

2014 Point-in-Time Count



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HOMELESSNESS IN COLLIER COUNTY

Homelessness is defined differently in different contexts. The US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) defines as homeless those living in a place not meant for human habitation and those living in temporary shelter. On the night of January 23, 2014, the night of the Point-In-Time Count, 361 persons in Collier County met the HUD definition of homelessness.

Many individuals and families without a regular and stable place to stay are not counted as homeless by this definition. On the same night, 251 persons in Collier County were staying temporarily with family or friends, in a hotel or motel, or sharing a home on a more or less permanent basis with another family.

The US Department of Education includes these “doubled up” families, children awaiting foster care placement, and unaccompanied youth. This is a more accurate indicator of family homelessness. The Collier County Schools’ Liaison for Homeless Education identified 595 Collier County public school students from start of school until the night of the homeless count.

Homelessness and Affordable Housing

Many individuals face the prospect of homelessness due to a lack of affordable housing. To afford the fair market rent on a 2-bedroom apartment in Collier County, a family needs to work full-time for an hourly wage of \$19.96.

Homelessness At-A-Glance

Homeless Status

Literally Homeless (HUD)	361
Emergency Shelter	198
Transitional Housing	128
Unsheltered	35
Doubled Up or At Risk of Becoming Homeless	251

Subpopulations

Veterans	23
Senior Citizens	16
Disabled	103
Chronically Homeless	32
Serious Mental Illness	25
Chronic Substance Abuse	159
Persons with HIV/AIDS	0
Victims of Domestic Violence	77

Homeless Students

Homeless Children (DOE)	595
Unaccompanied Youth	103



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