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## Metro Denver's Point in Time Survey

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# 2018

# Adams County, Colorado
## POINT IN TIME DATA SUMMARY

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**This report summarizes the county level data for Adams County, Colorado.**

The Point in Time is a snapshot of those experiencing homelessness in our community on a single night. This data was collected for the night of January 29th, 2018. The full Everyone Counts Metro Denver Homeless Initiative's 2018 Point in Time report[1] goes into detail explaining the methodology used while preparing for the count, executing the survey throughout the seven-county region, de-duplicating and cleaning the data, and extrapolation methods utilized. Refer directly to the regional report when interpreting the data contained in this county specific report. Additionally, previous county level reports included information for either "all homeless" or "respondents" as noted in each section. If comparing data between years, this methodology change needs to be considered. The "respondents" were only the individuals taking the survey, which does not include other household members such as children or adults. Only respondent data was reported for several categories in past county reports, including: veteran status, unaccompanied youth, newly homeless, and chronically homeless. This 2018 report provides data for "all homeless" in every category.

Adams County significantly increased their efforts for the 2018 Point in Time (PIT) count. These methods are described in more detail in the full report, and a short description of Adams County engagements is included here.

This year Adams County had a county level staff person lead the local PIT efforts, the homelessness liaison in the Office of Regional Affairs. The additional support at the county level aided the engagement of several levels of Adams County personnel including: staff of the county government, parks and recreation, and some law enforcement. The liaison supported the formation and facilitation of an Adams County Point in Time committee. This committee helped plan and execute the five of the six Adams County magnet events in Brighton, Commerce City, Northglenn, Thornton, and Westminster. In addition to these, one was held in the City of Aurora at the Aurora Day Resource Center also located in Adams County. The county homelessness liaison also planned and led the unsheltered outreach efforts, through mapping and coordination of staff. These efforts together led to an increase in identification of those living unsheltered in the community. The mobile survey was the preferred survey tool utilized throughout the county.

When comparing the annual trend for Adams County, please note that the Mile High Behavioral Healthcare (MHBHC) Comitis Shelter's surveys were incorrectly attributed to Arapahoe County in 2016 and 2017. The program is located in Adams County, Colorado. This highlights one of the challenges of regional engagement and data reporting, especially when county lines are not well identified or known, and surveys are completed as a self-report. Additional steps were taken in 2018, including mobile locations services (electronic survey) and review of individual surveys (paper survey), to help ensure accurate attribution of county information.

The Point in Time (PIT) data references those persons that meet the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's definition of homelessness. Communities across the nation follow current HUD methodology guidelines[2] for the count and tailor the survey to the needs of their own localities and regions. Persons in temporary living situations or who are at risk of becoming homeless (such as those staying with friends or family or paying to stay in a motel) are not included in this count. The definitions below describe the guidance in more detail.

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[1] Metro Denver Homeless Initiative, 2018 Point in Time report - https://www.mdhi.org/pit_reports
[2] https://www.HUDexchange.info/resource/4036/point-in-time-count-methodology-guide/

**HUD PIT Homeless Definitions[3]:** Continuums of Care (CoCs) must count all individuals or families who meet the criteria in paragraph (1)(ii) of the homeless definition in 24 CFR 578.3. This includes individuals and families:

## Sheltered Count

"living in a supervised publicly or privately-operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangement (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state, or local government programs for low-income individuals)"

## Unsheltered Count

"with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground

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[3] Notice CPD-17-08_2018 HIC and PIT Data Collection for CoC and ESG Programs, HIC/PIT Data Collection Notice September 2017

# SUMMARY OF ADAMS COUNTY 2018 POINT IN TIME DATA

Over two-thirds (317 or 68.0%) of those surveyed during the count were single individuals. The majority of these single individuals, 57.1%, stayed in an unsheltered location. Almost four fifths of families (79.2%) stayed in emergency shelters.

## HUD HOUSEHOLD TYPE BY LIVING SITUATION

**Table 1. Living Situation by Household Type on January 29, 2018**

| | | ES-emergency shelter | TH-transitional housing | Unsheltered | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Hud Household Type** | Household without children | 131 | 5 | 181 | 317 |
| | Household with at least 1 adult and at least 1 child | 118 | 2 | 29 | 149 |
| | Household with only children under 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | **Total** | 249 | 7 | 210 | 466 |

**Figure 1. Living Situation by Household Type**
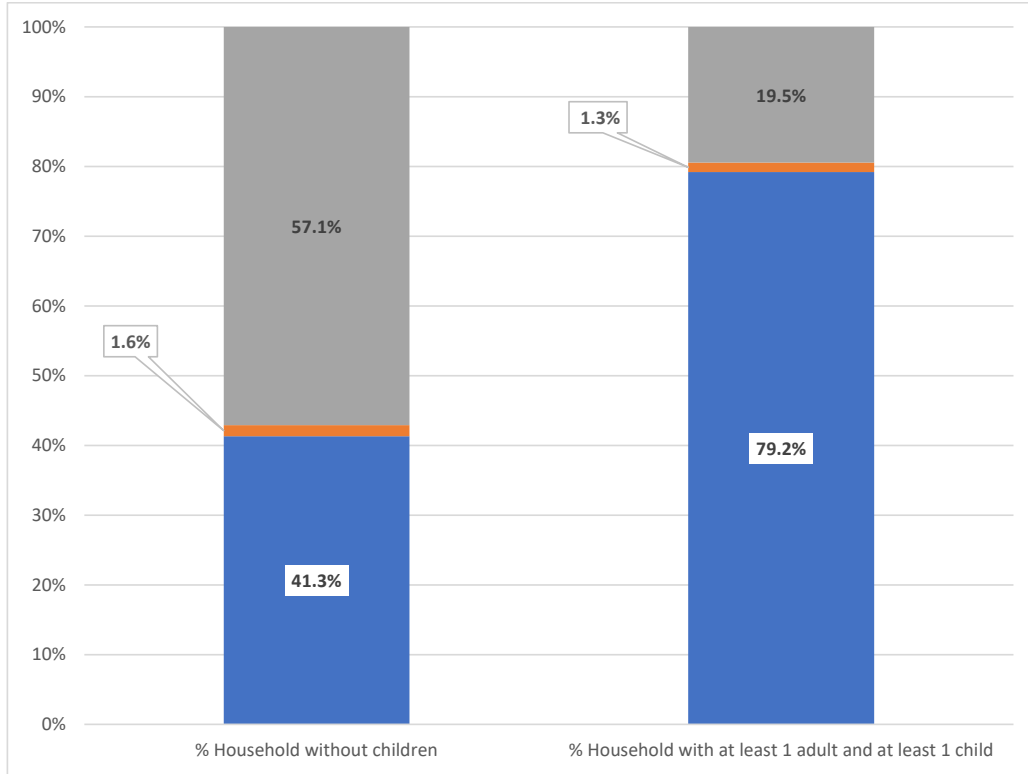


Very few respondents reported staying in transitional housing (7), making up only 1.6% of the homeless population.

# NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY SHELTER, TRANSITIONAL HOUSING, AND UNSHELTERED LIVING SITUATIONS

**Table 2. Number of People in Emergency Shelters**

| | Household without Children | | Household with at Least 1 Adult and 1 Child | | Households with Only Children under 18 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| **Persons Staying in Emergency Shelters** / **Total of 249 Persons or 53.4% of the total Homeless Population** | 131 | 52.6% | 118 | 47.4% | 0 | 0% |

Table 2 shows that while 53.4% of those experiencing homelessness in Adams county are staying in emergency shelter, only 47.4% of families experiencing homelessness are in shelter.

**Table 3. Number of People in Transitional Housing**

| | Household without Children | | Household with at Least 1 Adult and 1 Child | | Households with Only Children under 18 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| **Persons Staying in Transitional Housing**<br><br>**Total of 7 Persons or 1.5% of the total Homeless Population** | 5 | 71.4% | 2 | 28.6% | 0 | 0% |

**Table 4. Number of People Unsheltered**

Unsheltered is defined as living on the street, under a bridge, in an abandoned or public building, in a car, in an outdoor camp, or in any other place that is not meant for human habitation.

| | Household without Children | | Household with at Least 1 Adult and 1 Child | | Households with Only Children under 18 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| **Persons Staying Unsheltered**<br><br>**Total of 210 Persons or 45.1% of the total Homeless Population** | 181 | 86.2% | 29 | 13.8% | 0 | 0% |

45.1% of the total population of those surveyed experiencing homeless are living unsheltered, and for adults without children, 86.2% are living unsheltered.

**Table 5. Homeless Living Situation 2015-2018**

| | 2015 | | 2016 | | 2017 | | 2018 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| **Emergency Shelter** | 154 | 26.9 | 57 | 28.5 | 83 | 52.9 | 249 | 53.4 |
| **Transitional Housing** | 315 | 55.1 | 83 | 41.5 | 14 | 8.9 | 7 | 1.5 |
| **Unsheltered** | 103 | 18.0 | 60 | 30.0 | 60 | 38.2 | 210 | 45.1 |
| **Total** | 572 | 100.0 | 200 | 100.0 | 157 | 100.0 | 466 | 100.0 |

# CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS

HUD defines persons experiencing chronic homelessness as those who (a) are homeless, (b) are living in a place not meant for human habitation, in a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter, (c) have been homeless and living in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or an emergency shelter continuously for at least 1 year or on at least four separate occasions in the last 3 years where the combined length of time homeless across those occasions is at least 12 months, and (d) have a disability.

## Table 6. Living Situation – Experiencing Chronic Homelessness

|  | Emergency Shelter | | Unsheltered | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
|  | # | % | # | % |
| **Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness** | 73 | 37.2% | 123 | 62.8% |
| **Total of 196 Persons or 42.1% of the Homeless Population** | | | | |

## Table 7. Chronically Homeless by Population/HH type –Total and Percentage

|  | Families (HH with at least 1 adult + 1 child) | Individuals (HH with no children) | Youth (under 25) | Veterans |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Count** | 36 | 160 | 21 | 26 |
| **Percentage of Each Household Type That Are Chronic** | 24.2% | 50.5% | 21.9% | 60.5% |

Table 7 above shows the extent of how much of four population/household types were classified as chronically homeless based on their answers to the survey. For example, 26 veterans (or 60.5% of the veteran population) were experiencing chronic homelessness on the night of the PIT count.

## Table 8. Chronic Homeless Population 2015 - 2018

|  | 2015 | | 2016 | | 2017 | | 2018 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|  | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| **Chronic** | 31 | 5.4 | 11 | 5.5 | 22 | 14.0 | 196 | 42.1 |

# NEWLY HOMELESS

Newly homeless is defined as a person who has been experiencing homelessness for less than one year and this was their first episode of homelessness.

## Table 9. Newly Homeless

|  | Emergency Shelter | | Transitional Housing | | Unsheltered | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|  | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| **Newly Homeless Persons** | 106 | 72.1% | 0 | 0.0% | 41 | 27.9% |
| **Total of 147 Persons or 31.5% of the Homeless Population** | | | | | | |

## Table 10. Newly Homeless by population/HH type – Total and Percentage

|  | Families (HH with at least 1 adult + 1 child) | Individuals (HH with no children) | Youth (under 25) | Veterans |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Count** | 68 | 79 | 47 | 8 |
| **Percentage of Each Household Type That Are Newly Homeless** | 45.6% | 24.9% | 49.0% | 18.6% |

Table 10 above shows the extent of how much of four population/household types were classified as newly homeless based on their answers to the survey. For example, 79 individuals (or 24.9%) of the households with no children population were newly homeless on the night of the PIT count.

## Table 11. Newly Homeless Population 2015 - 2018

|  | 2015 | | 2016 | | 2017 | | 2018 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|  | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| **Newly** | 143 | 25.0 | 39 | 40.6 | 34 | 35.8 | 147 | 31.5 |

# VETERANS

Individuals who self-selected that they served in the armed forces.

**Table 12. Veteran by Living Situation**

|  | Emergency Shelter | | Transitional Housing | | Unsheltered | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|  | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| **Veteran Homelessness**<br><br>**Total of 43 Persons or 9.2% of the Homeless Population** | 15 | 34.9% | 0 | 0% | 28 | 65.1% |

**Table 13. Veteran Homelessness 2015 – 2018**

|  | 2015 | | 2016 | | 2017 | | 2018 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|  | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| **Veterans** | 84 | 14.5 | 11 | 5.5 | 8 | 5.1 | 43 | 9.2 |

# FAMILIES

For the purposes of the PIT, households with at least one adult and one child under 18 are referred to as 'families.' Numbers here include both adults and children in families.

**Table 14. Families by Living Situation**

|  | Emergency Shelter | | Transitional Housing | | Unsheltered | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|  | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| **Families**<br><br>**Total of 149 Persons or 32.0% of the Homeless Population** | 118 | 79.2% | 2 | 1.3% | 29 | 19.5% |

**Table 15. Family Homelessness 2015 – 2018**

|  | 2015 | | 2016 | | 2017 | | 2018 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|  | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| **Families** | 357 | 62.4 | 138 | 69.0 | 80 | 52.2 | 149 | 32.0 |

# UNACCOMPANIED AND TRANSITION AGE YOUTH

Unaccompanied or Transition Age Youth are defined as single youth who are under the age of 25 and not accompanied by a parent or guardian. Transition age youth are specifically those between 18-24 years old. Parenting youth are defined as those in the household that are under 25 years of age, and the guardians of a child under the age of 18.

**Table 16. Unaccompanied Youth and TAY by Living Situation**

|  | Emergency Shelter | | Transitional Housing | | Unsheltered | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|  | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| **Unaccompanied Youth** | 4 | 44.4% | 0 | 0.0% | 5 | 55.6% |
| **Total of 9 Persons or 1.9% of the Homeless Population** | | | | | | |

**Table 17.  Youth Population Total and Percentage**

| Population | # | % |
|---|---|---|
| **Unaccompanied Youth Under 18** | 0 | 0 |
| **Transition Aged Youth (18-24)** | 9 | 1.9 |
| **Parenting Youth and their children** | 11 | 2.4 |

**Table 18. Unaccompanied Youth and TAY 2015 - 2018**

|  | 2015 | | 2016 | | 2017 | | 2018 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|  | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| **Unaccompanied Youth** | 44 | 7.7% | 13 | 6.5% | 7 | 4.5% | 9 | 1.9 |

# MENTAL HEALTH CONCERNS

**Table 19. Indication of Mental Health Issue**

|  | Emergency Shelter | | Transitional Housing | | Unsheltered | | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|  | # | % | # | % | # | % | |
| **Mental Health Issue** | 71 | 46.4% | 1 | 0.7% | 81 | 52.9% | 153 |

**Table 20. Mental Health Concern or Illness by population/HH type –Total and Percentage**

|  | Families (HH with at least 1 adult + 1 child) | Individuals (HH with no children) | Youth (under 25) | Veterans |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Count | 21 | 132 | 4 | 18 |
| Percentage of Each Household Type That Indicated Mental Health Concern or Illness | 14.1% | 41.6% | 4.2% | 41.9% |

Table 20 above shows the extent of how much of four population/household types were classified as having a mental health concern or illness based on their answers to the survey. For example, 132 Individuals (41.6% of the individual population) on the night of the PIT count indicated they had a mental health concern/illness.

# CURRENTLY FLEEING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

**Table 21. Currently Fleeing Domestic Violence Situation**

|  | Emergency Shelter | | Transitional Housing | | Unsheltered | | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|  | # | % | # | % | # | % |  |
| Currently Fleeing Domestic Violence | 18 | 52.9% | 0 | 0.0% | 16 | 47.1% | 34 |

**Table 22. Currently Fleeing Domestic Violence by Population/HH type –Total and Percentage**

|  | Families (HH with at least 1 adult + 1 child) | Individuals (HH with no children) | Youth (under 25) | Veterans |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Count | 3 | 31 | 0 | 4 |
| Percentage of Each Household Type Currently Fleeing Domestic Violence | 2.0% | 9.8% | 0.0% | 9.3% |

Table 22 above shows the extent of how much of four population/household types were classified as currently fleeing a domestic violence situation based on their answers to the survey. For example, three people (2%) in a household with children (out of the total population of families with children) reported that they were currently fleeing a domestic violence situation on the night of the PIT count.

# SUBSTANCE USE OR ABUSE

**Table 23. Indication of Substance Abuse Issue**

|  | Emergency Shelter | | Transitional Housing | | Unsheltered | | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|  | # | % | # | % | # | % |  |
| **Substance Abuse** | 70 | 44.3% | 2 | 1.3% | 86 | 54.4% | 158 |

**Table 24. Indication of Substance Abuse Issue by population/HH type – Total and percentage**

|  | Families (HH with at least 1 adult + 1 child) | Individuals (HH with no children) | Youth (under 25) | Veterans |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Count** | 9 | 149 | 7 | 23 |
| **Percentage of Household Type That Indicated Substance Abuse Issue** | 6.0% | 47.0% | 7.3% | 53.5% |

Table 24 above shows the extent of how much of four population/household types were classified as having a substance abuse issue based on their answers to the survey. For example, 23 veterans (53.5% of the veteran population) on the night of the PIT count indicated they had a substance abuse issue.

# PERSONS LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS

**Table 25. Indication of Living with AIDS/HIV**

|  | Emergency Shelter | | Transitional Housing | | Unsheltered | | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|  | # | % | # | % | # | % |  |
| **Living with HIV/AIDS** | 4 | 50.0% | 1 | 12.5% | 3 | 37.5% | 8 |

**Table 26. Living with HIV/AIDS by population/HH type –Total and Percentage**

|  | Families (HH with at least 1 adult + 1 child) | Individuals (HH with no children) | Youth (under 25) | Veterans |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Count** | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| **Percentage of Household Type That Indicated Living with HIV/AIDS** | 0.0% | 2.5% | 0.0% | 0.0% |

# PRESENCE OF A COMPANION OR SERVICE ANIMAL

**Table 27. Companion/Service Animal Present**

| Population | # | % |
|---|---|---|
| Stayed with Companion or Service Animal | 50 | 10.7% |

# DEMOGRAPHICS

**Table 28. Gender**

| Gender | # | % |
|---|---|---|
| Female | 190 | 40.8 |
| Male | 267 | 57.3 |
| Transgender | 0 | 0 |
| Gender Non-Conforming | 4 | 0.9 |
| Missing | 5 | 1.1 |
| Total | 466 | 100.0 |

**Table 29. Race**

| Race | | |
|---|---|---|
| White | 230 | 49.4 |
| Black or African-American | 128 | 27.5 |
| Asian | 9 | 1.9 |
| American Indian or Alaskan Native | 20 | 4.3 |
| Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander | 7 | 1.5 |
| Multi Racial | 28 | 6 |
| Missing | 44 | 9.4 |
| Total | 466 | 100.0 |

**Table 30. Ethnicity**

| Ethnicity | | |
|---|---:|---:|
| Non-Hispanic/Latino | 338 | 72.5 |
| Hispanic/Latino | 110 | 23.6 |
| Missing | 18 | 3.9 |
| Total | 466 | 100.0 |

**Table 31. Age**

| Age Category | # | % |
|---|---:|---:|
| Less than 18 | 74 | 15.9% |
| 18 - 24 | 22 | 4.7% |
| 25 - 54 | 294 | 63.1% |
| 55 - 64 | 64 | 13.7% |
| 65+ | 9 | 1.9% |
| Missing | 3 | 0.6% |
| Total | 466 | 100.0% |

# SUMMARY OF EXCLUDED DATA

**Table 32. Data Summary**

| ADAMS | |
|---|---:|
| **Summary of Excluded Data** | |
| **# Individuals in Raw Data File** | **659** |
| *Individuals Removed and Reason:* | |
| Data quality issues | 87 |
| Observation/Refusal | 78 |
| Duplicate | 18 |
| Homeless Status could not be determined | 5 |
| Insufficient PIN Information | 4 |
| Not Homeless | 1 |
| **Total individuals removed** | **193** |
| **Total individuals remaining in data set** | **466** |