

2023 Point in Time Count

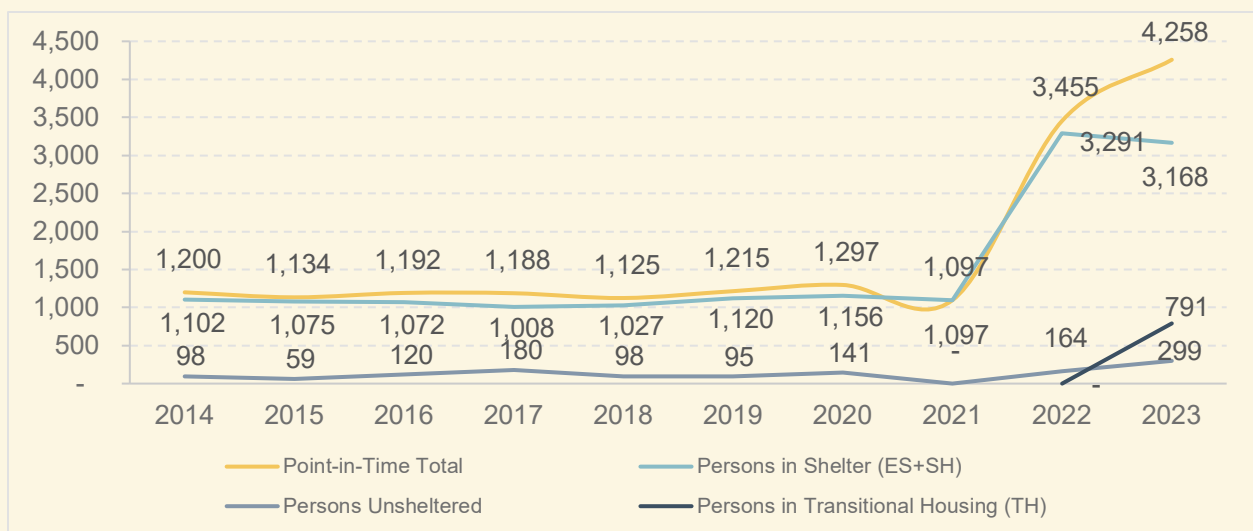
About the Point in Time Count Survey

The Point in Time Count (PIT) is a snapshot of homelessness on one night of the year. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires that each Continuum of Care (CoC) conduct a sheltered PIT annually, and an unsheltered PIT at least every other year. Maine CoC has chosen to conduct both counts every year. HUD requires the counts occur within the last ten days of January. In 2023, the “Night of the Count” in Maine was January 24. Information from emergency shelters and other service providers was primarily collected through Maine’s Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). This year, Hub Coordinators organized the unsheltered portion of the count in each of the nine Homeless Service Hubs throughout the state.

Information from those who were unsheltered on the night of the count, as well as from those shelters or programs that do not participate in HMIS, was collected using paper survey forms (and for the first time in 2023 by using a mobile app) by volunteers in the field and outreach staff at encampments. In 2023, people staying in hotels funded by General Assistance and the Emergency Rental Assistance Program were again included in the PIT, representing 2,124 of the sheltered total in 2023.

The 2023 PIT also reflects an ongoing influx of asylum-seeking immigrants seeking shelter in Maine in higher numbers than was the case in both 2022 and 2021. This situation also accounts for the increases in racial minorities and women reflected in the sheltered count.

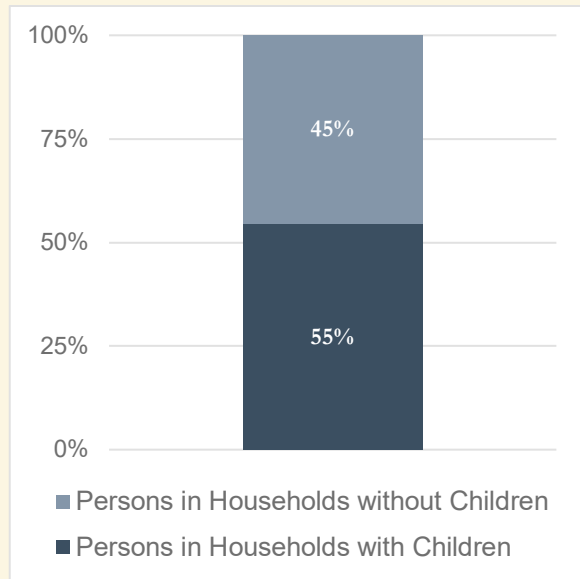
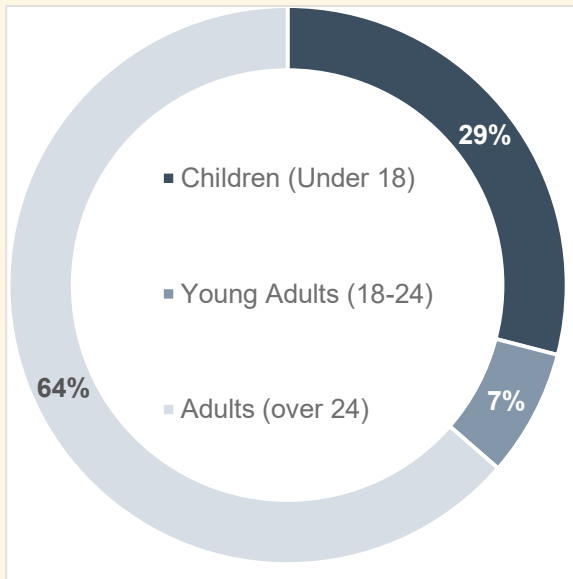
4,258 people experienced homelessness in Maine on January 24, 2023



As in 2022, the 2023 count includes individuals staying in hotels funded by General Assistance and the Emergency Rental Assistance Program as well as the remaining Federal Emergency Management Agency hotel shelters that were funded under the national state of emergency, which ends May 11th. **Starting in 2023, the total also includes 791 individuals in Transitional Housing reported to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).**

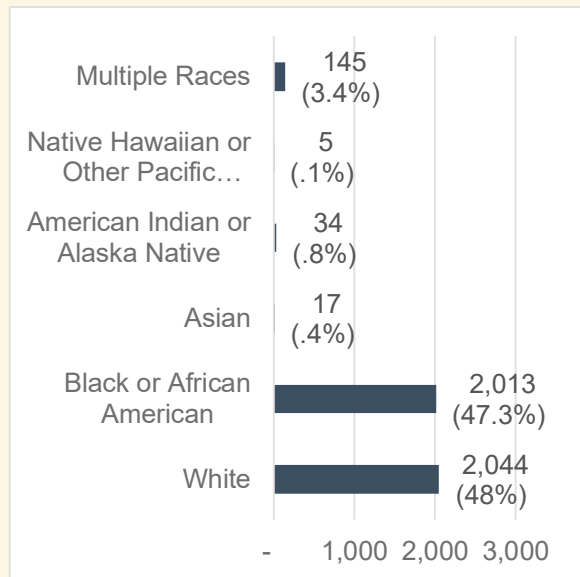
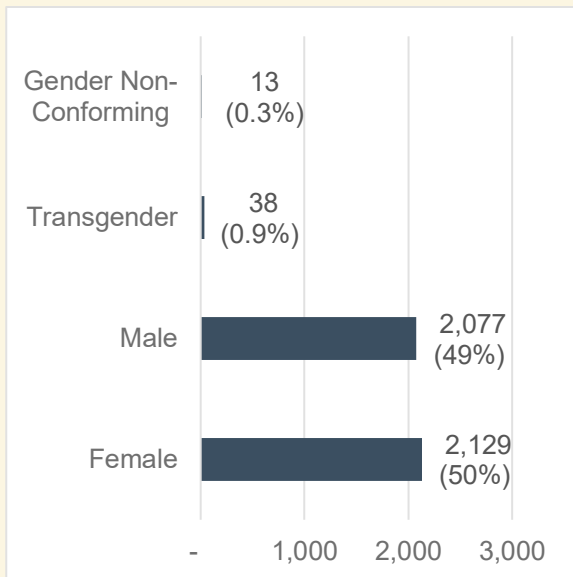
Youth & Families

55% of all households who experienced homelessness have at least one child.



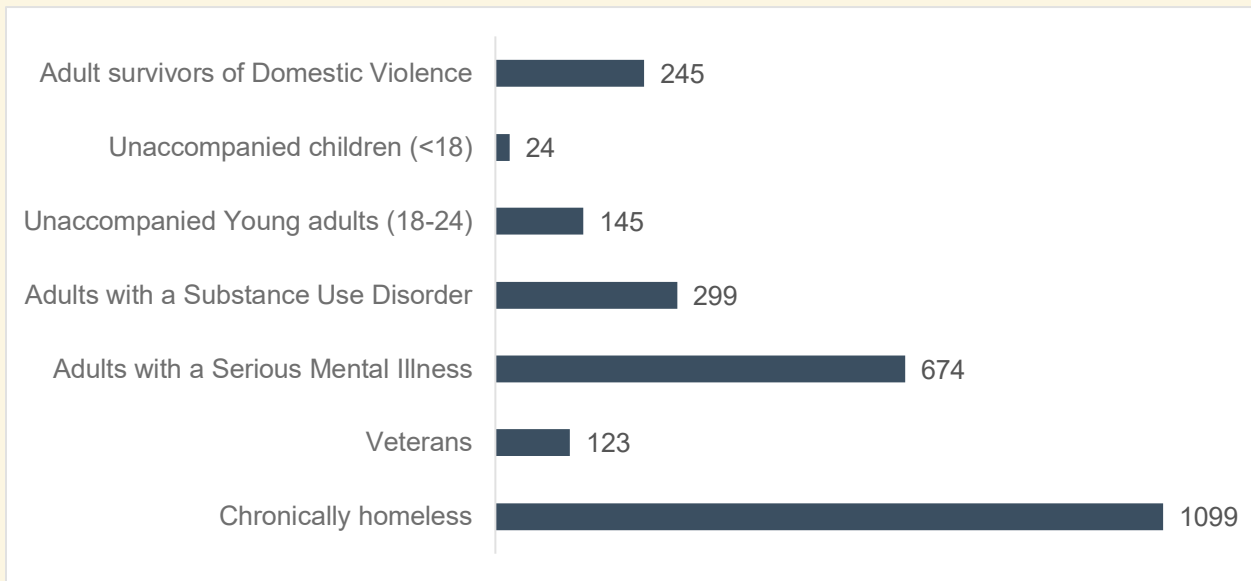
Nearly 1/3 (29%) persons in the 2023 survey were under 18. There were 2,324 persons in households with at least one child, of those 1,236 were under 18. Unaccompanied youth totaled 169, comprised of 145 young adults (18-24) and 24 children under 18.

Gender & Race

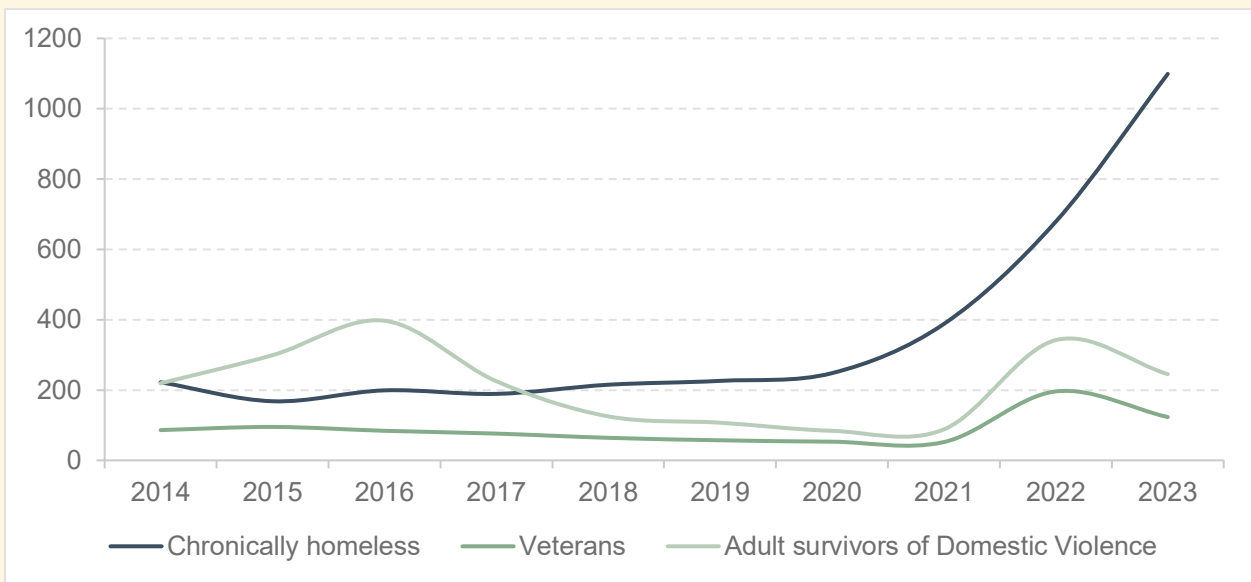


Survey respondents were more likely to be non-white as compared to Maine's population, which is 93% white. The 2023 PIT was comprised of 50% females (vs. 42% in 2022) and 52% racial minorities (vs. 40% in 2022) with Black or African American making up 47% of the PIT.

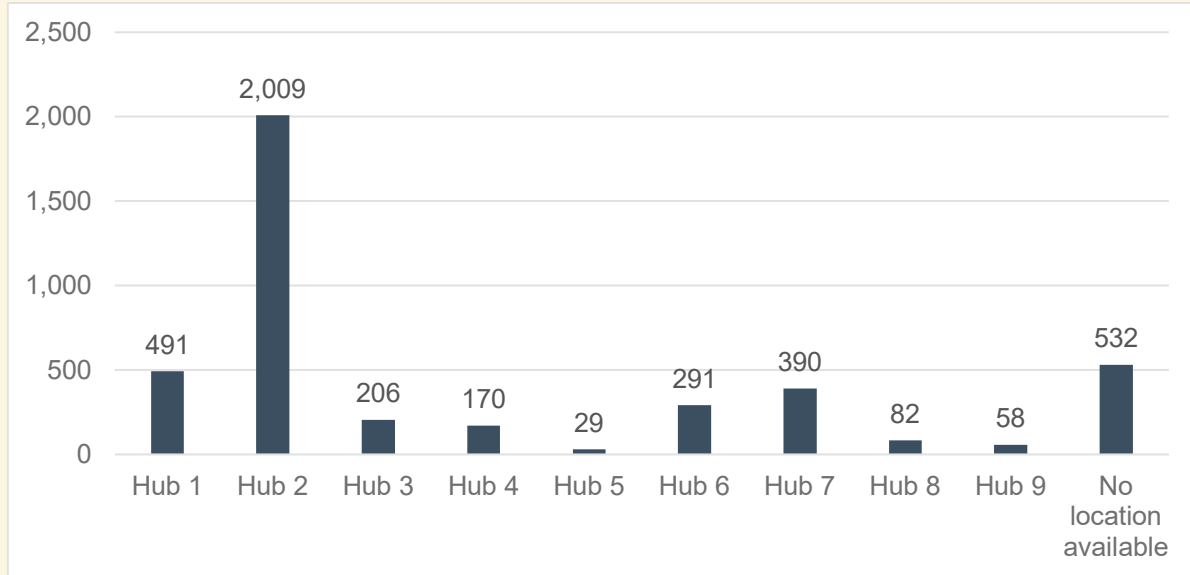
Subpopulations in the 2023 PIT



Chronically Homeless, Veterans & Survivors of Domestic Violence 2014 - 2023



Where People Were on the Night of the Survey



Hub 1: York County

Hub 2: Cumberland County

Hub 3: Midcoast - Sagadahoc, Knox, Lincoln, Waldo Counties and Towns of Brunswick and Harpswell

Hub 4: Androscoggin County

Hub 5: Western - Oxford and Franklin Counties and Towns of Livermore and Livermore Falls

Hub 6: Central - Somerset and Kennebec Counties

Hub 7: Penquis - Penobscot and Piscataquis Counties

Hub 8: Downeast - Washington and Hancock Counties

Hub 9: Aroostook County

More about the Point in Time Count Survey

The Point in Time count is a survey of sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons on a single night in January. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires that Continuum of Care Programs* receiving federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance funds conduct an annual count of homeless persons who are sheltered in emergency shelters, transitional housing, and safe havens within the last ten days of January.

HUD uses information from the surveys, among other data sources, in the Annual Homeless Assessment Report. Each count is planned, coordinated, carried out locally, and contain elements that are based on self-reported data. Information from emergency shelters and other service providers is collected through Maine's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), and through paper surveys and a mobile app. This survey is one of several annual reports and data sources that is useful in increasing understanding of the scope of homelessness in Maine.

*Continuum of Care (CoC) Programs are designed to promote community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, and State and local governments to quickly rehouse homeless individuals and families while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused to homeless individuals, families, and communities by homelessness; promote access to and effect utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families; and optimize self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

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