



# HUNGER & HOMELESS COALITION OF COLLIER COUNTY

## Homelessness in Collier County

The Hunger & Homeless Coalition and its community partners conducted the annual Point-in-Time Count on January 30 & 31, 2020. Surveys taken during the count show **603 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.

While the number of persons in emergency shelter and transitional housing remains stable due to the fixed capacity rate, a sharp rise in unsheltered homelessness points to larger, systemic problems including rising rents and a shortage of housing affordable to low-wage workers.

## Children and Youth

On the night of the count, **66 households with 128 children were homeless. Of these 128 children, 59 were in emergency shelter, 54 were in transitional shelter and 15 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 period of the count, there were **1039 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 325.**

## 2020 Homeless Snapshot

### Homeless Status

|                                 |            |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Literally Homeless Total</b> | <b>603</b> |
| Emergency Shelter               | 252        |
| Transitional Housing            | 183        |
| Unsheltered                     | 168        |

### Subpopulations

|                              |     |
|------------------------------|-----|
| Veterans                     | 29  |
| Seniors (over 62)            | 47  |
| Chronically Homeless         | 80  |
| Serious Mental Illness       | 127 |
| Chronic Substance Abuse      | 155 |
| HIV/AIDS                     | 2   |
| Victims of Domestic Violence | 95  |

### Children & Youth

|                      |            |
|----------------------|------------|
| <b>Under age 18</b>  | <b>128</b> |
| Children in Families | 121        |
| Unaccompanied Youth  | 7          |

### Homeless Students

|                                 |             |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Homeless Children</b>        | <b>1039</b> |
| Unaccompanied (age 16 or older) | 325         |

# Homeless Point-in-Time Count