2020 Point-in-Time Count Results
Who was counted in the 2020 PIT Count?

The annual Point-in-Time Count (PIT Count) uses teams of volunteer surveyors and shelter employees to collect data on the needs of people experiencing homelessness in our community at a specific point in time. The 2020 PIT Count was performed on January 25, 2020. The information from the Point-in-Time Count is used to guide public policy and secure resources to help end homelessness in our community.

2506
People experiencing homelessness counted

1574
People sleeping unsheltered (outside, tents, cars...)

932
People sleeping in shelters or transitional housing

Volunteer Count and # Unsheltered Individuals Counted 2018 – 2020

Gender

Veteran Status

Primary Race and Ethnicity

For more information on the Austin/Travis County Point-in-Time Count, visit AustinECHO.org
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How much progress has our system made ending homelessness in our community?

- **PIT Count per capita** of the total Travis County population has **remained constant since 2011**, and comprises around 0.2% of the total county population.
- Increased **volunteer capacity** and improved **survey methods** have enhanced our ability to count the existing population experiencing homelessness.
- Additional **housing and services are needed** to meet the needs of our population experiencing homelessness.

### Volunteer Count and # Unsheltered Individuals Counted 2018 – 2020

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Volunteer Count</th>
<th>Unsheltered Count</th>
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### Point-in-Time Count

- **Raw Counts**
  - Total 2506
  - Unsheltered 1574
  - Sheltered 932

### Travis County Projected Population

- 1.3M Total Population
- 0.3% Count Per Capita

### Embracing Housing First in Austin

- Over the decade, the Austin/Travis County homelessness response system has **increasingly focused resources toward permanent housing opportunities**, rather than expansion of shelter capacity.
- Each year since 2017, **more clients are housed by our system** than the year before.
- These changes reflect the Housing First approach taken by the system, in which people experiencing homelessness are **connected to permanent housing** and are offered supportive services in order to **maximize housing stability** and prevent returns to homelessness.

### Total Clients Housed 2017 – 2019

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### Shelter and Permanent Housing Bed Capacity 2011 - 2020

- Permanent Housing Beds
- Shelter Beds
- Cold Weather Shelter
How can our homelessness response system improve?

Black/African American individuals are significantly overrepresented in the population experiencing homelessness. Roughly 1 in 10 people in Travis County are Black/African American, while about 1 in 3 people in the population experiencing homelessness are Black/African American.

There are three areas of need and continued focus identified in the Austin/Travis County 2020 PIT Count: (1) Racial equity, (2) Youth homelessness, and (3) Veteran homelessness. ECHO has formed an Racial Equity Task Group, led by key partners, to examine the homelessness response system and propose solutions to ensure an equitable approach to populations disproportionately impacted by homelessness. Continued, ongoing focus toward ending Youth homelessness and maintaining achievements in ending Veteran homelessness are needed to ensure homelessness is rare, brief, and non-recurring.

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