



TREASURE COAST HOMELESS SERVICES COUNCIL, INC.

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2020 POINT IN TIME HOMELESS COUNT

General Information

The Point-in-Time (PIT) count is a count of sheltered and unsheltered **literally** homeless persons on a single night in January. Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council, Inc. conducted its 2020 Point in Time Count on **January 22, 2020**. To be counted in the PIT count, individuals must be literally homeless (sleeping on the street, in a car, in the woods, in camp, etc.) or sheltered (emergency shelter, transitional shelter, hotel paid for by an Agency). There was a total of 36 agencies that surveyed unsheltered homeless individuals during the PIT count and a total of 9 agencies that reported sheltered homeless individuals.

2020 Homeless Data

On January 22, 2020, there were a total of 1379 individuals (1021 adults and 358 children) who were counted as homeless on the Treasure Coast. These numbers show an 8% decrease from the 2019 PIT count.

Couch Surfers

Additional individuals temporarily staying with family or friends because of economic reasons (“couch surfers”) are not considered homeless in this count. An additional 1108 households were reported as couch surfers by participating agencies during the Point in Time count. This is down from 1,565 during 2019, which is a 29% decrease over last year’s numbers.

Methods

The Point in Time (PIT) numbers reflect the official homeless numbers, as reported to HUD by the Continuum of Care. We utilize street outreach teams, service organizations, school homeless liaisons, and shelter programs to provide an accurate count of individuals who meet HUDs definition of homelessness, counted on one specific day in the last 10 days of January. For validation purposes, we have deleted any duplicates and double checked HMIS to verify program enrollment on the day of the count. This method of counting has been utilized for all homeless data provided by this Continuum of Care and is an accurate way to show trends in homelessness.



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HOMELESSNESS FACT SHEET FOR INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

These numbers represent the number of sheltered or unsheltered literally homeless individuals in Indian River County. These numbers are based on those individuals seeking or receiving services or interviewed in camp sites, feeding sites, and other locations on one single day. An additional 175 households were sharing housing or “couch surfing” and were not counted in these totals.

Total Homeless Individuals

	January 29, 2019	January 22, 2020	Difference
Adults	337	342	+5
Children	149	122	(27)
Total	486	464	(22)

Veteran and Disability Status

(self-reported & not verified during the PIT count)

Veterans	23	22	(1)
Disabled Adults	123	112	(11)

2020 Sheltered & Unsheltered

	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total
Adults	55	287	342
Children	43	79	122
Total	98	366	464

Agencies Providing Data

Unsheltered

New Horizons, Indian River County School District, Angels of Hope Outreach, Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council, Up Center, Vietnam Veterans IRC, Treasure Coast Community Health, Roseland Methodist Church, Mental Health Association, IRC Salvation Army, IRC Housing Authority

Sheltered

Hope for Families Center, Samaritan Center, Children’s Home Society, SafeSpace, Camp Haven



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HOMELESSNESS FACT SHEET FOR ST. LUCIE COUNTY

These numbers represent the number of sheltered or unsheltered literally homeless individuals in St. Lucie County. These numbers are based on those individuals seeking or receiving services or interviewed in camp sites, feeding sites, and other locations on one single day. An additional 670 households were sharing housing or “couch surfing” and were not counted in these totals.

Total Homeless Individuals

	January 29, 2019	January 22, 2020	Difference
Adults	486	372	(114)
Children	222	162	(60)
Total	708	534	(174)

Veteran and Disability Status

(self-reported & not verified during the PIT count)

Veterans	18	26	+8
Disabled Adults	105	128	+23

2020 Sheltered & Unsheltered

	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total
Adults	0	372	372
Children	10	152	162
Total	10	524	534

Agencies Providing Data

Unsheltered

St. Lucie County Community Services, Mustard Seed, New Horizons, Sarah’s Kitchen, In the Image of Christ, St. Lucie County School District, SLC Veteran Services, Angels of Hope Outreach, Up Center, Graceway Village, Ft Pierce Police Department, City of Ft Pierce CRA, Public Defender

Sheltered

Adam’s Place, Wave Crest



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HOMELESSNESS FACT SHEET FOR MARTIN COUNTY

These numbers represent the number of sheltered or unsheltered literally homeless individuals in Martin County. These numbers are based on those individuals seeking or receiving services or interviewed in camp sites, feeding sites, and other locations on one single day. An additional 263 households were sharing housing or “couch surfing” and were not counted in these totals.

Total Homeless Individuals

	January 29, 2019	January 22, 2020	Difference
Adults	219	297	+78
Children	86	84	(2)
Total	305	381	+76

Veteran and Disability Status

(self-reported & not verified during the PIT count)

Veterans	9	20	+11
Disabled Adults	63	84	+21

2020 Sheltered & Unsheltered

	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total
Adults	39	258	297
Children	41	43	84
Total	80	301	381

Agencies Providing Data

Unsheltered

House of Hope, LAHIA, Martin County Health and Human Services, Salvation Army of Martin County, Martin County School District, Tent City Helpers, Coral Shores Behavioral Health, Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, Angels of Hope Outreach, Martin County Veteran Service Office

Sheltered

Martin County Salvation Army (Compassion House), SafeSpace, Mary’s Shelter