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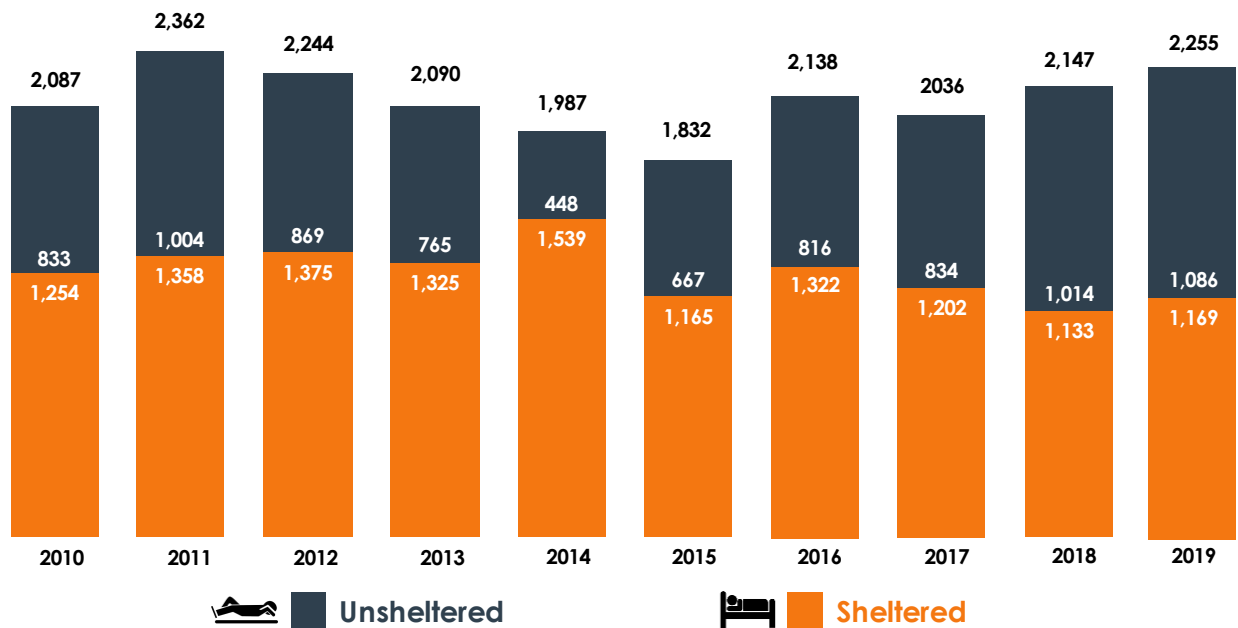
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Homelessness in Austin/Travis County: 2019 Annual Point in Time Count Results and Plan to End Homelessness

In the early hours of January 26, 2019, more than 500 volunteers counted the number of children, families, and adults experiencing unsheltered homelessness throughout Austin/Travis County. Volunteers counted people in cars, tents, parks, under bridges, and on the streets.

On the same day, people who were sleeping in shelters and transitional housing programs were counted using the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). The total number of individuals experiencing homelessness that day was 2,255, a five percent increase from the 2018 PIT count.

Persons Counted Experiencing Homelessness in Point-in-Time Counts (PIT)





1,037 unsheltered persons were counted across Austin’s City Council Districts axax on January 26, 2019. This represents an increase of 34 people found inside the City limits

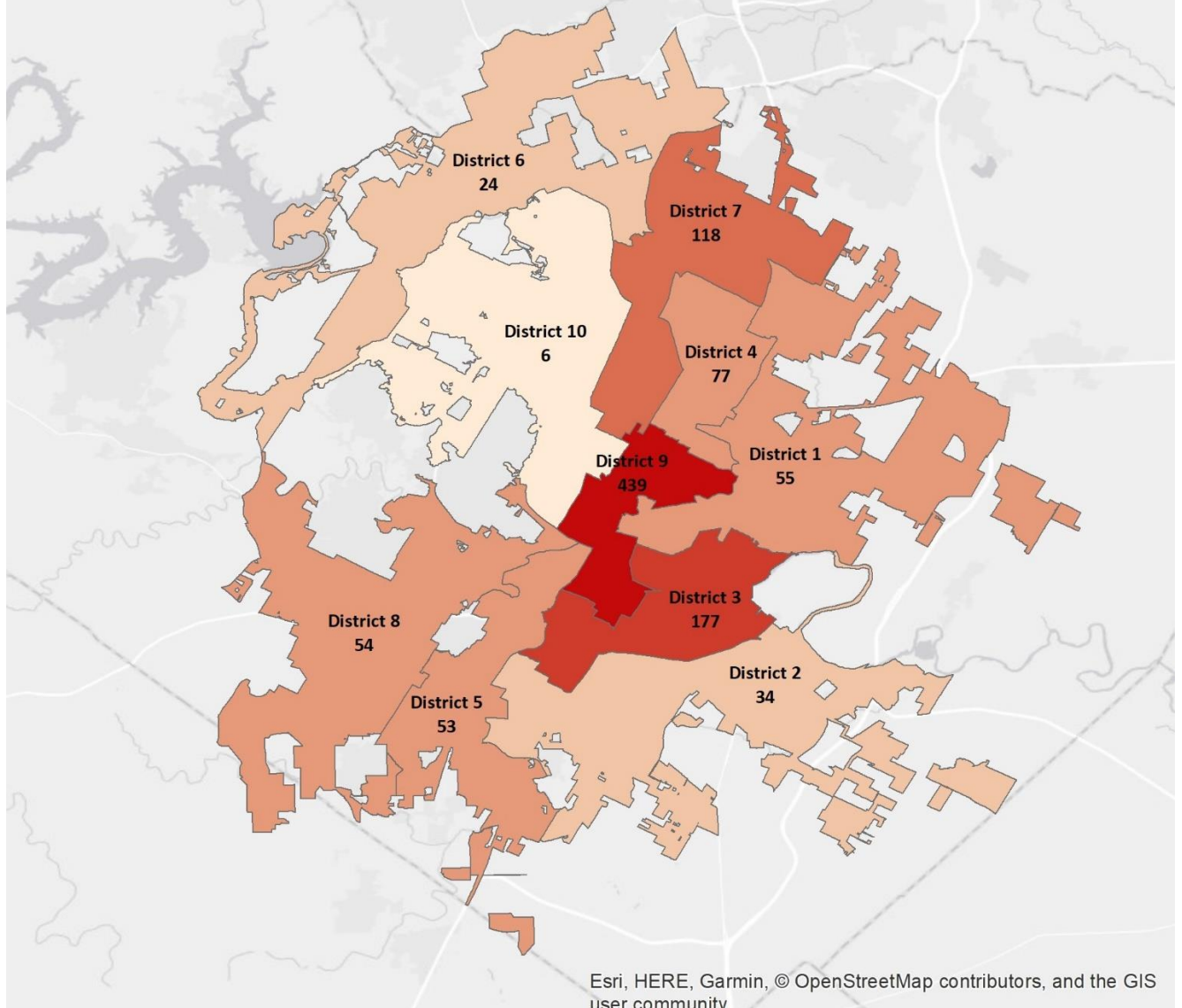
The total population counted in the City districts does not equal the total unsheltered count because people are also counted outside of the City limits, but within Travis County jurisdiction.

Austin	2018	2019	change
District 1	50	55	-5
District 2	42	34	-8
District 3	212	177	-35
District 4	81	77	-4
District 5	53	53	0
District 6	21	24	+3
District 7	110	118	+8
District 8	37	54	+17
District 9	393	439	+46
District 10	4	6	+2
Total	1003	1037	+34

Other Municipalities	2018	2019
Bee Cave	3	1
Jonestown	0	1
Lago Vista	1	0
Sunset Valley	1	0
Webberville	0	1
Unincorporated Travis	6	46
Total	11	49

2019 shows an increase of 108 unsheltered individuals. In District 3, the increase north of the river was offset by decreases south of the river. District 9 showed the biggest increase of 49 people experiencing homelessness downtown. Surprisingly, there was no change in the number of people experiencing homelessness in District 5, but there was movement within the District.

2019 PIT Count by Austin Council District

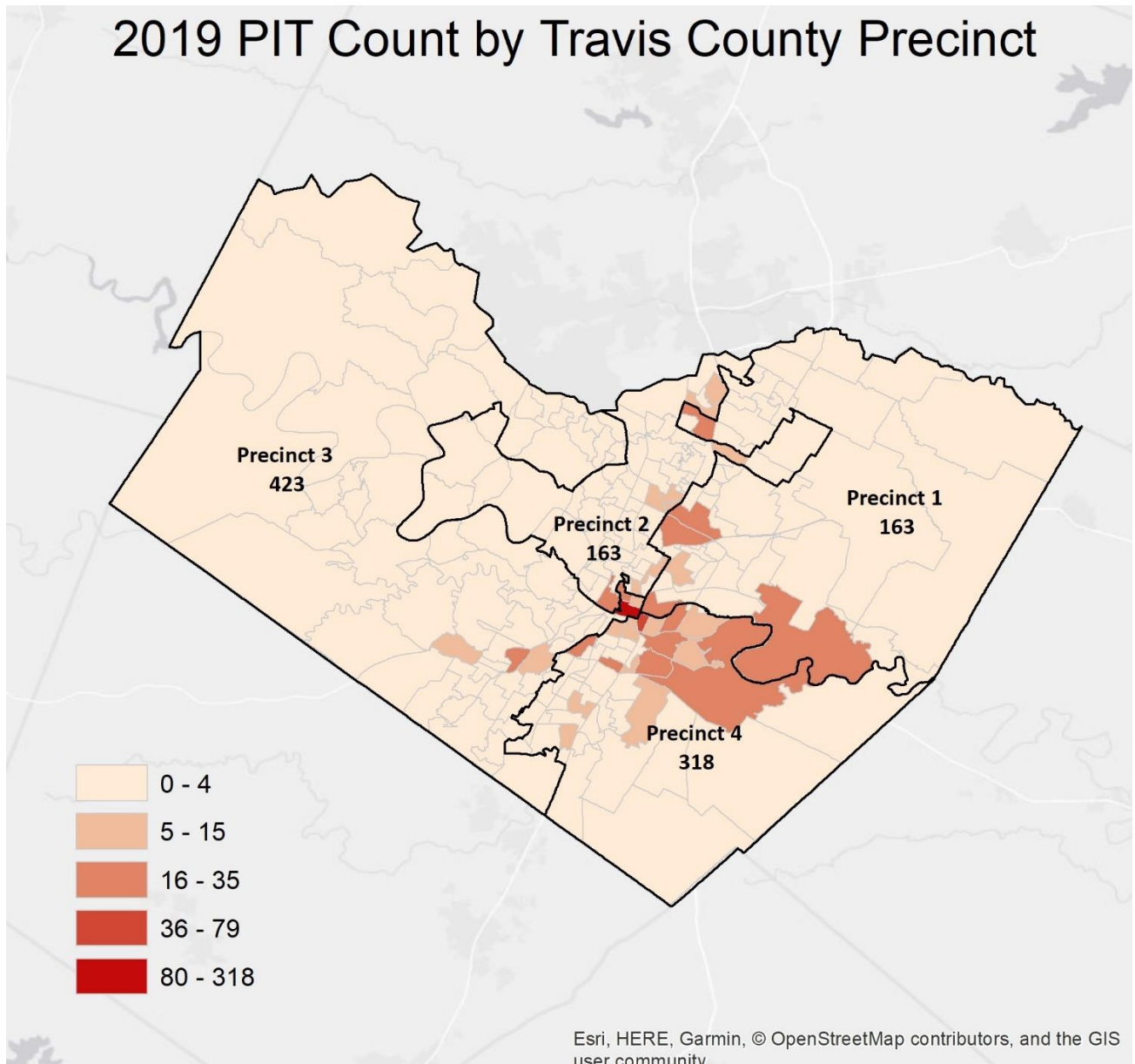


Travis County Precincts

Precinct	2018	2019
1	152	163
2	153	163
3	372	423
4	319	318

Note: The total population counted in the County Precincts does not equal the total unsheltered count because people are also counted within the City limits, but outside Travis County's jurisdiction

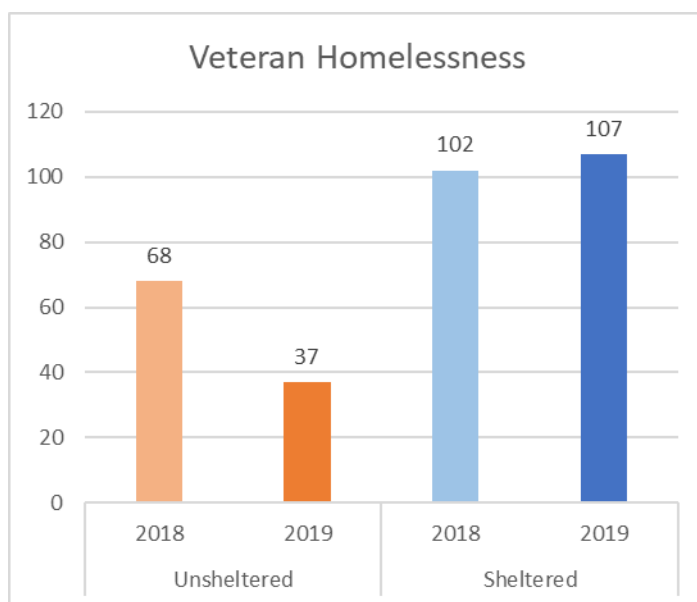
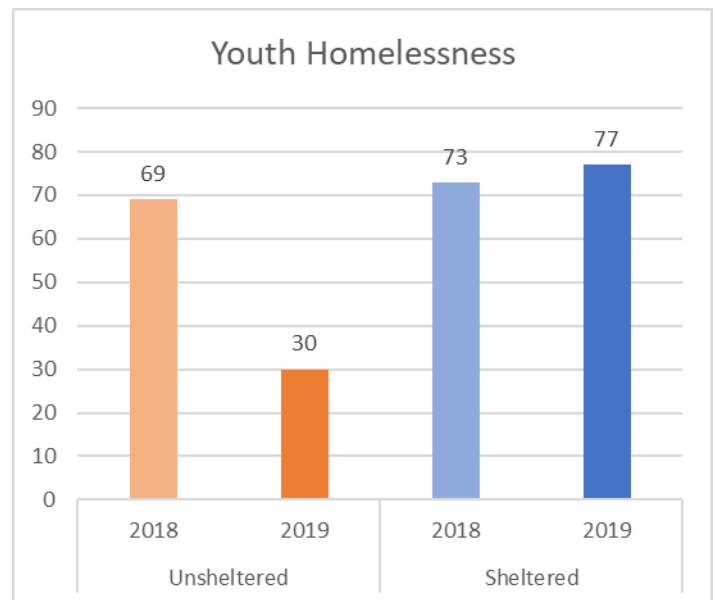
2019 PIT Count by Travis County Precinct





The PIT Count revealed a significant reduction in youth homelessness

There was a **25 percent** reduction in youth homelessness overall and a **56 percent** reduction in unsheltered youth homelessness. These findings are particularly encouraging given the collaboration to end youth homelessness that began in 2017. In 2017 Austin was one of 10 cities to be awarded a Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project grant of \$5.2 million to fund a community plan and launch critical services. Services began in October 2018 and have provided permanent housing to more than 70 youth so far. “Ending youth homelessness requires a relentless and collaborative focus on providing safe, immediate housing options and access to the kinds of services our most vulnerable youth need,” LifeWorks Executive Director, Susan McDowell, said. “The reduction of youth experiencing homelessness in this year’s PIT Count validates that together, we are building a system that is working. We have to scale this success now and reach the youth still waiting to be housed.”



Austin’s system to house homeless veterans continues to work – just three percent of the total homeless population are Veterans, a 15 percent reduction from 2018

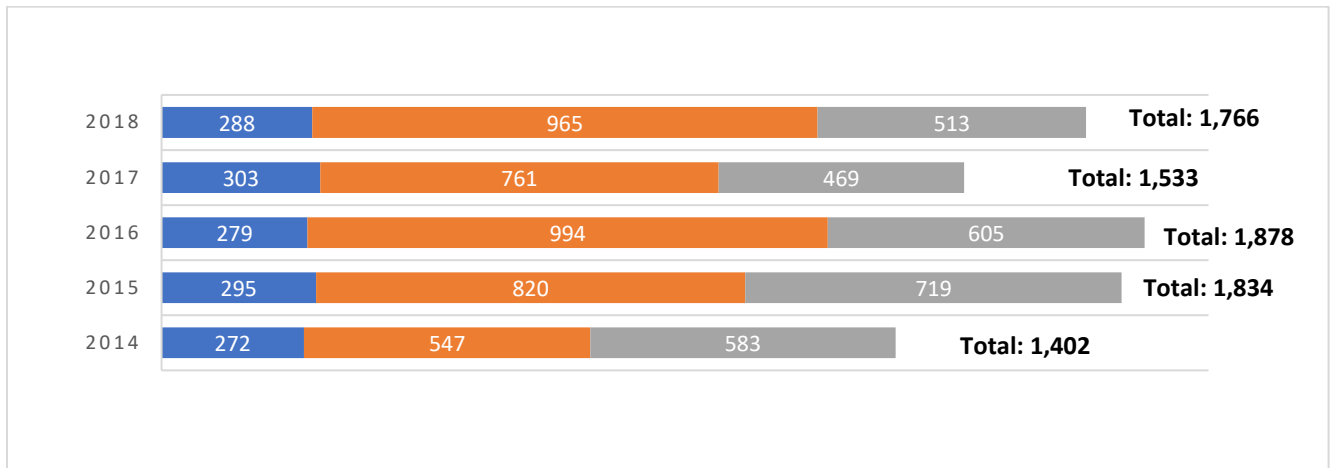
Only 37 Veterans were found on the streets in 2019, down from 68 in 2018. The goal is still to house any Veteran within 90 days of identification. The length of time it takes to house a Veteran can vary with the availability of a rental subsidy, but all Veterans identified

are offered shelter while they wait for permanent housing.



Total Individuals Experiencing Homelessness Who Successfully Moved into Permanent Housing

Though we saw an increase in unsheltered homelessness in this year's PIT count, the number of individuals who were moved into permanent supportive housing in 2018 increased by 233. This is reflective of a system that is getting more refined each year and helping more people exit homelessness.



Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH):

Housing intervention that includes on-going rental subsidy and support services.



Rapid Re-Housing (RRH):

Short-term housing intervention that includes limited financial and support services.



Minimal Housing Assistance (MHA):

Support services designed to assist persons with low housing barriers or persons likely to self-resolve to end their homelessness.

Source: Ending Homelessness Community Dashboard

<http://www.austinecho.org/about-homelessness/hmis-data/>

Our community has developed Austin's Action Plan to End Homelessness, an evolving blueprint that includes the following components to address homelessness through a community-wide system



Source: Austin's Action Plan to End Homelessness – Working Document <http://www.austinecho.org/echo-reports/>

ECHO and partners working in the homelessness system in Austin have taken important steps in implementing the Action Plan to End Homelessness:

- City Council provided \$4 million in additional funding for rapid rehousing and other priorities in 2018 and identified \$30M for homelessness capital projects from the Waller Creek TIF, is transforming shelter services at the ARCH and exploring how to add shelter and housing resources.
- The Salvation Army will soon open new shelter and transitional housing for families.
- SAFE secured a new \$633,000 grant from HUD to provide housing and supportive services to domestic violence survivors
- Lifeworks, Integral Care, and Foundation Communities have housing developments under construction that will provide housing for people experiencing homelessness.
- Mobile, Loaves and Fishes is working to expand Community First!
- The new Affordable Housing Bonds will deliver low barrier housing to expand housing options for people experiencing homelessness.
- And more!