



2018

City of Aurora, Colorado
POINT IN TIME DATA SUMMARY

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2018 POINT IN TIME

City of Aurora Summary

This report summarizes the county level data for the City of Aurora, Colorado.

The Point in Time is a snapshot of those experiencing homelessness in our community on a single night. This data was collected for the night of January 29th, 2018. The full Everyone Counts Metro Denver Homeless Initiative's 2018 Point in Time report¹ goes into detail explaining the methodology used while preparing for the count, executing the survey throughout the seven-county region, de-duplicating and cleaning the data, and extrapolation methods utilized. Refer directly to the regional report when interpreting the data contained in this county specific report.

Additionally, previous county and city level reports included information for either “all homeless” or “respondents” as noted in each section. If comparing data between years, this methodology change needs to be considered. The “respondents” were only the individuals taking the survey, which does not include other household members such as children or adults. Only respondent data was reported for several categories in past reports, including: veteran status, unaccompanied youth, newly homeless, and chronically homeless. This 2018 report provides data for “all homeless” in every category.

The City of Aurora is largely located in Adams and Arapahoe Counties, with the extreme southeastern portion extending into Douglas County. A PIT

committee was formed to support planning and implementation of the count. There was coordination to cover overlapping areas, particularly in Adams County, which shared unsheltered outreach “hot spots”. The Aurora Community Outreach Team (ACOT) and agency staff-led outreach mobile vans covered the city according to ward designations. The severe weather shelter and motel vouchering system activated for the night of the PIT again for 2018, even though the temperature would not have called for activation. This facilitated the surveying of those who may not have been found during outreach that night. Aurora also held a magnet event at the Aurora Day Resource Center, holding a “sleep over party” for adults without children. Also, the Aurora GIS department was an integral partner in preparing the mobile survey tool as well as the mapping services prior to and during the count. Nearly all surveys were completed on the mobile survey tool throughout the city.

The Point in Time (PIT) data references those persons that meet the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's definition of homelessness. Communities across the nation follow current [HUD methodology guidelines](#)² for the count and tailor the survey to the needs of their own localities and regions. Persons in temporary living situations or who are at risk of becoming homeless (such as those staying with friends or family or paying to stay in a motel) are not included in this count. The definitions below describe the guidance in more detail.

¹ Metro Denver Homeless Initiative, 2018 Point in Time report - https://www.mdhi.org/pit_reports

² <https://www.HUDexchange.info/resource/4036/point-in-time-count-methodology-guide/>

HUD PIT Homeless Definitions³: Continuums of Care (CoCs) must count all individuals or families who meet the criteria in paragraph (1)(ii) of the homeless definition in 24 CFR 578.3. This includes individuals and families:

Sheltered Count

“living in a supervised publicly or privately-operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangement (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state, or local government programs for low-income individuals)”

Unsheltered Count

“with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground

³ Notice CPD-17-08_2018 HIC and PIT Data Collection for CoC and ESG Programs, HIC/PIT Data Collection Notice September 2017

SUMMARY OF THE CITY OF AURORA 2018 POINT IN TIME DATA

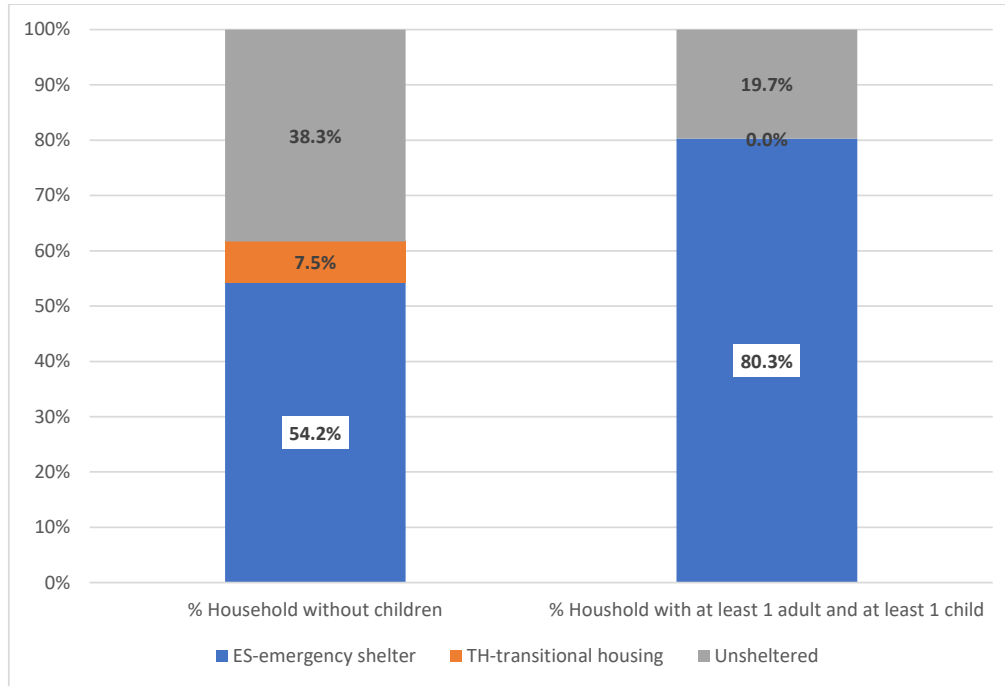
HUD HOUSEHOLD TYPE BY LIVING SITUATION

There were over twice as many individuals (67.2%) as those who were in family households (32.8%).

Table 1. Living Situation by Household Type on January 29, 2018

		ES-emergency shelter	TH-transitional housing	Unsheltered	Total
HUD Household Type	Household without children	130	18	92	240
	Household with at least 1 adult and at least 1 child	94	0	23	117
	Household with only children under 18	0	0	0	0
	Total	224	18	115	357

Figure 1. Living Situation by Household Type



NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY SHELTER, TRANSITIONAL HOUSING, AND UNSHELTERED LIVING SITUATIONS

Adults without children were the demographic during the 2018 Point in Time count in Aurora, and comprised 58% of those in shelter, 100% of those in transitional housing, and 80% of those living unsheltered that night. Additionally those living unsheltered were a larger percentage of those surveyed who are experiencing homelessness than in the last two years.

Table 2. Number of People in Emergency Shelters

	Household without Children		Household with at Least 1 Adult and 1 Child		Households with Only Children under 18	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Persons Staying in Emergency Shelters						
Total of 224 Persons or 62.7% of the total Homeless Population	130	58.0%	94	42.0%	0	0%

Table 3. Number of People in Transitional Housing

	Household without Children		Household with at Least 1 Adult and 1 Child		Households with Only Children under 18	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Persons Staying in Transitional Housing						
Total of 18 Persons or 5.0% of the total Homeless Population	18	100.0%	0	0%	0	0%

Table 4. Number of People Unsheltered

Unsheltered is defined as living on the street, under a bridge, in an abandoned or public building, in a car, in an outdoor camp, or in any other place that is not meant for human habitation.

	Household without Children		Household with at Least 1 Adult and 1 Child		Households with Only Children under 18	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Persons Staying Unsheltered						
Total of 115 Persons or 32.2% of the total Homeless Population	92	80.0%	23	20.0%	0	0%

Table 5. Homeless Living Situation 2015-2018

	2016		2017		2018	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Emergency Shelter	281	66.9	326	71.0	224	62.7
Transitional Housing	64	15.2	84	18.3	18	5.0
Unsheltered	55	17.8	49	10.7	115	32.2
Total	400	100.0	459	100.0	357	100.0

CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS

HUD defines persons experiencing chronic homelessness as those who (a) are homeless, (b) are living in a place not meant for human habitation, in a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter, (c) have been homeless and living in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or an emergency shelter continuously for at least 1 year or on at least four separate occasions in the last 3 years where the combined length of time homeless across those occasions is at least 12 months, and (d) have a disability.

Table 6. Living Situation – Experiencing Chronic Homelessness

	Emergency Shelter		Unsheltered	
	#	%	#	%
Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness	86	59.7%	58	40.3%
Total of 144 Persons or 40.3% of the Homeless Population				

Table 7. Chronically Homeless by Population/HH type –Total and Percentage

	Families (HH with at least 1 adult + 1 child)	Individuals (HH with no children)	Youth (under 25)	Veterans
Count	35	109	20	21
Percentage of Each Household Type That Are Chronic	29.9%	45.4%	26.0%	60.0%

Table 7 above shows the extent of how much of four population/household types were classified as chronically homeless based on their answers to the survey. For example, 21 veterans (or 60.0%) of the veteran population were experiencing chronic homelessness on the night of the PIT count.

Table 8. Chronic Homeless Population 2015 - 2018

	2016		2017		2018	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Chronic	101	24.1	111	24.2	144	40.3

NEWLY HOMELESS

Newly homeless is defined as a person who has been experiencing homelessness for less than one year and this was their first episode of homelessness.

Table 9. Newly Homeless

	Emergency Shelter		Transitional Housing		Unsheltered	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Newly Homeless Persons	82	66.7%	3	2.4%	38	30.9%
Total of 123 Persons or 34.5% of the Homeless Population						

Table 10. Newly Homeless by population/HH type – Total and Percentage

	Families (HH with at least 1 adult + 1 child)	Individuals (HH with no children)	Youth (under 25)	Veterans
Count	51	72	39	8
Percentage of Each Household Type That Are Newly Homeless	43.6%	30.0%	50.6%	22.9%

Table 10 above shows the extent of how much of four population/household types were classified as newly homeless based on their answers to the survey. For example, 72 individuals (or 30.0%) of the households with no children population were newly homeless on the night of the PIT count.

Table 11. Newly Homeless Population 2015 - 2018

	2016		2017		2018	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Newly	109	26.0	81	17.7	123	34.5

VETERANS

Individuals who self-selected that they served in the armed forces.

Table 12. Veteran by Living Situation

	Emergency Shelter		Transitional Housing		Unsheltered	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Veteran Homelessness	19	54.3%	2	5.7%	14	40.0%
Total of 35 Persons or 9.8% of the Homeless Population						

Table 13. Veteran Homelessness 2015 – 2018

	2016		2017		2018	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Veterans	29	6.9	33	7.2	35	9.8

FAMILIES

For the purposes of the PIT, households with at least one adult and one child under 18 are referred to as 'families.' Numbers here include both adults and children in families.

Table 14. Families by Living Situation

	Emergency Shelter		Transitional Housing		Unsheltered	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Families	94	80.3%	0	0%	23	19.7%
Total of 117 Persons or 32.8% of the Homeless Population						

Table 15. Family Homelessness 2015 – 2018

	2016		2017		2018	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Families	192	45.7	157	26.2	117	32.8

UNACCOMPANIED AND TRANSITION AGE YOUTH

Unaccompanied or Transition Age Youth are defined as single youth who are under the age of 25 and not accompanied by a parent or guardian. Transition age youth are specifically those between 18-24 years old. Parenting youth are defined as those in the household that are under 25 years of age, and the guardians of a child under the age of 18.

Table 16. Unaccompanied Youth and TAY by Living Situation

	Emergency Shelter		Transitional Housing		Unsheltered	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Unaccompanied Youth	6	42.9%	3	21.4%	5	35.7%
Total of 14 Persons or 4.0% of the Homeless Population						

Table 17. Youth Population Total and Percentage

Population	#	%
Unaccompanied Youth Under 18	0	0
Transition Aged Youth (18-24)	14	4.0
Parenting Youth and their children	3	0.8

Table 18. Unaccompanied Youth and TAY 2015 - 2018

	2016		2017		2018	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Unaccompanied Youth	10	2.4%	25	5.5%	14	4.0%

MENTAL HEALTH CONCERNS

Table 19. Indication of Mental Health Issue

	Emergency Shelter		Transitional Housing		Unsheltered		Total
	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Mental Health Issue	71	54.6%	15	11.5%	44	33.8%	130

**Table 20. Mental Health Concern or Illness by population/HH type
–Total and Percentage**

	Families (HH with at least 1 adult + 1 child)	Individuals (HH with no children)	Youth (under 25)	Veterans
Count	13	117	8	20
Percentage of Each Household Type That Indicated Mental Health Concern or Illness	11.1%	48.8%	10.4%	57.1%

Table 20 above shows the extent of how much of four population/household types were classified as having a mental health concern or illness based on their answers to the survey. For example, 8 youth under the age of 25 (or 10.4%) of the youth population on the night of the PIT count indicated they had a mental health concern/illness.

CURRENTLY FLEEING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Table 21. Currently Fleeing Domestic Violence Situation

	Emergency Shelter		Transitional Housing		Unsheltered		Total
	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Currently Fleeing Domestic Violence	22	66.7%	1	3.0%	10	30.3%	33

**Table 22. Currently Fleeing Domestic Violence by Population/HH type
–Total and Percentage**

	Families (HH with at least 1 adult + 1 child)	Individuals (HH with no children)	Youth (under 25)	Veterans
Count	7	26	1	3
Percentage of Each Household Type Currently Fleeing Domestic Violence	6.0%	10.8%	1.3%	8.6%

Table 22 above shows the extent of how much of four population/household types were classified as currently fleeing a domestic violence situation based on their answers to the survey. For example, 7 people (6.0%) in a household with children (out of the total population of families with children) reported that they were currently fleeing a domestic violence situation on the night of the PIT count.

SUBSTANCE USE OR ABUSE

Table 23. Indication of Substance Abuse Issue

	Emergency Shelter		Transitional Housing		Unsheltered		Total
	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Substance Abuse	78	58.2%	13	9.7%	43	32.1%	134

Table 24. Indication of Substance Abuse Issue by population/HH type – Total and percentage

	Families (HH with at least 1 adult + 1 child)	Individuals (HH with no children)	Youth (under 25)	Veterans
Count	6	128	8	22
Percentage of Household Type That Indicated Substance Abuse Issue	5.1%	53.3%	10.4%	62.9%

Table 24 above shows the extent of how much of four population/household types were classified as having a substance abuse issue based on their answers to the survey. For example, 22 veterans (62.9%) of the veteran population on the night of the PIT count indicated they had a substance abuse issue.

PERSONS LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS

Table 25. Indication of Living with AIDS/HIV

	Emergency Shelter		Transitional Housing		Unsheltered		Total
	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Living with HIV/AIDS	5	62.5%	0	0%	3	37.5%	8

Table 26. Living with HIV/AIDS by population/HH type –Total and Percentage

	Families (HH with at least 1 adult + 1 child)	Individuals (HH with no children)	Youth (under 25)	Veterans
Count	0	8	0	0
Percentage of Household Type That Indicated Living with HIV/AIDS	0.0%	3.3%	0.0%	0.0%

PRESENCE OF A COMPANION OR SERVICE ANIMAL

Table 27. Companion/Service Animal Present

Population	#	%
Stayed with Companion or Service Animal	41	11.5%

DEMOGRAPHICS

Table 28. Gender

Gender	#	%
Female	139	38.9
Male	212	59.4
Transgender	1	0.3
Gender Non-Conforming	3	0.8
Missing	2	0.6
Total	357	100.0

Table 29. Race

Race	#	%
White	158	44.3
Black or African-American	125	35.0
Asian	2	0.6
American Indian or Alaskan Native	14	3.9
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	5	1.4
Multi Racial	27	7.6
Missing	26	7.3
Total	357	100.0

Table 30. Ethnicity

Ethnicity	#	%
Non-Hispanic/Latino	268	75.1
Hispanic/Latino	78	21.8
Missing	11	3.1
Total	357	100.0

Table 31. Age

Age Category	#	%
Less than 18	58	16.2%
18 - 24	19	5.3%
25 - 54	224	62.7%
55 - 64	48	13.4%
65+	7	2.0%
Missing	2	0.3%
Total	357	100.0%

SUMMARY OF EXCLUDED DATA

Table 32. Data Summary

CITY OF AURORA	
Summary of Excluded Data	
# Individuals in Raw Data File	541
<i>Individuals Removed and Reason:</i>	
Data quality issues	105
Observation/Refusal	59
Duplicate	13
Homeless Status could not be determined	3
Insufficient PIN Information	3
Not Homeless	1
Total individuals removed	184
Total individuals remaining in data set	357