

2021 Homeless Point-in-Time Count

Ending Homelessness in Collier County



PIT DATA

Unsheltered Count

Streets/Camps – 144

Children & Youth – 109

Homeless Students – 805

Sheltered Count

Emergency Shelter – 245

Transitional Shelter – 179

Special Populations

Veterans – 34

Senior Citizens – 49

Domestic Violence – 122

Serious Mental Illness – 169

Substance Use Disorder – 198

“After 10 years of homelessness, thanks to the CoC **I got a home.**” -Milton Coffee

The Hunger and Homeless Coalition and its community partners conducted the annual Point-in-Time Count on January 28 & 29, 2021. This year, the Continuum of Care combined in-person data from emergency shelters and transitional housing and extrapolated data from the Homeless Management Information System to come up with its count.

According to the 2021 count, 568 persons in Collier County were sleeping in emergency shelters, living in transitional shelters or in a place not meant for human habitation, a decrease from 603 in last year's count. There were 424 sheltered homeless individuals counted this year, a decrease from the 548 the previous year. The unsheltered count of 144 persons represented a decrease of 15% from the 2020 count.

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Continuum of Care

Collaborating Homeless Prevention & Rapid Rehousing

It is a Community Effort

Contributing factors to the decrease of homelessness from 2020 to 2021 are:

- Increase in homeless funding from county, state, and local governments.
- Increase in funding from private philanthropy.
- The addition of more permanent supportive housing beds, transitional housing beds, and rapid rehousing beds.



Housing First

Children and Youth

On the night of the count, 48 households with 109 children were homeless. Of these 109 children, 53 were in emergency shelter, 44 were in transitional shelter and 12 were unsheltered.

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 of the count, there were **805 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 (age 16 or older) was 183.