



TREASURE COAST HOMELESS SERVICES COUNCIL, INC.

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## 2021 POINT IN TIME HOMELESS COUNT

### General Information

The Point-in-Time (PIT) count is a count of sheltered and unsheltered **literally** homeless persons on a single night in January. Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council, Inc. conducted its 2021 Point in Time Count on **January 26, 2021**. To be counted in the PIT count, individuals must be literally homeless (sleeping on the street, in a car, in the woods, in camp, etc.) or sheltered (emergency shelter, transitional shelter, hotel paid for by an Agency). There was a total of 28 agencies that surveyed unsheltered homeless individuals during the PIT count and a total of 8 agencies that reported sheltered homeless individuals.

### 2021 Homeless Data

On January 26, 2021, there were a total of 814 individuals (693 adults and 121 children) who were counted as homeless on the Treasure Coast. These numbers show a 41% decrease from the 2020 PIT count.

### Couch Surfers

Additional individuals temporarily staying with family or friends because of economic reasons (“couch surfers”) are not considered homeless in this count. An additional 1,319 households were reported as couch surfers by participating agencies during the Point in Time count. This is up from 1,108 during 2020, which is a 19% increase over last year’s numbers.

### Methods

The Point in Time (PIT) numbers reflect the official homeless numbers, as reported to HUD by the Continuum of Care. We utilize street outreach teams, service organizations, school homeless liaisons, and shelter programs to provide an accurate count of individuals who meet HUDs definition of homelessness, counted on one specific day in the last 10 days of January. For validation purposes, we have deleted any duplicates and double checked HMIS to verify program enrollment on the day of the count. This method of counting has been utilized for all homeless data provided by this Continuum of Care and is an accurate way to show trends in homelessness.



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## HOMELESSNESS FACT SHEET FOR INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

*These numbers represent the number of sheltered or unsheltered literally homeless individuals in Indian River County. These numbers are based on those individuals seeking or receiving services or interviewed in camp sites, feeding sites, and other locations on one single day. An additional 202 households were sharing housing or “couch surfing” and were not counted in these totals.*

### Total Homeless Individuals

	January 22, 2020	January 26, 2021	Difference
Adults	342	227	(115)
Children	122	34	(88)
<b>Total</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>(203)</b>

### Veteran Status

*(self-reported & not verified during the PIT count)*

Veterans	22	23	+1
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### 2021 Sheltered & Unsheltered

	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total
Adults	39	188	227
Children	26	8	34
<b>Total</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>261</b>

### Agencies Providing Data

#### Unsheltered

New Horizons, Indian River County School District, Angels of Hope Outreach, Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council, Up Center, Community Church, Career Source, IRC Salvation Army, Food Pantry, The Source, Treasure Coast Community Health

#### Sheltered

Hope for Families Center, Samaritan Center, Children’s Home Society, Camp Haven



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## HOMELESSNESS FACT SHEET FOR ST. LUCIE COUNTY

*These numbers represent the number of sheltered or unsheltered literally homeless individuals in St. Lucie County. These numbers are based on those individuals seeking or receiving services or interviewed in camp sites, feeding sites, and other locations on one single day. An additional 663 households were sharing housing or “couch surfing” and were not counted in these totals.*

### Total Homeless Individuals

	January 22, 2020	January 26, 2021	Difference
Adults	372	246	(126)
Children	162	41	(121)
<b>Total</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>(247)</b>

### Veteran and Disability Status

*(self-reported & not verified during the PIT count)*

Veterans	26	21	(5)
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### 2021 Sheltered & Unsheltered

	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total
Adults	1	245	246
Children	7	34	41
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>287</b>

### Agencies Providing Data

#### Unsheltered

St. Lucie County Community Services, Mustard Seed, New Horizons, Sarah’s Kitchen, In the Image of Christ, St. Lucie County School District, SLC Veteran Services, Angels of Hope Outreach, Up Center, Ft Pierce Police Department, City of Ft Pierce CRA, Career Source

#### Sheltered

Wave Crest



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## HOMELESSNESS FACT SHEET FOR MARTIN COUNTY

*These numbers represent the number of sheltered or unsheltered literally homeless individuals in Martin County. These numbers are based on those individuals seeking or receiving services or interviewed in camp sites, feeding sites, and other locations on one single day. An additional 454 households were sharing housing or “couch surfing” and were not counted in these totals.*

### Total Homeless Individuals

	January 22, 2020	January 26, 2021	Difference
<b>Adults</b>	297	220	(77)
<b>Children</b>	84	46	(38)
<b>Total</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>(115)</b>

### Veteran and Disability Status

*(self-reported & not verified during the PIT count)*

<b>Veterans</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>(2)</b>
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### 2021 Sheltered & Unsheltered

	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total
<b>Adults</b>	25	195	220
<b>Children</b>	22	24	46
<b>Total</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>266</b>

### Agencies Providing Data

#### Unsheltered

House of Hope, LAHIA, Martin County Health and Human Services, Salvation Army of Martin County, Martin County School District, Tent City Helpers, Angels of Hope Outreach, Martin County Sheriff Office, MISS

#### Sheltered

Martin County Salvation Army (Compassion House), Safe Space, Mary’s Shelter