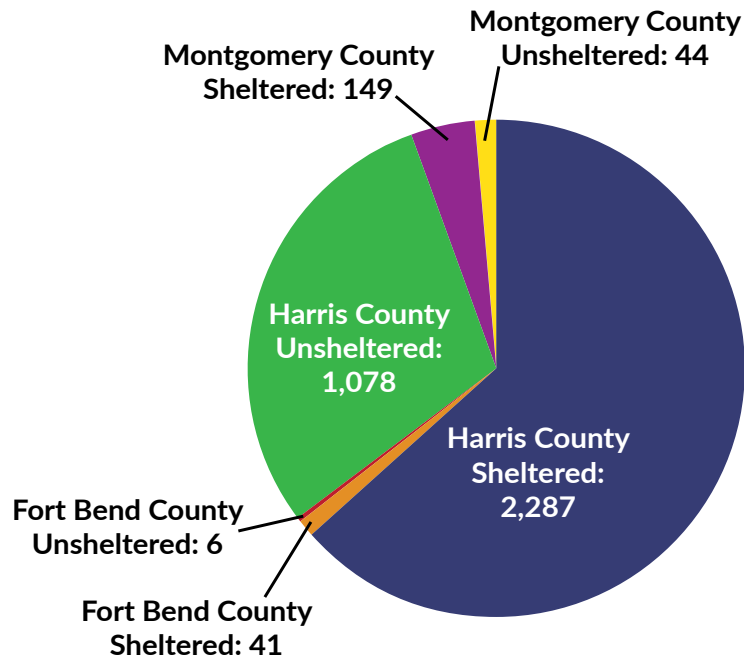


Total: 3,605

Overview

A Point-In-Time (PIT) Count of sheltered and unsheltered persons experiencing homelessness in the Houston, Harris County, Fort Bend County, and Montgomery County area was conducted over a three-day period from January 24-26, 2017; with the official night of the Count on January 23. The purpose of the Count is to determine the number of persons experiencing homelessness [defined by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as those staying in emergency shelter, transitional housing, or safe haven with beds dedicated for homeless persons or those persons who are unsheltered (i.e., staying in a place not meant for human habitation)].

Due to the size of the geographic area covered by the Count, we know that not all unsheltered persons experiencing homelessness can be



identified in a short period of time; however, the Count gives a good assessment of the extent of the problem in the region and can allow for comparisons over time to help understand how well a community is solving the problem of homelessness. Montgomery County joined The Way Home in 2016, and was included in the 2017 Homeless Count & Survey. Montgomery County data gathered in 2017 provides a benchmark for measuring homelessness in that area and will be used in future comparisons across the entire geography.

Homelessness in Houston, Harris County, Fort Bend County, Montgomery County Using an Expanded Definition

HUD's rules and regulations dictate the definition of homelessness used for the Count, and these figures are reported to HUD in the Homeless Data Exchange (HDX). However, a more complete picture of homelessness in the region can be obtained by widening the definition of homelessness to include individuals in county jails (Harris, Fort Bend, and Montgomery) on the night of the Count, who indicated that they were homeless before arrest (and therefore likely to be so after release). When these numbers are added to the 2017 PIT Count, the total number of homeless individuals in the region is 5,651 (as opposed to 3,605 noted above), with the largest percentage (80%) sheltered.

Population Data:

Combined Geography: (Harris, FB, Montgomery)	Montgomery County Only:
Population: 5,887,368	Population: 556,203
Percent homeless: 0.061% (1 in 1,629 residents)	Percent homeless: 0.035% (1 in 2,882 residents)

Characteristics of Those Experiencing Homelessness (All)

Subpopulations	Veterans	Sheltered: 4	Unsheltered: 1
	Chronic Homelessness	Sheltered: 18 households, 37 individuals	Unsheltered: 5 households, 5 individuals
	Domestic Violence Survivors	Sheltered: 74	Unsheltered: 4
	Persons with HIV/AIDS	Sheltered: 0	Unsheltered: 0
	Severe Mental Illness	Sheltered: 33	Unsheltered: 13
	Substance Use Disorder	Sheltered: 34	Unsheltered: 8
Gender	Male	Sheltered: 69	Unsheltered: 28
	Female	Sheltered: 80	Unsheltered: 16
Race	White:	Sheltered: 84	Unsheltered: 36
	Black/African American	Sheltered: 55	Unsheltered: 7
	Asian	Sheltered: 1	Unsheltered: 0
	American Indian/Pacific Islander/ Native Alaskan/Hawaiian	Sheltered: 2	Unsheltered: 0
	Multiple	Sheltered: 7	Unsheltered: 0
Ethnicity	Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	Sheltered: 97	Unsheltered: 41
	Hispanic/Latino	Sheltered: 52	Unsheltered: 3

Characteristics of Those Experiencing Homelessness (Unsheltered Only)

Educational Status:

- <9th Grade = 2
- Some High School = 5
- HS Diploma/GED = 7
- Some College = 6
- College Diploma = 1
- Not Reported = 23

Income:

- Panhandling = 0
- SSI = 1
- SSDI = 1
- TANF = 0
- SNAP (food) = 3
- None = 19
- Not reported = 23

Location first became homeless:

- Montgomery County = 3
- Conroe = 18
- Not reported = 23

Job Status:

- Not working/looking for work = 11
- Not working/not looking = 7
- Regular part-time job = 2
- Day labor/odd jobs = 0
- Regular full-time job = 0
- Temporary employment = 0
- Retired = 1
- Not reported = 23

Comparing the Counts

in Houston, Harris County and Fort Bend County

