



2019 Homeless Point-in-Time Count Results – Observations

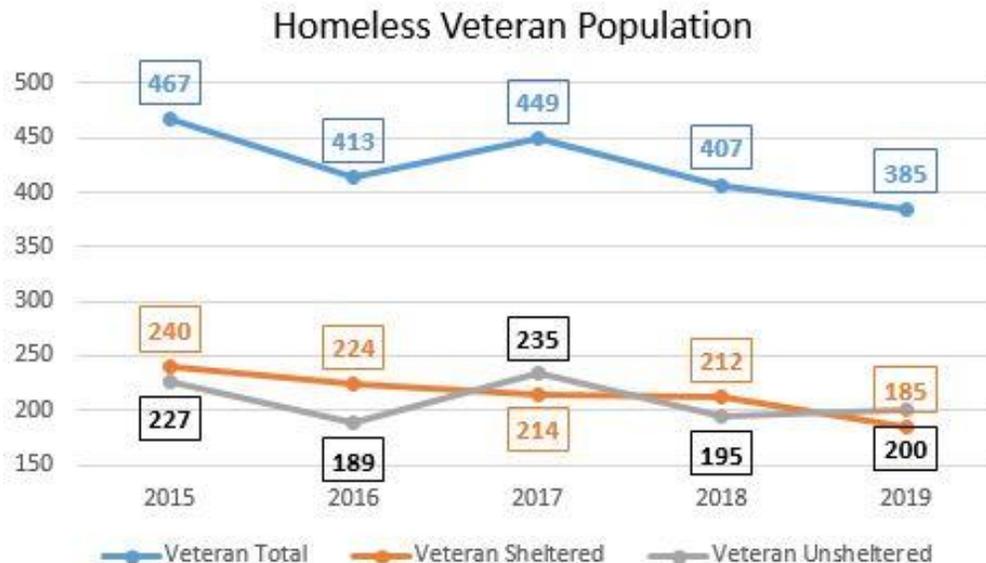
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- The total number of sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons for 2019 is 4,453, which is a decline of 42 persons or 1%, over 2018 (total = 4,495). **From 2017-2019 the overall homeless population declined by 10% (-506 persons), the first declines since 2009.**

- The sheltered population declined by 13% (-298 persons) to 2,052 from 2,350 in 2018.
- The unsheltered population increased by 12% (+256 persons) to 2,401 from 2,145 in 2018. From 2012-2019 the unsheltered population increased by 82% (+1,083 persons).



- The homeless veteran population decreased by 5% (-22 persons) to 385 from 407 in 2018. **Since 2015 the homeless veteran population decreased by 18% (-82 persons) coinciding with Honolulu joining the Mayors Challenge to end Veteran Homelessness.** The decline from 2017-2019 alone was 14% (-64 persons).

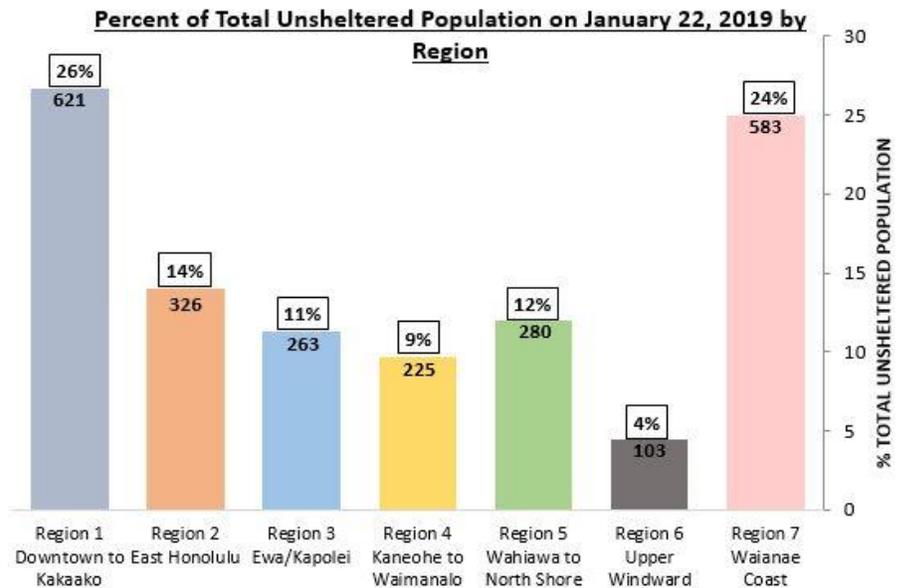


Homeless Family Individuals Population



- The homeless family individuals population declined by 15% (-233 persons) to 1,357 from 1,590 in 2018. **From 2015-2019 there has been a 42% decrease (-983 persons) in homeless family individuals**, coinciding with the advent of HousingASAP, the city’s focus on affordable housing targeting homeless and formerly homeless persons, and the public-private partnership Kahauiki Village, targeting homeless families.

- The highest number of unsheltered homeless persons live in Downtown Honolulu (the Chinatown area), followed by the Waianae Coast (from Koolina to Kaena Point). **Analysis of regional differences from 2010-2019 suggest that “no detectable trends exist in long-term movement of unsheltered individuals from one region to another”** (2019 report, p. 14).



- The number of homeless children (under 18 years of age) declined by 12% (-106 children) to 793 from 899 in 2018. Children make up 18% of the total homeless population on Oahu. **From 2015-2019 there has been a 40% decrease (-526 children) in the number of homeless children**, from 1,319 in 2015.
- **There are 1,131 chronically homeless persons, of whom 80% are unsheltered.** The majority of the chronically homeless live in the Downtown to East Honolulu areas, due most likely to the high availability of services, e.g., mental health services, doctors, and shelters.
- **A total of 1,060 homeless persons reported mental health issues, but an increasing number are living in shelters (45%)** than previously, e.g., 37% in 2016.
- Recent trends indicate that Oahu shelters are housing an increasing number of **homeless individuals who report substance abuse issues, with 846 identified in 2019, compared with 933 in 2017.**