



2021 JANUARY 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) conducted this year's January PIT on the night of January 27, 2021.

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 HSC. The following shelters and transitional housing programs were included in the count:
 - Emergency Shelters: Briarpatch Youth Shelter; Domestic Abuse Intervention Services Emergency Shelter and Motel Voucher Program; Dane County COVID-19 Vulnerable Population Hotel and Medical Respite Center; JustDane Healing House; Sankofa ELU Family Shelter; Porchlight Men's Drop-In Shelter; The Salvation Army of Dane County Family Shelter, Single Women Shelter, and Medical Voucher Program; and YWCA Madison Family Shelter
 - Transitional Housing Programs: Porchlight Spring Street Veterans Transitional Housing; Shelter from the Storm Ministries Transitional Housing; The Salvation Army of Dane County Holly House; and YWCA Madison Empower Home
- **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, mostly outreach providers participated in the unsheltered according to the HUD's guidance regarding COVID-19 precautions. It was a cold weather night declared by the local shelters: high of 20, low of -2, and around 6 degrees with no precipitation during the main part of the count.

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 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.

This report was prepared by the City of Madison Community Development Division on behalf of the HSC. Questions about the report can be directed to Sarah Lim, Community Development Specialist, at slim@cityofmadison.com.

II. KEY FINDINGS

On a Single Night in January 2021

855 people experiencing homelessness were identified in Madison/Dane County on the night of the 2021 January PIT.

- 41% or 352 persons were in households with children (families), representing 104 families.
- 59% or 503 persons were in households without children (individuals).
- No unaccompanied youth under age 18 was identified.
- 5% or 42 persons were young adults age 18-24. 17 were parenting youth.
- 29% or 245 persons were considered chronically homeless*.
- 7% or 56 persons were veterans.
- 10% or 87 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 5.5 percent of the Dane County population, African Americans accounted for 46 percent of all people identified as experiencing homelessness.

* 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 2020

The total number of persons experiencing homelessness increased by 36% from 630 to 855, a 255-person increase from the previous year.

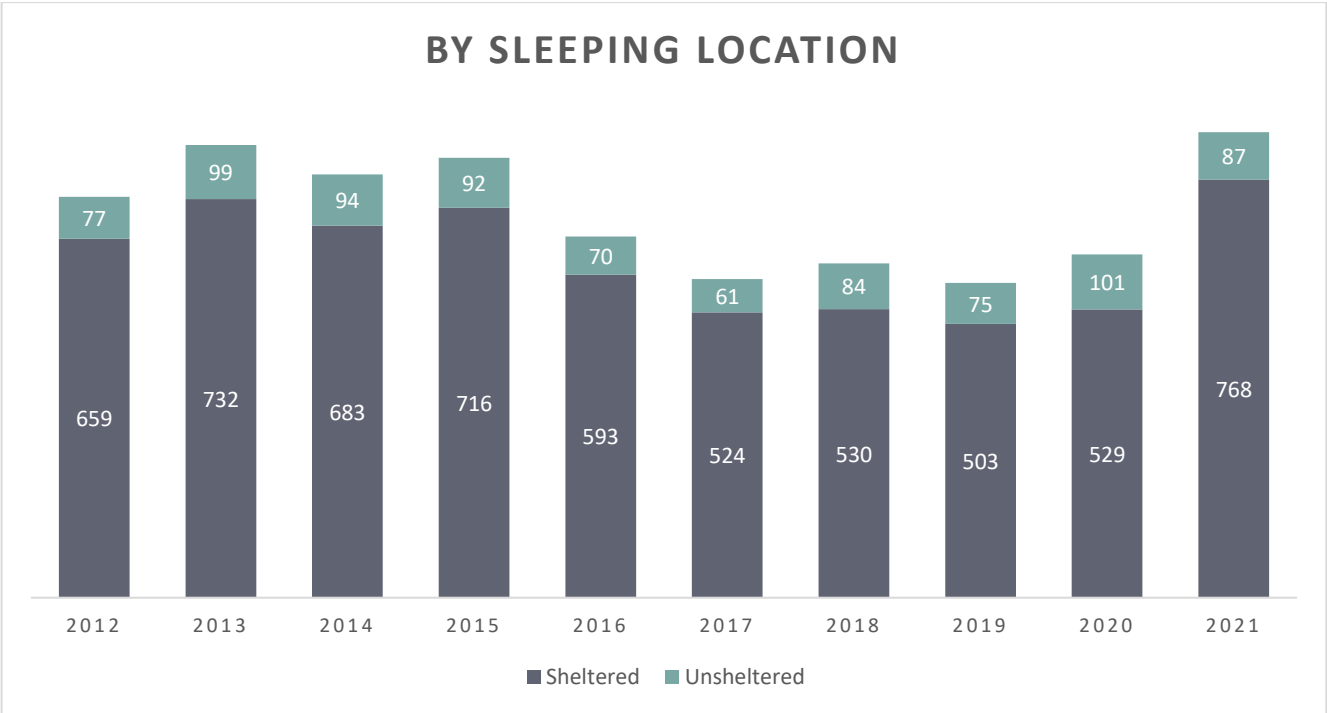
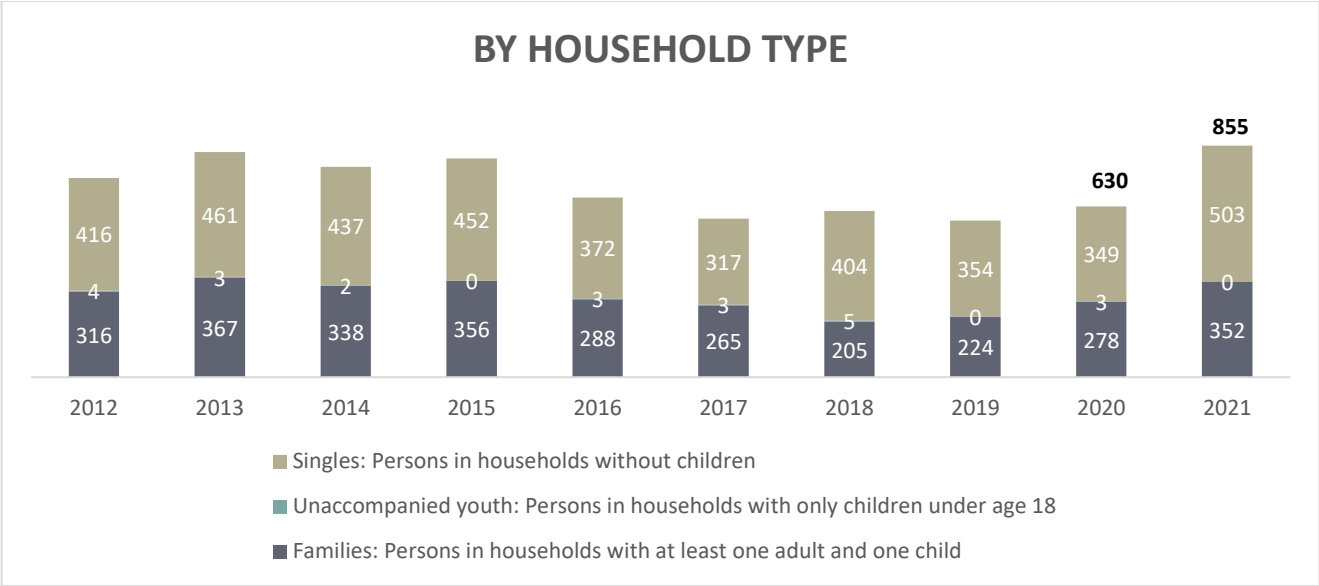
- The number of persons in households without children (individuals) increased by 154 persons.
- The number of persons in families increased by 27 percent or 74 persons. The number of families increased from 82 families to 104 families.
- The number of people experiencing chronic homelessness increased by 66 percent or 97 persons.
- The number of veterans experiencing homelessness increased by 14 persons.
- Excluding transitional housing programs, the number of persons experiencing homelessness either at emergency shelters or unsheltered locations increased by 57.5 percent or 286 persons, from 497 in 2020 to 783 in 2021.

Since 2016

Overall homelessness was down by 22 percent or 178 persons from five years ago.

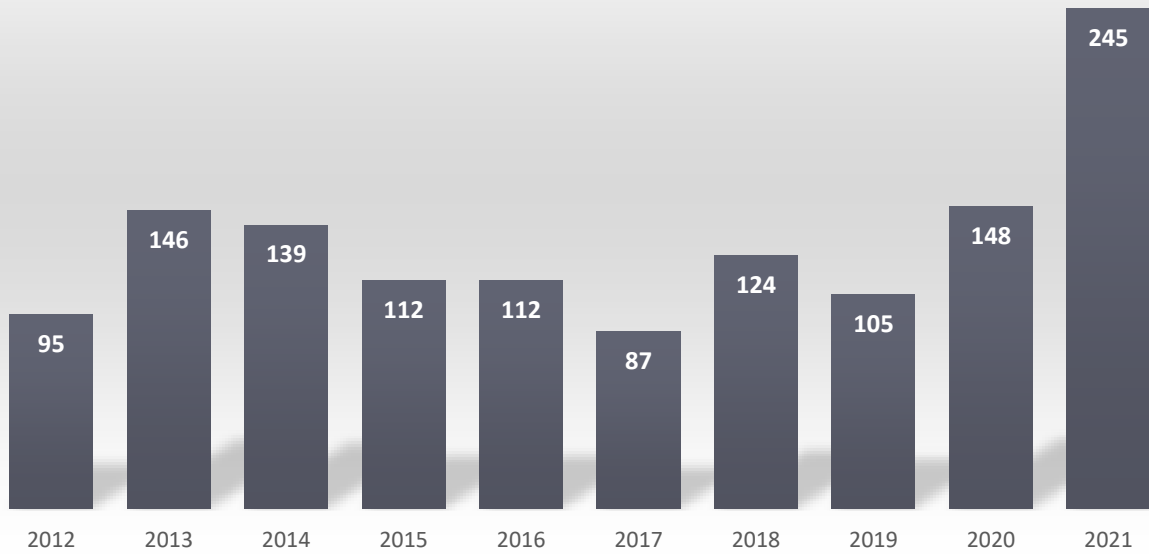
- The number of individuals increased by 35 percent or 131 persons, 372 in 2016 and 503 in 2021.
- The number of persons in families was up by 22 percent or 64 persons, 288 in 2016 and 352 in 2021.
- The number of people experiencing chronic homelessness increased by 119 percent or 133 persons, 112 in 2016 and 245 in 2021.
- The number of veterans experiencing homelessness increased by 10 percent or 5 persons, 51 in 2016 and 56 in 2021.

III. 2012-2021 JANUARY PIT COMPARISON



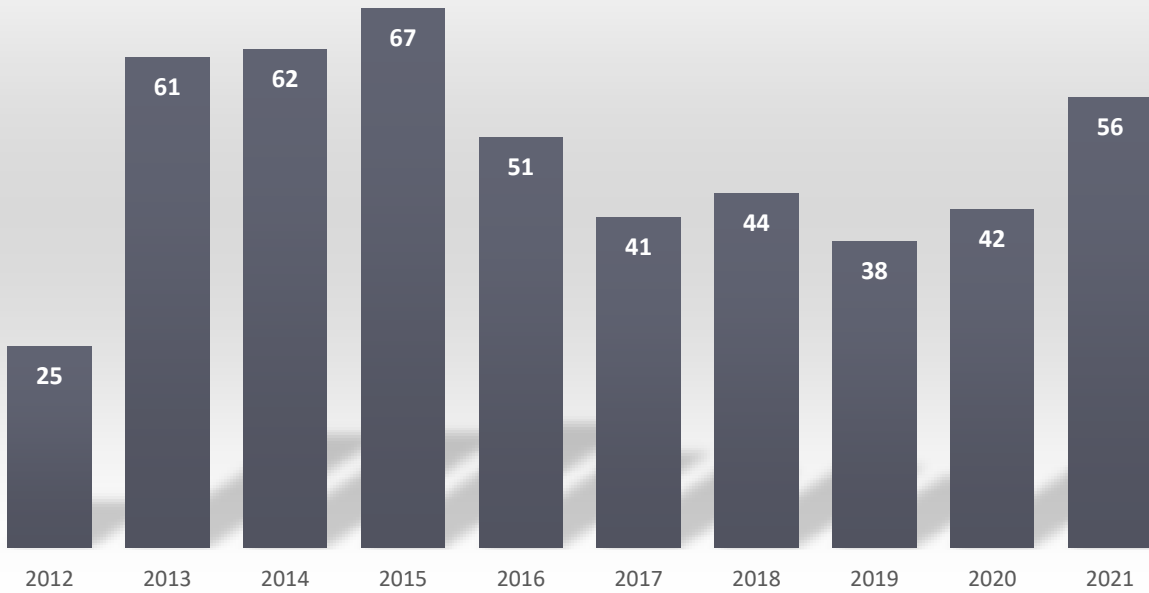
CHRONICALLY HOMELESS

Number of Persons



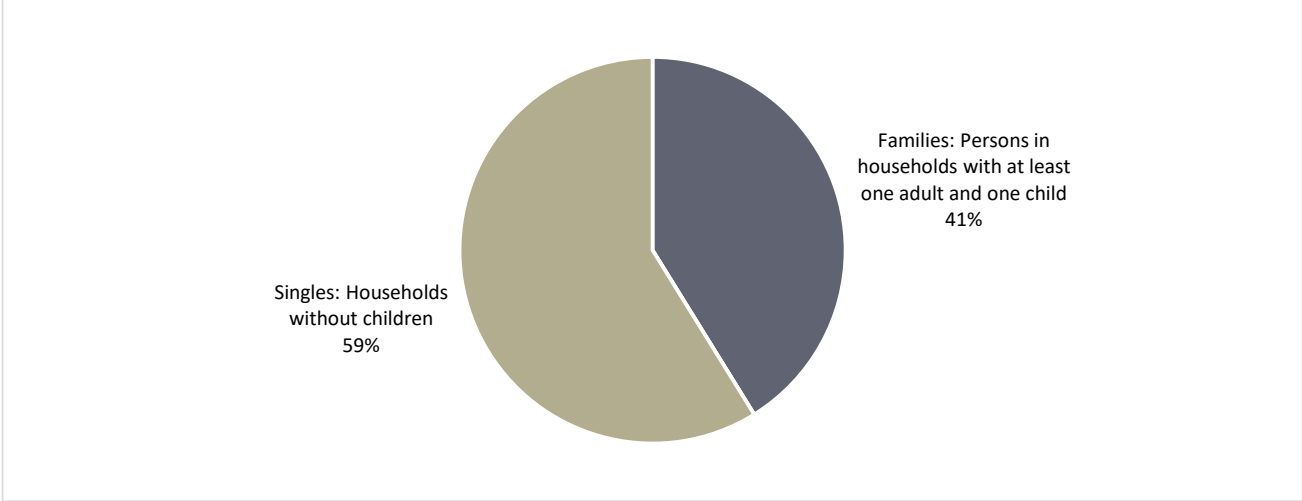
VETERAN HOMELESS

Number of Persons

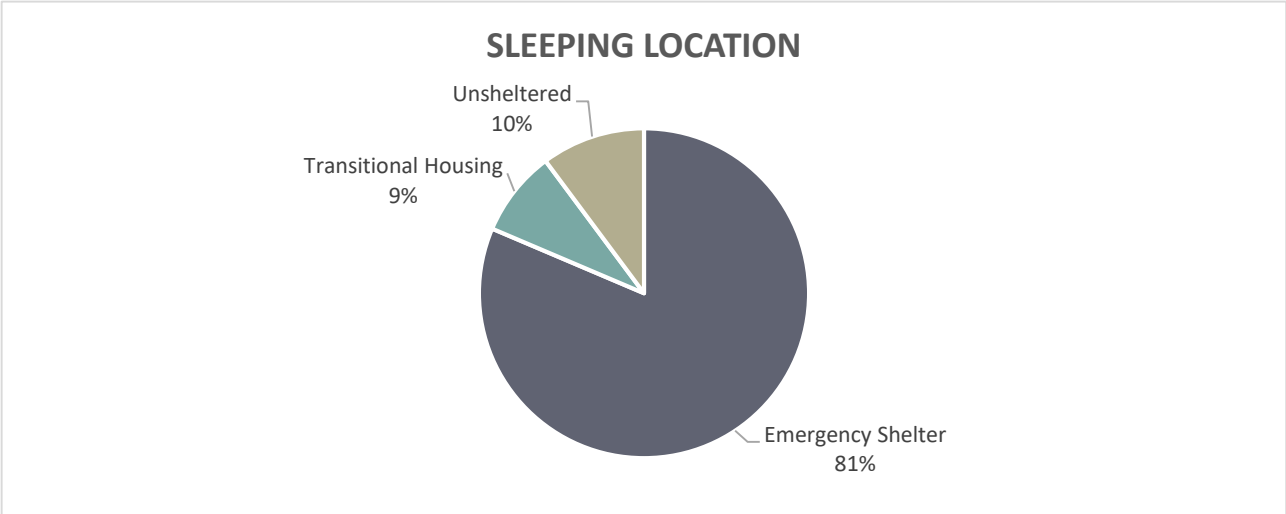


IV. 2021 JANUARY PIT†

Household Type	# of Persons	Percentage
Families: Persons in households with at least one adult and one child	352	41%
Unaccompanied youth: Persons in households with only children under age 18	0	0%
Singles: Households without children	503	59%
Total	855	100%

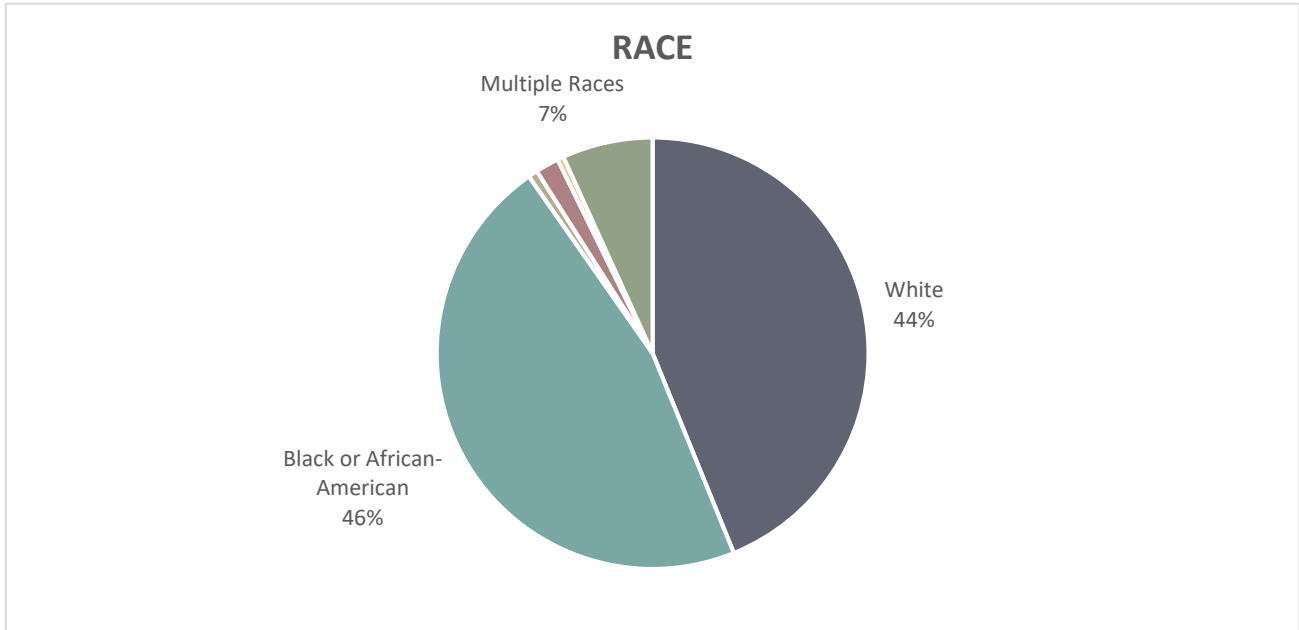


Sleeping Location	# of Persons	Percentage
Emergency Shelter	696	81%
Transitional Housing	72	8%
Unsheltered (places not meant for human habitation)	87	10%
Total	855	100%

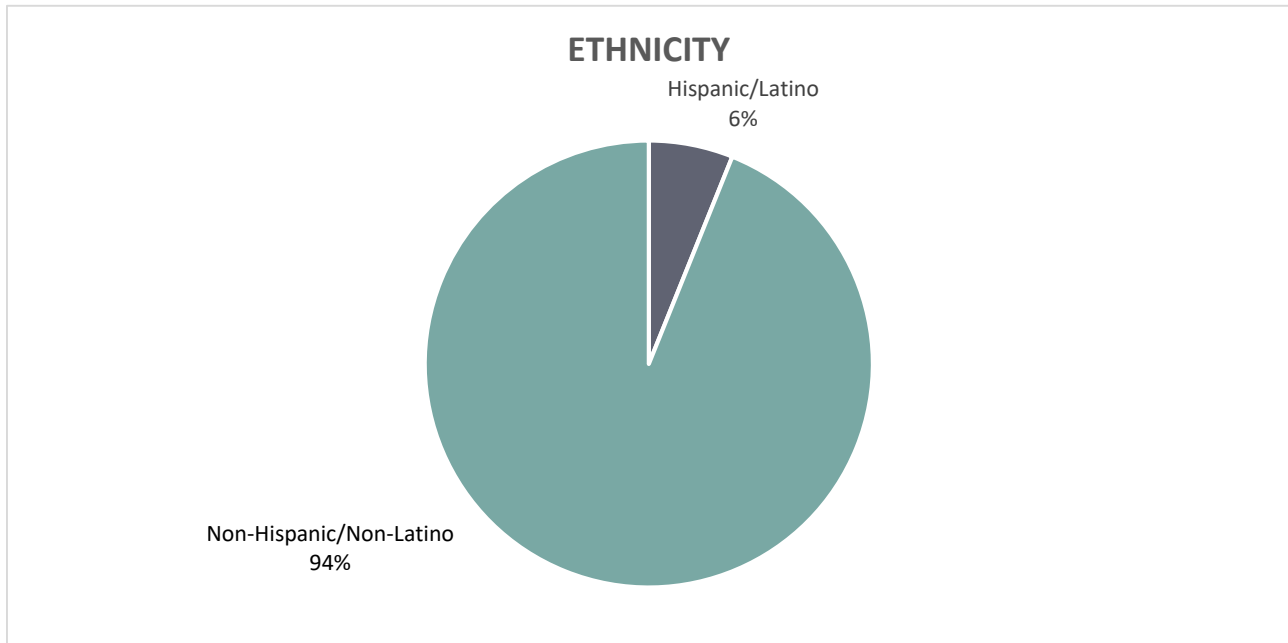


† When certain demographic information was unknown, HUD approved extrapolation method was used to ensure that the total number of persons listed under each category equal the total number of persons counted.

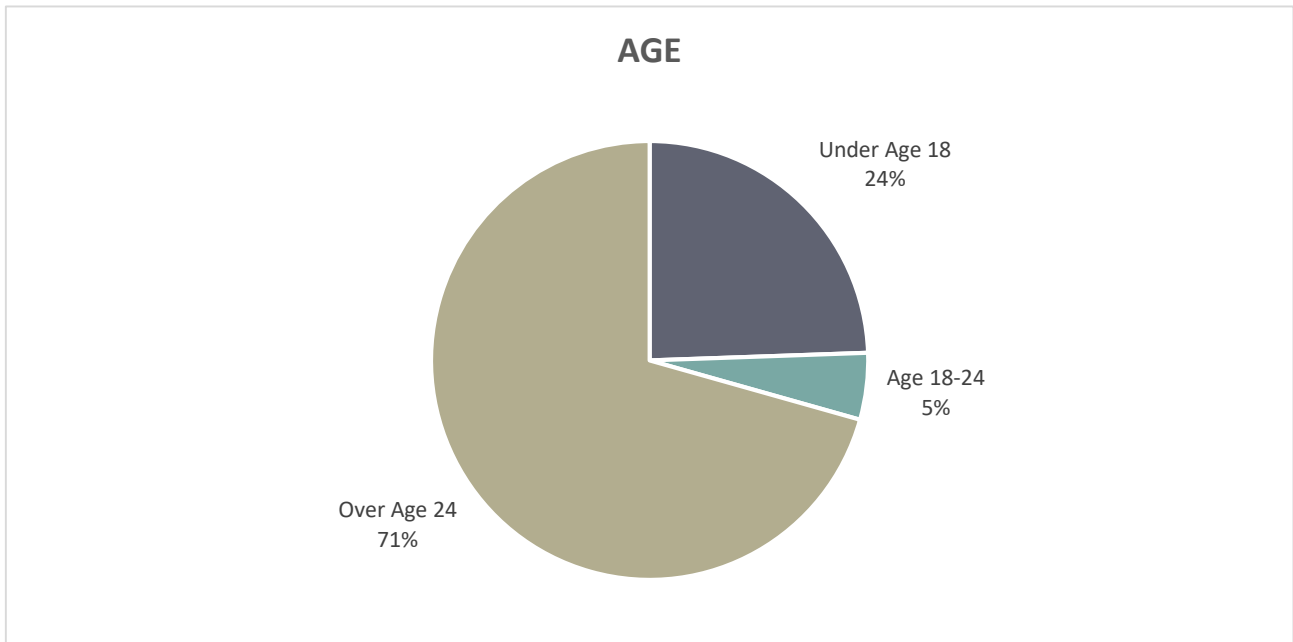
Race	# of Persons	Percentage
White	375	44%
Black or African-American	397	46%
Asian	6	1%
American Indian or Alaska Native	15	2%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	4	0%
Multiple Races	58	7%
Total	855	100%



Ethnicity	# of Persons	Percentage
Hispanic/Latino	52	6%
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	803	94%
Total	855	100%

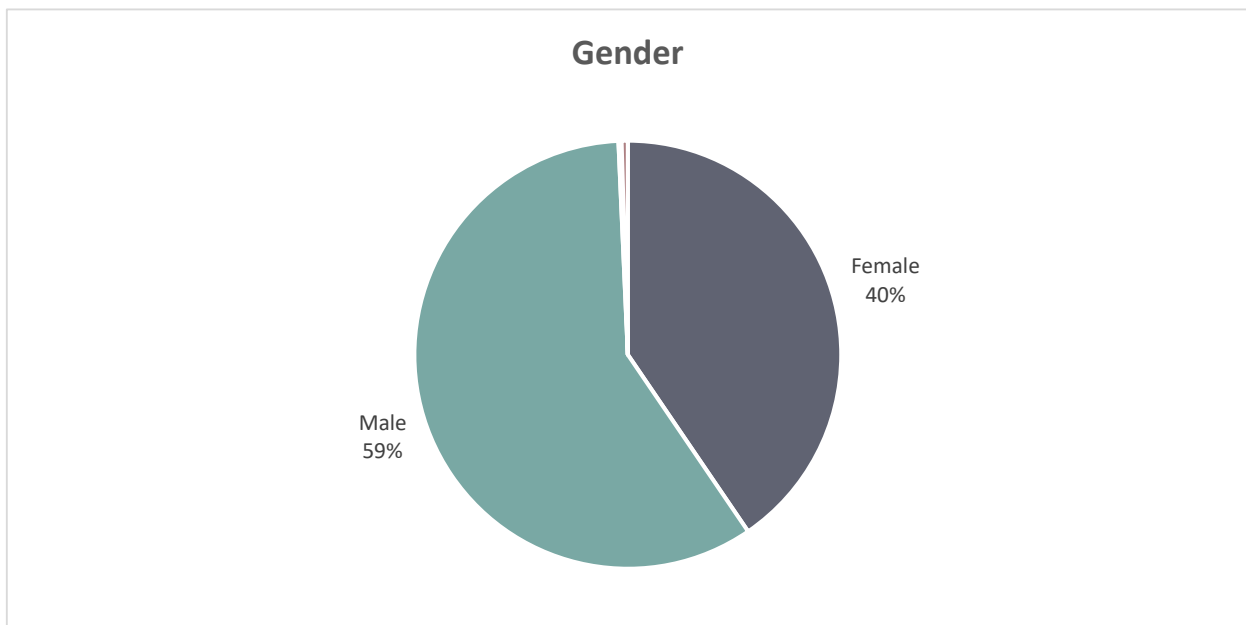


Age	# of Persons	Percentage
Under Age 18	209	24%
Age 18-24	42	5%
Over Age 24	604	71%
Total	855	100%



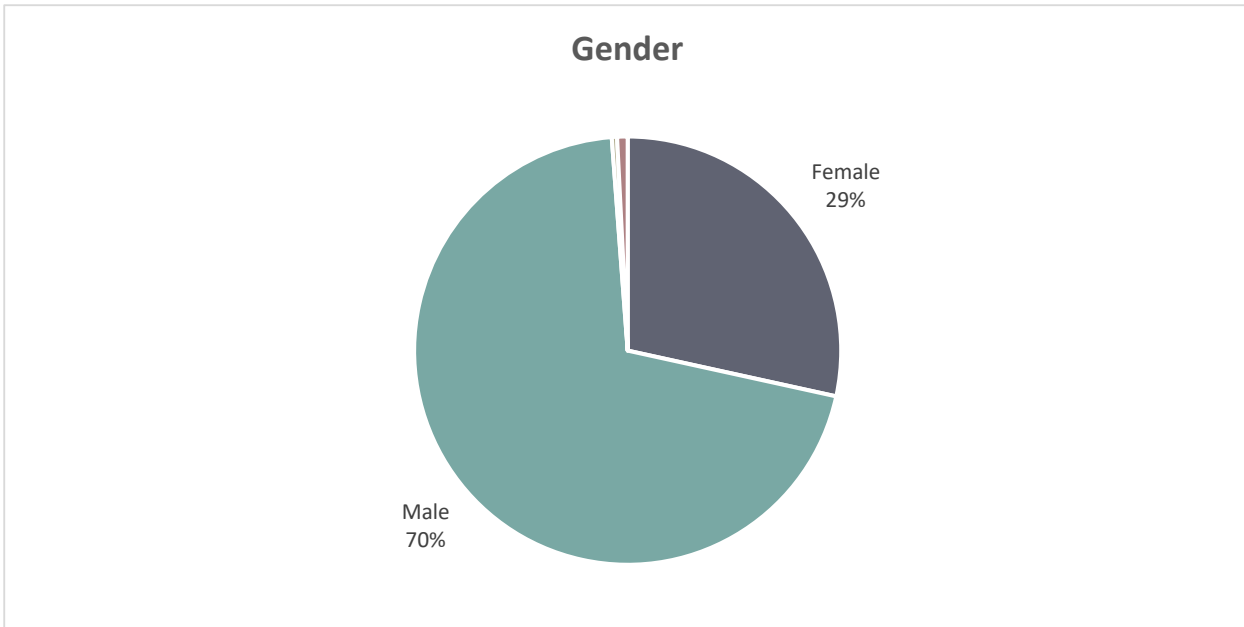
Gender – All Population

Gender	# of Persons	Percentage
Female	346	40%
Male	503	59%
Transgender	2	0%
Gender Non-Conforming (i.e. not exclusively male or female)	4	0%
Total	855	100%



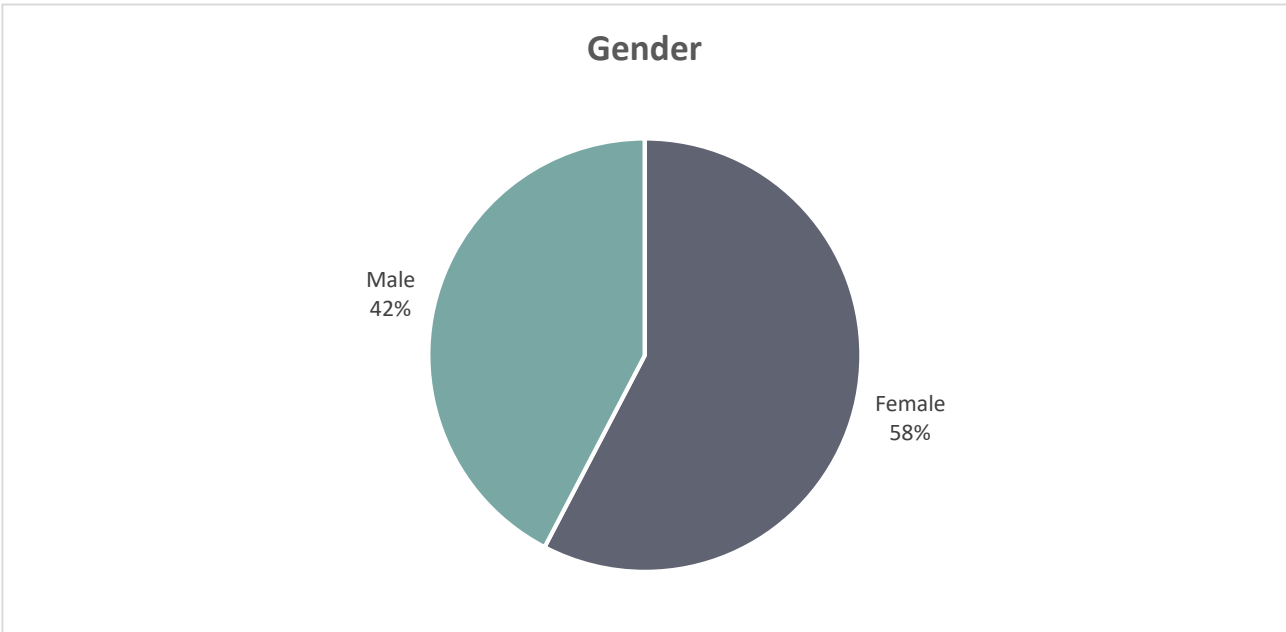
Gender – Singles (households without children)

Gender	# of Persons	Percentage
Female	143	28%
Male	354	70%
Transgender	2	0%
Gender Non-Conforming (i.e. not exclusively male or female)	4	1%
Total	503	100%



Gender – Families (households with children)

Gender	# of Persons	Percentage
Female	203	58%
Male	149	42%
Transgender	0	0%
Gender Non-Conforming (i.e. not exclusively male or female)	0	0%
Total	352	100%



APPENDIX

2021 January PIT Sheltered/Unsheltered Report

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	90	14	0	104
Total Number of Persons (Adults and Children)	313	39	0	352
Number of Children (Under Age 18)	184	25	0	209
Number of Young Adults (Age 18-24)	16	1	0	17
Number of Adults (Over Age 24)	113	13	0	126

Gender (adults and children)

Female	179	24	0	203
Male	134	15	0	149
Transgender	0	0	0	0
Gender Non-Conforming (i.e. not exclusively male or female)	0	0	0	0

Ethnicity (adults and children)

Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	293	37	0	330
Hispanic/Latino	20	2	0	22

Race (adults and children)

White	59	8	0	67
Black or African-American	208	25	0	233
Asian	1	0	0	1
American Indian or Alaska Native	6	0	0	6
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0
Multiple Races	39	6	0	45

Chronically Homeless

Total Number of Households	16	0	16
Total Number of Persons	50	0	50

Singles or Couples: Households without children

Households without Children

Total Number of Households
 Total Number of Persons (Adults)
 Number of Young Adults (Age 18-24)
 Number of Adults (Over Age 24)

	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Total Number of Households	370	33	78	481
Total Number of Persons (Adults)	383	33	87	503
Number of Young Adults (Age 18-24)	17	0	8	25
Number of Adults (Over Age 24)	366	33	79	478

Gender

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

Female	110	12	21	143
Male	269	21	64	354
Transgender	2	0	0	2
Gender Non-Conforming (i.e. not exclusively male or female)	2	0	2	4

Ethnicity

Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino
 Hispanic/Latino

Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	359	30	84	473
Hispanic/Latino	24	3	3	30

Race

White
 Black or African-American
 Asian
 American Indian or Alaska Native
 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
 Multiple Races

White	216	25	67	308
Black or African-American	144	6	14	164
Asian	4	0	1	5
American Indian or Alaska Native	7	1	1	9
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	3	1	0	4
Multiple Races	9	0	4	13

Chronically Homeless

Total Number of Persons

Total Number of Persons	149	46	195
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Unaccompanied Youth: Households with only children (under age 18)

Households with Only Children (under age 18)

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

Gender

Female	0	0	0	0
Male	0	0	0	0
Transgender	0	0	0	0
Gender Non-Conforming (i.e. not exclusively male or female)	0	0	0	0

Ethnicity

Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	0	0	0	0
Hispanic/Latino	0	0	0	0

Race

White	0	0	0	0
Black or African-American	0	0	0	0
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

Chronically Homeless

Total Number of Persons	0	0	0
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