



TREASURE COAST HOMELESS SERVICES COUNCIL, INC.

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2018 POINT IN TIME HOMELESS COUNT

General Information

The Point-in-Time (PIT) count is a count of sheltered and unsheltered **literally** homeless persons on a single night in January. Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council, Inc. conducted its 2018 Point in Time Count on **January 26, 2018**. To be counted in the PIT count, individuals must be literally homeless (sleeping on the street, in a car, in the woods, in camp, etc.) or sheltered (emergency shelter, transitional shelter, hotel paid for by an Agency). There were a total of 23 agencies that surveyed unsheltered homeless individuals during the PIT count and a total of 10 agencies that reported sheltered homeless individuals.

2018 Homeless Data

On January 26, 2018, there were a total of 1542 individuals (1059 adults and 483 children) who were counted as homeless on the Treasure Coast. These numbers show an 11% decrease from the 2017 PIT count.

Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council continues to reduce the number of veterans, as required by HUD's Goal #1: to eliminate veteran homelessness. There were a total of 61 veterans counted during the 2018 PIT, down 15% from the 2017 PIT count.

Additional individuals temporarily staying with family or friends because of economic reasons ("couch surfers") are not considered homeless in this count. An additional 1,750 individuals were reported as couch surfers by participating agencies during the Point in Time Count. The largest number was in St. Lucie County, where there was significant damage due to Hurricane Irma in September 2017.

2018 Local Conditions for Homelessness

The 2018 Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council Point in Time Count was impacted by: police activity and land development which disturbed long-standing homeless camp sites; Hurricane Irma; the number of individuals seeking services on the PIT day; and FEMA extending disaster hotel beds.

FEMA reported a total of 309 individuals in emergency hotel beds due to hurricane IRMA during the 2018 PIT count (50 individuals in Indian River County, 223 individuals in St. Lucie County and 36 individuals in Martin County). These individuals are included in the homeless point in time numbers reported on the next few sheets.



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Reasons for Homelessness

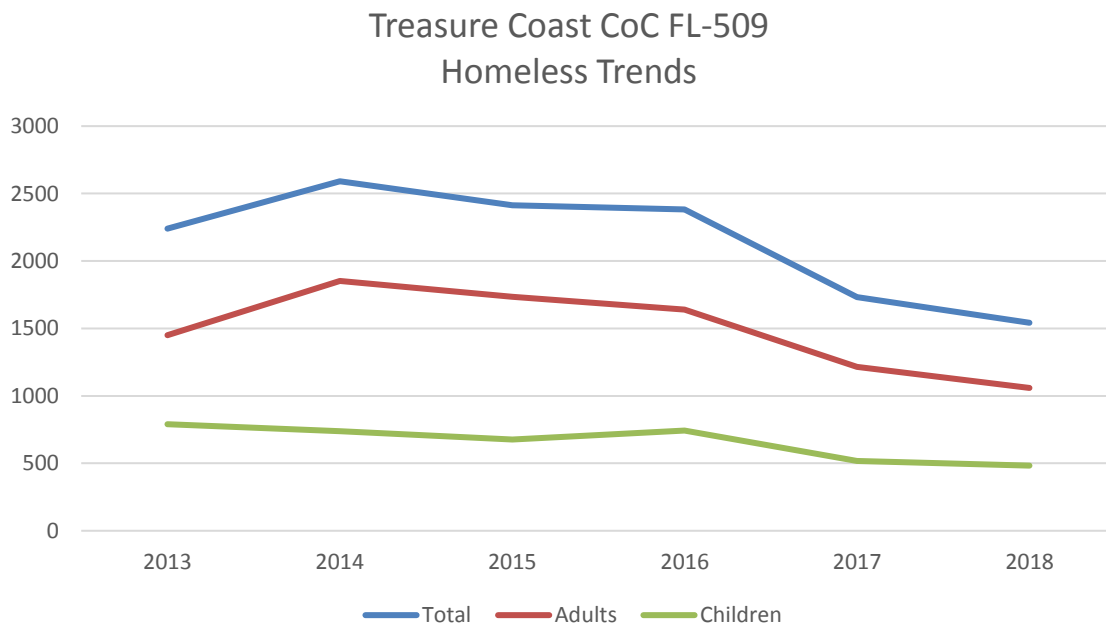
Unsheltered individuals were surveyed on the PIT day and were asked a variety of questions regarding their homeless experience. There were over 500 responses regarding their reason for homelessness. Of the individuals who responded, the reasons were: employment/income (51%), disability (27%), substance abuse (11%) and lack of affordable housing (11%).

Methods

The Point in Time (PIT) numbers reflect the official homeless numbers, as reported to HUD by the Continuum of Care. We utilize street outreach teams, service organizations, school homeless liaisons, and shelter programs to provide an accurate count of individuals who meet HUDs definition of homelessness, counted on one specific day in the last 10 days of January. For validation purposes, we have deleted any duplicates and double checked HMIS to verify program enrollment on the day of the count.

This method of counting has been utilized for all homeless data provided by this Continuum of Care and is an accurate way to show trends in homelessness.

The chart below shows the trend of homelessness on the Treasure Coast over the past 5 years.





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HOMELESSNESS FACT SHEET FOR INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

These numbers represent the number of sheltered or unsheltered literally homeless individuals in Indian River County. These numbers are based on those individuals seeking or receiving services or interviewed in camp sites, feeding sites, and other locations on one single day.

Total Homeless Individuals

	January 26, 2018	January 27, 2017	Difference
Adults	317	387	(70)
Children	130	205	(75)
Total	447	592	(145)

Veteran and Disability Status

(self-reported & not verified during the PIT count)

Veterans	28	29	(1)
Disabled Adults	113	102	+11

2018 Sheltered & Unsheltered

	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total
Adults	83	234	317
Children	92	38	130
Total	175	272	447

Agencies Providing Data

Unsheltered

New Horizons, The Source, Indian River County Veteran Council, WPB VA, Indian River County School District, Angels of Hope, Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council, Up Center, Vietnam Veterans IRC

Sheltered

Hope for Families Center, Samaritan Center, Children's Home Society, SafeSpace, FEMA, Camp Haven



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HOMELESSNESS FACT SHEET FOR ST. LUCIE COUNTY

These numbers represent the number of sheltered or unsheltered literally homeless individuals in St. Lucie County. These numbers are based on those individuals seeking or receiving services or interviewed in camp sites, feeding sites, and other locations on one single day.

St. Lucie County was the only county with an increase over the prior years, this was largely due to the 223 individuals in hotels paid for by FEMA due to Hurricane Irma.

Total Homeless Individuals

	January 26, 2018	January 27, 2017	Difference
Adults	533	435	+98
Children	251	207	+44
Total	784	642	+142

Veteran and Disability Status

(self-reported & not verified during the PIT count)

Veterans	22	27	(5)
Disabled Adults	98	93	+5

2018 Sheltered & Unsheltered

	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total
Adults	65	468	533
Children	166	85	251
Total	231	553	784

Agencies Providing Data

Reporting Agencies

Unsheltered

St. Lucie County Community Services, Mustard Seed, New Horizons, Sarah's Kitchen, In the Image of Christ, St. Lucie County School District, SLC Veteran Services, Angels of Hope, Up Center, Graceway Village

Sheltered

Wave Crest



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	<u>Total Homeless Individuals</u>		
	January 26, 2018	January 27, 2017	Difference
Adults	209	333	(124)
Children	102	165	(63)
Total	311	498	(187)

	<u>Veteran and Disability Status</u>		
	<i>(self-reported & not verified during the PIT count)</i>		
Veterans	11	16	(5)
Disabled Adults	74	116	(42)

	<u>2018 Sheltered & Unsheltered</u>		
	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total
Adults	45	164	209
Children	62	40	102
Total	107	204	311

Agencies Providing Data

Unsheltered

House of Hope, Lahlia, Martin County Health and Human Services, Salvation Army of Martin County, Martin County School District, WPB VA

Sheltered

Martin County Salvation Army (Compassion House), SafeSpace, Mary's Shelter