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# FACT SHEET:

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The data below reflect those who participated in the 2018 PIT survey and fell within the HUD definition of homelessness. Please note that this data does not include families, youth or singles who are doubled/tripled up; families, youth, or singles in hotels/motels paid for by themselves; hidden families, youth, and singles; or those who refused to take the survey.

**On Monday, January 29, 2018 there were 5,317 homeless individuals counted in the seven county Denver Metro area; this includes those who completed a survey as well as their family members.**

### ON THE STREET:

- A total of 24.6 percent of Denver's total homeless population were unsheltered (living on the street, under a bridge, in an abandoned or public building, in a car, camping, etc.).

### WHERE THEY SLEPT THAT NIGHT:

- Transitional housing (26.6%)
- Emergency shelters (including hotels/motels using vouchers paid for by an organization) (48.4%)
- Unsheltered (24.6%)
- Safe haven (.4%)

### NEWLY HOMELESS:

- Nearly one-fifth (19.9%) of total respondents, or 1060 persons, were considered newly homeless (that is, they had been homeless for less than one year and this was their first episode of homelessness).

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:

- 384 respondents (7.2%) reported that domestic violence was a contributing factor to their homeless situation.

### MENTAL HEALTH:

- 1,415 self-reported living with a mental health issue. Of those 1,415 people, 46.4% were in an emergency shelter.

### CHRONICALLY HOMELESS:

- 1,596 respondents were chronically homeless, 70 of who were households with at least one adult and one child.

### VETERANS

- A total of 566 individuals identified as veterans.

### FAMILIES:

- 1,407 families (households with at least one adult and at least one child or households with only children under 18) completed PIT surveys during the 2018 count.

### YOUTH:

- 237 unaccompanied youth, age 18 to 24, completed PIT surveys during the 2018 count.

Source: 2017 Point-In-Time Report – link: [http://mdhi.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/2017-Metro-Denver-PIT-Final.pdf?mc\\_cid=7f4624fc41&mc\\_eid=0c3a4d4776](http://mdhi.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/2017-Metro-Denver-PIT-Final.pdf?mc_cid=7f4624fc41&mc_eid=0c3a4d4776)

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