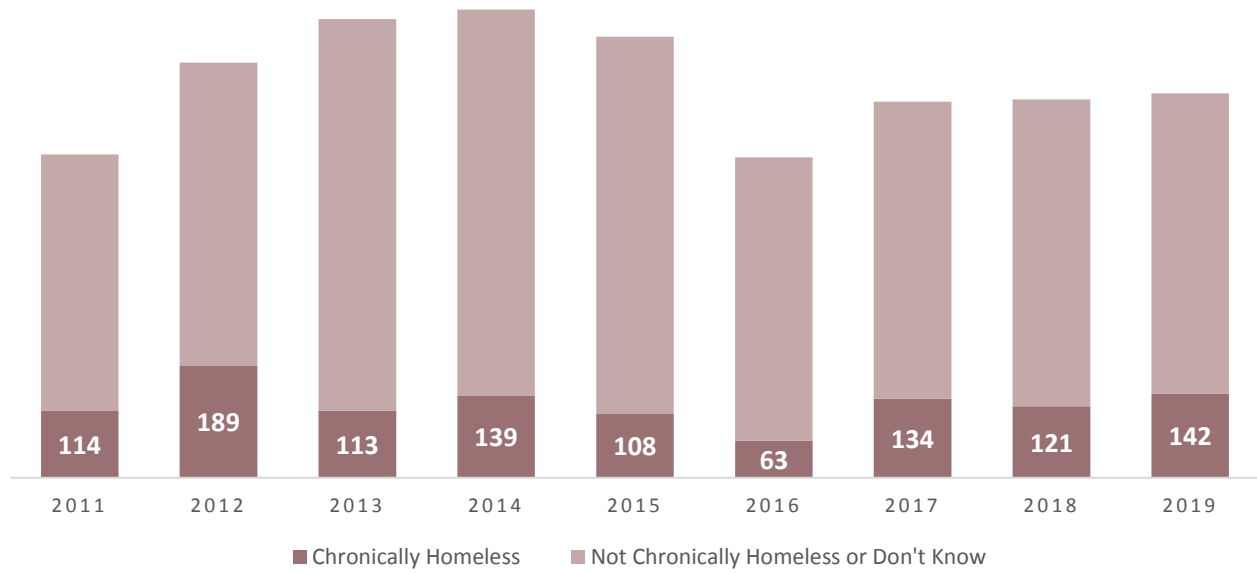
**Overall homelessness was down by 18 percent or 142 persons from five years ago.**

- The number of individuals was approximately the same, 422 in 2014 and 424 in 2019.
- The number of persons in families was down by 37 percent or 132 persons, 353 in 2014 and 221 in 2019.
- The number of people experiencing chronic homelessness was approximately the same, 139 in 2014 and 142 in 2019.
- The number of veterans experiencing homelessness was up by 4 persons.

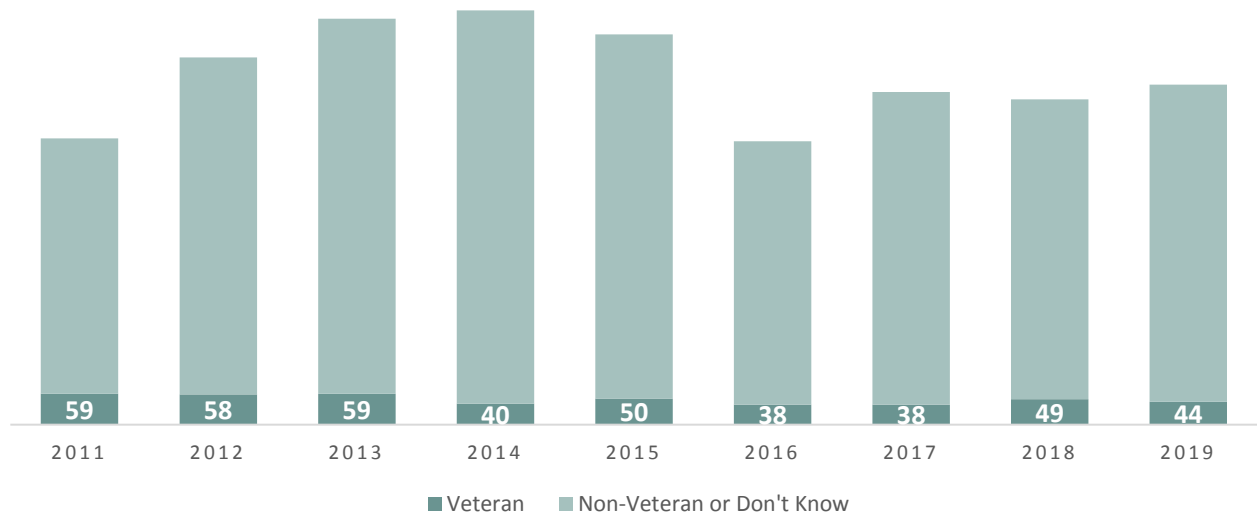
### III. 2011-2019 JULY PIT COMPARISON



## CHRONICALLY HOMELESS

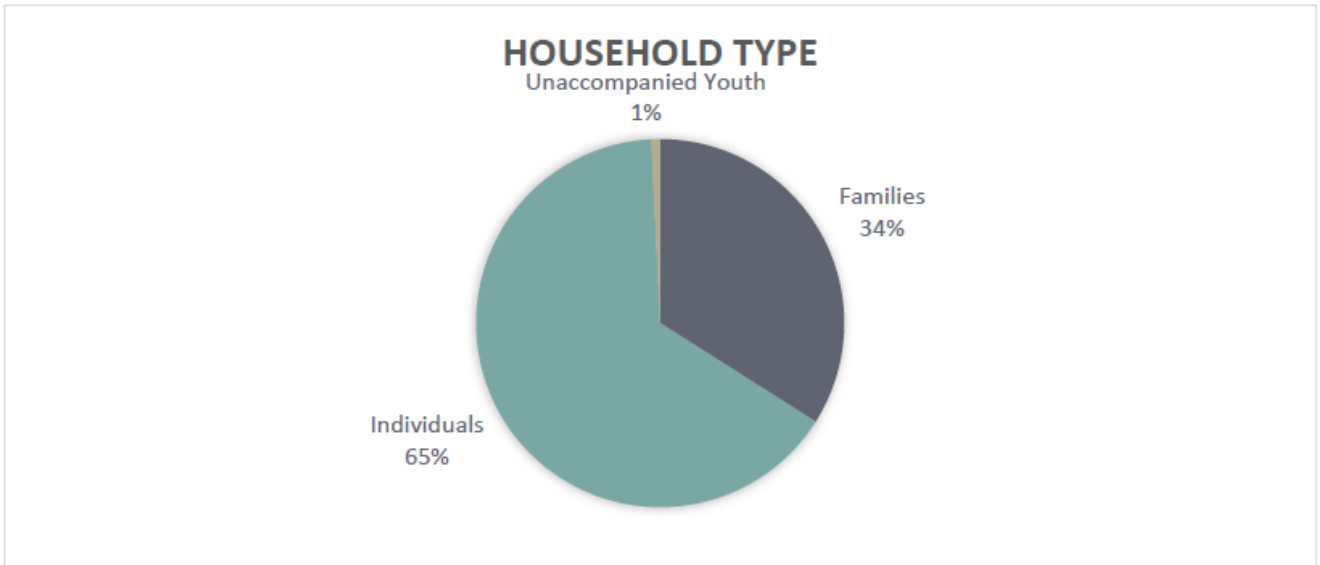


## VETERAN HOMELESS

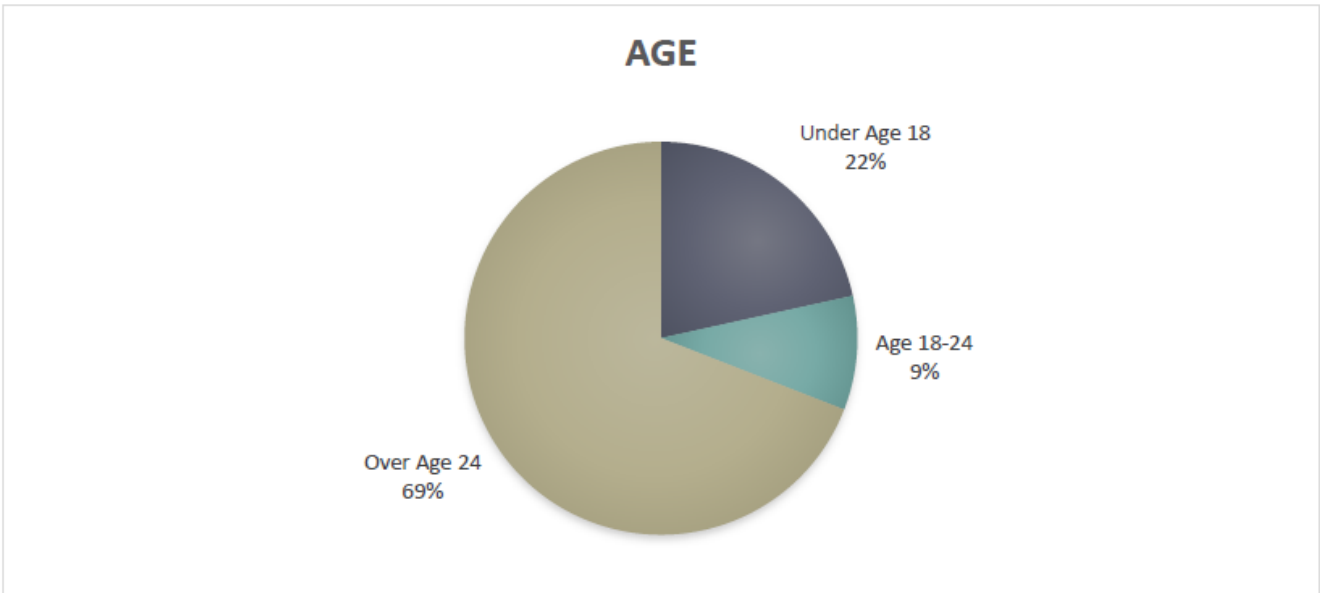


#### IV. 2019 JULY PIT‡

Household Types	Number	Percentage
Families: Persons in households with at least one adult and one child	221	34%
Individuals: Households without children	424	65%
Unaccompanied Youth: Households with only children (under age 18)	5	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>100%</b>

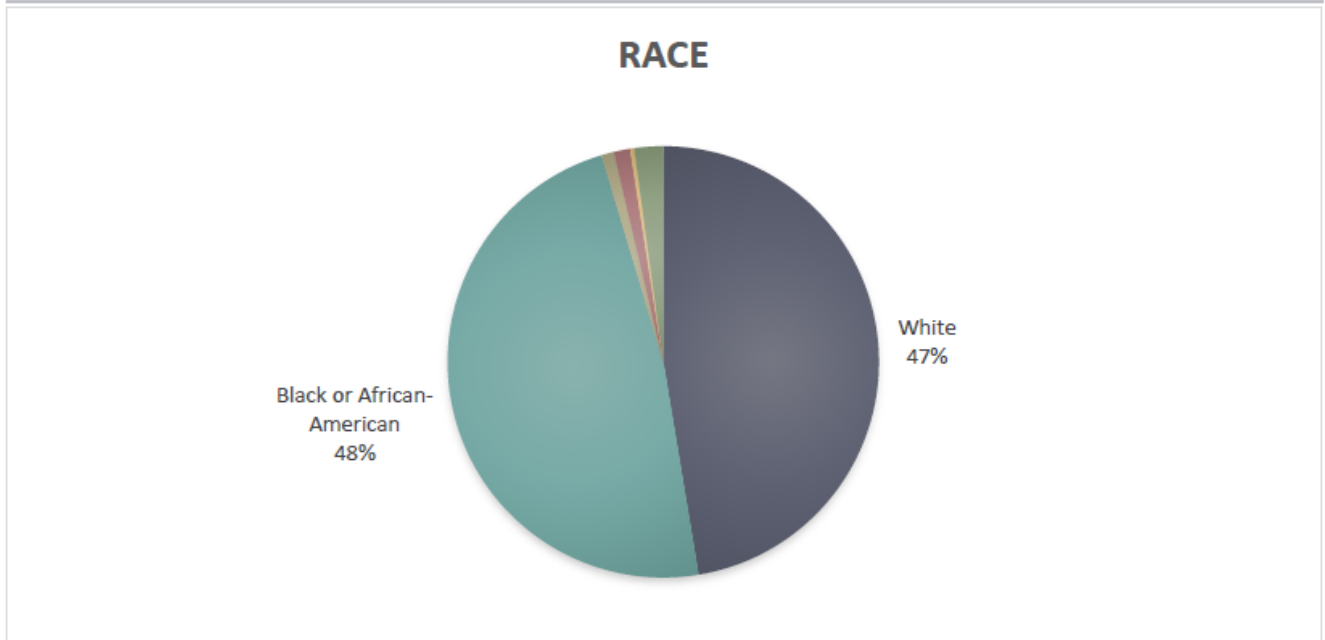


Age	Number	Percentage
Under Age 18	140	22%
Age 18-24	61	9%
Over Age 24	449	69%
<b>Total</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>100%</b>

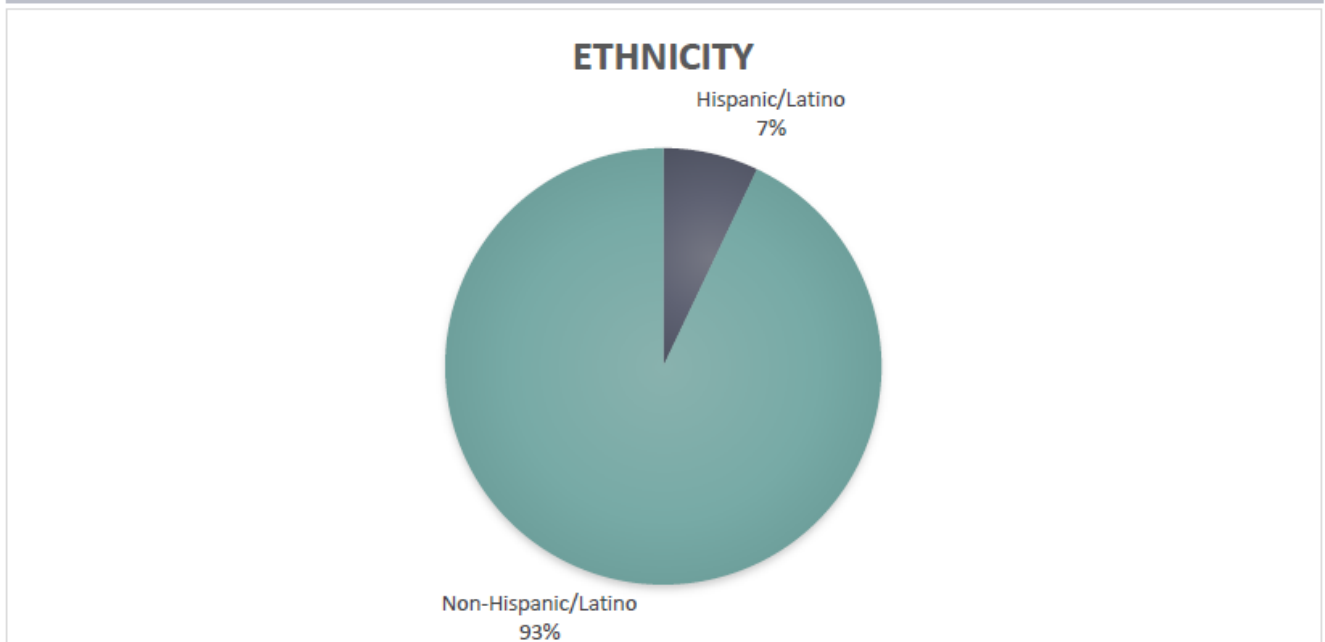


‡ When certain demographic information was unknown, HUD approved extrapolation method was used to ensure that the total number of persons listed under each category equal the total number of persons counted. The number of unknown data for each category can be found on the Appendix.

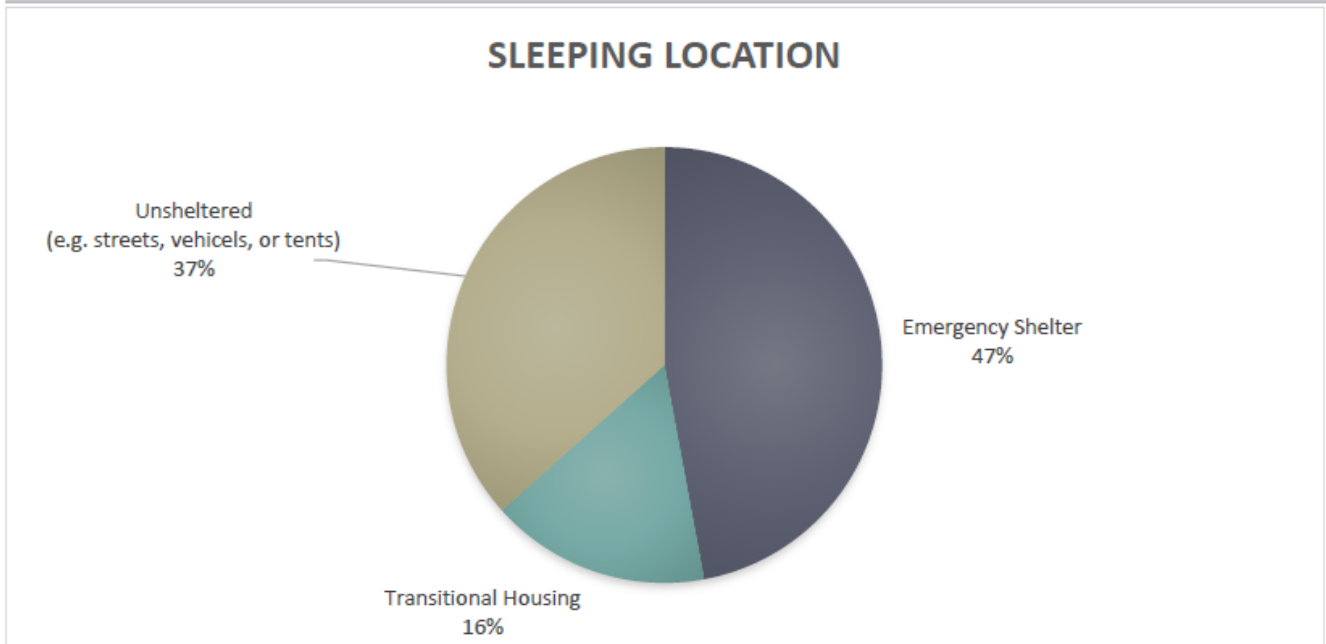
Race	Number	Percentage
White	308	47%
Black or African-American	312	48%
Asian	6	1%
American Indian or Alaska Native	8	1%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2	0%
Multiple Races	14	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>100%</b>



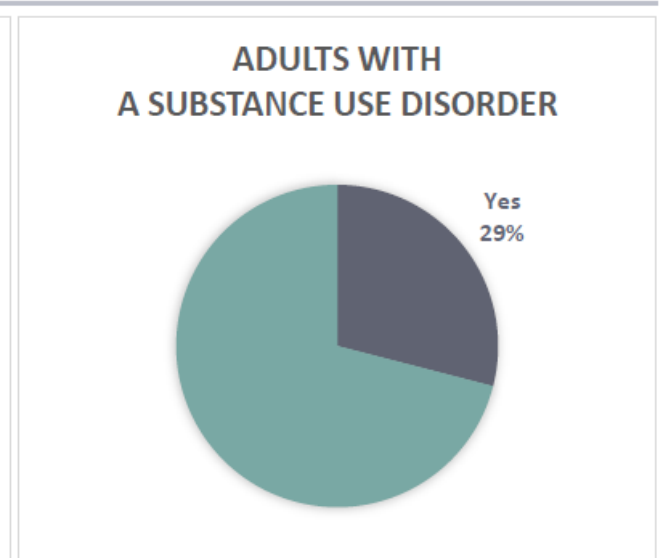
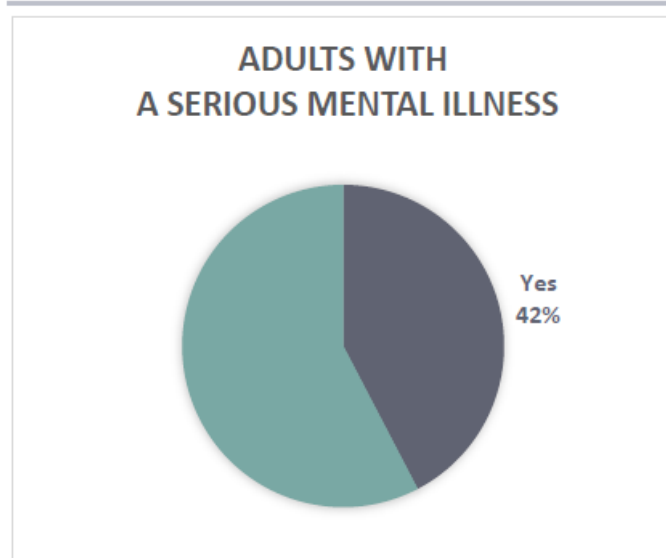
Ethnicity	Number	Percentage
Hispanic/Latino	46	7%
Non-Hispanic/Latino	604	93%
<b>Total</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>100%</b>



Sleeping Situation	Number	Percentage
Emergency Shelter	306	47%
Transitional Housing	106	16%
Unsheltered (e.g. streets, vehicles or tents)	238	37%
<b>Total</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>100%</b>



Subpopulation	Number	Percentage
Adults with a Serious Mental Illness	216	42%
Adults with a Substance Use Disorder	148	29%
Victim of Domestic Violence	117	18%





**Families: Households with at least one adult and one child**

**Households with at least one Adult and one Child**

	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Total Number of Households	38	21	1	60
Total Number of Persons (Adults and Children)	<b>152</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>221</b>
Number of Children (Under Age 18)	90	42	1	133
Number of Young Adults (Age 18-24)	16	10	0	26
Number of Adults (Over Age 24)	46	15	1	62
Number of Persons with Missing DOB	0	0	0	0

**Gender (adults and children)**

Female	82	37	0	119
Male	70	30	2	102
Transgender	0	0	0	0
Gender Non-Conforming (i.e. not exclusively male or female)	0	0	0	0
Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused	0	0	0	0
Missing / Non-HUD	0	0	0	0

**Ethnicity (adults and children)**

Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	142	56	0	198
Hispanic/Latino	9	11	0	20
Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused	0	0	0	0
Missing / Non-HUD	1	0	2	3

**Race (adults and children)**

White	34	16	2	52
Black or African-American	102	51	0	153
Asian	0	0	0	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1	0	0	1
Multiple Races	14	0	0	14
Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused	0	0	0	0
Missing / Non-HUD	1	0	0	1

**Chronically Homeless**

Total Number of Households	8	0	8
Total Number of Persons	28	0	28

## Singles or Couples: Households without children

	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
<b>Households without Children</b>				
Total Number of Households	148	39	224	411
Total Number of Persons (Adults)	<b>149</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>424</b>
Number of Young Adults (Age 18-24)	9	7	18	34
Number of Adults (Over Age 24)	139	32	208	379
Number of Persons with Missing DOB	1	0	10	11

### Gender

Female	69	10	59	138
Male	80	26	167	273
Transgender	0	3	1	4
Gender Non-Conforming (i.e. not exclusively male or female)	0	0	0	0
Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused	0	0	0	0
Missing / Non-HUD	0	0	9	9

### Ethnicity

Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	142	37	173	352
Hispanic/Latino	7	2	12	21
Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused	0	0	0	0
Missing / Non-HUD	0	0	51	51

### Race

White	80	24	146	250
Black or African-American	63	13	74	150
Asian	2	2	2	6
American Indian or Alaska Native	2	0	6	8
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	1	1
Multiple Races	0	0	0	0
Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused	2	0	0	2
Missing / Non-HUD	0	0	7	7

### Chronically Homeless

Total Number of Persons	33	81	114
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## Unaccompanied Youth: Households with only children (under age 18)

### Households with Only Children (under age 18)

Total Number of Households

Total Number of Children (Under 18)

	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Total Number of Households	5	0	0	5
Total Number of Children (Under 18)	5	0	0	5

### Gender

Female

Male

Transgender

Gender Non-Conforming (i.e. not exclusively male or female)

Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused

Missing / Non-HUD

Female	3	0	0	3
Male	2	0	0	2
Transgender	0	0	0	0
Gender Non-Conforming (i.e. not exclusively male or female)	0	0	0	0
Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused	0	0	0	0
Missing / Non-HUD	0	0	0	0

### Ethnicity

Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino

Hispanic/Latino

Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused

Missing / Non-HUD

Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	4	0	0	4
Hispanic/Latino	1	0	0	1
Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused	0	0	0	0
Missing / Non-HUD	0	0	0	0

### Race

White

Black or African-American

Asian

American Indian or Alaska Native

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

Multiple Races

Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused

Missing / Non-HUD

White	1	0	0	1
Black or African-American	4	0	0	4
Asian	0	0	0	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0
Multiple Races	0	0	0	0
Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused	0	0	0	0
Missing / Non-HUD	0	0	0	0

### Chronically Homeless

Total Number of Persons

Total Number of Persons	0	0	0
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## Homeless Subpopulations

	Sheltered		Unsheltered§	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Adults with a Serious Mental Illness	52	12	88	152
Adults with a Substance Use Disorder	12	5	76	93
Victims of Domestic Violence	55	31	18	104

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§ Out of 238 persons identified as experiencing unsheltered homelessness, 138 (58%) responded to the subpopulation questions. The numbers in the Appendix reflect the actual responses received. The tables and charts in the memo are estimated numbers derived from the HUD approved extrapolation method.