# **Unsheltered Homelessness in Madison/Dane County**

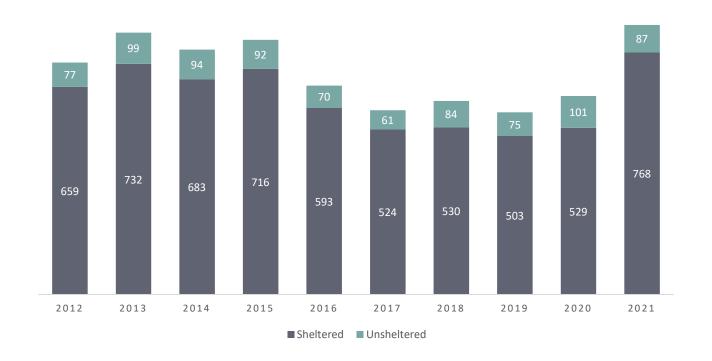
City County Homeless Issues Committee Staff \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2/7/22

## **Unsheltered homelessness in PIT Count**

Point in Time Count of Homelessness (PIT) is...

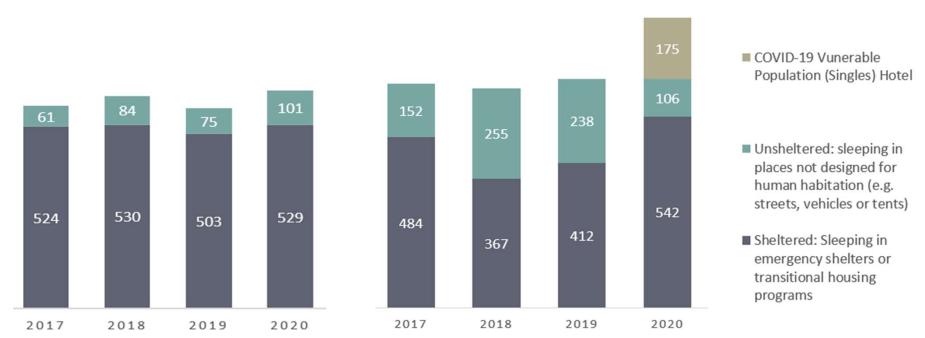
- A snapshot of people experiencing homelessness on a given night
- Done at the end of January across the United States by Continuum of Cares (CoCs)
- Consists of sheltered count (emergency shelter & transitional housing programs) and unsheltered count

## January PIT 2012-2021: by sleeping location



## Unsheltered # typically triples in the summer.

January PIT (Winter Count) July PIT (Summer Count)



## 2021 & 2022 PIT Unsheltered Count Details

#### 2021 PIT

Out of 87 unsheltered

- 74% male; 24% female; 2% other gender
- 100% in households without children
- 53% chronically homeless

Temporary tiny homes	24 (28%)
Parks	17 (20%)
Vehicle	16 (18%)
Woods or outdoor encampment	10 (11%)
Streets or sidewalk	5 (6%)
Commercial establishment	5 (6%)
Under bridge/overpass	4 (5%)
Abandoned building	1 (1%)
Not specified	5 (6%)

#### 2022 PIT (preliminary)

Out of 76 unsheltered

100% in households without children

Temporary tiny homes	22 (29%)
Dairy Drive campground	26 (34%)
Parks	1 (1%)
Vehicle	16 (21%)
Woods or outdoor encampment	2 (3%)
Streets or sidewalk	7 (9%)
Commercial establishment	2 (3%)
Under bridge/overpass	0 (5%)
Abandoned building	0 (1%)
Not specified	0 (6%)

<sup>\*</sup>Additionally, 8 typically unsheltered individuals were at respite hotels

## Unsheltered homelessness response panel discussion

**Outreach partners** 

## **Panelists**

- Pearl Foster (CAARES)
- Michael Moody, John Adams & Ben Li (Catalyst for Change)
- Maria Tran & Meshan Adams (MACH OneHealth)
- Mattie Reese (Connecting the Dots)
- Kristi Goldade (Focus Counseling)
- Jeff Turk (Friends of the State Street Family)
- Marjorie Lewis (Porchlight)

## **Questions for Panelists**

- 1. What do you see as the primary causes of unsheltered homelessness?
- 2. For the people you work with, what barriers and challenges keep them from obtaining and maintaining housing?
- 3. What resources have worked well for people you work with, and what can be improved?
- 4. There are plans to build new shelters in Madison. What are some important things we should think about in planning for new shelters that would make it more likely for people you work with to use them?
- 5. What are the gaps in the system? Who are slipping through the cracks?
- 6. What are the solutions for unsheltered homelessness that you would like to advocate for?