Homelessness in Minnesota
A Count of Those Experiencing Homelessness

ST. LOUIS COUNTY

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.

Counts data for all regions and select geographies, including St. Louis County, 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).
### 1. Total number of people experiencing homelessness, by age and living situation

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<td><strong>370</strong></td>
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<sup>a</sup> 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.
2. **Total number of people experiencing homelessness, by household type and living situation**

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<th>In shelters</th>
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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.

### PEOPLE IN FAMILIES ONLY

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

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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

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<td>Adults age 25+</td>
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<td>Total for male-headed families</td>
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5. Number of people in families

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<td>Total parents in families</td>
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## PEOPLE NOT IN FAMILIES

### 6. Number of people NOT in families

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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.