The 2020 Homeless Point-In-Time Count (PITC) was conducted on January 23, 2020 from 4:00 AM – 11:00 AM, asking individuals where they slept on the night of January 22, 2020. Along with the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), the PITC is an important source of data on homelessness. It is reported to Congress as part of the Annual Homelessness Assessment Report and affects the flow of federal funding to the community. As Oahu’s Continuum of Care, Partners In Care was the lead organization for the Oahu 2020 PITC; this included submitting the change of methodology used to collect this year’s data.

These changes included the introduction of a mobile app, “Survey123 for ArcGIS”, to collect surveys. An observational tool was also introduced to capture data on individuals who refused to participate in the survey, were sleeping, or were not counted due to safety concerns. This tool was used to record 1,074 persons in the 2020 count.

♦ Sheltered: individuals were staying in Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, or Safe Haven Programs
♦ Unsheltered: individuals were staying on the streets or other place not meant for human habitation
♦ Chronically homeless: person who is homeless and lives in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven or in an emergency shelter AND has been homeless for a least 1 year continuously, or on at least 4 or more occasions over the past 3 years that add up to at least 12 months AND has a disability.
♦ Children: persons under 18 years of age

**HIGHLIGHTS**

♦ The total number of sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons for 2020 is 4,448, which is an increase of 0.7% (+31 persons), over 2019 (4,417)*. From 2017–2020, the overall homeless population has declined by 10% (-511 persons).
  ♦ The sheltered population increased by 4% (+88 persons) to 2,102 from 2,014 from 2019.
  ♦ The unsheltered population decreased by 2% (-57 persons) to 2,346 from 2,403 in 2019.

* Please Note: The 2019 data used in the 2020 report is from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD) certified report, not those used in the 2019 PITC Report. This was for continuity as the total population numbers of sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons used from 2010–2018 were pulled from the HUD certified data.
The homeless veteran population decreased by 7% (-28 persons) to 356 from 384 in 2019. Since 2015 the homeless veteran population decreased by 24% (-111 persons) coinciding with Honolulu joining the Mayors Challenge to end Veteran Homelessness. Additionally, in 2020, sheltered veterans made up a larger percentage (59%) of the veteran homeless population than unsheltered veterans (41%).

The homeless family individuals population declined by 8% (-100 persons) to 1,221 from 1,321 in 2019. From 2015–2020 there has been a 48% decrease (-1,119 persons) in homeless family individuals. The continued decline correlates with additional housing becoming available including Kahauiki Village and the city’s additional units for 60% AMI and below.

The highest number of unsheltered homeless persons live in Downtown Honolulu, followed by the Waianae Coast and East Honolulu.

OTHER NOTEWORTHY HIGHLIGHTS

- The number of homeless children declined by 8% (-62 children) to 732 from 794 in 2019. Children make up 16% of the total homeless population on Oahu. From 2015–2020 there has been a 45% decrease (-587 children) in the number of homeless children, from 1,319 in 2015.

- One of four homeless adults (881 persons, 24%) counted in the 2020 PITC Count were considered chronically homeless with 615 adults experiencing unsheltered homelessness—this equals to 50% of the total unsheltered homeless adult population experiencing chronic homelessness.

- One of four homeless adults (914 persons, 25%) reported mental health issues, but an increasing number are living in shelters (56%) than previously, e.g., 45% in 2019.

- Recent trends indicate a decline in the number of homeless individuals who report experiencing a struggle with substance abuse, with 685 identified in 2020, which is a 19% decline from last year’s number of 846 in 2019.

The complete Homeless Point-in-Time Count Reports are available at [http://www.honolulu.gov/housing/homelessness.html](http://www.honolulu.gov/housing/homelessness.html)