



MEMORANDUM

Date: July 3, 2025

To: The Honorable Chair and Members
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: Jan Leshner 
County Administrator

Re: **2025 Point-In-Time Count**

Attached please find a Memorandum from the Office of Housing Opportunities and Homeless Solutions (OHOHS) Director Jenifer Darland that provides data from the 2025 Point-In-Time (PIT) Count as released by the Tucson Pima Collaboration to End Homelessness (TPCH) on Monday, June 30, 2025.

The 2025 PIT Count occurred on Wednesday, January 29, 2025 and was expanded to include Ajo and Catalina, two areas of the County not surveyed in prior PIT Count years. In total, 2,218 individuals were experiencing homelessness in 2025, an increase of 116 (or 5.5 percent) from 2,102 in the 2024 PIT Count. There was an overall increase in the number of individuals enrolled in shelter from 821 in 2024 to 942 in 2025. Further, there was a reported decrease in the number of individuals counted in unsheltered settings, from 1,281 in 2024 to 1,276 in 2025. While these are indications that suggest overall trends are moving in a positive direction, Director Darland notes the data also shows an increase in the complexity of the homeless crisis. Specifically, the 44 increase of chronically homeless individuals from 2024, as well as over 60 percent of surveyed adults in unsheltered settings reporting having a Serious Mental Illness (SMI) and/or Substance Use Disorder (SUD). This data will be factored into the feasibility study and work plan requested by Supervisor Scott at the May 6, 2025 meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

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To: Jan Leshar
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From: Jenifer Darland 
Director, Office of Housing
Opportunities and Homeless
Solutions

Re: 2025 Point-In-Time Count Results

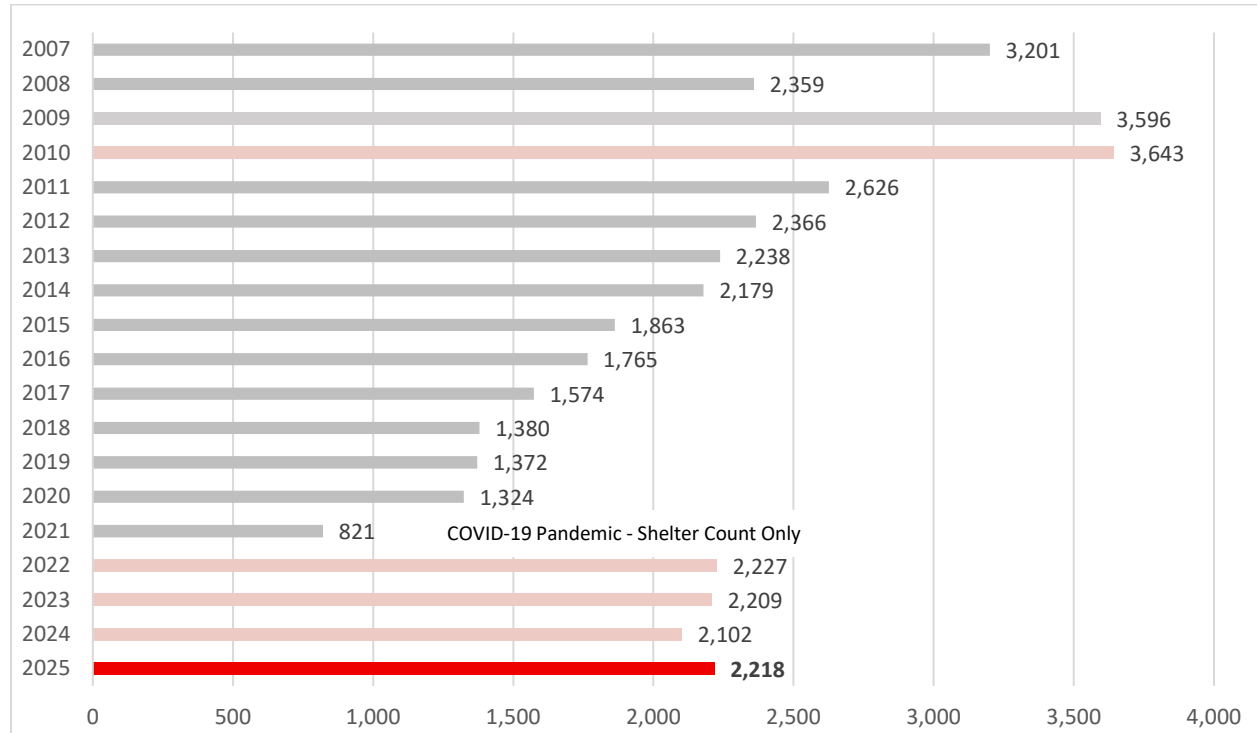
On June 30, 2025, the Tucson Pima Collaboration to End Homelessness (TPCH) released the 2025 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count results. Each community that receives U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) funds is required to perform an annual Point-In-Time (PIT) Count of people experiencing homelessness. The community-wide effort took place January 29, 2025 and was facilitated by TPCH.

Annually, PIT Count data is compiled and transmitted to HUD from communities across the nation. Data is incorporated into the Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) that will be transmitted to U.S. Congress sometime late fall. The findings (ATTACHED) of Pima County / Tucson Region's 2025 PIT Count have been submitted to HUD.

Preliminary 2025 Point-In-Time Estimate

A total of 2,218 individuals were estimated to be experiencing homelessness either in shelter or unsheltered settings on the date of the 2025 PIT Count. The estimate is an increase of 116 (or 5.5 percent) from the 2024 PIT Count of 2,102. The 2025 count was expanded to include Ajo and Catalina, two areas within the region not previously canvassed in prior PIT Count efforts. Homeless totals for 2025 are still well below historic highs for the region, with the most significant increase in homeless recorded in 2010, two years following the economic crisis of 2008 / 2009. The 2025 PIT Count summary prepared by TPCH notes that despite the slight increase in the overall total of individuals surveyed, more individuals were counted in shelter than were counted in unsheltered settings, which suggests an improving response system.

Chart 1. Pima County / Tucson Region – Point-in-Time Homeless Counts (2007 – 2025)



Data Source: [HUD Exchange PIT and HIC Data Since 2007](#) and [TPCH 2025 PIT Count Summary](#)

Sheltered & Unsheltered Estimates

The following is the breakdown of the number of people counted in sheltered and unsheltered environments as reported in 2020 – before the onset of the pandemic – 2023, 2024, and 2025 PIT years. As previously noted in the [March 26, 2024 memorandum to the Board](#), a large congregate shelter provider discontinued participation with HMIS between 2019 and 2020, thus numbers reflected as being served in Shelter (Table 1) are not completely representative of all who may have been served in emergency shelter settings on the dates of the PIT counts.

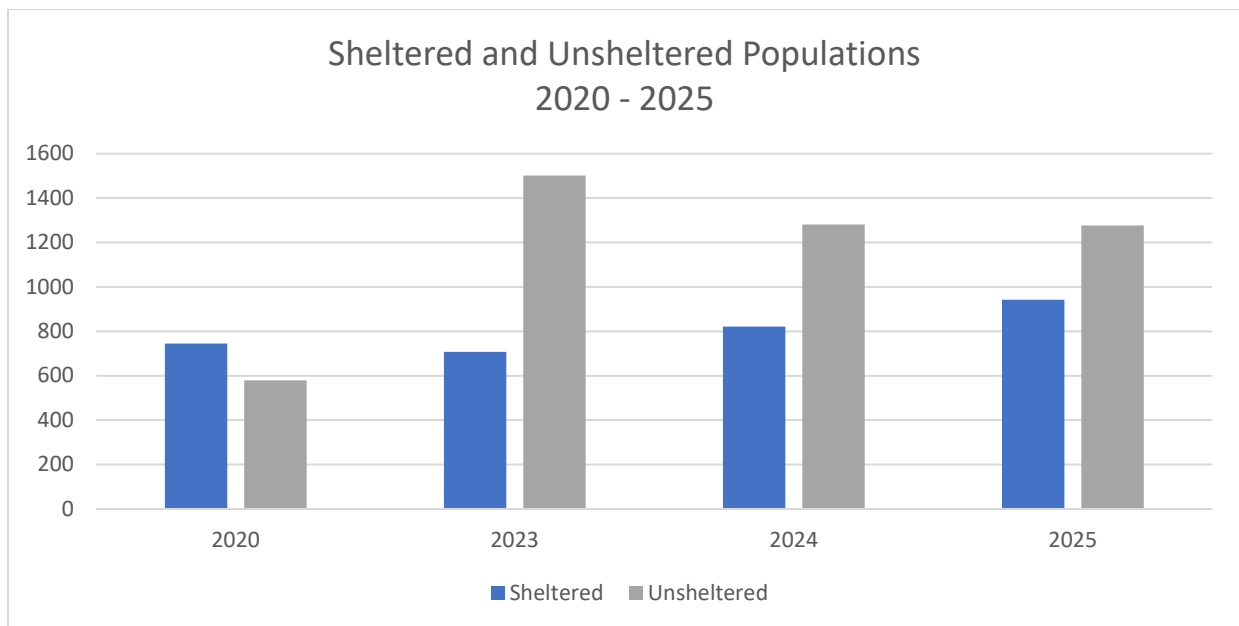
Table 1. 2024 Pima County / Tucson Unsheltered and Sheltered Estimates (2020 – 2025)

	2020	2023	2024	2025	% Change from 2024
Sheltered	745	708	821	942	14.73%
Unsheltered	579	1,501	1,281	1,276	(0.39%)

Data Source: [Tucson / Pima Collaboration to End Homelessness PIT Count reports](#) and [TPCH 2025 PIT Count Summary](#).

A total of 942 were counted in shelter in the 2025 PIT Count, an increase of 121 (or 14.73 percent) from those counted in shelter in 2024, and an increase of 197 (26.4 percent) from those counted in shelter in 2020. While the 1,276 individuals were experiencing unsheltered homelessness in 2025, which represents an increase of 120 percent from 2020 (579), it was the second year the PIT Count captured a decrease in the number of individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

Chart 2. Sheltered and Unsheltered Populations (2020 – 2025)



Data Source: [Tucson / Pima Collaboration to End Homelessness PIT Count reports](#) and [TPCH 2025 PIT Count Summary](#).

Trends in Chronic Homelessness & Self-Reported Conditions

In all PIT Counts, conditions such as chronic homelessness (Table 2), Substance Use Disorder (SUD), Serious Mental Health (SMI), HIV / AIDS and Domestic Violence are self-reported conditions as reported by adults 18 years of age or older in sheltered and unsheltered settings. Of concern is that the trends among chronic homelessness as well as SMI and SUD show increases year after year.

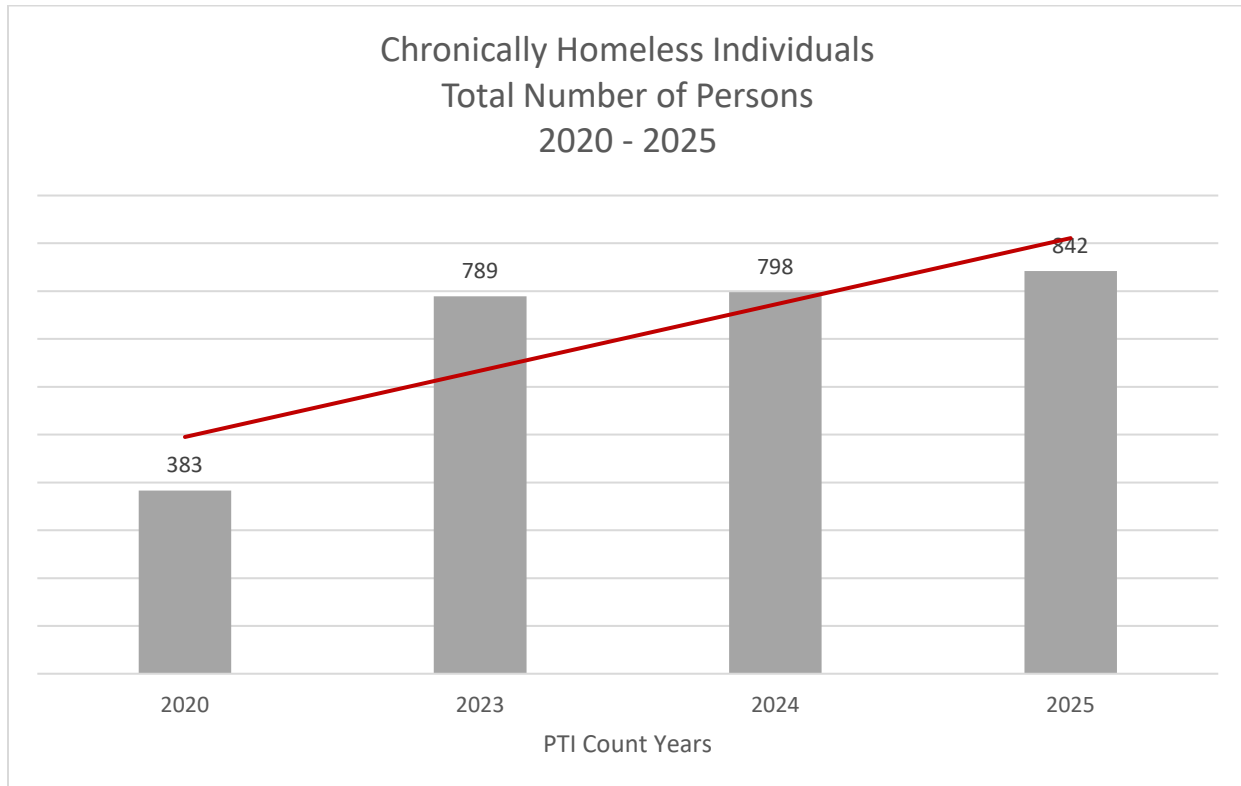
Table 2. Chronically Homeless Persons (2020 – 2025)

	2020	2023	2024	2025
Chronically Homeless	383	789	798	842

Data Source: [Tucson / Pima Collaboration to End Homelessness PIT Count reports](#) and [TPCH 2025 PIT Count Summary](#).

The total of those counted in 2025 reporting chronic homelessness has increased by 44 (5.5 percent) from 2024 but is up 120 percent from before the pandemic (383).

Chart 3. Chronically Homeless Individuals (2020 – 2025)



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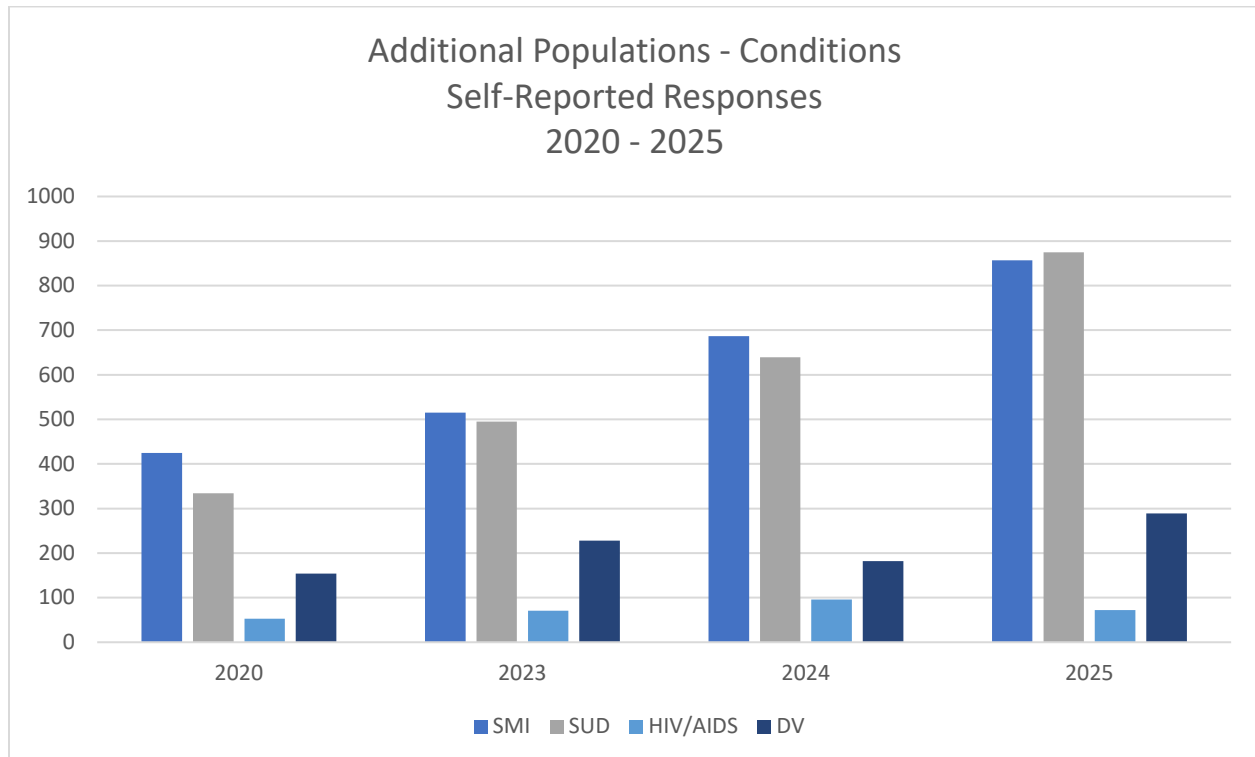
In addition to chronic homelessness, 875 adults self-reported having an SMI and 857 self-reported having an SUD condition in 2025.

Table 3. Additional Populations – Self-Reported Conditions (2020 – 2025)

Additional Populations - Conditions	2020	2023	2024	2025
Adults with Serious Mental Illness (SMI)	425	515	687	857
Adults with Substance Use Disorder (SUD)	334	495	639	875
Adults with HIV/AIDS	53	71	96	72
Adult Survivors of Domestic Violence	154	228	182	289

Data Source: [Tucson / Pima Collaboration to End Homelessness PIT Count reports](#) and [TPCH 2025 PIT Count Summary](#).

Chart 4. Additional Populations – Self-Reported Conditions (2020 – 2025)



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When evaluating data on conditions from before the onset of the pandemic against the data collected in 2025, a concerning trend emerges. Data from 2025 (857) suggests a 101 percent increase in those reporting having an SMI condition from 2020 (425). Similarly, data for those reporting having an SUD condition for 2025 suggests a 162 percent increase from 2020 (334).

Overall, the 2025 PIT Count totals appear to capture emerging positive trends in terms of an increase in the number of individuals enrolled in shelter and a decrease in the number of individuals in unsheltered settings. The fact that the overall number has not increased substantially is a credit to the community's homeless response system. However, the data associated with chronicity and conditions suggests the crisis remains complex. To see continued improvement in not only shelter utilization but also in overall decrease homelessness, the homeless response system should prioritize addressing / interrupting the crisis conditions which may limit and impede acceptance and access to resources to alleviate homelessness, including enrollment in shelter and / or housing. This would be a critical step, especially as the future of federal funding for many of the programs for this population is

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uncertain. To that end, this data will inform the forthcoming shelter feasibility and work plan requested by Supervisor Scott at the May 6, 2025 meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

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2025 Tucson / Pima County Point in Time Count Summary



The Point in Time Count (PIT) results provide a snapshot of homelessness in Pima County on the night of January 29, 2025. Preliminary data suggests that while nationally there has been an increase in homelessness captured through the PIT since 2024, Pima County's numbers remain relatively flat since 2022. The 2025 PIT was more thorough than previous years, including new counts in both Ajo and Catalina. There has also been a steady increase in sheltered homelessness, and a coinciding decrease in unsheltered homelessness, indicating the homeless response system is functioning to bring more people into shelter.

ALL PERSONS

	EMERGENCY SHELTER	TRANSITIONAL HOUSING	SAFE HAVEN	UNSHELTERED	2025 TOTAL	2024 TOTAL
Total Households	532	131	16	1178	1857	1503
Total Number of Persons (Adults & Children)	766	160	16	1276	2218	2102
Number of Persons Under Age 18	184	20	0	0	204	175
Number of Persons Age 18-24	27	22	1	62	112	164
Number of Persons Age 25+	555	118	15	1214	1902	1763

Gender	EMERGENCY SHELTER	TRANSITIONAL HOUSING	SAFE HAVEN	UNSHELTERED	2025 TOTAL	2024 TOTAL
Woman (girl, if child)	381	38	5	360	784	651
Man (boy, if child)	380	119	11	900	1410	1418
Culturally Specific Identity	0	0	0	3	3	1
Gender Non-Conforming/Non-Binary	0	1	0	8	9	8
Questioning	0	0	0	0	0	1
Transgender	2	2	0	3	7	8
Mulitple Gender	3	0	0	1	4	9
Different Identity	0	0	0	1	1	6

Ethnicity	EMERGENCY SHELTER	TRANSITIONAL HOUSING	SAFE HAVEN	UNSHELTERED	2025 TOTAL	2024 TOTAL
Non-Hispanic/Latinx	499	110	12	850	1471	1320
Hispanic/Latinx	267	50	4	426	747	782

Race	EMERGENCY SHELTER	TRANSITIONAL HOUSING	SAFE HAVEN	UNSHELTERED	2025 TOTAL	2024 TOTAL
American Indian, Alaska Native, Indigenous	42	6	0	140	188	144
Asian/Asian-American	2	0	0	5	7	8
Black/African-American	136	41	3	119	299	230
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	7	1	1	20	29	14
Middle Eastern or North African	2	0	0	3	5	4
White	428	94	10	574	1106	1150
Hispanic/Latina/e/o/x (only)	108	10	0	357	475	430
Multiple Races	41	8	2	58	109	122

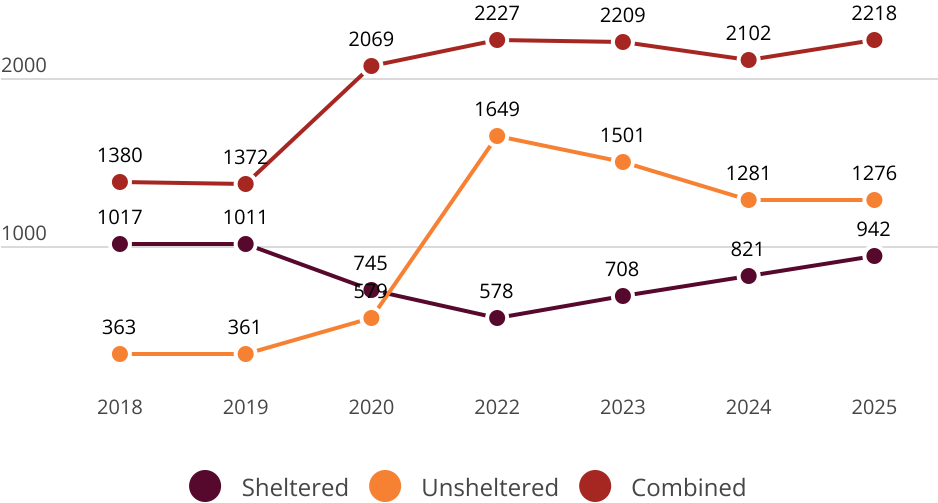
Chronically Homeless	EMERGENCY SHELTER	TRANSITIONAL HOUSING	SAFE HAVEN	UNSHELTERED	2025 TOTAL	2024 TOTAL
Total Number of Persons	207	0	10	625	842	798

ADDITIONAL POPULATIONS

*Additional populations data is a subset of All Persons data set.

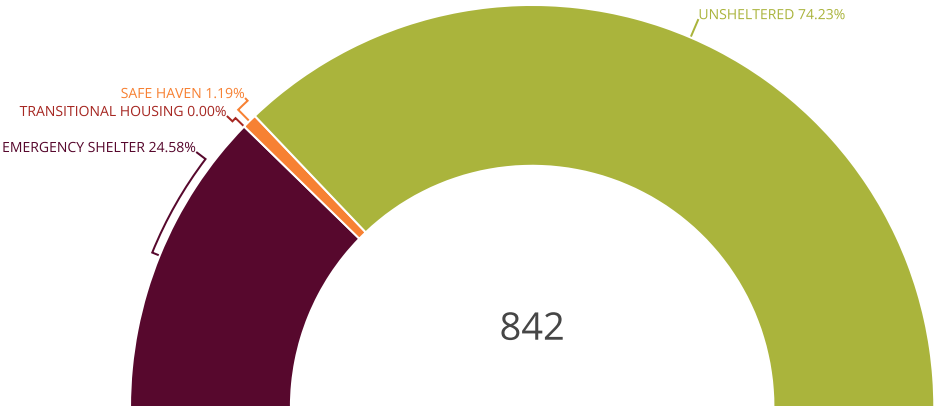
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Adults with Substance Abuse Disorder	92	20	4	759	875	639
Adults with HIV/AIDS	1	57	0	14	72	96
Adult Survivors of Domestic Violence	104	6	2	177	289	182

Number of Persons Experiencing Sheltered and Unsheltered Homeless on the Night of the Point in Time Count



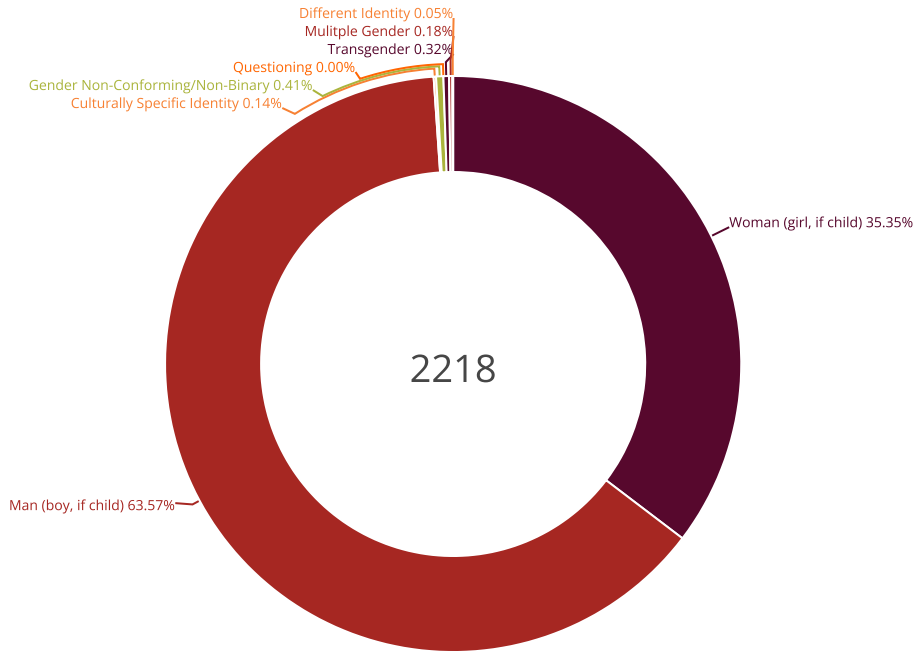
Chronic Homelessness

Chronic homelessness is used to describe people who have experienced homelessness for at least a year — or repeatedly — while struggling with a disabling condition such as a serious mental illness, substance use disorder, or physical disability (Source: <https://www.hudexchange.info/>)

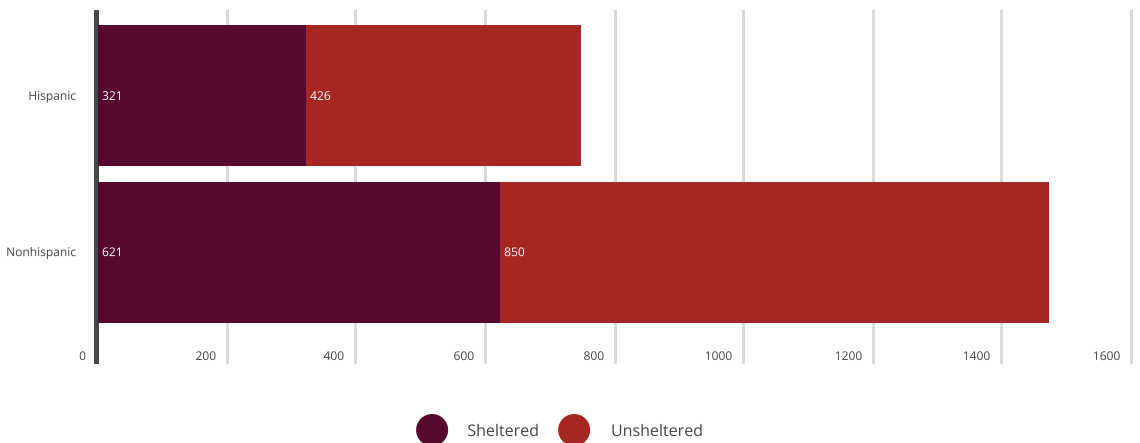


Homelessness by Demographics

Gender



Ethnicity



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