

POINT-IN-TIME COUNT of homelessness in Columbus & Franklin County

The 2018 point-in-time count of people experiencing homelessness in Columbus and Franklin County was held on January 31, 2018. The number of people counted experiencing homelessness increased slightly to 1,807, from 1,691 counted last year. The largest increase was seen among people counted in shelter, and it's noteworthy that much of this increase is due to families staying in shelter twice as long as usual. While successful housing outcomes among families are strong, it's taking longer than ever before for families to find safe, affordable housing, which is contributing to longer shelter stays.

1,807
people were counted
during the Jan 2018 count.
1,427 in shelter
288 unsheltered
92 in transitional housing

Point-in-time counts are an important method used to better understand the extent of homelessness. Counts are conducted across the nation, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Housing and Development. Community Shelter Board led Columbus and Franklin County's annual count of the area's sheltered and unsheltered homeless populations, including adults, youth, and children. CSB worked in collaboration with local service providers, partner agencies, and volunteers.

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Data system

CSB's homeless management information system was used to capture the number of people sheltered overnight on Jan 30.



Land count

Street outreach teams across the community conducted counts of people on the streets and at known encampments across Franklin County during early morning hours.



Meal sites & other service points

Volunteers conducted counts at soup kitchens and feeding sites. Service-based agencies that have clients experiencing homelessness also conducted counts.

For information about the 2019 event, watch for details at www.csb.org/how-we-do-it/point-in-time-count

Community Shelter Board leads a coordinated, community effort to make sure everyone has a place to call home. CSB is the collective impact organization driving strategy, accountability, collaboration, and resources to achieve the best outcomes for people facing homelessness in Columbus and Franklin County. With the support of a compassionate community, our system of care served more than 12,000 people last year with homelessness prevention, shelter, street outreach, rapid re-housing, and permanent supportive housing. Community Shelter Board is funded by the City of Columbus, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners, the United Way of Central Ohio, The Columbus Foundation, Nationwide Foundation, American Electric Power Foundation, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the State of Ohio, and many other public and private investors.