

Homelessness in Minnesota

A Count of Those Experiencing Homelessness

STATEWIDE

Every three years, Wilder Research conducts a one-day statewide study to better understand the prevalence of homelessness in Minnesota, as well as the circumstances of those experiencing homelessness. The 2018 study took place on October 25, 2018, and included two components that captured information on that date:

- Face-to-face interviews with people throughout the state who meet the [federal definition of homelessness](#)
- A count of people experiencing homelessness

This report contains data from the counts portion of the 2018 Minnesota Homeless Study. The data include:

- People staying in all known emergency shelters, domestic violence shelters, and transitional housing sites throughout the state.
- People experiencing homelessness who were found through outreach in non-shelter locations such as encampments, hot-meal programs, and other drop-in service locations.

This report does not contain estimates of the uncounted or unidentified homeless population.

The main audience for this report includes homeless service providers and government staff. For that reason, counts data are separated by living situation (in shelter versus not in shelter), household type (individuals versus families), gender, and age.

CONTINUUM OF CARE REGIONS



Counts data for all regions and select geographies, including the **entire state of Minnesota**, are available at mnhomeless.org.

Minnesota has 10 Continuum of Care regions. “A Continuum of Care is a community strategic plan to organize and deliver housing and services to reduce the incidence of homelessness by assisting homeless individuals, youth and families with children to move to self-sufficiency and permanent housing” ([Minnesota Housing](#)).

ALL PEOPLE

1. Total number of people experiencing homelessness, by age and living situation

Age of individual		Emergency shelters	Domestic violence shelters	Transitional housing	Rapid Rehousing ^a	Total in shelters	Total not in shelters	Total
Unaccompanied minors (age <18)	Male	26	0	27	0	53	35	88
	Female	35	1	33	0	69	35	104
	<i>Total</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>122</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>192</i>
Young adults age 18-21	Male	88	0	111	8	207	123	330
	Female	90	28	143	31	292	137	429
	<i>Total</i>	<i>178</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>254</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>499</i>	<i>260</i>	<i>759</i>
Young adults age 22-24	Male	45	0	68	21	134	100	234
	Female	63	36	102	22	223	76	299
	<i>Total</i>	<i>108</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>170</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>357</i>	<i>176</i>	<i>533</i>
Adults age 25-54	Male	1,046	0	309	28	1,383	852	2,235
	Female	633	239	551	88	1,511	636	2,147
	<i>Total</i>	<i>1,679</i>	<i>239</i>	<i>860</i>	<i>116</i>	<i>2,894</i>	<i>1,488</i>	<i>4,382</i>
Adults age 55+	Male	482	0	111	4	597	193	790
	Female	96	19	53	2	170	94	264
	<i>Total</i>	<i>578</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>164</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>767</i>	<i>287</i>	<i>1,054</i>
Number of minors and adults		2,604	323	1,508	204	4,639	2,281	6,920
Number of children with parents		1,137	350	1,061	304	2,852	413	3,265
People experiencing homelessness in detox ^b		-	-	-	-	48	-	48
Total number of people experiencing homelessness		3,741	673	2,569	508	7,539	2,694	10,233

^a Rapid Rehousing (RRH) is temporary assistance for persons experiencing homelessness to help them obtain and pay for housing. Persons receiving RRH are generally receiving a subsidy to pay rent to landlords for a limited time. Most RRH programs in Minnesota were not included in the 2018 Minnesota Homeless Study. Similar to 2015, a review of RRH programs was done and a small number of exceptions were made to include programs that maintained the same model of services and supports, but were considered “transitional housing” during their participation in the 2012 or 2015 study.

^b People experiencing homelessness in detox are considered homeless according to the federal definition of homelessness, however only a total count is available for them due to limited access to detox data.

2. Total number of people experiencing homelessness, by household type and living situation

	In shelters	Not in shelters	Total
People in families	4,341	693	5,034
People not in families	3,150	2,001	5,151
People experiencing homelessness in detox ^a	48	-	48
Total number of people experiencing homelessness	7,539	2,694	10,233

Note. "People in families" includes adults or youth *with* accompanying children. "People NOT in families" includes singles and couples who do not have children accompanying them.

^a People experiencing homelessness in detox are considered homeless according to the federal definition of homelessness, however only a total count is available for them due to limited access to detox data.

PEOPLE IN FAMILIES ONLY

3. Number of families in shelters experiencing homelessness, by age of head of household

Age of head of household		Families in shelters	Children with parents in shelters
Unaccompanied minors (age <18)	Male caregiver only	0	0
	Female caregiver only	6	6
	Couples with children	1	1
	<i>Total</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>7</i>
Young adults age 18-21	Male caregiver only	5	8
	Female caregiver only	90	129
	Couples with children	19	23
	<i>Total</i>	<i>114</i>	<i>160</i>
Young adults age 22-24	Male caregiver only	9	12
	Female caregiver only	125	202
	Couples with children	25	47
	<i>Total</i>	<i>159</i>	<i>261</i>
Adults age 25+	Male caregiver only	55	89
	Female caregiver only	745	1,759
	Couples with children	182	576
	<i>Total</i>	<i>982</i>	<i>2,424</i>
Total for male-headed families		69	109
Total for female-headed families		966	2,096
Total for couples		227	647
Total for all families in shelter^a		1,262	2,852

Note. Families include adults or youth with accompanying children.

^a For the total number of families experiencing homelessness (in shelter and not in shelter) add the total families from Tables 3 and 4.

4. Number of families NOT in shelters experiencing homelessness, by age of head of household

Age of head of household		Families not in shelters	Children with parents not in shelters
Unaccompanied minors (age <18)	Male caregiver only	0	0
	Female caregiver only	0	0
	Couples with children	2	2
	<i>Total</i>	2	2
Young adults age 18-21	Male caregiver only	1	2
	Female caregiver only	11	15
	Couples with children	9	13
	<i>Total</i>	21	30
Young adults age 22-24	Male caregiver only	3	8
	Female caregiver only	9	16
	Couples with children	9	12
	<i>Total</i>	21	36
Adults age 25+	Male caregiver only	20	37
	Female caregiver only	96	205
	Couples with children	50	103
	<i>Total</i>	166	345
Total for male-headed families		24	47
Total for female-headed families		116	236
Total for couples		70	130
Total for all families not in shelter^a		210	413

Note. Families include adults or youth with accompanying children.

^a For the total number of families experiencing homelessness (in shelter and not in shelter) add the total families from Tables 3 and 4.

5. Number of people in families

	In shelters	Not in shelters	Total
Unaccompanied minors (age <18)	8	4	12
Young adults age 18-21	133	30	163
Young adults age 22-24	184	30	214
Adults age 25-54	1,141	209	1,350
Adults age 55+	23	7	30
Total parents in families	1,489	280	1,769
Total children in families	2,852	413	3,265
Total people in families	4,341	693	5,034

Note. "People in families" includes adults or youth *with* accompanying children.

PEOPLE NOT IN FAMILIES

6. Number of people NOT in families

	In shelters	Not in shelters	Total
Unaccompanied minors (age <18)	114	66	180
Young adults age 18-21	366	230	596
Young adults age 22-24	173	146	319
Adults age 25-54	1,753	1,279	3,032
Adults age 55+	744	280	1,024
Total people not in families	3,150	2,001	5,151

Note. "People NOT in families" includes singles and couples who do not have children accompanying them. This table excludes children who are with their parents.

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