



Single Night Count of People Experiencing Homelessness

2023 Minnesota Homeless Study Counts Data Tables

ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA

Every three yearsⁱ, 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 most recent study took place on October 26, 2023, and included two components that captured information on that date:

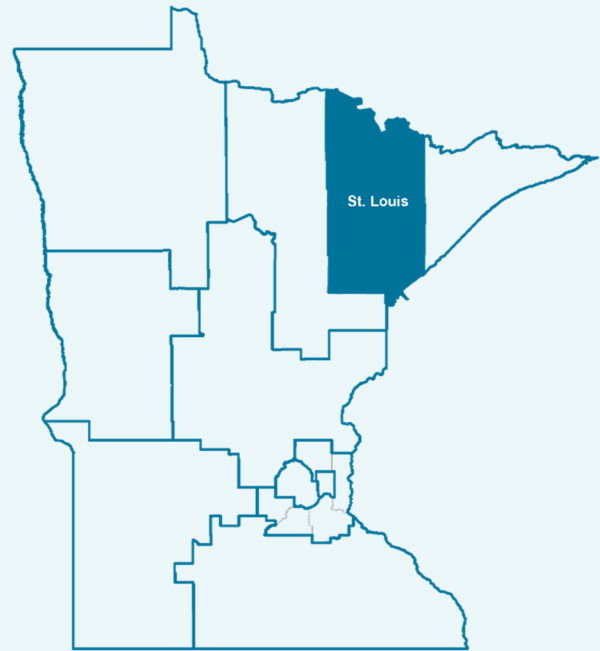
- Face-to-face interviews with people throughout the state who meet the [federal definition of homelessness](#)
- A count of people experiencing homelessness

People staying in shelter or not in a formal shelter, and meeting the federal definition of homelessness are included in the count:

- **In shelter:** People staying in all known emergency or domestic violence shelters, transitional housing sites, and hotels/motels for which they receive a voucher.
- **Not in a formal shelter:** People staying outside, on transit, or temporarily doubled up, and identified through interviews in outreach locations such as encampments and other drop-in sites.

This report does *not* contain estimates of the uncounted or hidden homeless population, people in detox, or data from participating reservations.

CONTINUUM OF CARE REGIONS



Minnesota has 11 Continuum of Care (CoC)ⁱⁱ regions. Counts data for all regions and select geographies are available at mnhomeless.org.

ALL PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

1. People experiencing homelessness

	IN SHELTER	NOT IN A FORMAL SHELTER	TOTAL
Total number of people experiencing homelessness	343	241	584

2. People experiencing homelessness, by age and gender

ADULTS AND UNACCOMPANIED MINORS...			IN SHELTER		NOT IN A FORMAL SHELTER
Age	Age group total	Gender ^a	Emergency and domestic violence shelters	Transitional housing	
Unaccompanied minors age <18	10	Female	2	6	0
		Male	0	1	0
		Trans, non-binary, or other gender identity	0	1	0
Young adults age 18-21	50	Female	6	12	6
		Male	3	4	13
		Trans, non-binary, or other gender identity	0	3	3
Young adults age 22-24	26	Female	4	6	5
		Male	5	1	5
		Trans, non-binary, or other gender identity	0	0	0
Adults age 25-54	332	Female	44	27	76
		Male	65	15	98
		Trans, non-binary, or other gender identity	2	0	5
Older adults age 55+	73	Female	13	4	3
		Male	24	12	17
		Trans, non-binary, or other gender identity	0	0	0
Total number of adults and unaccompanied minors			168	92	231
Total number of children under age 18 in families			28	55	10

^a 2023 Wilder counts reporting includes a “trans, non-binary, or other gender identity” gender category. The numbers in this category may be an undercount. While interviewers and shelter staff are instructed to ask about gender identity, some may have assumed or guessed, while some people with non-binary identities may have felt uncomfortable or unsafe reporting their identity.

3. People experiencing homelessness, by race/ethnicity

	IN SHELTER	NOT IN A FORMAL SHELTER ^a	TOTAL
American Indian	44	51	95
Asian or Pacific Islander	4	0	4
Black, African American, or African	51	8	59
Hispanic or Latina/e/o	1	1	2
Middle Eastern or North African	0	0	0
White	154	76	230
Multi-racial	86	45	131
Unknown race or ethnicity	3	5	8

Note. For this report, race data is reported as a single response option. Future reports, using interview data, will include additional data for people who identify with more than one racial group.

^a The race/ethnicity of those not in shelter is available for interview respondents only. Their partners and/or children are not represented in these data.

4. People experiencing homelessness, by family type

	IN SHELTER	NOT IN A FORMAL SHELTER	TOTAL
Parents in families	57	5	62
Individuals	203	226	429
Children under age 18 in families	83	10	93

Note. "Families" includes parents who have children under 18 years old living with them. "Parents" includes heads of household and their partners. "Individuals" includes singles and couples who do not have children (under age 18) accompanying them.

PEOPLE IN FAMILIES EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

5. People in families experiencing homelessness, by age of parents

	IN SHELTER	NOT IN A FORMAL SHELTER	TOTAL
Unaccompanied minors age <18	0	0	0
Young adults age 18-21	3	3	6
Young adults age 22-24	9	0	9
Adults age 25-54	45	1	46
Older adults age 55+	0	1	1
Total parents in families	57	5	62
Total children under age 18 in families	83	10	93
Total people in families	140	15	155

Note. "Families" includes parents who have children under 18 years old living with them. "Parents" includes heads of household and their partners.

INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

6. Individuals experiencing homelessness, by age

	IN SHELTER	NOT IN A FORMAL SHELTER	TOTAL
Unaccompanied minors age <18	10	0	10
Young adults age 18-21	25	19	44
Young adults age 22-24	7	10	17
Adults age 25-54	108	178	286
Older adults age 55+	53	19	72
Total individuals	203	226	429

Note. "Individuals" includes singles and couples who do not have children under age 18 accompanying them.

Explanation of 2023 data

The findings above are based on the 2023 Minnesota Homeless Study counts data. Counts data include: 1) a count of all shelter guests either identified through HMIS data (for shelters reporting to HMIS) or from Wilder-collected data (for shelters not reporting to HMIS), and 2) a count of all interviews conducted with people not in a formal shelter. Because a single night count and interviews can never fully identify all people experiencing homelessness who are not using shelters, the numbers represented in this fact sheet should be considered a minimum count. Please visit mnhomeless.org for detailed regional reports with counts data by shelter types, age, gender, race, and family status, as well as the 2023 Minnesota Homeless Study Counts Fact Sheet.

What's next?

Beginning in May 2024, Wilder will report findings from thousands of face-to-face interviews conducted throughout Minnesota, plus:

- Data tables for each interview question, for every region of the state.
- Findings from the Reservation Homeless Study.
- Specialized briefings on smaller sub-groups such as homeless youth, Veterans, older adults, families, and long-term homeless populations.

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- ⁱ The study was postponed for two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic; therefore, it has been 5 years since the previous study in 2018.
- ⁱⁱ A Continuum of Care (CoC) is a community strategic plan to coordinate, organize and deliver housing and services and promote community-wide commitment to reduce the incidences of homelessness. CoCs also apply for funding to address homelessness from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). (Minnesota's Homeless Management Information System, n.d.).

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