



**2018**

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

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# 2018 POINT IN TIME

## Jefferson County Summary

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

This report summarizes the county level data for Jefferson 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.

Jefferson County formed a Point in Time committee for the 2018 count. This planning group helped promote collaboration and engagement across the area and led to greater unsheltered outreach coordination and agency participation. Four magnet events were held across the region, most in areas where other day or drop in services were not available. A phone line was established that law enforcement and parks and recreation staff from across the county could call when they encountered people staying outside and ask them to take the survey over the phone. Additionally, the Severe Weather Shelter Network activated their shelters the night of the PIT, which are normally activated only at a low temperature, despite the night being warmer than usual. These increases in engagement helped identify and survey more of the people who are experiencing homelessness in the community.

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](https://www.hud.gov/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 JEFFERSON COUNTY 2018 POINT IN TIME DATA

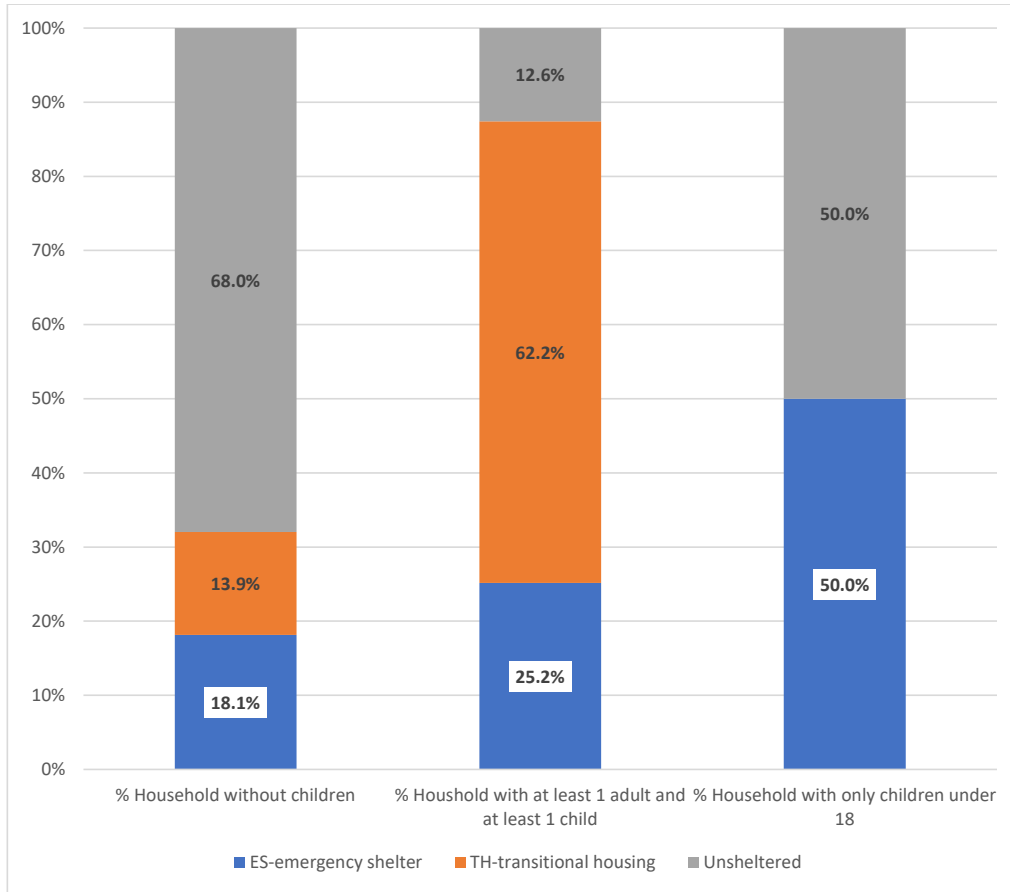
Families made of 51% and Individuals were made up 48.7% of those surveyed the night of the Point in Time count. Nearly 40% of persons overall were experiencing homelessness while living in unsheltered situations.

## 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	51	39	191	281
	Household with at least 1 adult and at least 1 child	74	183	37	294
	Household with only children under 18	1	0	1	2
	<b>Total</b>	126	222	229	577

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



Over two-thirds (68.0%) of households without children reported staying unsheltered.

## 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>						
<b>Total of 126 Persons or 21.8% of the total Homeless Population</b>	51	40.5%	74	58.7%	1	0.8%

**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>						
<b>Total of 222 Persons or 38.5% of the total Homeless Population</b>	39	17.6%	183	82.4%	0	0%

**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>						
<b>Total of 229 Persons or 39.7% of the total Homeless Population</b>	191	83.4%	37	16.2%	1	0.4%

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

	2015		2016		2017		2018	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>Emergency Shelter</b>	73	13.0	132	30.1	41	10.4	126	21.8
<b>Transitional Housing</b>	299	53.0	223	50.8	254	64.5	222	38.5
<b>Unsheltered</b>	192	34.0	84	19.1	99	25.1	229	39.7
<b>Total</b>	564	100.0	439	100.0	394	100.0	577	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>	26	20.3%	102	79.7%
<b>Total of 128 Persons or 22.2% 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>	12	116	6	9
<b>Percentage of Each Household Type That Are Chronic</b>	4.1%	41.3%	3.1%	28.1%

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, 9 veterans (or 28.1% 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>	36	6.4	50	11.4	52	13.2	128	22.2



# NEWLY HOMELESS

Newly homeless is defined as a person who has been experiencing homelessness for less than one year and this was their first episode of homelessness.

**Table 9. Newly Homeless**

	Emergency Shelter		Transitional Housing		Unsheltered	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>Newly Homeless Persons</b>	16	20.2%	22	27.9%	41	51.9%
<b>Total of 79 Persons or 13.7% of the Homeless Population</b>						

**Table 10. Newly 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>	50	28	4	1
<b>Percentage of Each Household Type That Are Newly Homeless</b>	17.0%	10.0%	33.3%	3.1%

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, 28 individuals (or 10.0% 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>	31	5.5	57	13.0	30	7.6	79	13.7

# 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>	5	15.6%	11	34.4%	16	50.0%
<b>Total of 32 Persons or 5.5% of the Homeless Population</b>						

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

	2015		2016		2017		2018	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>Veterans</b>	18	3.2	14	3.2	4	1.0	32	5.5

# 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>	74	25.2%	183	62.2%	37	12.6%
<b>Total of 294 Persons or 51.0% of the Homeless Population</b>						

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

	2015		2016		2017		2018	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>Families</b>	431	76.4	271	61.7	244	61.9	294	51.0

# 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	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Unaccompanied and TAY	1	8.3%	3	25.0	8	66.7
<b>Total of 12 Persons or 2.1% of the Homeless Population</b>						

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

Population	#	%
Unaccompanied Youth Under 18	2	0.3
Unaccompanied TAY	10	1.7
Parenting Youth	7	1.2

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

	2015		2016		2017		2018	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Unaccompanied Youth and TAY	24	4.3%	21	4.8%	20	5.1%	12	2.1%

# MENTAL HEALTH CONCERNS

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

	Emergency Shelter		Transitional Housing		Unsheltered		Total
	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Mental Health Issue	23	20.7%	22	19.8%	66	59.5%	111

**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>	2	109	3	13
<b>Percentage of Each Household Type That Indicated Mental Health Concern or Illness</b>	0.7%	38.8%	1.6%	40.6%

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, 3 youth under the age of 25 (or 1.6% 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>	16	32.0%	17	34.0%	17	34.0%	50

**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>	23	27	1	1
<b>Percentage of Each Household Type Currently Fleeing Domestic Violence</b>	7.8%	9.6%	0.5%	3.1%

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, 23 people (7.8%) 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	15.9%	18	15.9%	77	68.1%	113

**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	0	113	5	19
Percentage of Household Type That Indicated Substance Abuse Issue	0.0%	40.2%	2.6%	59.4%

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, 19 veterans (59.4% 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	0	0%	0	0%	1	100.0%	1

**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	1	0	0
Percentage of Household Type That Indicated Living with HIV/AIDS	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%

## PRESENCE OF A COMPANION OR SERVICE ANIMAL

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

Population	#	%
Stayed with Companion or Service Animal	15	2.6%

## DEMOGRAPHICS

**Table 28. Gender**

Gender	#	%
Female	278	48.2
Male	292	50.6
Transgender	2	0.3
Gender Non-Conforming	0	0
Missing	5	0.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 29. Race**

Race	#	%
White	328	56.8
Black or African-American	111	19.2
Asian	5	0.9
American Indian or Alaskan Native	28	4.9
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	5	0.9
Multi Racial	58	10.1
Missing	42	7.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 30. Ethnicity**

Ethnicity	#	%
Non-Hispanic/Latino	349	60.5
Hispanic/Latino	112	19.4
Missing	116	20.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 31. Age**

Age Category	#	%
Less than 18	161	27.9%
18 - 24	32	5.5%
25 - 54	309	53.6%
55 - 64	56	9.7%
65+	11	1.9%
Missing	8	1.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>577</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>670</b>
<i>Individuals Removed and Reason:</i>	
Data quality issues	8
Observation/Refusal	27
Duplicate	46
Homeless Status could not be determined	1
Insufficient PIN Information	6
Not Homeless	1
<b>Total individuals removed</b>	<b>93</b>
<b>Total individuals remaining in data set</b>	<b>577</b>