



District of Columbia
Interagency Council on Homelessness



Strategic Planning
July 28, 2020

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- II. 2020 PIT Count Results
- III. FY21 Homeless Services Budget Enhancements
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2020 Point-in-Time Count

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CONTINUUM OF CARE

What is the PIT Count?

- The Point-in-Time Count or “PIT Count” **creates a snapshot of the scope and scale of homelessness in the District** at a single point in time.
- **Required of every community that receives federal homelessness assistance funds** from the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
- **The Community Partnership (TCP) has coordinated and conducted the count** on behalf of the District of Columbia Continuum of Care since 2001.
- **PIT Data is used locally** to plan programs, allocate funding, track progress toward goals outlined in *Homeward D.C.*, and better meet the needs of our homeless neighbors.
- **HUD provides a few guidelines** for conducting a PIT Count, but every community develops its own methodology for implementation.

Creates a Snapshot of Homelessness in the District

Secures Funding

Aids Local Planning Efforts

Helps Us Track Progress

Makes Us More Efficient In Meeting Goals

Requirements

- A complete count of HUD-defined “literally homeless” families and individuals:

Sheltered– in emergency shelters and transitional housing programs.

- TCP collects information from every program operating in the District, regardless of its funding source(s) through:
 - **HMIS data:** Some 90 percent of PIT information comes from programs that enter into the District’s Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).
 - **Tallies and surveys:** Agencies that do not enter into the HMIS use the PIT Count survey to collect data on each person or family in their programs, in some cases limited information is provided, but every program provides at least a tally of the total number of persons served.

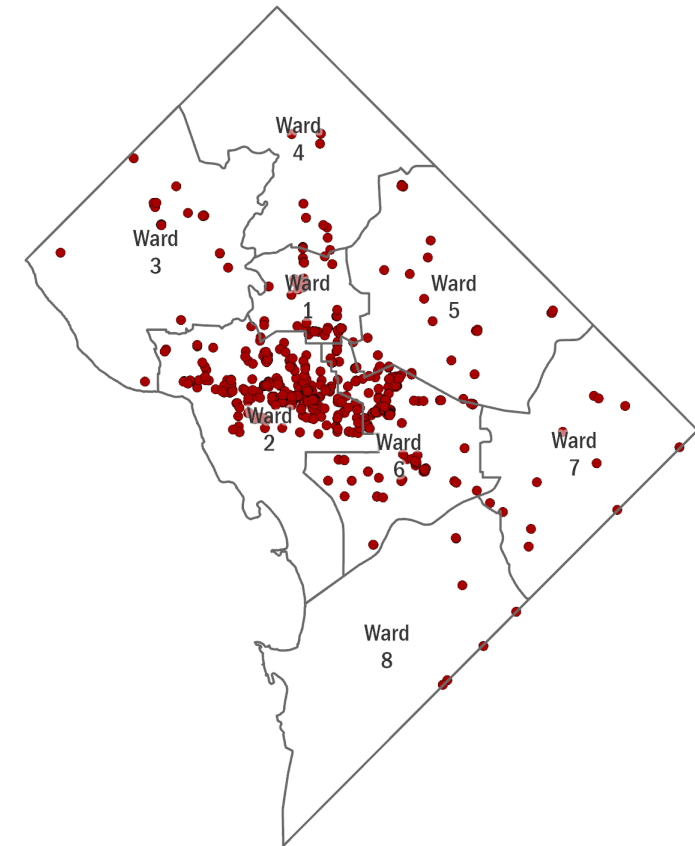
Unsheltered – staying “on the streets”

- The unsheltered component is conducted through a coordinated effort between TCP, District and Federal government agencies, professional outreach teams and volunteers:
 - **Street survey:** Volunteers and outreach teams canvass the District in a coordinated way and survey individuals sleeping on the streets that night.
 - **Meal Programs & Drop-in Centers:** The day after the street survey, meal programs and drop-in centers administer the survey to those engaged services during that time. This is an attempt to capture individuals missed the night before.

- Within a single 24 hour period, typically at night, within the last 10 days in January.

New for 2020

- TCP used Survey123 for ArcGIS to complete the PIT Survey.
- Survey123 for ArcGIS is a phone application that allows volunteers to collect survey data and location data quickly and accurately.
- This smart survey uses skip logic, prompts volunteers with hints on how to best ask a question, and requires certain questions be answered so the data collected is accurate and high quality.
- A unique username and password was required to access the survey which ensured that the data was submitted securely.
- Surveys were automatically removed from the individual device upon successful upload.



CLIP

First Name/Last Name

Location (Address, cross streets and/or landmarks). Be sure to include apartment no. if applicable

General Description of Person

Gender: ☐ Female ☐ Male ☐ Transgender (specify female) ☐ Transgender (specify male)

Age/Date of Birth: or Age Group: ☐ 18 or younger ☐ 19 to 24 ☐ 25 to 34 ☐ 35 to 44 ☐ 45 to 54 ☐ 55 to 64 ☐ 65 or older

Race: ☐ White ☒ Black/African American ☐ Asian ☐ American Indian ☐ Pacific Islander ☐ Other race

Ethnicity: ☐ Hispanic/Latino ☐ Non-Hispanic/Latino ☐ Other

Have you ever served in the U.S. Armed Forces/Military? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know ☐ Refused

Domestic violence? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know ☐ Refused

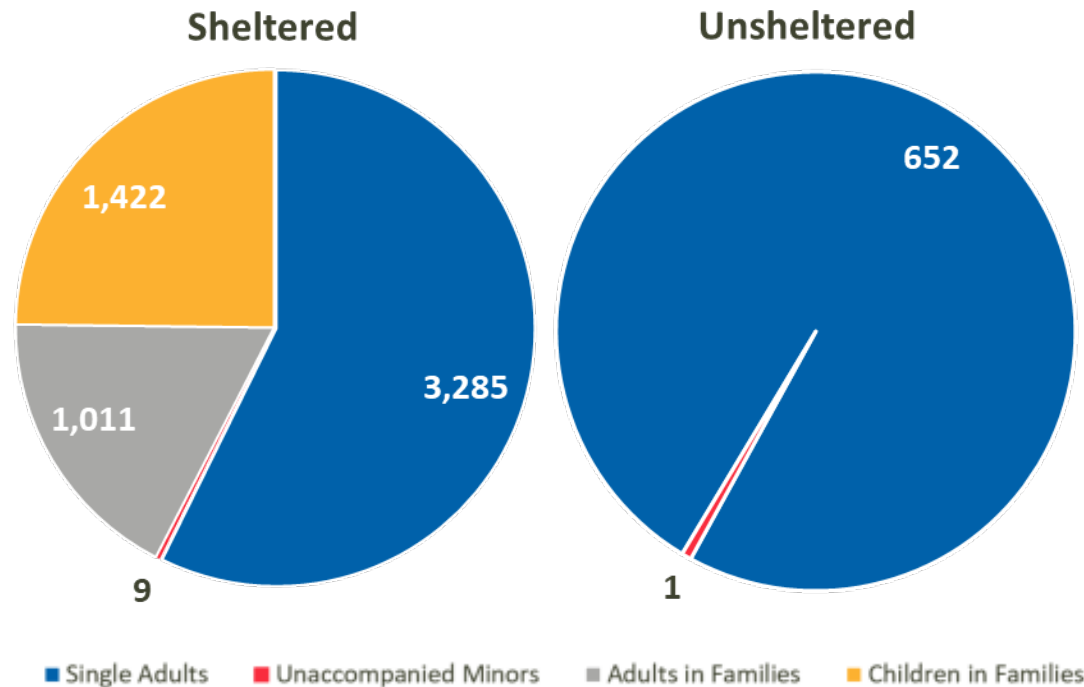
Homeless? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know ☐ Refused

Population Totals

2020 Point-in-Time Count Findings

2020 PIT Findings: *Population Totals*

- On January 22nd, 6,380 people were experiencing homelessness in the District.



UNSHeltered: 653 Persons

- 652 Single Adults
- 1 Unaccompanied Minor
- No Families

EMERGENCY SHELTER: 4,548 Persons

- 2,571 Single Adults
- 9 Unaccompanied Minors
- 803 Adults in Families
- 1,143 Children in Families

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING: 1,202 Persons

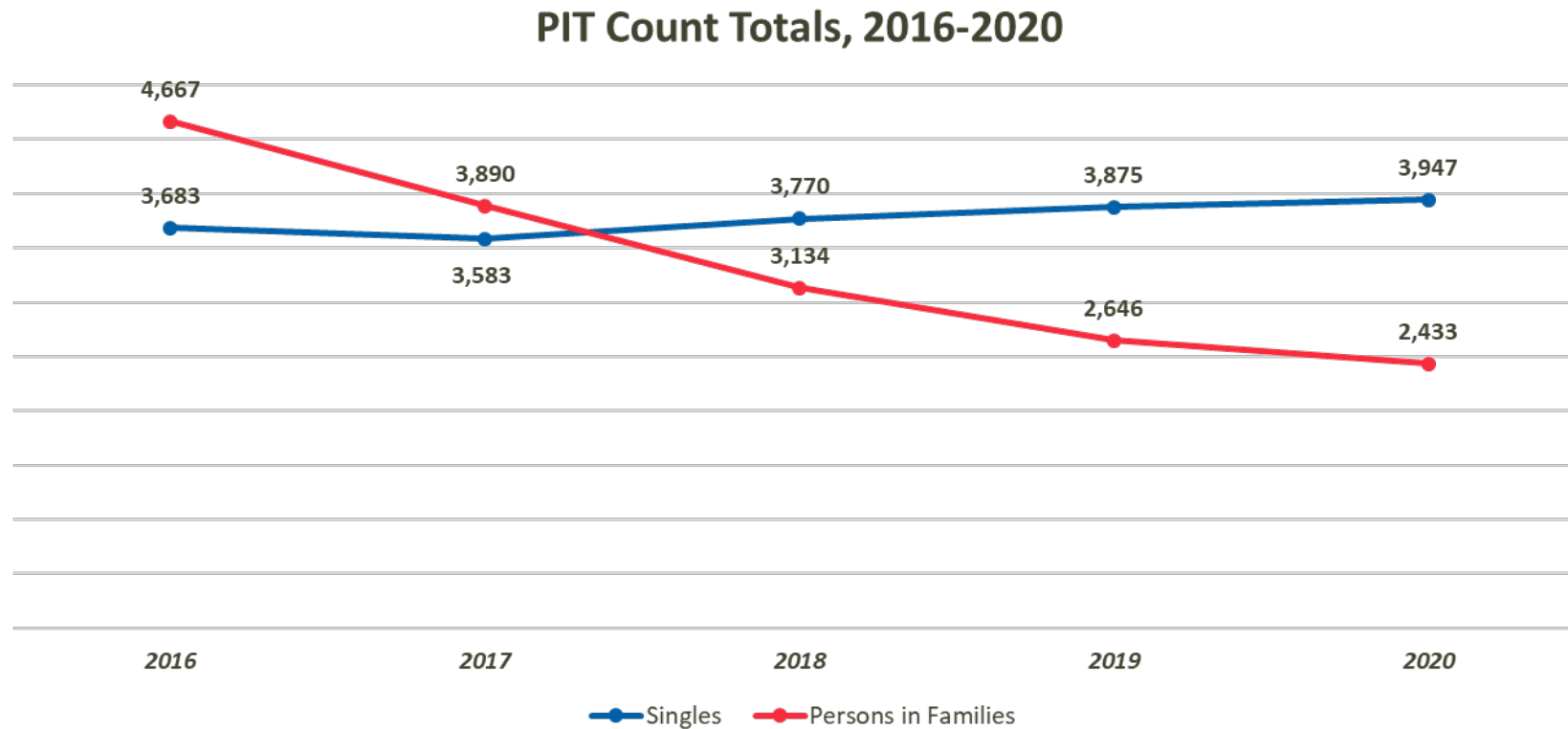
- 714 Single Adults
- No Unaccompanied Minors
- 208 Adults in Families
- 279 Children in Families

2020 PIT Findings: *Population Totals*

- Overall, there has been a **2.2% decrease** in people who are experiencing homelessness in the District from 2019 to 2020.
- The number of persons in families has **decreased by 8.0%**.
- However, there has been an **increase of 1.9%** in single person households.

Household Type	2019	2020	% Change
Total Persons	6,521	6,380	-2.2%
Singles	3,875	3,947	1.9%
<i>Single Adults</i>	3,862	3,937	1.9%
<i>Unaccompanied Minors</i>	13	10	-23.1%
Family Members	2,646	2,433	-8.0%
<i>Adults in Families</i>	1,053	1,011	-4.0%
<i>Children in Families</i>	1,593	1,422	-10.7%
Family Units	815	768	-5.8%

2020 PIT Findings: *Totals by Year*



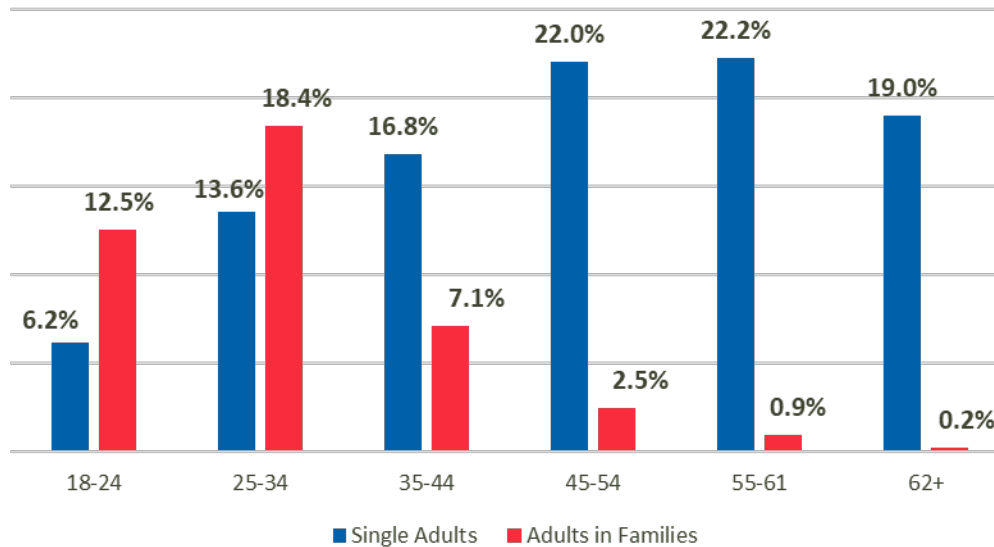


Demographics

2020 Point-in-Time Count Findings

Ages

Age Ranges of Single Adults and Adults in Families



Singles:

Median Age: 52 years old

Oldest Adult: 86 years old

Unaccompanied Minors: All between the ages 12 – 17

Families:

Median Age (Adults): 28 years old

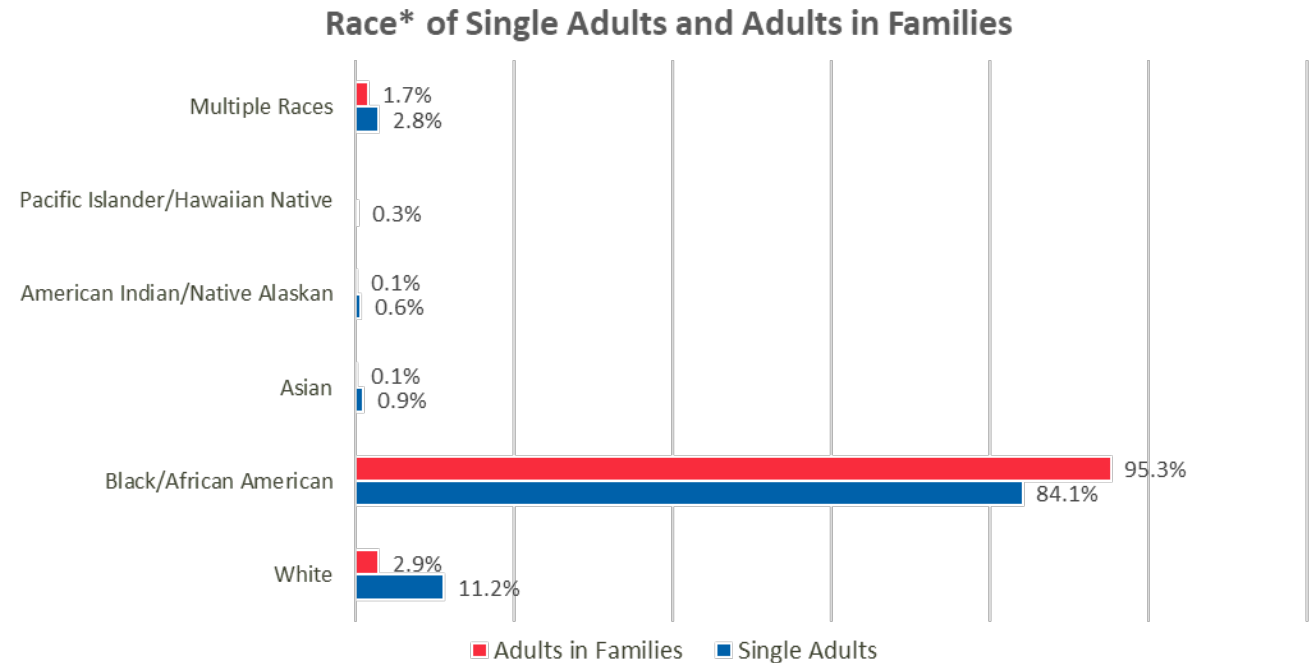
Oldest Adult: 93 years old

Median Age of Children in Families:
5 years old

Children make up 58.4% of persons in households

Race & Ethnicity

- African Americans are disproportionately affected by the drivers of homelessness in the District.
- 86.4% of adults who are experiencing homelessness are Black/African American, yet only 46.6%** of District residents are Black/African American.
- Additionally, 6.6% of single adults and 3.6% of adults in families identify as Hispanic or Latinx.



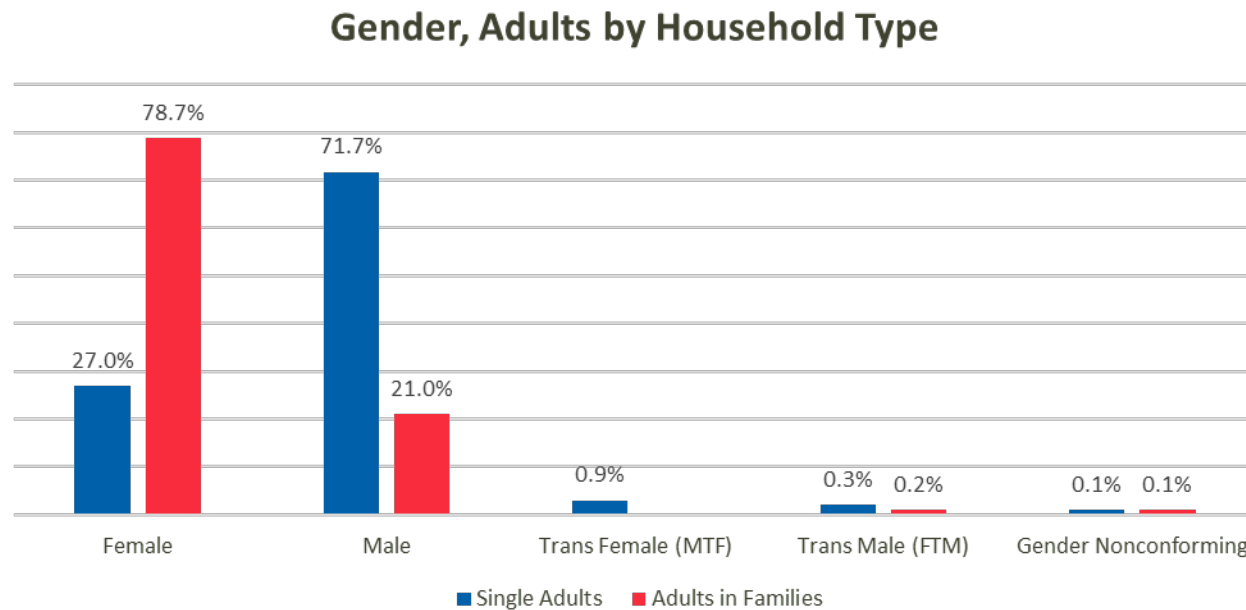
*Race categories are single-race only, persons who selected multiple races are counted in the "Multiple Races" category.

** U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS) 2019

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Gender

- **Men make up 71.7% and women make up 27.0% of all single adults.** Additionally, 0.3% are trans male (FTM)*, 0.9% are trans female (MTF)*, 0.2% are gender non-conforming.
- **Women make up the greatest share of all adults in family households, at 78.7%.**





Experiencing & Characteristics

2020 Point-in-Time Count Findings

Disabilities & Health Conditions *by Household Type*

Disabling Conditions	Single Adults	Adults in Families	Total Adults
Substance Use & Mental Health	45.1%	13.5%	38.7%
<i>Substance Use Only</i>	<i>9.3%</i>	<i>0.6%</i>	<i>7.5%</i>
<i>Mental Health Only</i>	<i>22.5%</i>	<i>11.5%</i>	<i>20.3%</i>
<i>Dual Diagnosis</i>	<i>13.3%</i>	<i>1.4%</i>	<i>10.9%</i>
Chronic Health Problem	22.4%	1.9%	18.2%
Developmental Disability	5.6%	1.0%	4.6%
Physical Disability	20.3%	3.1%	16.8%
Living With HIV/AIDs	2.3%	0.1%	1.9%

Experiences *by Household Type*

Experiences	Single Adults	Adults in Families	Total Adults
Domestic Violence (DV) History	19.8%	30.3%	21.9%
<i>Homeless Due to DV (subset of those with DV History)</i>	<i>35.5%</i>	<i>52.0%</i>	<i>40.1%</i>
Formerly Resided in an Institutional Setting*	47.1%	14.0%	40.3%
<i>Became homeless at discharge from Institutional Setting (subset of those who formerly resided in an Institutional Setting)</i>	<i>42.3%</i>	<i>12.7%</i>	<i>39.2%</i>
Formerly in Foster Care	9.9%	11.1%	10.2%
US Military Veteran	7.5%	1.5%	6.2%
Limited or No English Proficiency	5.1%	4.0%	4.9%
Chronically-Homeless**	41.5%	6.1%	34.4%

* Institutional settings include: juvenile justice, and adult justice systems; residential detox/rehabilitation; residential mental health institutions; and long-term hospital stays.

** Chronically homeless includes those persons who have been experiencing homelessness for a year or more in total, either continuous or 4 episodes in the past 3 years, AND have a disabling condition.

Income: *Benefits & Employment*

Income & Employment	Single Adults	Adults in Families	Total Adults
Receives Income	55.1%	75.9%	59.3%
Employed	16.7%	26.0%	18.6%
Primary Source of Income*			
Employment	30.5%	31.2%	30.7%
Social Security/Retirement	4.6%	0.3%	3.4%
SSI/SSDI/Disability	46.4%	13.8%	37.9%
TANF/Public Assistance	11.1%	51.0%	21.5%
Other	7.4%	3.8%	6.4%

* Primary Source of Income is out of total number of people receiving some type of income.



Sub-Populations

2020 Point-in-Time Count Findings

Families

- Count of families in ES and TH **down by 5.8 percent** from last year, and **down 48.5 percent from peak in 2016** (after year round access was implemented).
- Nearly **800 families exited the emergency shelter system** for permanent destinations between PIT 2019 and PIT 2020.
- At the beginning of 2020 there were 176 new units of Short-Term Family Housing (STFH) in operation with the remaining three STFH programs set to come online within the year. Additionally, the Economic Security Administration (ESA) is now on-site at the newly opened STFH programs to ensure that families can be rapidly connected to any benefit to which they are entitled.
- DHS's Homeless Prevention Program has been an essential resource in the District's work to end homelessness among families. Since its creation, HPP has assisted more than 7,000 families and has prevented nearly 6,500 episodes of family homelessness.

Singles

- Count of unaccompanied individuals (“singles”) is **up 1.9% from the previous year and up 7.4% from 2016.**
- The number of persons experiencing **chronic homelessness is down 2.7%** from 2019, a trend that has been continuing year-to-year even with increases in the population at large.
- New inflow into the system and returns to the CoC after long periods are contributing to the increased overall number, but the CoC’s work to move the most vulnerable individuals with chronic disabilities into permanent supportive housing (from which rates of return to the CoC are much lower) is contributing to lower incidents of chronic homelessness.

Veterans

- The District's count of veterans experiencing homelessness **has increased by 4.0% percent** between the 2019 and 2020 PIT counts to 309 veterans, or 294 individuals and 15 persons in family households
- The increase is due to the high level of inflow among single men and women generally and veterans specifically; **the District's CAHP efforts housed 348 veterans between Jan. 2019 and Jan. 2020.**
- Despite the relatively small increase between years, **the number of veterans counted is still down from 2016 by 11.7%.**
- Since the summer of 2019, the CoC has helped more than 70 veterans reconnect with CAHP systems in surrounding jurisdictions based on history of housing and homelessness as well as client preferences.
- Veteran service providers helped 61 veterans move into the new Walter Reed campus (opened summer 2019) to date and are currently working on connecting another 14 veterans with housing through this program.

Youth

- The counts of Transition Age Youth (TAYs, young people aged 18 to 24 years) remained relatively flat between the 2019 and 2020 PIT counts, with 548 TAYs counted in 2019, an increase of two from the previous year.
- Of those, 243 were unaccompanied, 202 were heads of their own household with children, and the remaining 103 were part of a family household headed by an older adult.
- Additionally, there were nine unaccompanied minors and one minor with a child in emergency shelter. One unaccompanied minor was counted in the nighttime unsheltered PIT count.
- In 2019, the District added new transitional housing beds and extended transitional housing (ETH) beds for youth with the highest needs.
- At the beginning of 2020, the District launched Zoe's Doors – a 24-hour drop-in center for youth ages 24 and under. Zoe's Doors provides a safe, welcoming space for young people in the District, offering meals, laundry facilities, shower facilities, healthcare services, life skills workshops, connection to education and employment resources, and social supports.



Permanent Housing for Formerly Homeless Persons

2020 Point-in-Time Count Findings

Formerly Homeless Persons

- Another component of the PIT Count is a count of formerly homeless persons.
- Individuals must be residing in PSH, RRH, and other permanent housing to be counted; this is not a count of everyone that has exited the Continuum.

Housing Type	Units for Single Adults	Units for Adults in Families	Beds in Family Units
Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)	4,710	1,759	5,484
Rapid Rehousing (RRH)	409	2,000	5,922
Other Permanent Housing	1,118	1,310	3,942
<i>Total</i>	6,237	5,069	15,348

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FY21 Homeless Services Budget Update

Final vote on Local Budget Act (LBA) took place Thursday, July 23. Approved DHS FY21 Budget includes additional enhancements by Council, including:

- PSH/TAH (see next slide for breakout)
- ERAP - \$7.1M
- Outreach - \$2.08M (maintains program budget for FY21)
- Project Reconnect - \$1.2M
- LGBTQIA+ Youth - new ETH (11 units) and TGNC workforce development program (\$500K)
- TAY shelter (\$1.3M)

FY21 Homeward DC resources

Category	FY21 resources
PSH (individuals)	214 units
PSH (Families)	96 units
TAH (Individuals)	66 units
TAH (Families)	59 units
Prevention (Families)	167 units
Prevention (Individuals)	1,000 units
ETH (youth)	11 units
TAY shelter (youth)	\$1.3M

DHS also received \$11M in FRSP funding to right-size the program and 4 FTEs to support implementation of new PSH/TAH resources

Units listed are estimated based on projected FY21 per unit costs

Budget Follow-Up for Work Groups



- Single Adult and Family System Work Groups to review CAHP System prioritization and bring recommendations for FY21 back to Strategic Planning Committee at Sept meeting.

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Racial Equity/Anti-Racism



Two separate efforts:

❖ ICH Initiative

- One-on-One conversations with stakeholders + member survey
- Holding Homeward DC 2.0 until we have completed this work
- Will share what we have heard/learned with Strategic Planning Committee (anticipated in Sept) and Executive Committee
- Will ask Strategic Planning Committee to determine if there are changes you would like to see made to Homeward DC 2.0 before it is released
- Contact Aaron Ford (aaron.ford@dc.gov) if you are willing to participate in an interview.

❖ Regional Systems Audit through COG Homeless Services Committee

- Objective 7.5 in Homeward DC 2.0 is to conduct a systems audit
- Draft RFP went out for comment in early July; COG now working on finalizing
- Next step will be release of RFP and then technical review panel (Sept/Oct)

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Trauma Informed Care System Audit



- ❖ Homeward DC 2.0 Objective 7.4: Review System Operations through a Lens of Trauma
- ❖ Introducing Amy Louttit

Trauma Informed Care Audit



- ❖ Purpose: to improve the system for both consumers and staff
 - This process will allow us an opportunity to examine and improve shortfalls as well as identify, highlight, and create models from what is working.
- ❖ Four levels of analysis:
 - Level of knowledge/understanding of trauma and how it affects people (including an examination of the understanding of secondary trauma)
 - How well staff are trained and educated to recognize the signs of trauma
 - How well the system, programs, and organizations respond to their understanding of trauma by applying the principles of trauma-informed care to all areas of functioning
 - How the system as a whole is set up to resist retraumatization

Proposed Process



- ❖ Conduct document review
- ❖ Build and disseminate surveys for key stakeholder groups
- ❖ Synthesize survey and document review findings
- ❖ Conduct site visits
- ❖ Summarize findings/recommendations & share back with Strategic Planning Committee

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Guess who's back?



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