



# Point-in-Time Count of Homeless in Collier County

## Homelessness in Collier County

The Hunger & Homeless Coalition and its community partners conducted the annual Point-in-Time Count on the night of January 25, 2019. Surveys taken during the count show **498 persons in Collier County were sleeping in emergency shelters, living in transitional shelters or in a place not meant for human habitation.**

Many individuals and families without a regular and stable place to stay are not included in this count. These persons 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, often living in crowded and inadequate conditions.

The economy may have improved for some but the housing cost burdens still hold many back from housing success. Chronically homeless individuals and families are still in survival mode seeking basic living necessities like temporary shelter and food; housing for most of them remains illusive. Unsheltered counts ebb and flow and the poor weather conditions on the day of the count kept many from being found and served during the Point in Time Count.

## Children and Youth

On the night of the count over a hundred children slept in places that weren't considered a home. Over a hundred children faced the gruesome reality of hunger and homelessness, a hundred of our communities children were lost in the shadows. Collier we can do better.

## Homeless Students

The Collier County Public Schools' Liaison for Homeless Education provides data to the Department of Education on the number of homeless students in Collier County. At the time period of the count, there were **1001 homeless students in the school system.** Included in this count are children in "doubled up" families, "couch surfing" unaccompanied youth, and children awaiting foster care placement. **The number of unaccompanied youth is 333.**

## 2019 Homelessness Snapshot

### Homeless Status

<b>Literally Homeless Total</b>	<b>498</b>
Emergency Shelter	220
Transitional Housing	179
Unsheltered	99

### Subpopulations

Veterans	5
Seniors (over 62)	37
Chronically Homeless	88
Serious Mental Illness	90
Chronic Substance Abuse	119
HIV/AIDS	1
Victims of Domestic Violence	53

### Children & Youth

<b>Under age 18</b>	<b>13</b>
Children in Families	133

### Homeless Students

<b>Homeless Children</b>	<b>1001</b>
Unaccompanied (age 16 or older)	333