



# 2020 Point-in-Time Count Results

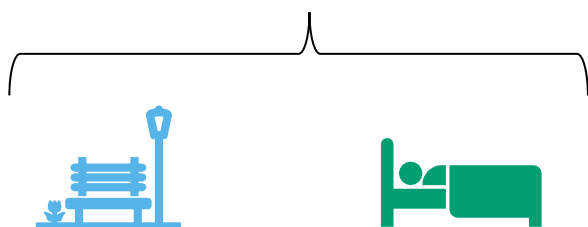
## Who was counted in the 2020 PIT Count?



The annual Point-in-Time Count (PIT Count) uses teams of volunteer surveyors and shelter employees to collect data on the needs of people experiencing homelessness in our community at a specific point in time. The 2020 PIT Count was performed on January 25, 2020. The information from the Point-in-Time Count is used to guide public policy and secure resources to help end homelessness in our community.

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People experiencing homelessness counted



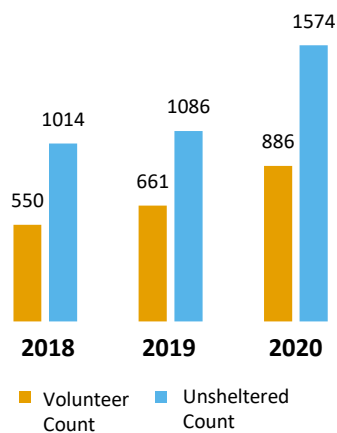
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People sleeping unsheltered (outside, tents, cars...)

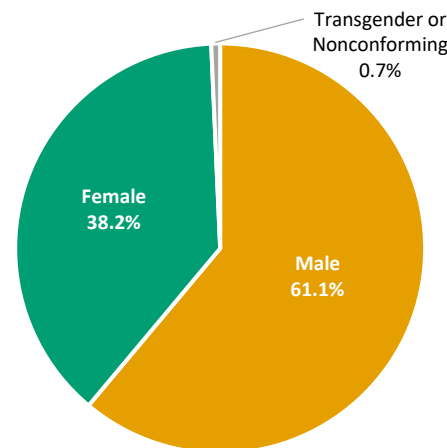
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People sleeping in shelters or transitional housing

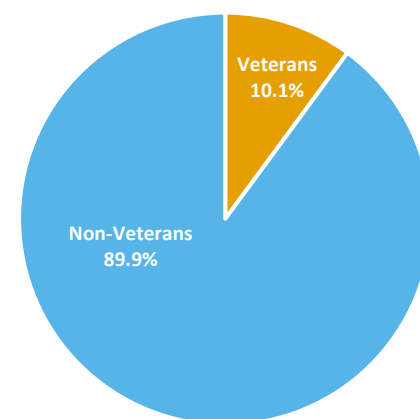
### Volunteer Count and # Unsheltered Individuals Counted 2018 – 2020



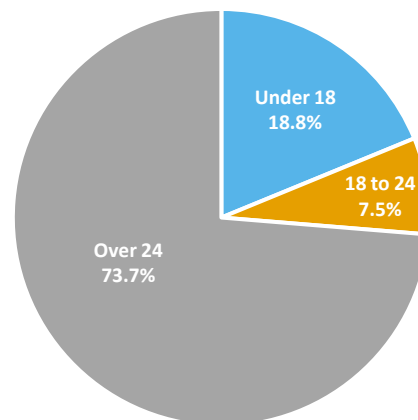
### Gender



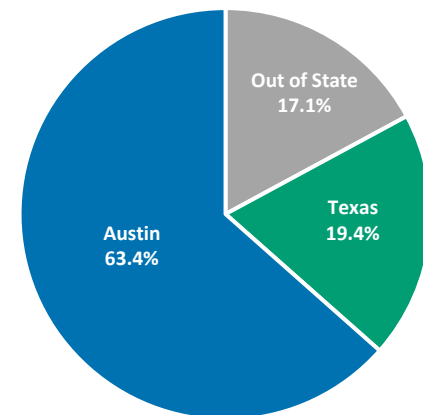
### Veteran Status



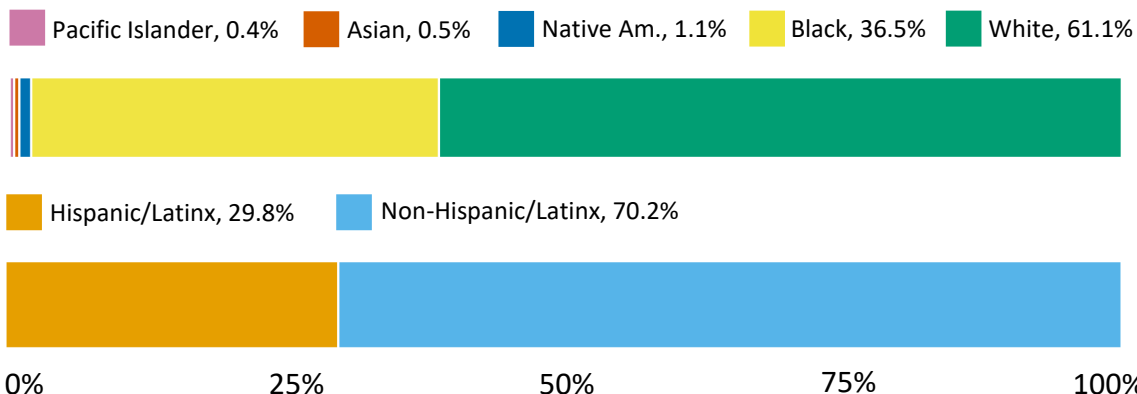
### Age



### Where did you first experience homelessness?



### Primary Race and Ethnicity



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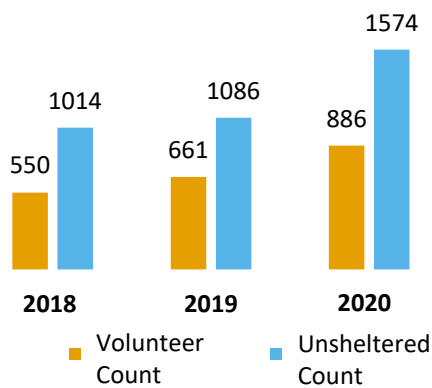
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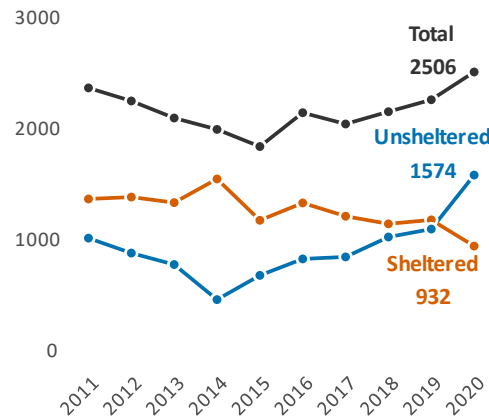
How much progress has our system made ending homelessness in our community?

- **PIT Count per capita** of the total Travis County population has **remained constant since 2011**, and comprises around 0.2% of the total county population
- Increased **volunteer capacity** and improved **survey methods** have enhanced our **ability to count the existing population** experiencing homelessness
- Additional **housing and services are needed** to meet the needs of our population experiencing homelessness

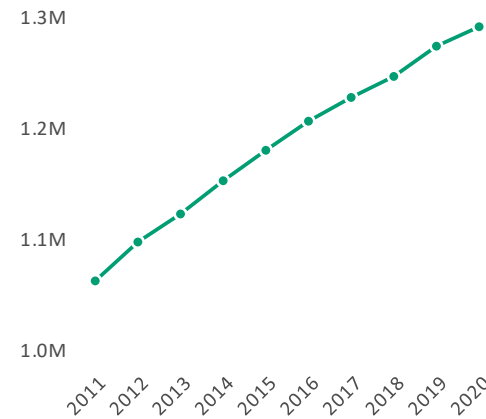
**Volunteer Count and # Unsheltered Individuals Counted 2018 – 2020**



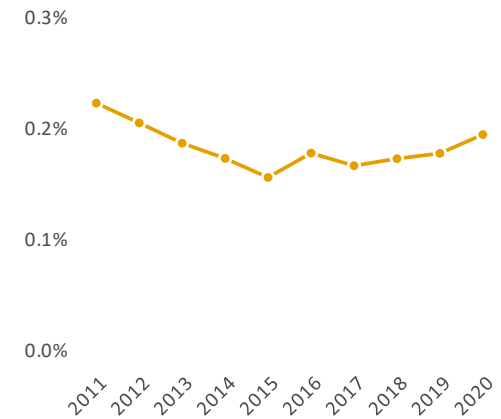
**Point-in-Time Count Raw Counts**



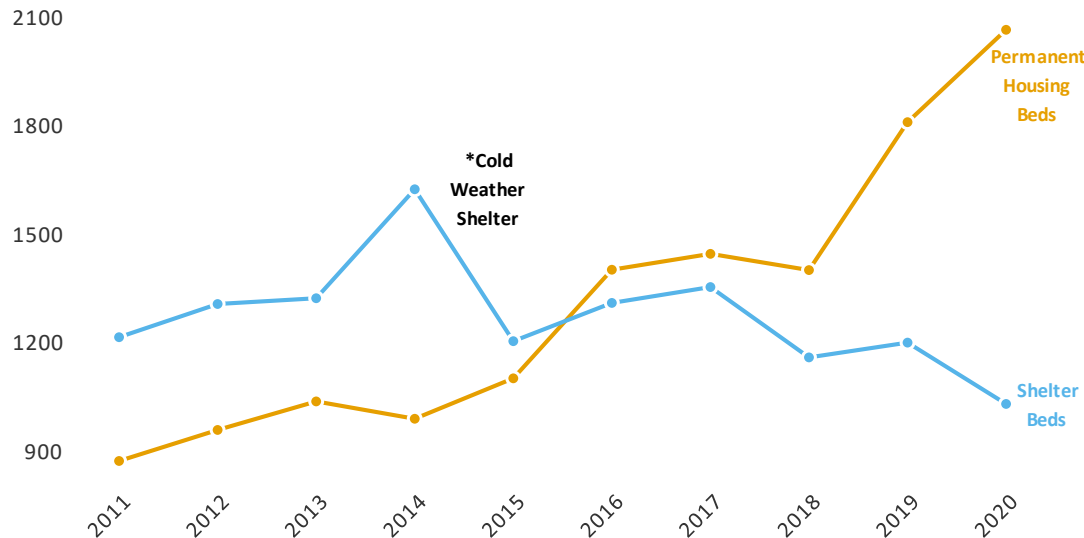
**Travis County Projected Population**



**Point-in-Time Count Total Count Per Capita**



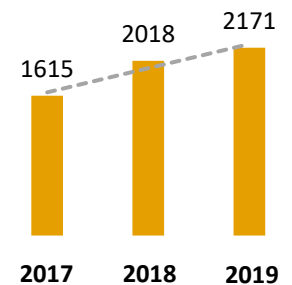
**Shelter and Permanent Housing Bed Capacity 2011 - 2020**



## Embracing Housing First in Austin

- Over the decade, the Austin/Travis County homelessness response system has **increasingly focused resources toward permanent housing opportunities**, rather than expansion of shelter capacity
- Each year since 2017, **more clients are housed by our system** than the year before
- These changes reflect the Housing First approach taken by the system, in which people experiencing homelessness are **connected to permanent housing** and are offered supportive services in order to **maximize housing stability** and prevent returns to homelessness

**Total Clients Housed 2017 – 2019**



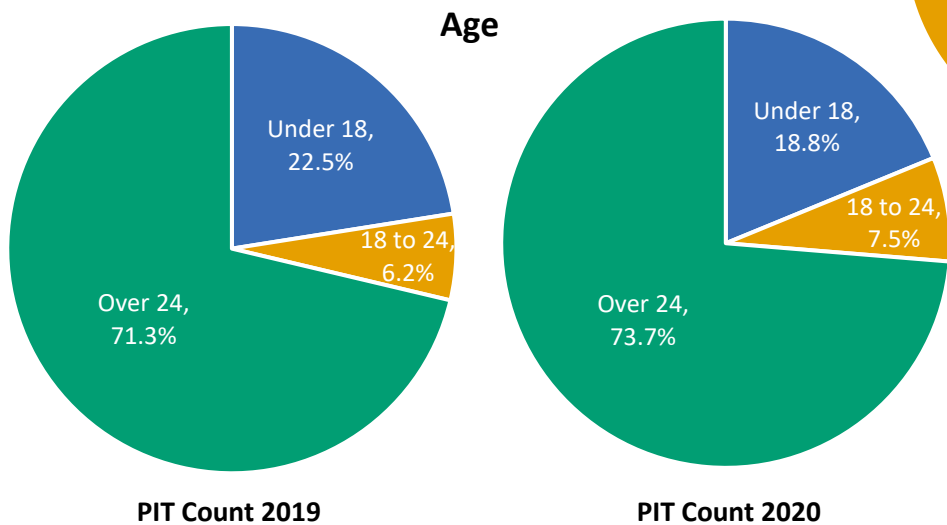


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How can our homelessness response system improve?



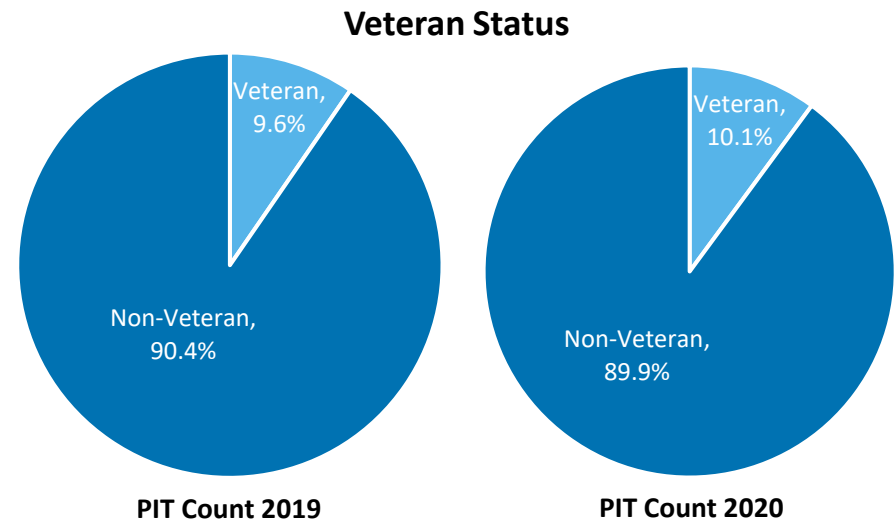
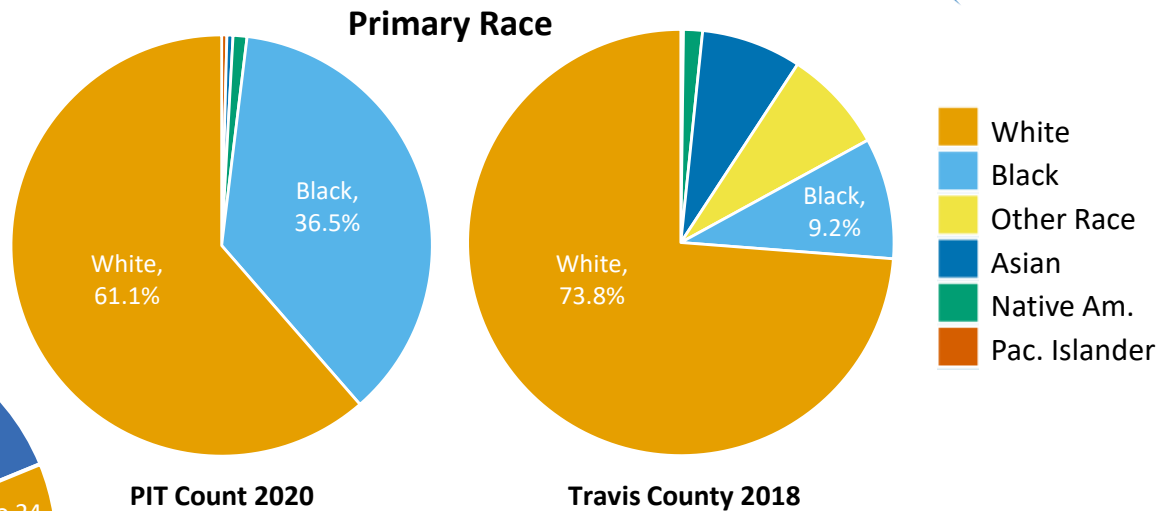
**Black/African American individuals are significantly overrepresented** in the population experiencing homelessness. Roughly 1 in 10 people in Travis County are Black/African American, while about 1 in 3 people in the population experiencing homelessness are Black/African American.



From the 2019 to the 2020 PIT Count, Austin/Travis County saw:

- A slight **decrease** in the proportion of children under 18 years counted\*\*
- A slight **increase** in the proportion of youth aged 18-24 years counted
- A slight **increase** in the proportion of veterans counted

\*\* indicates a statistically significant change



There are **three areas of need and continued focus** identified in the Austin/Travis County 2020 PIT Count: (1) **Racial equity**, (2) **Youth homelessness**, and (3) **Veteran homelessness**. ECHO has formed an Racial Equity Task Group, led by key partners, to examine the homelessness response system and propose solutions to ensure an **equitable approach to populations disproportionately impacted by homelessness**. Continued, ongoing focus toward ending Youth homelessness and maintaining achievements in ending Veteran homelessness are needed to **ensure homelessness is rare, brief, and non-recurring**.

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