

# Maine Homelessness Survey: 2019 Point in Time Count

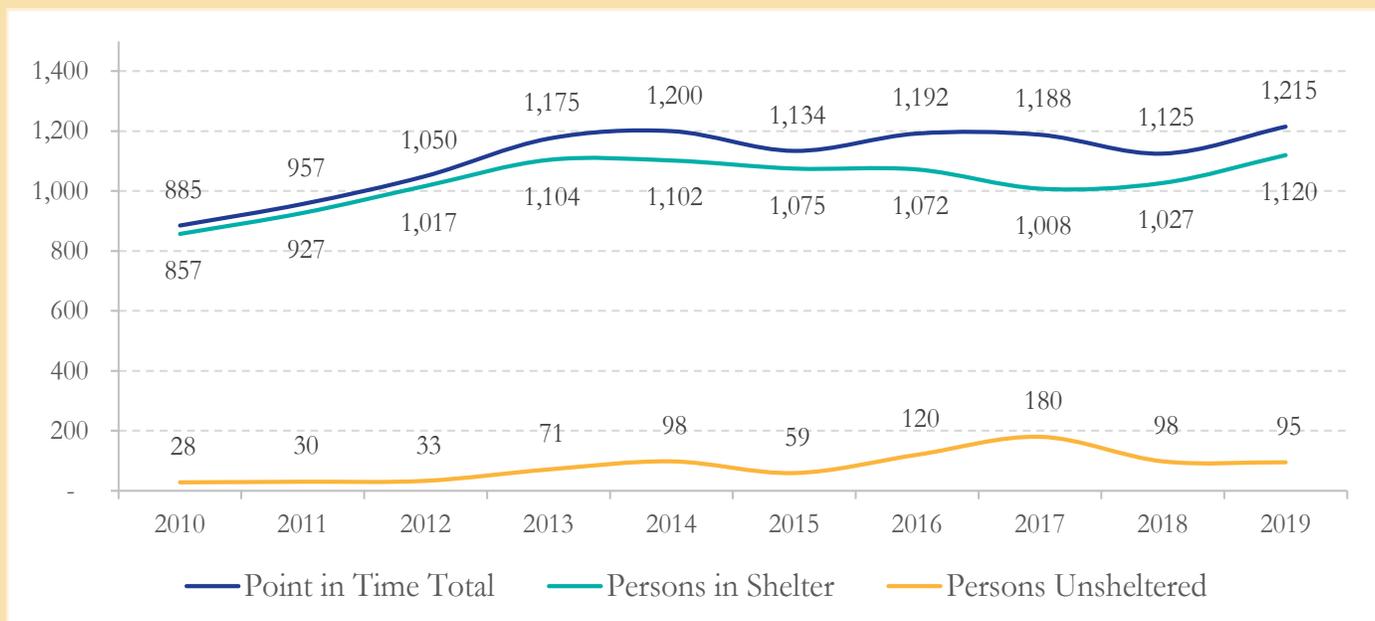


## About the Point in Time Count Survey

The Point in Time Count survey is a snapshot of homelessness on one night each year. Survey results inform Congress about the number of people experiencing homelessness in the U.S. and the effectiveness of programs and policies in decreasing those numbers. At the local level, this survey is one of several annual reports and data sources that is useful in increasing our understanding of the scope of homelessness in Maine. Given the time of year and the voluntary data collection method, this survey may not accurately represent the number of unsheltered people who experience homelessness in Maine.

Maine's 2019 "Night of the Count" was January 22, and included both sheltered and unsheltered persons. MaineHousing processes the data collected and provides this report.

## 1,215 Maine people experienced homelessness on January 22, 2019

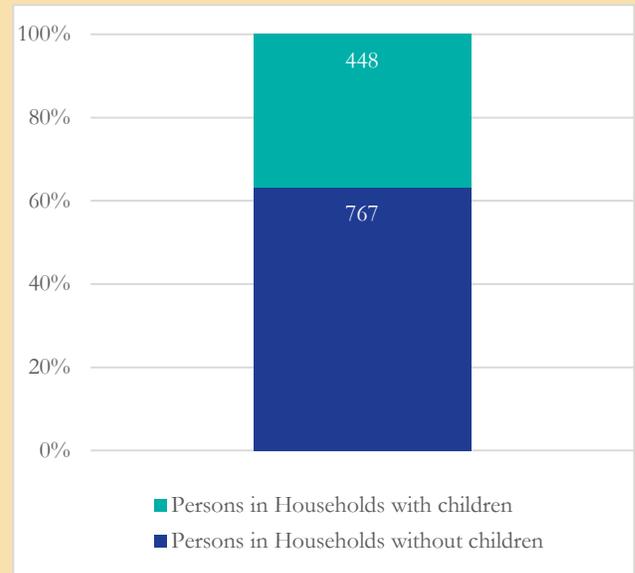
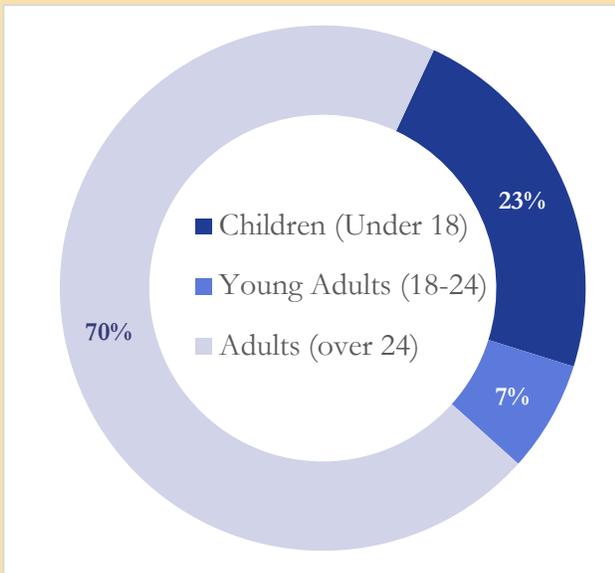


Note: This total does not include the 891 individuals in transitional housing reported to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD).

**90 (8%) more people experienced homelessness during the 2019 survey than during the 2018 survey.**

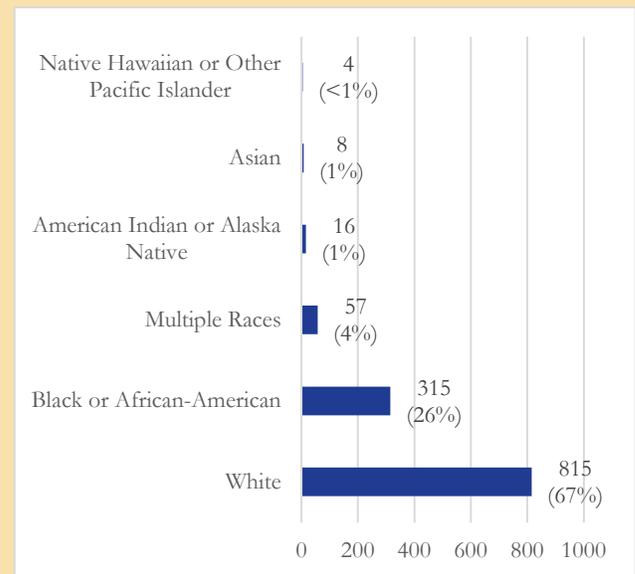
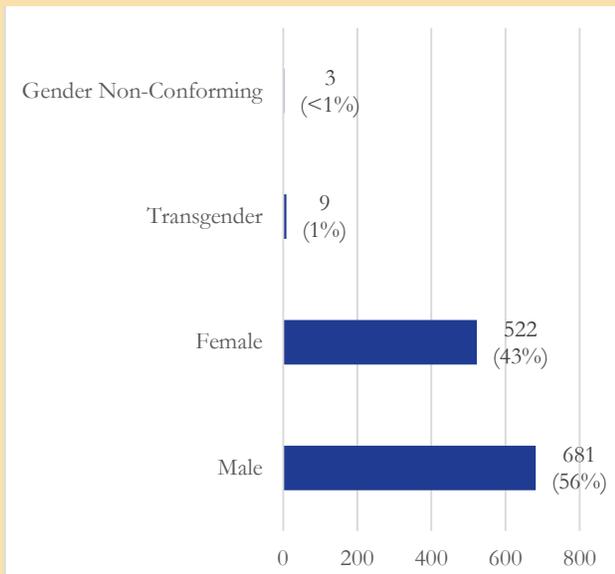
## Youth & Families

Over 1/3 of the households who are homeless are families with children.



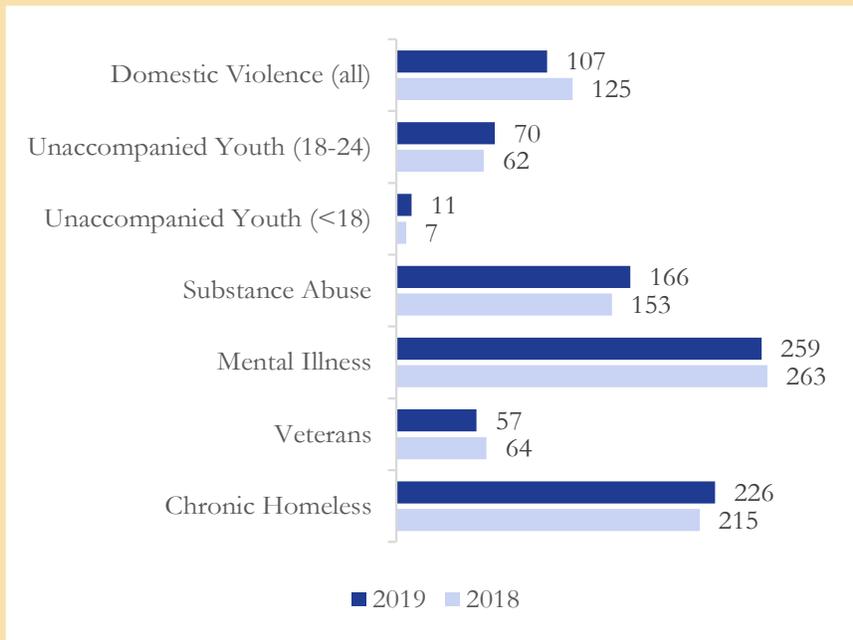
Nearly **1 in 4 (23%)** persons in the 2019 survey were under 18. There were 448 persons in households with at least one child, **66 (17%) more** than the 2018 survey. Of these, 278 were youth under the age of 18, **40 (17%) more** than in 2018. There were 83 young adults (18-24), which is **8 (11%) more** than last year. Of the total youth and young adults, 81 (70 ages 18-24 and 11 under age 18) were unaccompanied, which is **12 (17%) more** than in 2018.

## Gender & Race



Survey respondents were more likely to be male and non-white as compared to Maine's population. Maine's population is 49% male and 5% are non-white. The 2019 survey respondents were 56% male and 33% racial minorities, which is an over-representation in those who experience homelessness.

## Subpopulations Identified in the 2019 Survey



**18 (14%)** fewer domestic violence survivors

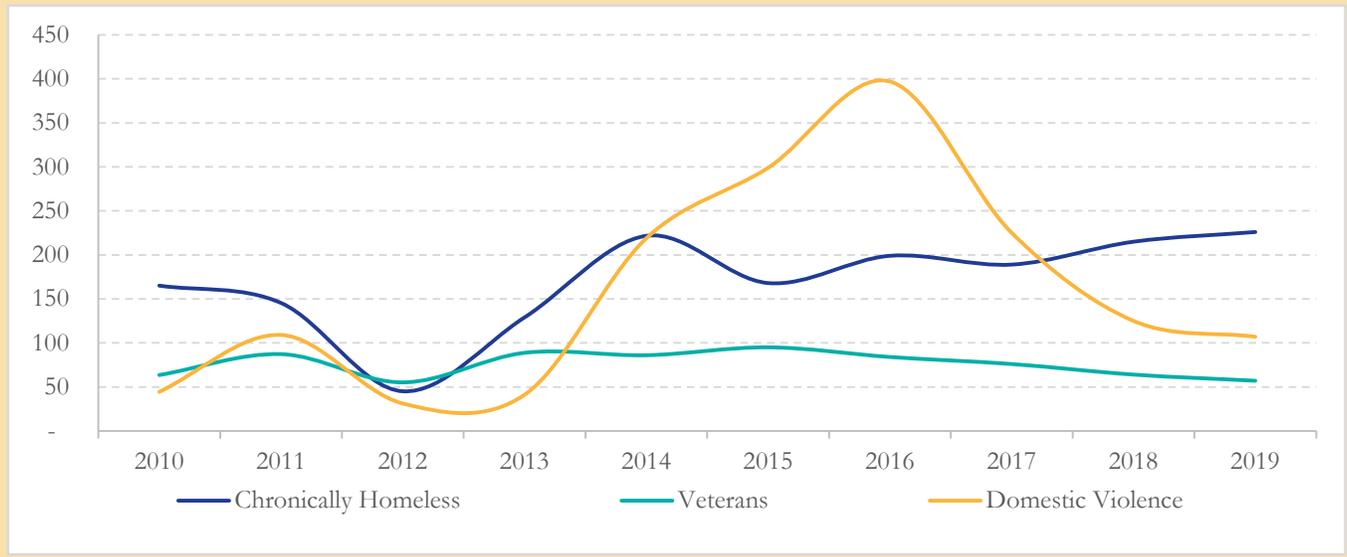
**13 (8%)** more people identified with substance abuse issues

**4 (2%)** fewer people identified as having a mental illness

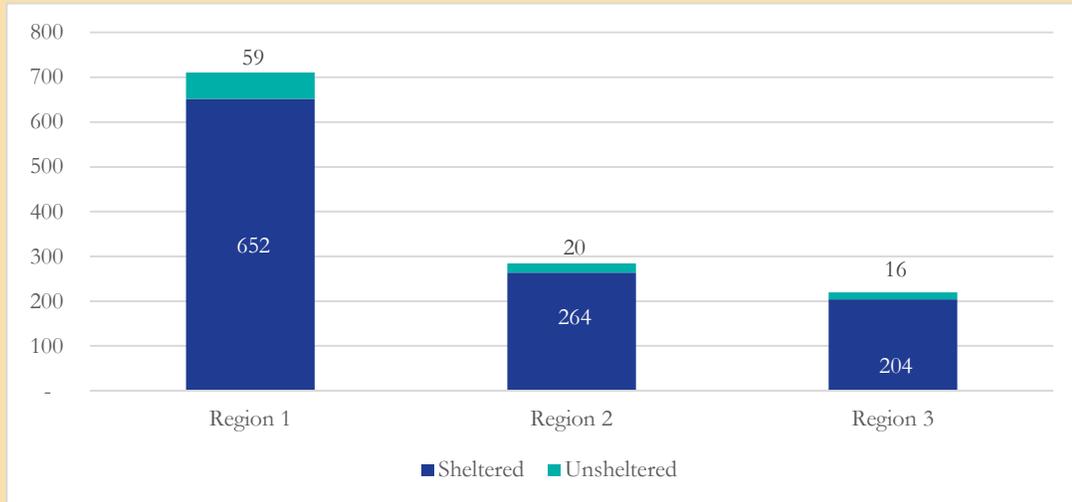
**7 (11%)** fewer veterans

**11 (5%)** more people self-identified as chronically homeless

## Chronically Homeless, Veterans, & Survivors of Domestic Violence 2010-2019



## Where People Were on the Night of the Survey



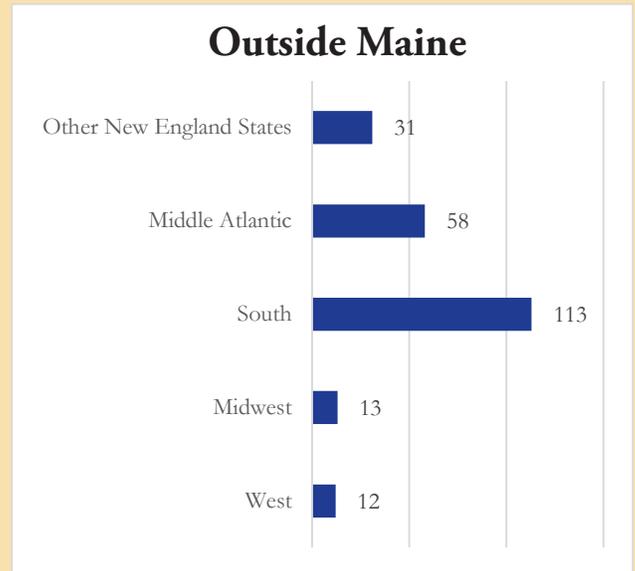
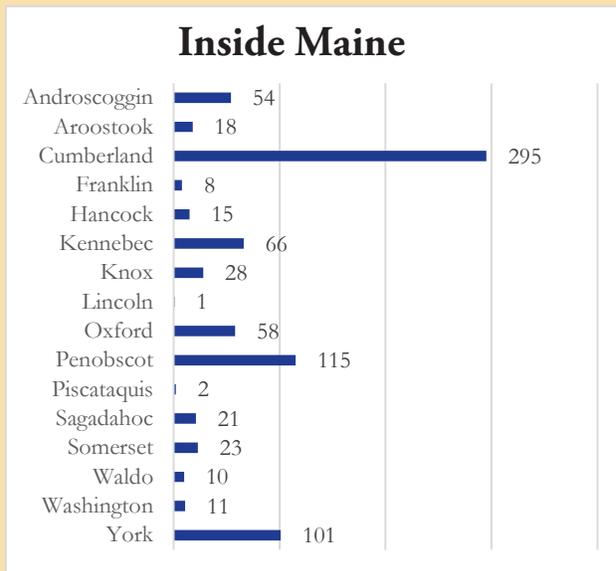
**Continuum of Care (CoC) Region 1:** York and Cumberland

**CoC Region 2:** Somerset, Franklin, Oxford, Androscoggin, Kennebec, Sagadahoc, Knox, Waldo and Lincoln

**CoC Region 3:** Aroostook, Washington, Hancock, Penobscot, Piscataquis

*For a definition of Continuum of Care, see page 5.*

## Place of Last Reported Permanent Residence



“Outside Maine” regions are defined by the U.S. Census. 162 (13%) of persons interviewed did not respond to this question.

## More About the Point in Time Count Survey

The Point in Time count is a survey of sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons on a single night in January. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires that Continuum of Care Programs\* receiving federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance funds conduct an annual count of homeless persons who are sheltered in emergency shelters, transitional housing, and safe havens within the last ten days of January.

HUD uses information from the surveys, among other data sources, in the Annual Homeless Assessment Report. Each count is planned, coordinated, carried out locally, and contain elements that are based on self-reported data. Information from emergency shelters and other service providers is collected through Maine's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), and through paper surveys. Some additional data was collected from January 23 – January 26 to ensure all persons homeless on the night of January 22 were represented. This survey is one of several annual reports and data sources that is useful in increasing understanding of the scope of homelessness in Maine.

\*Continuum of Care (CoC) Programs are designed to promote community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, and State and local governments to quickly rehouse homeless individuals and families while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused to homeless individuals, families, and communities by homelessness; promote access to and effect utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families; and optimize self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

## About MaineHousing

MaineHousing is an independent quasi-state agency and a top mortgage lender and affordable housing development lender in the state. It is a \$1.8 billion financial institution with a staff of 160+ whose mission is to assist Maine people in obtaining and maintaining quality affordable housing and services suitable to their housing needs.

On an annual basis the agency helps more than 90,000 Maine households and invests more than \$300 million in Maine's economy, most of it from the sale of tax-exempt revenue bonds, private capital generated by the low income housing tax credit, and federal funds.

MaineHousing provides financing and administers programs to assist first-time homebuyers to: develop affordable rental housing, create housing for people with special needs, provide housing for people who are homeless, provide low income households with heating and energy assistance; and repair or weatherize homes of low-income homeowners.

The Homeless Initiatives department at MaineHousing works with homeless service providers and other organizations toward a shared goal of preventing and eliminating homelessness. Homeless Initiatives administers grants and programs addressing the needs of persons experiencing homelessness in Maine. These programs and grants provide funding for shelter operations and housing navigation services, permanent and temporary rental assistance, and planning and technical assistance.

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