



**2018**

**Arapahoe County, Colorado  
POINT IN TIME DATA SUMMARY**

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# 2018 POINT IN TIME

## Arapahoe County Summary

### **This report summarizes the county level data for Arapahoe County, Colorado.**

The Point in Time is a snapshot of those experiencing homelessness in our community on a single night. This data was collected for the night of January 29th, 2018. The full Everyone Counts Metro Denver Homeless Initiative's 2018 Point in Time report<sup>1</sup> goes into detail explaining the methodology used while preparing for the count, executing the survey throughout the seven-county region, de-duplicating and cleaning the data, and extrapolation methods utilized. Refer directly to the regional report when interpreting the data contained in this county specific report.

Additionally, previous county level reports included information for either "all homeless" or "respondents" as noted in each section. If comparing data between years, this methodology change needs to be considered. The "respondents" were only the individuals taking the survey, which does not include other household members such as children or adults. Only respondent data was reported for several categories in past county reports, including: veteran status, unaccompanied youth, newly homeless, and chronically homeless. This 2018 report provides data for "all homeless" in every category.

When comparing the annual trend for Arapahoe County, please note that the Mile High Behavioral Healthcare (MHBHC) Comitis Shelter's surveys were incorrectly attributed to Arapahoe County in 2016 and 2017. The program is located in Adams County, Colorado. This highlights one of the challenges of regional engagement and data reporting, especially when county lines are not well identified or known, and surveys are completed as a self-report. Additional steps were taken in 2018, including mobile locations services (electronic survey) and review of individual surveys (paper survey), to help ensure accurate attribution of county information.

The Point in Time (PIT) data references those persons that meet the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's definition of homelessness. Communities across the nation follow current [HUD methodology guidelines](#)<sup>2</sup> for the count and tailor the survey to the needs of their own localities and regions. Persons in temporary living situations or who are at risk of becoming homeless (such as those staying with friends or family or paying to stay in a motel) are not included in this count. The definitions below describe the guidance in more detail.

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<sup>1</sup> Metro Denver Homeless Initiative, 2018 Point in Time report - [https://www.mdhi.org/pit\\_reports](https://www.mdhi.org/pit_reports)

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.HUDexchange.info/resource/4036/point-in-time-count-methodology-guide/>

**HUD PIT Homeless Definitions<sup>3</sup>:** Continuums of Care (CoCs) must count all individuals or families who meet the criteria in paragraph (1)(ii) of the homeless definition in 24 CFR 578.3. This includes individuals and families:

**Sheltered Count**

“living in a supervised publicly or privately-operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangement (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state, or local government programs for low-income individuals)”

**Unsheltered Count**

“with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground

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<sup>3</sup> Notice CPD-17-08\_2018 HIC and PIT Data Collection for CoC and ESG Programs, HIC/PIT Data Collection Notice September 2017

# SUMMARY OF ARAPAHOE COUNTY 2018 POINT IN TIME DATA

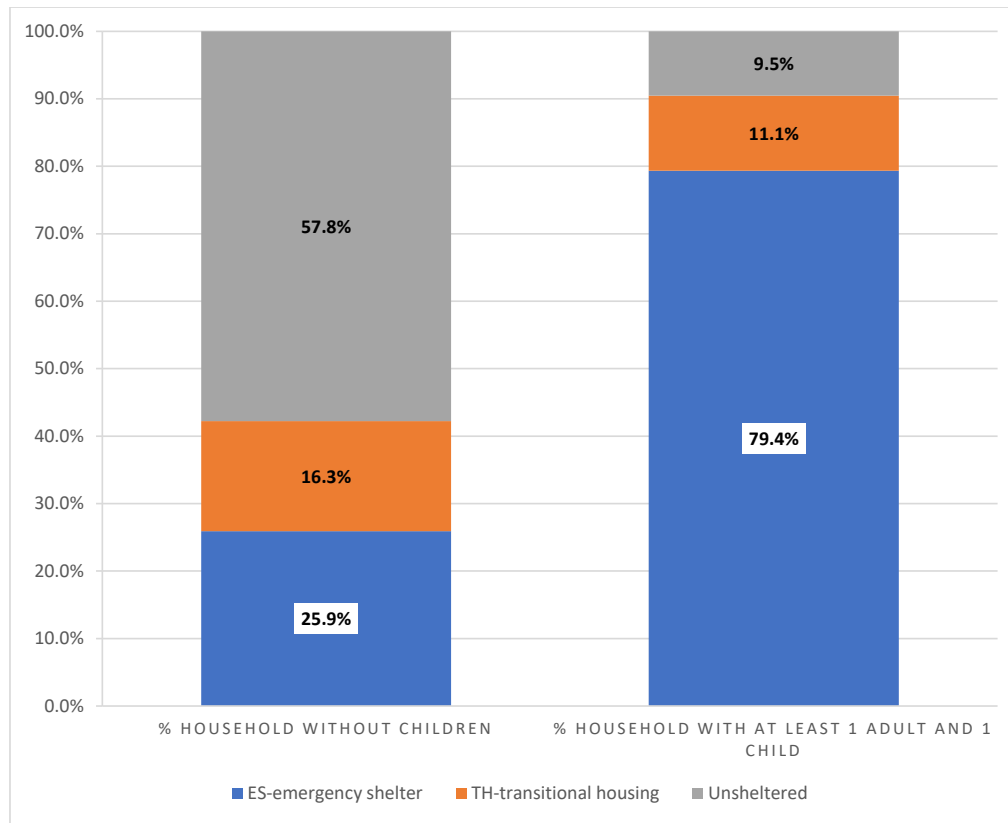
Over two-thirds (135 or 68.2%) of those surveyed during the count were single individuals. The majority of those individuals (57.8%) reported being unsheltered on the night of the PIT. The majority of families, 79.4%, reported staying in emergency shelters.

## HUD HOUSEHOLD TYPE BY LIVING SITUATION

**Table 1. Living Situation by Household Type on January 29, 2018**

		ES-emergency shelter	TH-transitional housing	Unsheltered	Total
HUD Household Type	Household without children	35	22	78	135
	Household with at least 1 adult and at least 1 child	50	7	6	63
	Household with only children under 18	0	0	0	0
	<b>Total</b>	85	29	84	198

**Figure 1. Living Situation by Household Type**



There was an almost equal split between persons staying in emergency shelters (42.9%) and those that were unsheltered (42.4%).

## NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY SHELTER, TRANSITIONAL HOUSING, AND UNSHELTERED LIVING SITUATIONS

**Table 2. Number of People in Emergency Shelters**

	Household without Children		Household with at Least 1 Adult and 1 Child		Households with Only Children under 18	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>Persons Staying in Emergency Shelters</b>	35	41.2%	50	58.8%	0	0%
<b>Total of 85 Persons or 42.9% of the total Homeless Population</b>						

**Table 3. Number of People in Transitional Housing**

	Household without Children		Household with at Least 1 Adult and 1 Child		Households with Only Children under 18	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>Persons Staying in Transitional Housing</b>	22	75.9%	7	24.1%	0	0%
<b>Total of 29 Persons or 14.6% of the total Homeless Population</b>						

**Table 4. Number of People Unsheltered**

Unsheltered is defined as living on the street, under a bridge, in an abandoned or public building, in a car, in an outdoor camp, or in any other place that is not meant for human habitation.

	Household without Children		Household with at Least 1 Adult and 1 Child		Households with Only Children under 18	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>Persons Staying Unsheltered</b>	78	92.9%	6	7.1%	0	0%
<b>Total of 84 Persons or 42.4% of the total Homeless Population</b>						

**Table 5. Homeless Living Situation 2015-2018**

	2015		2016		2017		2018	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>Emergency Shelter</b>	97	22.0	248	54.4	390	69.4	85	42.9
<b>Transitional Housing</b>	233	53.0	157	34.4	104	18.5	29	14.6
<b>Unsheltered</b>	110	25.0	51	11.2	68	12.1	84	42.4
<b>Total</b>	440	100.0	456	100.0	562	100.0	198	100.0

# CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS

HUD defines persons experiencing chronic homelessness as those who (a) are homeless, (b) are living in a place not meant for human habitation, in a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter, (c) have been homeless and living in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or an emergency shelter continuously for at least 1 year or on at least four separate occasions in the last 3 years where the combined length of time homeless across those occasions is at least 12 months, and (d) have a disability.

**Table 6. Living Situation – Experiencing Chronic Homelessness**

	Emergency Shelter		Unsheltered	
	#	%	#	%
<b>Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness</b>	28	40.0%	42	60.0%
<b>Total of 70 Persons or 35.4% of the Homeless Population</b>				

**Table 7. Chronically Homeless by Population/HH type –Total and Percentage**

	<b>Families</b> (HH with at least 1 adult + 1 child)	<b>Individuals</b> (HH with no children)	<b>Youth</b> (under 25)	<b>Veterans</b>
<b>Count</b>	6	64	12	10
<b>Percentage of Each Household Type That Are Chronic</b>	9.5%	47.4%	20.0%	52.6%

Table 7 above shows the extent of how much of four population/household types were classified as chronically homeless based on their answers to the survey. For example, 10 veterans (or 52.6% of the veteran population) were experiencing chronic homelessness on the night of the PIT count.

**Table 8. Chronic Homeless Population 2015 - 2018**

	2015		2016		2017		2018	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>Chronic</b>	28	6.4	52	11.4	133	23.7	70	35.4

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**Table 9. Newly Homeless**

	Emergency Shelter		Transitional Housing		Unsheltered	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>Newly Homeless Persons</b>						
<b>Total of 44 Persons or 22.2% of the Homeless Population</b>	24	54.6%	7	15.9%	13	29.5%

**Table 10. Newly Homeless by population/HH type – Total and Percentage**

	Families (HH with at least 1 adult + 1 child)	Individuals (HH with no children)	Youth (under 25)	Veterans
<b>Count</b>	24	20	23	3
<b>Percentage of Each Household Type That Are Newly Homeless</b>	38.1%	14.8%	38.3%	15.8%

Table 10 above shows the extent of how much of four population/household types were classified as newly homeless based on their answers to the survey. For example, 20 individuals (or 14.8% of the households with no children) were newly homeless on the night of the PIT count.

**Table 11. Newly Homeless Population 2015 - 2018**

	2015		2016		2017		2018	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>Newly</b>	121	27.5	98	21.5	102	18.5	44	22.2

# VETERANS

Individuals who self-selected that they served in the armed forces.

**Table 12. Veteran by Living Situation**

	Emergency Shelter		Transitional Housing		Unsheltered	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>Veteran Homelessness</b>						
<b>Total of 19 Persons or 9.6% of the Homeless Population</b>	4	21.1%	3	15.8%	12	63.2%

**Table 13. Veteran Homelessness 2015 – 2018**

	2015		2016		2017		2018	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>Veterans</b>	27	6.1	97	21.3	51	9.1	19	9.6

# FAMILIES

For the purposes of the PIT, households with at least one adult and one child under 18 are referred to as 'families.' Numbers here include both adults and children in families.

**Table 14. Families by Living Situation**

	Emergency Shelter		Transitional Housing		Unsheltered	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>Families</b>						
<b>Total of 63 Persons or 31.8% of the Homeless Population</b>	50	79.4%	7	11.1%	6	9.5%

**Table 15. Family Homelessness 2015 – 2018**

	2015		2016		2017		2018	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>Families</b>	357	62.4	138	69.0	82	52.2	63	31.8

# UNACCOMPANIED AND TRANSITION AGE YOUTH

Unaccompanied or Transition Age Youth are defined as single youth who are under the age of 25 and not accompanied by a parent or guardian. Transition age youth are specifically those between 18-24 years old. Parenting youth are defined as those in the household that are under 25 years of age, and the guardians of a child under the age of 18.

**Table 16. Unaccompanied Youth and TAY by Living Situation**

	Emergency Shelter		Transitional Housing		Unsheltered	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>Unaccompanied Youth</b>	4	19.0%	3	14.3%	14	66.7%
<b>Total of 21 Persons or 10.6% of the Homeless Population</b>						

**Table 17. Youth Population Total and Percentage**

Population	#	%
Unaccompanied Youth Under 18	0	0
Unaccompanied TAY Youth (18-24)	21	10.6
Parenting Youth and their children	0	0

**Table 18. Unaccompanied Youth and TAY 2015 - 2018**

	2015		2016		2017		2018	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>Unaccompanied Youth</b>	24	5.5%	10	2.2%	31	5.5%	21	10.6%

# MENTAL HEALTH CONCERNS

**Table 19. Indication of Mental Health Issue**

	Emergency Shelter		Transitional Housing		Unsheltered		Total
	#	%	#	%	#	%	
<b>Mental Health Issue</b>	21	26.9%	21	26.9%	36	46.2%	78

**Table 20. Mental Health Concern or Illness by population/HH type  
–Total and Percentage**

	<b>Families</b> (HH with at least 1 adult + 1 child)	<b>Individuals</b> (HH with no children)	<b>Youth</b> (under 25)	<b>Veterans</b>
<b>Count</b>	6	72	11	11
<b>Percentage of Each Household Type That Indicated Mental Health Concern or Illness</b>	9.5%	53.3%	18.3%	57.9%

Table 20 above shows the extent of how much of four population/household types were classified as having a mental health concern or illness based on their answers to the survey. For example, 11 youth under the age of 25 (or 18.3% of the youth population) on the night of the PIT count indicated they had a mental health concern/illness.

## CURRENTLY FLEEING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

**Table 21. Currently Fleeing Domestic Violence Situation**

	<b>Emergency Shelter</b>		<b>Transitional Housing</b>		<b>Unsheltered</b>		<b>Total</b>
	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>	
<b>Currently Fleeing Domestic Violence</b>	9	45.0%	7	35.0%	4	20.0%	20

**Table 22. Currently Fleeing Domestic Violence by Population/HH type  
–Total and Percentage**

	<b>Families</b> (HH with at least 1 adult + 1 child)	<b>Individuals</b> (HH with no children)	<b>Youth</b> (under 25)	<b>Veterans</b>
<b>Count</b>	8	12	2	1
<b>Percentage of Each Household Type Currently Fleeing Domestic Violence</b>	12.7%	8.9%	3.3%	5.3%

Table 22 above shows the extent of how much of four population/household types were classified as currently fleeing a domestic violence situation based on their answers to the survey. For example, 8 people (12.7%) in a household with children (out of the total population of families with children) reported that they were currently fleeing a domestic violence situation on the night of the PIT count.

# SUBSTANCE USE OR ABUSE

**Table 23. Indication of Substance Abuse Issue**

	Emergency Shelter		Transitional Housing		Unsheltered		Total
	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Substance Abuse	18	27.3%	16	24.2%	32	48.5%	66

**Table 24. Indication of Substance Abuse Issue by population/HH type – Total and percentage**

	Families (HH with at least 1 adult + 1 child)	Individuals (HH with no children)	Youth (under 25)	Veterans
Count	3	63	7	11
Percentage of Household Type That Indicated Substance Abuse Issue	4.8%	46.7%	11.7%	57.9%

Table 24 above shows the extent of how much of four population/household types were classified as having a substance abuse issue based on their answers to the survey. For example, 11 veterans (57.9% of the veteran population) on the night of the PIT count indicated they had a substance abuse issue.

# PERSONS LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS

**Table 25. Indication of Living with AIDS/HIV**

	Emergency Shelter		Transitional Housing		Unsheltered		Total
	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Living with HIV/AIDS	1	50.0%	0	0.0%	1	50.0%	2

**Table 26. Living with HIV/AIDS by population/HH type –Total and Percentage**

	Families (HH with at least 1 adult + 1 child)	Individuals (HH with no children)	Youth (under 25)	Veterans
Count	0	2	1	0
Percentage of Household Type That Indicated Living with HIV/AIDS	0.0%	1.5%	1.7%	0.0%

## PRESENCE OF A COMPANION OR SERVICE ANIMAL

**Table 27. Companion/Service Animal Present**

Population	#	%
Stayed with Companion or Service Animal	41	11.5%

## DEMOGRAPHICS

**Table 28. Gender**

Gender	#	%
Female	61	30.8
Male	128	64.6
Transgender	3	1.5
Gender Non-Conforming	0	0.0
Missing	6	3.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 29. Race**

Race	#	%
White	104	52.5
Black or African-American	31	15.7
Asian	4	2.0
American Indian or Alaskan Native	5	2.5
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	6	3.0
Multi Racial	31	15.7
Missing	17	8.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 30. Ethnicity**

Ethnicity	#	%
Non-Hispanic/Latino	138	69.7
Hispanic/Latino	53	26.8
Missing	7	3.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 31. Age**

Age Category	#	%
Less than 18	39	19.7%
18 - 24	21	10.6%
25 - 54	111	56.1%
55 - 64	22	11.1%
65+	2	1.0%
Missing	3	1.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## SUMMARY OF EXCLUDED DATA

**Table 32. Data Summary**

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<b>Summary of Excluded Data</b>	
<b># Individuals in Raw Data File</b>	<b>304</b>
<i>Individuals Removed and Reason:</i>	
Data quality issues	30
Observation/Refusal	52
Duplicate	14
Homeless Status could not be determined	6
Insufficient PIN Information	4
Not Homeless	0
<b>Total individuals removed</b>	<b>106</b>
<b>Total individuals remaining in data set</b>	<b>198</b>