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The data below reflects those who participated in the 2019 Point in Time survey and fell within the Housing and Urban Development's 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 the evening of January 28, 2019, there were 5,755 homeless individuals counted in the seven counties within the Denver Metro area; this includes those who completed a survey as well as their family members.

ON THE STREET:

- A total of 16.4% 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 (29.1%)
- Emergency shelters (including hotels/motels using vouchers paid for by an organization) (53.7%)
- Unsheltered (16.4%)
- Safe haven (.6%)

NEWLY HOMELESS:

- About one-tenth (12%) of total respondents, or 691 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:

- 353 respondents (6.1%) reported that domestic violence was a contributing factor to their homeless situation.

MENTAL HEALTH:

- 1,423 self-reported living with a mental health issue. Of those 840 people, 59% were in an emergency shelter.

CHRONICALLY HOMELESS:

- 806 respondents were chronically homeless, 12 of whom were households with at least one adult and one child.

VETERANS

- A total of 494 individuals identified as veterans.

FAMILIES:

- 1,402 families (households with at least one adult and at least one child or households with only children under 18) completed PIT surveys during the 2019 count.

YOUTH:

- 283 unaccompanied youth, ages 18 to 24, completed PIT surveys during the 2019 count.

Source: 2019 Point-In-Time Report – link: https://d3n8a8pro7vbm.cloudfront.net/mdhi/pages/231/attachments/original/1566335912/Denver_Complete_V2.pdf?1566335912